Thank you for your email concerning the above. I would like to make the following representations/responses:

1. The introductory "sweep up" rider to the report which seeks to exclude liability for inaccuracy, omission etc renders the report worthless and undermines the whole purpose of such a report. Where the lives of hundreds of residents are at stake, a casual exclusion clause is inappropriate and serves to illustrate the authors lack of confidence in the reports content. The author can effectively "walk away" from possible death and destruction. Can none of the report be factually guaranteed?

2. The report confirms the unstable nature of the caverns which should be sufficient evidence in itself to prevent the storage of explosive gases.

3. Local "fracking" will serve to increase this risk of instability.

4. Environmental pollution of the Irish Sea is unacceptable and the report fails to remedy or justify this.

5. The report offers no solutions in relation to emergency situations and technical estimates and extrapolations in the report will leave emergency services vague as to risk to life.

6. The report offers no empirical evidence in relation to the proposal for gas storage at Preesall and offers no "like for like" studies or figures. Effectively a guessing game ensues at the site.

Yours faithfully

Mr B. Bayley.