



## Site Stakeholder Group

Dear ,

With reference to your letter 12th March, Berkeley SSG considered your request at our SSG meeting on 30th April. We wish to make the following points regarding the experience of the running MRWS process.

The government approach had been for communities to volunteer. No community would willingly volunteer without knowing if the geology of the area was suitable. No Council would want to risk being told that their area was not suitable before volunteering. It would be far better to first identify suitable areas and then ask the communities to volunteer.

It is illogical to consider an area away from Sellafield which has the highest volume of the highest level waste, and then transport it away from the area. It would be a grave risk to public safety say for it to move down to Dungeness.

Cumbria has the best possible skilled work force to deal with waste and packaging/processing of this material. They would have to be relocated away from the area if Cumbria was not selected and the impact of the loss of such a skilled work force on the local economy would be significant. The residents of Cumbria understand living with a nuclear facility in their community.

The presentations that SSG members have attended, given by DECC and the NDA have been well presented and the teams involved have made the complexities of the situation understandable. Perhaps the benefits of having a GDF should have been more clearly explained.

Yours sincerely

Berkeley SSG