

Keuper Gas Storage Project Case Team
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Our ref: SO/2016/115762/02-L02
Your ref: EN030002
Date: 29 April 2016

FAO Jonathan Green

Dear Sir

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: EN030002

WRITTEN REPRESENTATION

**DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN
THE KEUPER UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED
DEVELOPMENT
LAND AT AND SURROUNDING THE HOLFORD BRINEFIELD, NORTH OF
MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE**

Thank for your letter dated 23rd March 2016, inviting written representations from interested parties.

The Environment Agency have no further comments to make to those set out at the initial assessment stage, as below:-

We are satisfied with the level of information and consultation that we have received from the applicant.

We have prepared a Statement of Common Ground, with the applicants, which sets out the areas of agreement reached to date during the pre-application stage of consultation. Which covers Environmental Permitting in respect of releases to the air during operation of the Project, disposal of mining waste and use of existing licences and environmental permits.

We have granted Flood Defence Consent for those parts of the proposals (access road crossings, pipeline crossings), that affect Puddinglake Brook.

According to the Environmental Statement, HRA and other assessments, ecologically sensitive receptors are not expected to be affected by this project, and no ponds planned to be lost. The results for ecological surveys have found no evidence of Otter, Water Vole and Lesser Silver Water Beetle. However, Badger setts and Great Crested

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Newts have been observed and these will be dealt by Natural England through the licensing regime.

Should you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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