

Intermediary Group - Dearham Youth Project

Question	Agree	Response
Overview		20 young people took part in a discussion facilitated by Connexions.
1 – Geology	Yes – 20	The whole group agreed that the survey already carried out could be trusted and that more detailed surveys could be carried out in the next stage. The group felt that geology wasn't the biggest issue at this time and it is a simple case of the rock either being right or not.
2 – Safety, security, environment and planning	Yes – 10 No – 10	<p>The group was split on the safety aspects at this stage of the process.</p> <p>10 young people were happy that at this stage the necessary regulatory bodies and processes are in place and that the partnership understands the current planning application.</p> <p>Those 10 who disagreed felt that a number of issues need addressed including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will houses built on the surface remain safe? • Will the environment remain safe when nuclear waste is transported to the repository • Can he be sure that the layers of rock will keep everything safe? <p>Those who disagreed also worried about nuclear waste generally.</p> <p>There was a discussion around where waste is stored at the moment (using video) and from this they appreciate that storing waste underground takes out the element of terrorism. They thought that this is VERY important as terrorism is seen as a real threat.</p>
3 – Impacts	Yes – 15 No – 5	<p>15 young people agreed with the partnership and felt that job creation and the future of West Cumbria is enough to move onto the next stage. Because of the area living with Sellafield for so long no one would be put off coming to the area so they felt that this wouldn't be a negative. These young people felt that the biggest negative would be during the construction process.</p> <p>5 young people felt that job creation isn't enough to host a repository, they felt they would need more information on health impacts on those living close to or on top of the repository.</p>
4 – Community benefits	Yes – 20	The whole group agreed that a community benefits package is necessary part of hosting a repository, but could see why some feel it is a bribe. They all felt that it should include future generation and that this was important.

		<p>Those who disagreed during the discussion around impacts felt that the community benefits is the most important issue and if these are right they felt their decision would change. With this in mind they agreed and felt reassured that the partnership has already started by writing up a set of principles.</p>
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