

Hello,

Thank you for the insight given into the process of selecting a site for a GDF during the recent workshop I attended in Manchester.

My most burning question I have about the consultation process is what you define as a community. This word is continually popping up through the documentation but is never defined.

This is a serious problem, because the last GDF location failed in its implementation even though the local 'community' in Copeland agreed but the regional council in Cumbria rejected the decision. With this new approach, would the decision even come down to the regional council or would the final decision rest with the people who will actually live with the facility in their neighbourhood?

I think the approach the RWM need to take is that only the people who live in the immediate surroundings will have their views taken and not those of the regional or administrative council as otherwise the GDF will never be built as there will always be people who are against this. If a small group of people want the GDF, then don't let their voice be drowned out by those who will never be affected by its effects. A localised community based approach needs to be adopted.

Your sincerely,

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