

**INEOS SITE COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING - WEDNESDAY 22ND
OCTOBER 2014**

PRESENT:

Frank Pennington, Frodsham North Ward
Steve Pritchard, Frodsham North Ward
Glynn Williams, Heath Ward, Runcorn
Sydney Broxton, Mersey Ward, Runcorn
Ralph Owen, Mersey Ward, Runcorn
Linda Redhead, Beechwood Ward, Runcorn
Ed Barnard, Environment Agency
Tim Gibbs, Halton Borough Council
Cllr Alan Lowe, Halton Borough Council
Colin Hopwood, INEOS ChlorVinyls
Janet Ward, INEOS ChlorVinyls
Richard Stevenson, INEOS ChlorVinyls

APOLOGIES:

Keith Davies, Beechwood Ward, Runcorn
Brian Howells, Heath Ward, Runcorn
Mark Bussell, Runcorn Fire Station
PCSO Ian Harrison, Cheshire Police
Ros Atkins, Weston Primary School
Noreen Curphey, Weston Point Primary School
Graham Aveyard, Cheshire West & Chester Council
Kerry Jarvis, Weaver Vale County Primary School

**KEUPER GAS STORAGE INPUT BY RICHARD STEVENSON, INEOS
ENTERPRISES LIMITED**

Richard Stevenson provided an overview of the Keuper Gas Storage Project and provided more detailed information on the project since the last presentation back in April.

Frank Pennington enquired whether the brine pipe would be going under the canal.

Richard Stevenson explained that the extension to the brine pipe would be going over the canal via a pipebridge that would result in the pipe discharging into the Manchester Ship Canal.

Sydney Broxton asked why it was necessary to discharge the brine and whether it was because it was too salty or not salty enough - what is wrong with the brine that requires disposal.

Richard Stevenson explained that there was nothing wrong with the brine but the discharge may be required in order to balance the supply and demand issues. He went on to explain that gas storage requires the brine to be extracted at a steady rate, however customers demand issues vary on a daily basis and if these two weren't matched then the brine would need to be disposed of.

Sydney Broxton enquired whether this action would negatively impact on the long term availability of brine.

Richard Stevenson reassured that this would not deplete the availability of brine and there was 100 of years of brine supply in Cheshire.

Richard Stevenson provided an in depth explanation of why an overhead pipebridge was required as opposed to sinking the pipe under the waterway.

Sydney Broxton enquired whether if gas storage was really required was it really going to take 6 years to complete the project.

Richard Stevenson confirmed that it would as the planning stage could take up to 18 months, then the enabling work has to be carried out before the solution mining can start and solution mining is a slow process.

Frank enquired whether there would be any impact on the project if the go ahead was given to start Fracking on Frodsham marshes.

Richard Stevenson said that there would be no issues.

Ralph Owen stated that he was still extremely concerned about pipebridge because of the proposed project to reinstate the Bridgewater Canal ring.

Cllr Alan Lowe stated that the Bridgewater Canal project was still a very real possibility as long as the funding could be put in place and other issues resolved.

Ralph Owen added that he believed that it was detrimental to do anything in the area, however he accepted that the area is an industrial area but he fundamentally disagreed that gave anyone the right to make it worse.

Linda Redhead enquired what Ralph Owen would propose to do instead of the pipebridge.

Ralph Owen said that he fundamentally believed that there must be a way to trench the pipe under the waterway.

Linda Owen stated that she thought that from Richard Stevenson's explanation that there was no feasible technical solution.

Ralph Owen said that he did not accept the explanation.

Richard Stevenson confirmed that the Project Team had firmly challenged the use of the pipebridge all the way through the project development stage and there was no other way.

Cllr Alan Lowe enquired whether the installation of the pipebridge would interfere with the reopening of canal.

Richard Stevenson confirmed that it wouldn't and that in fact it would have less impact on waterways because if trenches were to be used then there would be full closures of the waterway for months and the need for coffer dams. However, the pipebridge could be swung across in a day so there was much less inconvenience to water users and there would be no impact whatsoever on the location of the canal reopening programme.