

Visual Impact Provision (VIP) Snowdonia Project Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report

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1. Project introduction

1.1 Background

This report has been prepared to support an application for planning permission by National Grid plc (National Grid) for its stakeholder-driven proposals to reduce the visual impact of a section of electricity transmission line (4ZC) near the towns and villages surrounding the Dwyrdd Estuary. The proposals involve the removal of an approximately 3.5km section of overhead line and replacing it with underground infrastructure. The report outlines National Grid's approach to pre-application community and stakeholder engagement on its proposals, detailing the activities undertaken as well as the outcomes of this programme.

1.2 About Visual Impact Provision

National Grid's Visual Impact Provision (VIP) project makes use of part of a £500 million provision by Ofgem to mitigate the visual impact of existing electricity transmission infrastructure in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) and National Parks in England and Wales.

The provision was made available following extensive willingness to pay research by National Grid, conducted on behalf of the energy regulator, Ofgem. This revealed that electricity consumers would be prepared to fund work to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and environmental heritage within our most protected landscapes.

The Guiding Principles of the VIP project¹, against which potential projects are measured, reflect its stakeholder-driven nature and focus on benefits not only to the landscape, but to the community and wider public. They state:

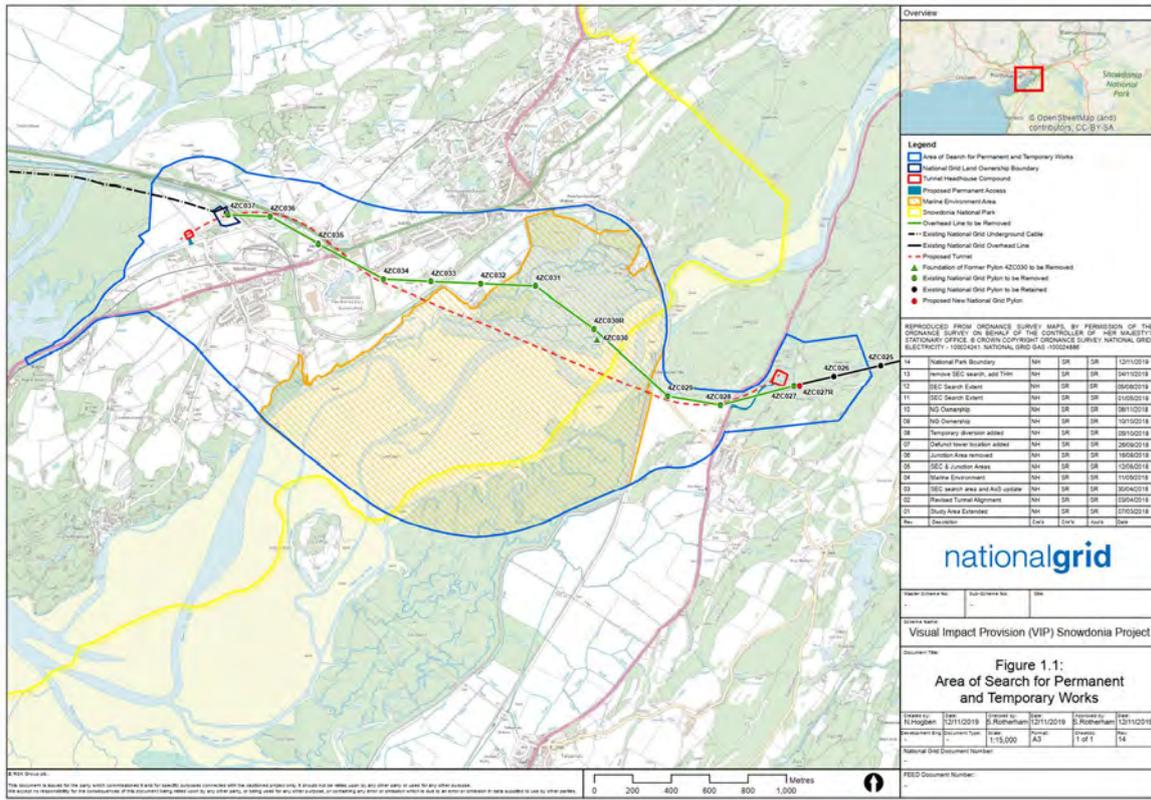
“Working with stakeholders, we will prioritise proposals which:

- *result in greatest landscape enhancement benefits*
result in greatest opportunities to conserve and enhance natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage whilst avoiding unacceptable environmental impacts
- *result in greatest opportunities to **encourage public understanding and enjoyment of the protected landscapes, including positive socio-economic impacts***
- *are technically feasible in context of the wider transmission system*
- *are economical and efficient”*

¹http://snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/NG-VIP-Policy_updated-April-2018_FINAL.pdf

1.3 Overhead line proposed for removal

The 3.5km section of National Grid overhead transmission line that has been proposed for removal as part of the VIP project in the Snowdonia National Park was identified following a comprehensive, independent survey across AONBs and National Parks in England and Wales.



It is one of 12 overhead line sections where the existing National Grid infrastructure is considered to have the greatest visual impact on the landscape.

Following work by National Grid and its specialist consultants to review each of the 12 sections of line with the greatest landscape impacts. In September 2015, the project’s independent Stakeholder Advisory Group (see below) selected four projects to be progressed. The proposed Snowdonia National Park project was one of the four.

The Snowdonia National Park section runs close to a number of villages and communities, including Penrhyndeudraeth, Minffordd, Talsarnau and Llandecwyn, all of which National Grid has proactively sought to engage with during its development of the project.

1.4 Overview of public consultation and engagement methodology

As the transmission network licence holder, how National Grid manages its relationships and works with communities and other affected stakeholders is important to us. Under Section 38 and Schedule 9 of the Electricity Act 1989, National Grid has a duty to have regard to the desirability of the preservation of amenity: the natural environment, cultural heritage, landscape and visual quality, as well as the effect of its works on communities.

National Grid's Stakeholder, Community and Amenity Policy² sets out a commitment to meet this duty as follows.

"We will promote genuine and meaningful stakeholder and community engagement. We will meet and, where appropriate, exceed the statutory requirements for consultation or engagement. We will adopt the following principles to help us meet this commitment:

- we will seek to identify and understand the views and opinions of all the stakeholders and communities who may be affected by our works*
- we will provide opportunities for engagement from the early stages of the process, where options and alternatives are being considered and there is the greatest scope to influence the design of the works*
- we will endeavor to enable constructive debate to take place, creating open and two-way communication processes*
- we will ensure that benefits, constraints and adverse impacts of proposed works are communicated openly for meaningful stakeholder and community comment and discussion*
- we will be clear about any aspects of the works that cannot be altered*
- we will utilise appropriate methods and effort in engaging stakeholders and communities, proportionate to the scale and impact of the works*
- we will provide feedback on how views expressed have been considered and the outcomes of any engagement process or activity"*

National Grid has tailored its consultation programme with regard to the community in Gwynedd, sought advice from the relevant local authorities, and has sought to go above and beyond guidelines and requirements set out for developers, engaging as many stakeholders as possible and maximising opportunities for feedback. Prior to finalising the proposals, National Grid carefully considered the feedback it received from local stakeholders and residents during the consultation process.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2012) encourages pro-active communication between applicants, local planning authorities and local communities. It states:

"Early engagement has significant potential to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the planning application system for all parties. Good quality pre-application discussion enables better communication between public and private resources and improved outcomes for the community." (ref para 188)

² <http://www2.nationalgrid.com/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=13793>

The NPPF continues by stating that:

“Local planning authorities have a key role to play in encouraging other parties to take maximum advantage of the pre-application stage. They cannot require that a developer engages with them before submitting a planning application, but they should encourage take-up of any pre-application services they do offer. They should also, where they think this would be beneficial, encourage any applicants who are not already required to do so by law to engage with the local community before submitting their applications.” (ref para 189)

It also advises that:

“The more issues that can be resolved at pre-application stage, the greater the benefits.....”
(ref para 190).

National Grid recognises that pre-application consultation is an effective process for informing people proposals in good time, enabling communities to comment on, and participate in, the development of planning applications.

National Grid also took note of guidance from the Welsh Government planning policy on effective community consultation.

“The Welsh Government’s evidence gathering process, when preparing the Act, identified that more effort was needed to involve communities in the planning of developments that affect them. Furthermore, that community involvement should occur at a stage when it is meaningful and can influence the scheme, rather than after important decisions have been made.”³

Responding to this, National Grid involved local communities, through proactive engagement, at the onset of the project to ensure valuable feedback was gathered. Public engagement events took place in January 2015 and again in July 2016 and November 2018.

Throughout the project and outside these events, proactive engagement has been achieved through regular meetings with local stakeholders, including town and community councils. Open and supportive relationships have been built throughout the project area resulting in significant support from local residents, businesses and stakeholders. Feedback has frequently complemented National Grid on its commitment to local engagement and the level of detailed information available for public comment.

³ Pre-application Community Consultation: Best Practice Guidance for Developers; Welsh Government; <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018-09/pre-application-community-consultation.pdf>

2. Pre-application consultation (PAC) December 2019 – January 2020

National Grid have been advised by the Snowdonia National Park Authority and Gwynedd Council to prepare a Section 2F – Pre Application Consultation (PAC) Report, in respect of their proposed planning application for the removal of an approximately 3.5km section of overhead line across the Dwyryd Estuary and replacing it with underground infrastructure. The project works comprise of:

- A new tunnel head house (including associated construction compound) and permanent access road on the western side of the Dwyryd Estuary;
- A new tunnel head house (including associated construction compound) and permanent access road on the eastern side of the Dwyryd Estuary;
- A new sealing end compound on the eastern side of the Dwyryd Estuary.

This section (Section 2) contains the formal Pre-application Consultation (PAC) report. The following sections give the wider context in which this final round of consultation was undertaken and the extent of public and stakeholder input to the project since its inception.

In accordance with Part 1A of ‘The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedures) (Wales) (Amended) Order 2016’ (DMPO 2016), all major developments are required to be subject of pre-application consultation, prior to the Planning Application being validated by the Local Planning Authority.

The Order requires that the following constitutes a “Pre-application Consultation”.

- Publicity before application for Planning Permission (Section 2C)
- Consultation before applying for Planning Permission (Section 2D)
- Duty to respond to pre-application consultation (Section 2E)
- Pre-application Consultation Report (Section 2F)

This Pre-Application Consultation Report is prepared in accordance with Part 1 Section 2F of the 2016 Order and demonstrates how the applicant has complied with Section 61z of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and has responded to the Consultation received from any person consulted under Section 61z (3) or (4) of the 1990 Act.

This section of the report includes;

- A copy of the Site Notice (Appendix A)
- A declaration that the notice was displayed correctly (See Plan Appendix A)
- A list of the addresses of statutory consultees (Appendix B)
- A copy of all notices given to Adjoining Land Owners / Occupiers (Appendix C)
- A copy of all notices given to specialist consultees (Appendix D)
- A copy of the letter issued to 1300 local residents and community members (Appendix E)
- A Screenshot of the PAC advertised on National Grid Snowdonia VIP Website (Appendix F)
- A summary of all views raised by those consulted
- Copies of all responses received from specialist consultees (Appendix G)

2.1 Publicity before applying for planning permission

In accordance with Section 2C of the Development Management Procedure Order 2016, the applicant has undertaken the appropriate publicity by way of:-

- Displaying a site notice for a period of more than 28 days from 06/12/2019 to the 10/01/2020. A copy of the site notice and photographs are included in Appendix A.

Given requisite notice in writing to local residents and community members. This consisted of a letter being issued to 1300 addresses in the Penrhyndeudraeth and Minffordd area. A copy of this letter can be found in Appendix E

- Given requisite notice in writing to owners or occupiers of any land adjoining the application site and Penrhyndeudraeth Town Council, Talsarnau Community Council, Maentwrog Community Council (list contained in Appendix B) as detailed in the regulations.
- Made the following information available for inspection;
 - Environmental Summary English and Welsh
 - Planning Application
 - Design Access Statement
 - East- Architectural – Proposed Roof Plan – Cilfor
 - East- Cilfor Shaft Site – Construction and Permanent Access Track
 - East- Eastern Tunnel Head House Building – E & W Elevations
 - East- Eastern Tunnel Head House Building – N & S Elevations
 - East- Proposed Cilfor SEC Elevation
 - East- Proposed Cilfor SEC Layout
 - East- Proposed Site Plan Eastern Tunnel Head House
 - Planning Application East Location Plan
 - Planning Application Location
 - Planning Application West Location Plan
 - West- Architectural – Proposed Roof Plan – Garth
 - West- Proposed Site Plan Western tunnel Head House
 - West- Western Tunnel Head House Building – E & W Elevations
 - West- Western Tunnel Head House Building – N & S Elevations
 - Environmental Appraisal Report:
 - Chapter 1 Introduction
 - Chapter 2 Project Description
 - Appendix 2A – 2C CEMP Part 1
 - Figures 2.1 – 2.15
 - Chapter 3 Environmental Appraisal Process
 - Appendix 3A – 3C
 - Chapter 4 Consultation
 - Chapter 5 Planning Policy
 - Figure 5.1
 - Chapter 6 Landscape & Visual Appraisal
 - Appendix 6A – 6D
 - Figures 6.1 – 6.13
 - Illustrative Photomontages
 - Chapter 7 Terrestrial Ecology
 - Appendix 7A – 7C
 - Figure 7.1 and 7.2
 - Chapter 8 Archaeology and Cultural Heritage

- Appendix 8A and 8B
- Figures 8.1 – 8.3
- Chapter 9 Water Resources
 - Figures 9.1 – 9.3
 - Appendix 9A and 9B
- Chapter 10 Ground Conditions
 - Appendix 10A and 10B
 - Figure 10.1 – 10.5
- Chapter 11 Agriculture and Land Use
 - Figure 11.1 and 11.2
- Chapter 12 Transport
 - Appendix 12A
 - Figures 12.1 – 12.8
- Chapter 13 Socioeconomics and Tourism
 - Figures 13.1 – 13.3
- Chapter 14 Noise & Vibration
 - Appendix 14A – 14D
 - Figure 14.1
- Chapter 15 Marine Physical Processes Chapter
 - Figure 15.1 and 15.2
- Chapter 16 Marine Ecology
 - Appendix 16A and 16B
 - Figure 16.1
- Chapter 17 Marine Archaeology
 - Appendix 17A and 17B
 - Figure 17.1
- Chapter 18 Cumulative
- Chapter 19 Health in Impact Assessment Signposting

The documents were made available for inspection at the following locations;

- As easily downloadable PDFs on National Grid VIP's dual language website (www.snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk) for the period from 06/12/2019 to 10/01/2020. A copy of the screen shot is included in Appendix F.
- As a hard copy at the Snowdonia National Park Authority Offices, Penrhyndeudraeth, LL48 6LF for the period from 06/12/2019 to 10/01/2020.

In addition to this PAC National Grid have also held public engagement events and meetings with the community council prior to the PAC process. Details of which can be found in Section 3 of this report.

2.2 Consultation before applying for planning permission

In accordance with Section 2D of the DMP Order 2016 the applicant has undertaken the following consultations;

- Undertaken consultation with the following specialist consultees (copy of notices included in Appendix D)
 - Natural Resources Wales
 - CADW
 - Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales (CPRW)
 - RSPB Cymru
 - Woodland Trust
 - Gwynedd Archaeological Trust
 - National Trust
 - Eryri Association
 - Council for British Archaeology in Wales
 - Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales
 - Tourism Partnership North Wales
 - North Wales Tourist Guiding Association
 - Visit Wales
 - Wales Tourism Alliance
 - Ramblers Cymru
 - Ride North Wales
 - Country Land and Business Association
 - Farmers Union Wales
 - NFU
 - North Wales Business Club
 - West Cheshire and North Wales Chamber of Commerce
 - Gwynedd Business Network
 - Federation of Small Businesses
 - Magnox, Trawsfynydd Site
 - Snowdonia Society
 - Network Rail
 - Dwr Cymru
 - Snowdonia National Park Authority
 - Snowdonia National Park Authority Planning Committee
 - Local Gwynedd Councillor
 - Member of Parliament
 - Welsh Government Assembly Members
 - Penrhyndeudraeth Town Council
 - Talsarnau Community Council
 - Maentwrog Community Council

The above consultees were given notice that the responses were required by the 10/01/2020 which was in excess of the minimum 28 days from the receipt of the notice (issued on 04/12/2020).

