

Notification and Consultation on a County Waste Matter
Planning Application at the Low Level Waste Repository, near Drigg, Holmrook, Cumbria
(Ref 4/11/9007/0F2)

Copeland has been consulted by Cumbria County Council (as the determining authority) on a major planning application at the LLW Disposal Site, Drigg for the phased construction of Vaults 9a to 14 and for the disposal of low level radioactive wastes within these new vaults and within the existing Vault 9 with higher stacking; for the retention of temporarily higher stacked containers in Vault 8 with additional higher stacking; phased construction of a permanent engineered capping layer over trenches 1 to 7 and Vaults 8 to 14 with other ancillary works.

The phased disposal of LLW in the vaults would take place over the period 2014-2079 with the phased construction of a final restoration cap across each full vault and the adjacent area of trenches over this same 65 years period. The site will be progressively restored to grassland, with screen planting along the perimeter of the site.

The planning application is accompanied by the following supporting documents, copies of which are available for inspection in the Member's Room:-

- Planning and Design and Access Statement
- Environmental Statement, including Non-Technical Summary

A community benefits package will be negotiated separately.

This same report was presented to the Council's Strategic Nuclear and Energy Board on 8 September 2011.

Recommendation: Given the scale and significance of the proposed development in both environmental and economic terms, it is recommended that all Councillors be afforded the opportunity for an accompanied site visit when the proposals can be fully explained prior to a formal response to Cumbria County Council.