PLANNING ACT 2008

Underground Gas Storage Facility Preesall, Lancashire
In respect of an application for a Development Consent Order
By Halite Energy Group Limited
Application Reference: EN030001

STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND BETWEEN
HALITE ENERGY GROUP LIMITED AND WYRE BOROUGH COUNCIL
ON THE TOPIC OF CIVIL AND MILITARY AVIATION
AND DEFENCE INTERESTS

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STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND : CIVIL AND MILITARY AVIATION AND DEFENCE INTERESTS

1. This Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) is made between Barton Willmore LLP on behalf of Halite Energy Group Limited (Halite) and Wyre Borough Council (WBC) in relation to Halite’s application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for an Underground Gas Storage (UGS) facility at Preesall (the ‘Project’). This SOCG confirms that civil and military aviation and defence interests are not an issue as far as the local planning authorities are concerned.

2. The impact of the Project on civil and military and defence interests is set out by Halite in paragraphs 3.50 – 3.51 of the Planning and Sustainability Statement (Doc Ref 9.1.1).

National Policy Statements

3. It is agreed that NPS EN-1 (2011) states that the ‘IPC should be satisfied that the effects on civil and military aerodromes, aviation technical sites and other defence assets have been addressed by the applicant and that any necessary assessment of the proposal on aviation or defence interests has been carried out. In particular, it should be satisfied that the proposal has been designed to minimise adverse impacts on the operation and safety of aerodromes and that reasonable mitigation is carried out’ (para 5.4.14).

Assessment

4. It is agreed that aviation and defence interests were not issues raised by the Secretary of State or the LPAs in the determination of previous planning applications. Further, it is agreed that no representations were received from either LCC or WBC during the Section 42 and 56 consultation process and, therefore, civil and military aviation and defence interests are not considered issues that the LPAs require to be considered as part of the determination of the development consent order application.
STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

This statement of common ground on the topic of Civil and Military Aviation and Defence Interests has been prepared by Barton Willmore LLP, on behalf of Halite Energy Group limited, and agreed by Wyre Borough Council.

Signed:

Adrian James
on behalf of Barton Willmore LLP

Date: 29 May 2012

Signed:

Councillor David Henderson
Planning Committee Chairman
on behalf of Wyre Borough Council

Date: 29th May 2012