

Dear Sir or Madam

The screening exercise is of great importance, it must be carried out correctly.

The locations selected for further study should be based on the results of the exercise with no other criteria used.

Some completely independent individuals or bodies should be brought in to assess the results.

Local Councils and County Councils should be given a voice.

With regard to West Cumbria:

- Previous studies of possible sites, (for example the work of Professor Stuart Haszeldine and Professor David Smythe in West Cumbria) must be made available to the Panel.
- the geologist for the MRWS partnership, Dr Jeremy Dearlove said that the prospect of finding a GDF site in West Cumbria was so low that no commercial company would entertain the idea.
- the impact of a GDF on the thriving tourist industry and on farming is potentially disastrous.

Yours faithfully

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