

We are a family living on the solway plain AONB in Allerdale, Cumbria. DECC have failed to guarantee protection of area's of outstanding natural beauty and their boundaries, of which we are part of. Where we live in REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED, which is a tidal estuary and literally flows passed our front door and is not just AONB it is also RSPB Camphorn. Which gives refuge to millions of migrating wildlife which is loved and enjoyed by tourists and residents annually including swimming by locals in the summer and water sports, dogs walking and swimming daily, thousands of cyclists and thousands of bird watchers. On DECC's original map, despite previous evidence proving cumbria was geologically unsuitable for a GDF, my neighbours and i are horrified that "west of Abbeytown was identified as an alledged suitable area for further investigation" however, this would be totally unsuitable and due to it being on the opposite bank to us, therefore it would be unsafe and immoral to put at risk this unique and environmentally sensitive tidal area of cumbria.

No amount of rebranding or so called community benifits would compensate or reverse the damage, perceived or actual to Allerdale residents lives and blighted homes should the proposed GDF be put where it does not belong and is not wanted by the community in Allerdale cumbria.

Last year, Cumbria county council and 85% of parish councils said NO, AND STILL SAY NO. DECC have completely ignored Allerdale communities wishes which is immoral. If you truly care, you must give written guaruntee's now that the solway plain AONB, RSPB, SSSI'S and all our numerous wildlife reserves and water ways are permanantly excluded from the proposed GDF process immediately. Also, that private home owners not just businesses are fully compensated immediately, for the blight caused to our homes and property values from this proposed GDF.

As you are aware there is still a large number of Allerdale residents who are unaware of DECC'S proposals, due to poor communication on DECC'S part, therefore a new referendum with unbiased questions should be sent to every household within identified potencial communities nationally. But to ensure transparency a spokes person without agenda who speeks for a majority of residents which is Eddie Martin of Cumbria Trust must be involved at every step of writing the new referendum questions to ensure no conflict of interest.

Yours sincerely,

June, pip, josh and alice.