

Buttermere Parish Council

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| Letter | <p>On the 13th March 2012 a special meeting of the above Council was held to discuss the MRWS consultation. After discussion the Council voted unanimously as follows:</p> <p>Buttermere Parish Council recommends withdrawal from continuing with any further investigation into the deep geological disposal of radioactive waste.</p> <p>This council has determined that the present consultation process is ill conceived and fatally flawed.</p> <p>In 2008 the Government knew only that a small block of three councils had joined the consultation. They also knew that the area had already been surveyed (Nirex 1989) and at that time 'the whole of Cumbria' was declared unsuitable. We now have the prospect of another set of geologists decrying and rubbishing their predecessors work.</p> <p>The whole process should have been reversed so that a national geological survey and search could be made to find the best sites instead of wasting time and money on one of the worst areas. This is a National problem which should be solved Nationally without opt out and without the bribes of future jobs and 'community benefits packages'.</p> <p>Over the past twenty years much time and money has been spent on cleaning up and levelling the pit and slag heaps which disfigured the coastline north of Ravenglass to Maryport and some inland. The volume of spoil generated would dwarf all of that which has been done. There would also be some visual impairment from the western fells of the Lake District National Park.</p> |