

# KEUPER GAS STORAGE PROJECT

## Keuper Underground Gas Storage Facility Order 2017, made 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### Application for a Non-Material Change in relation to the nature of gas stored and layout of the site.

#### Regulation 7A Statement

##### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. Keuper Gas Storage Limited (KGSL) (The Applicant) has submitted an application in accordance with the Planning Act 2008 (“2008 Act”) and the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (“2011 Regulations”) to make non-material changes to the Keuper Underground Gas Storage Facility Order 2017 (“2017 Order”).
- 1.2. The Keuper Gas Storage Project (KGSP) involves using specially designed underground salt cavities – created through solution mining – to store gas. The project was granted a Development Consent Order (DCO) in 2017.
- 1.3. KGSL is seeking consent from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to change the nature of gas stored to include the option of hydrogen gas storage and to the location of one building and one compound; necessitating minor updates to the Landscape Plans, Works Plans and Elevation Plans. The location, amount, size and construction method of the 19 cavities is not planned to change.
- 1.4. The changes proposed to the Plans include:
  - Amendment of the definition of ‘gas’ to include ‘hydrogen’
  - Amendment to reference of ‘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
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- 1.5. This document fulfils the requirement of Regulation 7A of the 2011 Regulations to set out the Applicant’s activity to publicise the application in accordance with the 2011 Regulations.

##### **2. Pre-Application Consultation**

- 2.1. The Applicant undertook extensive engagement in support of the original DCO application. Whilst it is not required by the 2008 Act or 2011 Regulations, as a responsible organisation and commitment to being a good neighbour to communities closest to the site, the Applicant undertook voluntary community consultation in advance of submitting the non-material change application.

- 2.2. In summary, activity undertaken as part of the voluntary pre-application community consultation included:
- A newsletter with feedback form was issued by post to communities surrounding the main gas storage site
  - Information and documents about the non-material change application were uploaded to project website
  - Key elected representatives were written to about the application
  - A meeting of the existing Community Liaison Group for the project was held
  - A drop-in exhibition was held at a venue local to the site, with information boards, materials, team members available to answer questions and feedback forms
  - An advert was placed in a locally circulating newspaper promoting the consultation and event
  - Community contact channels including email address, freepost address and freephone information line were made available for comments or questions
- 2.3. An addendum Consultation Statement will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and published on the project website – [www.kgsp.co.uk](http://www.kgsp.co.uk) – detailing the approach to pre-application consultation and the Applicant's response to key issues following conclusion of the post-submission consultation on Friday 6 January 2023. The Statement will include the Applicant's responses to comments received during this consultation.

### **3. Regulation 6 activity**

- 3.1. The Applicant has fulfilled the Regulation 6 activity by publicising the application upon submission. This was done by the publishing of a notice for two successive weeks in two local newspapers circulating in the vicinity of the land where the project is situated.
- 3.2. The Applicant ensured the Planning Inspectorate and Secretary of State was notified of the intention to submit the application and shared a copy of the public notice ahead of its publication in local titles. The Regulation 6 Notice was drafted to include all elements of information as required by the 2011 Regulations.
- 3.3. The Regulation 6 Notice was published in:
- Runcorn Weekly News – 24 November 2022
  - Northwich and Winsford Guardian – 24 November 2022
  - Runcorn Weekly News – 1 December 2022
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- 3.4. Copies of the public notice and the corresponding front cover of the newspaper the notices appeared in can be found in Section 6 – Appendices.

### **4. Regulation 7 activity**

- 4.1. Regulation 7 of the 2011 Regulations requires the Applicant to consult specified persons for non-material change applications – specifically by sending a copy of the notice publicising the application.

- 4.2. The Applicant complied with this requirement. Upon submission of the application, the Applicant wrote to specified persons and those who may be directly affected by the changes to the proposal. Despite the non-material change having very limited likely changes in effects locally – as outlined in the Environmental Report – the Applicant chose to write directly to all residents and businesses within the consultation zone around the main gas storage site, for robustness and consistency.
- 4.3. A copy of the covering letter issued can be found in Section 6 – Appendices, alongside a text version of the public notice, which was appended to the letter.
- 4.4. The letter and notice was issued to:
- Prescribed consultees in accordance with Section 56 of the 2008 Act (details of which are outlined in Section 6 – Appendices)
  - All those with an interest in the land, as included in the Book of Reference for the Project
  - All residential and business addresses within 3.5km of the main gas storage site, totalling 2113 addresses (a map of this area is included in Section 6 – Appendices).

## **5. Conclusion**

- 5.1. This Statement details how the Applicant carried out voluntary pre-application consultation on the non-material change application to the KGSP, and how it has complied with the requirements outlined in Regulation 6 and 7 of the 2011 Regulations – namely the duty to publicise and consult on the application.

