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Dear Sirs

**Application for proposed Underground Gas Storage facility at Preesall Saltfield, Lancashire - Reference Number EN030001**

I refer to the Hearing before the panel this morning at The North Euston Hotel, Fleetwood.

As stated in that Hearing the Council and the applicant (Halite Energy Group Limited) have negotiated an Option Agreement and the form of a Deed of Easement which the parties will enter into should the applicant exercise its Option.

The Option Agreement will be entered into as soon as ever possible but in any event should be in place by the end of next week and a feature of that Agreement is that the applicant will not exercise its compulsory powers under the D.C.O.

The Council feel that their interests and the operators interests will be sufficiently protected by the Option Agreement and the Easement should the Option be exercised.

The Council also believes that the amendments to the Protective Provisions in the draft D.C.O. at Part 3 to Schedule 8, together with the amendments to "Plot 29" in the draft book of reference offers sufficient protection to the Council and to the continuous operation of the Blackpool & Fleetwood Tramway.

It is upon that basis that the Council is able to confirm that its objection to the making of the proposal, as detailed in its letter to you dated 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2012, is withdrawn.



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I hope this meets with your approval but should you require anything further from the Council then please do contact me and I will be happy to assist in any way I can.

Yours faithfully

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