

I am writing to you to strongly object to the application for a further 2 year extension to the planning deadline made by Snowdownia Pumped Hydro for this project.

The local community have had their lives blighted by this company , formerly Quarry Battery , since 2010.They have always confirmed that they will not be the developers of the scheme but wish to sell it on.Their plans show a complete disregard for the lives of those around the site, and their reasons are ridiculous.

Covid did affect us all for a few months but the Caernarfon By Pass was completed ahead of schedule during this time.

Costs of materials are never going to go down .

Government support for such an inexperienced company with such a small and ineffective scheme is surely never to be forthcoming.

The claims they make about working with large reputable companies do not stand up to scrutiny, and technology has now moved on. Solar panels, battery storage and more new innovations mean we are starting to move away from relying so heavily on the National Grid, the recabling of Dinorwic Power Station is nearly complete and they will be back to generating at full power when needed,so this tiny project looks even less viable.

The safety aspect of the access has never been properly addressed, 100s of HGV s fully loaded with materials to build an enormous dam travelling up a single track lane through residential areas , and now at 20mph will cause an enormous health and safety issue.The use of the quarry where bombs from the Second World war were stored and decommissioned has never been proved to be without great risk.The maintainence of the dam going forward and the threat to the village of Waunfawr .These are all issues that have caused great stress and upset for the local residents by a distant and uncaring company.

So I really hope that sense will prevail , and this extension will not be granted and our fears and worries can be behind us.Snowdownia Pumped Hydro directors will keep this going as long as they can,the scheme is now unviable and should be abandoned and allow the local community to enjoy their lives again

Thank you

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