Radioactive Waste Management

Building partnerships

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Why act now?

UK has been a "nuclear nation" since the late 1940s

- used to light and heat our homes, and power our industry
- used in medicine, industry, research and defence
- higher activity waste (HAW) inventory ~ 650,000 m³
- some waste will be hazardous for 100s of 1,000s of years
- safely stored in interim surface storage up to 100 years, but requires long-term safe disposal



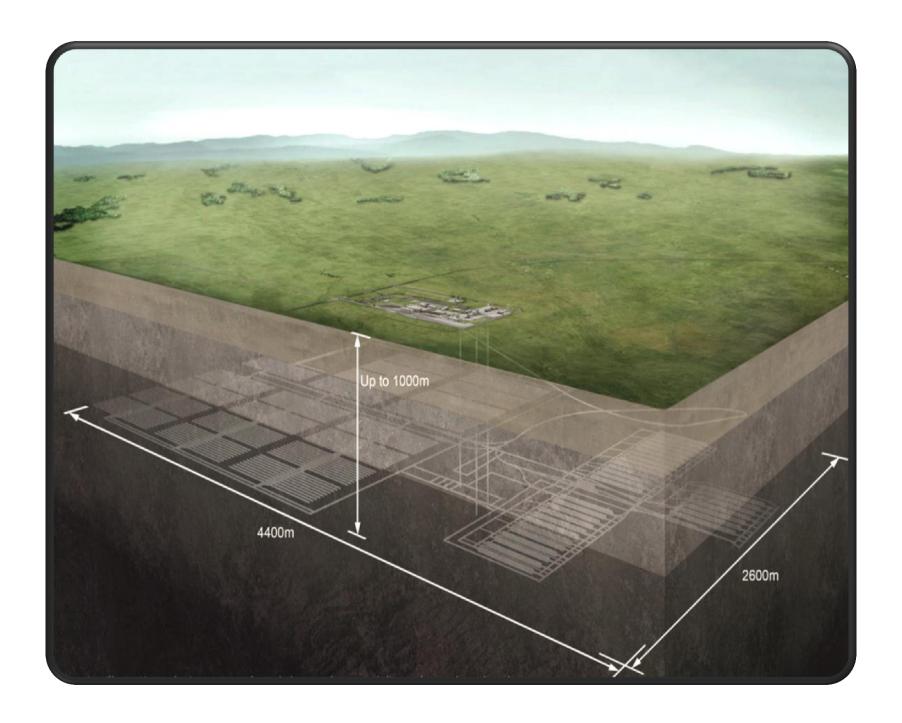






What is required for Geological Disposal?

- design in accordance with a robust safety case
- waste packaged for disposal
- a suitable site with a willing community





Principles - people and place

- Safety safety, security and protection of people and the environment are pre-requisites and underpin all stages of the process
- Partnership working we will work in partnership with a willing community, this means:
 - a collaborative and transparent approach with effective communications
 - Working towards a development within the community which is to the overall benefit and well-being of the community
- Flexible process a flexible process to accommodate the needs of different communities and to facilitate robust decision-making



Delivering geological disposal

Preparation

Outcome

Create the conditions and generate sufficient interest to attract communities into the siting process

Siting Process (15-20 years)

Outcome

Engagement with communities, surface-based investigations, design and securing permission to construct a GDF

