

I write in support of the opinions expressed by Mr Robat Idris in his email to you of Sunday, 11th of this month.

I would like to add a comment in relation to one aspect of the matter, namely the possible need, in the event of an emergency - however unlikely - to evacuate the nearby population. I am reminded of a visit to my home a few months ago by a member of the Fire Service to install smoke sensors. Whilst he admitted that the possibility of fire was small, especially if one kept risks to a minimum, he insisted on a full explanation of how we intended to leave the house should a fire occur, and a full description of our escape routes. In the light of incidents over many decades, no sane person can claim that nuclear generation and nuclear waste management is inherently safe. No sane person, therefore, should allow such a development to take place without the expectation of an evacuation plan. It would be irresponsible for the authorities not to make such a plan or to conceal its existence for one reason or another.

In Anglesey, large-scale land evacuation would be virtually impossible: the two bridges are congested every day at peak periods and it needs only the discharge of an Irish ferry to cause a blockage a mile long.

A nuclear emergency on this island would be akin to a fire in a prison.

Yours sincerely,

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