

**The role of Cumbria
County Council as waste
planning authority**

**West Cumbria Sites
Stakeholder Group**

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County matter planning applications

- Those for recovering, treating, storing, processing, sorting, transferring, or depositing waste

County matter planning applications

**Involving the use of land,
building, engineering or
other operations
erection of plant or
machinery.**

County matter planning applications

Also ancillary operations and uses including development relating to access to highways.

Wastes

- **Household**
- **Commercial and industrial**
- **Construction and demolition**
- **Radioactive**
- **Minerals**
- **Agricultural**

Because we deal with minerals and waste planning applications we are also responsible for planning policy relating to them.

Minerals and Waste Development Framework

- **What is it?**
- **Part of a completely new system of development plans brought in September 2004.**

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

Local Development Frameworks

- **County Council prepares the Minerals and Waste Development Framework.**
- **Districts prepare Local Development Frameworks for other types of development.**
- **National Parks prepare their own.**

What's it about ?

- **Making provision for more sustainable minerals and waste management developments over the period 2007 to 2018.**

Where we are now

- **Consultation on Issues and Options**

June/September 2006

- **Consultation on Preferred Options** *November '06/January '07 and*

July/August 2007

Radioactive wastes

- **High and Intermediate level, CCC agrees with CoRWM recommendation - deep geological disposal with several decades of storage before then.(phased and recoverable). Not in our plan.**

Radioactive wastes

- **Low level.**
- **Nuclear decommissioning wastes.**
- **20 million cubic metres LLW at Sellafield.**
- **2 million rest of country.**

Low Level Waste Repository

- **Before decisions are made need answers to :**
 - 1. Impacts of climate change, sea level rise, coastal erosion on site's integrity.**
 - 2. Radiological capacity of the site – waste tipped in the trenches.**
 - 3. Licensability by other regulators.**

Radioactive wastes

- **Very low level/high volume low activity wastes from decommissioning.**

Radioactive wastes

- **Misunderstanding about “authorised” capacity of the Repository.**
- **Potential within Sellafield - need to look for alternative sites.**
- **Only Cumbria’s wastes?**
- **Benefits package?**

Radioactive wastes

- **Environment Agency
Radioactive Substances Act
licences.**
- **Power station disposal routes.**
- **Stacking of waste containers at
the Repository.**

Radioactive wastes

- **Programme of further planning applications at the Low Level Waste Repository.**

