Briefing note number 2 for Hafod Eryri- Draft 1st June 15

Please read briefing note 1.

This briefing note follows on from the briefing note 1 issued in December 2014. This note highlights the continued issues at the summit and lack of action by SNPA. It will also highlight other issues that have since come to light in the last week which pose a PR and business risk to NRW.

Since the last briefing note, there has been little or no progress with improvements at the summit sewage treatment to prevent deterioration of the SAC and SSSI. Work and improvements made in 2014 have not materialised. (See briefing note 1).

Dylan Williams has written to Iwan Jones - Director of legal and corporate services for SNPA. Dylan has received a reply from Edward Jones – property manager. Dylan asked Vanessa arrange and chair a meeting between NRW and SNPA

A meeting held on the 3/3/15 between NRW and SNPA (represented by Edward Jones), chaired by Vanessa Lang. The purpose of the meeting was to highlight the lack of progress from SNPA. Vanessa logged several action points and timescales (See bottom of page)

All NRW actions are complete. All of the SNPA actions are incomplete.

A meeting was convened again for the 13th May. David Wilby received a phone call from Edward Jones SNPA on the 12th May giving apologies for the meeting due to illness. Mr Jones added that SNPA actions were still outstanding.

The café is now open and the trains are running. There has been no contact or confirmation from SNPA that the actions listed are ongoing or complete.

In the last week 27/5/15 NRW officers have found other premises in the vicinity (not owned by SNPA) with similar issues who have asked what NRW are doing about 'the summit' and have also stated 'its much worse up the top!'.

Photographs of the summit area taken on the 31st May by Hywel Roberts show that while work has been done in the summit area, no flow meter has been installed effluent is clearly visible in the scree. No assent to work has been received by NRW.

Actions

- Data from the flow meter captured 2014 to be forwarded to David Wilby by SNPA, by 3rd April 2015.
- Flow meter to be reinstalled by SNPA for forthcoming season prior to the opening of the café, in order to capture daily flows through the system
- Section 28 assent for above to be sought from John Ratcliffe by SNPA prior to installation of the flow meter and pipework.
- SNPA /SMR to ensure that ground disturbance is minimised while working within the designated area, work by hand rather using machinery. Two weeks commencing late April.
- Removal of previously used pipework at same time as above.
- RPS report to be reviewed by David Wilby and John Ratcliffe; comments and recommendation regarding new report to be forwarded to Edward Jones by 20/03/15
- SNPA / SMR to ensure long-term impact of the sewage system discharge, does not adversely affect the montane habitat, by restricting the nutrient impact to within the historically enriched area.
- As above regarding effects of scouring form the discharge to the montane habitat. This should be included in the consultant's brief (Consultant to be accredited eg.by CIEEM)
- SNPA / SMR to ensure that daily checks of both chambers are carried out.
- NRW to review the current descriptive consent to decide whether this is fit for purpose going forward and in light of the above.
- A progress meeting to be held in the second week of May between SNPA and NRW.