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My comments on the process in finding a suitable site in West Cumbria are as follows:

The process allowed people to perceive a threat to the Lake District National Park particularly at Ennerdale. The whole of the national park, any national park, should be removed from any future consultation process right from the start. As that did not happen, people were cynical from the start.

After that principle, geology rather than ignorant volunteerism should be the determining factor. We have been told in previous surveys that Cumbria has unsuitable geology for long term storage - this makes sense in a mountainous and lake filled area. It is only natural that local people fear that local authorities are acting in collusion with a government desperate to find a solution will manipulate the evidence to suit the end result they desire. We believe that this will lead to a disaster in the future.