

# South Copeland Resident Survey

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# Methodology

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## Survey methodology

Between 1 and 20 November 2023, Yonder oversaw a survey of 203 residents (16+) interviewed in person across the wards of Millom and Millom Without. The interviews were conducted by Red Research, on behalf of Yonder.

Quotas were employed to ensure the resident sample was representative of the relative populations of the two wards. Weighting was then employed to ensure the sample was representative in terms of the age and sex profile of the population in question.

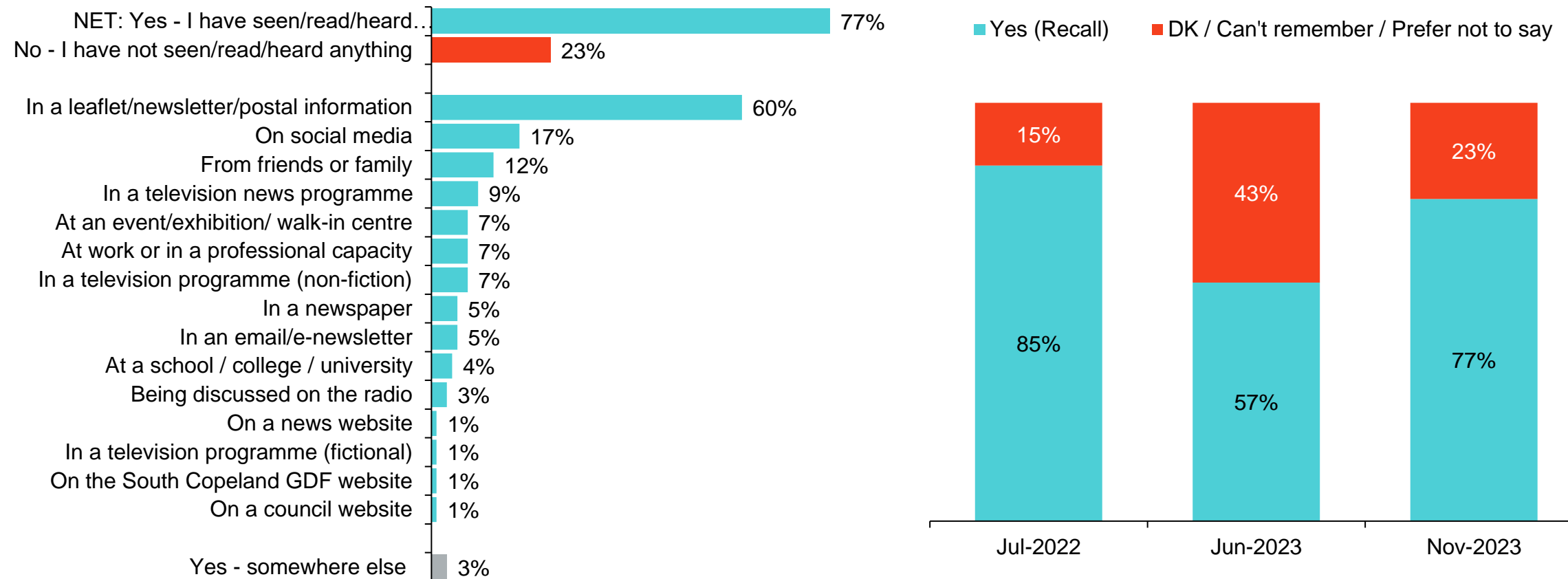
With a sample of 203 and a 95% confidence interval, a margin of error of +/-7% is expected (though confidence intervals do vary depending on the values involved).

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**Awareness and understanding**

# 77% recalled seeing, reading, or hearing something in the past year. 60% attributed their awareness to a leaflet or newsletter

