

**PARISH COUNCIL OF
ST JOHN'S CASTLERIGG & WYTHBURN**

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Dear Sirs

West Cumbria MRWS Partnership

The above Parish Council met again the other evening, as parishioners had been contacting council as elected members of this area. No-one here supports this proposal. The Chairman asked for a vote to see if the position had changed and all were still unanimously against this proposal.

Parish Council had unanimously opposed the scheme previously, proposed for sitings a nuclear repository in Cumbria, and the arguments against such a plan have not changed and are as valid now as they were before.

Nirex some years ago declared that Cumbria did not have suitable Geology. Cumbria County Council voted against, having listened to its residents and businesses because the geology proves unsuitable.

It is essential that government is made to listen and seek the safest site both geologically and environmentally rather than opt for the easy option of focusing on the only area that has said they may consider an underground facility.

For many years the West Coast Nuclear Industry has worked quite happily alongside The National Park, tourism and farming.

It is surely morally wrong to change the decision making process, taking CCC views out of the process, leaving it just to the nearby Borough Councils to "go it alone" even though the Parish Councils around them oppose the engineered underground containment facility – a "geological disposal facility" in main because they understand the geology is unsuitable in the area proposed.

Yours sincerely

Sally M. Bickerdyke

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PS The Parish Council has filled in and returned on line the questions as asked in the Department of Energy and Climate Change Consultation Document.