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Having lived and worked (within the NHS) in The Corvedale for over 27 years I have always argued that services, and similarly democratic representation, should take into account cultural, geographical and "place" (a town or village that residents "look towards" for community, commerce, support and services) links. The Corvedale is unique in that it has a very distinct sense of shared community and historically very close cultural ties. However, rather than towns or even sizeable villages, it is comprised of numerous small hamlets and settlements creating its very special character but also throwing up huge challenges bearing in mind the ambitions of the Boundary Commission Review. I can understand the logic of following the cultural links between Cardington and Rushbury to create an elongated oval area for The Corvedale division and also totally respect the views articulated by the parish councils of Easthope, Shipton and Stanton Long but I would respectfully suggest that The Corvedale has much closer ties to the latter three parishes than it does to Cardington. Having looked at the new proposed map of The Corvedale division, if a councillor needed to travel through their patch from one end, say at Hollybush near Leebotwood, to the most distant end beyond Clee Stanton on the Titterstone Clee, it would take at least 50 minutes to an hour in good weather. Whilst the aims to promote better democratic representation in the review are of course admirable, the proposed changes will inevitably put extra strain on the efficient use of the local councillor's time and risk creating new difficulties in the process of solving others.

Attached Documents:

None attached