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Dear Sirs

GDF SITING PROCESS CONSULTATION

With reference to the public consultation on the site selection process for a Geological Disposal Facility for higher activity radioactive waste, as part of the Managing Radioactive Waste Safely programme, Keswick Town Council wishes to support and strengthen the response submitted by the Cumbria Association of Local Councils.

In addition, the Council would like to emphasise the following points:

- Town and Parish Councils should be consulted at an earlier stage in the process
- The right of withdrawal should be enshrined in law
- A district-wide referendum should take place the results of which should be legally binding
- Social funding should be paid 'up front' and not subject to any clawback
- Geological information should be peer-reviewed by an independent body

I would be grateful if you would take these comments into consideration when reviewing the consultation responses.

Yours faithfully

Lynda Walker
Town Clerk
Keswick Town Council