

A TROJAN HORSE OF CASH AND PROMISES ?

Consultation on sites for a nuclear repository or is it a Trojan Horse for West Cumbria ?

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my utter dismay at finding that the debate on whether or not to have a nuclear repository in West Cumbria has resurfaced, albeit under a new guise ! Since on the face of a mountain of evidence to the contrary, another debate on a West Cumbrian nuclear repository will indeed be a waste of tax payers' funds (which UK can ill afford). I would like to know the following before another such study is tabled let alone authorised:

(1) Has the comprehensive paper written by Stuart Heseldine , Professor of Geology at the University of Edinburgh, titled " Burying Democracy along with UK nuclear waste " dated May 2012, been discredited ? In that he not only suggests that West Cumbria's geology is wrong and unsafe but there are other sites within the UK which have much better credentials.

If Prof. Haszeldine's paper has been rejected we need to know by whom and why ?

(2) Does the populist strategy adopted for influencing this area of high unemployment with promises of many new jobs has any credibility ? If so would some one please table the numbers and types of new jobs that will be created by such a project. The profile of unemployed people in West Cumbria is easily available so it will not be difficult to see the fit. It will be interesting to see how such a complex undertaking (requiring highly skilled personnel) can also create many jobs for the locals.

Or is this a Trojan Horse ?

If there is indeed any credibility in this promise then what are the numbers and types of jobs that will match local profile in West Cumbria ? We need to know .

(3) Does the democratic rejection of this project earlier this year cut across political expediency and commitments ? In other words, did the rejection from these set of discussions not fit DECC's political agenda ?

(4) The National Trust has categorically rejected the concept of this nuclear repository in what possibly is the most beautiful place in the country: has this too been ignored ?

In case you are not aware , National Geographic has this year published a book titled

" THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACES...100 unforgettable destinations "

which shows the English Lake District as one of them. Are we determined to go down in history as the generation that introduced nuclear waste to it ?

Conclusion : Sadly from the evidence so far this new consultation process on nuclear repository is utterly flawed. It does now seem to be trying to manipulate answers by presenting West Cumbria with a "Trojan Horse" of cash and promises.

Where does the science of 'geology/geophysics' fit in all this....or are we saying it does not ?

Yours truly

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