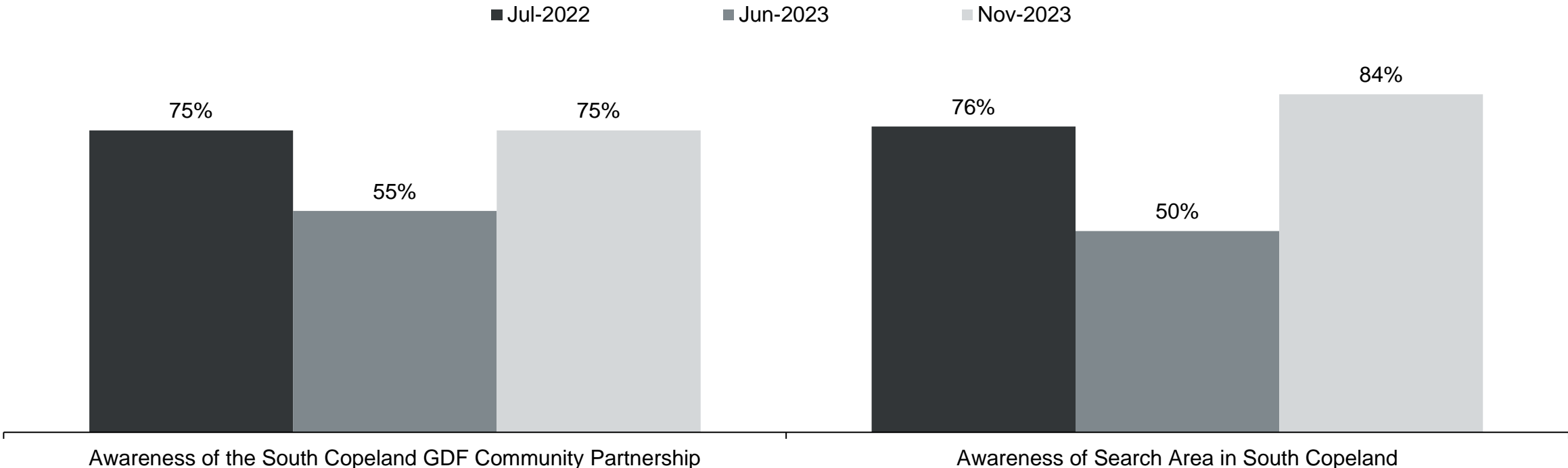
Q. Before today, have you seen or read or heard anything about radioactive waste or geological disposal or a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) anywhere over the past year? If so, where?



