

We would like you to take our input into consideration.

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## Geological Storage Facility

During the past 2 years we have seen a great deal of Scaremongering and Ninbyisium about Nuclear Waste Storage, and the risk of Contamination, by a small number of regular writers to the Press, at meetings we have attended the usual number of Protesters are there.

We have never heard of any alternative proposal to make safe and secure the High Level Waste we already have in our area. We realise it is a Highly Controversial Subject, as Allerdale Councillors we have a Duty of care for the safety of our community, we can not simply hope it will go away.

What we have in our area is up to 90% of the total High Level Waste and Spent Fuel in the UK, "AND IT IS NOT GOING TO GO AWAY", at present this is stored above ground, and in vessels stored in water tanks, stored this way we have a far greater risk of contamination if spillage accrued.

We hear Fukushima mentioned, yes a major nuclear disaster of the worst kind, with a core melt down, and contamination around the site, this is being sorted out and brought under control.

No mention what so ever of the 20.000 people that lost there lives in the flood and the hundreds of thousands of homes, businesses that were swept away that was the Real Disaster.

We also hear a great deal of how the Storage Facility would effect Tourist numbers coming to our areas, when the Sellafield Visitor Centre was open it attracted up to 360.000 people annually to the western lakes.

We repeat the High Level Waste is not going to go away; we have it, and have to make it safer and recoverable, in doing so use it to our advantage.

The first thing that has to be sorted out is our dreadful transport system, a West Coast Highway would be constructed from Workington to Barrow, major work on the Workington/Barrow Railway possibly the safest way to transport any waste/fuel.

This is the time we should be pressing for long term benefits for the whole of Cumbria, Eddie Martin is right we do not shout loud enough.

Now let us look at Storage. This can be under Ground, or under the Sea, in our recent past we had 7 seams of Coal worked up to 4 miles out under the sea, at varying depths from 96 yards up to 374 yards.

The proposed Repository will be 1000 yards deep; the access road (drift) could be in the Sellafield site itself.

Thinking further outside the box, the spoil from any site could be shipped to Barrow, or thinking really big used to create the long sought after Solway Barrage.

We build the nuclear subs there; why not construct a maintenance facility for these boats. We do not know what will happen in the Scottish Independence Vote, one thing is certain, it will keep coming back. The Faslane Navel Base loss to Scotland could be our gain, and the thousands of quality Jobs both facilities would create.

At a meeting in the Wave for Allerdale Borough Councillors on the 11<sup>th</sup> November a presentation was given on Geological Storage, over all the opinion of the councillors present was “Get on with it” and the sooner the better, this is both our opinions.

John (Binky) Armstrong, George Scott.  
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