

Shut Down Sizewell Campaign

Question	Response
Emailed letter	<p>Please take this letter as a formal response to the consultation on whether local authorities in Cumbria should make a decision to go forward to the next stage of siting a nuclear dump - near to or under the Lake District National Park - in West Cumbria.</p> <p>This proposal is of concern to those who visit the region or have other connections with it. This not an issue only for those who live in West Cumbria. This is why I am writing to express my concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I understand there are significant issues surrounding the geological suitability of West Cumbria as a region to dispose of nuclear waste. Detailed examination has highlighted significant problems with the geology & hydrogeology of W Cumbria and it has been concluded it is not a suitable region for a nuclear dump.• The scale of this proposed project is staggering. It will create vast amounts of waste 'spoil' from digging out the tunnels and vaults. The radioactive waste involved - including thousands of tonnes of highly radioactive spent fuel - is of key concern. The operations may continue for over 150 years.• The plans, if carried out, present a significant risk to the environmental and economic well-being of the Lake District National Park and surrounding regions.• If a dump were to be constructed in West Cumbria, it would ruin the beautiful western landscape of the Lake District National Park and possibly deter visitors.• I support the view that the combined impact of the above and below-ground operations of this dump would be likely to have significant negative impacts on the Lake District National Park and could prevent the Park becoming a World Heritage Site.• Nowhere in the world is there an operating repository for the kind of waste proposed in West Cumbria. This project is unique in its intention to bury high-level wastes, spent nuclear fuel and intermediate-level radwaste from all past, present and future nuclear activities. <p>I ask the decision making bodies responsible not to make a 'decision to participate' to go forward to the stage of siting a nuclear dump in West Cumbria</p>