

Campaign to Protect Rural England, North Yorkshire Branch

Question	Agree	Response
1 – Geology	Yes	No comment was made
2 – Safety, security, environment and planning	Not Sure/ Partly	<p>Given my experience in the sector I am concerned that the consultation does not mention transport to the site. This has caused heartache in the past and should surely be a factor in the choice of West Cumbria.</p> <p>In my view rail transport should be a condition of any site.</p>
3 – Impacts	Yes	<p>My concern with this consultation (and many others on Nuclear matters) is that it does not state the local ambient radiation levels and estimate the increase, if any, a repository might cause.</p> <p>I estimate the effect would be negligible but think that practice should be to state levels and offer comparisons with other sources. Examples might be the ambient levels in (say) Aberdeen or Johannesburg - indeed of any area where the natural radiation is high but demonstrably does not materially affect people living or working there.</p> <p>There is a natural, but overstated, fear of radiation and I have found quoting such statistics helpful in quietening some fears</p>
4 – Community benefits	Yes	I support the package suggested but would offer caution in promoting it. WE find that opponents frequently use the word Bribery perjoratively when they object to acceptance of (e.g) windfarms et al.
5 – Design and engineering	Yes	This area worried me. Absolute certainty is unattainable yet the slow and cumbersome consultations undertaken by HMG seem to aim at it. We have had Nuclear power for fifty+ years and the result has been far fewer deaths and injuries than virtually any other form of power generation. The US study on this showed the fact quite clearly. The consultation should perhaps show the effect of nuclear waste storage when compared to coal waste oil exploration damage and so on. The best defence of Nuclear always seems to me when I have spoken subject to be a comparison with the actual damage of Nuclear compared with the actual results from other forms of power supply.
7 – Siting process	Not Sure/ Partly	I believe the process to be too slow.