

Dear Mr Scott.

Date 20<sup>th</sup> May2014

**Subject:- Halite Energy Groups proposed Underground Gas Storage facility at Preesall**

I am writing as a local resident of Poulton/Le/Fylde and would like to offer my support to the above project.

The site at Preesall offers a number of significant local and national benefits by being in the North West of UK. This could mean that gas can enter the National Transmission System and be stored safely when spare capacity can be directed as and when required to facilities via pipelines.

Over the past years in this part of the North West we have seen a major decline in companies closing down, or moving on to other locations outside of Wyre Borough this includes ICI Chemicals Division, that employed almost 4000 employees, the Fishing Industry plus Ferry Service, all these closures have made major impact on employment within this area.

Regarding Halite proposal willing to invest money into the underground storage facility this could only mean major benefits to local, national businesses, plus create highly skilled employment that's badly needed within this area.

I believe that the Chief Executive Officer has committed to work with local business and trade associations should approval of this project be given.

I would therefore, like to assist Halite in its efforts to obtain a Development Consent Order by requesting the Secretary of State to respectfully grant consent.

Yours Sincerely

Mr R.P.Darby

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