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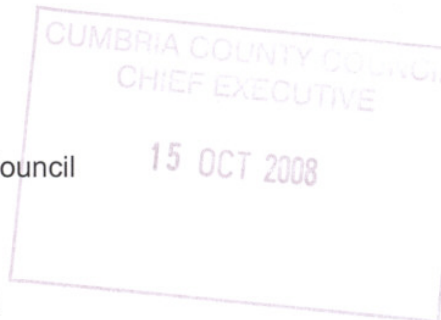
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Dear Peter

Managing Radioactive Waste Safely – A Framework for Implementing Geological Disposal

I refer to your letter, dated 31 July 2008. The timing of the letter does not allow formal Authority consideration of your request. But members, together with officers of Executive Board, did meet informally on Thursday 2 October and received a presentation from officers of the County Council. Following discussions we concluded the following:

That the position of the Authority remains as that expressed in our Core Strategy Preferred Options, published earlier this year. That states: *If West Cumbria is identified as one of the parts of the UK suitable for the disposal of radioactive waste, we will work with partners to ensure the best solution for Cumbria and the rest of the country is achieved. Any solution should not adversely affect the National Park.* Additionally our view is that Cumbria County Council should seek to:

- support, in partnership, any community that may submit an Expression of Interest;
- work with that community and others to consider the county-wide and national implications of such an Expression of Interest; and
- secure a single process for Cumbrian partners, including LDNPA, to engage with.

I stress this is the view of members and officers present at that informal meeting and is not, therefore, a formal Authority resolution.

Richard Leafe
Chief Executive



I thank you for canvassing our views and assure you that we will also be trying to secure consideration of county-wide and national issues in any community Expression of Interest.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R Leafe".

RICHARD LEAFE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE