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Dear Mr Cullinan,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF LANCASTER: FURTHER LIMITED CONSULTATION

Following consultation on draft recommendations for Lancaster, I am writing to inform you of the Commission's decision to undertake a further period of limited consultation prior to publication of its final recommendations.

The Commission considers that it may be appropriate to make substantial alterations to its draft recommendations in two areas of the district. It is therefore inviting comment on revised proposals for these areas.

This period of further limited consultation commences today, **4 June 2013**, and closes on **15 July 2013**. During this period the Commission welcomes comments on revised proposals for the following wards:

- Harbour, Heysham Central and Heysham North (Morecambe and Heysham area)
- Bolton & Slyne, Carnforth & Millhead, Silverdale and Warton (north-west area)

The Commission has taken final decisions on its draft recommendations for all other parts of the district and so is only inviting comments on these two areas. Electorate information for the revised warding proposals can be found at the end of this letter.

Morecambe and Heysham area

In the Morecambe and Heysham area, the Commission proposed four two-member and four three-member wards as well as a single-member Overton ward covering the rural area to the south of the towns.

28 submissions were received objecting to the Commission's draft recommendations, including one submission which made alternative proposals for warding arrangements in this area. Following consideration of the evidence received, the Commission is inviting comment on revised proposals for the wards of Harbour, Heysham North and Heysham Central, as illustrated in the attached Map A1. Draft recommendations for this area are attached as Map A2.

Under the revised proposals, Harbour would become a three-member ward, and its boundary with Heysham North ward will move to Alexandra Road and Cleveland Avenue. The boundary between Heysham North and Heysham Central wards is proposed to move to Furness Road and Woodlands Drive, with Heysham Central becoming a two-member ward. The Commission received evidence indicating that these proposals may provide for a better reflection of community ties, as well as improving electoral equality.

North-west area

In the north-west of the district the Commission proposed a single-member Silverdale ward, two two-member wards of Bolton-le-Sands and Slyne-with-Hest, and a three-member Carnforth & Warton ward.

Seven objections were received to the Commission's proposal for a three-member Carnforth & Warton ward. Evidence was received indicating that such a ward would not reflect community identity. Carnforth Town Council also objected to the inclusion of the Crag Bank area of Carnforth in Bolton-le-Sands ward, arguing that the whole of Carnforth parish should be included in one district ward.

Following consideration of the evidence, the Commission has developed revised proposals for the north-west of the district with the intention of better reflecting community ties in the area. It invites comments on these revised proposals, as illustrated in the attached Map B1. Draft recommendations for this area are attached as Map B2.

The proposals are for a three-member Bolton & Slyne ward comprising the parishes of Bolton-le-Sands and Slyne-with-Hest; a three-member Carnforth & Millhead ward comprising the parish of Carnforth and the Millhead parish ward from Warton parish; a

single-member Warton ward comprising the remainder of Warton parish and the parish of Yealand Conyers; and a single-member Silverdale ward comprising the parishes of Silverdale and Yealand Redmayne.

Further Consultation

The Commission is now undertaking a further period of limited consultation on its proposals in the above areas. The Commission invites comments on revised proposals in the Morecambe area and in the north-west of the district. The Commission would like to know if these revised proposals represent an improvement on its draft recommendations with regard to its statutory criteria of electoral equality, community identity and effective and convenient local government. The Commission will contact all consultation respondents as well as all parishes in the areas under consultation, enclosing copies of this letter and the accompanying maps, to invite their views on the revised proposals. The consultation will also be publicised on the Commission's website, <http://www.lgbce.org.uk>

Representations must be submitted to the Commission by **15 July 2013**. The Commission has not finalised its recommendations and, in light of further evidence, may make further revisions to its proposals in these two areas. We therefore encourage those who have a view on the proposals to write to us, whether they agree with them or not. All representations received during the consultation period will be taken into account and the Commission will then consider whether or not to further amend its proposals prior to the publication of its final recommendations. Representations should be made in writing to reviews@lgbce.org.uk or:

Review Officer (Lancaster)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Layden House
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Any respondents who submit comments during this period of the review, and do not want all or any part of the response or name made public, must state this clearly in the response. Any such request should explain why confidentiality is necessary, but all

information in responses may be subject to publication or disclosure as required by law (in particular under the Freedom of Information Act 2000).

Following the conclusion of this further consultation, the Commission will consider any further evidence received and prepare its final recommendations for warding arrangements in Lancaster.

If you have any queries, please contact Simon Keal on 020 7664 8529, or simon.keal@lgbce.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Archie Gall', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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