

**Intermediary Group - West Cumbria Older Person's Forum**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Overview</b>		6 people took part in a group discussion facilitated by Cumbria CVS.
<b>1 – Geology</b>	Not Sure/ Partly	Group felt that initial opinions are valid to a point, still uncertain about certain issues e.g. water flow/tables.  Would agree more investigation is needed before moving to next stage.
<b>2 – Safety, security, environment and planning</b>	Not Sure/ Partly	The group wanted clarification re whether it would only be UK produced high level waste.  The group felt that regulatory bodies need to continually evolve and develop.  The group felt strongly that monitoring processes must be independent.  The group felt that anti-terrorism must be a key factor in consideration of plans.  The group felt that there needs to be adequate discussions with countries already using repositories.
<b>3 – Impacts</b>	Not Sure/ Partly	Agreed with first bullet point.  Agreed with 2nd bullet point, feel 550 jobs is not a significant factor and more evidence is needed re sustainability.  The group questioned whether there is an acceptable process, and felt they needed more information and clarity.
<b>4 – Community benefits</b>	Not Sure/ Partly	The group wanted clarification about whether any agreements made would be honoured irrespective of which government is in power.  The group were cynical about community benefits, as they had had previous experience e.g. digital switchover which they found negative.
<b>5 – Design and engineering</b>	Not Sure/ Partly	Retrievability was felt to be a key factor. The group felt this needs to be decided now, not in the future as stated in the initial opinion.

<b>7 – Siting process</b>	Not Sure/ Partly	<p>Concerns raised re LDNPA, water tables, distances between surface operations and repository.</p> <p>Group felt geology needs to be clear and proven first.</p> <p>The group strongly believe an opinion poll/referendum is crucial and this needs to be a full consultation including young people.</p>
<b>9 – Additional comments</b>		<p>There were some concerns raised re the minimum level depth.</p> <p>The group also felt the word “disposal” should more accurately be “storage”.</p> <p>Overall the group found it difficult to comment as they feel it is conjecture at present”.</p>