

Intermediary Groups - Wigton Youth Station (2 Groups)

Group	Question	Agree	Response
Group 1	Overview		<p>16 young people took part in the consultation within the youth stations meeting room.</p> <p>The session started with a discussion around what a repository was, where it might be sited and what it may look like. The group then discussed geology, safety and the community benefits package.</p>
	1 – Geology	Yes – 4 No – 0 Not Sure/ Partly – 12	<p>The group were very concerned that the ground in Cumbria had not been properly accessed and that a repository might leak. They were concerned that the following might be affected: land, animals, water and sea life.</p> <p>The group also had some other concerns about the repository and these are in the safety section of this response form.</p> <p>The reason that many of the group opted for the not sure section was that they felt more information was needed by them to make an educated decision. If they were too agreed with the partnership then they would have to be sure that Cumbria had the correct rock structures.</p>
	3 – Impacts	Yes – 13 No – 1 Not Sure/ Partly – 2	<p>13 of the young people agreed with the partnerships initial opinions; they believed that there are enough varied organisations looking after the public's interest and that these would ensure that there were no issues with the repository.</p> <p>The group were also keen to state that the Sellafield and Drigg sites had been in Cumbria for a long time and there had only been a couple of minor scares (in their opinion). They thought that this was a good sign for a possible repository.</p> <p>The group did however have some concerns about terrorism and if the repository would be able to withstand an attack; here again they thought that having Sellafield here already was a good benchmark.</p> <p>The 1 no answer was adamant that it was not a good idea as were would be become radioactive!</p> <p>The 2 members of the group who was 'not sure' would like to have had more information about whether the repository could be bored into. If this was provided and it would probably alter their mind.</p> <p>As a group they did all agree that underground storage was probably the best solution.</p>

	4 – Community benefits	Yes – 16	<p>The whole group agreed that the community benefits package was a very good thing, probably because they were older and saw the employment opportunities for themselves. Again they were very keen to know exactly what the package would look like and how it might affect their lives.</p> <p>The group thought that the following areas should benefit from the package: sports clubs, local voluntary organisation, local environmental organisation, community organisations and youth groups.</p> <p>This group was also interested in better infrastructure eg roads and rail.</p>
Group 2 (Young Women)	Overview		<p>10 young people took part in the consultation within the youth stations meeting room.</p> <p>The session started with a discussion around what a repository was, where it might be sited and what it may look like. The group then discussed geology, safety impacts and the community benefits package.</p>
	1 – Geology	Yes – 2 No – 0 Not Sure/ Partly – 8	<p>The discussion around geology focussed on why Cumbria had been identified for the repository. The group were concerned about the level of research that had been done into the ground in Cumbria and where therefore concerned about the safety of the underground repository. Many of their concerns are in the safety section of this response form.</p> <p>In summary most of the group where in the 'not sure' section and would like more facts to be made available. To make their mind up the group would like more independent information and this would help them to agree with the partnerships opinion.</p>
	2 – Safety, security, environment and planning	Yes – 9 No – 0 Not Sure/ Partly – 1	<p>9 of the young people agreed with the partnerships initial opinions; they believed that there is enough independent scrutiny in place and that this scrutiny would be sufficient to stop any issues.</p> <p>The group also liked the fact that there are a number of organisations involved with the regulation of the possible site as they felt this meant that there would be less chance of missing something.</p> <p>The group also discussed the fact that Sellafield had been in Cumbria for a number of years without any major issues and that made them feel allot better about the prospect of having a repository in Cumbria.</p> <p>The group did however have some concerns about how strong the repository would be against attack, earth quakes and other natural disasters. They also had concerns about the workers safety; the overall size of the repository and future safety of the site. Here additional information would reassure them and make they fully support the partnerships views.</p>

		<p>The 1 member of the group who was 'not sure' would like to have had more information about the build quality of the repository. If this was provided and it would probably alter their mind.</p> <p>As a group they did all agree that underground storage was probably the best solution as it removed all of the risks associated with over ground storage e.g. terrorist attack, leakage and accidental spillage.</p>
3 – Impacts	<p>Yes – 2 No – 0 Not Sure/ Partly – 8</p>	<p>The group wanted to know if any research had been done into what possible tourists to the area would think about a repository in Cumbria. They felt that if a repository would negatively affect the visitor numbers then their opinion might change.</p> <p>The group all agreed that the creation of additional jobs and training opportunities would be of great benefit to the area. But until specific numbers were put to these they could not be sure about whether the impacts would balance out the benefits.</p> <p>Therefore additional information on both topics would reassure them and make them fully support the partnerships views.</p>
4 – Community benefits	<p>Yes – 9 No – 0 Not Sure/ Partly – 1</p>	<p>The group were very interested in the possible community benefits package and what it might contain. It was very clear that they would like to know exactly what the package would look like and how it might affect their lives.</p> <p>The group thought that the 'principles' were a good idea, but would like the chance to ensure that they were accessible for all residents and that it was to be spent on things that all residents wanted.</p> <p>The group thought that the following areas should benefit from the package: schools, community organisations and youth groups.</p> <p>When asked they were not sure if the benefits package was a bribe or was a genuine benefit to their community. Most thought that they would make this decision based on what the actual package looked like.</p>

