

Please see Gilcrux Parish Council's response to Q1 & 2. Members could not agree on the responses to the remaining questions but would seek further clarification on 'timescale' and 'community'

Q1 The referendum to affected areas should be held before the stage three “focussing” stage is begun, after the reports on social impacts and geology have been received. This may be three years into the project, as opposed to 18 years in and after years of community benefit has been paid into a pot, which is what the Government suggest.

Q2 We object to the removal of both parish councils and county councils from the process. As the representatives of the people closest to the potentially affected area, coming from that actual community, it is vital that PCs are part of the process. In a two-tier system it makes no sense to remove the local authority responsible for minerals and waste policy from the process and reduce their role to that of consultee.

Regards
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