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Date: 13 May 2016

Annwyl Syr/Fadam / Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage Scheme application  
Issue Specific Hearing on 17 May 2016**

The following submissions are made by Natural Resources Wales in advance of the Issue Specific Hearing to be held on the 17 May 2016 in response to the hearing agenda.

2.1 NRW has reviewed the summary report of the 2015 ground investigation survey and does not consider this to affect the conclusions of the HRA/NSER

2.4 NRW will provide written comments on the updated NSER at deadline 4, however, we have already confirmed directly to the applicant, further to your request that they consult with us, that we were satisfied with the updated NSER prior to Deadline 1 (30<sup>th</sup> March 2016)

3.1 NRW has not previously been requested to formally respond on the option of a haul road between Q6 and Q1. Should the Examining Authority invite NRW's comments on this issue, a written response will be provided at the next deadline.

5.7 NRW made clear (acknowledged?) in its response to the ExA's First Written Questions (8.7) that that contamination will be present in the quarries (Q6). The intrusive site investigation will confirm the level of contamination which will be required to be remediated. Such investigations are secured by DCO requirement within the Ordnance Management Strategy and Land Discovery Strategy.

6.4 NRW are satisfied that the Environmental Statement produced by the applicant covers the issues raised. The rate and volume of any discharges of water will be limited to ensure that any effect on lake sediment does not occur. Similarly, any impacts on the temperature stratification of the lake in the summer months will be assessed and we are satisfied that the documentation provided by the developer demonstrates that there will not be an adverse impact on Arctic charr or other species of interest.

6.5 The health impacts of any discharges are outside of the remit of NRW and as a result NRW is not in a position to comment.

6.6 NRW considers that the risk of fine particulates leaching from the development will be minimised by the mitigation measures within the Code of Construction Practice (Silt Management Plan). NRW will provide a written response to the adequacy of the 10m minimum distance from the slate mounds to the Nant y Betws at the next deadline.

8.11 We have not reviewed the Noise Management Plan. The impact of noise on issues within NRW's remit is mitigated within other plans e.g. Code of Construction Practice, and proposed Breeding Bird Method Statement. Should the Examining Authority invite NRW's formal comments on this issue, a written response will be provided at the next deadline.

8.12 NRW has no further comment to make on this issue.

8.13 NRW is awaiting instructions on this issue from its technical experts and will provide a written response at the next deadline.

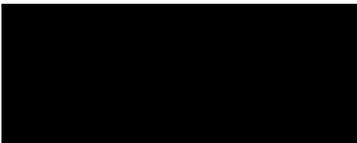
11.1 NRW will provide written comments on the draft documents at the next deadline.

11.2 NRW need to be consulted by the Local Planning Authority on requirement 22, the Excess Water Management Strategy. We requested this inclusion within our Deadline 1 response dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016, but this request has not been included within the latest revision of the draft DCO.

The comments above are provided without prejudice and are independent to NRW 's remit under the Environmental Permit Regulations 2010 or the Water Resources Act 1991.

Please contact Gareth Thomas, [glyn.rhonwy@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:glyn.rhonwy@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk) or telephone 03000 65 3786 for further advice about this representation.

Yn gywir / Yours' faithfully,



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