

Question from David Ingham to Councillor Lewis

The Draft Proposal (as stated within the EIA – Appendix 4) appears to have the potential to provide huge benefits to all communities, but specifically for people from the protected characteristic groups and deprived communities. As such, it is absolutely imperative therefore that these individuals are reached out to as part of the initial consultation.

I have an avid interest in the application and effectiveness of EIA's – indeed I have previously attended a meeting of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Resources in December 2021 on a related matter.

Under section 6 of the Consultation Approach document (Appendix 3) it is not apparent how exactly Derbyshire County Council will be contacting hard to reach individuals (including those with protected characteristics).

Precisely what steps and measures will be taking place to contact these key individuals and encourage initial consultation participation from the offset?