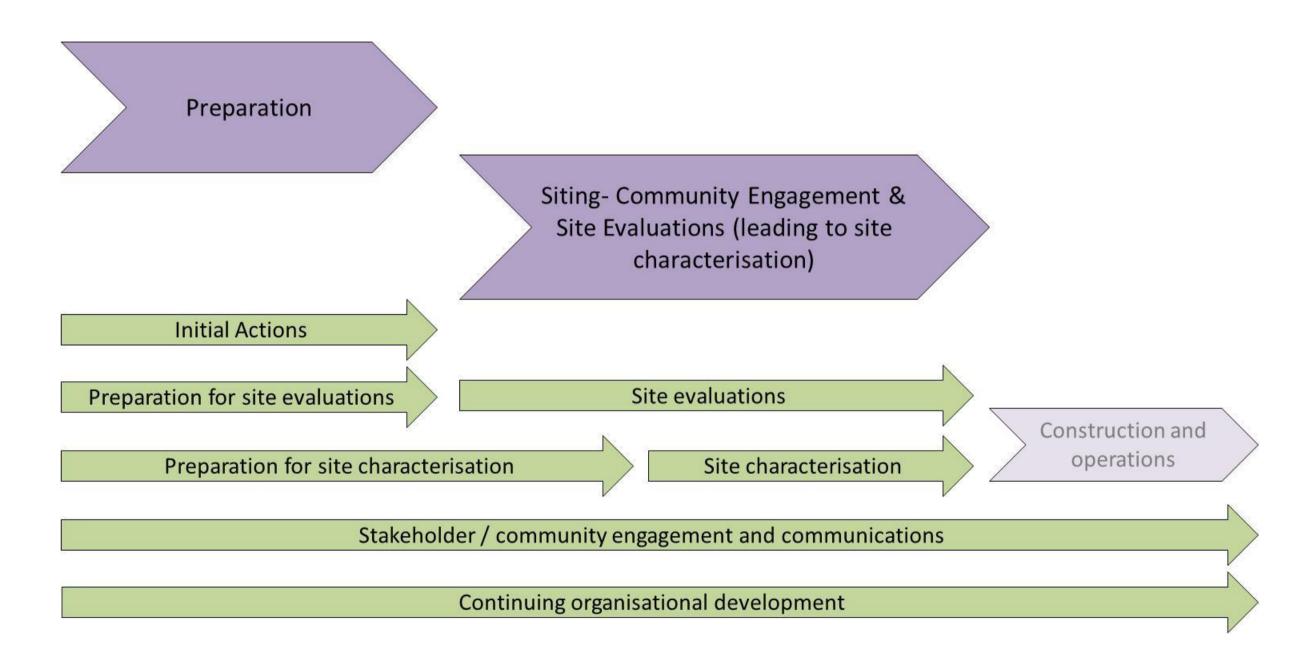
Construction, Operation and Closure

Outcome

Safely emplace the inventory for disposal and close facility in accordance with license conditions



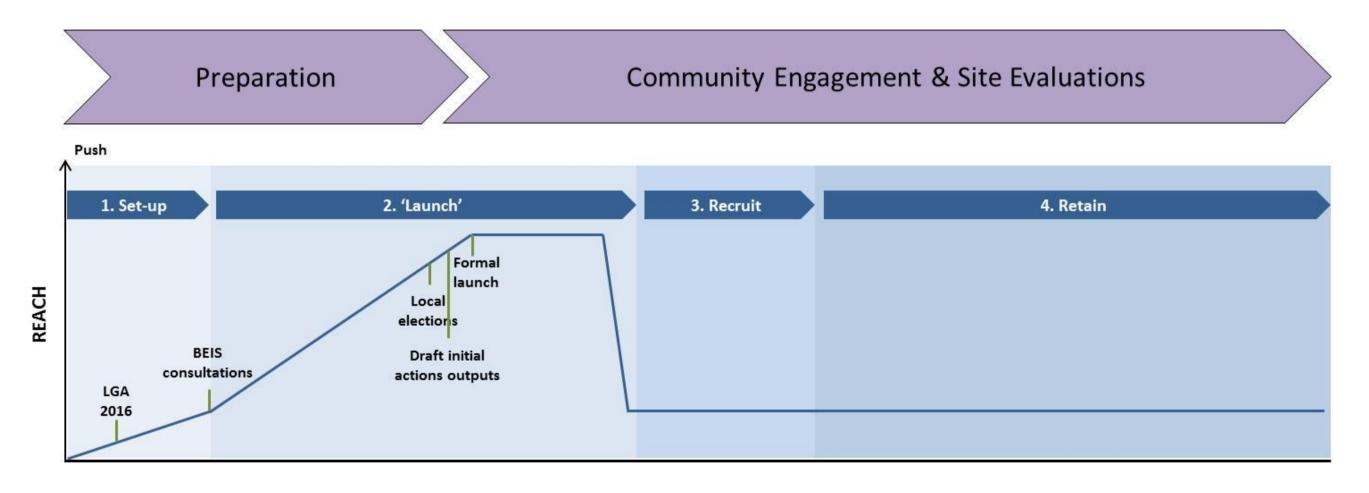
The next few years





Engagement and communications

Creating the right environment for geological disposal



We began with awareness raising, as we move into the siting process our attention will focus on those communities that express interest in geological disposal.



