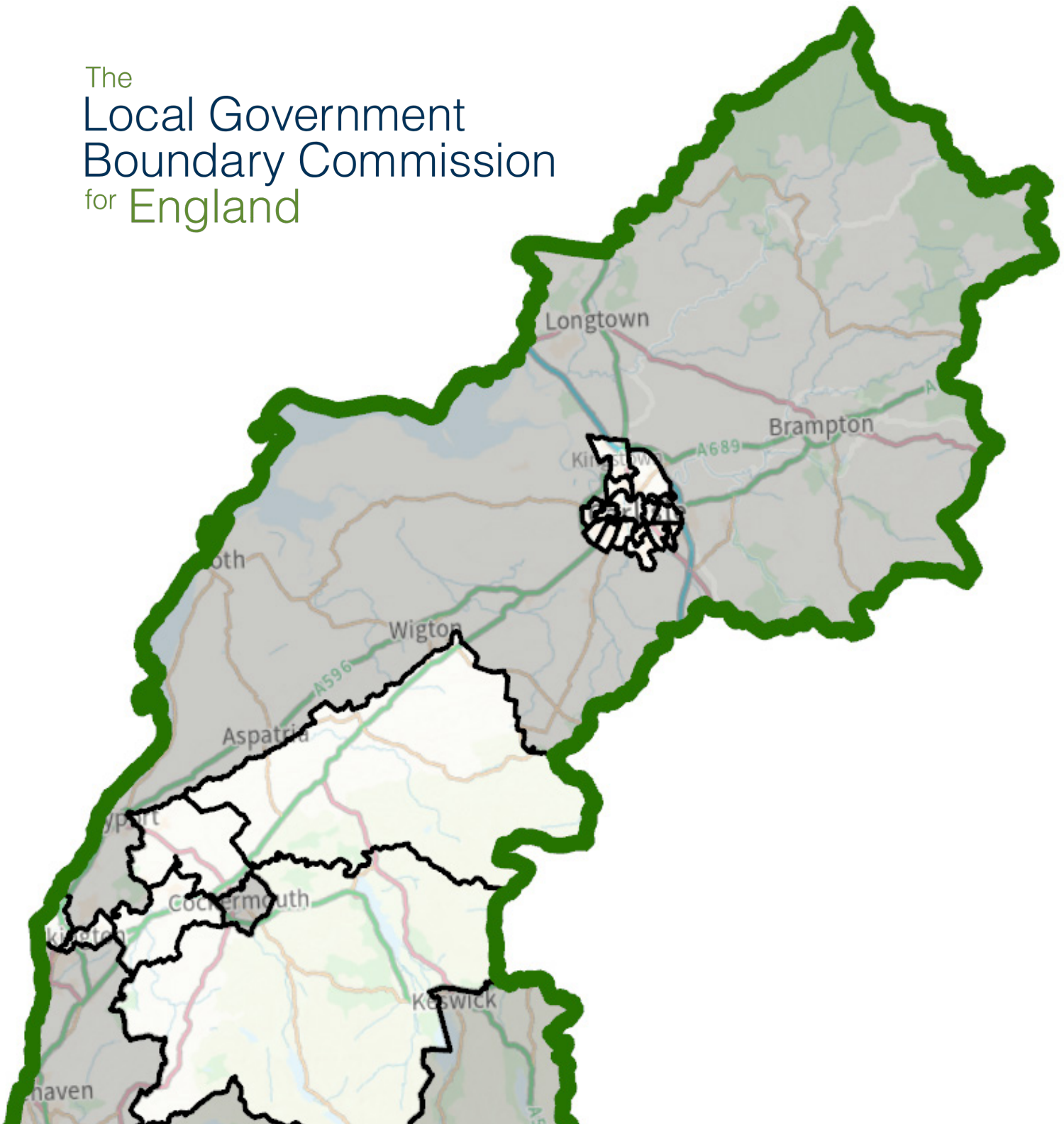




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Analysis and further draft recommendations in Carlisle, Workington and rural central Cumberland

1 Following our consultation on the draft recommendations for Cumberland Council, the Commission has decided to hold a period of consultation on further draft recommendations in Carlisle, Workington and a rural area outside of Cockermouth prior to publication of its final recommendations. At this stage, the Commission believes it has received sufficient evidence relating to the rest of the local authority area to finalise its recommendations, so this consultation is focused on the above-mentioned areas.

2 During consultation on the draft recommendations that were published on 3 June 2025, we received 78 representations, most of which commented on our proposals for wards in these areas where we are undertaking further consultation. Many respondents provided evidence describing their community to substantiate their opposition to our proposals. We received new proposals specifically for four wards in Carlisle, two wards in Workington and four wards in central and east Cumberland where we consider that these alternative views have merit and should be explored further.

