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From: Salinae Hydrogen Storage
Sent: 05 May 2026 10:30
To: Salinae Hydrogen Storage; [REDACTED]@kistosplc.com
Subject: RE: EN0310002 Salinae Hydrogen Storage Project EIA - Kistos Response

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Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Thank you for the email..

We appreciate the situation you describe below whereby Kistos Energy Storage Ltd is located within the application boundary for Salinae and that it is a COMAH facility. However, this does not affect our consultation requirements as set out by my colleague Joe set out in his previous email. As a government body, the Planning Inspectorate performs its consultation duties in accordance with legislation which has been drafted and passed through the UK parliament. The Planning Inspectorate's approach reflects that set out in the relevant legislation and advice page and is consistent for each project. The Planning Inspectorate has no powers to amend legislation.

The Planning Inspectorate does have the capacity to consult non-prescribed consultees (bodies not subject to the statutory duty to share relevant information referred to above) – for the sake of transparency and to make it clear which bodies can expect to be consulted on scoping reports, at present the Planning Inspectorate only consults the bodies listed in our advice page on EIA notification and consultation which is available here [Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on EIA Notification and Consultation - GOV.UK](#)

We acknowledge that Kistos Energy Storage Ltd may hold information relevant to the production of the ES and we recommend you send comments on the scope of the ES directly to the applicant. Please be assured that Kistos Energy Storage Ltd will not be excluded from the decision-making process, with the opportunity to voice your comments on the project during the applicant's pre-application statutory consultation and, should the project be accepted by the Planning Inspectorate, during an examination of the project

I trust this information has been helpful.

Kind regards
Hannah

From: [REDACTED]@kistosplc.com>
Sent: 30 April 2026 13:43
To: Salinae Hydrogen Storage <salinaehydrogenstorage@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: EN0310002 Salinae Hydrogen Storage Project EIA - Kistos Response

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Good afternoon,

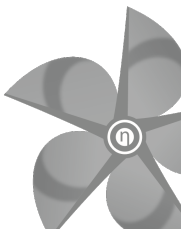
Thank you for your response. I acknowledge that Kistos is not identified as a prescribed consultee within the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regs),

and nor is Kistos listed as a non-prescribed consultee within Annex 1 or 2 of the NSIP: Advice on EIA Notification and Consultation. However, it remains a rather unique circumstance in which the application boundary includes land which we are freehold and leasehold owner, and land that we operate as a strategic Top Tier COMAH Gas Storage Facility. Consequently, it would seem both reasonable and sensible to ensure that we are brought along through the process as a consultee at all stages of the application. Importantly, Regulation 10(9) (Applications for a Scoping Opinion) of the EIA Regs does state that: ‘Before adopting a scoping opinion the Secretary of State or relevant authority must take into account – (a) any information provided about the proposed development; (b) the specific characteristics of the development; (c) the likely significant effects of the development on the environment; and (d) in the case of a subsequent application, the environmental statement submitted with the original application.’ Regulation 10(9) does not specify that this should be limited solely to information provided by the applicant. As the current operator of an existing adjacent gas storage facility, that would be directly and indirectly impacted upon by the Proposed Development, we would suggest that we are in a unique position that we can provide information that is pertinent to whether there would likely be significant effects on the environment, when considered in combination with our operations.

On Behalf of Kistos Energy Storage Ltd

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Plant Manager



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From: Salinae Hydrogen Storage <salinaehydrogenstorage@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 10:09 AM

To: [Redacted] [@kistosplc.com](mailto:[Redacted]@kistosplc.com)>

Subject: RE: EN0310002 Salinae Hydrogen Storage Project EIA - Kistos Response

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email and the comments provided on the Applicant's scoping request.

This email sets out the Planning Inspectorate's position regarding consultation as part of the process of adopting a scoping opinion, including an explanation of its obligations and approach to non-prescribed consultation bodies, as described in Advice Page 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on EIA Notification and Consultation'.

Kistos Energy Storage Limited were not identified by the Planning Inspectorate as a consultation body for the Salinae Hydrogen Storage Project consultation and nor are you identified as one of the non-prescribed consultation bodies for which we exercise our discretion to consult. As such, the Planning Inspectorate will not take your comments into account in the scoping opinion.

As you are aware, Uniper asked the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State for its opinion (a Scoping Opinion) as to the information to be provided in an Environmental Statement (ES) relating to the Proposed Development.

