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Date: 14 December 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSAL: Non-material change to the time limit for commencing construction by amending Requirement 2 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Order due to unprecedented increases in construction costs associated with post Covid inflationary factors, and ongoing work on energy policy for support of Large-scale Long-duration Energy storage. The time limit for commencing construction stated in Requirement 2 of the Order is 29 March 2024. The proposed non-material change is to extend this time limit by 2 years so that the deadline for commencing construction will be 29 March 2026

LOCATION: Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage (Generating Station), Llanberis, LL55 4EL

We refer to further information with regards to the applicant's notice under section 153 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011, for proposed non-material change to extend the time limit by 2 years so that the deadline for commencing construction will be 29 March 2026, which we received on the 24th November 2023.

We have no objection to the proposed development as submitted and provide the following advice.

Protected Sites

Non-Material Amendment Environmental Appraisal, WSP, Report Ref: Our Ref. No. 62280574 NMA, September 2023

Appendix B - Final Pre-construction water quality monitoring report Table C4

We accept the applicant's clarification within their response dated 22nd November 2023 that the unit of measurement used in table C4 within "Appendix A 3 Q6 2015 Water Quality Results", for Ammoniacal Nitrogen LOD, or Level of Detection was ug/l, and therefore have no concerns.

Habitats Regulations Assessment 2023 Review

We welcome that the HRA document has been amended to include the consideration of *Lagarosiphon major*. We therefore acknowledge and agree with the conclusions of the Habitats Regulations Assessment 2023 Review, WSP, Project no. 62280574, Our Ref. No. HRA_1.1, November 2023.

As the competent authority under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), your authority must, before deciding to give consent for a project which is likely to have a significant effect on a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, make an appropriate assessment of the implications of the project for that site in view of its conservation objectives. You must for the purposes of the assessment consult NRW and have regard to any representations we make within such reasonable time as the you specify. In the absence of that assessment, NRW cannot advise that the proposals would not result in an adverse effect upon the SAC.

Flood Risk

We note and accept the applicant's response that flood risk will be considered when preparing the Emergency Response and Flood Risk Management Plan (ERFRMP) (secured under Requirement 6 (g) of the DCO).

European Protected Species

We note that the species surveys supporting the Order in 2017 will now be seven years old. However, given that further surveys will be required as part of the Habitat Management Plan, (under Schedule 1, Part 2, Requirement 6 (7)), and that the requirements relating to protected species included within the original Order (made 8th March 2017) will be retained, we are satisfied that the non-material change will not affect protected species.

Water Resources

We note pages 6 and 7 of the Environmental Appraisal Document and would agree with the conclusions i.e., that no new or different likely significant effects on water resources will occur as a result of the time extension.

If you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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