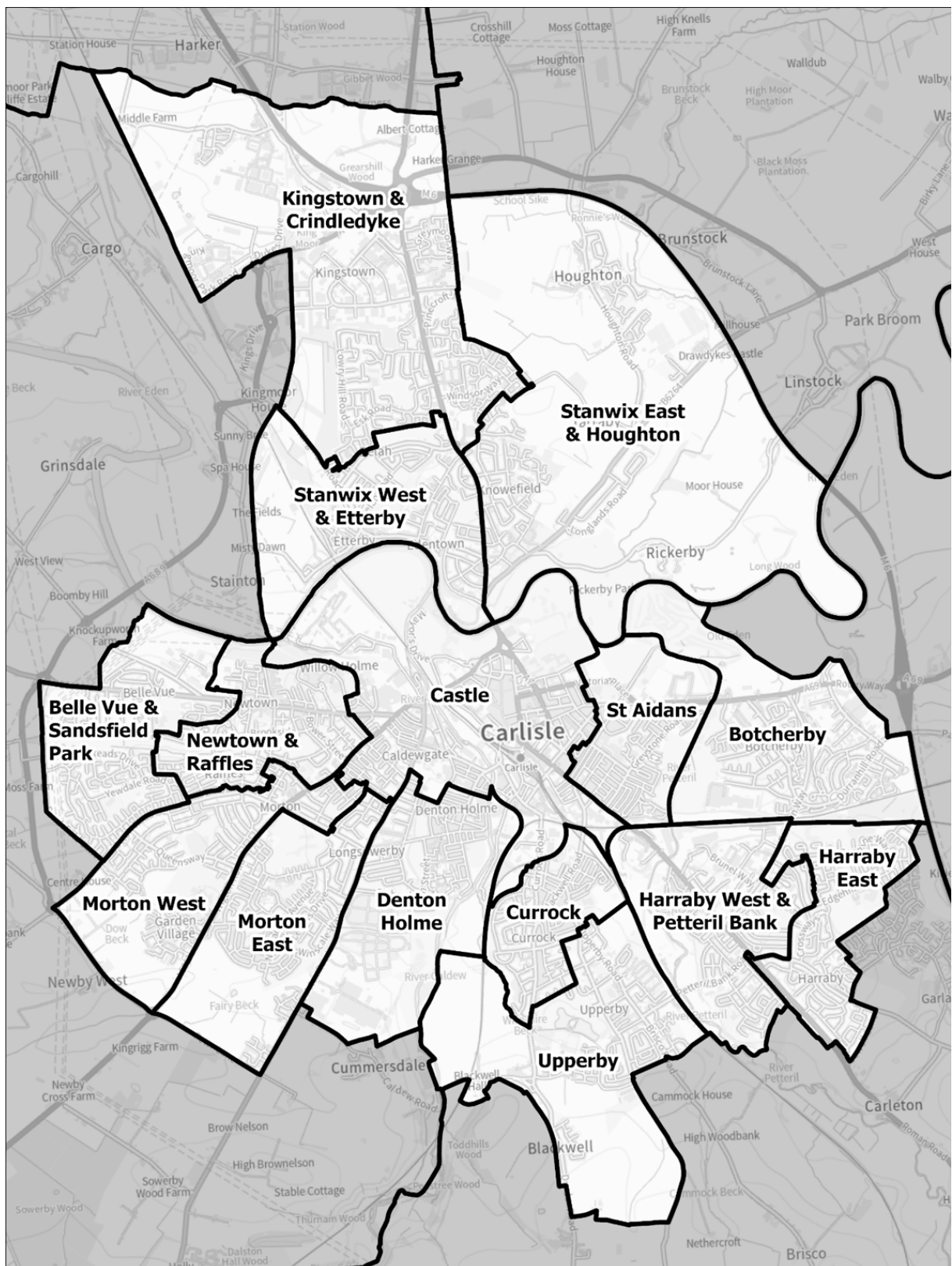
3 Accordingly, we have been persuaded to amend our proposals and publish further draft recommendations for the whole of Carlisle. This is because these alternative proposals have the potential for knock-on impacts to surrounding wards across the town. We are now inviting further views in these areas.

4 We welcome all comments on these proposals, particularly on the location of the ward boundaries and the names of our proposed wards. This stage of consultation begins on 2 December 2025 and closes on 26 January 2026. Please see page 21 for more information on how to send us your response.

5 The tables and maps on pages 2–18 detail our further draft recommendations for these areas. They detail how the proposed warding arrangements reflect the three statutory criteria of:

- Equality of representation
- Reflecting community interests and identities
- Providing for effective and convenient local government

Carlisle and Houghton



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2030
Belle Vue & Sandsfield Park	1	6%
Botcherby	1	-15%
Castle	1	-9%
Currock	1	-2%
Denton Holme	1	-8%
Harraby East	1	-7%
Harraby West & Petteril Bank	1	-1%
Kingstown & Crindledyke	1	16%
Morton East	1	6%
Morton West	1	7%
Newtown & Raffles	1	-3%
St Aidans	1	3%
Stanwix East & Houghton	1	0%
Stanwix West & Etterby	1	-9%
Upperby	1	-1%

6 Most of the detailed comments we received about our draft recommendations for Carlisle were about the Belle Vue and Sandsfield Park area to the west, Botcherby and Harraby to the east and Lowry Hill Estate in the north. These included comments from the Council, Cumberland Conservatives, Cumberland Liberal Democrats, West Cumberland Green Party, Carlisle & District Branch, Cumbria Green Party, councillors, Lowry Hill Residents' Association and residents. The Council had additional comments on Castle and Denton Holme wards.

7 We received support for our use of the River Eden as the boundary between the wards to the north and south. West Cumberland Green Party noted that our draft recommendations represented significant change to the existing warding of Carlisle. Understandably, this change is highlighted in the comments we received, including the alternative proposals that were submitted for the Belle Vue, Sandsfield Park, Newtown, Raffles and Harraby areas. However, broadly speaking, West Cumberland Green Party felt that the draft recommendations represented identifiable communities.

8 After visiting these areas, we have decided to carry out a limited consultation on further draft recommendations to determine if these will better reflect communities than our draft recommendations.

9 Alongside them, we also considered whether creating multi-councillor wards in the Belle Vue, Sandsfield Park, Morton, Raffles and north Carlisle areas would ensure that communities are not split across wards and better reflect our statutory

criteria. We welcome views on which communities have links to each other and so would be suited for inclusion in multi-councillor wards.

10 While we note that we received universal or near-universal support for our draft recommendations in other areas of the city, we are consulting on the whole of Carlisle because of the potential for the knock-on impacts to surrounding wards.

Belle Vue & Sandsfield Park and Newtown & Raffles

11 We received several comments about our draft recommendations for this area which were for a Belle Vue ward in the north and a Sandsfield ward in the south.

12 The Council was of the view that the old Raffles Estate had been demolished and redeveloped to such an extent that the boundaries were less clear than in the past, and that some of the changes the draft recommendations represented would be acceptable. However, it proposed slight modifications to the boundary between the wards to the east, in part to ensure that St Bede's Roman Catholic Church and the associated St Bede's Roman Catholic Primary School were in the same ward. In common with some other respondents, it also suggested that the western boundary of the wards be extended to the A689 Northern Bypass. It suggested that Sandsfield ward be renamed Sandsfield Park, after the large estate within the ward.

