

SHOCK PLANS FOR VICTIMS OF WAR

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GOVERNMENT advice on burying people in plastic rubbish sacks and using swimming pools for water supplies are among the revelations in South Yorkshire's war plans, made public today.

The six plans, covering items such as accommodation, feeding, and environmental health, have been put in the county's libraries.

And people are being invited to respond to the 1,000 pages of civil defence plans.

Emergency planners, who spent six months compiling the reports to comply with Home Office regulations, state:

- Beauty spots and nature reserves such as Cusworth Hall and Ulley

country park would be used as mass burial grounds;

- Bodies would be disposed of in black refuse sacks, with the Government giving advice on how tight to make the knot to avoid the bag exploding;

- School meals staff would run emergency feeding centres;

- Swimming pools would be used for water supplies;

- Thousands of families made homeless would be accommodated at Doncaster racecourse.

Coun Frank White, chairman of the Emergency Planning Committee,

today handed over the first set of plans at Barnsley Library.

"These plans have been meticulously prepared yet I am still left with the gut reaction -- why bother?"

"The best indications are that the death and destruction following a nuclear war would be so vast that no amount of planning would make coping any easier.

"The plans illustrate very well that attempting to manage such a disaster is simply beyond our resources and capabilities."

People wanting to respond to the plans should contact the director of emergency planning at South Yorkshire Fire and Civil Defence Authority, PO Box 37, Regent Street, Barnsley.