

**QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC FOR COUNCIL UNDER RULE 10 OF THE
COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES – COUNCIL 17 JULY 2024**

**1. Question by Paul Fisher to Councillor Craig Leyland, Portfolio Holder
for Corporate Affairs.**

I would like to know what the size of the GDF top site will be at Theddlethorpe.

A. *Thank you for your question.*

Nuclear Waste Services current estimate is that the surface site of a GDF would be approximately 1 square kilometre.

**2. Question by Katherine Barker to Councillor Craig Leyland, Portfolio
Holder for Corporate Affairs.**

The prospect of a Nuclear dump has been hanging over me, my family, and my community for 3 years now. Residents and businesses are suffering from the uncertainty it has brought. This year has brought no new information and nothing new to us. What exactly do we need to be informed of now, before you let us as a community vote on whether we want to host a "Geological Disposal Facility?"

A. *'Thank you for your question.*

As a Relevant Local Authority, and a member of the Community Partnership, we are engaging in the process and continually learning about various factors that are relevant to understanding the impact of a GDF on our community. In order to enable an informed view to be taken, by the Community Partnership, ourselves and LCC, we all need to understand the full picture. There are a considerable number of technical factors relevant to the potential siting (including geology, ecology etc); and subsequent positive and negative impacts on matters such as transport, flood risk, skills, jobs etc; as well as potential infrastructure provision to support a GDF; all of which need to be properly understood. This information then needs to be presented in a way which can be relayed to the community to enable them to make an informed decision when the Test of Public Support is brought forward. Through the Community Partnership, we also receive regular updates from NWS regarding the various engagement exercises which they are undertaking with the community.

I am committed to ensuring that the community as a whole, including Members of this Council, are provided with sufficient, accurate and robust information to ensure that they can make their views known at the right time. Both myself and the Leader of LCC have set out our desire for this to be progressed efficiently, and effectively, to enable the Test of Public Support to be taken by 2027. This position has not changed, and I accept that there needs to be some certainty given, so that this process does not extend for a prolonged period with no end in sight. Through our representation on the Community Partnership, we will do all we can to

The wording of the question(s) above is replicated directly from the original written question submitted

move the process on, but, in the right way. The process we have to follow is clearly laid out by a Government Framework; but I hope you will agree, that whilst speed is a factor, this should be appropriately balanced with having robust information upon which the community can consider and base its decision upon.

However, you will notice a motion relating to this issue later on this agenda where further information will be given on this matter'.

Ends.