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**From:** "Louise Freeman" <  
**To:** "Len Sixsmith - Chairman 2012" <>; "Jim Barr - Captain 2012" <>; "Derrick Hugnes D of F" <>  
**Sent:** 04 October 2012 09:25  
**Subject:** Fwd: Fw: Fwd: COMAH  
 Dear All

E-mail received from Will Bashall this morning.

Regards  
 Louise

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Will Bashall** <>  
**Date:** Thu, Oct 4, 2012 at 8:55 AM  
**Subject:** Fw: Fwd: COMAH  
**To:** Louise Freeman <>

Dear Louise

Please forward this to your board who I met yesterday.

Please see the e mail below from HSE confirming that there are no exclusion zones or separation distances.

An application for a Deemed Hazardous Substances Consent was submitted to PINS with our application. Document ref 4.1.

The HSE are writing to PINS to state that they have no objection to the project on land use planning grounds and that letter will be sent today or tomorrow. I understand that it will be a public document and on the PINS website. If I have a copy I will forward it to you. We have consulted with LCC and WBC and they have confirmed that they have no planning applications in the area of the development.

The PINS website is attached below.

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/north-west/preesall-saltfield-underground-gas-storage/>

I will respond formally on the land related points that we discussed yesterday in due course.

I am available to meet or discuss any of these issues at any time including the weekend.

Kind regards

Will Bashall

**From:** Brian Stanley  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2012 8:35 AM  
**To:** Bashall Will  
**Subject:** Fwd: COMAH

Will  
Hope this will help  
Brian

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** <Alan.Meyer@hse.gsi.gov.uk>  
**Date:** October 3, 2012, 14:19:36 GMT+01:00  
**To:** <brian.stanley@halite.net>  
**Subject:** COMAH

Brian,

In answer to your query, I can confirm there are no defined separation distances or exclusion zones in the Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 1999 (COMAH) - the purpose of the COMAH Regulations is to ensure that establishments storing or using hazardous substances are designed, built and operated safely. As you know, risks to people arising from the location of a major hazard establishment are assessed by HSE as part of the consultation process under the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 1992. HSE assesses the risks and likely effects of major accidents at a proposed installation or pipeline using calculations derived from established hazard and risk assessment models. A Consultation Distance around the establishment is then set based on the results of the risk assessment models. When HSE sets a consultation distance the Planning Authority will be notified and then is under a statutory duty to consult HSE on certain proposed developments within it.

Regards

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