

Sir,

1 Am I alone in expressing my surprise and dismay at some of the key elements of this documentation, in particular the effective removal of Cumbria County Council as the key player in the decision making process? As a resident of Allerdale and of Cumbria it seems to me that the removal of this overarching and strategic Authority from the process is a rather unsubtle way of setting aside the one group of elected representatives who listened seriously to both the supporters as well as those who opposed moving the last process forward to stage 4 before taking a measured view of the overall impact of such a proposed development.

May I request that this element of the process is reviewed as a matter of urgency so that the views of the wider constituency may be appropriately represented?

2 As a geologist, I am surprised that volunteerism is invited prior to a survey the most likely areas of secure geology are identified in the whole of Britain. Any geologist will tell you that these areas are most likely to be to the south and east of the Exe-Tees line. The long term safety of any geological deposits is too high a priority to be subject to political expediency.

I look forward to reading a modified version of this document. I am not against the development of nuclear power, it is needed for the foreseeable future. But if serious amendments to the documents are not attended to then I will be another fierce critic and campaigner against the process.

Yours sincerely,

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