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Thank you for the recent delivery of postcard representations from Rise Up Against Gas Storage regarding Halite's Preesall Underground Gas Storage Facility proposal at Preesall in Lancashire.

You will appreciate that Lord Bourne's consideration of the Development Consent Order application made under the Planning Act 2008 for the proposal was set out in the decision letter of 17 July 2015 issued on his behalf and it would not be appropriate for the DECC Ministers or officials to comment beyond what is set out in that decision letter. I can only seek to assure your campaign group that, whilst noting the concerns raised, the decision to grant development consent for the project was made after an extremely thorough examination of all relevant matters, including the representations received. In the circumstances, I am unable to reconsider the decision.

Please note that the decision letter and all other documents relating to the Development Consent Order application are publically available to view on the Planning Inspectorate's Infrastructure Planning Portal at:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/preesall-saltfield-underground-gas-storage/?ipcsection=overview>

Yours sincerely

**AMBER RUDD**