



Summary of Analyses for CoRWM: Key Themes From Call for Evidence Responses to review of GDF Siting Process

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Responses

Wide range of responses:

- 86 Organisations
- 99 individuals
- All tiers of Local Government in Cumbria
- National bodies: 14 consultancies, BGS, Unions,
- NuLeAF, NFLA, Nuclear Institute, Regulators
- SKB

Approach

- To study responses and extract key themes of interest to CoRWM
- Collate into spread sheet
- Produce analysis and summary
- Present at CoRWM Plenary
- Review DECC Themes paper

Geological Issues

- Most responses to consultation in this category
- National Survey for geology (55)
- Only approach potentially suitable areas (15)
- Early in process and first parameter (50)
- Exclude National Parks, SSSIs etc. (30)
- Clearly defined parameters for suitability (7)

Geological Issues

- Copeland, Allerdale, BGS: desk top studies earlier in process (Stage 3)
- Cumbria CC and Shepway: before voluntarism
- Town and Parish Councils, CALC, individual responses, SKB and National Park: national survey
- References to NIREX and earlier studies, need for a national map

Geological Issues

- Approach suitable areas: led by GDF organisation or Government.
- Continue voluntarism
- Exclude National Parks etc.: Individual responses, National Trust, Parish Councils
- Clearly defined parameters: local environment groups. NFLA, NWAA.

Community Benefits

- Detail and clarity on benefits: Allerdale DC, consultants, C. Chamber of Commerce, individual responses (9), some national bodies.
- Legal basis: Copeland DC, CCC, consultants, NuLeAF
- Agreed early in process, staged, principle and extent to attract volunteers
- Seen as part of larger socio economic plan

Community Benefits

- Additional to construction and operation benefits
- Held in Sovereign Wealth Fund or through National Policy Statement
- Benefits at Tbc legacy waste
- One individual response for no benefits/inducements

Right of Withdrawal

- ROW set on legal basis: Allerdale, Copeland, Cumbria CC, some Parish, National Park, 9 individuals
- NuLeAF: via NPS
- Clarity on ROW: Shepway, consultants, NIA.
- ROW at Town and Parish level: 2 PCs, National Trust, 2 individuals
- Up to planning approval: Copeland

Decision Making Bodies

- One tier only: Eden
- District Council: Copeland, Prospect
- Clarity in two tier LG: Cumbria CC
- Recognise role of P&T Councils: CALC, 2 PCs, 2 individual
- Formal partnerships before EOI: EA, Labour Members Copeland

Decision Process

- Full Council not Cabinet: National Trust, St Johns PC, 2 individual
- Need referendum/vote: 1 PC, individuals
- Concerns expressed over Cumbria MORI Poll: individual responses
- No EOI without consultation: Holme PC

Leadership and Oversight

- Advocacy for GDF; promote, explain etc. case for GDF not made at a national level
- NDA as Advocate: SKB, NIA
- Advocates to advise communities: URS, 2 individuals

Leadership and Oversight

- New oversight committee with funds for communities: NFLA, NWAA
- New Scrutiny Panel to oversee: community engagement (NEND), technical information (Quintessa), Governance of NDA.
- Conduct research: Sussex Energy
- Clarify roles of Gvt, NDA, DECC, CoRWM: Copeland, EA, Cumbria CC.

Planning Process

- Use National Planning Statements: NuLeAF, Galsons
- New process: Westlakes
- Clarify process: Copeland, Swarthmoor Quakers, EA.
- Carry out SEA: CALC, 2 individuals
- Health Impact Assessment: Wayfarer

Inventory

- Clarity on inventory: Allerdale, Cumbria CC, EA, NFLA, NuLeAF, BANNG, Bradwell, 2 individual.
- Legacy waste only: Bradwell, Greenpeace, 2 individuals.
- Separate process for new build: NWAA, NFLA

Retrieval

- Clarity and scope for retrievability: National Park, Shepway, NFLA, NuLeAF, Lawsons, Radiation Free Lakeland, Eden, 1.
- Designed in: NEND, Prospect Rep
- Legal requirement: Sussex Energy

Funding

- Funding for all LA costs: Copeland, NNL, NuLeAF
- Funding for communities/groups to access independent advice/research: Eden, EDF, NFLA, Solway Plain, SKB.

Research and Development

- Visible R&D: Galsons, NI, Copeland
- URL: Galsons, McCrombie
- Impact on “Brand”: Cumbria Chamber of Commerce, National Park
- Consult on R&D programmes : NFLA
- References to reducing uncertainties

Current Storage

- Concerns over current storage: individuals, BANNG, CANE, Highland against Nuclear Transport, Copeland and Workington LDS.
- GDF at Sellafield as impractical to move: Berkeley SSG, individual
- 1000 + year storage: individual

Information and Communication

- More detailed information earlier for public and decision makers
- Use international experience and information
- Use social media, web meetings, digital platforms, TV, radio, open labs and schools programmes.
- Nuclear skills innovation pathway for communities

Summary

- Wide range of respondents and views
- General support for voluntarism and GDF
- Cumbria experience is strong
- Major issues of trust
- Detail of comments on Cumbria process could be helpful in future