



# OVER WYRE ACTION GROUP

A non-political group promoting the interests of the Over Wyre community

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## PREESALL UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE FACILITY

Dear Sir/Madam,

Many thanks for the independent geological report produced by Senergy (GB) and the subsequent further information as requested by the Protect Wyre Group.

Senergy's report demonstrates yet again that the applicant has consistently failed to produce full and complete geological data to support this scheme and has been extremely optimistic in its stated gas storage capacity for this site. Indeed, they have cynically almost halved their stated volumetric probability simply to be able to proceed with the recent Judicial Review. It is apparent from Senergy's interpretation of the data that has been provided, that the actual working gas volumes of the scheme probably fall well below even this drastically reduced figure.

**Therefore, it is our firm belief that the information contained in this report completely vindicates the original rejection by the SoS for the DECC of the most recent application by Halite (formerly known as Canatxx) for an underground gas storage facility in the Preesall Salt Fields.**

**It also validates the long standing objections by the Protect Wyre Group and other allied community groups, not to mention the circa.11,000 residents who have repeatedly voiced their concerns over the past ten years or more.**

**We therefore strongly urge the SoS, in his imminent re-determination, to stand by his original rejection.**

With respect, we would also request that the SoS, in his re-determination, considers the welfare of the 100,000 residents within a three mile radius of this proposed facility, who have been living under the cloud of repeated, similarly ill-conceived, applications for many years, by possibly preventing any further applications in the future. We believe that the quality of life of these residents must far outweigh the purely speculative interests of the applicants.

Yours Sincerely,

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