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Related subject: The wards in the north of Carlisle

The attached document provides my key response to this second consultation. These are my views as a local councillor in the area and based in part on communication with local residents about the proposed changes. I hope this provides some additional information to supplement the local Green Party submission.

Attached Documents:

- cllr-davison-response-to-boundary-commission-review-august-25.docx

Response from Councillor Davison, Belah ward to the Boundary Commission 2nd consultation.

I support the comments being made in the Carlisle and District Green Party submission.

I additionally want to raise my concerns about the areas where I am currently a councillor and where I live, based on my understanding of the area and provide more evidence to back up the Carlisle and District Green Party submission.

Although I agree mostly with the basic premise of the three wards for North Carlisle, I think there are issues with where the boundaries are currently proposed, and which could be improved upon to relate better to the existing communities.

The key one is the omission of some streets in the south-east corner of Lowry Hill, from the ward with the rest of Lowry Hill. That makes no sense in terms of where the communities there relate to each other. I would strongly advocate for all of Moorville Drive, Moorville Drive South, Wentworth Drive and Troon Close to be part of the ward containing the rest of Lowry Hill. They have a strong residents' association supporting them as a community and keeping residents informed about shared issues. People coming into Lowry Hill all come in either on Moorville Drive or Lowry Hill Road. The bus route goes round the circular loop of the road there. They share very similar issues as residents and link with the rest of Lowry Hill in a way they wouldn't be linking with the other communities in the proposed Etterby and Stanwix West ward.

I agree with the Carlisle Green Party submission about where some other streets / roads could be lost in order to make the numbers work better, if the previously mentioned streets are added into the Lowry Hill and Crindledyke ward. I would very much ask that the Boundary Commission considers the options and possibilities here and would be very happy to provide more information to the Boundary Commission about how communities relate in this area if need be.

The other key issue for the communities I have been serving in Belah ward is the name proposed for the ward. The name "Belah" for the ward has never really encompassed some of the estates in the existing Belah ward area and, as new estates have been built, I think it is a good opportunity to find a ward name which encompasses the area more widely, rather than just a couple of the estates in it.

I have asked around resident contacts that I have in various areas of the proposed Lowry Hill and Crindledyke ward. I have unfortunately not had the time and capacity to do a bigger consultation but I have communicated with Lowry Hill Residents' Association and through their Facebook page, put a post onto the Crindledyke Live

residents' group and also emailed my more recent resident contacts in Newfield and Aspen Grange.

The following are the responses I got:

Aspen Grange resident: I think Kingstown & Crindledyke would make more sense (than Lowry Hill & Crindledyke). I agree with what you have said - we definitely wouldn't consider ourselves living in Lowry Hill, I always tend to say Kingstown.

Newfield resident: I am disappointed that Newfield has been omitted, but there again where do you stop? I feel that "Kingstown and Crindledyke" would be much more encompassing.

The name "Kingstown and Crindledyke" was agreed with by another Newfield resident.

Newfield resident: Personally I like just Kingstown, short and sweet.

From questions posed to and via the Lowry Hill Residents Association.

"Why not call our area The North of Carlisle"

Another Lowry Hill resident responding to this idea:

"Yes think that would be good...., it would cover all areas, but without naming any of our estate names/villages, would include everyone!"

It was also backed by another Lowry Hill resident I spoke to.

"I think 'Kingstown' would be sufficient as Crindledyke is just another development within Kingstown as is Aspen Grange, Lowry Hill etc."

"We live on Tarraby view, I wouldn't class us as Lowry hill but 'Kingstown' would cover all of us on these newer estates"

"Kingstown or Kingmoor & leave it at that."

In a conversation with a resident in a road off Windsor Way they felt that Kingstown would be suitably encompassing for all the estates in the proposed ward area without singling out any of the estates and specifically naming in the ward name. They have lived in Carlisle all their life and felt that the old former Kingstown area has now expanded with the development of the new estates in the area.

There was no preference expressed to me by residents in Crindledyke.

