

Dear Decc,

I write to express my concern at the process that you are now intending to follow in the site selection process for a geological disposal facility.

In particular I consider that it is unacceptable for Cumbria County Council to be excluded from the process because:

- People living in Barrow, Carlisle, Eden and South Lakeland have a legitimate interest in the proposal to store nuclear waste in the county. It is not just a matter for Allerdale and Copeland.

The County Council should be able to take the final decision on behalf of ALL the people of Cumbria.

I also consider that it would not be appropriate for Copeland Council to be involved in the process because:

- The Council has a very close relationship with the nuclear industry making it impossible for them to be seen to taking an objective decision on the matter.

Furthermore, I consider that the government's proposal to change the process is giving the false impression that an attempt is being made to manipulate the outcome of the process.

I hope that you find these comments useful.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Waite