

# TBR14 – Socio-Economics

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### Response to Transboundary Consultation Representations – [REDACTED] (Quod)

Representation Ref	Comment/Issue	Addressed in applicant's submissions to date?	Applicant's Response
TBA0008; 0017; 0021; 0040; 0041; 0056; 0060; 0072; 0074; 0077; 0081; 0103; 0113; 0123; 0132; 0138; 0141; 0146; 0159; 0160; 0167; 0179; 0196; 0202; 0208; 0212; 0219; 0220; 0225; 0238; 0250; 0251; 0259; 0264; 0270; 0288; 0302; 0303; 0308; 0314; 0328; 0333; 0337; 0344; 0350; 0358; 0362; 0367; 0378; 0382; 0393; 0418; 0437; 0444; 0455; 0458; 0480; 0485; 0489; 0495; 0501; 0504; 0512; 0517; 0521; 0527; 0531; 0535; 0548; 0552; 0558; 0563; 0577; 0581; 0610; 0611; 0617; 0624; 0638; 0643; 0646; 0650; 0653; 0659; 0661; 0665; 0669; 0674; 0679; 0686; 0702; 0704; 0715; 0719; 0723; 0725; 0732; 0765; 0788; 0797; 0803; 0804; 0808; 0811; 0823; 0836; 0844; 0846; 0880; 0888; 0890; 0897; 0901; 0915; 0920; 0953; 0957; 0964; 0973; 0976; 1000; 1005; 1013; 1026; 1057;	With the likelihood that the river water and aquatic life, particularly salmon, will be adversely affected by the contamination from this mine, the livelihoods and incomes of fisher people risk significant adverse impacts from toxic contamination on both sides of the border.	Yes. RR14, pg.27, para 3.59	



TBA0412- Pg. 1	Threat to irish language	No.	Regarding language, our response is similar to that of paragraph 4.19 in our rebuttal statement (RR14).  All areas, including this one, experience migration every year. In the year up to the 2021 Census, Fermanagh and Omagh district saw just over 3,000 new residents move into the area, equivalent to around 3% of its population. That is significantly more change than the project could possibly generate given the numbers of jobs being created. Therefore, even if 100% of the Dalradian workforce (of 350) made no attempt to learn the Irish language, it would not represent any change to the norm nor threat to current progression in the Irish language in F&O on the basis that the area already sees this scale of change on a yearly basis.
TBA0596 – Pg. 3	The Sperrins is an area rich in cultural heritage for the whole island, evidenced in the ancient archaeology, historical sites, stories, the irish language and more.	Yes (partly)  Cultural heritage and landscape are addressed in RR14, p.28-30, para 3.67 to 3.85.	Re Irish language, see response above to Representation Ref TBA0412
Pg. 5	The Sperrins were a Gaeltacht area until the mid-20th Century. Today Irish is being revived through local school, community centres and cultural organisations. Language revitalisation here is a direct act of resistance against extractive colonial legacies.	Yes (partly).  Cultural heritage and landscape addressed in RR14, p.28-30, para 3.67 - 3.85.	Re Irish language, see response above to Representation Ref TBA0412
Pg. 7-8	The tourism industry in the Sperrins is at a critical stage in its early development. Dalradian Golds proposals for mining not just at Greencastle but right across the Sperrins risks undermining a key foundation for rural tourism here.	Yes. RR14, Part 2, p.15-30.	
TBA0741 – Pg. 1	The cultural significance of the Sperrins must not be overlooked. This landscape is deeply rooted in the shared	Yes (partly)	Re Irish language, see response above to Representation Ref TBA0412

