

WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS – KEUPER GAS STORAGE LTD

We have been instructed to act on behalf of Mrs C A Wilkinson, [REDACTED] in regard to the application by Keuper Gas Storage Ltd for an order granting development consent for the Keuper Gas Storage Project (KGSP).

We would like to make the following comments on behalf of our above client:

- **Background**

Our client runs a successful and profitable dairy farm from their property. They are currently farming 50 acres of owned land and a further 70 acres of rented land. They are currently milking 70 cows with 20 young stock.

The Keuper Gas proposal states that the following infrastructure will be placed on our above clients owned property:

- 1 permanent wellhead (H510) and associated roadways and pipelines.
- Precise levelling points
- Additional rights have also been reserved over the adjoining land to the property for undertaking surveys, drainage works, intrusive ground investigation surveys (boreholes).

Our client is concerned about their business and their property during and post construction, as this is not only their home, but also their business and their livelihood in which they make their living.

- **Location of Infrastructure and Loss of Land during Construction**

Due to the proposed location of the above mentioned wellheads and the associated infrastructure such as roadways and pipelines across the property will cause severe disruption to our clients ability to operate their business efficiently.

2.09 acres of owned land will be taken off our client during construction which will require them to downsize their farming operations and restrict growth which will affect the profitability of the farm.

Our client has considered taking on additional ground, however, currently due to demand for land in the area, nothing suitable has come available for them to either purchase or rent to compensate for the potential loss.

- **During Construction**

The wellhead will cause disruption to our client during construction as it will be difficult to move livestock around the property, particularly during construction as cattle get spooked by workers in fluorescent clothing, large number of vehicles and the noise and vibrations caused by the works.

- **Post Construction**

Post construction a total of 1.38 acres of owned land will be permanently taken off our client, with practically no realistic opportunity to replace it due to lack of land availability in close proximity to the farm.

- **Impact on Residence**

In addition to our clients concerns over the detrimental effect it will have to their business and their livelihood, they are also greatly concerned about the impact it will have on their place of residence, due to noise, vibration and visual impact of the project both during and post construction.

It is also difficult for our client to understand the potential ongoing impact post construction as the DCO documentation regarding maintenance of the proposed infrastructure is unclear.

- **Conclusion**

Our clients are concerned that the perceived benefits of the proposal do not outweigh the loss that they will suffer. Quite simply, due to the staged construction process for brine extraction then for gas storage, the period of construction is likely to be for between 4 and 7 years, our client will struggle to keep milking cows at the farm due to loss of land and the difficulties faced with farming adjoining land making it unavailable as this land is part of the immediate grazing platform close to the farm.