13 The Conservatives expressed concern about our draft recommendations in this area. In their view, Newtown residents included in Belle Vue ward are served by Newtown School and shops, which the draft recommendations placed in a neighbouring ward. They submitted a different warding pattern, which they say reflects 'more meaningful community links' in the area and offers 'clearer ward identities'. They also state that under their suggested warding pattern the old Raffles Estate is not split across three wards as in our draft recommendations. Furthermore, they say that it allows the Council's policy for the Raffles neighbourhood to be delivered within a single ward.

14 Councillor Whalen suggested that there ought to be only one ward covering Morton to the east of the area, and that Orton Road, Richmond Green and Whernside ought to be included in Sandsfield ward, but they did not propose any specific boundaries. We note that including these roads within Sandsfield ward would create a ward with 36% more electors than the average for Cumberland. Morton West would have at least 24% fewer electors. Even if the rest of Morton was merged into a single ward, thereby reducing the number of councillors, Sandsfield ward would still have poor electoral equality and there would be a knock-on effect on the electoral equality in many other wards, for which we have no evidence to base any consequential changes on. Therefore, we did not adopt this proposal.

15 Most residents who wrote in objected to the draft recommendations on the grounds that they did not reflect the way communities were organised in this area.

For example, one resident requested the creation of a Raffles ward. Another said that the orientation of the wards was wrong, while another resident asked us to create an inner and an outer ward.

16 We considered the comments we received and visited this area of Carlisle. We noted that because this was a densely populated area, the new wards were likely to be very different from what currently exists given the different number of councillors that Cumberland Council will have when this review is implemented and the resultant change in the optimum number of electors each councillor should represent.

17 We have listened to the objections we received and have decided to consult on further draft recommendations in this area, which we have based on the Conservatives' proposals. We consider that these proposals will address some of the concerns that people have expressed to us. We do make some modifications to the proposals we received, which we consider will better reflect our statutory criteria. Our proposals are for a Belle Vue & Sandsfield Park ward and a Newtown & Raffles ward.

18 We are retaining our draft recommendations boundary around Belle Vue Primary School and the High Meadow area for electoral equality reasons. After visiting this area, we concluded that this area could sit in either ward.

19 We agree with the Council that St Bede's Roman Catholic Church and the associated school should be in the same ward. We have moved the boundary in this area to run along a stretch of Wigton Road to unite St Bede's Roman Catholic Church and St Bede's Roman Catholic Primary School in the same ward.

20 We have not included Dalton Avenue and the roads coming off it in Newtown & Raffles ward as the Conservatives proposed. This is to avoid creating a very narrow access point from one side of Morton West to the other at the eastern end of Orton Road. To avoid doing this while including Dalton Avenue in Newtown & Raffles ward, we considered extending the eastern boundary to run along the rest of Wigton Road, but this would move the roads between Dunmail Drive and Ullswater Road out of Morton West leaving a ward with a variance of -18%. That is why we did not adopt that part of the proposal.

21 We are asking for comments on whether these further draft recommendations better reflect communities in this area than the original draft recommendations. We welcome community identity evidence to support the comments.

22 While we consider these further draft recommendations do reflect most of the views we received, we note that in Belle Vue & Sandsfield Park, the only road connection between Belle Vue to the north and Sandsfield Park to the south is via Sandsfield Lane. We note that they do have a shared park and playground between

the areas, and this may therefore be a focus across the proposed ward. However, we welcome further views on this.

23 We did consider retaining our draft recommendations while including Creighton Avenue in Belle Vue ward, as proposed by the Council. We also invite comments on whether that option better reflects our statutory criteria.

24 In relation to extending the boundary of the wards to the Northern Bypass, we note that the Conservatives referred to Beaumont Parish Council's intention to modify its parish boundaries to run along this road. While we agree that the Northern Bypass makes a more logical and identifiable boundary, adopting this as a boundary for these wards prior to any legal parish boundary change would, under law, necessitate the creation of a parish ward. This parish ward would have only 19 existing electors within it. We consider this an unviable parish ward which would not facilitate effective and convenient local government. Therefore, we have not modified the ward boundaries here. Instead, we retain the use of the existing parish boundary.

25 If the Council modifies the parish boundaries it can then ask us to amend the district ward boundaries to run along the new parish boundary by way of a related alteration.

26 Belle Vue & Sandsfield Park and Newtown & Raffles wards are forecast to have good electoral equality by 2030.

Botcherby, Harraby East and Harraby West & Petteril Bank

27 Our draft recommendations in this area were for three wards: Botcherby & Keenan Park, Harraby East and Harraby West.

28 While we received support from some respondents for all or some of the wards, the Council and some residents questioned the inclusion of Keenan Park in a ward with Botcherby on community identity and effective and convenient local government grounds. They were of the view that the railway line was a strong boundary and that those in Keenan Park identified as living in Harraby.

29 The Conservatives supported the inclusion of Keenan Park in Botcherby, but they proposed including Dalesman Drive and Watermans Walk in one of the Harraby wards. Also, they were of the view that the draft recommendations' boundary with regards to London Road was not very clear. This was echoed by a resident who found the layout along London Road confusing. To address this the Conservatives proposed splitting Harraby in a different way.

30 One resident stated that our draft recommendations had split residents of Mallyclose Drive from those in the Longdyke Drive area with whom they share a community identity.

31 We considered all the representations we received and visited the area. We noted that Keenan Park is separated from Botcherby by two railway lines. Although there is pedestrian access by way of a foot tunnel, it is set back on the far side of the park and runs underneath both railway lines which are set on an embankment. The residents on either side are hidden from view, and we did not see any evidence that the community flowed across the railway line. Rather, its strength as a boundary was evident.

32 Therefore, we have been persuaded to use the railway line as a boundary, notwithstanding the poor electoral equality this results in for the proposed Botcherby ward.

33 At the same time, we have been persuaded that the Conservatives' proposal as it relates to London Road is clearer than the draft recommendations boundary. It places all the northern section of London Road in a single ward and all the south in another ward, rather than placing the middle section in one ward while both ends of the road are in another ward. We additionally note that their proposal keeps the Longdyke Drive area and Mallyclose Drive in the same ward, as also proposed by a resident.

