



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Andrew Bowie MP
Minister for Nuclear and Renewables
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
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21st February 2024

Dear Andrew,

Re: Nuclear Waste Services

Earlier today East Riding of Yorkshire Council voted overwhelmingly to exercise their right to withdraw South Holderness from discussions about being a potential location for a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF).

Government policy is clear in 'Implementing Geological Disposal - Working With Communities 2018' that a GDF cannot be built without the agreement of the community and that the council, as the relevant principal local authority, can withdraw the area from the process at any time.

I have said throughout the discussions that I support the Government's policy on this and that it is up to the people of Holderness to determine what happens in their area. Our hard working local councillors have listened to the concerns of local people and have exercised their right to withdraw.

Can you confirm to me that once the Council submits its formal notification of withdrawal that South Holderness will no longer be considered as a potential site by Nuclear Waste Services to locate the GDF, either now or in the future?

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham'.