

# MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Cllr Blackburn

Thank you for your letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and for your interest in the work of Millom Town Council.

Regarding your request that Millom Town Council (MTC) consider undertaking a local opinion survey of our community about the possibility that the area could become the long-term home for the country's Geological Disposal Facility (GDF).

Millom Town Council discussed your letter and the response that you received from Cumberland Council at our meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and are of the opinion that conducting such a survey would be premature and have little value for the following reasons:

- MTC has always declared its neutral position in the debate as ultimately it will be the community who will have the final say should the possibility of the area becoming the host community become more likely
- There needs to be much more credible information available to enable the community to balance both the positive and negative effects of such a development to make an informed decision that will impact on the community future generations
- Currently the community has not made an application or voiced an opinion requesting MTC to carry out such a survey
- The results of such a survey could only be taken as a snapshot in time on a process that will take many years to complete and could not be considered a definitive decision of the community

Millom Town Council will continue to listen to the voices within our community and should the situation change and when further information become available, we will continue to review our position on this matter and MTC's position on a GDF development locally.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Cath Jopson  
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