



The Petroleum Exploration Society of Great Britain (PESGB) announces the results of a survey of views of its membership on a proposal by the British Geological Survey (BGS) to relocate the Offshore Core Store from Edinburgh to Keyworth.

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The position held by the PESGB on this issue so far has been impartial and, through its monthly Newsletter, it has offered the opportunity for all parties involved to air their opinions whether for or against the relocation. Due to the controversial and divided nature of these opinions, and to provide more informed representation of the industry's viewpoint, the PESGB Council sought the views of its membership through a short survey.

In summary 77% of members believed the core store should remain in Edinburgh and 89% of active users thought so.

The responses suggest that this is the first time the Core Store users have been properly accessed to solicit their views. Concerns included the lack of consultation, threat to damaging the core, the cost of the move, difficulty and cost of access to the new location, impact on carbon emissions, and threat to the education of the next generation of scientists for the energy industry.

Henry Allen, PESGB 2010 President said " The views of our members are very clear on this matter and I am extremely concerned about the situation. I am therefore proposing to the BGS and its higher authorities that a Steering Group should be formed comprising the genuine stakeholders, to reconsider the way forward."

The full results can be viewed on the PESGB website, www.pesgb.org.uk.

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About the PESGB

Founded in 1964 the PESGB is a registered charity and non-profit making organisation with a membership of over 5400. The Executive Council runs the Society on a voluntary basis and is annually elected from its' membership.

The object of the Society is to promote, for the public benefit, education in the scientific and technical aspects of petroleum exploration.

To achieve this it holds various events and activities including monthly lectures, issues a monthly newsletter to members, holds conferences & exhibitions, seminars, courses and field trips. It also supports and sponsors various projects within the industry, academia and the public arena.