

[managing radioactive waste safely]

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Dear Cllr Godfrey,

Managing Radioactive Waste Safely

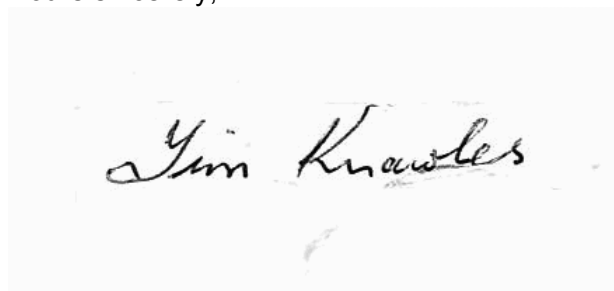
We note your council is considering expressing interest in the Government's MRWS process to site a geological disposal facility for higher activity radioactive waste.

You will know that in Cumbria we are some way in to our discussions with Government, and have covered much ground over the past three years looking into the issue. It has been a fascinating experience although complex and at times difficult. We expect to make a formal decision on whether the area participates in Stage 4 of the process without commitment, in October or November.

We are aware that some may choose to see our two communities as being 'in competition'. We do not see it like this and would like to offer our support to you in your discussions over the coming months.

Please feel free to contact either myself or our independent programme manager Rhuari Bennett on rhuari@3kq.co.uk or 01539 739435 if you would like to discuss this further. I wish you well in your deliberations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Knowles". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a white rectangular box.

Cllr Tim Knowles
Chair of the West Cumbria MRWS Partnership