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Dear LGBCE, As a resident of Lancaster, living in Castle ward, I would like to submit some proposals for the warding arrangements in Lancaster City Council, south of the River Lune. This area now has a theoretical entitlement of 23 seats out of 60, compared with 22 at the moment. My proposals divide the communities south of the Lune into 12 wards, totalling 23 seats. I attach these proposals as a PDF. I am the Secretary of the Lancaster & Fleetwood Constituency Labour Party - these proposals follow discussion with several local Labour Party members but should not be interpreted as a final statement of local Labour Party policy. 

Uploaded Documents:

[https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download_document?file=draft%2F1626129619 Submission to LGBCE review for Lancaster 2021.pdf](https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download_document?file=draft%2F1626129619%20Submission%20to%20LGBCE%20review%20for%20Lancaster%202021.pdf)

Lancaster City Council
Wards south of the River Lune
A possible reconfiguration for the 2021 Boundary Review

Based on the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's forecast electorates for 2026, it seems that 23 seats out of the 60 should be south of the River Lune. Here is a possible configuration for the southern part of the district that:

- makes use of natural boundaries wherever possible,
- seeks to preserve existing community ties, and
- ensures that all wards have similar numbers of electors per seat.

Bulk (3 seats)

Estimated theoretical entitlement: 3.33

- BLKA
- BLKB
- BLKC (part - the whole PD less the part south of a line drawn along Moorgate)
- BLKD (part - the part west of a line drawn from Quernmore Road to Ridge Lane, with Highfield, Christ Church CE Primary School and Central Lancaster High School just west of the line)

Bulk would lose the Moor Hospital development, which would be joined with the rest of the Moor Hospital development, currently in John O'Gaunt ward, to form a new 1-seat ward, and the land between East Road and Moorgate, which would move into John O'Gaunt ward.

Castle (2 seats)

Estimated theoretical entitlement: 2.14

- CASA (part - the part east of the railway line)
- CASC

The boundary between Castle and Marsh wards would be fixed at the railway line.

Bowerham (2 seats)

Estimated theoretical entitlement: 2.13

- JOGD
- JOGE
- SCWC (part - the whole PD less Greaves Park and other lands west of a line drawn along the eastern edge of Greaves Park and the western edge of Bowerham Primary School, meeting Bowerham Road just east of the Scout Hut)

This new ward is essentially the streets on either side of Bowerham Road - the southern half of John O'Gaunt ward, coupled with the easternmost part of Scotforth West.

Marsh (2 seats)

Estimated theoretical entitlement: 2.13

- CASA (part - the part west of the railway line)
- CASB
- MARA (part - the whole PD less the uninhabited part lying in Aldcliffe with Stodday parish)
- MARB (part - the whole PD less the uninhabited part lying in Aldcliffe with Stodday parish)
- MARC (part - the part south west of a line drawn along West Road)
- SCWA (part - the tiny uninhabited part lying north west of the canal, opposite Haverbreaks)

Marsh gains the part of Castle ward to the west of the railway line but loses the land close to the Quay, which would form a new 1-seat ward. The (uninhabited) parts of the ward lying in Aldcliffe with Stodday parish should be moved into Scotforth West, so that the whole of that parish lies within one ward.

Scotforth East (2 seats)

Estimated theoretical entitlement: 2.05

- SCEA
- SCEB
- SCWB (part - the part east of the A6)
- SCWC (part - the part containing Greaves Park and other lands west of a line drawn along the eastern edge of Greaves Park and the western edge of Bowerham Primary School, meeting Bowerham Road just east of the Scout Hut)

Scotforth East gains the parts of Scotforth West that are east of the A6 and accessed via the A6 - as you travel along A6 you would know that Scotforth West is to the west and Scotforth East is to the east.

Scotforth West (2 seats)

Estimated theoretical entitlement: 2.00

- MARA (part - the uninhabited part lying in Aldcliffe with Stodday parish)
- MARB (part - the uninhabited part lying in Aldcliffe with Stodday parish)
- SCWA (part - the whole PD less the tiny uninhabited part lying north west of the canal, opposite Haverbreaks)
- SCWB (part - the part to the west of the A6)
- SCWD
- SCWE (part - the part west of a line drawn along South Road)
- SCWF

Scotforth West loses the parts to the east of the A6 and would consist of all lands west of the A6 and south of the canal, plus the whole of Aldcliffe with Stodday parish (the current anomaly whereby a large but uninhabited part of that parish lies in a different ward would be removed).

John O'Gaunt (2 seats)

Estimated theoretical entitlement: 1.87

- BLKC (part - the part south of a line drawn along Moorgate)
- JOGA (part - the whole PD less the part north east of Wyresdale Road, containing Williamson Park and part of the Royal Grammar School)
- JOGC
- SCWE (part - the part east of a line drawn along South Road)

This is the northern part of the existing John O'Gaunt ward, specifically the communities of Primrose and Moorlands, together with a small part of the existing Bulk ward close to the Cathedral and a small part of the existing Scotforth West ward around Meadowside. The Williamson Park area is geographically large but has very few residents.

Standen (1 seat)

Estimated theoretical entitlement: 0.81

- BLKD (part - the part east of a line drawn from Quernmore Road to Ridge Lane, with Highfield, Christ Church CE Primary School and Central Lancaster High School just west of the line)
- JOGA (part - the part north east of Wyresdale Road, containing Williamson Park and part of the Royal Grammar School)
- JOGB

This new ward would unite the rapidly-growing communities within the Moor Hospital development - Standen Park, Standen Gate, Moor Park and The Residence. These are separated from the rest of Lancaster by the brow of a hill - having them split between two wards does not help residents or councillors.

Luneside (1 seat)

Estimated theoretical entitlement: 0.81

- MARC (part - the whole PD less the part south west of a line drawn along West Road)

This would be another new ward, based around the fast-growing Luneside West and Luneside East developments but also including Long Marsh Lane and The Willows estate.

Ellel (2 seats), Lower Lune Valley (2 seats) and University & Scotforth Rural (2 seats)

Estimated theoretical entitlements: 2.02, 2.01 and 1.79 respectively

- ELLA, ELLB (slightly adjusted – see comment below), ELLC, ELLD, ELLE, ELLF, ELLG
- LLVA, LLVB, LLVC, LLVD, LLVE, LLVF, LLVG, LLVH
- UNIA (slightly adjusted – see comment below), UNIB, UNIC (slightly adjusted – see comment below), UNID, UNIE

These wards would be unchanged, except:

- (a) University & Scotforth Rural would drop from a 3-seat ward to a 2-seat ward, and
- (b) to avoid needless confusion, the tiny uninhabited triangular piece of land just north of Hazelrigg Lane and either side of the M6, lying within Ellel parish but currently in University & Scotforth Rural, should be moved back into Ellel ward (this would remove some uninhabited land from UNIA and UNIC and place it within ELLB).

Appendix

A map of the proposed boundaries for the urban wards south of the Lune

