

Yearly Meeting of the  
Religious Society of  
Friends in Britain

Edward Davey MP  
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Department of Energy and Climate Change  
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Dear Edward Davey,

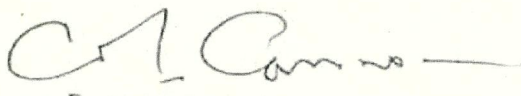
Last year I wrote to you on behalf of Meeting for Sufferings, the standing consultative committee of Quakers in Britain, to express our deep unease over the proposed planning process for citing nuclear storage in Cumbria. We asked for your assurance that any planning enquiry will meet the highest standards of integrity and transparency; and explained then that Quakers' concern that focussing on local political support rather than geological suitability current planning processes may put the public at risk. Your colleague, Sandip Verma, kindly replied to our letter.

I now write again in response to your current consultation on potential amendments to the site selection process for a geological disposal facility (GDF).

We ask again for your assurance that any planning process will be conducted in an objective and methodical manner; that the issue of public safety will be paramount; and that geological suitability rather than local support will be determinative in considering where and whether waste is to be stored. We recognise the importance of both local government and national interest in this process. The process should genuinely enable local politicians to address serious geological and health dangers

without the fear of losing employment opportunities in the area. We also ask that there will be adequate opportunity for considering all reasoned objections.

We would welcome a meeting with you to discuss our concerns. Our Parliamentary Engagement Officer, Jessica Metherringham, would be able to meet with you at your convenience to represent the views of Quakers in Britain. Please do contact her directly at \_\_\_\_\_ or on \_\_\_\_\_

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Christine Cannon', followed by a horizontal line.

Christine Cannon  
**Signed on behalf of Meeting for Sufferings**

Copied to:  
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