

Seaton Parish Council

Question	Response
Letter	<p>Underground Nuclear Repository in West Cumbria</p> <p>At its meeting held on 20 February 2012, the Parish Council considered the potential implications of siting an underground nuclear repository in West Cumbria.</p> <p>The Council resolved not to 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. The Council are concerned 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. The Council believes that the complex geology in the area would render it unsuitable and that the review should focus on areas of the country with suitable geology, rather than on seeking suitable geology after an area has expressed an interest in hosting a facility.3. The Council is concerned that the impact of surface sites & the knowledge of the presence of an underground facility would have a negative effect on tourism.4. The Council is of the view that the potential economic benefits are negligible in comparison to the overall negative impact on the area.5. The Council is concerned about safety aspects, in particular, the uncertainty about the potential impact of gas emissions & additional waste.6. The Council believes there is too little information available to enable a balanced decision to be made on the Decision to Participate. <p>The Council asked that I [the Clerk] write to you requesting that you take note of the Council's concerns in this matter.</p>