OTHER SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED BEFORE 6 JUNE 2012

These submissions were received before 6 June 2012. The submissions make representations on the merits of the application and are not from Interested Parties.

The Panel have considered the circumstances of each submission, and have decided to exceptionally exercise their discretion and accept these submissions to the examination.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact us using the details above.

The Preesall Underground Gas Storage Team
Dear Planning Inspectorate

RE: PREESALL GAS STOREAGE APPLICATION FROM HALITE CO.

1. MY NAME IS MS JANET M MCMULLEN OF [XXXXX] and I am writing to you (within the time limit 6 June 2012) to voice my objections to the above application.

2. This is the third time that I have had to voice my objections to the Freesall Gas storeage applications by the company that was previously named Canatax, and now Halite. In the past Lancashire County Council were the facilitators of peoples’ objections. However, I have only very recently been advised (by the North West news, my MP and Local councillor) that your planning department are facilitating the process, and this is my reason for having to send my objections to you via the e-mail system. Unfortunately, I do not receive newspapers as I am unable to turn the pages, and I also do not receive the local rural magazine due to disrespectful delivery employees. Consequently, due to not having received any independent leaflet, I did not know until 25th May 2012 about the registering date (as an interested party) being in February 2012, or about objections to the Halite application having to be sent to yourselves by 6 June 2012.

3. I am a 58 year old woman with severe mobility/physical disability problems which were congenital in origin, and constantly progressing. I have therefore had to cope with huge problems all of my life including the severe physical disability conditions of both of my parents when alive. The obstacles and prejudices I have encountered in my life have been immense. As such I have a massive amount of experience of the difficulties encountered by physically disabled persons and the most vulnerable in society.

4. When the Public Inquiry was held re: first application by Canatax (for Gas storage) I was allowed to speak up and advise of the enormity of the difficulties that would be imposed upon persons (like myself) with physical disabilities. the vulnerable, also the elderly who are immobile and fragile, and those living in Nursing homes in the event of a disaster occurring through a gas storeage underground explosion. I gave details to the severe delay in the amount of time it would take to move, and be removed, from my home etc to an emergency location (which would probably not be totally adapted or suitable for persons like myself or the those requiring a safe infrastructure. I also spoke at length about the lack of suitable adapted facilities (including forms of transport) in and beyond the 3 mile radius in the event of an disaster/emergency.
5a). Therefore, my objections are still the same as above even though some areas (generally) are a bit more adapted - but the adaptations are only miniscule compared to those who have freedom of movement, and are physically able bodied. Also, the general attitudes towards the independence needs of the physically disabled persons are still very very poor in the rural area in which I live despite my MP being very supportive and positive in helping to create changes.

b). I am tired and weary of Canatax/Halite (knowing full well the consensus of public opinion, and having had their applications turned down previously) deliberately putting further pressure on ourselves to accept their proposals especially (also) as the Environmental and Geological researches have shown multiple times that this area is too fragile to withstand an underground gas storage project.

c). It is extremely difficult dealing with the progression of my physical disability but this continual added pressure from the Canatax/Halite company is extremely corrosive to my sense of well-being, safety and security, independence needs, and inner peace - as I am sure it is for others (including those who are able bodied and totally oppose these application).

d). This area is already in the middle of 3 Energy projects. The first being a Wind Farm (just out on the Irish sea) which I like as it poses no threat to humankind. The second being the Quadrilla Fracing project. It has already been confirmed that the 2 small Earth tremors were caused by Quadrilla company drilling into shale rock. both tremors could be felt in Stalmine area. The third being the Nuclear development at Heysham to Sellafield. I worry greatly that should a disaster happen with either the second or third energy projects above, or if the underground gas storage is allowed to proceed ahead, then a massive domino cascade will occur. The River Wyre meets the Irish sea in very close proximity to the Preesall proposal, and is less than a mile from Stalmine. The catastrophic consequences could equal that at Frucashima in Japan last March 2011. Also, not having proper infrastructure provisions/facilities/adaptations/transport etc in place could see the most vulnerable (and persons like myself, fragile elderly etc) abandoned (with no escape route) in an unsuitable building like those left in the dome in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina 2005.

e). Due to all of this continual uncertainty caused by the repeated applications of the Canatax/Halite company (although a small part is also caused by the present economic climate) there are opportunists in this area already keeping the selling house prices down below their true worth. For persons like myself who own their property, and are really struggling to maintain them, and have high care needs (as well as those considering moving into Nursing homes etc) this is highly corrosive as it impacts on the amount of finances available for now and future care needs. These requirements are necessary and imperative for freedom of movement (if needs be) so as not to become trapped, (and helpless victims of circumstances outside of their control), and for the maintaining of a quiet dignity and independence in order to just keep on surviving.