34 This represents a significant change to our original draft recommendations, and we are therefore inviting comments with community evidence on these further draft recommendations.

35 However, we have not been persuaded to include Dalesman Drive and Watermans Walk in a Harraby ward. These roads are east facing and there is no direct access between them and the Longdyke Drive/Longholme Road area. Instead, we have placed them in a ward with their nearest neighbours and the rest of their estate reflecting their road access.

36 The Council requested that we include some residents at the end of Beverley Rise (Settle Close) in a Harraby ward. While we agree that these residents most likely identify as living in Harraby, adopting this proposal would necessitate the creation of a parish ward with only 25 electors as these electors are in St Cuthbert Without parish. We consider this an unviable parish ward which is why we have used the parish boundary as a ward boundary in this area.

37 Cumberland Council can modify the parish boundaries after conducting a Community Governance Review, following which it can request that we make a change to the district ward boundaries so that they follow the amended parish

boundaries. We make this change through the making of a legal order known as a related alteration order.

38 Our proposed Botcherby ward is forecast to have 15% fewer electors than the Cumberland average. Harraby East and Harraby West & Petteril Bank are both forecast to have good electoral equality.

Castle and Denton Holme

39 The Council suggested some modifications to the boundaries of our draft recommendations for Castle ward. It proposed Charlotte Street and Junction Street as a boundary between this ward and the neighbouring Denton Holme. It was of the view that some residents south of this road identified as living in Denton Holme. This produced a Castle ward with 17% fewer electors than the average for Cumberland.

40 To improve the electoral equality, the Council suggested that we move Granville Road into this ward and unite both sides of Bedford Road here.

41 On our tour of the area, we noted that Charlotte Street/Junction Street was a wide road and would make a recognisable boundary. We also noted that there was merit in both sides of Bedford Road being in the same ward. However, we were not fully persuaded about moving Granville Road into Castle ward without any additional evidence. Furthermore, we note that even if we did, Castle ward would still be forecast to have 11% fewer electors than the average for Cumberland Council. This is a little more than we would normally propose in an area where there are no significant barriers between communities.

42 After careful consideration, we have concluded that the draft recommendations boundary, which ran south of the industrial area, is also a logical boundary, especially when taken together with what we consider good electoral equality.

43 We did consider extending Castle ward to just north of Dunmail Drive to accommodate a move of the boundary to Charlotte Street/Junction Street. However, we do not have any community evidence to suggest that the affected electors identify as living in Castle ward and not Morton. Therefore, we did not make this change.

44 Like the Liberal Democrats, Carlisle & District Green Party and Councillor Davison, the Council proposed that we exclude Dale Meadows from Denton Holme ward on community identity grounds. It explained that before the newer estates in the area were built, these residents to the south of the Pirelli Factory have always been outliers in Denton Holme and closer to neighbours on the other side of Cummersdale Road. Accordingly, we are content to place them in the same ward with these neighbours.

45 Therefore, our further draft recommendations for these two wards are based on the draft recommendations but with Bedford Road united in Castle ward and Dale Meadows excluded from Denton Holme ward.

46 The Council confirmed that Castle was the recognised name for this central area of Carlisle, and we are content to retain this name.

47 Castle and Denton Holme wards are both forecast to have good electoral equality.

Currock and Upperby

48 The comments we received about our draft recommendations for these wards expressed support for them. Accordingly, we do not intend to make any changes to them.

Kingstown & Crindledyke, Stanwix East & Houghton and Stanwix West & Etterby

49 We received submissions from the Carlisle & District Green Party, Lowry Hill Residents' Association, Councillor Davison and residents, in addition to the authority-wide comments for this area. Our draft recommendations were for three wards: Etterby & Stanwix West, Lowry Hill & Crindledyke and Stanwix & Houghton.

50 The Council welcomed the inclusion of Crindledyke in a Carlisle ward instead of a rural ward. It also felt that the warding pattern reflected the connectivity between Stanwix and Houghton.

51 The Conservatives expressed broad support for our draft recommendations in this area, as did the Liberal Democrats. A resident welcomed the inclusion of the entire Windsor Way area in a single ward instead of being split across three wards as at present.

52 Carlisle & District Green Party, Councillor Davison, Lowry Hill Residents' Association and most residents who wrote in, pointed out that our draft recommendations had split Lowry Hill Estate across two wards. Lowry Hill & Crindledyke excluded residents south of Moorville Drive up to and including Troon Close. They explained that the residents were part of a distinct community, faced the same issues and were members of the same residents' association. This was echoed by the Lowry Hill Residents' Association and most residents. However, uniting this area produces a Lowry Hill & Crindledyke ward with 16% more electors than the average for the local authority.

53 To bring the electoral equality to within an acceptable range, Carlisle & District Green Party and Councillor Davison proposed various modifications including moving electors north of the M6 into Longtown ward, moving residents at the

southern end of Kingstown Road into Etterby & Stanwix West ward, and moving Gosling Drive and Jaysmith Close, off Windsor Way, into Stanwix & Houghton ward.

54 They acknowledged that moving Gosling Drive and Jaysmith Close to another ward would not reflect communities in the area. There are very few electors in the other areas mentioned and moving them into other wards still leaves a ward with 15% more electors than the average for Cumberland Council. Besides, we would have to create a parish ward with very few electors north of the M6 around Grearshill, and such a parish ward would be unviable.

55 We considered moving all the electors north of the A689 into Longtown. We did not do this for two reasons. Firstly, we do not have any community evidence in support of this proposal; and secondly, Longtown would have 21% more electors than the average for Cumberland Council.

56 We agree that uniting Lowry Hill Estate and thus the residents' association in a single ward will facilitate effective and convenient local government. We also agree that moving Gosling Drive and Jaysmith Close would split another community.

57 After careful consideration, we note that the north and south of Carlisle has the River Eden between them which limits the options for expanding the wards in a meaningful way. Therefore, as part of our further draft recommendations, we are content to include the roads south of Moorville Drive up to and including Troon Close in Lowry Hill & Crindledyke, even though the ward will have a higher variance that we would usually recommend.

