
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1561

The Preesall Underground Gas Storage Facility Order 2015

PART 2

WORKS PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 1

Principal powers

Development consent etc. granted by the Order

3.—(1) Subject to the other terms of this Order, including the Requirements and the provisions and conditions of the deemed Marine Licence, the undertaker is granted—

- (a) development consent for the authorised development to be carried out within the Order limits; and
- (b) consent to use the authorised development for the purpose for which it is designed including use of the cavities to be created for the underground storage of gas.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not relieve the undertaker of any requirement to obtain any permit or licence under any legislation that may be required from time to time to authorise the use of the authorised development for any purpose other than the matters referred to in section 33(1) of the 2008 Act.

Maintenance of authorised development

4.—(1) Subject to—

- (a) the other terms of this Order, including the Requirements and the provisions and conditions of the deemed Marine Licence; and
- (b) any contrary provision in an agreement made under this Order,

the undertaker may at any time maintain the authorised development and may enter on any land within the Order limits if such entrance is reasonably required for the purpose of maintaining the authorised development.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (1) and (3), and to the Requirements, the power to maintain the authorised development includes the power to carry out and maintain such of the following works as may be necessary or expedient for the purposes of, or for purposes ancillary to, the construction or operation of the authorised development, namely—

- (a) works to alter the position of apparatus below ground level, including mains, sewers, drains and cables including below-ground structures associated with that apparatus within the Order limits;
- (b) works of decommissioning and demolition.

(3) Paragraph (2) shall only authorise the carrying out or maintenance of works within the Order limits.

Limits of deviation

5.—(1) The development authorised by this Order shall be constructed in the lines or situations shown on the works plans.

(2) But in constructing or maintaining the authorised development, the undertaker may deviate laterally from the lines or situations of the authorised development shown on the works plans to the extent of the limits of deviation shown on those plans.

Defence to proceedings in respect of statutory nuisance

6.—(1) Where proceedings are brought under section 82(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990⁽¹⁾ (summary proceedings by person aggrieved by statutory nuisance) in relation to a nuisance falling within paragraph (g) of section 79(1) of that Act (noise emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance), no order shall be made, and no fine may be imposed, under section 82(2) of that Act if—

- (a) the defendant shows that the nuisance—
 - (i) relates to premises used by the undertaker for the purposes of or in connection with the construction or maintenance of the authorised development and that the nuisance is attributable to the carrying out of the authorised development in accordance with a notice served under section 60 (control of noise on construction site), or a consent given under section 61 (prior consent for work on construction site) or 65 (noise exceeding registered level), of the Control of Pollution Act 1974⁽²⁾; or
 - (ii) is a consequence of the construction or maintenance of the authorised development and that it cannot reasonably be avoided; or
- (b) the defendant shows that the nuisance—
 - (i) relates to premises used by the undertaker for the purposes of or in connection with the use of the authorised development and that the nuisance is attributable to the use of the authorised development which is being used in accordance with a scheme for noise management approved by the relevant planning authority as described in paragraph 27 of Schedule 9 (Requirements); or
 - (ii) is a consequence of the use of the authorised development and that it cannot reasonably be avoided.

(2) Section 61(9) (consent for work on construction site to include statement that it does not of itself constitute a defence to proceedings under section 82 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 and section 65(8) of that Act (corresponding provision in relation to consent for registered noise level to be exceeded), shall not apply where the consent relates to the use of premises by the undertaker for the purposes of or in connection with the construction or maintenance of the authorised development.

(1) 1990 c. 43. section 82 is amended by section 5 of the Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993 (c. 40), Schedule 17 to the Environment Act 1995 (c. 25) and section 103 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (c. 16).

(2) 1974 c. 40. sections 61 and 65 are amended by section 133 of the Building Act 1984 (c. 55), Schedule 24 to the Environment Act 1995 (c. 25) and section 162 of, and Schedule 15 to, the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (c. 43); there are other amendments not relevant to this Order.