

**Intermediary Group - Aspatria Dreamscheme (Youth Club)**

Question	Agree	Response
<b>Overview</b>		<p>30 young people took part in the consultation within a youth group setting.</p> <p>The session started with a discussion around what a repository might look like and the history behind the Governments decision to bury the waste and the partnerships formation. The discussion then moved onto the partnerships opinions so far on safety, the community benefits package and impacts.</p>
<b>2 – Safety, security, environment and planning</b>	Yes – 25 No – 5	<p>25 young people agreed with the partnership's initial opinions, they agreed that the necessary regulatory bodies are in place and they trust that they would keep everyone and the environment safe. They also agreed that the NDA have suitable safety processes in place and they were also reassured by the number of regulators and that Government have created the Office for Nuclear Regulation.</p> <p>The group talked about sellafield and the fact that it has remained safe with no major incidents for a number of years; they felt that this showed that the NDA etc do a good job; because young people within the group have lived in an area with an already established nuclear industry they felt the benefits outweighs the risks.</p> <p>The 5 members of the group who disagreed felt that the NDA etc might be telling the partnership that things will be safe because that's what they want to hear and that the regulators can't be sure it will remain safe in the future, they felt that we haven't had to deal with nuclear waste long enough to fully know what will happen. The group felt that they would want to know more about existing repositories.</p> <p>The whole group felt that safety was the biggest issue. The biggest fear from the group was if something was going to blow up and there were worries around what happened in Japan, at this stage clarity was needed around the different nuclear plants and what would be stored in the repository, along with the probability of an earthquake of that magnitude occurring in this part of the world. At this stage there was also a discussion around the geology aspect and that the rock would create an added barrier.</p> <p>The whole group appreciated that we need to do something with nuclear waste and that we need to manage it in some way because is going to be produced whatever happens and with this in mind they felt that an underground repository would be the best option.</p>
<b>3 – Impacts</b>	Yes – 30	<p>The whole group agreed that a repository could fit in with the economic future of West Cumbria mainly because of sellafield and the fact that the nuclear industry is already an established part many people's lives in West Cumbria. They could also see that future jobs is enough of an incentive to move onto the next stage</p>

		<p>mainly because of the uncertain economic times the country is facing.</p> <p>The group felt that there isn't enough information about habitats at the moment and that this needs to be taken into account.</p>
<b>4 – Community benefits</b>	<p>Yes – 9 No – 21</p>	<p>21 young people disagreed with the partnership and felt that the community benefits package would be a bribe, but that's not to say they didn't see it as a good thing for the area and an opportunity for the area's future.</p> <p>9 young people agreed with the partnership and thought that community benefits are a reasonable opportunity and not a bribe.</p> <p>The whole group felt that this was important and they said that they were ok with being bribed as long as the benefits package was right for the area, with this in mind they agreed with the set of principles being agreed with the Government as a starting point and that these should be established if the partnership progresses to the next stage.</p> <p>The group felt that infrastructure was an important benefit along with the jobs it would bring to the area. They also said that money towards youth clubs would also benefit the community, and they all agreed that we need to look at ways to bring money to the area.</p> <p>The whole group agreed with the partnership that the term 'community' has to be broad and include future generations and felt this was an important aspect as the waste would be around for 10000s of years so they would be affected by our decisions now.</p>