58 However, we did consider two alternatives which would produce wards with good electoral equality. Firstly, combining Lowry Hill & Crindledyke and Stanwix & Houghton wards into a two-councillor ward which would have 8% more electors than the average for Cumberland Council.

59 Secondly, we also considered combining the entire area north of River Eden into a three-councillor ward. Again, this ward is forecast to have good electoral equality with 2% more electors than the average for the local authority area.

60 We invite comments on whether either of these two alternatives would better reflect communities in the area and provide a better balance of our criteria.

61 Many respondents commented about the name of our Lowry Hill & Crindledyke ward. Proposed names included Northern Carlisle, Kingstown, Kingstown & Crindledyke and Kingmoor & Kingstown. This is not the only ward in northern Carlisle so we did not think it would be appropriate to name it Northern Carlisle. At the same time, we noted that there was some consensus around including

Kingstown in the name and not Lowry Hill. Accordingly, after careful consideration, we have renamed the ward Kingstown & Crindledyke.

62 The Liberal Democrats also suggested renaming Etterby & Stanwix West and Stanwix & Houghton wards, Stanwix West & Etterby and Stanwix East & Houghton respectively, for consistency and to better reflect the areas of Stanwix included in each ward. We are content with this and have done so.

63 Kingstown & Crindledyke ward is forecast to have 16% more electors than the average for Cumberland Council, by 2030. Stanwix West & Etterby and Stanwix East & Houghton wards are forecast to have good electoral equality by the same year.

Morton East and Morton West

64 There was broad support for our Morton East and Morton West wards and the Council stated that they reflected existing communities.

65 Nevertheless, as mentioned in the section on Belle Vue & Sandsfield Park and Newtown & Raffles wards, Councillor Whalen suggested that there should only be a single ward for Morton. We explain in that section why we did not adopt this proposal.

66 A resident wondered if Dunmail Drive could be placed in a single ward instead of being split between the two Morton wards. To offset the numbers, the resident suggested that we move all Wigton Road into Morton West.

67 Wigton Road serves as a well-recognised and strong boundary in that area, and we have not been persuaded to move it. Furthermore, the current split of Dunmail Drive reflects the fact that those to the west have easy access to Wigton and Orton roads while those to the east access the rest of their ward via Langrigg and Skiddaw roads. Therefore, we did not change the boundary in this area.

68 As mentioned in the section on Newtown & Raffles ward, we did consider using more of Wigton Road as a boundary. We did not do this to avoid creating a Morton West ward with poor electoral equality.

69 Therefore, the only change we are making to our draft recommendations for these wards is to move the southern side of Bedford Road into Castle ward.

St Aidans

70 The comments we received on this ward expressed support for the ward boundaries set out in our draft recommendations. However, we received different views about what the ward name should be.

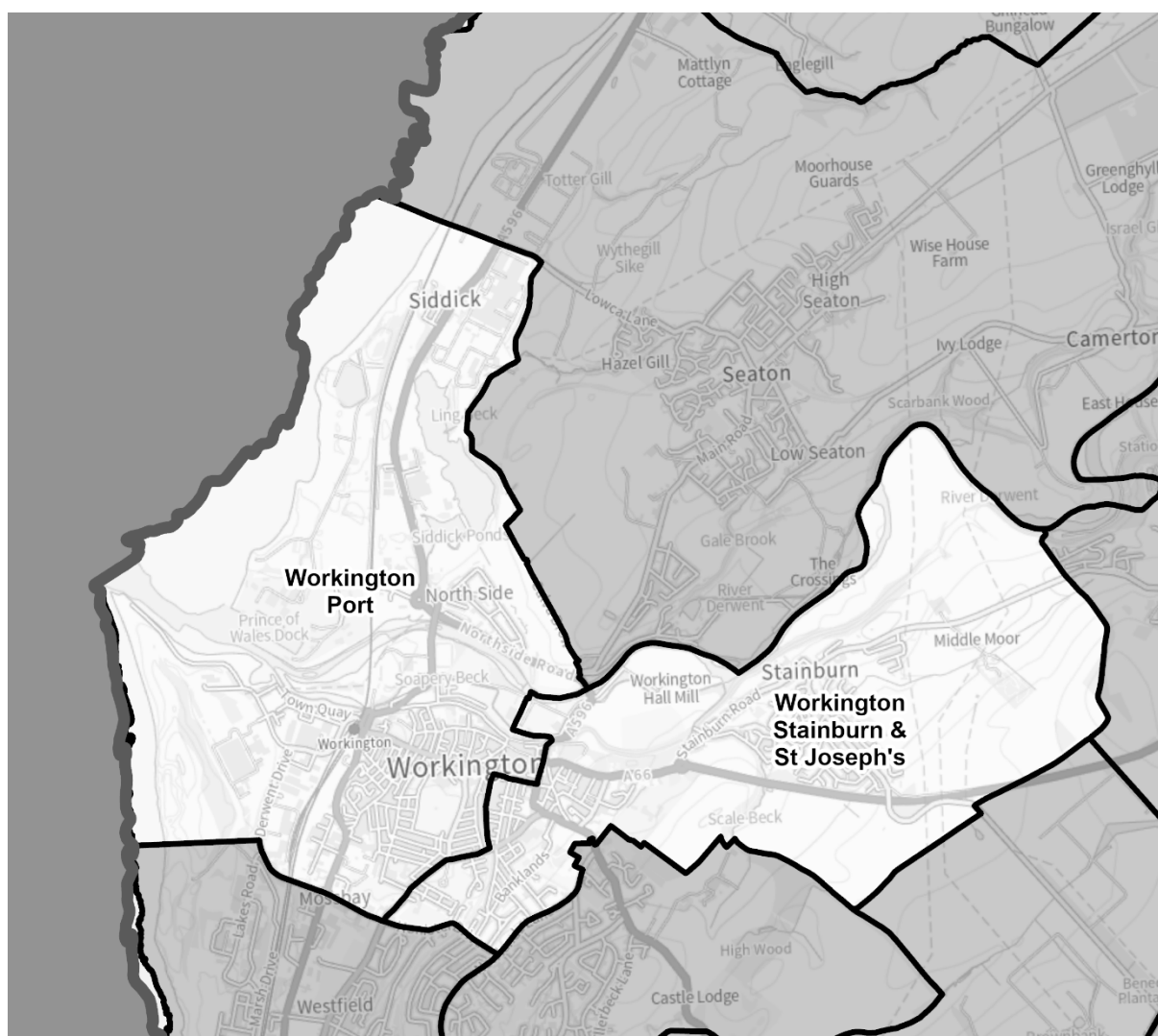
71 The Council stated that St Aidans was the name of the ward prior to the last electoral review of the area and that this meant that the name was widely recognised. The Liberal Democrats proposed naming the ward Fusehill after what they said was the largest local service area.

