

**PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE 4/10/9001
PROPOSED WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE FOR LOW AND VERY LOW
LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE AT FORMER HEEKLE HEAD OPEN CAST SITE
NEAR PICA**

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the report is noted and any comments from the Nuclear Working Group are reported to the Planning Panel on 08 December 2010.

REPORT

Previous reports were presented to the Nuclear Working Group on 11 March and 09 September 2010 to advise that the Council has been consulted by Cumbria County Council on a County Matter application for the creation of a waste management centre for the disposal of low and very low level radioactive waste at the former opencast site at Keekle Head near Pica.

An initial report was presented to the Planning Panel on 03 February 2010 which recommended that Members visit the site before reaching any conclusions on this application. A joint site visit was subsequently undertaken with the County Council on 7 June 2010.

Since the site visit the County Council has asked the applicant to provide the following additional information:-

- Nature conservation
- Landscape and visual impact
- Noise assessment
- Justification for the proposed development

Unfortunately the applicant has failed to submit any further information. Consequently the County Council has recently asked the Council to make a recommendation on the application based on the details that have been submitted.

The purpose of this report is to inform the Working Group that this application will be reported to the Planning Panel on 8th December 2010 with a recommendation to refuse the proposal. A copy of the report that will be presented to the Planning Panel is attached for information purposes.

Any comments that the Nuclear Working Group wish to make on this proposal can be reported to the Planning Panel on 08 December 2010.

List of background papers – Planning application reference 4/10/9001/0F2