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Dear Chairman MRWS team,

From what I read the MRWS team and CoRWM seem to be approaching the challenge in a logical and appropriate way. The issue is clearly very sensitive and the "man in the street" tends to be suspicious and fearful. Those communities most likely to be in favour are those standing to gain and those who have worked in or close to the nuclear industry, understand it and believe from direct related experience that safe management of radioactive material is possible.

Thus locations close to existing nuclear installations are more likely to have communities that will support. However, these will not always be regions in which the geological structures are favourable. I am sure the team have long ago recognised this factor so it is unfortunate that we have now apparently burnt our boats in Cumbria.

I don't quite understand whether the Government simply waits for a community to express interest or actively encourages potentially "attractive" communities to do so. I suspect the time has arrived for a fairly proactive approach. However, this will need to be very sensitively managed or it will be perceived as undesirable pressure and be counterproductive.

I wish the team every success. If there is a way in which I can assist please let me know.

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