



Proposed Mine Water Treatment Schemes for the River Nent.

Resident up date: September 2017

Dear Resident

Following our letter to you in July of this year I am writing to update you on what has happened since then.

Public participation meetings – July 2017. Site location.

Two public ‘drop in’ style events were held on Thursday 6 July and Friday 7 July 2017 at Nenthead Village Hall. They ran from 8 am until 9 pm on both days.

The events were staffed by personnel from both the Coal Authority and the Environment Agency, with comments and attendance recorded by Wilson Sherriff, independent facilitation specialists engaged to support the consultation activities.

A total of 92 people attended the drop in sessions over the two days, and of these, some people attended both sessions. The majority of people (66%) had attended previous events. However, for 31 people (33%), attendance at the July event was their first experience of attending one of the public events.

Feedback forms were available to complete during the event or return via post or email. The consultation feedback form was also made available on-line. A total of 38 responses were received to the consultation. Of these, 27 were submitted during the public drop-in sessions and 11 were submitted via email.

The responses showed preferences as follows:

1 Which site is your preferred option for further investigation for Nent Haggs?				
Site A	Site B	Site C	None of the sites	No preference given
21	3	2	2	10

2. Which site is your preferred option for further investigation for Caplecleugh?



Site D	Site E	Site F	None of the sites	No preference given
5	1	20	0	12

These views have been recorded by the team and are being taken into account, along with the results of technical assessments of the sites and land availability. A single proposal for each project will then be brought for further public comment in September. Full results and comments from both days can be seen at;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/haggs-mine-water-treatment-scheme>

The dates for the next public meetings to look at the preferred site options for the final proposals will be 21 September (12.00pm – 9.00pm) and 22 September (8.00am – 8.00pm) 2017 at Nenthead Village Hall.

Check weirs (Sediment Traps)

As you may have seen work on the new build at Nentsberry and dredging of the existing weirs at Nenthead are both underway. Works at Nenthead started a little later than planned but both should be completed around the end of September.

For Nenthead:

- during the works it will be necessary to keep the public separate from the operational plant for health and safety reasons
- there may be temporary storage of sediment awaiting transportation away
- access to private properties will be maintained at all times.

For Nentsberry:

- traffic controls will be in place on the A689 where there is access to the site and to allow the new walls to be made good at the end of the work.

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