72 A resident felt that Brunton Park would be a more recognisable name than St Aidans because St Aidans school closed many years ago and only the church of the same name was left.

73 After considering that there appeared to be no consensus about the name of the ward, we have decided to retain the name in our draft recommendations which by virtue of its publication has been shared publicly. In the five years following a review, a local authority may seek the Commission's agreement to change the name of a ward if this reflects community identity and sentiment. After five years, a local authority may make a change without seeking the agreement of the Commission. We welcome further views on the name at this stage.

74 We do not intend to make any changes to the boundaries of St Aidans ward as set out in our draft recommendations.

Workington



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2030
Workington Port	1	5%
Workington Stainburn & St Joseph's	1	1%

Workington Port & Workington Stainburn & St Joseph's

75 Our draft recommendations were for a Workington Central & Stainburn ward and a Workington South ward, based on proposals from Whitehaven & Workington Constituency Labour Party during the previous consultation.

76 The Council and Workington Town Council expressed broad support for our draft recommendations but suggested that the boundary between Workington Central & Stainburn and Workington South, just next to the Washington Square Shopping Centre, should run along Jane Street and Washington Street/A596 to avoid cutting off the few houses in this corner and placing them in a separate ward.

77 The Conservatives and the residents who provided comments objected to the inclusion of North Side and Stainburn in the same ward arguing that it did not reflect the communities in that area, and that there was very poor integration between the areas and no direct transport links. The Conservatives submitted a different warding proposal for the area.

78 Workington Branch Labour Party ('Workington Labour') also objected to the inclusion of Stainburn and Siddick areas in the same ward.

79 After careful consideration of the submissions, we realised that the proposed Workington Central & Stainburn ward is made up of different communities and that we should consider alternatives. While we do sometimes include different or unrelated communities in the same ward, we have received an alternative proposal which may address some of the objections and remove the need to do this.

80 Accordingly, we have decided to carry out a limited consultation on further draft recommendations in the Workington South and Workington Central & Stainburn areas based on these new proposals. They are for a Workington Port ward and a Workington Stainburn & St Joseph's ward. We welcome comments with community evidence on whether these wards better reflect communities, have more identifiable boundaries and would facilitate more effective and convenient local government than the original draft recommendations even if they were modified in line with the Council and others' suggestions.

81 We visited the area to look at some of the boundaries on the ground. We noted that the proposed new boundary along the south of Central Way is a good one where the residential properties back on to the road. Harrington Road is identifiable, and Newlands Lane would make a logical boundary.

82 Accordingly, as part of our further draft recommendations, we made a few modifications to the Conservatives' proposals. We have used Newlands Lane as the boundary between Workington Stainburn & St Joseph's and the neighbouring Moorclose ward instead of running it behind the properties on the eastern side of the road. Taken together with other boundaries in neighbouring wards, we consider this is a clearer and more identifiable boundary.

83 Although the Conservatives' proposed boundary along the northern section of Central Way is an existing boundary, we note that it runs through the middle of a shopping area. We have therefore moved the boundary in this area to run along Bridge Street and Jane Street, thereby uniting the shopping area. We welcome views on this.

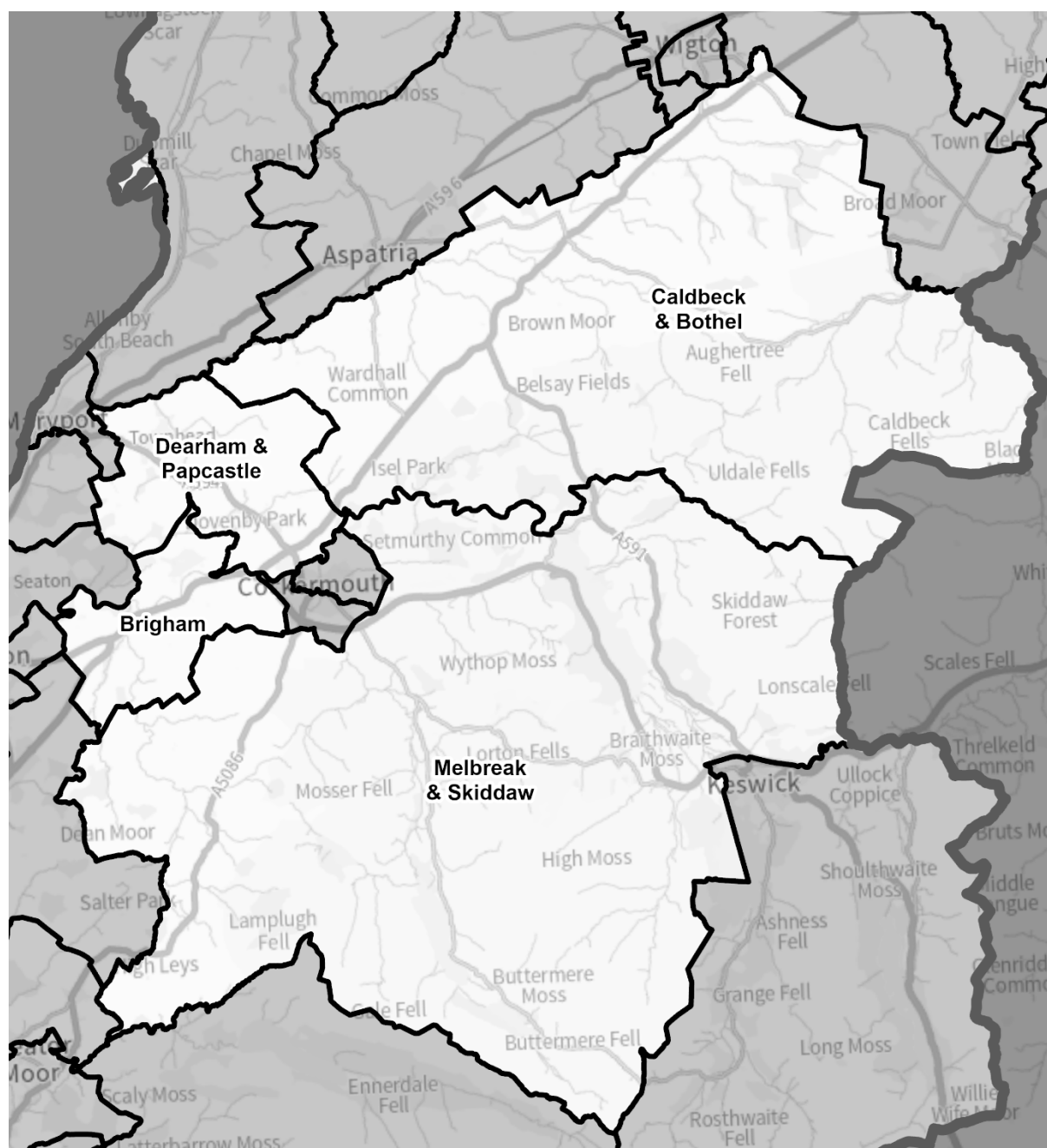
84 Workington Port and Workington Stainburn & St Joseph's are both forecast to have good electoral equality by 2030.