In addition, affected landowners/occupiers were sent a copy of the notice (Appendix C) and a notice (Appendix A) was posted on 04/12/19 at 10 different locations, close to the proposed development and within the town of Penrhyndeudraeth and Minffordd (see location Plan in Appendix A), to inform the general public.

2.2.1 Public consultation event December 2019

A public consultation event was held on Wednesday 11 December 2019 at the Snowdonia National Park Authority Offices, Penrhyndeudraeth, LL48 6LF.

This event took place between 2pm and 8pm. A total of 41 visitors to the event, including members of Penrhyndeudraeth Town Council, representatives of the Snowdonia National Park Authority, CPRW, North Wales Wildlife Trust, the Snowdonia Society, Ffestiniog Railway, local business owners and residents and landowners.



2.3. Response to pre-application consultation – Specialist Consultees

In accordance with the requests of Section 2E of its DMPO 2016, the following specialist consultees have responded to the pre-application consultation; (copies included in Appendix G).

- Gwynedd Council Planning and Public Protection Service
- Gwynedd Council Biodiversity Team
- National Trust

Stakeholders, including Gwynedd Council, Snowdonia National Park and Natural Resources Wales continue to engage directly with the project team in regard to any comments on the proposals. This engagement will continue through the consent process to finish of construction.

The specialist consultees have submitted the representations which form Appendix G to this report, and have been summarised below. National Grid’s response to the representations raised by the Specialist Consultees are noted in Table 1 below

2.3.1 Table one - Representations from Specialist Consultees and National Grids response

Specialist Consultee	Representation	Response to representation
National Trust	Complexity of consenting regimes – need to continue an overview of the project via website and communication mechanisms through consenting and construction	Due to the location and nature of the Proposed Project there is a requirement to obtain a variety of primary consents to construct and operate the cable tunnel and remove the VIP subsection. The consenting regime for the Proposed Project is discussed in Volume 1, Chapter 1 (Introduction) of the Environmental Appraisal. The land parcels affected by each of the consenting regimes is illustrated in Volume 2, on Figure 1.2 (Consenting). This will form part of the Planning Submission and will be available on the National Grid website. Post consent a communication plan will be prepared to identify approach to ongoing engagement with both stakeholders and the public up to commencement of construction and through the construction and restoration period.

National Trust	Engagement - continue engagement within the community particularly with regard to traffic and tourism issues during construction	National Grid plan to continue to engage with stakeholders, the local community and land owners during the consenting process, post consent and through the construction and restoration process. This will follow a similar process to engagement to date.
National Trust	Monitoring – establish monitoring framework for project for construction and implementation (based on significance) to include consented elements and those which did not require consent. S3.3.15 of the EA/linking to CEMP	National Grid have undertaken an Environmental Appraisal of the Proposed Project as a whole. The Environmental Appraisal has been undertaken following best practice guidance and suggests mitigation and monitoring where deemed appropriate irrespective of the applicable consenting regime. Proposed monitoring which will be undertaken during construction is defined within the relevant sections of the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan and the supporting management plans which are appended. This information will be brought together within a chapter of the Construction Environmental Management Plan (which will be prepared by National Grids appointed construction contractor) to form a monitoring framework. A commitment to do this has been made in Chapter 3 of the Environmental Appraisal. There are also likely to be conditions attached to a grant of permission which will require monitoring.
Specialist Consultee	Representation	Response to representation
National Trust	Architectural – support designs – request higher quality and green fencing rather than standard BS approach.	National Grid can commit to this, and will select a colour based on advice from a landscape architect.
National Trust	Ecological clerk of works – support and request engagement on longevity of input for restoration works on estuary. Commitment to post completion survey and reinstatement provision to be included within CEMP	Mitigation has been proposed in the marine HRA to employ the use of an ecological clerk of works to ensure Atlantic salt meadow rare species are not disturbed during the marine pylon removal works. The HRA includes mitigation for re-instatement of habitat at 4ZC031. Once saltmarsh is re-instated there are no plans to re-survey the saltmarsh.
National Trust	Welcome further engagement on the project especially on approach to monitoring	National Grid plan to continue to engage with stakeholders, the local community and land owners during the consenting process, post consent and through the construction and restoration process. This will follow a similar process to engagement to date. This will include an approach to appropriate levels of monitoring.

National Trust	Note draft CEMP – want contractor detail and commitments to specified limits and thresholds.	Once appointed by National Grid the contractor will prepare a Construction Environmental Management Plan based on the principles agreed in the Outline CEMP during the pre-planning and planning stages of the Proposed Project.
National Trust	Upload existing consent for OHL removal and consents register to project website	Copies available upon request from National Grid.
National Trust	CEMP should include monitoring and reinstatement program from completion of construction for appropriate period of time	National Grid plan to continue to engage with stakeholders, the local community and land owners during the consenting process, post consent and through the construction and restoration process. This will follow a similar process to engagement to date. This will include an approach to monitoring and reinstatement.
National Trust	CEMP – include commitment to reduce length of time trackway access tracks are in situ 3,18,7	This commitment has been added to para 3.19.7 of the Outline CEMP.
National Trust	CEMP – welcome further information on proposed protocol for archaeological discoveries particular in relation to NG land	As trackway will be laid on the surface of the estuary for access to the working area, it is not anticipated that archaeological discoveries will be made; however, the protocol for archaeological discoveries in the marine environment will be agreed with consultees as part of the marine licence application process.
National Trust	EA – Monitoring for lichen in SAC (before, during and after)	It is not proposed to undertake lichen surveys in the neighbouring SAC. An air quality impact assessment has not been undertaken as part of the planning submission as impacts to air quality fall below the required thresholds. However, a Dust Risk Assessment has been prepared to ensure the appropriate level of mitigation is put in place. The Dust Risk Assessment forms an Appendix to the Outline CEMP. As part of the measures proposed dust monitoring will be undertaken at locations to be agreed with the local planning authority. The SAC will be one of these monitoring locations. The risk assessment concludes that where possible baseline monitoring should start at least three months before work commences on site or, if it is a large site, before work on a phase commences. It is suggested to propose dust deposition or dust flux monitoring using Frisbee Gauges or Fablon monitoring techniques rather than continuous automatic monitoring, subject to agreement with Local Authority. In addition, daily on-site and off-site visual inspection will be undertaken of nearby receptors to monitor dust deposition.

		The Dust Risk Assessment provides details of mitigation measures which will be employed.
National Trust	EA – Bracken may be of interest	Ecological surveys completed to date have highlighted bracken, however these areas are species poor and dominated entirely by bracken with no scrub present.
National Trust	EA – consider pine marten – if present confirms importance of woodland/scrub connectivity	Pine martins have not been identified in the area from background data searches and ecological records. The Proposed Project avoids areas of woodland that are suitable for this species.
National Trust	EA – confirm mitigation for grassland lose for grazing barnacle geese	Winter birds' surveys have been undertaken at the proposed Garth Tunnel Head House compound which is situated in an area of semi improved grassland. Barnacle geese were not identified during the winter bird surveys in this location. However, they were identified on the eastern parts of the Dwyryd Estuary close to the railway line. Habitat mitigation has been developed following the consultation draft and will be presented as part of the planning submission.
National Trust	Potential for habitat gain post construction – creation of species rich grassland	Habitat mitigation and enhancement has been developed following the responses to the consultation draft and will be presented as part of the planning submission. As part of the proposal's areas of poor semi-improved grassland will be enhanced with the aim of creating species rich grassland.
National Trust	EA – direct loss of mire – mitigation through improvement of habitat quality and reuse of peat ensure at least no loss of area	The planning submission includes measures to improve the quality of the mire habitat from moderate to good quality. A Habitat Management Plan and Peat Management Plan has been prepared for the Eastern Tunnel Head House Compound (Appendix 6 and Appendix 9 of the Outline CEMP) and will be submitted in support of the planning application.
Specialist consultee	Representation	Response to representation
National Trust	Additional compensation for loss of valley mire habitat to be agreed with consultees/provide real biodiversity gain	National Grid are discussing the details of a mitigation/ compensation package with Snowdonia National Park Authority that will ensure a biodiversity gain.
Gwynedd Council – Environment Department	Welsh Language – note guidance and need for Welsh Language Statement and need to confirm to policy criteria	A Welsh Language Statement has been prepared and will be submitted in support of the planning application.

Gwynedd Council – Environment Department	Transport – ensure consult with Gwynedd Council Transportation Unit and that application accords with advice received (including at screening)	Paragraph 12.3.6 of Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport confirms Gwynedd Council Traffic Unit were ‘satisfied with the approach to the assessment of Traffic and Transport and mitigation measures proposed.’
Gwynedd Council – Environment Department	Flooding and Drainage – Flood consequences assessment required confirming to TAN15	A Flood Consequence Assessment (which conforms with requirements set out in TAN15) has been prepared and will be submitted in support of the planning application (Appendix 9A of the Environmental Appraisal).
Gwynedd Council – Environment Department	Sustainable drainage for surface water required. Design and built in accordance with Welsh standards. To be approved by GC before construction commences.	A Sustainable Drainage (SUDs) Strategy Report has been prepared and will be submitted in support of the planning application (Appendix 9B of the Environmental Appraisal). The SUDS Strategy is aligned to Welsh Statutory SuDS Standards. The SUDs Strategy will be submitted for approval by Gwynedd Council acting in its role as a SuDS Approving Body (SAB).
Gwynedd Council – Environment Department	Development larger than 1000m – Water conservation Statement required.	A Water Conservation Statement has been prepared and will be submitted in support of the planning application.
Gwynedd Council – Environment Department	Biodiversity and Ecological matters - Confirm consulted with GC biodiversity unit and NRW	Consultation has been carried out with Gwynedd Council, Snowdonia National Park Authority and Natural Resources Wales on ecological matters- Table 7.2 within Chapter 7 provides information on consultation undertaken.
Gwynedd Council – Environment Department	Impact on Heritage Assets – confirm consulted with CADW	Consultation was undertaken during the screening and scoping process where CADW concluded that ‘there are no historic environment grounds to require an environmental impact assessment and if this is required the historic environment can be “scoped out” of the resulting document’.
Gwynedd Council – Environment Department	Carbon management – if proposals exceed thresholds in PCYFF5 an Energy Statement needs to be submitted with application	A Carbon Management Plan has been prepared and will be submitted in support of the planning application.
Gwynedd Council - Regulatory Department	Extended size of Western Construction Compound – ensure the EA covers increased area)	The environmental assessment covers the extended size of the Western Construction Compound.
Gwynedd Council Environment Department	There is an opportunity for biodiversity gain by designing in provision for wildlife in the design of the tunnel head house. Especially nesting opportunities for swifts.	Consideration will be given to this as the detailed design for the head house progresses. However due to safety and maintenance considerations it is unlikely that this type of enhancement will be possible on the building but consideration will be given to opportunities elsewhere on the site and National Grid's land holding.

2.4 Table two – general responses to pre-application

Representation	Response to representation	Representation Ref. Nos.
Member of the public	Thanked for information which was very helpful. Missed the consultation event in Penrhyndeudraeth and required further information on this project and the proposed works to connect the new power station at Wylfa.	Further information provided on the project and the proposed connection Wylfa Newydd nuclear power station on Anglesey

2.4.1 Responses supporting the proposed development

Representation	Representation
Member of the Public	<p>This is a courtesy e-mail to thank you and your colleagues very much for coming over to see us last Friday morning. Clive and I both found the meeting very helpful.</p> <p>We are very pleased that you intend to move the access track that was concerning us and, while there will be some impact upon us during the temporary works, feel that this addresses our immediate concerns.</p> <p>We will take a keen interest in the application as it progresses and hope it gets a smooth passage through the system.</p>
Member of the Public	<p>May I thank you for this detailed answer to my query. It's most helpful.</p> <p>And thank you for the document that prompted me to write to you in the first place. I feel that so often communications can fall short when it comes to projects of this magnitude, but you do seem prepared to keep us all posted - for which I am most grateful.</p> <p>Best wishes Howard Wilson</p>
Member of the public	<p>I would like to give my 100% support to this fantastic project. This will completely transform this once beautiful estuary. This will be absolutely amazing once completed. Please use local workforce and business were ever possible. Thank you so much for this once in a life time transformation.</p>

Engagement with both stakeholders, the public and landowners has been undertaken from the inception of the project to date. At all times there has been good and positive engagement with the public and they have raised any concerns they have both during the periods of consultation but at other times in the projects development. Details of this engagement are set out in further detail in this document. It is anticipated that this dialogue will continue through the consenting and construction process.

3. Consultation carried out prior to Pre-Application Consultation

3.1 Stakeholder Advisory Group

At the outset of the project National Grid invited a group of stakeholders with national remits for England and Wales to join the project as a Stakeholder Advisory Group, under an independent chair.

Established in April 2014, the Group is chaired by environmentalist and broadcaster Chris Baines and comprises senior representation from 15 stakeholder bodies, namely: Cadw, Campaign for National Parks, Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), The Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales (CPRW), Historic England, the Landscape Institute, the National Association for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs), National Parks England, National Parks Wales, the National Trust, Natural England, Natural Resources Wales, The Ramblers, Visit England and Visit Wales.

These organisations advise the project not only on identifying and developing individual projects, but also on the most effective ways to engage with stakeholders at a local level.

The Group continues to monitor and advise on the Snowdonia VIP project as well as making key decisions throughout the lifetime of the VIP project.

3.2 Stakeholder Reference Groups

To guide the project at a local level, an independent Stakeholder Reference Group has been established in each VIP priority area, including Snowdonia. These Groups allow us to have open dialogues with local stakeholders, keep them informed about the project and establish their priorities for using the Visual Impact Provision funding.

The Stakeholder Reference Group for Snowdonia was established in January 2015 and has been invaluable in providing vital information and advice on National Grid's plans for reducing the impact of its transmission lines in the Snowdonia National Park.

Its membership includes representatives from Gwynedd Council, local Ward Councillors, Snowdonia National Park Authority, Gwynedd Archaeological Planning Service, Gwynedd Council Planning Service, National Trust and Natural Resource Wales.

3.3 Early engagement programme

National Grid's VIP project has been stakeholder-driven from the outset. Stakeholders play an ongoing central role in helping to identify those areas and existing overhead lines (OHLs) which would benefit most from visual enhancements.

Ahead of any statutory consultation to support the planning application, we had already engaged extensively with local people and stakeholders using the majority of techniques recommended in the Snowdonia National Park Authority's Community Involvement Scheme, as detailed in the '*Eryri Local Development Plan Delivery Agreement*'⁴ (July 2016) over a number of years.

⁴http://www.eryri-npa.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/772936/DeliveryAgreementFinal-2016.pdf

“It is intended that the Community Involvement Scheme will meet the Welsh Government’s principles for:

- *Creating the conditions for early involvement and feedback at a stage when people can recognise a chance to influence the plan;*
- *Encouraging the commitment of all participants to an open and honest debate on realistic development alternatives in the search for a consensus; and*
- *Recognising the need to adopt approaches for engaging the community including business, which seek the views of those not normally involved.”⁵*

Techniques included:

- Using plain language wherever possible
- Trying to make issues easy for everybody to understand
- Encouraging local people to get involved
- Bi-lingual public events, with consultation documents available in Welsh and English
- Making information freely available to the public through the dedicated dual language project website

In its guidance for consulting on planning applications, the Government notes that early involvement of local communities, local authorities and statutory consultees can bring about significant benefits for all parties.⁶ It allows members of the public to influence the way projects are developed and how they are integrated into the community. It helps local people understand better what a particular project means for them, so that concerns resulting from misunderstandings are resolved early. It allows an applicant to obtain important information about the economic, social and environmental impacts of a scheme from consultees so that potential mitigating measures can be considered and, in some cases, built into the project before an application is submitted.

