

SECTION 153 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

PARAGRAPH 2 OF REGULATION 6 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (CHANGES TO, AND REVOCATION OF, DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDERS) REGULATIONS 2011 (SI 2011/2055)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO MAKE A NON-MATERIAL CHANGE TO THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER:

Keuper Underground Gas Storage Facility Order 2017 (SI 2017:433) (as amended)

1. The contact details of the applicant are: Keuper Gas Storage Limited, Bankes Lane Offices, Bankes Lane, PO Box 9, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 4JE; email: kgsp@fontcomms.com

2. Keuper Gas Storage Limited (referred to in the application as “KGSL”) is seeking, by way of an application to the Secretary of State, a change to be made to the above mentioned Development Consent Order which is not material.

3. 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.

The application seeks to make non-material changes to 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.

The changes proposed to the Plans include:

1. Amendment of the definition of ‘gas’ to include ‘hydrogen’
2. 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
3. Relocation of the planned office building
4. An option to include an alternative location of the planned gas connection compound

An update to the registered address of the undertaker is also included.

4. The application documents and plans showing the nature and location of the land concerned can be viewed free of charge on the Planning Inspectorate’s website (*maintained on behalf of the Secretary of State*):

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/keuper-gas-storage-project/?ipcsection=docs> (Dedicated ‘Keuper Gas Storage’ page; ‘Documents’ page)

Also free of charge on the applicant’s (KGSL) website at: www.kgsp.co.uk/library (Non Material Change Application Documents).

For enquiries in relation to the documents, plans, maps and non-material change application, the applicant can be contacted on Freephone 0800 689 1095 (Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.30pm).

5. They can also be inspected, free of charge, until Friday 6th January 2023 at: INOVYN, Holford Brinefield Offices, Lostock Gralam, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 7TD. Opening hours: Monday to Friday: 9.00am-4.00pm. To arrange a viewing contact the team on kgsp@fontcomms.com or 0800 689 1095.

A free digital copy of the application can be viewed / downloaded from KGSL's website using the link provided above. Alternatively, a paper copy can be obtained from KGSP for £50 by calling 0800 689 1095.

6. Please send any representations about the application by email to KeuperGSP@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or in writing to: National Infrastructure Planning, The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square Temple Quay Bristol BS1 6PN. Please quote "KeuperGSP Project – Non-Material Change 1 EN030002" on any correspondence. If you have difficulty in submitting a representation by email, please contact KeuperGSP@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or 0303 444 5000 and a member of the Planning Inspectorate's case team will be able to assist.

Any responses to publicity should focus only on the change that is being proposed to the infrastructure project (including, where appropriate, the impact of the change on the project as a whole). Responses should not go into details of wider matters relating to the underlying principles of a project, or other matters not directly related to the change applied for. This would include those matters considered in the examination of the original application for a Development Consent Order and in the Secretary of State's decision on that application.

Please note that any representations received by the Planning Inspectorate in response to the consultation will be handled in compliance with the United Kingdom's General Data Protection Regulation and published on the relevant page of the Planning Inspectorate's Infrastructure Planning Portal (<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/keuper-gas-storage-project/>) with all personal information removed.

7. The deadline for receipt of representations is 23:59 Friday 6th January 2023.