	heritage of this island, rich with ancient archaeology, historical landmarks, oral traditions, and connections to the Irish language. It is a landscape of spiritual, historic and cultural importance. The destruction of this environment would result in irreversible harm to our collective legacy.	Cultural heritage and landscape addressed in RR14, p.28-30, para 3.67 - 3.85.	
TBA0750 – Pg. 1-2	Given the tourism concentrated in and around the OM Dark Sky and Beaghmore SC the mining project is wholly at odds with the integrity of the landscape and any future tourism in the area. Most of the tourism in the area is linked to outdoor recreation, astronomy, cultural heritage, archaeology, hill walking, fishing, walking and cycling. The sheer scale of the mine will have a devastating impact on the tourism of this part of the island.	Yes. RR14, Part 2, p.15-30.	
TBA0751- Pg. 1	This rich cultural, historical, religious and linguistic landscape will have the heart torn out of it.	Yes (partly)  Cultural heritage and landscape addressed in RR14,p.28-30, para 3.67 - 3.85.	Re Irish language, see response above to Representation Ref TBA0412
TBA1019 – Pg. 1	The Sperrin Mountains are also rich in cultural heritage, archaeology, historical sites, oral history, Irish language and the value we place on owning our land and waters.	Yes (partly)  Cultural heritage and landscape addressed in RR14, p.28-30, para 3.67 - 3.85.	Re Irish language, see response above to Representation Ref TBA0412)
TBA1247 – Pg. 3-4	The presences of a vast mining project in the heart of the AONB having been brought about by prolonged social conflict and struggle, jeopardises the well being of the long suffering communities in these beautiful lands.	Yes. RR14, p.32-33, paras 4.8 to 4.12	
TBA1487 – Pg. 2	In the beautiful area of the Sperrins any development requires the protection of its AONB status, this requirement particularly so because of its archaeological heritage, its ecological value, its cultural identity, its beauty, its unspoiled nature, fresh air and its tourist potential.	Yes. RR14, Part 2, p.15-30.	
TBA1494 – Pg. 10	It is claimed by local historians that the Sperrins were one of the first populated areas on this island. There is a wealth of	Yes.	

	archaeological sites in the area, more that 100 in a 8-mile radius.	Cultural heritage and landscape addressed in RR14, p.28-30, para 3.67 - 3.85	
Pg. 10	In terms of Celtic History, the site cuts across the Green Road, the road that Hugh O'Neill travelled with other Celtic Kings in 1607 as part of the Flight of the Earls. People also used this road to visit a Mass Rock dating back to Penal Times. A nearby statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary to which people come from across the county on pilgrimage, has been defiled since more people have been coming on pilgrimage and as support for the rejection of the mine.	Yes. Cultural heritage and landscape addressed in RR14, p.28-30, para 3.67 - 3.85	
TBA1539 - Save our Sperrins – Pg. 6-7	Impact on fishing sector	Yes. RR14, Part 2, p.27-28, Paras 3.57 to 3.62	
Pg. 7	impact on agriculture	Yes. RR14, p.31, paragraph 4.4	
Pg. 7-8	Impact on tourism	Yes. RR14, Part 2, p.15-30.	
TBA0195 & TBA0341 – Pg. 1-2	Impact on tourism	Yes. RR14, Part 2, p.15-30	
TBA0005; 0006; 0009; 0014; 0023; 0024; 0030; 0033; 0034; 0036; 0042; 0061; 0062; 0063; 0064; 0087; 0088; 0089; 0090; 0091; 0092; 0093; 0095; 0097; 0098; 0099; 0104; 0105; 0109; 0116; 0117; 0121; 0122; 0124; 0125; 0126; 0127; 0128; 0144; 0145; 0153; 0156; 0161; 0163; 0168; 0169; 0170; 0171; 0172; 0173; 0174; 0175; 0180; 0181; 0182; 0183; 0186; 0188; 0189; 0190; 0191; 0193; 0194; 0197; 0214; 0215; 0221; 0226; 0227; 0228; 0229; 0230; 0232; 0234; 0241; 0260; 0266; 0267; 0268; 0269; 0274; 0275; 0283; 0284; 0293; 0295; 0310; 0315; 0316; 0317; 0318; 0319; 0320; 0321; 0329;	The Sperrins is an area rich is cultural heritage for the whole island, in terms of ancient archaeology, historical sites, oral history, the Irish language and more.	Yes (partly). Cultural heritage, landscape and Dark Skies are addressed in RR14, p.28-30, para 3.67 - 3.89	Re Irish language, see response above to Representation Ref TBA0412

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