There are some statutory requirements for pre-application consultation under the Planning (Wales) Act 2015 which we will adhere to, but notwithstanding these, government guidance also notes:

To manage the tension between consulting early, but also having project proposals that are firm enough to enable consultees to comment, applicants are encouraged to consider an iterative, phased consultation consisting of two (or more) stages, especially for large projects with long development periods. For example, applicants might wish to consider undertaking informal early consultation at a stage where options are still being considered. This will be helpful in informing proposals and assisting the applicant in establishing a preferred option on which to undertake formal statutory public consultation.”⁷

In line with this guidance, National Grid has already undertaken numerous stages of early, non-statutory consultation. This provided the opportunity for people to share their comments and opinions so that these could inform decisions made by the national Stakeholder Advisory Group, the

⁵ P.6 Eryri Local Development Plan Delivery Agreement
https://www.eryri.llyw.cymru/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/772936/DeliveryAgreementFinal-2016.pdf

⁶See the CLG Guidance note ‘[Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the Pre Application Process](#), (para 18)

⁷*Ibid.*, (para 70)

Snowdonia Stakeholder Reference Group and National Grid prior to the presentation of a proposal for statutory consultation as part of the planning process. Activity to date is summarised below.

3.4 Stakeholder engagement: 2015

Having identified a shortlist of 12 subsections of overhead line in eight designated areas using the landscape assessment methodology, the Stakeholder Advisory Group asked National Grid to carry out early stage engagement with stakeholders and the public at a local level.

In Snowdonia, the aim of this early engagement was to gather information and intelligence on the area to inform the options assessment and to gauge local attitudes and opinions to the work. It was also felt that involving local groups and individuals at the outset would not only help to identify any potential problems and challenges, but also to give the local community a sense of ownership. It should be a requirement of any project taken forward to major engineering work that it has the support and involvement of local people.

National Grid's intention was to work closely with the Snowdonia National Park Authority to present a collaborative, inclusive partnership approach to the local community. An initial scoping meeting for this early engagement work was held between National Grid and the Snowdonia National Park Authority and an overall approach to engagement discussed. As a result, an early engagement programme was developed that involved:

- A technical workshop in January 2015 for key representatives from Snowdonia National Park Authority and other key statutory bodies identified by the authority. These included representatives from the Snowdonia National Park Authority, Cadw and National Resources Wales. This group formed part of a Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) for the project.
- A bi-lingual public drop-in event on 27th January 2015, attended by 41 people, with consultation documents available in Welsh and English.
- Engagement with Llyr Gruffydd AM, Liz Saville-Roberts MP and ward councillors for Trawsfynydd and Penrhyndeudraeth, as well as further officials at Gwynedd Council.
- Technical feedback from the Snowdonia SRG, along with the opinions of local people and other non-technical groups who attended the drop-in session was then fed into the 'Options Appraisal Study'⁸ prepared for Snowdonia.
- A second meeting of the SRG (technical stakeholders) took place on 13th August 2015. Following the incorporation of further stakeholder feedback, the 'Options Appraisal Study' for Snowdonia was then presented to the Stakeholder Advisory Group in September 2015 and formed one of the documents that informed the Group's decision on the priority schemes.
- The project obtained coverage in media:
 - **Pylons to be removed from Snowdonia National Park to improve views**⁹ 15 September 2015 *Daily Post North Wales* (online)

⁸http://snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/150915_Snowdonia_DOR.pdf

⁹<https://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/pylons-removed-snowdonia-national-park-10055067>

- **Snowdonia pylons could be removed under new plans**¹⁰ 15 September 2015 *ITV Wales* (online)
- **Interview about the project with Hector Pearson, Senior Project Manager, National Grid** 15 September 2015 *BBC Wales*
- **Removal of Snowdonia pylons leads to further calls to protect Anglesey**¹¹ 16 September 2018 *Daily Post North Wales* (online)

3.5 Stakeholder engagement: 2016

Following the September 2015 Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting, the section of line (4ZC) running from the Garth Sealing End Compound near Minffordd across the Dwyryd Estuary in Snowdonia was selected as one of the four priority schemes for further investigation.

National Grid directly informed the Snowdonia National Park Authority and spread the word widely through media releases, social media and other authority communications. Direct communication was also made with members of the SRG and those who had registered for updates via the VIP project website. MPs, AMs and elected members from the local councils were also written to and meetings offered on an individual basis.

Following the shortlisting announcement, National Grid undertook further liaison with the Snowdonia National Park Authority, Gwynedd Council, key members of the SRG and other relevant technical organisations to explore potential options further.

Specifically, the following activity took place in 2016:

- Further national Stakeholder Advisory Group meetings undertaken in April 2016, September 2016 and December 2016.
- Third and fourth meetings of the Snowdonia Stakeholder Reference Group on 26th April and 8th September 2016 respectively.
- Bi-lingual public drop-in events on 14th July and 16th July 2016 which attracted 100 attendees, with documents available in Welsh and English. 13 written feedback forms received indicating broad support for the VIP project.
- A meeting with the Snowdonia Society on Thursday 8th September 2016.
- Ongoing meetings with landowners across the preferred route.

¹⁰ <https://www.itv.com/news/wales/update/2015-09-15/snowdonia-to-be-pylon-free/>

¹¹ <https://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/removal-snowdonia-pylons-leads-further-10063770>

3.6 Public consultation November 2018

After more than three years of ongoing engagement work, National Grid carried out a defined period of consultation in 2018. This allowed for the views of the public and key political and technical stakeholders to shape the final proposals presented in advance of finalising the design and preparing an application for planning consent.

3.6.1 Emerging project consultation

This consultation included more detail than had been presented to previously and also addressed issues previously raised locally including disruption during construction, traffic management, building design and location and site restoration.

The consultation audience was drawn from the stakeholder database which had been built up since 2015 and included:

- Principal stakeholders / partners, e.g. Snowdonia National Park Authority, Gwynedd Council
- Snowdonia Stakeholder Reference Group members
- Statutory consultees, e.g. Natural Resources Wales, Cadw, Network Rail, Welsh Water, etc.
- Local groups represented nationally on VIP's Stakeholder Advisory Group, e.g. The Ramblers, CPRW, Visit Wales
- Other interest groups locally, e.g. the Snowdonia Society, tourism groups and operators
- Town and community councils / representatives
- Politicians – ward members, lead members, AMs, MPs, etc.
- Schools and education establishments
- Communities – immediate neighbours in properties / villages close to the proposed scheme, and wider communities across the National Park

Mechanisms to ensure that plans were communicated clearly and effectively included:

- **Meetings with the Stakeholder Reference Group:** ongoing meetings presented full proposals as they emerged and incorporated valuable feedback from this important technical reference group.
- **Direct engagement:** National Grid communicated directly with individual stakeholders, including local residents, business and community groups. Each were engaged with using a mix of one-to-one meetings (where appropriate), presentations to small groups, letters, email updates and phone conversations. National Grid also responded to all incoming requests from stakeholders, residents and members of the public.
- **Third party channels:** National Grid worked with the communications teams of those stakeholders where we had an existing relationship, such as the Snowdonia National Park Authority, to disseminate information through their established member, social media and other channels.

- **Project website:** a dedicated project website was established in 2017. This provided news and the latest information on the project's development and provided the opportunity for people to contact National Grid's consultation team. The public drop-in events were also prominently promoted on the website.
- **Consultation phone line:** a dedicated bi-lingual hotline was established in 2017. This was monitored by a dual language speaker and was supported by a voicemail functionality, allowing for 24 hour a day access.
- **Media relations:** regular, bilingual updates on project milestones and developments were shared with the local media. This also notifications of consultations and other drop-in events.
- **Consultation and drop-in events:** these were located at convenient venues within the project area.

Appendices containing all feedback forms, examples of the exhibition materials and publicity materials used and resulting media coverage can be found at the end of this document.

3.6.2 Public drop-in events

As referenced above, National Grid held three public drop-in events:

- Thursday 15 November 2018 2pm – 8pm Snowdonia National Park Authority Offices, Penrhyndeudraeth LL48 6LF
- Saturday 17 November 2018 10am – 4pm Neuadd Goffa Penrhyndeudraeth, LL48 6LR
- Saturday 24 November 2018 10am – 4pm Talsarnau Village Hall, LL47 6TA

These venues were chosen because each was in a highly accessible location in frequent use by the local community, providing straightforward access to members of the public. The venues were clearly marked and signposted with posters and A-frame boards.



Neuadd Goffa Penrhyndeudraeth 17 November 2018 Talsarnau Village Hall 24 November 2018

The opening hours covered weekend and evening times to ensure that everyone had an opportunity to attend and provide the biggest potential audience of people living and working nearby.

The events were bilingual, with English and Welsh speakers present to discuss the proposals and all consultation documents available in both languages. Printed feedback forms and a submission box were available at the events and visitors were able to provide their feedback via the project's freepost address or the dedicated project website after the events.

These sessions allowed the community to view detailed proposals for the project, including the proposed measures to be put in place to reduce impact on the local community during construction.

Members of the project team were on hand at all times to answer any questions. Images and further relevant information about the project were on display in A3 folders at the exhibition, along with digitally generated photomontages to demonstrate the effect of the proposals on the landscape.

Representatives from the VIP project team staffed the exhibition at all times, together with engineering specialists, environmental consultants, lands consultants and members of National Grid's communications team.

3.6.3 Event publicity and media coverage

Prior to the public consultation, National Grid sought to maximise awareness of its proposals in order to engage as many local residents and stakeholders as possible. A range of communication mechanisms were used to achieve this as detailed below.

Invitations to local residents and stakeholders

Local residents were sent an A3 letter via Royal Mail with centerfold map (see Appendix H) inviting them to the public exhibitions. The letters sought to ensure that residents were aware of the proposals, were invited to the public exhibition and were provided details of the website, email and telephone contact details for the project team.

Letters were issued on week commencing 5th November 2018 to 1,300 neighbouring properties in the vicinity of Penrhyndeudraeth, Minffordd and Talsarnau.

Further to this, letters offering an invitation to the events and a briefing on the project were sent to elected representatives from Gwynedd Council, Snowdonia National Park Authority, Penrhyndeudraeth Town Council, Talsarnau Community Council, Maentwrog Community Council and Porthmadog Town Council, the ward councillors for Harlech and Talsarnau, Penrhyndeudraeth, and Trawsfynydd, AMs and MPs for Dwyfor Meirionnydd, and Arfon.

National Grid also engaged with local organisations to raise awareness of the Visual Impact Provision project and to promote the drop-in events to their members and audiences, including the Snowdonia National Park Authority and local community groups in Talsarnau and Penrhyndeudraeth. A variety of coverage appeared across these organisations' digital and social media platforms, as presented in Appendix J.

Press briefings and news releases

Media relations complemented the consultation programme to encourage press coverage. National Grid issued a press release to key local publications and broadcasters promoting the details of the consultation.

Editorial coverage appeared on the following date:

- Saturday 24th November 2018 (*BBC Wales*, online)

A copy of the editorial can be found in Appendix I.

Further event promotion

A half page colour advert publicising the events appeared in the *Cambrian News* on Thursday 8th November 2018. The advertisement was placed prominently within the news pages.

Posters were produced and placed in well-known community locations around the town of Penrhyndeudraeth.

Digital copies of event posters were issued to local community councils and the Snowdonia National Park Authority to be shared via social media. These posters appeared on the Cymuned Talsarnau and the Snowdonia National Park Authority Facebook pages (see Appendix J). Guto Bebb MP also posted a link to information about the consultation to his Facebook page (see Appendix J).

In addition, 145 copies of the event posters were printed as leaflets and placed in bookbags at three schools closest to the project area: Ysgol Cefn Coch, Ysgol y Garreg and Ysgol Gynradd Talsarnau.

3.6.4 Feedback mechanisms

3.6.4.1 Feedback forms – paper and online

Feedback forms were available at the exhibitions for attendees to submit their comments into a clearly marked feedback form box at each event, with a freepost postal address provided for people to send feedback forms that they wished to complete after the events.

3.6.4.2 Feedback form questions

The majority of the questions were deliberately open-ended and qualitative so as not to constrain respondents to a set list of options. The feedback form also provided a space for attendees to leave their preferred contact details to receive further information about the project, if they requested.

Q1: I have found this exhibition:

- *Very informative*
- *Quite informative*
- *Not very informative*
- *Not sure / Don't know*

Q2: How would you like to be kept informed of progress with the project going forward?

- *By post*
- *By email*
- *None of the above*

Q3: Tell us what you think about our proposals to enhance the landscape and reduce the visual impact of the overhead line by removing the chosen section and replacing it with an underground connection.

Q4: Do you have any comments on specific aspects to our plans e.g. relating to traffic, environment, archaeology, construction, community involvement or any other issue?

Q5: Are there any other comments you would like to make?

3.6.4.3 Accessible contact details

National Grid made available a range of contact channels throughout the consultation process:

- A dual language consultation telephone line (0800 019 1898) with answerphone functionality to capture out of hours calls.
- A project email address (visualimpact@nationalgrid.com)
- A freepost postal address for feedback forms and other correspondence – FREEPOST VISUAL IMPACT PROVISION

3.6.4.5 Participation and feedback

A total of 102 people attended the public exhibition over the three days: 50 at the Snowdonia Park Authority offices on 25 November 2018, 25 at the Neuadd Goffa Penrhyndeudraeth on 17 November 2018 and 27 at Talsarnau Village Hall on 24 November 2018. The majority of visitors took the opportunity to speak with at least one member of the project team during their visit.

Attendees included representatives from Snowdonia National Park Authority, Penrhyndeudraeth Town Council and Talsarnau Community Council, as well as members of the public, local business owners, affected landowners and representatives of community groups.

3.6.5 Verbal feedback

After each day of the exhibition, the National Grid team compared notes on their discussions to establish common issues and themes to have emerged.

Overall, visitors expressed broad support for the proposals. In many cases, individuals simply wanted to find out more about the plans and what was being done to address concerns.

Common issues and themes to emerge from verbal feedback	
A	Traffic
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns raised on the need for careful traffic management during construction • Numbers of heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) • HGVs on minor roads
B	Tunnel spoil
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many expressed an interest on where spoil from the proposed tunnel would be disposed of
C	Landscape enhancement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for the project and its positive impact on the local landscape • National Grid must ensure impact on wildlife and archaeology is reduced • National Grid must ensure the design of tunnel head houses is in-keeping with local architecture

3.6.5.1 Feedback forms – assessment of responses

A total of 36 feedback forms were submitted to the project team during the consultation window. An analysis of the feedback form responses is provided below.

Q1: I have found this exhibition...

A total of 36 respondents answered this question:

- **35 respondents** (97.222...%): ‘Very informative’

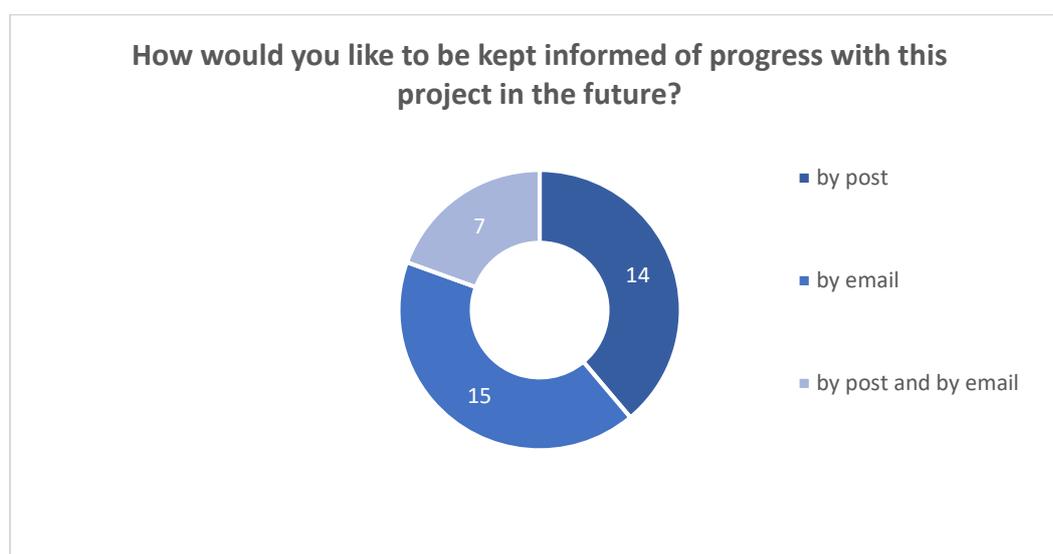
- **1 respondent** (2.777...%): *‘Quite informative’*
- **0 respondents** (0%): *‘Not sure / don’t know’*

Q2: How would you like to be kept informed of progress with this project going forward?

