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Chapter 1: Introduction

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Name

MRS HEATHER WOOD

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Chapter 2: Decision-Making Roles

Do you agree that a test of public support should be taken before the representative authority loses the Right of Withdrawal? If so, what do you think would be the most appropriate means of making this test, and when should it take place? If you do not agree with

1 the need for such a test, please explain why.

Use this box to enter your answer (Required)

Yes, I agree. I think every household & business in the affected area should receive a leaflet giving full information about the impact (good and bad) of the construction of a GDF, followed by community hearings & a referendum in the whole, wide area affected. This should be done before any major work, such as borehole drilling, is undertaken, as it should be possible to base a decision on the known requirements for constructing a GDF & its potential benefits.

Do you agree with the proposed amendments to decision making within the MRWS siting process? If not, how would you modify the

2 proposed phased approach, or, alternatively, what different approach would you propose? Please explain your reasoning.

(Required)

I agree but am concerned that the paragraph at 2.50 of the consultation document (URN 13D/250), about the socio-economic report, seems to focus heavily on the economic benefit of a GDF to the area. The negative & disruptive impacts should be explored & reported in equal depth.

Do you agree with this approach to revising roles in the siting process set out in the White Paper? If not, what alternative approach

3 would you propose and why?

(Required)

I strongly disagree with the revision excluding County Councils as a 'representative authority'. The construction & operating of a GDF will obviously have far-reaching effects on a much wider area than the actual site, without that area possibly receiving any of the potential community benefits. I therefore feel it's essential that all local government authorities in areas likely to be significantly affected by a GDF should have a vote on the Right of Withdrawal, including those in bordering counties.

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Chapter 3: Technical Delivery

Do you agree with this proposed approach to assessing geological suitability as part of the MRWS siting process? If not, what

4 alternative approach would you propose and why?

(Required)

I agree, but all National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Sites of Special Scientific Interest & other areas known to be environmentally sensitive should definitely be excluded from the site selection process, as borehole investigations & the massive GDF excavation would obviously be extremely damaging in those locations.

5 Do you agree with this proposed approach to planning for a GDF? If not, what alternative approach would you propose and why?

(Required)

I agree, although I have reservations about the impartiality & effectiveness of the Planning Inspectorate, having experienced the process in relation to granting permission for Hinkley Point C. The people in that locality should have been afforded the protection of a by-pass before construction begins, not 1 year later, and I sincerely hope people affected by the GDF construction will have better conditions enforced before the development begins.

Do you agree with this clarification of the inventory for geological disposal – and how this will be communicated with the volunteer host

6 community? If not, what alternative approach would you propose and why?

(Required)

I agree, but I believe it is very important for the potential host community to be given a definite figure for the maximum amount of waste that will be disposed of in a local GDF.

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Chapter 4: Communities

Do you endorse the proposed approach on community benefits associated with a GDF? If not, what alternative approach would you

7 propose and why?

(Required)

I totally disagree with any provision of community benefits by the UK Government to communities involved in the GDF siting process. In Chapter 4 of the consultation document it is stated that the GDF project "will provide skilled employment for hundreds of people over many decades" with several other spin-off benefits. These facts, together with those about the negative impact & disruption, should form the basis of the decision-making process. Any promise of substantial extra funding is highly likely to bias local councillors into acceptance without detailed consideration of all the facts.

Do you agree with the proposed approach to addressing potential socio-economic and environmental effects that might come from

8 hosting a GDF? If not, what alternative approach would you propose and why?

(Required)

I agree with most of the proposals, but I totally disagree with including any internationally important nature conservation sites in the process. It is obvious that intrusive boreholes, massive excavation of a GDF & the associated transport will have very detrimental effects on such sites, without any expensive assessment being undertaken!

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Chapter 5: Summary of Questions

9 Do you have any other comments?

(Required)

National Parks should definitely be excluded from hosting a GDF, as they should be accessible in their entirety at all times for the enjoyment of the nation, for which they were created.

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