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Dear Mr Scott,

Halite Energy Group – Proposed Underground Gas Storage Project at Preesall, Lancashire

I run a small branding consultancy based in Lancashire. I am also a lifetime resident of the county. For too long Lancashire has existed in the shadow of larger counties in the North West, namely Manchester and Merseyside.

I am writing in support of Halite Energy's proposals to develop an underground gas storage project in Preesall, Lancashire. In my opinion, major infrastructure projects such as this will go a long way to improving strengthening the Lancashire economy and providing much-needed jobs in the county.

The events of the last six months in Russia and the Ukraine have brought into sharp focus the need to protect the UK's energy security. My understanding of the Halite project is that not only would it be the largest onshore gas storage project in the UK, but it would also enable the fast-cycling of gas which is crucial at times of peak demand, such as winter.

I have watched this project with interest over the last four years and urge DECC to give it consent; not only will it provide a huge boost for Lancashire, it will also play a vital part in ensuring that the UK's energy future is safeguarded.

Yours sincerely



Dean Charlton