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Dear Sir/Madam

## <u>Keuper Underground Gas Storage Facility Order 2017 - Application for a Non-Material Change in</u> relation to the nature of gas stored and layout of the site

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

In summary Natural England considers that the proposed changes will not have significant adverse impacts in relation to our remit and so have no additional comments to make.

We note this Non-Material Change application relates to amendment of the definition of 'gas' to include 'hydrogen', amendment to reference of 'National grid's National Transmission System', the relocation of a planned office building and the option to include an alternative location of the planned gas connection compound.

We have reviewed the Environmental Report by ERM dated 08 August 2022 are satisfied with the updated information provided. We are satisfied that the changes are non-material and as such no new air quality, noise and vibration, ecology or ground condition impacts will arise and there will be no significant additional greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, we are satisfied that our previous advice regarding the Keuper Gas Storage Project will still apply to this application.

For any further consultations, please contact: <a href="mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk">consultations@naturalengland.org.uk</a>.

Yours faithfully

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