

Colton Parish Council's response to Government consultation - potentially suitable sites for new nuclear power stations - Sellafield, Braystones and Kirksanton - Feb 2010

Question 21: Do you agree with the Government's preliminary conclusion on the potential suitability of sites nominated into the Strategic Siting Assessment, as set out below?

a) General comments

"No. We believe that despite the good recent safety record of nuclear sites in GB, it is inappropriate to position three sites (Braystones, Kirksanton and Sellafield) in such close proximity on the Cumbrian west coast. We also believe that any new plant should be on existing sites, rather than new ones.

Further, we believe that potential road development schemes that are likely to follow any such developments will be detrimental to the Lake District National Park and, given the current level of commuting traffic that already affects our parish, we also believe that the inevitable increase in traffic associated with additional sites, will be harmful to the communities of South Lakeland."

The Government considers the following sites to be potentially suitable for the deployment of new nuclear power stations by the end of 2025:

- b) Bradwell**
- c) Braystones**
- d) Hartlepool**
- e) Heysham**
- f) Hinkley Point**
- g) Kirksanton**

"We agree with the Cumbria Wildlife Trust that is entirely inappropriate to develop a nuclear site at Kirksanton which has a large number of internationally recognised wildlife sites (including the Duddon Estuary Special Protection Area and Ramsar site, and the Morecambe Bay Special Area of Conservation) and is of national and international importance because of its high biodiversity value."

- h) Oldbury**
- i) Sellafield**
- j) Sizewell**
- k) Wylfa**

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