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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and Rule 8(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended)

Application by Snowdonia Pumped Hydro Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage Scheme

Examining Authority's second written questions and notification of variation to the examination timetable

Further to the procedural decision and timetable enclosed with my letter of 10 May 2016, I am writing to inform you about my second written questions and decision to vary the examination timetable.

1. Second Written Questions

I would like to thank those parties who provided responses to my first written questions. In light of those responses, other written submissions and matters raised at hearings, I have decided to ask a number of second written questions.

The questions are directed, in the first instance, to the applicant and/or another named party. However, I invite interested parties to respond where they have relevant information to contribute. Where it is helpful to refer to documents already submitted please provide the relevant reference as categorised within the examination library, together with the page and/or paragraph number. The link to the Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage Scheme examination library is provided below:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN010072/0.%20Project%20Management/Live%20Examination%20Library.pdf>

My questions are being asked in order to seek additional information or clarification on the raised matter. I am seeking to ensure that there is sufficient evidence to support a soundly reasoned recommendation.

The questions are set out under subject headings and it would be helpful if responses could follow this format and include the reference number of the questions being answered.

These questions can be seen on our website of the Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage Scheme:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/3918147>

Responses to these questions must be received on or before **12 noon on Tuesday 21 June 2016**.

2. Variation of Examination timetable

In the light of the content of the written submissions received from the interested parties to date, together with the oral submissions made at the recent hearings, I have decided to deal with the outstanding matters before me by way of a written procedure rather than by way of any further hearings.

On this basis it will not be necessary to take up the 'reserve' hearing dates of 6 and 7 July 2016 which were set aside in the examination timetable to cater for the eventuality that a further Issue Specific Hearing and/or Compulsory Acquisition Hearing might be needed.

Further to the examination timetable contained in Annex A of my letter of 10 May 2016, a variation of the timetable has been made under Rule 8(3) and this is contained in Annex A of this letter at items 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18.

The Applicant's attention is drawn to the change at item 14 (**Deadline 5**), with particular reference to my request for further information made at the ISH held on 17 and 18 May 2016. Numerous documents including management plans, SoCG agreements, mitigation measures etc. were agreed to be submitted by this deadline and the applicant should cross-refer to the audio recordings and action points now published to the Glyn Rhonwy Pump Storage website, which provides a full account for the agreed submissions for deadline 5.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the case team.

Yours faithfully

Stuart Cowperthwaite

Examining Authority

Annex A: Amended Examination Timetable

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the Planning Inspectorate website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.

Amended Examination Timetable (at items 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18)

Item	Matters	Due Dates
14.	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the ExA's second written questions • Comments on the applicant's revised draft DCO • Comments on any information received by the ExA for Deadline 4 • Any further requests for information by the ExA, if required 	<p>12 noon</p> <p>Tuesday 21 June 2016</p>
15.	<p>Deadline 6</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant's final draft DCO • Any updated SoCG • Comments on any information and/responses received by the ExA for Deadline 5 • Any further requests for information by the ExA, if required 	<p>12 noon</p> <p>Monday 4 July 2016</p>
16.	<p>Publication by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's draft DCO (if required to facilitate examination) • Report on Implications for European Sites (RIES) 	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>20 July 2016</p>
17.	<p>Deadline 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the ExA's draft DCO • Comments on the RIES • Comments on any further information received by the ExA for Deadline 6 • Comments of SoCG • Any further requests for information by the ExA, if required 	<p>12 noon</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>10 August 2016</p>
18.	<p>Deadline 8</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to comments on the ExA's draft DCO • Responses to comments on Implications for European Sites (RIES) • Any updated SoCG • Comments on any further information received by the ExA 	<p>12 noon</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>17 August 2016</p>

	<p>for Deadline 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any further requests for information by the ExA, if required 	
19.	The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting	Thursday 8 September 2016