85 We note that Workington Town Council say that the area we refer to as St Joseph's parish ward in our draft recommendations is more recognised as St John's. However, only part of this area is included in the proposed Workington Stainburn & St Joseph's ward. Therefore, we have included St Joseph's in the ward name as proposed to us. However, we invite comments on whether this ward ought to be called Workington Stainburn & St John's.

86 We welcome views on our further draft recommendations in this area which we consider are more likely to reflect the statutory criteria than our draft recommendations. However, if following this consultation, we decide to revert to our original draft recommendations to form our final recommendations, we note that the Council, West Cumberland Green Party, Workington Labour and Workington Town Council all suggested alternative names for one or both wards in this area.

87 Suggestions included Workington Central or Workington West instead of Workington South, and Workington North or Workington North & Stainburn in place of Workington Central & Stainburn. We welcome views with supporting reasons on these names.

Rural central Cumberland



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2030
Brigham	1	0%
Caldbeck & Bothel	1	-6%
Dearham & Papcastle	1	-7%
Melbreak & Skiddaw	1	0%

Brigham, Caldbeck & Bothel, Dearham & Papcastle and Melbreak & Skiddaw

88 Our draft recommendations were for four wards: Brigham & Bothel, Buttermere, Bassenthwaite & Caldbeck, Dearham & Broughton and Mellbreak & The Marron.

89 In addition to the authority-wide comments, we received a significant number of submissions on our draft recommendations for this area, including from Councillor Deeks, Councillor Perry, Allhallows Parish Council, Blindbothel Parish Council, The Melbreak Communities and several residents.

90 Aside from the authority-wide comments and Councillor Perry, all the others objected to our draft recommendations for this area. This was primarily because Blindbothel, Buttermere, Lorton and Loweswater parishes were split across two different wards. These four parishes make up a community group known as The Melbreak Communities through which they interact, including for emergency planning purposes. We note that Councillor Perry, who expressed broad support for our proposals, pointed to the splitting of these parishes as an anomaly within the draft recommendations.

91 West Cumberland Green Party was concerned that Mellbreak & The Marron ward would become a ward of two halves with some areas looking to Workington in the west and others to the Lake District Authority in the east.

92 Allhallows Parish Council objected to its parish area being split across two wards. It wanted its entire parish united in a ward with Aspatria as at present.

93 A resident of Broughton Cross said they had more in common with Greysouthern, Great Broughton and Little Broughton villages than with Brigham and the other villages in the draft recommendations Brigham & Bothel ward. Another resident advocated for Blindcrake to be in the same ward with Bassenthwaite, Buttermere and the Caldbeck area while acknowledging that Buttermere may have better connections with the Loweswater area.

94 Another resident expressed a similar concern about The Melbreak Communities. In addition, they were concerned about Buttermere, Bassenthwaite & Caldbeck ward, that there were poor connections within it, and that Caldbeck and its neighbouring parishes would be partially isolated from the rest of the ward. In their view these parishes were better connected to parishes in our proposed Brigham & Bothel ward.

95 To address these concerns, the resident proposed a new warding pattern for this area. They proposed four new wards: Brigham and Dearham & Papcastle to the west, Caldbeck & Bothel to the north and Melbreak & Skiddaw to the south of the area.

96 We considered what we heard very carefully. We note that The Melbreak Communities is a well-established organisation made up of parishes with shared issues, not least of which is flooding risks. We agree that including them in the same

ward will reflect the strong senses of shared community here and facilitate effective and convenient local government.

97 We note that the resident's proposals placed The Melbreak Communities in a single ward. They also placed Broughton Cross in a ward with Greysouthern, Great Broughton and Little Broughton which addresses the comments of another resident. While Blindcrake is not in the same ward with Bassenthwaite, it is in the same ward with Caldbeck and other nearby parishes.

98 We also note that the proposals unite Allhallows parish, albeit not in a ward with Aspatria.

99 Accordingly, we have been persuaded that the resident's proposal has merit and addresses most of the concerns raised by respondents. However, we are aware that this warding pattern is significantly different from our draft recommendations and are therefore publishing it as further draft recommendations to allow people to comment on it.

