

Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council

National Infrastructure Consents Team
Department of Energy and Climate Change
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By email

24 April 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Preesall Underground Gas Storage Facility

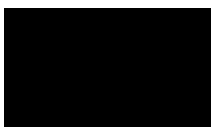
I refer to your letter of 8 April 2014 and wish to make the following points.

The Parish Council is concerned that there has been no thorough site investigation of the proposed areas designated for the creation of gas storage caverns despite Halite having had ample opportunity to do so. We believe that this is a fundamental requirement given the nature of the geology in the area and the hazardous nature of what is proposed to be stored there. In particular the Parish Council feels that there should be evidence of the dimensions of the caverns and the location of any geological faults that would affect the suitability of the site for storage.

We continue to have serious concerns over the safety of the site given its proximity to population centres and the nature of industry on the Hillhouse International Business Park.

Finally we do not believe that sufficient work has been done to identify the effects of the proposal on the Wyre Estuary Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Yours faithfully



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