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The Planning Inspectorate
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Dear Sirs

PLANNING ACT 2008

APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE KEUPER GAS STORAGE PROJECT ("ORDER")

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE NUMBER: EN030002

INTERESTED PARTY REFERENCE NUMBER: 10032024

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER ("the University")

KEUPER GAS STORAGE LIMITED ("the Applicant")

Further to the Examining Authority's Rule 8(3) Letter dated 1 August 2016 I write to set out the University's comments on the Applicant's revised draft DCO in accordance with deadline 9.

The University has been working with the Applicant in an effort to address the concerns set out by the University during the course of the examination; the result of this work has been set out by the Applicant at paragraph 24 of Schedule 2 of the Draft Development Consent Order - Rev. 7 ("Requirement 24").

The University welcomes and agrees the inclusion of Requirement 24 and confirms that it adequately address the University's concerns. As such, provided that Requirement 24 is included within the Development Consent Order, the University no longer has any issue with development consent being granted for the Keuper Gas Storage Project.

We would, however, suggest the following amendments to the Draft Development Consent Order – Rev. 7 which, whilst minor, are considered important to ensure consistency and reduce any ambiguity within the Development Consent Order:

1. A definition of "the University of Manchester" as "The University of Manchester (a Royal Charter corporation registered under number RC000797), of Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL" should be inserted.

2. The references to the “Control of Radio Frequency Emissions Plan” at Requirement 24 should be changed to “control of radio emissions plan” as this is not a defined term.
3. The reference to “Work No 14” is incorrectly drafted at 24 (2), 24 (3)(b), and 24(3)(c) of Requirement 24 as “Works” and as such the “s” should be deleted at each instance.
4. For clarity, the words “the gas processing plant” should be added immediately preceding the above references to Work No 14.
5. The references to “promoter” at 24(3)(a) and 24(4) of Requirement 24 should be replaced with “undertaker”.

Finally, for completeness, in light of the position that has been reached, the University considers that the Statement of Common Ground submitted to the examination by the Applicant does not reflect the agreed position and as such, is of no longer of any relevance.

Should the Examining Authority require any clarification or other assistance from the University, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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