A total of 36 respondents answered this question. The following forms of communication emerged as preferable:

- **15 respondents** (41.666...%): *Email*
- **14 respondents** (38.888...%): *Post*
- **7 respondents** (19.444...%): *Post and email*

National Grid will use this feedback to shape our ongoing communication with the local community. Contact details for those indicating they would like to be kept up-to-date with our proposals have been collated for further contact in accordance with applicable data protection and privacy laws.



Q3: Tell us what you think about our proposals to enhance the landscape and reduce the visual impact of the overhead line by removing the chosen section and replacing it with cables buried underground?

A total of **35** respondents answered this question. Key themes that emerged from this qualitative question include:

Strong overall support for the proposals

- **35** respondents made comments indicating they were fully supportive of the project.
- **Some** respondents included comments about extending the project and removing pylons beyond Llandecwyn to Llyn Tecwyn.

Examples of comments:

“It will be a great improvement to the visual amenity of the Dwyryd estuary. Very much in favour.”

“First class proposal. It will greatly enhance the quality of the area. It will, I hope, help the economy by improving the outlook for visitors.”

“I think it is an excellent idea.”

Landscape enhancement

- 11 respondents commented on the positive potential of the project to enhance the landscape.

Examples of comments:

“Removal of pylons will completely transform the Dwyryd Estuary and surrounding countryside. Change from reminders of Penrhyn's industrial past to rightful position of an AONB. Wonderful.”

“I think it's a great idea. A beautiful view is spoilt with those ugly pylons.”

“It will be a great improvement to the visual amenity of the Dwyryd estuary. Very much in favour.”

- Some respondents mentioned the general benefits of the project. Examples of comments:

“It is an excellent idea. The long-term benefits for the area and environment.”

“First class proposal. It will greatly enhance the quality of the area. It will, I hope, help the economy by improving the outlook for visitors.”

“The plan to improve the quality of the landscape by removing the pylons is to be welcomed. It will result in an improvement in the landscape of the Snowdonia National Park and the quality of life of local residents and visitors.”

Approach to planning and mitigation (traffic, spoil)

- Four respondents wrote positively about National Grid's approach to planning and mitigation, one respondent answered positively on both traffic and waste management.

Examples of comments:

“Very supportive: pleased that most tunnel waste will be removed from the west end, so concentrating lorry movements at that end. When completed will be an immense landscape improvement to the area.”

“Good idea, glad to hear that there will be no road closures.”

Q4: Do you have any comments on specific aspects of our plans e.g. relating to traffic, environment, archaeology, construction, community involvement or any other issue?

A total of 30 respondents answered this question. Key themes that emerged from this qualitative question include:

Traffic

- **Four** people commented on the impact of the construction phase on traffic levels.

Examples of comments:

“I fully realise that the work will lead to a considerable increase in traffic but understand that the disturbance will only be temporary. It would be good if the additional traffic could try to avoid busy periods.”

“Good idea, glad to hear that there will be no road closures..”

Community involvement and communication

- **Four** respondents commented positively on the planning and communication of the project.

Examples of comments:

“Involving residents through such as today displays the human face of a national body. Grand idea.”

“Was good to involve community. Told not going to close Briwet Bridge while work being done. That's great, as use it every day for work.”

Appearance of tunnel head house buildings

- **Five** respondents referenced a desire for buildings to be in-keeping with local architecture and requested that the project makes use of local materials.

Examples of comments:

“Prefer that the end buildings should have a rural appearance.”

“I suggest that the headhouses should be finished in slate to blend in with the surroundings and locality.”

Q5. Are there any other comments you would like to make?

A total of **15** people responded to this question. While the majority of comments were to reiterate support for the project, another theme emerged:

Opportunities for local business

- **Four** respondents registered their preference for local businesses and contractors to benefit from the project, either through direct work or associated benefits such as accommodation.

Examples of comments:

“Keep labour and supply chain as local as possible. Maybe training given at local colleges for future engineers, and supporting trades.”

“Please consider the use of local labour where practicable and local businesses (hotels, lodge).”

3.7 Feedback from landowners

National Grid, through its appointed specialist land agents has been in discussion with landowners along the route since September 2015 and these discussions are ongoing.

The majority of landowners were supportive of the project overall, a number raised individual issues specific to their landholdings which National Grid has sought to resolve with them. Against this backdrop, our agents have continued to discuss voluntary agreements with all landowners to obtain the rights to build, operate, access and maintain the new cable and remove existing infrastructure.

Consultation responses from landowners were received and considered by the project team and where appropriate changes have been made to the proposed works and communicated back directly to the landowners.

3.8 Further engagement on the proposed project

Consultation with statutory consultees and other organisations continued throughout the Environmental Appraisal process to obtain environmental data, to discuss and agree the scope of individual environmental assessments and the adopted methods of assessment, and to develop appropriate environmental mitigation measures.

To date, the further engagement programme has involved:

- Meetings of the national Stakeholder Advisory Group undertaken in April 2014, July 2014, October 2014, February 2015, April 2015, September 2015, April 2016, September 2016, December 2016, April 2017 (in Snowdonia), November 2017 and February 2018, September 2018, December 2018, March 2019, July 2019, November 2019.
- Snowdonia Stakeholder Reference Group meetings occurred in January 2015, August 2015, April 2016, September 2016, September 2017, July 2018, November 2018 and most recently in June and December 2019. Representatives from the Maentwrog and Trawsfynydd, Penrhyndeudraeth and Talsarnau and Harlech community councils were invited to join the Group in April 2018 to ensure it captures a comprehensive spectrum of local knowledge and insight.
- The launch of a dedicated, bi-lingual website (Snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk) in February 2017 with a focus on information specific to the Snowdonia project, notification of drop-in and other events and the chance for the public to relay comments and views online.
- Individual briefings with Gwynedd ward councillors for Penrhyndeudraeth and Talsarnau and Harlech in July 2017 to update them on the latest project developments.
- A presentation to Penrhyndeudraeth Town Council on 4th July 2017 by the VIP project team, with specific reference to plans to use a car park owned by the council as a base for National Grid during ongoing works.
- Additional Pre-Application Consultation specific presentation to Penrhyndeudraeth Town Council on 10th December 2019
- A presentation to Talsarnau Community Council on 14th July 2017 to inform councillors about the proposals and forthcoming geophysical surveys.

- A presentation to the ward councillor for Trawsfynydd and Maentwrog Community Council on 31st October 2017, updating them on the project's progress and inviting questions.
- Direct engagement with local residents, businesses, community groups and other interested parties with updates pertaining to specific works, including mailouts:
 - 1,600 addresses in August 2017 and May 2018 to give notification of ground investigation works and further surveys in the Dwryrd Estuary.
 - 132 addresses in June 2018 to give notification of car park closure in Borth y Gest to enable safe launch of a barge used to launch GI works in the estuary.
 - Six addresses in August 2018 to inform immediate neighbours of planned tunnel head house locations ahead of upcoming consultation
- Ongoing regular meetings with technical stakeholders have taken place since the project inception and will continue through the consenting and construction process. This has included meetings with ecologists, landscape designers, hydrologists, archaeologists, marine, environmental health and ornithologists.

4. Summary

National Grid are proposing to remove approximately 3.5km section of overhead line across the Dwyrdd Estuary and replacing it with underground infrastructure and will submit a planning application for part of the necessary infrastructure.

Through its activity in Snowdonia, National Grid has demonstrated its commitment to meaningful community involvement through extensive and early engagement with local residents and stakeholders on its proposals to remove a section of overhead transmission line in Snowdonia National Park and replace it with underground infrastructure.

4.1 Engaging with stakeholders

National Grid ran a comprehensive and effective programme of stakeholder involvement and public consultation, which was appropriate to the nature and scale of development proposed. This involved ongoing engagement with technical stakeholders through the establishment of the Stakeholder Reference Group, as well as a commitment to providing opportunities for local residents and community groups to comment on and shape the developing plans.

Strong attendance at the public exhibitions which National Grid have held between 2015 and 2019 has demonstrated a sustained interest in the project among local residents and stakeholders. The attendance of local residents, as well as a number of key stakeholders and elected members, demonstrates that the consultation raised awareness of the proposals among members of the local community and provided the opportunity to comment and raise any questions.

4.2 Listening to the community

Throughout the project feedback received has demonstrated strong support for National Grid's proposals, either from formally submitted feedback or verbal responses, there has been clear support from local people. A clear majority of visitors to the exhibitions supported the vision of the VIP project and its potential to enhance the local landscape, as is evident in the written feedback received.

The most significant concerns raised related to the potential disruption that could be caused by the project, particularly in relation to traffic. National Grid has carefully considered and responded to this feedback by examining its comprehensive plans to mitigate the impact of construction, ensuring that all issues and concerns raised are addressed within its planning application and ongoing engagement with stakeholders on management plans.

In addition, National Grid's development management and mitigation measures, as well as its approach to community engagement, were widely praised in the written feedback. Many respondents acknowledged the short-term disruption within the wider context of the aims of the VIP project and its ability to provide long-term improvements to the Snowdonia landscape and community.

4.3 A collaborative project

Through ongoing engagement with the national Stakeholder Advisory Group and the Stakeholder Reference Group, the Snowdonia project has been endorsed and developed in partnership with leading organisations dedicated to conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, wildlife and environmental heritage within our most protected landscapes

Through its collaborative approach, National Grid has empowered the local community to help develop a world-first project – a stakeholder-led project to mitigate the impact of an existing electricity transmission line, undertaken in partnership with leading landscape organisations.

The valuable input received throughout the engagement process has resulted in a project which will deliver specific landscape improvements in Gwynedd, not only for the local community, but for all who enjoy Wales' most precious landscapes

APPENDIX A

Copy of Site Notice – Schedule 1C and Associated Photographs December 2019 – January 2020



Cynnig i Osod Rhan o'r Llinell Uwchben Bresennol o Dan y Ddaear

ATODLEN 1C: HYSBYSIAD YMGYNGHORI CYN CYFLWYNO CAIS AM GANIATÂD CYNLLUNIO O DAN ERTHYGL 2D - Gorchymyn Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Gweithdrefn Rheoli Datblygu) (Cymru) 2012 (fel y'i diwygiwyd).

Hysbysir fod National Grid yn bwriadu cyflwyno cais am ganiatâd cynllunio ar gyfer adeiladu dau adeilad pen twnnel a chompownd seilo er mwyn gallu gosod rhan o'r llinell uwchben presennol o dan y ddaear o'r Garth, ger Minffordd, ar draws aber afon Dwyryd ac i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o Giffor ar ochr orllewinol Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri er mwyn gwella trwydd ac amwynder gwledol yr ardal.

Mae'r hysbysiad hwn yn gais ffurfiol am ymateb ymgynghori cyn ymgaisio o dan erthygl 2D o Orchymyn Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Gweithdrefn Rheoli Datblygu) (Cymru) 2012.

Mae'r safle i'w weld ar y map isod.



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Eloise Frank

Eloise Frank, Rheolwr y Proiect Darpariaeth Effaith Weledol (Gogledd) 06/12/19

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Proposed Undergrounding of a Section of Existing Overhead Line

SCHEDULE 10: CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 2D - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended).

Notice is given that, to improve the landscape and visual amenity of the area, National Grid is intending to apply for planning permission for the construction of two tunnel head houses and a sealing end compound allowing a section of existing overhead line to be undergrounded from Garth, near Minfordd across the Dwyryd Estuary and north east of Cŵlwr within the western edge of Snowdonia National Park.

This notice comprises a formal request for a pre-application consultation response under article 2D of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012.

The site location is illustrated on the map below.



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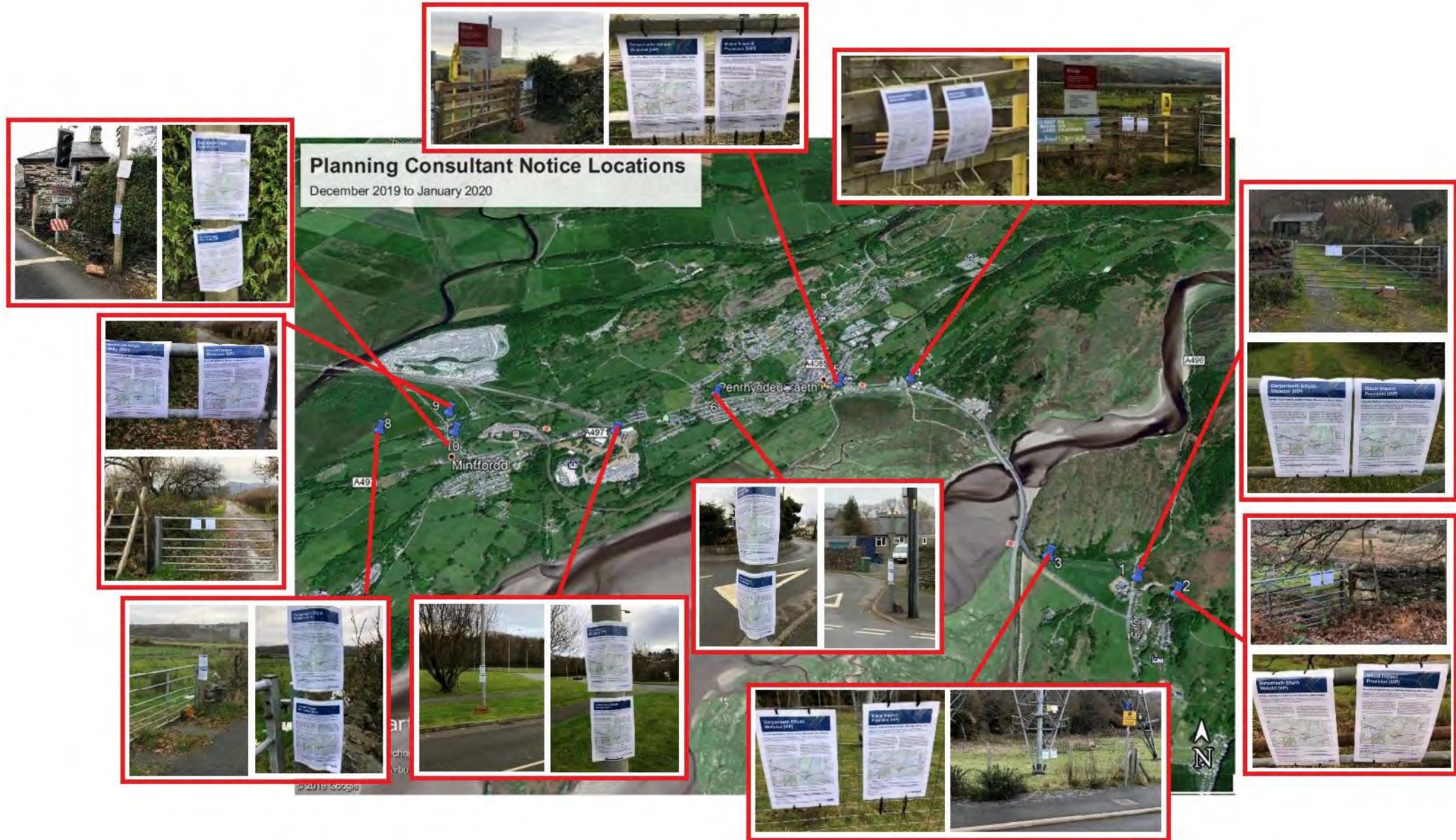
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Signed