# Awareness of the Community Partnership and the South Copeland Search Area increased since June 2023

Q. Before today, were you aware or unaware of the following?

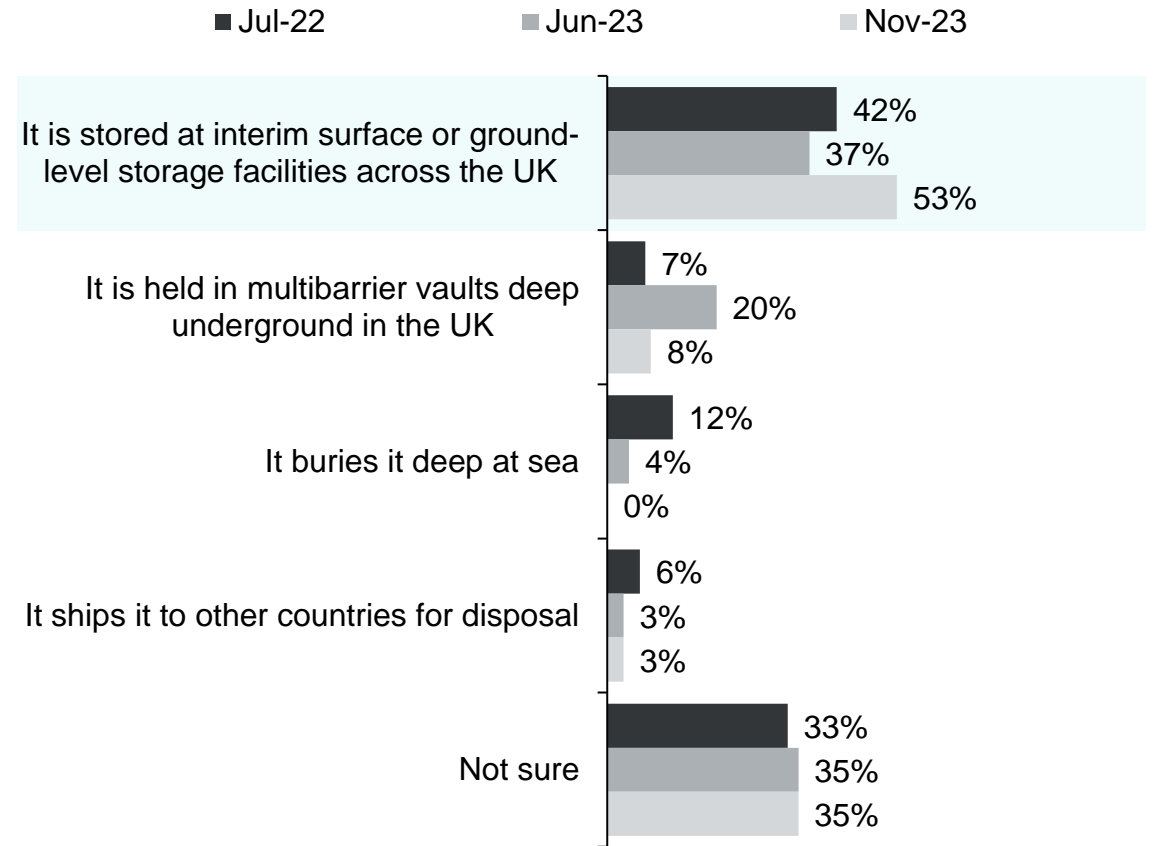
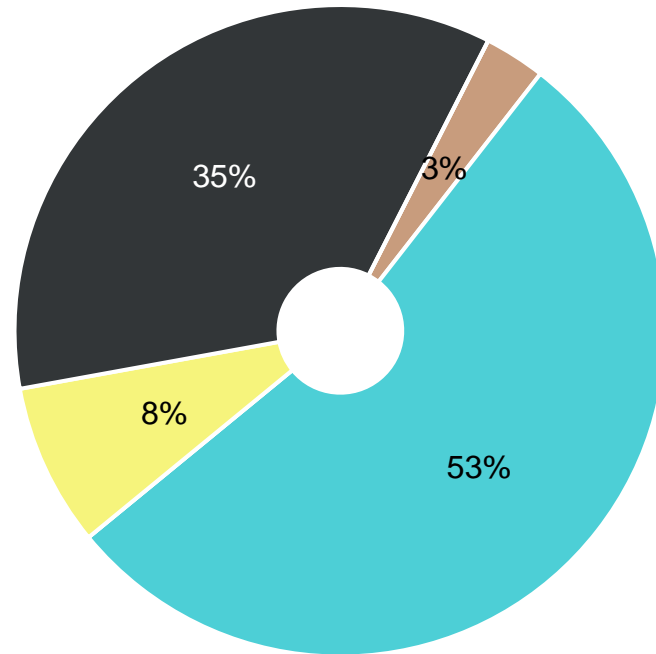
[% of respondents saying they were aware]



