

**Intermediary Group - Moorclose Knit 'n' Natter Group**

Question	Agree	Response
<b>Overview</b>		8 people took part in a group discussion facilitated by CVS.
<b>1 – Geology</b>	Yes – 0 No – 1 Not Sure/ Partly – 7	'Can't convince me that the geology will ever be safe.' 'Not enough guarantees on suitability.' 'Why do some scientists say it's not safe.' 'Don't want to gamble with something like this.' 'Don't understand it enough.' 'Don't believe rock is safe.' 'Earthquakes.' 'Global warming.' 'Water erosion.' 'Not convinced that it will be safe in years to come.' 'Who can say what will happen.'
<b>2 – Safety, security, environment and planning</b>	Yes – 1 No – 1 Not Sure/ Partly – 6	'Don't have enough knowledge.' 'I think they've done it properly,' 'You can't guarantee safety.'
<b>3 – Impacts</b>	Yes – 0 No – 1 Not Sure/ Partly – 7	'Not convinced that local people will benefit from any jobs – they always come from away.' 'You can guarantee that the numbers of jobs will be as low as possible.' 'It's all short term benefits for contractors.' 'It'll damage our tourism. People won't want to have holidays on top of a pile of nuclear waste.' 'Don't know what the effect on wildlife will be.' 'Is this why they're spending money on the harbours? To get ready for this?'
<b>4 – Community benefits</b>	Yes – 0 No – 1 Not Sure/ Partly – 7	'We've been told promises before. What about getting cheap electricity from Sellafield. We're still waiting for that!' 'Just sounds like bribes. Cheap promises.' 'There's some money going to charity and the community in the area and Sellafield does help out in some places.' 'It's a bit of a bribe and a bit of doing good.' 'I'm just cynical of all the promises.' 'The whole of Cumbria should benefit not just Sellafield or wherever it's put.'
<b>5 – Design and engineering</b>	Yes – 0 No – 1 Not Sure/ Partly – 7	'It should be retrievable in case we need to get it out.' 'We might want to use it again.' 'We might need to move it because it becomes dangerous.'
<b>6 – Inventory</b>	Yes – 0 No – 3 Not Sure/ Partly – 5	'I'm concerned that they change their minds about what goes in.' 'How do we know we won't be taking waste from the rest of the world.' 'It might start off with just waste from Britain but they can soon change their minds.'

<b>7 – Siting process</b>	Yes – 1 No – 1 Not Sure/ Partly – 6	‘I think it’s right that we can withdraw from building before the jobs started.’ ‘They’ll just do what they want.’ ‘They won’t listen to us.’ ‘It’s cut and dried. They want it in West Cumbria and it doesn’t matter what we say they’ll just build it.’
<b>8 – Overall views on participation</b>		The views in this paper are an accurate account of those expressed at Moorclose Community Centre – Knit ‘n’ natter group on Monday 19 March 2012. There is an understanding and acceptance that radioactive waste has to be stored somewhere – but the overwhelming view is that it shouldn’t be in Cumbria. The group were suspicious of how seriously any consultation findings will be used. All felt the outcome is a fore-gone conclusion. When pressed a majority would agree to further participation if there were guarantees as to suitability, and safety and guarantees of the right to withdraw at any time from the process; and that they express serious reservations; and great scepticism was expressed about on-going decision making and the full benefits to the area and its community. There were 8 people involved in the discussion.