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Dear Baroness Bennett,

I am writing following our exchange during the Second Reading debate of the Nuclear Energy (Financing) Bill.

You asked me to identify the four areas that are in discussions with Nuclear Waste Services about the development of a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF). I can now confirm that:

- The first three GDF Community Partnerships (the second formal step in the process) have been formed in Mid Copeland, South Copeland, and Allerdale in Cumbria. These groups provide a platform for long-term community engagement, local investment funding, and investigations to assess potential site suitability.
- A GDF Working Group (the first formal step in the process) in Theddlethorpe, Lincolnshire, has been formed and is beginning discussions with the local community.

I will place a copy of this letter in the House library.

Lord Callanan