Eloise Frank

Eloise Frank, VIP Project Manager (North) 06/12/19

Map and photographs of notices in situ. December 2019 – January 2020



APPENDIX B

Schedule of all consultees notified of Proposed Development

List of statutory and specialist consultees December 2019 – January 2020

Organisation	Address
Snowdonia National Park Authority	National Park Office, Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd, LL48 6LF
Snoowdonia National Park Authority – Planning and Access Committee	Dolawen, Penygarth, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 1EY
Snoowdonia National Park Authority – Planning and Access Committee	Cerddin, Llanymawddwy, Machynlleth, Powys, SY20 9AJ
Snoowdonia National Park Authority – Planning and Access Committee	Bod Aeron, Heol Pensarn, Y Bala, Gwynedd, LL23 7SR
Snoowdonia National Park Authority – Planning and Access Committee	Cae Coch, Rhostryfan, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL54 7PF
Snoowdonia National Park Authority – Planning and Access Committee	Llidiart Ysbyty, Tremadog, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9RN
Snoowdonia National Park Authority – Planning and Access Committee	1 Penbryn Estate, Harlech, Gwynedd, LL46 2SL
Snoowdonia National Park Authority – Planning and Access Committee	Plas Uchaf, Talsarnau, Gwynedd, LL47 6YA
Snoowdonia National Park Authority – Planning and Access Committee	Glyn Awel, Waunfawr, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4YY
Snoowdonia National Park Authority – Planning and Access Committee	Fferm Cynant Ganol, Betws-yn-Rhos, Abergele, Conwy, LL22 8YN
Snoowdonia National Park Authority – Planning and Access Committee	Hafod Ddwryd, Maentwrog, Gwynedd, LL41 4HN
Snoowdonia National Park Authority – Planning and Access Committee	Tyddyn Bach, Penygroes, Caernarfon, LL54 6PS
Snoowdonia National Park Authority – Planning and Access Committee	Richmond House, Abermawr, Gwynedd, LL42 1DW
Snoowdonia National Park Authority – Planning and Access Committee	2 Mount Pleasant, Llysfaen, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8SN
Snoowdonia National Park Authority – Planning and Access Committee	Hafod Geunan, Nebo, Llanrwst, LL26 0TD
Snoowdonia National Park Authority – Planning and Access Committee	Gallt y Ffrwd, Llanfrothen, Gwynedd, LL34 6DZ
Snoowdonia National Park Authority – Planning and Access Committee	Tai Newyddion, Nant Ffrancon, Bethesda, Gwynedd, LL57 3DQ
Snoowdonia National Park Authority – Planning and Access Committee	Lake House, 21 Ford Street, Clun, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 8LD
Member of Parliament for Dwyfor Meirionnydd	Swyddfa Plaid Cymru, Stryd Glyndwr, Dolgellau, Gwynedd,
Assembly Member for Dwyfor Meirionnydd	National Assembly, Ty Hywel, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff, CF99 1NA

Assembly Member for Mid and West Wales	National Assembly, Ty Hywel, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff, CF99 1NA
Assembly Member for Mid and West Wales	National Assembly, Ty Hywel, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff, CF99 1NA
Gwynedd Council Planning Committee	Bod Aeron, Heol Pensarn, Y Bala, Gwynedd, LL23 7SR
Gwynedd Council Planning Committee	Afallon, Groeslon, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL54 7TU
Councillor for Penrhyndeudraeth	Alaw Cynfal, Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd, LL48 6PR
Councillor for Talsarnau and Harlech	1 Penbryn Estate, Harlech, Gwynedd, LL46 2SL
Councillor for Trawsfynydd	Hafod Ddwryd, Maentwrog, Gwynedd, LL41 4HN
Gwynedd Council Cabinet	Swyddfa'r Arweinydd, Cyngor Gwynedd, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 1SH
Gwynedd Council Cabinet	Isfryn, Llanillechid, Bethesda, Gwynedd, LL57 3LB
Gwynedd Council	Gwynedd Council, Ffordd y Cob, Pwllheli, Gwynedd, LL53 5AA
Penrhyndeudraeth Town Council	3 Tai Meirion, Beddgelert, Gwynedd, LL55 4NB
Talsarnau Community Council	Plas Uchaf Talsarnau Gwynedd LL47 6YA
Maentwrog Community Council	4 Heol Bowydd Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd, LL41 3HL
Porthmadog Town Council	44 Maes Gerddi, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9LE
Natural Resources Wales	Ffordd Penlan, Marc Menai, Bangor, LL57 4DE
RSPB Cymru (North Wales Head Office)	Uned 14, Llys Castan, Ffordd y Parc, Parc Menai, Bangor, LL57 4FH
CPRW	c/o Ty Gwyn, 31 High Street, Welshpool, SY21 7YD
North Wales Wildlife Trust	Head Office, 376 High Street, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 1YE
Woodland Trust	Woodland Trust, Kempton Way, Grantham, NG31 6LL
Cadw,	Cadw, Plas Carew, Unit 5/7 Cefn Coed, Parc Nantgarw, Cardiff, CF15 7QQ
Gwynedd Archaeological Planning Service	Craig Beuno, Garth Road, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2RT
National Trust, North West Wales Area Office	Penrhyn Castle, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 4HN
Council for British Archaeology in Wales	c/o Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust, 41 Broad Street, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 7RR
Eryri Association	Gardener's Cottage, Tredegar House, Newport, NP10 8YW
Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales	Plas Crug, Aberystwyth, SY23 1NJ
Tourism Partnership North Wales	Suite 6, Carlton Court, 56 Ffordd William Morgan, St Asaph Business Park, Denbighshire, LL17 0JG
North Wales Tourist Guiding Association	Waterloo Port, Caernarfon, LL55 1LP
Visit Wales	High Street, Porthmadog, LL49 9LP
Wales Tourism Alliance,	77 Conwy Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 7LN
Ramblers Cymru	3 Cooper's Yard, Curran Road, Cardiff, CF10 5NB

Ride North Wales	c/o Denbighshire Countryside Serci
Country Land and Business Association	Tŷ Cymru, Presteigne Enterprise Park, Presteigne, Powys, LD8 2UF
Farmers Union Wales	Merioneth, Ty Mawr, Dolgellau, Gwynedd, LL40 1AF
NFU	Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd, Builth Wells, LD2 3TU
North Wales Business Club	P.O. Box 41, North Wales, LL24 OZF
West Cheshire and North Wales Chamber of Commerce	Riverside Innovation Centre, 1 Castle Drive, Chester, CH1 1SL
Gwynedd Business Network	Intec, Parc Menai, Gwynedd, LL57 4FG
Federation of Small Businesses	PO Box 244, Rhyl, LL18 9BY
Magnox, Trawsfynydd Site	Trawsfynydd Site, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd, LL41 4DT
Snowdonia Society	Caba, Brynrefail, Caernarfon, LL55 3NR
Network Rail	Floor 5, Callaghan Square, Cardiff, CF10 5BT
Dwr Cymru	Pentwyn Road, Nelson, Treharris, CF46 6LY

APPENDIX C

Copy of Site Notice – Schedule 1B and letter given to owners and occupants of adjoining land. December 2019 – January 2020



Cynnig i Osod Rhan o'r Llinell Uwchben Bresennol o Dan y Ddaear

ATODLEN 1B: HYSBYSIAD CYHOEDDUSRWYDD AC YMGYNGHORI CYN CYFLWYNO CAIS AM GANIATÂD CYNLLUNIO O DAN ERTHYGLAU 2C A 2D – Gorchymyn Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Gweithdrefn Rheoli Datblygu) (Cymru) 2012 (fel y'i diwygiwyd).

Hysbysir fod National Grid yn bwriadu cyflwyno cais am ganiatâd cynllunio ar gyfer adeiladu dau adeilad pen twnnel a chrocownd seic ar mwyn gallu gosod rhan o'r llinell uwchben presennol o dan y ddaear o'r Garth, ger Minffordd, ar draws aber afon Dwyryd ac i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o Giffon ar ochr orllewinol Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri ar mwyn gwela llwedd ac armynder gwledol yr ardal.

Mae'r hysbysiad hwn yn rhoi'r cytfe i chi gyflwyno sylw ynghylch y cynigion yn uniongyrchol i'r datolygwyr cyn i'r

cais cynllunio gael ei gyflwyno ar y cyd i Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri a Chyngor Gwynedd. Bydd y cais cynllunio difynol yn cael cyhoeddiarwydd gan Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri a Chyngor Gwynedd; ni fydd unrhyw sylwadau a gyflwynir mewn ymateb i'r hysbysiad hwn yn rhaglannu eich gallu i gyflwyno sylwadau i Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri na Chyngor Gwynedd ar unrhyw gais cynllunio cysylliedig. Dylech nodi y gallai unrhyw sylwadau gael eu cynnwys mewn ffeil gynboddus. Mae'r safle i'w weld ar y map isod.



Gallwch chi archwilio copiâu o'r cais arfaethedig, y cynlluniau a dogfenau ategol eraill ar-lein ar <http://snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk/?lang=cy>

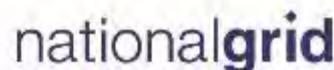
Mae cyfrifiaduron i allu gweld yr wybodaeth hon ar-lein a chopi papur ar gael yn swyddoleidd Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri ym Mhenmyndeudraeth Ll. 48 Bl. F o 8 Rhagfyr 2019 yn ystod yr oriau a nodir isod: 9am-5pm, Dydd LLun - Dydd Gwener.

Dylai unrhyw un sydd eisiau gwneud sylwadau am y datblygiad arfaethedig hwn ysgrifennu atom:
E-bost: visualimpact@nationalgrid.com Dyfeirid: **FREEPOST VISUAL IMPACT PROVISION**
Gwefan: <http://snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk/?lang=cy>

A fydddech cystal ag ymateb erbyn: 10/01/20

Llofnodwyd *Elise Frank*

Elise Frank, Rheolwr y Proiect Darpariaeth Effaith Weledol (Gogledd) 06/12/19



Visual Impact Provision (VIP)

Proposed Undergrounding of a Section of Existing Overhead Line

SCHEDULE 1B: PUBLICITY AND CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION NOTICE UNDER ARTICLES 2C AND 2D - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended).

Notice is given that, to improve the landscape and visual amenity of the area, National Grid is intending to apply for planning permission for the construction of two tunnel head houses and a sealing end compound allowing a section of existing overhead line to be undergrounded from Garth, near Minffordd across the Dwyryd Estuary and north east of Clifor within the western edge of Snowdonia National Park.

application that is to be submitted jointly to Snowdonia National Park Authority and Gwynedd Council. The subsequent planning application will be publicised by Snowdonia National Park Authority and Gwynedd Council; any comments provided in response to this notice will not prejudice your ability to make representations to Snowdonia National Park Authority or Gwynedd Council on any related planning application. You should note that any comments submitted may be placed on the public file. The site location is illustrated on the map below.

This notice provides the opportunity to comment directly to the developer on the proposals prior to the planning



You may inspect copies of the proposed application, plans and other supporting documents online at <http://snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk/>

Computer facilities to view this information online and a hard copy are available at the Snowdonia National Park Authority offices at Penrhyndeudraeth LL48 6LF from 6 December 2019 during the hours of: 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this proposed development must write to us at:
 Email: visualimpact@nationalgrid.com Address: **FREEPOST VISUAL IMPACT PROVISION**
 Website: <http://snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk/>

Please respond by: 10/01/20

Signed *Eloise Frank*

Eloise Frank, VIP Project Manager (North) 06/12/19

Rhadffôn/freephone: 0800 019 1898
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Address 1
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Dyddiad: 4 Rhagfyr 2019

Annwyl ,

DARPARIAETH EFFAITH WELEDOL (VIP) - PROSIECT ERYRI:

Hysbysiad Cyhoedduswydd ac Ymgynghori cyn cyflwyno cais am Ganiatâd Cynllunio o dan Erthyglau 2C a 2D - Gorchymyn Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Gweithdrefn Rheoli Datblygu) (Cymru) 2012 (fel y'i diwygiwyd).

Rwy'n ysgrifennu atoch i roi gwybod i chi fod National Grid yn bwriadu cyflwyno cais cynllunio ar gyfer adeilad pen twnnel, un yn y Garth ger Minffordd ac un yng Nghilfor ar ochr orllewinol Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri; compowndiau selio sy'n angenrheidiol er mwyn gosod y cysylltiad trydan foltedd uchel presennol mewn twnnel o dan y ddaear; a thynnu peilonau ar aber afon Dwyrdd.

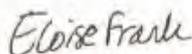
Mae'r hysbysiad safle sydd wedi'i atodi (yn Gymraeg a Saesneg) yn cael ei arddangos yn gyhoeddus o amgylch safle'r cais. Mae'r hysbysiad safle yn rhoi gwybod i gymdogaion cyfagos i'r safle ac ymgynghoreion cymunedol am y cynigion sydd wedi'u cynnwys yn y cais, am yr ymgynghori sy'n digwydd ac mae'n cynnwys manylion ynghylch sut mae ymateb i'r ymgynghoriad.

Fel rhan o'r ymgynghoriad hwn, rydym yn sicrhau bod copïau o'r dogfennau ar gael yn lleol ac ar-lein. Bydd copi cyflawn o'n dogfennau cyn ymgeisio ar gael i'w gweld yn **Swyddfa Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri, Penrhyndeudraeth, LL48 6LF** tan 10 Ionawr 2020, er mwyn i bobl allu gweld ein cynlluniau'n fwy manwl. Mae'r dogfennau ymgynghori hyn ar gael ar ein gwefan hefyd yn <http://snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk/?lang=cy>, ac mae'n cynnwys dogfen sy'n crynhoi'r cais.

Byddwn yn cynnal digwyddiad ymgynghori â'r cyhoedd rhwng 2pm ac 8pm ar 11 Rhagfyr 2019 yn **Swyddfa Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri, Penrhyndeudraeth, LL48 6LF**. Bydd hwn yn gyfle i chi ddod draw i weld ein dogfennau ac i siarad ag aelodau o dim Prosiect Effaith Weledol National Grid. Gobeithiwn eich gweld chi yn y digwyddiad. Does dim angen gwneud apwyntiad, felly dewch draw pan fydd hi'n gyfleus i chi.

Os oes gennych unrhyw gwestiynau am ein gwaith, neu os hoffech gael rhagor o wybodaeth, cysylltwch â'n tîm cysylltiadau cymunedol ar 0800 019 1898, anfonwch e-bost at visualimpact@nationalgrid.com neu ewch i <http://snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk/?lang=cy>.

Yn gywir,



Eloise Frank
Rheolwr y Prosiect Darpariaeth Effaith Weledol (Gogledd), National Grid

Amg. Hysbysiad Safle ATODLEN 1B: HYSBYSIAD CYHOEDDUSRWYDD AC YMGYNGHORI CYN CYFLWYNO CAIS AM GANIATÂD CYNLLUNIO O DAN ERTHYGLAU 2C A 2D - Gorchymyn Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Gweithdrefn Rheoli Datblygu) (Cymru) 2012 (fel y'i diwygiwyd).

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Address 1
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Date: 4 December 2019

Dear,

**SNOWDONIA VISUAL IMPACT PROVISION (VIP) PROJECT:
Publicity & Consultation before applying for Planning Permission Notice Under Articles 2C & 2D – Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended)**

I am writing to notify you of National Grid's intention to submit a planning application for the tunnel headhouses, one in Garth near Minffordd, and one in Cilfor within the western edge of Snowdonia National Park, and sealing end compounds that are needed to place the existing high voltage electricity connection in a tunnel underground and remove pylons across the Dwyryd Estuary.

The attached site notice (in English and Welsh) are displayed for public viewing around the application site. The site notice informs adjoining site neighbours and community consultees of the proposals within the application, the consultation taking place and provides details on how to respond to the consultation.

As part of this consultation we're making copies of documents available locally and online. Until 10 January 2020, a complete copy of our pre-application documentation will be available to view at the Snowdonia National Park Authority Office, Penrhyndeudraeth, LL48 6LF, so people can look at our plans in more detail. We've also made these consultation documents available on our website at <http://snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk/>, which includes a summary document of the application.

We'll be holding a public consultation event between 2pm and 8pm on 11 December 2019 at Snowdonia National Park Authority Office, Penrhyndeudraeth, LL48 6LF. This will be an opportunity for you to come along and view our documents and speak to members of the National Grid VIP team. We hope to see you at the event, there's no need to make an appointment so please come along at a time convenient to you.

