



**PREESALL UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE FACILITY,
LANCASHIRE**

**Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) Application
Reference Number: EN030001**

**STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND BETWEEN
HALITE ENERGY GROUP LIMITED AND LANCASHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE TOPIC OF CIVIL AND
MILITARY AVIATION AND DEFENCE INTERESTS**

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LIMITED, LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND WYRE BOROUGH COUNCIL
ON THE TOPIC OF CIVIL AND MILITARY AVIATION
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STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND : CIVIL AND MILITARY AVIATION AND DEFENCE INTERESTS

1. This Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) is made between Barton Willmore LLP on behalf of Halite Energy Group Limited (Halite) and Lancashire County Council (LCC) and Wyre Borough Council (WBC) in relation to Halite's application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for an Underground Gas Storage (UGS) facility at Preesall (the 'Project'). This SOCG confirms that civil and military aviation and defence interests are not an issue as far as the local planning authorities are concerned.
2. The impact of the Project on civil and military and defence interests is set out by Halite in paragraphs 3.50 – 3.51 of the Planning and Sustainability Statement (Doc Ref 9.1.1).

National Policy Statements

3. It is agreed that NPS EN-1 (2011) states that the 'IPC should be satisfied that the effects on civil and military aerodromes, aviation technical sites and other defence assets have been addressed by the applicant and that any necessary assessment of the proposal on aviation or defence interests has been carried out. In particular, it should be satisfied that the proposal has been designed to minimise adverse impacts on the operation and safety of aerodromes and that reasonable mitigation is carried out' (para 5.4.14).

Assessment

4. It is agreed that aviation and defence interests were not issues raised by the Secretary of State or the LPAs in the determination of previous planning applications. Further, it is agreed that no representations were received from either LCC or WBC during the Section 42 and 56 consultation process and, therefore, civil and military aviation and defence interests are not considered issues that the LPAs require to be considered as part of the determination of the development consent order application.

This Statement of Common Ground on the topic of Civil and Military Aviation and Defence interests has been prepared by Barton Willmore, on behalf of Halite Energy Group Limited, and agreed by Lancashire County Council.

Signed _____

Adrian James

on behalf of Barton Willmore

Date: 1-6-2012

Signed _____

Michael Green
Cabinet Member for Economic
Development, Environment and
Planning
on behalf of Lancashire County
Council

Date: _____

1st June 2012