

Sir,

The Government already has a comprehensive response on the potential for siting a waste facility in Cumbria. It is an eloquent "No."

To adjust the process after such a response brings the process into disrepute. Pressure to accept waste being placed on an economically challenged area is a cynical approach in any event.

The site selection should be science rather than spin driven.

The most geologically suitable sites are already known. Site identification in Oxfordshire and the other technically appropriate favoured sites should be pursued as the first part of the search process rather than exploring where waste can be located in terms of economic desperation.

Regards,

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