

**INEOS SITE COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING - WEDNESDAY 22ND
OCTOBER 2014**

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**KEUPER GAS STORAGE INPUT BY [REDACTED], INEOS
ENTERPRISES LIMITED**

[REDACTED] provided any overview of the Keuper Gas Storage Project and provided more detailed information on the project since the last presentation back in April.

[REDACTED] enquired whether the brine pipe would be going under the canal.

[REDACTED] explained that the extension to the brine pipe would be going over the canal via a pipebridge that would result in the pipe discharging into the Manchester Ship Canal.

[REDACTED] asked why it was necessary to discharge the brine and whether it was because it was too salty or not salty enough - what is wrong with the brine that requires disposal.

[REDACTED] explained that there was nothing wrong with the brine but the discharge may be required in order to balance the supply and demand issues. He went on to explain that gas storage requires the brine to be extracted at a steady rate, however customers demand issues vary on a daily basis and if there two weren't matched then the brine would need to be disposed of.

██████████ enquired whether this action would negatively impact on the long term availability of brine.

██████████ reassured that this would not deplete the availability of brine and there was 100 of years of brine supply in Cheshire.

██████████ provided an in depth explanation of why an overhead pipebridge was required as opposed to sinking the pipe under the waterway.

██████████ enquired whether if gas storage was really required was it really going to take 6 years to complete the project.

██████████ confirmed that it would as the planning stage could take up to 18 months, then the enabling work has to be carried out before the solution mining can start and solution mining is a slow process.

██████ enquired whether there would be any impact on the project if the go ahead was given to start Fracking on Frodsham marshes.

██████████ said that there would be no issues.

██████████ stated that he was still extremely concerned about pipebridge because of the proposed project to reinstate the Bridgewater Canal ring.

██████████ stated that the Bridgewater Canal project was still a very real possibility as long as the funding could be put in place and other issues resolved.

██████████ added that he believed that it was detrimental to do anything in the area, however he accepted that the area is an industrial area but he fundamentally disagreed that gave anyone the right to make it worse.

██████████ enquired what ██████████ would propose to do instead of the pipebridge.

██████████ said that he fundamentally believed that there must be a way to trench the pipe under the waterway.

██████████ stated that she thought that from ██████████ explanation that there was no feasible technical solution.

██████████ said that he did not accept the explanation.

██████████ confirmed that the Project Team had firmly challenged the use of the pipebridge all the way through the project development stage and there was no other way.

██████████ enquired whether the installation of the pipebridge would interfere with the reopening of canal.

██████████ confirmed that it wouldn't and that in fact it would have less impact on waterways because if trenches were to be used then there would be full closures of the waterway for months and the need for coffer dams. However, the pipebridge could be swung across in a day so there was much less inconvenience to water users and there would be no impact whatsoever on the location of the canal reopening programme.