The Planning Inspectorate, under the terms of Regulation 10 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations), has a duty to consult:

- a body prescribed under section 42(1)(a) (duty to consult) of the Planning Act 2008 and listed in column 1 of the table set out in Schedule 1 to the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended by the Infrastructure Planning (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2024) where the circumstances set out in column 2 of that table are satisfied in respect of that body;
- the Marine Management Organisation, where the proposed development would affect, or be likely to affect, areas specified in section 42(2);
- each local authority that is within section 43 (local authorities for purposes of section 42(1)(b)); and
- if the land to which the application, or proposed application, relates or any part of that land is in Greater London, the Greater London Authority.

The Planning Inspectorate also has a duty to notify certain bodies under Regulation 11 of the EIA Regulations of their duty under the EIA Regulations to make available to the Applicant information they possess which is considered relevant to the preparation of the ES.

The Planning Inspectorate can also exercise its discretion in choosing whether to take into account responses from non-prescribed consultation bodies or individuals. The position that the Planning Inspectorate takes on consulting non-prescribed bodies is described in Advice Page 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on EIA Notification and Consultation'.

As Kistos Energy Storage Limited is not identified as one of the non-prescribed bodies in Advice Page 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on EIA Notification and Consultation', the Planning Inspectorate will not take your comments into account in the scoping opinion.

The Applicant has its own duty to undertake a wide consultation to inform its Application and from experience, this can include consultation with yourself. Should any individual or body wish to make any comments they can become involved in the Planning Act 2008 process in a number of ways. I refer you to our Advice Pages, which are available on the Advice page collection on gov.uk:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-infrastructure-planning-advice-notes>

Advice Page 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on EIA Notification and Consultation' sets out the EIA notification and consultation process, and the Advice Page 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say' gives information about how to become involved in the Planning Act 2008 process.

If you have comments on the scope of the ES, I encourage you to make these available to the Applicant if you have not already done so.

Uniper contact details can be found on the bottom of the Salinae Hydrogen Storage Project webpage on our National Infrastructure Planning website at the following link: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0310002>

I hope this information has been helpful.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@kistosplc.com>
Sent: 07 April 2026 16:49
To: Salinae Hydrogen Storage <salinaehydrogenstorage@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: EN0310002 Salinae Hydrogen Storage Project EIA - Kistos Response

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By way of an introduction;

Kistos is an independent energy company with operations across the upstream and midstream energy markets. Our offshore and onshore portfolio spans the UK, Norway, and the Netherlands. Within the UK, our Hill Top and Hole House gas storage facilities are located approximately 2 kilometres to the north of Crewe in Cheshire and are two of very few operational gas storage sites in the UK, representing high strategic importance for the delivery of energy across the nation. They have the ability to deliver up to 11% of the UK's flexible gas capacity, if called upon and have been in continuous operation as an upper tier COMAH facility since 2001.

Representation on behalf of Kistos Energy Storage Limited (Kistos), Warmingham to the Salinae Hydrogen Storage Project , Uniper Scoping Request to the Planning Inspectorate (11 March 2026)

The Scoping Report March 2026 [100121940-ATR-ZZ-ZZ-TREP-EC-007] does make limited reference to the fact that the Site includes underground natural gas storage and gas processing operated by Kistos both at Hole House and Hill Top Farm. To be clear, our operations occupy the vast majority of the identified Site, and consequently the proposal will have both direct and indirect impacts on our operations.

The Proposed Development intends to use the primary access used by Kistos from Warmingham and consequently would directly interact with our day-to-day operations at the site. It is vital that the assessment process appropriately recognises this and assesses those cumulative effects adequately. The Kistos facility is an Upper Tier COMAH operation, and in addition to daily operational constraints, the Proposed Development could materially affect the ability to deliver any future projects that we may wish to undertake as a strategically important, fast reacting, UK natural gas store. Again, the assessment process needs adequate consideration.

To date minimal engagement has been held between Uniper and representatives of Kistos, and consequently the preliminary draft design of the scheme has been developed without any input from Kistos. Consequently, it fails to minimise the impact on us and our operations. We would expect that as the project becomes more defined, a greater level of direct engagement will take place to help ensure that our comments and concerns are appropriately addressed as early as possible in the design process.

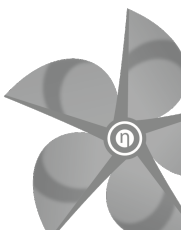
Kistos (and prior to which EDF Gas Storage) has over many years developed a transparent, supportive, and cooperative engagement strategy with the local community, lead planning authority, and other local stakeholders. We believe it is essential that collaborative relationship is maintained through the DCO process, and we would kindly request that a communications strategy is developed with Kistos as a central component of it.

Our limited comments at this stage are made without prejudice to any representations that we may wish to make informally or formally to the PEIR, or other rounds of consultation across the entire DCO process.

On Behalf of Kistos Energy Storage Ltd

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Plant Manager



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