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14th November 2013

GDF siting process consultation
Department of Energy and Climate Change
Room M07
55 Whitehall
London
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Dear Sirs

Review of the Siting Process for a Geological Disposal Facility

At a meeting of Morland Parish Council on Monday 11th November 2013 the Review of the Siting Process for a Geological Disposal Facility was discussed.

The Parish Council has asked me to respond to the consultation on it's behalf and to object in the strongest terms to the proposal set out in section 2 under Representative Authority, paragraphs 2.22 to 2.36. In particular it objects to the proposal to exclude Parish Council's from the decision making, all the Parish Councils in Cumbria should be included as it very much affects the whole of Cumbria. It is very obvious that the District Councils in question, 'those directly affected', do not represent the views of the Parish Councils in their Districts or those of neighbouring Parishes therefore it is most appropriate to include Parish Councils. Parish Councils are the local authority closest to the people in their Parish and as so are best placed to express residents views.

Morland Parish Council also object to the exclusion of Cumbria County Council from the decision making process, Cumbria County Council represents the whole of Cumbria and the whole County will be affected by the proposal to dispose of radioactive waste beneath Cumbria.

The proposed exclusion of these tiers of local authority means it will not be a genuine consultation and it is undemocratic in a country which prides itself on it's democracy.

For these reasons Morland Parish Council feel strongly that Parish Councils should be included in the decision making process and it fully supports the response to the consultation made by CALC.

Yours faithfully

Meg Hancock
Clerk to Morland Parish Council

Councillors:

Stephen Wilson-Chairman, Peter Taylor-Vice Chair, Mike Addison, Bob Brown, Philip Hancock, Sarah Kite, Lesley Robson