

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

Examining Authority's (ExA) Record of Unaccompanied Site Inspections

The ExA undertook the inspections at locations and on routes that were planned having regard to the applicant's environmental statement and suggestions from Interested Parties. The inspections enabled the ExA to obtain views of the proposed development site and access routes.

Viewpoint (VP) locations are as indicated on the applicant's application document figure 6.3 [APP-178]. The proposed construction routes are as indicated on the applicant's application document figure 4.16 [APP-175]. Q1 and Q6 are existing quarry locations as indicated on the applicant's application document figure 4.1 [APP-159].

| Date | Time | VP | Weather Conditions | Location / Route |
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| 16/05/16 | 14.00 – 15.00 | - | Blue sky with scattered clouds. Dry. Light winds. Excellent visibility. | By foot along the proposed construction route from the junction of the A4085 with the unnamed road from Croesywaun to Groeslon, past the Groeslon crossroads to 500m beyond the cattle grid on Ffordd Cefn Du towards Q1, and back. |
| 16/05/16 | 15.00 – 15.30 | - | Blue sky with scattered clouds. Dry. Light winds. Excellent visibility. | By car along the proposed construction route from the junction of the A4085 with the unnamed road from Croesywaun to Groeslon, past the Groeslon crossroads to the end of the tarmac of Ffordd Cefn Du shortly before Q1, and back. |
| 18/05/16 | 14.00 – 14.55 | VP1 VP12 | Overcast. Cloud base at 625m AOD. Rain showers. Moderate winds. Good visibility below clouds. | On a train on the Snowdon Mountain Railway from Llanberis to alongside Snowdon summit. 14.12 Hebron Station (VP12) with good visibility. 14.36 Clogwyn Station (VP1) with very poor visibility, development site not visible. |

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| 18/05/16 | 15.00 – 17.15 | VP1 VP12 | Overcast. Cloud base at 625m AOD. Rain showers. Moderate winds. Good to moderate visibility below clouds. | By foot from the summit of Snowdon along Llanberis footpath to Llanberis. 15.45 800m distance from Halfway House towards Snowdon summit. Moderate visibility. 16.20 immediately above Hebron station (VP12). Good visibility. |
| 19/05/16 | 09.00 – 10.40 | - | Overcast. Dry. Light to moderate wind. Excellent visibility. | By foot along marked footpath from alongside the north edge of Llyn Peris close to the entrance to Dinorwig Power Station, in a north easterly direction through disused quarries to a viewpoint marked on the Ordnance Survey map (Easting 259158, Northing 360419), and back. |
| 19/05/16 | 11.00 – 11.55 | VP4 | Overcast. Light rain showers. Light to moderate wind. Moderate to good visibility. | On a train on the Llanberis Lakeside Railway from Gilfach Ddu station, to Llanberis station, to Penllyn station and back to Gilfach Ddu station. 11.26 and 11.43-11.48 Cei Llydan station (VP4) with good visibility. |
| 20/05/16 | 10.00 – 10.30 | - | Cloudy with patches of blue sky. Dry. Light wind. Excellent visibility. | By foot on footpath alongside A4086 from Lake View Hotel, past Glyn Peris Guest House to the junction with the access road to Glyn Rhonwy Industrial Estate, and back. |
| 20/05/16 | 10.45 | - | Cloudy with patches of blue sky. Dry. Light wind. Excellent visibility. | By foot in the Y Glyn lagoons area alongside Llyn Padarn, including the alternative locations for the proposed pumping station and the lake shore alongside the proposed discharge and extraction point in Llyn Padarn. |
| 20/05/16 | 11.15 – 11.50 | - | Cloudy with patches of blue sky. Dry. Light wind. Excellent visibility. | By foot from Ffordd Clegir on a footpath along the south side of Q6 to the location of the proposed dam, and back. |
| 20/05/16 | 12.15 | VP9 | Cloudy with patches of blue sky. Dry. Light wind. Excellent visibility. | On foot in the grounds of Dolbadarn Castle and in Dolbadarn Castle. Lower portion of proposed development site visible from the entry steps to the castle, from through a opening at the top of the internal steps in the castle and from the grounds alongside the north face of the castle. |