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Dear Mr Carpen

Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council wishes to comment on the proposal by Halite to store gas underground in the Preesall Saltfield.

The Council is still concerned that the geology of the area has not been shown to be absolutely suitable for the proposed use. Halite needs to demonstrate beyond reasonable doubt that the areas they propose to solution mine will be safe. A new factor to be taken into consideration is the introduction of gas exploration in the area by fracking. This has caused further local concern about the long-term safety of gas storage.

The Council is concerned about the discharge of brine into the sea and the adverse effect it may have on the flora and fauna of the area, especially the SSIs and the Ramsar site in the Morecambe Bay area as well as the Wyre estuary. Increased salt levels on the marshes may affect migratory birds.

The volume of construction traffic is a serious concern. There is a high volume of traffic on the A588 and the expected number of heavy goods will only exacerbate the situation. Increased traffic will generate excessive noise to the annoyance of residents and may be harmful to their general well being.

Yours sincerely

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