

**BUILDING TRUST TAKES TIME**

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**WE REPRESENT THE PEOPLE**



**ÖSTHAMMARS  
KOMMUN**  
- EN DEL AV ROSLAGEN

# ÖSTHAMMAR

- 22 400 inhabitants
- About 6 000 summer cottages
- Active businesses
- Low unemployment rate
- Two of the largest private employers are the nuclear power plant and SKB (the company handling the nuclear waste)





# NUCLEAR FACILITIES IN ÖSTHAMMAR MUNICIPALITY

Final repository for  
spent nuclear fuel

- site selected in  
2009
- applied in 2011
- approved in 2022

Final repository for  
short-lived  
radioactive waste

- since 1988
- applied for  
extension in 2014
- approved in 2021

Nuclear power  
plant

- since 1980

# OUR STATEMENT

## **The municipality – an active part**

We want to participate and be an active part in the whole process of decision making, from start to final closure. We are an asset.

## **The conditions for permission**

We want the conditions stated clearly before we make our veto decision.

## **Openness and transparency in the authorities' decision making**


We want to understand what assessments the authorities do when making decisions and writing statements to the government.




# The legal process in Sweden

 **Swedish Nuclear Fuel and Waste Management Company (SKB)**  
Submit license application.


Application circulated for comments .


 **Land and Environment Court**  
Examines the application under the Environmental Code. Submits comments to the Government.

 **Swedish Radiation Safety Authority**

Application circulated for comments .

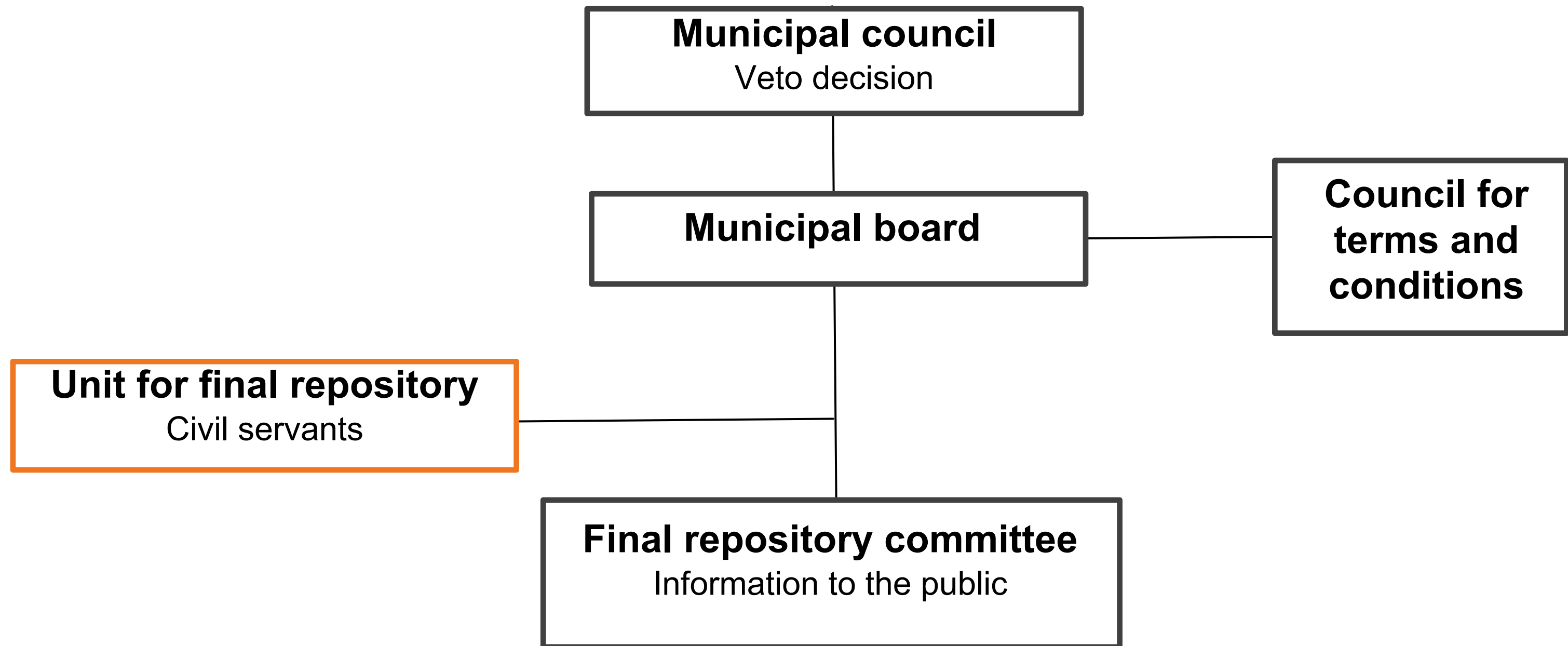
 **Östhammar municipality**  
Can say yes or no

