

Prospect Sellafield Branch

Question	Agree	Response
1 – Geology	Yes	We agree that there is sufficient area remaining, with potential for siting a safe repository. We recommend that the search for a suitable site be allowed to take place, along with detailed geological investigation of any such sites that are found in preliminary studies.
2 – Safety, security, environment and planning	Yes	We agree with the Partnership's opinions on the regulators and safety, and in particular, we share the Partnership's concern that further scrutiny of the planning process would be required if the MRWS process carries on.
3 – Impacts	Not Sure/ Partly	Whilst we agree that an acceptable process can be put in place, we believe that the Partnership must give a clear and firm steer on the nature, priorities, and timescales of that process, especially with regard to community and human impacts.
4 – Community benefits	Not Sure/ Partly	We agree with the 12 principles, but feel that more work needs to be done on how a benefits package might be orchestrated in conjunction with other benefits packages accompanying other future projects, such as new nuclear build, so that the effective coordination would result in an aggregate benefit that is greater than the sum of its parts.
5 – Design and engineering	Yes	We must emphasise that monitoring and retrievability are essential prerequisites for a repository to be acceptable in West Cumbria.
6 – Inventory	Not Sure/ Partly	We believe that new build waste must be allowed into a repository.
7 – Siting process	Not Sure/ Partly	We do agree with the Partnership's initial opinions, but with the proviso that the process is not allowed to be unduly delayed or derailed by minority NGOs, and that union involvement continues in the new partnership.
8 – Overall views on participation		We believe that West Cumbria should participate in the search for a repository site, and cannot understand why we would refuse to, given that the right of withdrawal remains. We believe that the MRWS Partnership should make a strong recommendation to the decision making bodies, that they participate in the next stage.
9 – Additional comments		We believe that the MRWS process should continue to be followed, in a timely manner, and we believe that the real decision for the community only comes if and when suitable geology is found and thoroughly investigated.