

Ulpha Parish Meeting

Question	Agree	Response
1 – Geology	Not Sure/ Partly	<p>The BGS screening report is not fully reflected in Figure 9, Page 27 of the consultation document as the presence of aquifers are mentioned but not shown. Why?</p> <p>Figure 13, Page 72 of the BGS report shows that the entire coastal plain from Carlisle to Millom has areas of Sherwood sandstone aquifers and carboniferous secondary aquifers.</p> <p>Aquifers are listed in the BGS report as being applied as an exclusion criteria.</p> <p>There is no specification of what is considered to be 'West Cumbria' however the coastal strip seems to cover the whole potential West Cumbria area.</p> <p>Is it likely that there will be sufficient area remaining after the initial screening to make further progress worthwhile? This seems unlikely.</p> <p>In the 1980's when a repository was first suggested the top of the list in geological terms was the area around Bedford. Following protests by residents of this area the location was quietly dropped by the government of the day. Nirex in more recent times had considerable problems with rising groundwater in their boreholes. Again the whole thing was dropped.</p> <p>Ulpha Parish Meeting insists that safe geology for the siting of the repository is crucial.</p>
2 – Safety, security, environment and planning	Not Sure/ Partly	<p>It is our understanding that the nuclear industry is highly regulated and monitored and rightly so.</p> <p>Our concern is that the present government is intent on greatly relaxing the planning process.</p> <p>A development of this type and size must be held under the utmost scrutiny to ensure the safety, security and environment of the plant itself during its construction and operational phases with due consideration of the local workforce and its neighbours far into the future.</p> <p>When the new reprocessing plant at Windscale and Calder works was proposed in the 1970's a public enquiry was held in Whitehaven. Should this be necessary do we have an assurance that the same will occur with this project?</p>
3 – Impacts	Not Sure/ Partly	<p>The Cumbria infrastructure from Calder Bridge to Millom/Barrow in Furness is at best poor. The road/rail links and utilities are in need of substantial improvement particularly in the light of current and proposed developments.</p> <p>At present any improvements tend to be to the north from Sellafield, thus leaving the area to the south, Millom and Barrow in Furness in dire straits as regards security of supply of utilities with outdated unsuitable supply lines for present & future</p>

		<p>demands.</p> <p>Any work which remedies this situation will be advantageous to the southern area and will help bring it into the 21st century. A high standard infrastructure fit for the future should be the right of the area to replace the present 19th century standards.</p> <p>Improved job prospects with full time working at rates greater than minimum wage are to be welcomed.</p>
4 – Community benefits	Not Sure/ Partly	<p>Is this a carrot or a stick?</p> <p>All areas must be covered by the benefit, both urban and rural with the emphasis on all residents having ready access to facilities that the rest of the country takes for granted.</p>
5 – Design and engineering	Yes	<p>Will the design and engineering be undertaken to accommodate the worst possible case?</p> <p>The design must give high priority to health & safety and security.</p>
6 – Inventory	Not Sure/ Partly	<p>This is very much like confirming the length of a piece of string before knowing what it will be used for.</p> <p>The design and engineering will have to take into account the inventory and its implications.</p> <p>Will the initial repository have the facility for extension build in? What will be the implications of that?</p>
7 – Siting process	Not Sure/ Partly	<p>Allerdale/Copeland are currently volunteering for the siting and no other authority/location has.</p> <p>There is insufficient information to show that should the area wish to withdraw as still the sole volunteer what pressure the Government will put on the area to remain nominated whether the geology is safe or not.</p>
8 – Overall views on participation		<p>Yes, the primary assessment must be based of safe geology</p>