

We were disgusted at the underhand way this process has been changed to exclude Cumbria County Council from the decision-making process. Got the wrong result? Never mind, just repeat the process without the people who gave you the wrong result! This is pure GERRYMANDERING. Particularly given that it is the County Council who have the broadest responsibility in terms of the impact of this proposal on the people of Cumbria. Leaving aside the proven geological unsuitability, which is the main reason for NOT selecting this region, the idea that you dare to include a National Park in your search beggars belief. Do you want to destroy tourism in the Lake District?? Is that on your agenda?? Will a Nuclear Dump enhance prospects for World Heritage Site Status?? If this proposal were to go ahead, no one with children would in their right mind want to spend their holidays there when there are green and clean alternatives in Scotland (possibly not even in the UK by then) and Wales. Does England have so many mountains that you can afford to sacrifice even a single one?? Is it because Cumbria has so few local people to object that this is being foisted on them in preference to a country-wide search based on geological suitability?

This whole process stinks. Allerdale and Copeland councillors are being bribed with sweeties to accept this position which is disgraceful given that 41 of the 44 parish councillors in Allerdale said NO to stage 4.

What confidence can we have in the future when a substantial amount of radioactive material, much of which is being imported from abroad (you couldn't make it up) is being stored on the surface at Sellafield without any prospect of it being dealt with for another 30 years which is the length of time it would take for an underground store to come on stream. What happens in the meantime?

Disgusted doesn't even go there. More like despair.

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