

Below is the response of Sedbergh Parish Council.

Whilst the Council accepts that procedural improvements have been made to address some of the previous concerns, it is noted that Government remains committed to an approach which seeks to identify a willing host community as a pre-requisite to detailed geological investigations to assess the suitability of sites.

The Council is not persuaded of the appropriateness of this approach and supports the view of those organisations and individuals who urge that an independent nation-wide geological assessment should be undertaken to evaluate the most suitable sites for an underground repository before seeking to involve the participation of potentially affected communities.

The Council also has concerns that a 'community benefits package' would be initiated prior to any particular site being proven as suitable.

Regards

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