# Half were aware of the UK's current storage method for its higher-activity radioactive waste

Q. What best describes your understanding of how the UK currently manages, stores or disposes of its higher activity radioactive waste – the most radioactive of waste?

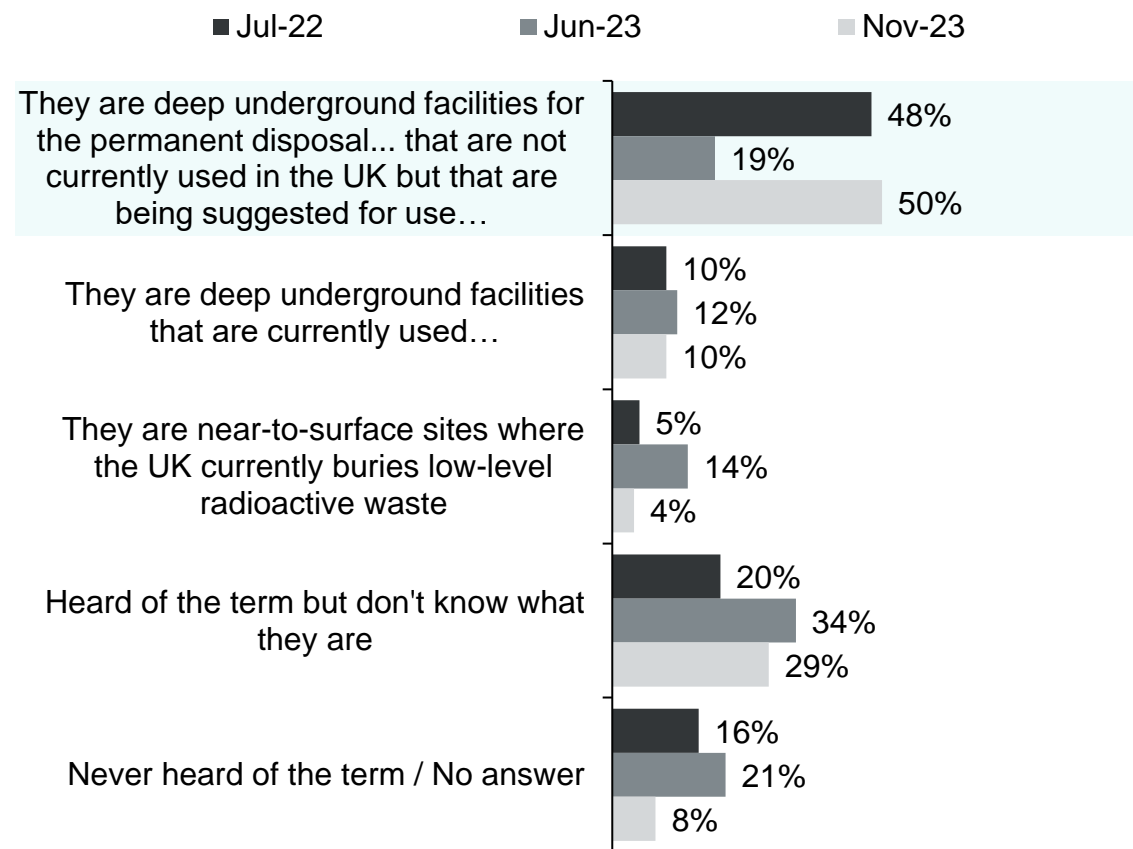
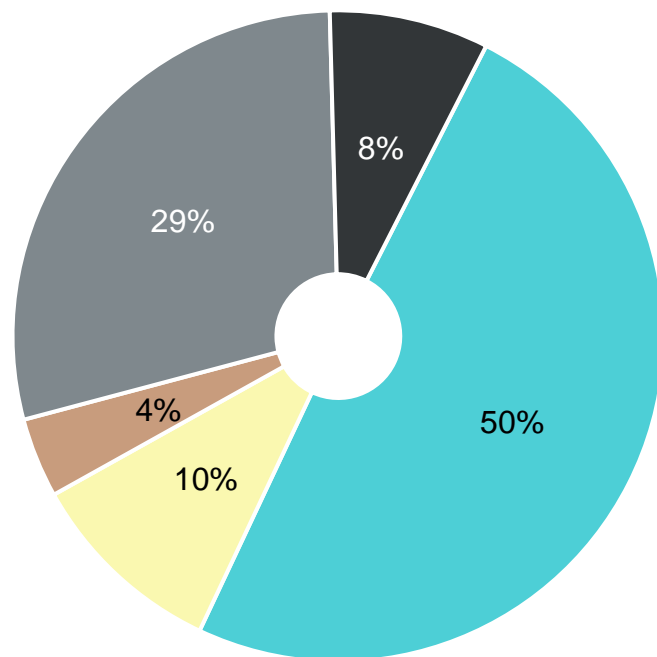
- It ships it to other countries for disposal
- It is stored at interim surface or ground-level storage facilities across the UK
- It buries it deep at sea
- It is held in multibarrier vaults deep underground in the UK
- Not sure
- Other