## 6. Appendices

### 6.1. Public Notices

Runcorn Weekly News – 24 November 2022





# Public Notices

## Planning

### SECTION 153 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

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In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, Wilton Borough Council is required to advertise the following application:

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### APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT DEVELOPMENT AFFECTING A LISTED BUILDING IN A CONSERVATION AREA

Wilton Borough Council is required under the Town and Country Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1989, to advertise the following application:

Application for Listed building consent for proposed single storey rear extension with associated alterations to 21, Canal Lane, Wilton, Lancashire, PO16 4AE

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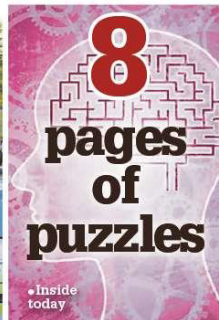


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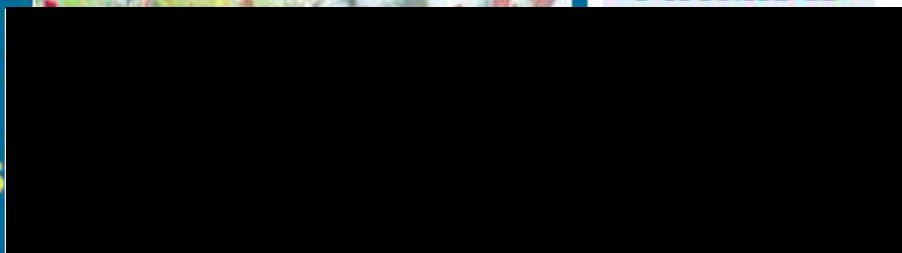


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3. Relocation of the planned office building
4. An option to include an alternative location of the planned gas connection compound

Please find enclosed a copy of the public notice which will appear in the Northwich Guardian and Runcorn & Widnes Weekly News in the weeks commencing 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November. This sets out the changes proposed to the DCO; where the application documents can be viewed; and where to send any representations.

The application documents and plans showing the nature and location of the land concerned can be viewed free of charge at: [www.kgsp.co.uk/library](http://www.kgsp.co.uk/library) (Non Material Change Application Documents).

The deadline for receipt of representations is 23:59 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

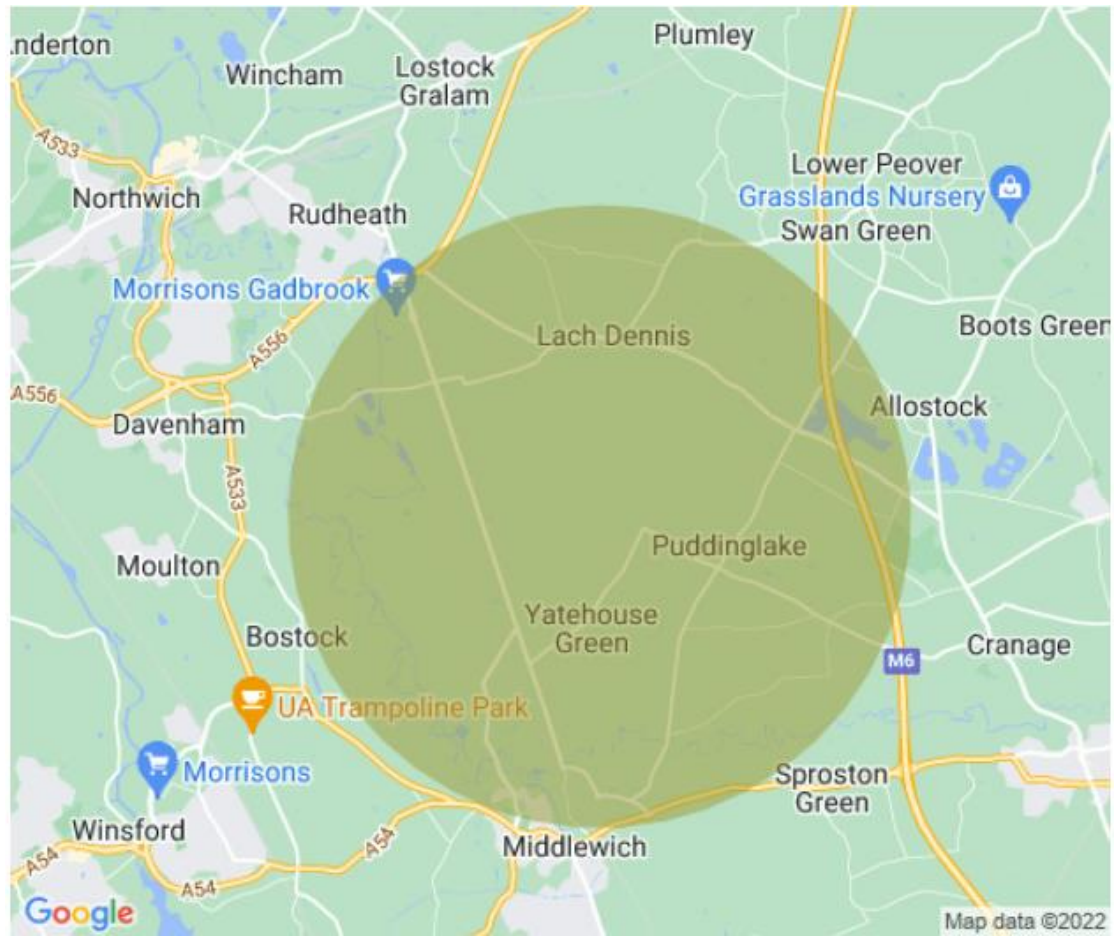


If you have any questions on the plans you can contact the project team on [kgsp@fontcomms.com](mailto:kgsp@fontcomms.com) or 0800 689 1095.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of  
Keuper Gas Storage Limited