Thank you for taking the time to read my objections, and for passing them on to the relevant persons and sources for considerations.

Please could you confirm and acknowledge receipt of this e-mail content.

Yours Faithfully

Janet M. McMullen date 2nd June 2012.
Dear Sirs  
Re: Preesall Saltfield Underground Gas Storage

I wish to make my objections towards the proposed storage of gas within the Over-Wyre area and under the River Wyre estuary.

I have been a resident of Over-Wyre with my husband for over 39 years, living in Knott-End & Preesall. I have raised a family here - my son, (aged 36) & daughter, (aged 41), both live in Preesall. My daughter has two daughters living with her & my sister & her family also live in Preesall. I have suffered from a stress-related illness for 29 years, which has left me severely disabled & confined to a wheel-chair.

The repeated concern generated over the last 9 years, firstly by the company formerly known as Canatxx, & then aggravated further by related proposals by the company Halite, to deploy gas storage schemes within the area I live, (& the threats that the schemes impose to mine & my families health & standard of living), have & are continuing to affect my medical condition.

To be forced to live under continual threat of this scheme being implemented against the wishes of myself and my surrounding community, I feel is a violation of human rights.

As I understand it, the geology of the River Wyre estuary & surrounding salt-fields within the Over-Wyre areas of Preesall, Knott-End, Stalmine, Hambleton & Pilling is unsuitable for safe storage of gas since there is a high risk of gas leakage and gas migration under community housing estates and into the surrounding areas of Fleetwood, Thornton & Cleveleys.

Should there be a gas leak in the immediate area, myself and the community would be exposed to potentially lethal toxic substances & may not realise it. Furthermore, if an explosion was to occur as a result of leaking gasses, it would be extremely difficult for me to be evacuated, due to both my circumstances & the limited access to and from the area.

I urgently request for my objection to be registered against the gas storage proposals.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Janice Paine
The Planning Inspectorate
Temple Quay House
Temple Quay
Bristol BS1 6PN

Dear Sirs,

Re: Proposal for underground gas storage in Preesall Saltfield, Lancashire.

I wish to register my objection to this proposal by the Halite Company. Broadly the same proposal by Halite's predecessor company Canatxx has been tested right up to lengthy Public Enquiry and rejected. Halite cannot alter the unsuitable geology. The geological survey data from many years ago identified discontinuities. The salt bed overall is shallower than other salt-field sites that have been put to use for gas storage. Also even the model of the salt bed used by Canatxx, and presumably now in the possession of Halite shows that the bed also shallows further toward the edges, such that any gas migration to the edge would find less resistance to eventual escape.

Another factor that has arisen locally to potentially adversely affect the security Halite claim for their proposal is the exploration for shale gas within about 5 miles of the site; using geological fracturing. Two minor earth tremors throughout the area in a very short period have been deemed to be most probably caused by this 'fracking' process. One wonders at the impact future movements of this type might have on large pockets of LPG stored in shallow caverns at 80 bar pressure?

Yours Faithfully

[Signature]

Retired Chemical Engineer
Dear Sirs

I would like to register my objections to the proposed Underground Gas Storage proposal for Preesall on the following grounds:

- The Unsuitable Geology of the Preesall Salt
- Gas Migration Risk to Fleetwood, Thornton & Cleveleys and the Over Wyre villages of Preesall, Knott End on Sea, Stalmine, Hambleton, Out Rawcliffe and Pilling
- Potential of a Well Head Explosion
- Evacuation of Over Wyre, Thornton and Fleetwood Peninsula
- Ecological damage from Discharge of the Brine at Rossall and further contamination of Morecambe Bay
- Destruction of Countryside and Wildlife
- Impact on Recreational Use and Landscape
- Long term detrimental effect on House Prices and Home Insurance

Please note that the proposed site into the salt is the shallowest in Europe; it is layered and interspersed with Marl and is also interspersed with faults, cracks, fissures and old pipework, any of which could assist migrating gas make its way to the surface.

There are in excess of 80,000 people living in the vicinity of this proposed site and therefore lives will be at risk should this proposal be given the go ahead.

I humbly request that this proposal is rejected

Yours faithfully
County Councillor Vivien Taylor
Wyreside Area

Tel: [XXXXX]

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