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Dear Sirs

RE: PREESALL UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE FACILITY

I am writing on behalf of the Councillors of Hambleton Parish Council in response to your letter of 31 July 2014.

The Parish Council agree with the independent Geographical report that more research needs to be processed and information provided to alleviate the uncertainty of the stability, size and suitability of any underground gas storage facility in this area.

The scale of the intense methods of gas extraction taking place in the Fylde and Wyre areas is rapidly expanding with more fracking sites being identified for operation and drilling. The uncertainties of contamination and compatibility gives rise for concern regarding the safety of the local people and the environment if the two controversial projects of gas extraction and gas storage are permitted to operate in such close proximity.

Yours sincerely

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