

Dear Sir,

I am a sitting Parish Councillor representing the Seaton Ward in Workington, Cumbria. During the past eighteen years I have been a Councillor I have gained the trust and confidence of the electorate by discussing with the people at street level important issues that may affect our community.

Consequently it is obvious to me that the majority of the people I represent are greatly alarmed at the prospect of burying high level toxic nuclear waste in our County. The previous abandoned costly £400m Nirex investigations in West Cumbria proved beyond doubt that the Geology of this County is totally unsafe and therefore unsuitable to house the deep underground storage of dangerous high level nuclear waste. Possible contamination of valuable ground water was an issue along with probable unlawful leakage of high level Radio Active waste into the Solway Firth/Irish Sea and beyond. And the potential hindrance to mining our reserves of coal, should the vital need arise, was also a major factor in the decision to abandon Cumbria as a potential host. Clearly the facts and consensus opinion in this matter is that storage locally of one of the deadliest toxins known to man is an identified and well proven foolhardy proposition.

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