

Meeting Note

File reference	Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage Battery
Status	Final
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Meeting with	Quarry Battery Company
Meeting date	17 May 2011
Attendees (IPC)	Tom Carpen (Case Leader) Owain George (Case Officer) Dave Price (Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Alison Down (Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor)
Attendees (non IPC)	Dave Holmes (Quarry Battery Company) Peter Taylor (Quarry Battery Company) Jeff St. Paul (Gwynedd County Borough Council)
Location	IPC Offices, Temple Quay House

Meeting purpose	An introduction to the project and to provide an overview of the IPC application process
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Summary of key points discussed and advice given	<p>The IPC advised on its openness policy and that any advice given will be recorded and placed on the website under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act) and also to note that any advice given under section 51 of the Act does not constitute legal advice upon which applicants and others can rely.</p> <p>Quarry Battery Company (QBC) provided an overview of the proposed scheme and outlined the key elements of the project (supported by a project brief document). The technology is a gravity battery. It is anticipated that the proposal will provide 100MW of generating capacity. The applicant advised that approximately 500MWh of energy would be required to generate 400MWh of energy.</p> <p>Gwynydd Council is the principle landowner. Mr St. Paul is an independent consultant retained by the Council and reporting to its economic development officer.</p> <p>The developer advised of an extant agreement with Gwynedd CBC for exclusivity to develop the site for a period of three years, whilst also advising that the Local Authority is supportive of the proposal to redevelop the disused quarry.</p> <p>QBC advised that a grid connection would be needed and that discussions with electricity network companies surrounding a potential connection are ongoing. It is envisaged that any cabling would be underground.</p>
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	<p>The IPC provided a presentation which explained the application process and emphasised the importance of pre-application consultation.</p> <p>The IPC advised that the developer should consider the implications of Associated Development and referred to CLG guidance. In addition, the IPC recommended that QBC referred to the suite of advice and guidance notes available on the IPC website relating to pre-application work as well as consultation with statutory consultees.</p> <p>QBC questioned whether the proposed scheme should be submitted under the Planning Act 2008 or as a TCPA 1990 application. The IPC advised that it is for the developer to establish whether the proposal would qualify as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), seeking its own legal advice on the matter. The IPC advised that it may be able to consider and give advice under section 51 of the Planning Act on any considered view put forward by the developer.</p>
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Specific decisions/ follow up required?	<p>The IPC recommended that QBC considered all elements of the proposal and explored the potential need for other consents.</p> <p>QBC are to seek legal advice regarding to the possibility of the proposal falling under the remit of the Planning Act 2008, and to advise the IPC accordingly.</p> <p>QBC to keep the IPC informed of progress with the project including providing an indication of the intention to submit Screening/Scoping requests.</p>
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Circulation List	All Attendees