## Open consultation: National Policy Statement for geological disposal infrastructure

The purpose of this consultation is to gather views on whether the draft National Policy Statement (NPS) for Geological Disposal Infrastructure (GDF) provides an appropriate and effective framework for the Planning Inspectorate and the Secretary of State to examine and make decisions on development consent applications for geological disposal infrastructure in England.

National Policy Statements set out the need for particular Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs), and are required, under the Planning Act 2008, to undergo a period of public consultation before they are published.

This consultation applies to residents of England and Northern Ireland. If you live in Wales, the Welsh Government will be issuing <u>a separate</u> <u>consultation</u> on the 8 November. Both consultations are open for responses from outside the areas to which they relate.