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Dear Robert,

Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC) / Natural Resources Wales (NRW) are writing in response to the Rule 6 letter that was issued on 23/09/2024. Please find below NRW's position with regard the Preliminary Meeting (PM); Issue-Specific Hearings (ISH) and the Open-Floor Hearings (OFH).

Please note that this email highlights the positions of NRW Advisory (NRW (A)) as the Statutory Nature Conservation Body (SNCB).

### **The Preliminary Meeting**

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NRW (A) does not wish to register as an attendee to the Preliminary Meeting being held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 either in person or virtually.

NRW (A) are in support of the initial assessment of principal issues. Whilst we won't be attending the PM we do have observations on the timetable as drafted, specifically in relation to deadline 3 being 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. We think it would be prudent to move the deadline by approximately a week to allow for reduced capacity over the Christmas period.

### **Issue Specific and Open Floor Hearings**

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NRW (A) does not wish to register as an attendee to OFH1 and ISH1 being held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 24<sup>th</sup> October. NRW (A) will consider its attendance at future hearings if necessary and appropriate, at that point in time.

### **Other Matters - Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) with the Applicant.**

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NRW (A) will continue to engage with the Applicant throughout examination to identify matters agreed and not agreed as far as possible. Nonetheless, we have taken the decision that we will only be reviewing the first and last iterations of any SoCG with the Applicant – one towards the beginning of the process in its draft and initial form, and the final iteration where we will be able to reflect on progress made for all of the points of agreement / disagreement considered throughout the course of the examination, captured via the SoCGs. We intend to submit the first draft iteration of the SoCG into the examination at D3 (15<sup>th</sup> January 2025) allowing time for discussion on written representations and responses to questions arising from ISH1, we have discussed this approach with the applicant.

This decision has been made to ensure that we are able to direct our focus on further written submissions, questions put forward to NRW (A) by the ExA, responses to other Interested Party submissions, responses required under Rule 17, and future hearings.

We hope that the above is helpful.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Kind Regards,

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**Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb i hynny arwain at oedi.**

Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.