#### 6.4. Circulation area of 3.5km around the main gas storage site



## 6.5. List of Regulation 7 notification recipients

1st Over St. Johns Scout Group
4th Runcorn Scouts
Age UK Cheshire
Allostock Parish Council
Anderton with Marbury Parish Council
Aston Parish Council
Beechwood West Management Limited
Bostock Parish Council
Byley Community Association
Byley County Primary School
Byley Parish Meeting
Cavendish High School
Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership
Cheshire and Warrington LEP
Cheshire Community Development Trust
Cheshire East Council
Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
Cheshire Region Biodiversity Partnership
Cheshire West & Chester Council
Cheshire West & Chester Highways Department
Cheshire Wildlife Trust
Cheshire Community Action
Civil Aviation Authority
Comberbach Methodist Church
Comberbach Parish Council
Comberbach Primary School
CPRE Cheshire
Cranage Parish Council
Davenham Parish Council
Dee Valley Water United Utilities
Dutton Parish Council
E.ON UK PLC
East Cheshire Chamber of Commerce
East Cheshire NHS Trust
Energetics Gas Ltd
English Heritage
ES Pipelines Ltd
ESP Connections Ltd
ESP Electricity Ltd
ESP Networks Ltd
ESP Pipelines Ltd



Flintshire County Council
Flintshire County Council
Forestry Commission
Friends of the Earth, North West
Fulcrum Pipelines Limited
Goostrey Parish Council
Groundwork Cheshire
GTC Pipelines Limited
Guides Middlewich
Halton and Saint Helens Voluntary Community Action
Halton Borough Council
Halton Borough Council Highways
Halton Chamber of Commerce & Enterprise
Highways Agency Historical Railways Estate
Historic England
Holmes Chapel Parish Council
Hope Corner Community Church & Hope Corner Academy
Independent Pipelines Limited
Independent Power Networks Limited
INEOS Enterprises Ltd
Knowsley Council
Lach Dennis Parish Council
Little Leigh Parish Council
Little Leigh School
Liverpool City Council
Liverpool John Lennon Airport
Liverpool LEP
Lostock Gralam Parish Council
Lower Peover Parish Council
Manchester Ship Canal Company
Marston Parish Council
Mid Cheshire College
Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Middlewich Cubs & Scouts
Middlewich Heritage Society
Middlewich Parish Council
Middlewich Vision
Ministry of Defence
Moulton & District Community Association
National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC
National Grid Gas PLC
National Grid PLC
National Highways
NATS En-route (NERL) Safeguarding
Natural England

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd
NHS Cheshire CCG
NHS Cheshire, Warrington and Wirral Area Team
NHS England
NHS Merseyside Area Team
NHS West Cheshire CCG
Northwich & District Youth Centre
Northwich Methodist Church
Northwich Parish Council
Northwich School of Music
Northwich Town Council
Northwich Victoria Football Club
Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy, Runcorn
Peel Ports Group (Manchester Ship Canal)
Plumley Parish Council
Police and Crime Commissioner Cheshire
Police and Crime Commissioner Merseyside
Preston Brook Parish Council
Quadrant Pipelines Ltd
Rocksavage Power Company Ltd
Royal Mail Group
Rudheath Parish Council
Rudheath Primary School
Runcorn Bowling Club
Runcorn Golf Club
Runcorn Residents Federation
Shropshire Council
SP Distribution Limited
SP Manweb PLC
Sproston Parish Council
SSE Pipelines
St Chads Catholic & C of E High School
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council
St Luke's Church
St Mary's Catholic Church, Middlewich
Stanthorne Parish Council
Sutton Parish Council
The Bridgewater Canal Company Ltd
The Canal and River Trust
The Civil Aviation Authority
The Coal Authority
The Crown Estate
The Electricity Network Company
The Environment Agency
The Gas Transportation Company Ltd

The Health and Safety Executive
The Heath School
The Marine Management Organisation
The Maritime and Coastguard Agency
The Port of Western (Westlink Holdings Ltd)
UK Health Security Agency
University of Chester Academy, Rudheath
University of Manchester
Utility Assets Limited
Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS
Warrington Borough Council
Warrington Chamber of Commerce
Weaver Valley Cycling Club
West Cheshire and North Wales Chamber of Commerce
Weston Point Primary School
Weston Primary School
Whitley Parish Council
Whitley Village School
Wincham Parish Council
Winsford Parish Council
Wirral Borough Council
Witton Albion Football Club Ltd, Norwich
Witton Church Walk C of E Primary School
Wrexham County Borough Council
Youth Federation