

# [News story: CoRWM responds to consultations on geological disposal](#)

## Consultation responses

3 consultations relating to key pieces of policy regarding the geological disposal of radioactive waste in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland were launched on 25 January 2018 and closed on 20 April 2018. The Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM) has now published its responses to these consultations on the gov.uk website.

The 3 policy documents and CoRWM's responses are as follows:

- [Working with communities: implementing geological disposal](#) from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) in Northern Ireland. [CoRWM's response](#).
- [Geological disposal of radioactive waste](#), the Welsh Government equivalent to 'Working with communities: implementing geological disposal'. [CoRWM's response](#).
- [National policy statement for geological disposal infrastructure](#), a framework for the Secretary of State and the Planning Inspectorate to consider applications on development consent for geological disposal infrastructure in England – produced by BEIS. [CoRWM's response](#).

## Background

The 2014 white paper [Implementing Geological Disposal](#) set out the actions and roadmap for development of these policy documents.

CoRWM developed its responses through:

- subgroup meetings.
- members' attendance at 7 consultation workshops held by BEIS
- correspondence within the committee.

CoRWM finalised its response at a [plenary meeting](#) in March.

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## **Independent report: CoRWM consultation response to BEIS on the draft National Policy Statement on geological disposal infrastructure**

On 25 January 2018, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) began a [consultation on a draft National Policy Statement on geological disposal infrastructure](#).

This document is CoRWM's response to the consultation.

CoRWM finalised its response at a [plenary meeting](#) in March, and had developed it through correspondence, subgroup meetings and attendance at 7 consultation workshops held by BEIS.

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## **Independent report: CoRWM consultation response to BEIS and DAERA on 'Working With Communities: Implementing Geological Disposal'**

On 25 January 2018, departments in the UK government and Northern Ireland launched a public consultation on [Working with communities: Implementing Geological Disposal](#).

This document is CoRWM's response to the consultation.

CoRWM finalised this response at its [plenary meeting](#) in March, and developed it through correspondence, subgroup meetings and attendance at 7 consultation workshops held by BEIS.

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## **Independent report: CoRWM response to**

# Welsh Government consultation on 'Geological disposal of radioactive waste: working with communities'

On 25 January 2018 the Welsh Government launched a public consultation on [Geological Disposal of Radioactive Waste: Working with Communities](#).

This document is CoRWM's response to the consultation.

CoRWM finalised this response at its [plenary meeting](#) in March, and developed it through correspondence, subgroup meetings and attendance at 7 consultation workshops held by BEIS.

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## Horse of inspiration

People can care for their horses in a way that is good both for the animal's welfare and for the environment, according to an international equine expert.