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Application by Halite for underground gas storage at  
Preesall

I object to the above planning application for underground gas storage at Preesall as I consider it unsafe and detrimental to the environment. During the very many years that applications for underground gas storage on the site have been refused the geology of the site has never changed and on two occasions it has gone

to the Secretary of State and been refused. I can't see that all these people can be wrong nor do I think it should be a carry on and it will be alright on the night attitude - and it is all very well being told to reconsider but in the unthinkable event of permission being given for this risky commercial project and there is a disaster destroying property and lives no doubt those who gave permission will be the ones to carry the can and be a target for anger and compensation claims.

In addition I have read that the company filed pre tax losses of £22m for the year to December 2012 and net liabilities topped 100 m - mostly loans from its majority owner, the US based private equity firm DE Shaw.

This prompted PWC to warn: " These conditions, along with uncertainty over the outstanding planning application and the requirement to obtain adequate additional funds to continue its activities, indicate the existence of material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern."

Yours faithfully,

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