

To the Deep Geological Disposal Consultation .

As Chairman of Berkeley SSG I have attended various workshops and presentations over the years. The latest workshop in Exeter was informative and the presentations were followed by good discussions.

This is my personal response to the latest consultation and is based on discussions with various members of my community who are interested in this facility.

The consideration for a decision to be made by the District Council would be subject to challenge as County Councils are responsible for waste strategy they have to give permission.

Parish and District Councils should be encouraged to come forward volunteer but only if there is a good reason .The geology may be suitable and engineering solutions found for the failings in the geology but if it is prohibitively expensive or likely to be dangerous then it has to be disregarded.

An area would be far more likely to actively volunteer if they were sure that the area was suitable.

The public need to be educated to the need for such a facility and the long term benefits that it would bring to an isolated rural area, (As it would not be tolerated near a large urban conurbation).

Having a recognised media personality extolling the virtues of a GDF in public broadcasts would at least encourage some discussion and make the populace aware of this need.

No new build will be easy unless a GDF is planned.

No politician parish/MP would put forward their area unless there was a realistic proposal of it being carried through it would be political suicide to nominate your area and then be turned down as not being suitable.

So a map of suitable geological areas should be published and then a call to volunteer.

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