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NDA Value Framework - Our touchstone for sustainability

To ensure transparency when comparing and assessing options, the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) has established an approach together with our stakeholders to valuing the delivery of our decommissioning mission, recognising that value comes in many forms, such as: an improved environment, hazard reduction, social amenities, money or employment. These values have been gathered together as a Value Framework.

The NDA Value Framework is not a decision-making process; but a set of decision-criteria against which performance of options for the delivery of our decommissioning mission can be assessed. Applying the Value Framework ensures that the decisions consider the value that each option would deliver in relation to a range of different decision-criteria and offers a way to present a rational assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Applying the Value Framework in our decision-making processes means:

- never compromising on safety or security
- taking full account of our social, economic and environmental responsibilities
- putting the three pillars of sustainability and social value at the heart of the decisions we make.

Many of the decision-criteria in our third iteration of the NDA Value Framework remain unchanged, but we have simplified and improved the NDA Value Framework with renewed focus on making the link between the decision-criteria and sustainability reflecting both the ambition of stakeholders involved in nuclear decommissioning and the aspirations of wider UK government policy.

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