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Your ref EN030002

By Email

19 December 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

KeuperGSP Project - Non-Material Change 1 EN030002

I refer to the letter from Keuper Gas Storage Ltd, dated 17 November 2022, advising Historic England of the application submitted in accordance with the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011, to make non-material changes to the Keuper Underground Gas Storage Facility Order 2017.

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The changes proposed to the plans include:

- Amendment of the definition of 'gas' to include 'hydrogen'
- Amendment to reference to 'National Grid's National Transmission System' to give greater flexibility to connect to both the national system and any future hydrogen network
- Relocation of the planned office building
- An option to include an alternative location of the planned gas connection compound

Having considered the documentation submitted in support of the application, and particularly the *Keuper Hydrogen Storage Non-material Change Application*



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Environmental Report, dated 8 August 2022, we agree with the conclusions of Section 8 of that report ('Updated Cultural Heritage') that the proposed physical changes to the location of the office building and the gas connection compound do not introduce any new or different impacts on the cultural heritage resource. Similarly, the amendments to the definition of gas and to the transmission system are unlikely to have any new or different impacts. The comments made in our letter of 27 April 2016 (ref 10032010/PL00017270) on the initial application therefore remain relevant to the amended scheme.

Yours faithfully

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