If you have questions about our work or would like any information please contact our community relations team on 0800 019 1898, email visualimpact@nationalgrid.com or visit <http://snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

Eloise Frank
National Grid, VIP Project Manager (North)

Enc. Site Notice SCHEDULE 1B: PUBLICITY AND CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION NOTICE UNDER ARTICLES 2C AND 2D - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended).

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APPENDIX D

Copy of Site Notice and letter given to specialist consultees December 2019
January 2020

Darpariaeth Effaith Weledol (VIP)



Cynnig i Osod Rhan o'r Llinell Uwchben Bresennol o Dan y Ddaear

ATODLEN 1C: HYSBYSIAD YMGYNGHORI CYN CYFLWYNO CAIS AM GANIATÂD CYNLLUNIO O DAN ERTHYGL 2D - Gorchymyn Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Gweithdrefn Rheoli Datblygu) (Cymru) 2012 (fel y'i diwygliwyd).

Hysbysir fod National Grid yn bwriadu cyflwyno cais am ganiatâd cynllunio ar gyfer adeiladu dau adeilad pen twnell a chompownd seilo er mwyn gallu gosod rhan o'r llinell uwchben presennol o dan y ddaear o'r Garth, ger Minffordd, ar draws aber afon Dwyrdd ac i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o Gifford ar ochr orllewinol Parc Cenedlaethol Fryri er mwyn gwella tirwedd ac amwynder gwledol yr ardal.

Mae'r hysbysiad hwn yn gais ffurfiol am ymateb ymgynghori cyn ymgeisio o dan erthygl 2D a Orchymyn Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Gweithdrefn Rheoli Datblygu) (Cymru) 2012.

Mae'r safle i'w weld ar y map isod.



Mae copi o'r cais arfaethedig, y cynlluniau a dogfenau ategol eraill ar gael i'w gweld ar-lein ar <http://snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk/?lang=cy>

Yn unol â gofynion erthygl 2E o Orchymyn Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Gweithdrefn Rheoli Datblygu) (Cymru) 2012, rhaid anfon ymateb i'r ymgynghoriad at VisualImpact@nationalgrid.com erbyn 10/01/20.

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Eloise Frank

Eloise Frank, Rheolwr y Proiect Darpariaeth Effaith Weledol (Gogledd) 06/12/19

Visual Impact Provision (VIP)

Proposed Undergrounding of a Section of Existing Overhead Line

SCHEDULE 1G: CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 2D - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended).

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This notice comprises a formal request for a pre-application consultation response under article 2D of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012.

The site location is illustrated on the map below.



A copy of the proposed application, plans and other supporting documents can be viewed online at <http://snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk/>

In accordance with the requirements of article 2E of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012. A consultation response must be sent to VisualImpact@nationalgrid.com by 10/01/20

Signed

Eloise Frank

Eloise Frank, VIP Project Manager (North) 06/12/19

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04/12/19

Annwyl

Tynnu peilonau o aber afon Dwryd: ymgynghoriad ar y cais cynllunio

Mae National Grid yn lansio ymgynghoriad ar Brosiect Eryri - Darpariaeth Effaith Weledol (VIP) ar 6 Rhagfyr 2019. Byddwn yn ymgynghori ar ein cais cynllunio ar gyfer yr adeiladau pen twnnel, ffordd mynediad a chompowndiau adeiladu sy'n angenrheidiol er mwyn gosod y cysylltiad trydan foltedd uchel presennol mewn twnnel o dan y ddaear a thynnu peilonau ar draws aber afon Dwryd.

Bydd y prosiect arfaethedig yn gwella'r dirwedd yn y rhan hon o Barc Cenedlaethol Eryri drwy dynnu 10 peilon ar draws 3km o linellau trydan uwchben ar draws aber afon Dwryd rhwng y Garth a Chilfor. Mae'r prosiect hwn yn un o bedwar yn unig yng Nghymru a Lloegr a fydd yn manteisio ar ddarpariaeth gwerth £500 miliwn gan Ofgem i leihau effaith weledol linellau trawsyrru trydan foltedd uchel presennol mewn Ardaloedd o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol a Pharciau Cenedlaethol.

Mae eich barn chi fel aelod o Pwyllgor Cynllunio a Mynediad Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri yn bwysig i'n helpu ni i lunio ein cynigion terfynol cyn cyflwyno ein cais cynllunio. Rydym wedi cynnal cyfres o gyfarfodydd â rhanddeiliaid a chwe digwyddiad 'galw heibio' i'r cyhoedd yn y Parc Cenedlaethol ers 2015. Rydym wedi cael llawer iawn o adborth gan yr holl rhanddeiliaid, gan gynnwys Awdurdod y Parc Cenedlaethol, Cyngor Gwynedd, Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru, Cadw, yr Ymddiriedolaeth Genedlaethol a'r Cyngorau Tref a Chymuned. Rydym yn croesawu'r adborth sydd wedi dod i law hyd yma - mae wedi helpu i ddatblygu'r cais cynllunio. Byddem yn croesawu unrhyw sylwadau eraill cyn cyflwyno ein cais am ganiatâd cynllunio.

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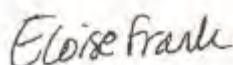
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Yn gywir,



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As a member of the Snowdonia National Park Authority Planning and Access Committee your views are important in assisting us to finalise our proposals before we submit our planning application. Since 2015, we have held a series of meetings with stakeholders and six public 'drop-in' events in the National Park. We've received a significant amount of feedback from all stakeholders, including the National Park Authority, Gwynedd Council, Natural Resources Wales, Cadw, National Trust and the Town and Community Councils. We welcome the feedback received to date and this feedback has informed the development of the planning application. We welcome any further comments in advance of submission of our application for planning consent.

In order to help you consider a response to our consultation, we're making copies of documents available locally and online. Until 10 January 2020, a complete copy of our pre-application documentation will be available to view in Snowdonia National Park Authority Office, Penrhyndeudraeth, LL48 6LF, so people can look at our plans in more detail. We've also made these consultation documents available on our website at <http://snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk/>, which includes a summary document of the environmental work which will support the application.

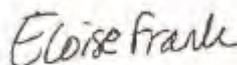
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APPENDIX E

Letter issued to 1300 local residents and community members in
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4 Rhagfyr 2019

Annwyl Breswlydd,

Tynnu peilonau o aber afon Dwyrdd: ymgynghori ar y cais cynllunio

Mae National Grid yn lansio ymgynghoriad ar Brosiect Eryri - Darpariaeth Effaith Weledol (VIP) ar 6 Rhagfyr 2019. Byddwn yn ymgynghori ar ein cais cynllunio ar gyfer yr adeiladau pen twnnel, ffyrdd mynediad a chompowndiau adeiladu sy'n angenrheidiol er mwyn gosod y cysylltiad trydan foltedd uchel presennol mewn twnnel o dan y ddaear a thynnu peilonau ar draws aber afon Dwyrdd.

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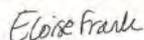
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We've been working closely with local technical stakeholders, including the Snowdonia National Park Authority, Gwynedd Council, Cadw, Natural Resources Wales and the National Trust, as well as landowners and independent landscape consultants, to develop our plans. To support our application, we have carried out many detailed ecological and engineering surveys and considered potential alternative routes for the new underground connection.

Since 2015, we have held two rounds of consultation and six public 'drop-in' events in the National Park. We've received a significant amount of feedback from members of the public and stakeholders in the area. This engagement and feedback has been read and considered in developing the design for our project and will be reflected within our planning application.

Throughout this process we've taken on board the comments of local people and this is your final chance to comment on our proposals before we submit our application. As part of this consultation we're making copies of documents available locally and online. These documents are where you can find out more about our proposals.

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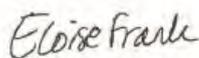
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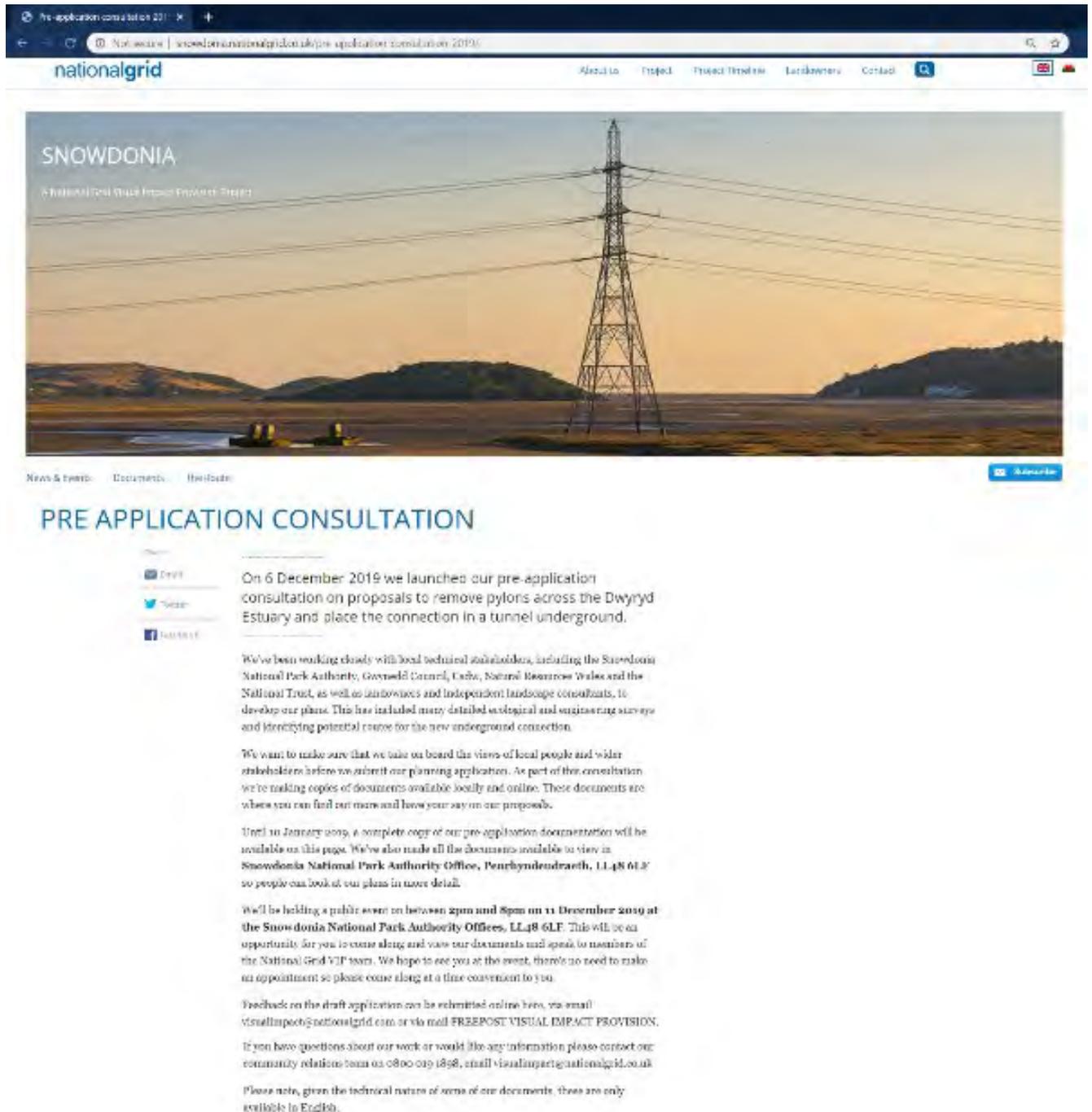
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APPENDIX G

Copies of all responses received from Specialist Consultees. December 2019
– January 2020

Adran Amgylchedd / Environment Department
Gwasanaeth Cynllunio a Gwarchod y Cyhoedd /
Planning and Public Protection Service
Uwch Reolwr / Senior Manager - Gareth Jones



ELOISE FRANK
VIP PROJECT MANAGER (NORTH)
NATIONAL GRID

07-Jan-2020

Bwriad / Proposal: Removing pylons from the Dwyryd Estuary – consultation on planning application

Lleoliad / Location: Minffordd, Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd

Dear Sir / Madam,

PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION RESPONSE

I write following the receipt of the pre-application consultation letter dated 04.12.2019 in relation to the above proposed development.

As you will be aware, officers from Gwynedd Council Local Planning Authority have been in discussions with National Grid in relation to this proposal; and the submitted documents and plans which form part of this consultation have resulted from those discussions.

I would also note that the proposal has been subject to two screening opinions under references C18/0962/08/SS and NP5/77/E336A and Gwynedd Council Local Planning Authority's responses to both are attached.

This response is in relation to the part of the development that is located within the area covered by Gwynedd Council Local Planning Authority only, specifically the development sited at the western end at Minffordd.

The Local Planning Authority notes the Gwynedd and Anglesey Joint Local Development Policies included in Chapter 5: Planning Policy, and would comment as follows.

Welsh Language (JLDP Policy PS1, [Supplementary Planning Guidance - Maintaining and Creating Distinctive and Sustainable Communities](#), TAN 20 Welsh Language)

Notwithstanding that impact on the Welsh Language and Culture have been scoped out at the screening stage, applications for planning permission which exceed the thresholds noted in policy PS1 will require a Welsh Language Statement, and proposals are expected to conform to the criteria as noted in the policy.

Transportation / Highway Issues and Traffic Impact (JLDP Policies TRA 4, PS5, PCYFF 2, TAN 18 Transport)

I note that chapter 12 of your submission deals with Transport, and trust that you have discussed and consulted with the Gwynedd Council Transportation Unit in relation to the development and that the submitted application will be in accordance with the advice given. I also note the advice given in previous responses to screening opinions; which have been attached to this response.

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Flooding/Drainage (JLDP Policies ISA 1, PS5, PS6, PCYFF 3, PCYFF 6, TAN 15 Development and Flood Risk)

I note that chapter 9 of your submission deals with flooding and drainage and water resources. As you are aware the proposal site lies within a C2 Floodzone, and as previously confirmed the proposed development falls within the less vulnerable development category as defined in Figure 2 within TAN 15, however a Flood Consequence Assessment is required and Natural Resources Wales will assess the content and scope of the FCA and whether it conforms with the requirements of TAN 15.

You are also aware that from January 7th 2019, all new developments where the construction area with drainage implications is 100m² or more, will require sustainable drainage to manage on-site surface water. Surface water drainage systems must be designed and built in accordance with mandatory standards for sustainable drainage published by Welsh Ministers. These systems must be approved by Gwynedd Council acting in its role as a SuDS Approving Body (SAB), before construction work begins. The SAB will have a duty to adopt compliant systems which serve more than one property so long as it is built and functions in accordance with the approved proposals, including any SAB conditions of approval.

For further information please follow the link below or contact [REDACTED]

<https://gov.wales/topics/environmentcountryside/epq/flooding/drainage/?lang=en>

In addition to this policy PCYFF 6 requires that proposals greater than 1000m² should be accompanied by a Water Conservation Statement.

Gwynedd Council Drainage Unit are responsible for assessing the submitted Water Conservation Statement and the requirement for Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems, and I understand that you have already been in discussion with this Unit with regards to these matters.

I also note the advice given in previous responses to screening opinions; which have been attached to this response.

Biodiversity and Ecological Issues (JLDP Policies PS19, AMG 5, AMG 6, TAN 5: Development and Nature Conservation)

I note that you have provided information on the biodiversity and ecology of the proposed, which includes a habitat survey and habitat regulations report, in site in several of your submitted chapters, and trust that you have discussed and consulted with the Council's Biodiversity Unit and Natural Resources Wales for advice on these matters.

I also note the advice given in previous responses to screening opinions; which have been attached to this response.

Visual Impact (JLDP Policies PS5, PCYFF 3, PCYFF 4, AMG 2, AMG 3)

Chapter 6 includes a Landscape and Visual Appraisal and includes photomontages of the proposal, and that this is based on previous discussion with ourselves, Snowdonia National Park and Natural Resources Wales. Based on the information submitted, the Local Planning Authority considers that the proposed development is acceptable in terms of location, design and external finish; and that it is unlikely to have a detrimental effect on the visual amenity of the area; subject to the statutory and public consultation carried out during the application stage.

