

Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage Development Consent Order

Statement of Common Ground



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1 PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This Addendum to the Statement Of Common Ground [SOCG] is made between SPH and NRW. It communicates where the parties agree and disagree in relation to the Development Consent Order application. It is used to simplify and streamline the planning process, and ensure that areas of agreement and disagreement are highlighted to the Planning Inspectorate.
- 1.1.2 This Addendum to the SoCG has been prepared jointly with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and Snowdonia Pumped Storage (SPH) to set out the areas of agreement and disagreement between the two parties in relation to the Development Consent Order (DCO)
- 1.1.3 This Addendum is being submitted at Deadline 6 to document the approach to Environmental Permitting and should be read in conjunction with the original SOCG (SPH_GREX_SCG_01), numbering follows the previously submitted SOCG.
- 1.1.4 On the 28th June the Planning Inspectorate issued a request for further information under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended). NRW and The Applicant have separately issued a response to this at Deadline 6.

2 MATTERS OF SPECIFIC AGREEMENT

2.1 Matters of Specific Agreement

ID	Statement on which SPH seek agreement
Q. Environmental Permit (EP)	
3.Q.1	<p><i>Background</i></p> <p>The Parties AGREE that an EP (for discharge activities) is required under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 prior to the operation of the Project. The Parties AGREE that NRW is the relevant competent authority in respect of an EP application.</p>
3.Q.2	<p>National Policy Statement EN1 (paragraph 4.10.6) states that, wherever possible, applicants are encouraged to submit applications for EPs at the same time as applying for development consent and that a DCO application should not be refused on this basis unless the Secretary of State has "good reason to believe that any relevant necessary operational pollution control permits or licences or other consents will not subsequently be granted" (EN-1 paragraph 4.10.8).</p>
3.Q.3	<p>The Applicant has applied for an EP in respect of discharge activities under the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010 (ref WPCC4518 and WPCC4519). These were withdrawn on the 17th June 2016, following discussions with NRW.</p>
3.Q.4	<p>Both parties AGREE that an abstraction licence and its variation to abstract up to 3300m³ a day has been approved" (WA/065/0016/007/V001)</p>

3 Matters unresolved

4 Confirmation of Agreement

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