

Embleton & District Parish Council

Question	Response
Letter	<p>At the recent meeting of Embleton and District Parish Council the following question was put to councillors:</p> <p>Does this Parish Council believe that the Managing Radioactive Waste Safely Project should move forward to Stage 4 of the project, this being desk based studies to ascertain the suitability of the geology of Allerdale for housing an underground repository.</p> <p>Members of the public were also present at the meeting and engaged with the debate that councillors undertook. A variety of issues and concerns were raised and at the end of the debate the vote was as follows:</p> <p>Those in favour of the move to Stage 4: 2 councillors Those opposed to the move to Stage 4: 6 councillors Abstentions: 1 councillor</p> <p>The main reasons for not supporting the move to Stage 4 were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concerns for the tourism in the area and the negative impact continuing the MRWS process will have on tourism business.• A belief that there is already enough geological information available that shows Allerdale is not suitable for an underground repository. <p>The decision of the Parish Council not to support the MRWS Project moving to Stage 4 in Allerdale will be relayed to the following organisations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Allerdale Borough Council: whom we will be urging to withdraw from the process.2. Cumbria County Council3. Cumbria Association of Local Councils4. Lake District National Park <p>Should you wish any further information regarding this decision then please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>