 **Government**  
Grant permissibility under the Environmental Code and issue a license under the Nuclear Activities Act.

 **Land and Environment Court**  
Issue a license and stipulate conditions under the Environmental Code.

 **Swedish Radiation Safety Authority**  
Stipulate conditions under the Nuclear Activities Act.

# Our organisation







# WHAT DOES OUR CITIZENS THINK?

86%



90%



Source: Novus  
March - April 2023



# KEY FACTORS



## Defined roles

Active part for the whole process  
we are not for or against



## Financing

We need to have external financing for employment and for educating politicians  
Also for things that will be a burden because of the etablation



## Transparency

What is the risks  
what is the benefit  
what are the common goals

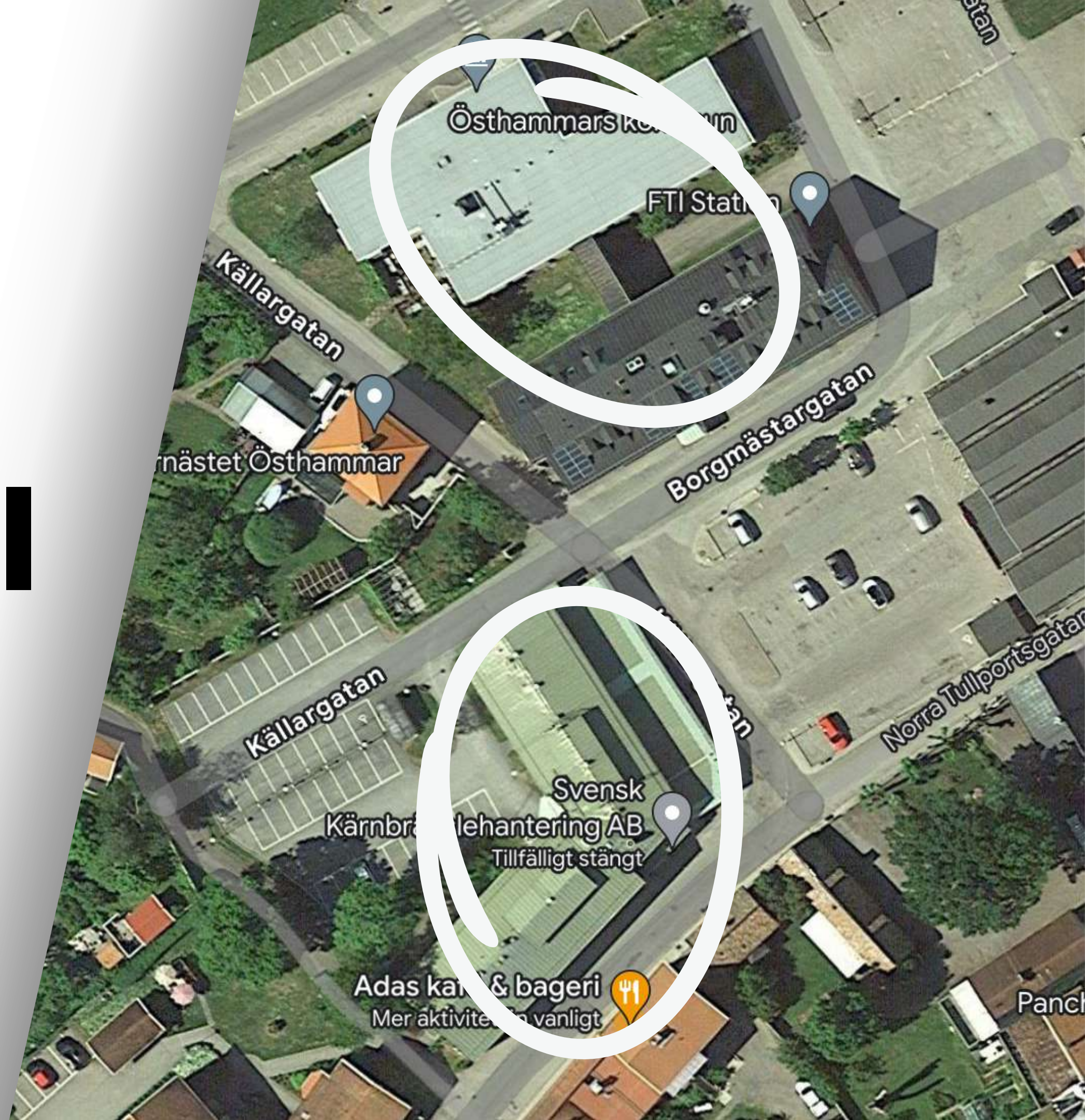


## Local presence

Both parties want the public to feel safe and confident in the process  
Must be a part of the community and cooperate with local businesses



# Keep it local





# SUMMARY

## LONG-TERM

## COLLABORATION

“It should only be one call away”

- Terms and conditions in the environmental court
- Dual communication with citizens
- This is a partnership






# WELCOME TO ÖSTHAMMAR!




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