

Maryport Town Council

Question	Response
Letter	<p>Underground Nuclear Repository in West Cumbria</p> <p>The Town Council has considered the potential implications of siting an underground nuclear repository in West Cumbria.</p> <p>The Council do not support moving to the next stage in the process to develop an underground nuclear repository on the following grounds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) There is concern that if the three responsible councils, (Allerdale Borough Council, Copeland Borough Council & Cumbria County Council), agree to move to stage 4, the way the process is designed will make it very difficult to withdraw from the process.2) There is concern that the complexity of the geology in the area would make it unsuitable & that the review should focus on areas of the country which have suitable geology, rather than on seeking suitable geology after an area has expressed an interest in hosting this type of facility.3) There is concern that the impact of surface sites & the knowledge of the presence of an underground facility would have a negative impact on tourism.4) The Council believes that the potential economic benefits are negligible in comparison to the overall negative impact on the area.5) There is concern about safety aspects, in particular, the uncertainty about the potential impact of gas emissions & additional waste.6) The Council believes that there is too little information available to enable a balanced decision to be made on the Decision to Participate. <p>Please can you ensure that the Council's concerns in this matter are taken into account.</p>