# Half were able to identify the accurate description of a GDF

Q. Which, if any, of the following statements best describes what you know (if anything) about Geological Disposal Facilities?\*

- They are deep underground facilities for the permanent disposal of nuclear waste that are not currently used in the UK\*
- They are deep underground facilities that are currently used in the UK for the permanent disposal of nuclear waste\*
- They are near-to-surface sites where the UK currently buries low-level radioactive waste
- Heard of the term but don't know what they are
- Never heard of the term

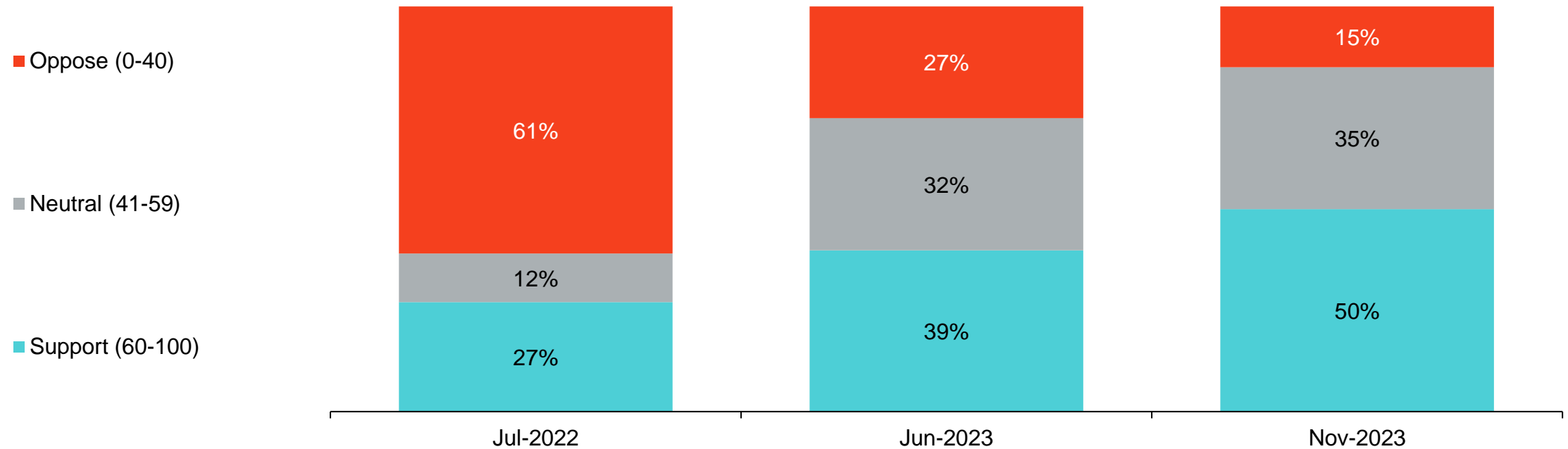


# Geological disposal



# Half supported a GDF in the Search Area, whilst only 15% opposed it. One-in-three remained neutral. NET support stood at +35

Q. Please imagine that the government proposed to construct the surface facilities for a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) within the South Copeland Search Area – which covers parts of the wards of Millom and Millom Without as well as areas underneath the seabed off the coast of Copeland.\*



**NET support:**

**-34%**

**+11%**

**+35%**

\*Note: Question wording changed to reflect revised boundaries in June 2023

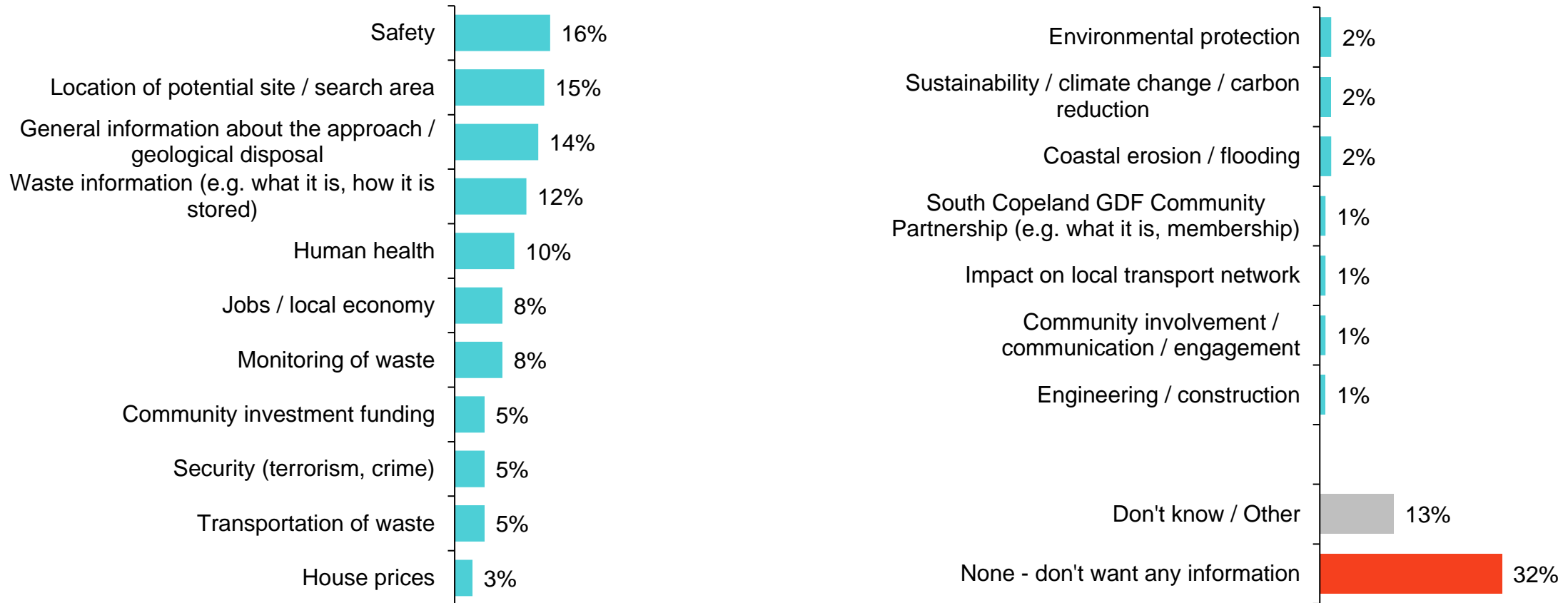
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Base: total respondents 2022 (158); total respondents Jun 2023 (187); total respondents Nov 2023 (203)

**Information needs**

# They primarily wanted information about safety and the potential site location. One-in-three claimed to not want any further information

Q. What kind of information would you like to receive regarding geological disposal and the siting process?\*



\*Note: question was open-ended. Respondents' spontaneous answers have been grouped into consistent themes for the purpose of analysis

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