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Dear Sirs

**Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) Section 55
Application by Keuper Gas Storage Limited for an Order Granting Development
Consent for the Keuper Gas Storage Project**

I refer to your recent letter dated 24 November 2015 regarding the above matter which invites Cheshire East Council to submit their views as to whether Keuper Gas Storage Limited has complied with the following duties:

- Duty to consult (section 42 of the Planning Act 2008)
- Duty to consult the local community (section 47 of the Planning Act 2008)
- Duty to publicise (section 48 of the Planning Act 2008)

It is ultimately for the Planning Inspectorate to decide as to whether the above requirements have been met, however, I trust the following comments will be of assistance.

Section 42 Duty to consult

Subsection (a) of section 42 refers to persons as may be prescribed. The prescribed list is formed in schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed forms and procedures) Regulations 2009. Keuper Gas Storage Limited have provided a list of those consulted who they consider to be prescribed persons for the purpose of the regulations. Overall this list is considered to be very comprehensive however we note that Cranage Parish Council have not been identified in the list of Parish Councils consulted. Given their close proximity to the site, it is considered that they should be included, if they have not already been consulted through other means (e.g. existing channels facilitated by INOVYN Enterprises Limited).

The applicant has also provided a list of local authorities and it is considered that they have complied with subsection (b) of section 42. They have provided sufficient detail to satisfy section 42(d) in terms of owners, lessees, tenants and occupiers of the land, or others with an interest in the land.

Section 47 Duty to consult the local community

From the information provided by the applicant, as far as Cheshire East Council is aware Keuper Gas Storage Limited consultation under section 47 has been carried out in accordance section 47 sub section 7 of the Planning Act 2008.

Section 48 Duty to publicise

Keuper Gas Storage Limited's submission details how it has undertaken publicity as detailed in paragraph 3 of Part 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (applications: prescribed forms and procedures) Regulations 2009. It would appear that Keuper Gas Storage Limited's consultation under section 48 meets the requirements of this legislation.

Yours sincerely

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