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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)

I am writing on behalf of Welsh Government in respect of issues providing further clarification to the Secretary of State on the Snowdonia Pumped Hydro project.

Heritage/Historic Environment

Historic Environment Service (Cadw) has been consulted by the Planning Inspectorate about the proposed additional requirements within the above development consent order, to provide for mitigation of historic assets that may be impacted upon by the development.

As no statutory designated sites are affected by the scheme, our role in this scheme has been limited; this was clarified in our response to the Statement of Common Ground dated 20 June 2016. However, having considered the information provided by the Planning Inspectorate, we consider that the proposed requirements appear to be reasonable and proportionate. In particular, requirement 2.2(a) to undertake a pre-commencement survey of the bomb store would be welcomed, as is the requirement for a watching brief during any works in its vicinity in order to ensure that it is protected from accidental incursion.

We recommend that requirement 2.2(b) be reworded to include for other methods of archaeological mitigation in addition to the watching brief mentioned in the text. The Gwynedd Archaeological Planning Service (GAPS) should be consulted with respect to the required wording since they have been advising on the practical measures necessary to mitigate the scheme.



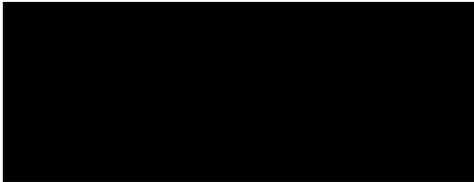
We would also recommend extending requirement 2.3 to read as follows;

“The strategy under sub-paragraph (1) must include the identification *and implementation* of any opportunities for interpretation and public engagement in relation to the existing bomb store *and other appropriate historic assets* identified in Chapter 11 of the environmental statement.”

Nature Conservation

We welcome proposed additions, particularly regarding paleo-environmental sampling, floating water-plantain and tree roosting bats.

Yours faithfully



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