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I hope you'll allow me a quick word 'from the sidelines' as it were before your deadline. Throughout the present procedure, I and my neighbours have been pleased with the answers you have sought from the applicant. But we have frequently been disquieted by the replies you have received. From my personal perspective, it appears that no matter how hard you have attempted to press the applicant on a point to uncover relevant facts, the reply you've received has been shrouded in pages of verbiage with very little relevance to the original query.

What's worse is the plethora of irrelevant and often erroneous 'facts and figures' supposedly from their team of appointed 'experts' used to support their point of view. The vacuum behind their facade is exemplified by the points made by Mike Vitkovitch which should have helped clarify their muddled thinking. Here we have a man with a wealth of working experience in this particular field versus a whole group of 'technically qualified' personnel with zero field experience, but who've probably watched all the relevant 'How to.....' videos on Youtube, judging by their inept responses. His analogy that their methodology equates to trying to build a tower block using a helicopter to transport materials to the height required hits the nail on the head. As he says, it's not that you couldn't do things this way, it's just that it's exceptionally over-complicated and ridiculously expensive compared to previous industry standard practices.

However, at the end of the day, my greatest worry is that the bottom line in all their responses contains the caveat that once the Principal Contractor has been appointed all the preceding assurances may be overlooked, and that other commitments/parameters with, for example working times, vehicle numbers/movements, blasting, etc. may need to be adjusted to 24 hour/7 day operation for as long as necessary. In other words, irrespective of the conclusion of your deliberations, should Planning Consent be granted, they will ignore all restraints you have attempted to impose on the scheme.

Whilst it may not be within the remit of your considerations, I suggest that Pumped Storage is yesterday's technology, and that electricity stored in batteries is where we are in the present day, with firms like Tesla leading the way in this field. So, with my tongue firmly in my cheek, I leave you with an off-the-wall interpretation of today's technology:

<http://sundown.me.uk/technology/mercedes-aa-class.mp4>

and hope that you firmly reject this application as unnecessary, leading as it would to the pointless desecration of the natural environment surrounding Snowdonia National Park.

Kind regards for now,

Tony Grant

