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The process of finding a site was flawed in a simple but basic way. The search for a site must be safety driven, not driven by voluntarism, which is in this case simply the easy way out.

The stages of finding a site must always be

- 1) A paper search to find the most likely sites.
- 2) If necessary the exploration of the most promising of those sites to see if they are as safe as anticipated.
- 3) A dialogue with local democracy, with sweeteners, to gain the agreement of one of the sites.
- 4) Proceeding to build.

Without stage one, you are seeking someone willing to take the waste (obviously this is a way of pressuring those where it is currently stored above ground. You then intend to see if an adequately safe site can be found near there. Obviously, it is virtually certain that a site found by this means will not be one of the safest possible nationally. And you know this to be true.

Our only course locally is to make so much trouble that for Whitehall doing the process properly will be a necessity. We will do this.