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I write, as a concerned UK resident in response to the consultation on the siting process for a Geological Disposal Facility for higher activity radioactive waste in this country.

In my opinion it matters not where this facility is located as the main criteria for it's siting should be based on the safest area, determined in geological terms. The majority of the public would not have the expert knowledge to decide this, so it is fruitless and time consuming to be staging a process of voluntary participation.

I also feel that as only one county has so far shown any willingness to participate (for obvious reasons), I cannot imagine any area being agreeable to hosting such a facility unless huge incentives were offered which I would consider to be morally reprehensible.

The legacy waste and the problems involved in storing it has been bestowed upon us based on an ill thought-out decision made by a previous government. It is a national problem, not one to be decided upon in an individual community fashion. Wherever it is stored it has the potential to create a dangerous threat to our safety, not necessarily confined to the immediate area. We should therefore be concentrating our efforts on finding a suitable site and putting stringent safety evacuation measures in place to protect our residents, not wasting funds on this futile exercise.

It appears from the government's consultation review document that the envisaged process would be a long drawn out procedure which would not be in anyone's interest and will eventually lead to the invoking of the usual government get out clause of a decision made 'in the overriding public interest'.

Let us not insult the public's intelligence and get on with the task of finding an answer to the storage problem which we have lived with for the past fifty years with no satisfactory solution ever found.

I would like to add, that faced with the dilemma we have inherited I find it foolhardy, incomprehensible and morally indefensible for the government to consider building

further nuclear power stations, thus creating more waste for future generations to deal with. Haven't we learned our lesson?

Please do not send me the usual standard, trite reply to this letter regarding the need for clean power, reducing the carbon footprint, needing nuclear as part of the energy mix etc.etc. This is the most dirty, dangerous waste imaginable. Far safer, cleaner and sensible for the government to educate the public on saving energy and invent new ways of harnessing renewable energy sources thus considering the safety of UK inhabitants and not acceding to the population's insatiable greed for a constant energy supply which we have come to expect as our right, no matter what the cost.

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