

Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage Development Consent Order

Outline Archaeological Compensation and Enhancement Strategy



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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1 Snowdonia Pumped Hydro (“the Applicant”) has submitted an application for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) for a pumped storage facility known as Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage. The generating capacity of the Development exceeds 50 megawatts (MWe) and it is therefore designated as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (“NSIP”) under the Planning Act 2008.
- 1.1.2 This document was prepared for the DCO application to comply with the requirements of Regulation 5(2)(q) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 and in accordance with the Department for Communities and Local Government guidance ‘Planning Act 2008: Application Form Guidance’ and the Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 6 on Preparation and Submission of Application Documents.
- 1.1.3 This document sets out the minimum contents for the Archaeological Compensation and Enhancement Strategy.
- 1.1.4 A full Archaeological Compensation and Enhancement Strategy will be produced once the Detailed Design has been finalised and approved. This will be produced after consultation with key stakeholders including Gwynedd Council, Gwynedd Archaeological Planning Service (GAPs), and Cadw. No works on site will be undertaken until the final Archaeological Compensation and Enhancement is approved.

2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMPENSATION & ENHANCEMENT STRATEGY

- 2.1.1 Where reasonably practicable surviving remains associated with the former industrial use of the area will be avoided and left in situ. Where this is not possible a full programme of archaeological and building recording will be in place to provide a record of the structures/remains. This will be undertaken alongside a landscape survey so that the surviving remains are recorded in context with surrounding associated features. Archaeological evaluation and excavation will also be required in addition to the recording of any features affected.
- 2.1.2 Other areas, including the associated infrastructure and access tracks, will be subject to an archaeologically monitored topsoil strip to ensure that any previously unrecorded features are excavated and recorded.
- 2.1.3 The results of all fieldwork will be published/made publically available in a suitable format. This may include outlets such as grey literature available at the Historic Environment Record/library, articles in relevant journals, and other means such as popular booklets or websites. This will be discussed and agreed with GAPs.
- 2.1.4 Other enhancement works might include the installation of information panels and improved access to monuments or heritage assets where appropriate.
- 2.1.5 No development (including any ground disturbance works or site clearance) shall take place other than in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and agreed in advance by the archaeological advisor to Gwynedd Council. The specification must meet relevant archaeological standards as per the Archaeological Standard and Guidance produced by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists, and any other relevant guidance. The format of the

archaeological programme will follow that detailed in Management of Archaeological Projects (MAP2).

- 2.1.6 Prior to any work commencing (including any ground disturbance works or site clearance) the Applicant shall submit to and receive written approval from Gwynedd Council for any archaeological compensation and enhancement measures. The approved strategy will be fully implemented by the Applicant and all development shall subsequently be carried out in strict accordance with the approved strategy as per Requirement 7.