



NFLA ENGLISH FORUM SPRING WEBINAR - CONCERNS OVER SIZEWELL C, THE WEST CUMBRIA COAL MINE / OFFSHORE GDF ISSUES, LOCAL ENERGY & THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Friday 5th March 2021, 11.00am – 1pm



The NFLA English Forum spring webinar is considering three issues of real interest to its members:

- The **Sizewell C** new nuclear project is about to go to a full public inquiry – what are the main environmental and financial concerns of it going ahead?
- Cumbria County Council has decided to reopen consideration of an application to build a **deep-underground coal mine** close to Whitehaven. What are the climate change concerns around this development? Could it be used in the future for a deep-underground radioactive waste repository given Copeland Council is considering hosting such a development?
- Councils are all heavily involved in developing policies to promote a zero-carbon future. How can **decentralised energy** be progressed within the financial challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic?



11am Overview of the webinar –

Brief overview of the webinar

Councillor David Blackburn, NFLA English Forum Chair



11.05 – 11.35am Sizewell C – environmental & financial risks

Local NGO concerns that Sizewell C is not the answer to future energy needs

Pete Wilkinson, Together Against Sizewell C group

Alison Downes, Stop Sizewell C group



11.35am – 12.05pm The West Cumbrian coalmine development

Why are environmental groups opposing it, and what are the wider issues over a possible offshore radioactive waste repository being built in West Cumbria

Speaker from the Friends of the Earth group

Pete Roche, NFLA Steering Committee Policy Advisor



The essential need for a local green recovery to respond to Covid-19

– NFLA reports on 'Building Back Better' and decentralised energy

Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary



Q & A and conclusions

Opportunity for comments on the presentations

Councillor Sean Chaytor, NFLA English Forum Vice-Chair

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