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**Your reference**

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**Our reference**

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**By Post and Email :**

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Dear Sirs

**PLANNING ACT 2008 AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING  
(EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010  
PROPOSED UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE FACILITY AT PREESALL,  
LANCASHIRE  
REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION FROM AFFECTED PARTIES IN  
RESPECT OF COMPULSORY ACQUISITION HEARING ON 9 AND  
10 OCTOBER  
BLACKPOOL & THE FYLDE COLLEGE ("COLLEGE") - PLOTS 30 TO 35**

In your letter of 26 September 2012 (received on 1 October 2012) you asked that affected persons should specify the plots listed in the Book of Reference to which they object and the reasons why.

The College has begun negotiations with the applicant and hopes that an agreement for grant of easement can be entered into in relation to the rights required over the College's land. However, the College still has concerns over the extent of the rights sought and the impact on the College in relation to plots 30 to 35. These concerns are set out below.

**PLOTS 31, 32 AND 35 - PERMANENT RIGHTS**

The permanent rights which the applicant seeks will allow uninterrupted access to any unbuilt land within the 20 metre strip in which the pipeline is to be located for inspection and maintenance with vehicles, plant and machinery if necessary without any requirement to give notice. The College considers that reasonable notice should be required, except for emergencies.

The rights will allow the applicant to erect gates, stiles, marker posts and lay protective concrete slabs to facilitate inspection and maintenance. The applicant could permanently cover a 20 metre strip of the College's land with concrete. The College is concerned that these rights are unnecessarily wide and would have an adverse impact on this land which is let to an agricultural tenant.

**PLOTS 33 AND 34 - TEMPORARY RIGHTS**

The temporary rights which the applicant seeks will allow the applicant to take temporary possession of land owned by the College for the construction and carrying

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out of the development. The College is concerned that only 14 days' notice is required to take possession of the land and that although the rights are described as temporary, the land can be kept until a year after the completion of the development and therefore potentially for several years.

**PLOT 30 - RIGHT TO ACCESS LAND**

The rights sought will interfere with the College's right to access adjoining land to lay and maintain a foul sewer and associated manholes and it is noted that the route indicated across plots 30 and 31 appears to be directly over the existing main sewer.

The College no longer considers it to be necessary to appear at the hearing, however, we would kindly request that this letter be brought to the attention of the hearing.

Yours faithfully

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