I note that Natural Resources Wales will also respond and provide comments with regard to visual impact and their comments will be taken into consideration during the assessment period.

I also note the advice given in previous responses to screening opinions; which have been attached to this response.

Impact on Heritage assets (JLDP Policies PS20, AT1, AT3, AT4, TAN 24 The Historic Environment)

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Chapter 8 deals with Archaeology and Cultural Heritage, and I am aware that you have had discussions and input from Gwynedd Archaeological Planning Service and Gwynedd Council Senior Conservation Officer in relation to the proposal, and that you are acting on their advice.

I trust that you have consulted with the above and CADW in relation to the proposed development.

I also note the advice given in previous responses to screening opinions; which have been attached to this response.

Impact on amenities (JLDP Policies PS5, PCYFF 2, PCYFF 3)

The proposed location of the tunnel head house is located near to a number of residential dwellings; however due to the layout of the site, size, scale and external finish of the buildings, the LPA does not consider that the proposal is likely to have a detrimental effect on the amenities of the neighbouring properties.

I note that you have been in discussion with the Council's Public Protection Unit and Transportation Unit for advice in relation to noise, pollution and traffic.

I also note the advice given in previous responses to screening opinions; which have been attached to this response.

Carbon Management (JLDP Policy PCYFF 5)

The contents of your submissions are noted, however should the proposal exceed the thresholds set in policy PCYFF 5, an Energy Statement should be submitted as part of your application.

Yr eiddoch yn gywir / Yours faithfully



RHEOLWR CYNLLUNIO / PLANNING MANAGER

YMWARTHODIAD / DISCLAIMER

Rhoddir unrhyw farn neu safbwynt a fynegir yn ddi-dwyll, ond heb ragfarnu'r ystyriaeth a roddir i gais cynllunio. Ni all cyngor a ddarparwyd cyn gwneud cais glymu'r awdurdod cynllunio lleol i ddeilliant penodol. Pan gyflwynir cais cynllunio ffurfiol ni ellir gwneud y penderfyniad terfynol hyd nes bod y Cyngor wedi ymgynghori â phobl leol, ymgynghoreion statudol ac unrhyw barti arall â diddordeb. Yn unol ag Adran 38(6) o Ddeddf Cynllunio a Phrynu Gorfodol 2004, byddwn yn penderfynu ceisiadau yn unol â'r Cynllun Datblygu, oni bai bod ystyriaeth faterol cynllunio yn nodi fel arall. Hefyd, dylech fod yn ymwybodol na all swyddogion warantu'r penderfyniad ffurfiol terfynol a wneir ar gais.

Any views or opinions expressed are given in good faith, without prejudice to the consideration given to any planning application. Any pre-application advice provided does not bind the local planning authority to any specific outcome. When a formal planning application is submitted, the final decision cannot be made until the Council has consulted with local people, statutory consultees and any other interested parties. In accordance with Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, we will determine applications in accordance with the Development Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. You should also be aware that officers cannot guarantee the final formal decision made on an application.

Mae gan Dŵr Cymru ran allweddol i'w chwarae yn y broses datblygu a chynllunio a byddem yn annog pob datblygwr i ymgysylltu â hwy mor fuan â bo modd er mwyn mynd i'r afael ag unrhyw faterion a allai godi yn ystod y broses cynllunio/adeiladu. I gynorthwyo, mae Dŵr Cymru yn gweithredu gwasanaeth cynllunio ymlaen llaw er mwyn asesu effaith y datblygiad arfaethedig. Darperir ymateb ysgrifenedig yn cynghori p'un a allai'r rhwydwaith/rhwydweithiau carthffos lleol, rhwydwaith/rhwydweithiau dŵr yfeda Gweithiau Trin Dŵr Gwastraff gefnogi'r cynnig ai peidio, a fydd angen darparu cyflenwad dŵr a/neu garthffosydd oddi ar y safle ac a oes unrhyw gyfarpar wedi'i leoli o fewn y tir yr hoffech ei ddatblygu, a'r gofynion ar gyfer y cyfarpar hwn. Darperir y gwasanaeth hwn am ffi o £149 + TAW a gellir ei

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Dear [REDACTED]

**RESPONSE BY NATIONAL TRUST TO DECEMBER 2019 CONSULTATION
REMOVAL OF PYLONS FROM THE DWYRYD ESTUARY**

I refer to your letter dated 4/12/19 concerning the above project.

I provide for your information the response from National Trust to the consultation.

The National Trust exists to care for the special places of Wales so that they can be enjoyed forever by everyone. Established over 125 years ago, our primary purpose is to promote the preservation of special places for the benefit of the nation. We place great importance on the conservation, management and enjoyment of the natural and historic environment both within and beyond our boundaries. We care for 157 miles of beautiful Welsh coast, 45,000 hectares of land, 97% of which is registered as agricultural land, and ten of the fourteen peaks over 3000 ft. We are the guardian of 18 of Wales's finest castles, houses, gardens and industrial sites. We care for archaeological sites, designed and cultural landscapes, buildings, architecture and parks and gardens, 175 Scheduled Ancient Monuments and 381 listed buildings. We currently have approximately 240 agricultural tenancies, 6000 volunteers and welcomed 1,600,000 visitors to our properties in the last year. There are 186,000 of our members who live in Wales.

Over the last 120 years we have continually sought to ensure that the nation's countryside, heritage and natural environment are protected for the enjoyment of all and for inheritance by future generations. As a result, the Trust has supported National Grid's Visual Impact Provision (VIP) project (the scheme under which this proposal will be delivered) since its inception. We strongly commend the VIP's ambition to enhance the natural beauty of the nation's special places, our Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) and National Parks.

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National Trust has been pleased to support the VIP project at the national level and also as part of the regional stakeholder group for the Dwyryd Estuary project.

National Trust has a diverse land portfolio within the Dwyryd estuary and also wider land within its visual catchment. We own land on the estuary (forming part of the access) that will be subject to the removal of pylons 4ZC030, 4ZC030R and 4ZC031: land that is included in the future Marine Licence for construction access. We own land adjoining the estuary that will bring forward transformational change, and we own much of the estuary backcloth, including the mountain at Cnich which will bring forward cleaner long-distance views into and out of the Snowdonia National Park.

With this context, and the national and international significance of the Snowdonia landscape we are pleased to support the principle of the project. The Trust recognises the tangible landscape benefits this scheme would provide, and by extension, the benefit to people who live, work and visit the area. We also recognise that it is an innovative proposal. The successful completion of the project will represent the first time that existing high-voltage electricity transmission line has been removed purely to enhance the surrounding landscape.

We also recognise the considerable complexity of the project and have a number of specific comments to make with regards to progress.

-complexity of consenting regimes. We would note the summary of the consenting regimes (page 7 Environmental Summary) illustrates the complexity of the project in utilising a range of consenting regimes, including permitted development. There is a clear need to continue an overview of the project via the existing website and communication mechanisms. This will ensure that full information can be obtained on the project, its progress through consenting and construction; and associated submission documents, particularly where the consenting regime does not provide for public information or consultation (eg marine licence). We support the approach taken to date in providing the full project detail and hope this level of detail continues through consenting and into construction.

-engagement. We support the commitment to local engagement and in seeking land owner input to the scheme to date. The current consultation has been a challenge but hopefully will facilitate further progress to submission and a move to multiple consenting during 2020. We would support continued engagement within the community particularly with regard to traffic and tourism issues during construction.

-monitoring. The complexity of consenting regimes and absence of approval regimes for aspects of the project, could rise to lack of monitoring in specific areas of the project. Might it be useful to establish a monitoring framework for the overarching project, for both construction and implementation. This could incorporate some of the potential conditions relating to monitoring from consents but also lie within the exempted aspects of the scheme. A monitoring framework which identifies significance from the consultation documentation and brings forward an identified programme of works (and potential remediation mechanisms) could be a positive response to the issue. A commitment to monitoring within

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Section 3.3.15 of the Environmental Appraisal (Volume 1) would be helpful. Perhaps joining up the process established within the CEMP (para 1.1.3) in relation to identified mitigation and enhancement and the establishment of a monitoring programme for identified and specified limits and thresholds. We would welcome further discussion of this issue.

-architectural strategy. Support is given to the tunnel head house designs for both east and west options, we think the steel-clad finish to the Cilfor tunnel head house is appropriate to the context and is an innovative solution to seek to integrate the structures within the landscape. The use of steel cladding at the National Trust Motisfont Visitor Centre has generated considerable interest and comment and the solution at Cilfor will likely generate the same level of discussion. We note the intention to seek further approval for security fencing and would hope that there is scope for a higher quality and green fencing rather than the standard BS approach which would detract from the design and thought process given to the tunnel head house.

-archaeological watching brief. Support is given to the inclusion of this issue, further discussion in due course on the proposed works across NT land would be welcome;

-employment of ecological clerk of works. Support is given to the commitment to this role, further discussion on the longevity of input to ecological restoration works on the estuary would be welcome. A commitment to post completion survey and reinstatement provision should be included within the outline CEMP;

-Construction Environmental Management Plan issues. Support is given to the employment of an Environmental Manager for the project (para 1.1.4); we would note the CEMP is only in outline and look forward to the contractor detail and commitments to specified limits and thresholds; it would be helpful if a copy of the Consents Register including the existing consent for overhead line removal could be uploaded to the project website (referred to in para 2.2.3 of the CEMP); 3.10.24 provides a timeline for reinstatement based on the completion of construction operations-a monitoring programme and reinstatement post completion for an appropriate period of time is required; 3.19.7 in terms of trackway access-an additional sentence should include a commitment to minimise the length of time trackways are in situ and ensure this principle is included and recognised in the contractor CEMP; 3.19.10 we welcome further information on the proposed Protocol for Archaeological discoveries particularly in relation to trackways across NT land.

-Commentary on EA (listed below):

- Some concerns for lichen interest in the adjacent SAC, although the submission indicates that procedures are in place to ensure air pollution in the SAC will be minimised. NT considers that monitoring should be in place before, during & after. The level of air pollution that may affect lichens is probably unknown (and varies with species) and using the precautionary principle even low levels should at least be monitored;
- Bracken is considered to be of low ecological value but depending on understorey could be of interest (Ffridd with mosaic of bracken & scrub is likely to be a habitat in the

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new S7 list for Wales). NT support the commitment to an ecological walkover prior to the works, and this is secured within the project;

- Pine marten are not mentioned with potential for that species in this area now (project lies within the VWT area with potential for this species). This is not likely to impact the design but if present, confirms importance of woodland/scrub connectivity;
- Low value habitats particularly grasslands can be used by grazing barnacle geese. There is some permanent loss of grassland included in the project. Might the mitigation of this element be confirmed;
- Loss of semi-improved grassland during construction will be mitigated through reinstatement of this habitat once construction works are completed. NT considers that this could be an opportunity for habitat gain through creation of species rich grassland;
- Direct loss of valley mire during construction and indirect loss of valley mire through altered hydrological regime. NT welcome mitigation through improvement of habitat quality in retained areas and retention and reuse of peat' habitat improvement welcome but wish to ensure at least no loss of area;
- 'The requirement for additional compensation for the loss of valley mire habitat will be agreed with the consultees during the consultation process' – there is a need to ensure this does provide real biodiversity gain. NT wish to see this aspect of the scheme confirmed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely,

██████████, Planning Adviser, National Trust

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(Cynllunio, Gwarchod y Cyhoedd, Eiddo, Trafnidiaeth a Chefn Gwlad)
Head of Environment Department
(Planning, Public Protection, Property, Transport & Countryside)



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January 7th 2020

Dear [redacted]
Removing pylons from the Dwryrd Estuary: consultation on planning application

Thank you for consulting the Gwynedd Biodiversity Team on the above.
As you know we have been involved with the development of this project from the early stages and have given input along the way at numerous meetings and also as part Gwynedd Council Planning Department formal responses, the most recent being to the screening/scoping consultation by Snowdonia National Park. Although we have discussed and commented on many aspects of the project, this consultation is for the planning application relating to the Sealing End Compound and Tunnel Head House only. Apart from the comments below, we have nothing further to add.

Biodiversity Enhancements

The environment act 2016 section duty asks that all Public bodies Section 6 under Part 1 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 introduced an enhanced biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems duty (the S6 duty) for public authorities in the exercise of functions in relation to Wales. The S6 duty requires that public authorities must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity so far as consistent with the proper exercise of their functions and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems.

As I mentioned in our most recent meeting December 10th there is an opportunity for biodiversity gain by designing in provision for wildlife in the new Tunnel Head house building. Providing nesting opportunities for swifts would be an easy and valuable enhancement for the project. I realise that attaching structures to a new building can create maintenance issues in the future but with integration into the actual structure, as they have been on numerous projects, these issues this can be avoided. More information on such provision can be seen here:
https://www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Swift_brick

I would be happy to discuss this matter in more detail should it be necessary.
Kind regards

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Biodiversity Team Leader
Environment Department

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APPENDIX H

Letter issued to residents November 2018 – A3 fold

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Dear Resident,

Removing pylons from the Dwyrdd Estuary: public consultation open 15 November to 20 December 2018

We're holding three public consultation events later this month, so that you can find out more and have your say on our proposals to remove pylons across the Dwyrdd Estuary and place the connection in a tunnel deep underground.

The proposed project would see 10 pylons removed along a 3km stretch of overhead electricity line across the Dwyrdd Estuary, from Garth to Cilfor, as part of National Grid's Visual Impact Provision (VIP). This project will make use of a £500 million provision from Ofgem to reduce the visual impact of existing high-voltage electricity transmission lines in English and Welsh Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) and National Parks.

We've been working closely with local technical stakeholders, including the Snowdonia National Park Authority, Gwynedd Council, Cadw, Natural Resources Wales and the National Trust, as well as landowners and independent landscape consultants, to develop our plans. This has included many detailed ecological and engineering surveys and identifying potential routes for the new underground connection.

Public consultation events

We want to make sure that we take on board the views of local people and wider stakeholders before we submit our planning application next year.

Find out more and have your say at our consultation events:

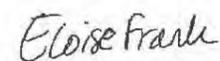
- **Thursday 15 November 2018**, 2pm – 8pm, Snowdonia National Park Authority Offices, Penrhyndeudraeth, LL48 6LF
- **Saturday 17 November 2018**, 10am – 4pm, Penrhyndeudraeth Memorial Hall, LL48 6LR
- **Saturday 24 November 2018**, 10am – 4pm, Talsarnau Community Hall, LL47 6TA

The National Grid VIP team and their specialist consultants will be on hand to share information on how we plan to manage the construction process, deal with traffic and transport during construction and the timings of the various phases of the project including the eventual removal of the pylons themselves.

If you have questions about our work or would like any information please contact our community relations team on **0800 019 1898**, email visualimpact@nationalgrid.com or visit snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk.

We hope to see you later this month and look forward to discussing this opportunity to preserve and enhance the beautiful Snowdonia landscape.

Yours sincerely,



Eloise Frank
National Grid, VIP Project Manager (North)

Annwyl Drigolion,

Tynnu peilonau o aber afon Dwyrdd: ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus yn agored rhwng 15 Hydref ac 20 Rhagfyr 2018

Rydym yn cynnal tri digwyddiad ymgynghori cyhoeddus yn nes ymlaen yn y mis fel y cewch ddysgu rhagor a dweud eich dweud am ein cynlluniau i dynnu peilonau o aber afon Dwyrdd a rhoi'r cysylltiad mewn twnnel ymhell o dan y ddaear.

Byddai'r prosiect arfaethedig yn golygu tynnu 10 o beilonau sy'n cario darn 3km o linell drydan uwchben ar draws aber afon Dwyrdd, o'r Garth i Gilfor, fel rhan o Ddarpariaeth Effaith Weledol (VIP) National Grid. Bydd y prosiect hwn yn defnyddio darpariaeth o £500 miliwn gan Ofgem i leihau effaith weledol llinellau trawsyrru trydan foltedd-uchel presennol mewn Ardaloedd o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol (AHNEoedd) a Pharciau Cenedlaethol yng Nghymru a Lloegr.

