

In answer to your questions re the consultation document concerning burial of nuclear waste

1) Most certainly a test of public support must be taken before the representative authority loses the Right of Withdrawal. This test should be open to all representatives of the public, not just a few members of one district council.

2) I strongly disagree with these amendments. District Councils alone do not represent a whole community. Their leader should not chair the Steering Group.

3) I do not agree with this for the same reasons as above.

4) Geological suitability must be the number one priority. Much work has already been done on this subject, but research needs to be undertaken at a national level, considering possible sites over the whole country.

5) Again, a district council is not suitable for sole responsibility.

6) This is ignoring the recommendations of CoRWM. Communicate with the host community by being transparent.

7) This could be false promises to a community. There may be benefits initially, but for how long would they be guaranteed? Withdrawal of the benefits for whatever reason could be extremely damaging.

8) Independent advice should be given to the host community outlining environmental and economic questions. Pressure must not be put on a community to accept a GDF in order to address hardship.

Yours faithfully

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