

Draft Terms of Reference - Community Liaison Panel,
Underground Gas Storage facility at Preesall.

- Halite Energy is fully committed to engaging with all members of the local community in the areas surrounding the planned location of the proposed Underground Gas Storage facility.
- Halite Energy understands the significant level of local interest in its proposals and wishes to follow best practice by establishing a Community Liaison Panel where it can identify and respond to local concerns in an open and honest way.
- Participation in the Community Liaison Panel would be on a voluntary basis.
- Halite Energy regards the Community Liaison Panel as an independent organisation which is independently facilitated.
- Halite Energy will fully cover costs incurred by the panel, including venue hire.
- Halite Energy wishes to make it clear that participation in the Community Liaison Panel does not in any way indicate support or opposition to the plans to create the Underground Gas Storage facility in Preesall. The panel has no legal or executive powers to influence either the development or the operation of a facility at Preesall.
- The Community Liaison Panel would be established to facilitate the flow of information between Halite Energy and the local community.
- The complement of the Community Liaison Panel should not exceed 15 people – this is considered to be the maximum number that will allow each person sufficient opportunity to share their views.
- The independent facilitator will prepare the agenda for the first meeting, after which the agenda will be discussed at the end of every meeting and circulated to members for approval.
- Following each meeting, minutes would be prepared by the independent facilitator, approved by the panel and posted on the Halite Energy website, therefore available for the general public to view.
- Halite Energy will ensure that specialists are in attendance to present, and answer questions about, technical issues where necessary.
- A representative of Halite Energy will attend Community Liaison Panel meetings.
- It is envisaged that the Community Liaison Panel will meet on a quarterly basis as a minimum, but more frequently if the panel deems it necessary.

Through the establishment of a Community Liaison Panel, Halite Energy aims:

- a. To identify and respond to issues of local concern;
- b. To better understand local concerns;
- c. To provide a conduit so those issues can be articulated;
- d. To help inform and educate local opinion formers;
- e. To provide a structured arena for constructive debate;
- g. To update the local community on the progress of the project.

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