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Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended)

Application by Snowdonia Pumped Hydro Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage (Generating Station)

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT, NATURAL RESOURCES WALES, THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, GWYNEDD COUNCIL, GWYNEDD ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING SERVICE AND CADW

We refer to your letter dated 21st December 2016 in relation to the above proposed development, and respond as follows:

Code of Construction Practice and Heavy Goods Vehicles Movements

Floating Water Plantain: The developer has already stated in their report (Appendix 7.5 Etime Ecology (2012) Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage Scheme: Llyn Padarn Freshwater Ecology Impact Assessment September 2012);

“Pre-construction surveys of the lake bed in within a 75m buffer of the proposed pipeline will be undertaken with the objective of identifying if floating water plantain is present. If identified as being present, micro-siting of the pipeline route will be used as the preferred option for avoiding and reducing impacts on the species.

If necessary transplanting plants to other parts of Llyn Padarn will be discussed with EAW and CCW.”

The functions of the Environment Agency Wales (EAW) and the Countryside Council for Wales (CCW) are now undertaken by Natural Resources Wales (NRW). Upon this basis, we are happy with the amendment of the proposed Requirement 6 being included.

We are satisfied that the pre-commencement surveys of tree-roosting bats are also included within the Habitat Management Plan.

The Environmental Permits

Natural Resources Wales have decided to grant both environmental permits, with issue dates of 06/01/2017. One permit will regulate the dewatering activities at the site (reference EPR-AB3392CJ, effective 06/01/2017), and the other permit will regulate the operational activities at the site (EPR-AB3392FB, effective as of 01/01/2020).

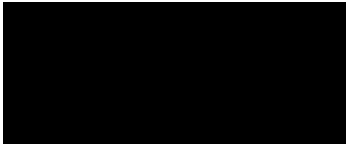
Both permits include conditions which stipulate monitoring requirements and emission limits. Both permits also refer to a large volume of supporting documentation which must be implemented prior to any discharge taking place.

Environmental Permits are public register documents and are therefore readily available to the general public should they be required.

Our comments are provided without prejudice to any decision NRW may make on any further application made to it by the applicant for an Environmental Permit under the Environmental Permit Regulations 2010 (EPR), or Abstraction Licence under the Water Resources Act 1991.

Please contact Gareth Thomas, glyn.rhonwy@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk or telephone 03000 65 3786 for further advice about this representation.

Yours' sincerely,



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