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Dear Mr Fountain

NATIONAL NUCLEAR ARCHIVE

Thank you for your response to our letter regarding the National Nuclear Archives.

We are aware that the design work for this project is funded over the coming financial year and we are pleased that this is the case. However it is clear that the £8M commitment by the NDA does not cover the construction of the building and we would still like to see a firm commitment on a) how the total funding for the construction will be secured and b) the timescale for construction.

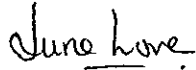
We would also like a clear statement of intent that funding for the construction of the archives will not be taken out of the Dounreay site budget but from NDA direct funding. Jobs are being displaced at the site now and it is important that NDA does not divert funding from the site to pay for something that has been committed to by the NDA.

NDA's commitment to the archive is not only in funding but includes a socio-economic undertaking which will see between 20-30 jobs being secured for Caithness which in a small way plays an important role in the economic activities of the county.

DSG would like to note its disappointment in the delays that NDA corporate brought to this project in the early years of inception. If this project had been fully resourced and committed to when first announced the archives would have been built by now and would not have been caught up in the financial climate of today.

We look forward to a clearly set out response which indicates firm commitment in funding and timescale to the building of the national nuclear archives.

Yours sincerely



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