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A key additional question which needs to be added to the Examining Authority's ExQ2 question list is to question the applicant's provision for the financial costs of decommissioning the EPE scheme at end of the 40 year life.
Without a legally binding guarantee, sufficient funds held in escrow or a performance bond the Examining Authority, the Secretary of State, the Local Authorities and the local community can have no confidence whatsoever that satisfactory decommissioning and remediation will take place.
The costs of the decommissioning and remediation are likely to be considerably in excess of anything that the land owners will be able to afford.
The Examining Authority may wish to consider holding two further issue specific hearings ISH5 and ISH6. The first to examine the applicant's funding statement and the second to consider the applicant's financial provision(or lack of it) for funding the decommissioning and site remediation at the end of the 40 year lifespan.