So overall residents are generally in agreement that the name “Lowry Hill & Crindledyke” does not really encompass the whole proposed ward area. Most popular seemed to be Kingstown. Although “Kingstown and Crindledyke” was suggested by some residents in initial conversations moving away from the name “Lowry Hill and Crindledyke”, Crindledyke residents didn’t express a desire to have Crindledyke in the ward name. And the argument for calling the ward just “Kingstown” would be that no one estate gets preference over another. The “North of Carlisle” was another suggestion that had a bit of support. Given that every other ward name in Carlisle has a name or an area, having Kingstown in the name would give a nod to the history of the area and the former area that was Kingstown in Carlisle.

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I would also question which ward it is most appropriate for Cargo and Stainton to be with. I was previously a councillor there when they and Crindledyke were part of Belah ward. They have been placed with Dalston and Cummersdale ward but are separated from that community by the river Eden, a significant natural boundary, with no easy pedestrian route over there and no natural community ties. Having them with Dalston makes more sense in the current Dalston ward because it also includes Crindledyke which is in the same parish council as Cargo and Stainton. But just to have Cargo and Stainton on the other side of the river from the rest of the Dalston and Cummersdale ward leaves the community connection more tenuous. Cargo and Crindledyke have more shared connections with Rockcliffe than with Dalston as they have shared connections and issues linked to roads and traffic in and out of the industrial estates and the problems they cause.

Both Cargo and Stainton are currently part of Kingmoor Parish Council alongside Crindledyke. In the former City Council the last boundary review linked them to Belah ward. Both these communities are easily accessible from Stanwix West and Etterby and share some things in common. It worked in the City Council Belah ward and made sense for residents in Stainton to be linked to Etterby as they share a road in and out. When Etterby Road is closed, which it has been, and is of risk of again because of the bank slipping into the river, the route out for some residents from Etterby becomes the road to the bypass, which is a narrow, single track road. And if that road is closed all residents from Stainton have to come out via Etterby Road. Residents from Stainton are also likely to use Etterby Road and Etterby Street to get into Carlisle, all in the proposed Etterby and Stanwix West ward, rather than out onto the bypass and then back into the city on the other side of the river. The shortest most direct route for residents from Cargo into Carlisle City Centre is also through the proposed Etterby and Stanwix West ward. The new cycle route which is being developed will also come this direction and into

Etterby and Stanwix West ward.

Another argument for those communities to be linked to northern Carlisle wards rather than Dalston and Cummersdale are the challenges they have been facing over a variety of existing and proposed industrial facilities in Rockcliffe and Kingstown industrial estates. Cargo and Crindledyke residents both suffered the fall out when there was a fire that burned for 4 weeks at North-West Recycling in Rockcliffe Industrial Estate. And these communities to the north of Carlisle, including Lowry Hill residents, have come together in collective fights against proposed incinerators in the area.

I appreciate there is a numbers game to be played here by the Boundary Commission but I would ask that you look more closely at where best Cargo and Stainton fit with other communities.

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Hello

Further to my personal submission as a councillor to the Cumberland boundary commission review on Monday I have had a further two comments from residents that I have been asked to share with you. I think my submission as a councillor was 1163031. The other one it could have been was 1163026, but I think that was the Carlisle and District Green submission. Either way can you link the information below to my councillor submission please?

I appreciate your consultation deadline has gone but I only picked up their information after I had got my submission in and the deadline had passed. So, I very much hope that you can take them on board.

This adds to my concerns about some key streets in Lowry Hill estate being put into a different ward from the rest of Lowry Hill.

The two messages I got were both from Lowry Hill residents:

1. " I feel the name Kingstown is ok but I do feel that Lowry Hill estate must all be in the same ward. Could you please pass on to the relevant team who are dealing with the reorganisation of the wards my concerns." This was from the resident who had initially suggested The North of Carlisle for the ward name.

2. "Absolutely agree these streets be kept in the Lowry Hill ward. Kingstown would be a further option for the name." Also, one of the residents who had liked the North of Carlisle as a ward name.

Warm wishes

Helen

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Cumberland Councillor for Belah ward, Carlisle Green Group leader

Attached Documents:

None attached