

**Cefn Meiriadog Community Council
MNOW-ISP002**

Deadline 6, 20 December 2024

Response of the Community Council to points made at D5 and ISH6

Use of minor road under Change 1a

1(a). Notwithstanding Denbighshire County Council's withdrawal of its objection to the Applicant's Change 1a request (published 17 December), Cefn Meiriadog Community Council (CMCC) remains strongly opposed to the use of the minor road from Glascoed Road to the changed access as sought under Change 1a. Having stated in its previous submissions that the characteristics of the road in terms of lack of passing places and their nature, and 90-degree bends, taken in relation to the length and weight of vehicle-trailer combinations proposed make it unsuitable for the proposed use, it questions whether an on-site assessment has been carried out rather than a purely desk-based assessment. CMCC also feels compelled to point out again the hazards presented by egress on to Glascoed Road by vehicle-trailer combinations of the type proposed, and questions whether this has been properly and fully assessed.

1(b). CMCC has strong concerns that use of this road by Mona will set a precedent, and that in due course National Grid and IGP will seek to use it for their respective developments, citing Mona's permitted use of it in support of their own proposals to use it.

IGP Battery Storage Facility

2. CMCC finds the Applicant's reluctance to engage with the ExA's question (ExQ2, Q2.0.2) regarding the proposed IGP BESS development understandable but profoundly regrettable nevertheless. As CMCC showed in its own submission, IGP have provided a fairly detailed timetable, albeit indicative and highly subject to change, suggesting a clear and unavoidable overlap in its and Mona's proposed construction phases. IGP have also provided a plan showing the extreme closeness of its proposed BESS development both to the Applicant's onshore substation and to National Grid's proposed substation extension.

Mobilisation hours

3. CMCC noted with concern the distinct lack of clarity in the Applicant's responses at ISH6 to questions concerning the precise nature, range and location of activities proposed to take place during the mobilisation times preceding and following daily core construction hours, in particular as regards the nature and volume of noise likely to be produced from 6am, but also in relation to use of artificial lightning during the hours of darkness. Taking into account both the cable corridor and the substation site, but also the work compounds, haul roads, etc, associated with construction, this is of critical importance to a significant number of residents living within earshot of the various sites.

'The Old Lane' bridleway

4. In response to ExQ2 Q2.12.6 concerning the Applicant's Outline Public Rights of Way Management Strategy in respect of Plot 10-187, i.e. in relation to the 'Old Lane'

and its pending designation by DCC as a Public Right of Way, the Applicant states he will “consult DCC regarding the timeframes for when The Old Lane will be added to the definitive map and will agree appropriate management measures for the route (if required).” CMCC believes that the nature of the bridleway is such that its use should be strictly avoided and alternative access/egress identified, but that if such management measures are applied they should be limited to pedestrian and occasional quad bike or similar usage in order for it not to be irreparably damaged.

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