# National Policy Statement For Geological Disposal Infrastructure – Implementing Geological Disposal

# Response form

The closing date for receipt of responses is 19/04/2018

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## About You

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## About You – Organisations

**If you are responding as an individual, you do not need to answer the rest of this section, go directly to the section titled ‘Your Response’. If you are answering on behalf of an organisation, a response is required to the rest of this section.**

What is the name of your organisation? Click here to enter text.

Who does this organisation represent? Click here to enter text.

What type of organisation is it?

Please tick **one** box in the table.

|  | Organisation |
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| [ ]  | Local Authority |
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|[ ]  Charity |
|[ ]  Business |
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|[ ]  Religious Organisation |
|[ ]  Academic Institution |
|[ ]  Other |

If you have selected other, or would like to provide more information, please provide further details. Click here to enter text.

Approximately, how many members are there of / employees are there in your organisation?

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| [ ]  | 1 – 10 |
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|[ ]  1000 - 4999 |
|[ ]  5000 or more |
|[ ]  Don’t know |

How did you assemble the views of your members?

Please answer here Click here to enter text.

Is there any further information you would like to provide about your organisation?

Please answer here Click here to enter text.

## Your Response

**Are you happy for your response to be used as part of Parliamentary scrutiny? This is a required response.**

Responses to this consultation, including names, may be used in Parliament as evidence in the Parliamentary scrutiny process, and may be published under the authority of Parliament, unless respondents specifically request confidentiality.

If you would not like your response to be used in this way, it would be helpful if you could explain to us why.

Yes [ ]

Yes, but without identifying information [ ]

No, I don’t want my response to be used as part of parliamentary scrutiny [ ]

Comments: Click here to enter text.

**Are you happy for your response to be published with identifying information? This is a required response.**

We will summarise all responses and place this summary on the GOV.UK website. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people’s personal names, addresses or other contact details.

Yes [ ]

No, I would like identifying information removed [ ]

Comments: Click here to enter text.

 Are you happy for your response to be disclosed? This is a required response.

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with the access to information legislation (primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004).

If you want information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. It would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded by us as a confidentiality request.

Yes [ ]

No, I want my response to be treated as confidential [ ]

Comments: Click here to enter text.

## Responding to this consultation

The questions in this consultation are structured around 5 aspects of the National Policy Statement:

1. The need for geological disposal infrastructure as presented in the National Policy Statement

2. Assessment principles as presented in the National Policy Statement

3. Generic impacts as presented in the National Policy Statement

4. The Appraisal of Sustainability report supporting the National Policy Statement

5. The Habitats Regulations Assessment report supporting the National Policy Statement

There are 7 questions in total. You can respond to all sections of the consultation, or skip those sections which don’t interest you.

Each section contains a brief overview from the consultation document and directs you to further information within the draft National Policy Statement or supporting reports.

How did you hear about this consultation?

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| [ ]  | Gov.uk website |
|[ ]  National Media |
|[ ]  Social Media |
|[ ]  Local Media |
|[ ]  Professional Body |
|[ ]  Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) |
|[ ]  Other |
|[ ]  Prefer not to say |

If you would like, you can provide further details about how you heard of this consultation.

Please answer here: Click here to enter text.

## Need for geological disposal infrastructure

Chapter 3 of the draft National Policy Statement outlines the need for geological disposal infrastructure. A summary can be found in paragraphs 3.6 to 3.9 of the consultation document.

1. Does the draft National Policy Statement provide suitable direction to the Planning Inspectorate and Secretary of State on the need for geological disposal infrastructure?

Please answer here: Click here to enter text.

## Assessment Principles

Chapter 4 of the draft National Policy Statement sets out the assessment principles against which applications relating to geological disposal infrastructure are to be decided. A summary can be found in paragraphs 3.10 to 3.13 of the consultation document.

1. Do the assessment criteria adequately address the principles that the developer, the Planning Inspectorate and the Secretary of State should take into account in an application for development consent? If not, what further information on the assessment criteria is required?

Please answer here: Click here to enter text.

## Generic Impacts

Chapter 5 of the draft National Policy Statement sets out the generic impacts to be considered by the developer and the Examining Authority. A summary can be found in paragraphs 3.14 to 3.15 of the consultation document.

1. Does the draft National Policy Statement appropriately cover the impacts of geological disposal infrastructure and potential options to mitigate those impacts? Please provide reasons to support your answer.

Please answer here: Click here to enter text.

## Appraisal of Sustainability

This consultation also seeks views on the accompanying Appraisal of Sustainability report, which is a supporting environmental appraisal to the draft National Policy Statement.

The Appraisal of Sustainability assesses the potential socio-economic and environmental impacts of the draft National Policy Statement. A summary can be found in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.6 of the consultation document.

## Appraisal of the sustainability Effects of the Draft NPS and Reasonable Alternatives

Chapter 5 of the Appraisal of Sustainability – Appraisal of the Sustainability effects of the draft NPS and reasonable alternatives – summarises the likely significant environmental and socio-economic effects of the draft National Policy Statement and any reasonable alternatives, including cumulative effects, mitigating measures, uncertainties and risks. The detailed appraisals are contained in Appendix B of the Appraisal of Sustainability.

1. **Do you agree with the findings (of ‘likely significant effects’) from the Appraisal of Sustainability report and the recommendations for enhancing the positive effects of the draft National Policy Statement? Please provide reasons to support your answer.**

Please answer here: Click here to enter text.

## Conclusions and Monitoring

Chapter 6 of the Appraisal of Sustainability – Conclusions and Monitoring – summarises the main effects of the draft National Policy Statement and reasonable alternatives to the National Policy Statement and presents views on implementation and monitoring. The reasons for selecting the draft National Policy Statement as proposed and for the rejection of alternatives are explained.

1. Do you agree with the conclusions of the Appraisal of Sustainability report? If not, please explain why.

Please answer here: Click here to enter text.

## Habitats Regulations Assessment

This consultation also seeks views on the accompanying Habitats Regulations Assessment report, which is a supporting environmental appraisal to the draft National Policy Statement.

The Habitats Regulations Assessment is an assessment of whether there are any ‘likely significant effects’ on any ‘European site’. A summary can be found in paragraphs 4.7 to 4.12 of the consultation document.

1. **Do you agree with the findings from the Habitats Regulations Assessment report for the draft National Policy Statement? Please provide reasons to support your answer.**

Please answer here: Click here to enter text.

## Other Views

1. Do you have any other comments on the draft National Policy Statement and the accompanying documents (Appraisal of Sustainability, Habitats Regulations Assessment)?

Please answer here: Click here to enter text.

## Questions

Thank you for completing the consultation.

Once this consultation has closed, the Government will consider all comments received and, if necessary, the draft National Policy Statement will be revised to take account of consultation responses and the recommendations from Parliamentary scrutiny, prior to approval (‘designation’) of the National Policy Statement.