



**Canal &
River Trust**

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Richard Stevenson
KGSP Project Manager

Your Ref

Our Ref IPP-44

Friday 9th December 2022

Dear Mr Stevenson

Keuper Underground Gas Storage Facility Order 2017, made 15th March 2017

Proposal: Application for a non-material change in relation to the nature of gas stored and layout of the site.

Thank you for your consultation on the non-material change to the Order.

We are the charity who look after and bring to life 2000 miles of canals & rivers. Our waterways contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. These historic, natural and cultural assets form part of the strategic and local green-blue infrastructure network, linking urban and rural communities as well as habitats. By caring for our waterways and promoting their use we believe we can improve the wellbeing of our nation. The Trust is a prescribed consultee in relation to National Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs).

The made Keuper Underground Gas Storage Facility Order 2017 contains protective provisions for the Canal & River Trust as set out Schedule 9, Part 3 of the Order. Based on the consultation details the proposed non-material changes would not directly or indirectly impact the Trust owned waterways (Trent & Mersey Canal) located some distance to the west of the site in terms of where the layout changes are proposed (or indeed the works associated with the Weaver Navigation (work No.10)). As such no amendments are proposed within the Order in relation to the Trust's interests.

We would however advise that within the interpretation of the Order we note that as drafted it reads '*Canal & River Trust*' means the Canal & River Trust whose address is Navigation Road, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 1BH;

The Canal & River Trust no longer holds offices at this Northwich address (nor the Milton Keynes address that the notification letter was sent). Our registered address is **Canal & River Trust / Glandwr Cymru, National Waterway Museum Ellesmere Port, South Pier Road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, England, CH65 4FW**

For completeness The Keuper Underground Gas Storage Facility (Amendment) Order 2022 should correct this address within the 'Amendments to Part 1 (PRELIMINARY), Article 2 (Interpretation)' section to ensure no ambiguity or miscommunication in the future.

The Trust have no further comments to make on the schedule of non-material changes as set out within the consultation letter and application documentation and plans.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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