Working with communities

Finding a site where we can build and operate it safely

- Working together
- Trust and partnerships
- Creating the future



Working together



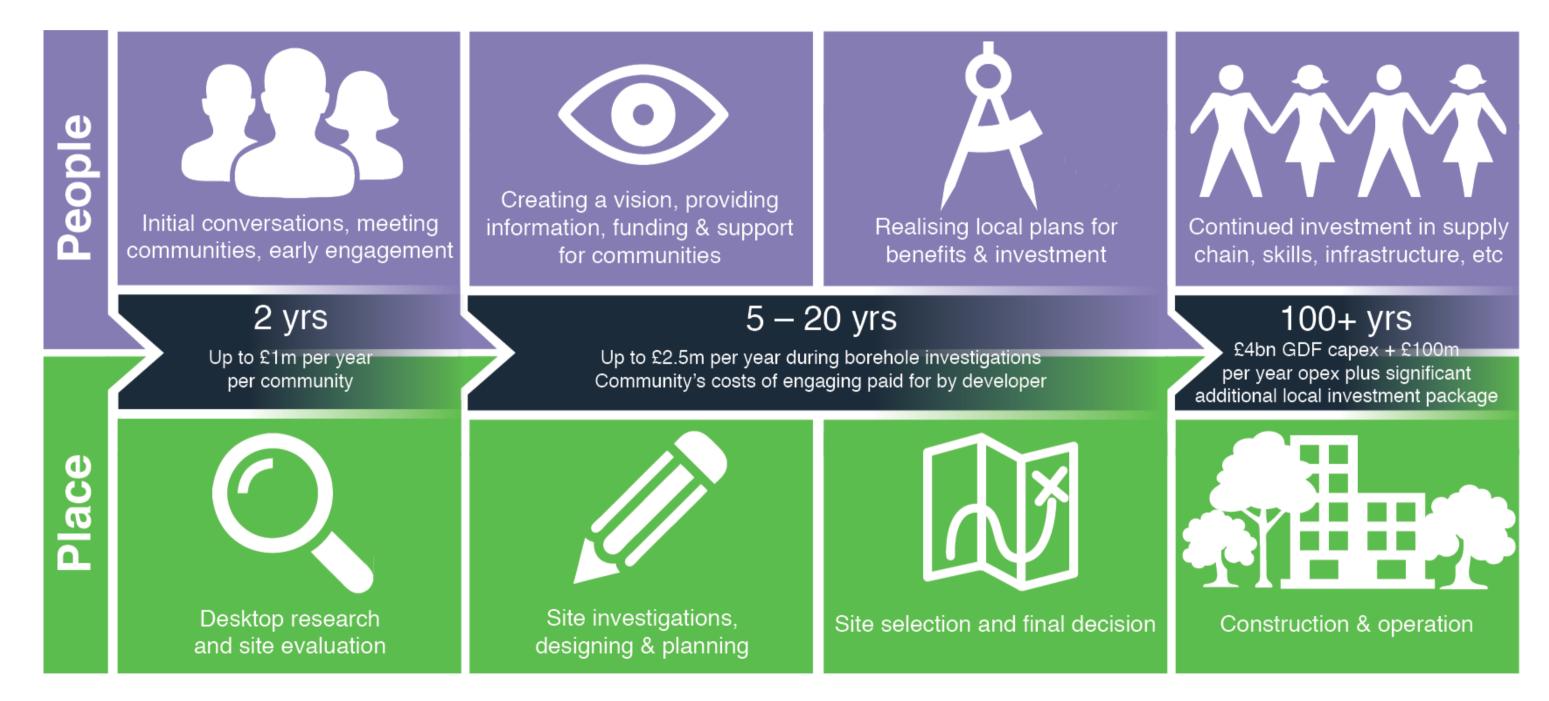
Trust and partnerships



Creating the future



Working in partnership with communities





Economic benefits



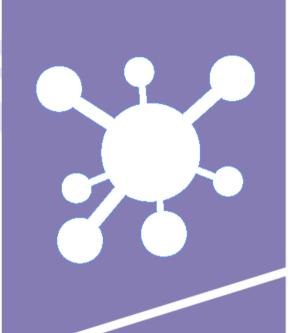
Average 600 skilled & well paid jobs per year for 100+ years



Peak of 1,000 direct jobs during construction phase



Supply chain opportunities and cluster development



New facilities for business, transport infrastructure and services



Investment in local training and skills – apprenticeships and graduates



What happens next?

- Initial Actions
 - National Land-use Planning
 - National Geological Screening
 - Working with Communities
- Preparation for launch of the siting process
- Siting process launch

