

Intermediary Group - Teen Mums

Question	Agree	Response
Overview		16 young people took part in a group discussion facilitated by Cumbria CVS.
2 – Safety, security, environment and planning	Yes – 2 No – 9 Not Sure/ Partly – 5	<p>In this group of 16, 9 disagreed with the partnership's opinions, 5 were unsure or only partly agreed and 2 agreed with the opinions.</p> <p>They felt there were questions about the transporting of the waste to West Cumbria which were not covered by the safety case as it stood and could have more detail even at this stage. What are the risks associated with this transportation from terrorists or accidental damage? There are also concerns around the impact on the natural environment and habitats which they wanted to see more of a commitment to preserve before a site is identified.</p> <p>Although there were a number of concerns and the balance of views disagreed with the partnership conclusions they also commented that it could be a lot safer underground than in its current storage above ground at Sellafield. Likewise, that an instance of a radioactive leak would be easier to contain and less hazardous below ground than above ground into the open air.</p> <p>They wanted to know if there had been any analysis of the risks posed from earthquakes given the recent experiences in West Cumbria. Similarly there were concerns about the scale of mineworkings here and the risks these posed to a facility. At the moment there was not enough in the safety proposals as they currently stand to reflect these concerns.</p> <p>Those partly agreeing and agreeing felt it was worth going to look for a site and looking in more detail at the safety issues at this stage as this was a good foundation for a decision and the benefits for the area could be vast.</p>
3 – Impacts	Yes – 2 No – 9 Not Sure/ Partly – 5	<p>In this group of 16, 9 disagreed with the partnership's opinions, 5 were unsure or only partly agreed and 2 agreed with the opinions.</p> <p>Although the balance of views disagreed with the partnership opinions most of the comments made in the discussion were around the positive impacts. Concerns about negative impacts hinged on anxieties about the impact on tourism and the natural environment which they felt were rather skirted around in the opinions.</p>

		There were lots of comments recognising the positive impacts in the arrival of jobs especially the volume of jobs and local economy boost brought during the construction phase.
4 – Community benefits	Yes – 5 No – 6 Not Sure/ Partly – 5	<p>There was a much more even split in this section. 5 agreed, 6 disagreed and 5 were not sure or only partly agreed. There is enthusiasm for the concept of community benefits and a feeling that this is a reasonable due reward for the national service the area would be providing from most of the group.</p> <p>Those disagreeing were not sure that the benefits on offer jobs and the additional benefits perhaps of enhanced skills training and so on would not outweigh just the disruption around construction and of transportation of waste.</p> <p>Some wanted specific skills training to start well before the project was underway to ensure people locally were skilled up and ready if and when the project gets underway.</p>
8 – Overall views on participation		The group were split 10 for and 6 against proceeding to the next stage. While disagreement with current partnership opinions remains on safety and impacts and to some extent on Comm benefits they expect to see these opinions significantly firmed up if a site is identified and this view is reflected in the balance of numbers willing to proceed.