Rydym wedi bod yn cydweithio'n agos â rhanddeiliaid technegol lleol, yn cynnwys Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri, Cyngor Gwynedd, Cadw, Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru a'r Ymddiriedolaeth Genedlaethol, ynghyd â pherchnogion tiroedd ac ymgynghorwyr tirwedd annibynnol, wrth ddatblygu ein cynlluniau. Mae'r gwaith wedi cynnwys llawer o arolygon ecolegol a pheiranyddol manwl a phennu llwybrau posibl ar gyfer y cysylltiad tanddaear newydd.

Digwyddiadau ymgynghori cyhoeddus

Rydym yn awyddus i sicrhau ein bod yn gwrando ar farn pobl yr ardal a rhanddeiliaid ehangach cyn i ni gyflwyno ein cais cynllunio y flwyddyn nesaf.

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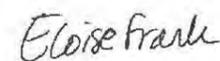
- **Dydd Iau 15 Tachwedd 2018**, 2pm – 8pm, Swyddfeydd Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri, Penrhyndeudraeth, LL48 6LF
- **Dydd Sadwrn 17 Tachwedd 2018**, 10am – 4pm, Neuadd Goffa Penrhyndeudraeth, LL48 6LR
- **Dydd Sadwrn 24 Tachwedd 2018**, 10am – 4pm, Neuadd Gymuned Talsarnau, LL47 6TA

Bydd tîm VIP National Grid a'u hymgyngorwyr arbenigol wrth law i rannu gwybodaeth am y ffordd y bwriadwn reoli'r broses adeiladu a delio â thraffig a chudiant yn ystod y gwaith adeiladu, ac amseru gwahanol rannau'r prosiect yn cynnwys tynnu'r peilonau yn y pen draw.

Os oes gennych gwestiynau am ein gwaith neu os hoffech ryw wybodaeth, gallwch gysylltu â'n tîm cysylltiadau cymunedol ar **0800 019 1898**, e-bostio visualimpact@nationalgrid.com neu fynd i eryri.nationalgrid.co.uk.

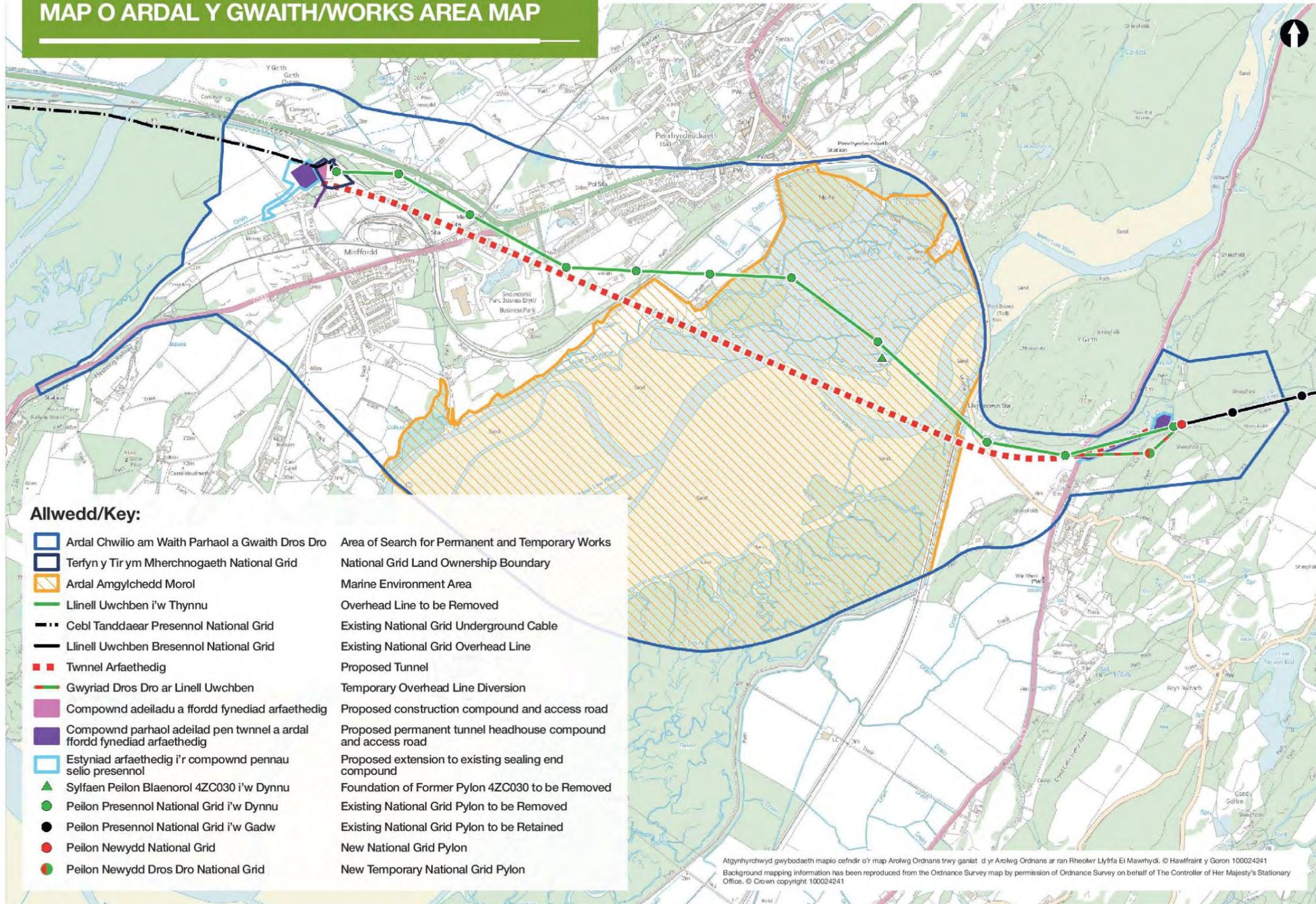
Gobeithio y cawn eich gweld yn nes ymlaen yn y mis ac edrychwn ymlaen at drafod y cyfle hwn i warchod a gwella tirwedd hardd Eryri.

Yn gywir,



Eloise Frank
Rheolwr Prosiect VIP (Gogledd), National Grid

MAP O ARDAL Y GWAITH/WORKS AREA MAP



APPENDIX I

Press coverage November 2018

Dwyrdd estuary pylon removal project moves forward

© 24 November 2018

The plans may not come to fruition until 2024, according to the National Grid

Plans to remove 10 pylons and power lines on Snowdonia's Dwyrdd estuary have moved a step forward.

The National Grid announced in 2014 it wanted to bury overhead cables near Penrhyndeudraeth after a study ruled they affected the "dramatic landscape".

An exhibition outlining the plans opened in Talsarnau, Gwynedd, earlier as part of a wider **public consultation**.

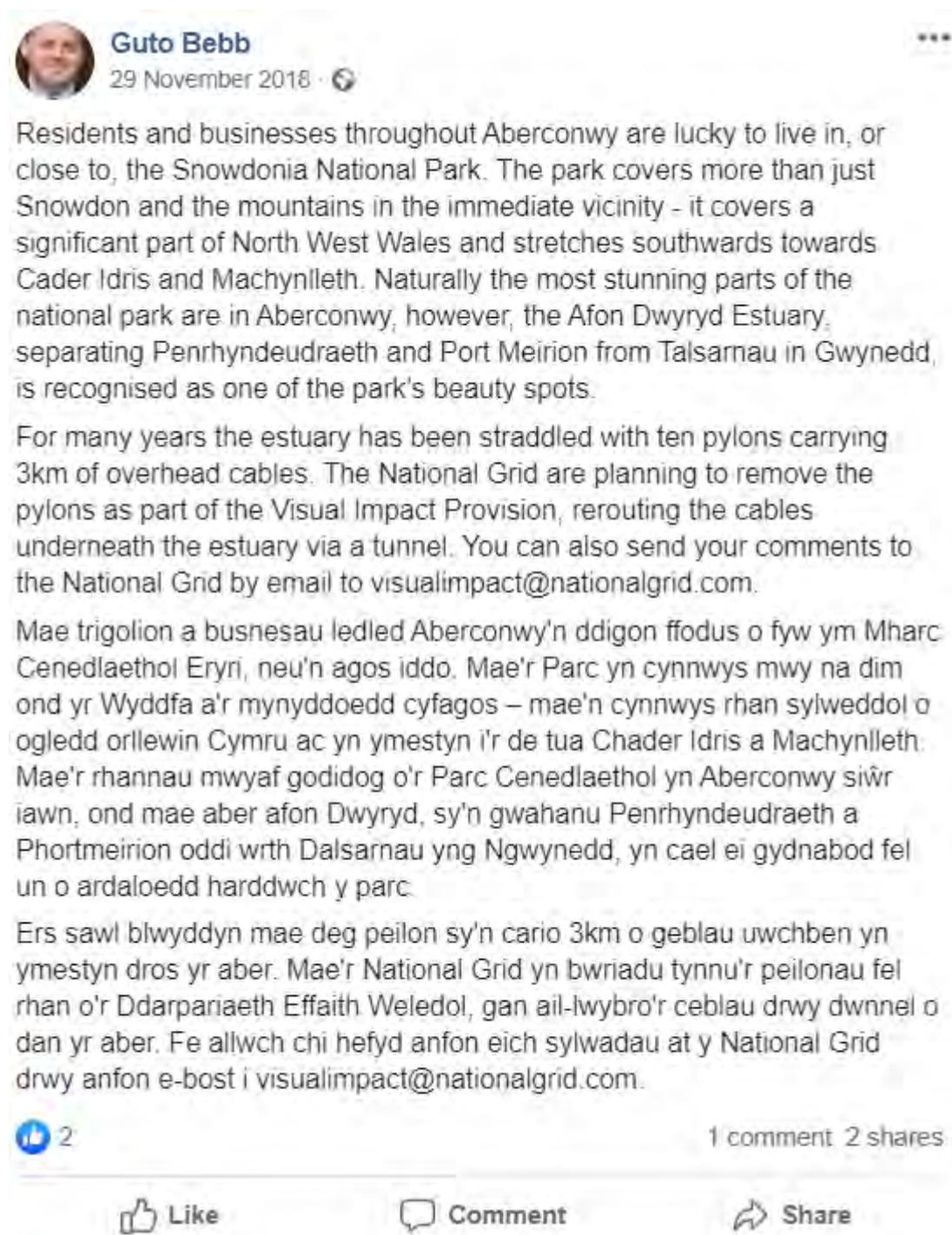
The pylons on the Dwyrdd estuary were built in 1966.

"This is another important milestone for the project," said Chris Baines, chairman of the independent stakeholder group supporting the Visual Impact Provision project.

"Snowdonia was originally selected because of the significance the landscape plays nationally, and the spectacular qualities of the beautiful Dwyrdd estuary in particular."

APPENDIX J

Third party social media November 2018



Guto Bebb
29 November 2018 · 🌐

Residents and businesses throughout Aberconwy are lucky to live in, or close to, the Snowdonia National Park. The park covers more than just Snowdon and the mountains in the immediate vicinity - it covers a significant part of North West Wales and stretches southwards towards Cader Idris and Machynlleth. Naturally the most stunning parts of the national park are in Aberconwy, however, the Afon Dwyryd Estuary, separating Penrhyndeudraeth and Port Meirion from Talsarnau in Gwynedd, is recognised as one of the park's beauty spots.

For many years the estuary has been straddled with ten pylons carrying 3km of overhead cables. The National Grid are planning to remove the pylons as part of the Visual Impact Provision, rerouting the cables underneath the estuary via a tunnel. You can also send your comments to the National Grid by email to visualimpact@nationalgrid.com.

Mae trigolion a busnesau ledled Aberconwy'n ddigon ffodus o fyw ym Mharc Cenedlaethol Eryri, neu'n agos iddo. Mae'r Parc yn cynnwys mwy na dim ond yr Wyddfa a'r mynyddoedd cyfagos – mae'n cynnwys rhan sylweddol o ogledd orllewin Cymru ac yn ymestyn i'r de tua Chader Idris a Machynlleth. Mae'r rhannau mwyaf godidog o'r Parc Cenedlaethol yn Aberconwy siŵr iawn, ond mae aber afon Dwyryd, sy'n gwahanu Penrhyndeudraeth a Phortmeirion oddi wrth Dalsarnau yng Ngwynedd, yn cael ei gydnabod fel un o ardaloedd harddwch y parc.

Ers sawl blwyddyn mae deg peilon sy'n cario 3km o geblau uwchben yn ymestyn dros yr aber. Mae'r National Grid yn bwriadu tynnu'r peilonau fel rhan o'r Ddarpariaeth Effaith Weledol, gan ail-lwybro'r ceblau drwy dwnnel o dan yr aber. Fe allwch chi hefyd anfon eich sylwadau at y National Grid drwy anfon e-bost i visualimpact@nationalgrid.com.

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Cymuned Talsarnau

19 November 2018 · 🌐

Mae'r Grid Cenedlaethol yn bwriadu dymchwel y peilonau ar draws Afon Dwryrd. Maent yn cynnal diwrnod rhannu gwybodaeth yn Neuadd Gymuned Talsarnau ddydd Sadwrn 24ain Tachwedd rhwng 10.00 a 4.00. Cyfle ichi holi a gweld manylion y cynllun.

The National Grid are preparing to demolish the pylons across Afon Dwryrd. An open day for information about the scheme will be held on Saturday 24th at Neuadd Gymuned Talsarnau from 10.00a.m. to 4.00p.m. An opportunity to question and gain information about the scheme.



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Gwilym Phillips Dafydd Williams

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Olwen Jones Mi rydw innau wrth fy modd yn eu gweld yn cael eu dymchwel.

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Isobel Smith Great news!!! As they mar the view as you cross the Brewit Bridge by train or car

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Cymuned Talsarnau Pont Briwet?

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Isobel Smith Yes, sorry, my spelling mistake

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Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri - Snowdonia National Park

13 November 2018 -



Dewch i ddweud eich dweud am gynlluniau'r Grid Cenedlaethol National Grid UK i dynnu peilonau o aber yr afon Dwryrd. Mae'r ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus ar agor rhwng Tachwedd y 15fed a'r 20fed o Ragfyr. Cliciwch isod am ragor o wybodaeth...

Sesiwn galw helbio i ymgynghori â'r cyhoedd

Dewch i ddweud eich dweud am gynlluniau National Grid i dynnu peilonau o aber afon Dwryrd.

Bydd aelodau o dim y prosiect wrth law i sôn am ein cynlluniau i ychwanegu at harddwch Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri. Rydym yn bwriadu cael gwasad ar 10 o beilonau a darn o'r llinell uwchben sy'n rhedeg o'r Garth i Gllor ar draws yr aber.

Mae'n bwrdd a'ch syniadau chi yn bwysig iawn - dewch draw i un o'r digwyddiadau i gael dweud eich dweud. Edrychwch ymlen at eich gaeid yno.



Dydd Iau
15 Tachwedd 2018
2.00pm - 8.00pm
Snowdonia National Park
Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri
Porthmadog, LL57 6LZ

Dydd Sadwrn
17 Tachwedd 2018
10.00am - 4.00pm
Snowdonia National Park
Porthmadog, LL57 6LZ

Dydd Sul
24 Tachwedd 2018
10.00am - 4.00pm
Snowdonia National Park
Porthmadog, LL57 6LZ

Os hoffech ragor o wybodaeth am brosiect VIP National Grid, gallwch e-bostio visualimpact@nationalgrid.com, ffonio 0800 019 1896 neu fynd i eryri.nationalgrid.co.uk

Public consultation drop-in

Have your say on National Grid's proposals to remove pylons from the Dwryrd Estuary.

Members of the project team will be on hand to talk about our plans to enhance the beauty of Snowdonia National Park. We're proposing to remove 10 pylons and a section of overhead line that runs from Garth to Gllor across the estuary.

Your views and opinions are very important - please visit one of the events and let us know what you think. We look forward to seeing you there.



Thursday
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Saturday
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Porthmadog, LL57 6LZ

Sunday
24 November 2018
10.00am - 4.00pm
Snowdonia National Park
Porthmadog, LL57 6LZ

If you would like further information on National Grid's VIP project please email visualimpact@nationalgrid.com, call 0800 019 1896 or visit snowdonia.nationalgrid.co.uk



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