

Response by Hazel Barkham

1. I agree that the level of the Waste Transfer Price should be subject to a Cap but there should be a right to challenge it and not have it imposed. It must be clear whether it is a single cap or a separate contract for every site. There might be a market distortion if the uplift mechanism is too high. If the Government charges a Risk Fee there must be a test of reasonableness and revenue certainty. In the end the consumer/taxpayer will pay one way or the other.

2. I agree that the Deferral Period should be 30 years after but discretion must be used if the discount rate won't be set until the point of transfer.

If there is a separate contract for every site and multiple ownership it must be an investment decision.

3. The operator can't influence technology. Although it would be possible to do a proper risk analysis the Government decided against. Will there be a different methodology after site selection? There needs to be better transparency.

I am responding as a member of Stop Hinkley.