Parish electoral arrangements

100 As part of an electoral review, we are required to have regard to the statutory criteria set out in Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (the 2009 Act). The Schedule provides that if a parish is to be divided between different wards it must also be divided into parish wards, so that each parish ward lies wholly within a single ward. We cannot recommend changes to the external boundaries of parishes as part of an electoral review.

101 Under the 2009 Act we only have the power to make changes to parish electoral arrangements where these are as a direct consequence of our recommendations for principal authority warding arrangements. However, Cumberland Council has powers under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to conduct community governance reviews to effect changes to parish electoral arrangements.

102 As a result of our proposed ward boundaries and having regard to the statutory criteria set out in schedule 2 to the 2009 Act, we are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Stanwix Rural, Westward parish and Workington parish.

103 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Stanwix Rural parish.

Further draft recommendations

Stanwix Rural Parish Council should comprise 15 councillors, as at present, representing three wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Crosby & Linstock	4
Houghton	8
Windsor Park	3

104 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Westward parish

Further draft recommendations

Westward Parish Council should comprise 10 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
West Curthwaite	6
Westward	4

105 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Workington parish.

Further draft recommendations

Workington Town Council should comprise 25 councillors, as at present, representing 14 wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Harrington	3
High Salterbeck	2
Low Salterbeck	1
Moorclose East	3
Moorclose West	1
New Town	4
Northside	1
Old Town	1
St John's	1
St Joseph's	2
Seaton	1
Stainburn	2
Westfield North	2
Westfield South	1

Have your say

106 The Commission has an open mind about its further draft recommendations. Every representation we receive will be considered, regardless of who it is from or whether it relates to the whole authority or just a part of it.

107 If you agree with our further draft recommendations, please let us know. If you don't think our recommendations are right for Cumberland Council, we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of wards. We also welcome your views on ward names across this area. We will take into account all views made to us before we come up with our final recommendations.

108 Our website has a special consultation area where you can explore the maps . You can find it at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk

109 Submissions can also be made by emailing reviews@lgbce.org.uk or by writing to:

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110 The Commission aims to propose a pattern of wards for Cumberland Council which delivers:

- Electoral equality: each local councillor represents a similar number of electors
- Community identity: reflects the identity and interests of local communities
- Effective and convenient local government: helping your council discharge its responsibilities effectively

111 A good pattern of wards should:

- Provide good electoral equality, with each councillor representing, as closely as possible, the same number of electors
- Reflect community interests and identities and include evidence of community links
- Be based on strong, easily identifiable boundaries
- Help the council deliver effective and convenient local government

112 Electoral equality:

- Does your proposal mean that councillors would represent roughly the same number of electors as elsewhere in Cumberland?

113 Community identity:

- Community groups: is there a parish council, residents' association or other group that represents the area?
- Interests: what issues bind the community together or separate it from other parts of your area?
- Identifiable boundaries: are there natural or constructed features which make strong boundaries for your proposals?

114 Effective local government:

- Are any of the proposed wards too large or small to be represented effectively?
- Are the proposed names of the wards appropriate?
- Are there good links across your proposed wards? Is there any form of public transport?

115 Please note that the consultation stages of an electoral review are public consultations. In the interests of openness and transparency, we make available for public inspection full copies of all representations the Commission takes into account as part of a review. Accordingly, copies of all representations will be placed on deposit at our offices in London and on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk A list of respondents will be available from us on request after the end of the consultation period.

116 If you are a member of the public and not writing on behalf of a council or organisation we will remove any personal identifiers, such as postal or email addresses, signatures or phone numbers from your submission before it is made public. We will remove signatures from all letters, no matter who they are from.

117 In the light of representations received, we will review our further draft recommendations and consider whether they should be altered. As indicated earlier, it is therefore important that all interested parties let us have their views and evidence, **whether or not** they agree with the further draft recommendations. We will then publish our final recommendations.

118 After the publication of our final recommendations, the changes we have proposed must be approved by Parliament. An Order – the legal document which

brings into force our recommendations – will be laid in draft in Parliament. The draft Order will provide for new electoral arrangements to be implemented at the all-out elections for Cumberland Council in 2027.

Equalities

119 The Commission is satisfied that it complies with its legal obligations under the Equality Act and that no adverse equality impacts will arise as a result of the outcome of the review.

Appendices

Appendix A

Further draft recommendations for wards in Cumberland Council

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2024)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2030)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Belle Vue & Sandsfield Park	1	4,221	4,221	7%	4,131	4,131	6%
2	Botcherby	1	3,410	3,410	-13%	3,309	3,309	-15%
3	Brigham	1	4,008	4,008	2%	3,904	3,904	0%
4	Caldbeck & Bothel	1	3,775	3,775	-4%	3,658	3,658	-6%
5	Castle	1	3,898	3,898	-1%	3,542	3,542	-9%
6	Currock	1	3,993	3,993	1%	3,835	3,835	-2%
7	Dearham & Papcastle	1	3,583	3,583	-9%	3,622	3,622	-7%
8	Denton Holme	1	3,784	3,784	-4%	3,596	3,596	-8%
9	Harraby East	1	3,777	3,777	-4%	3,631	3,631	-7%
10	Harraby West & Petteril Bank	1	3,967	3,967	1%	3,843	3,843	-1%
11	Kingstown & Crindledyke	1	4,429	4,429	12%	4,533	4,533	16%

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2024)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2030)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
12	Melbreak & Skiddaw	1	4,045	4,045	3%	3,882	3,882	0%
13	Morton East	1	4,205	4,205	7%	4,135	4,135	6%
14	Morton West	1	4,215	4,215	7%	4,188	4,188	7%
15	Newtown & Raffles	1	3,976	3,976	1%	3,765	3,765	-3%
16	St Aidans	1	4,294	4,294	9%	4,014	4,014	3%
17	Stanwix East & Houghton	1	4,008	4,008	2%	3,918	3,918	0%
18	Stanwix West & Etterby	1	3,593	3,593	-9%	3,545	3,545	-9%
19	Upperby	1	3,673	3,673	-7%	3,862	3,862	-1%
20	Workington Port	1	4,137	4,137	5%	4,113	4,113	5%
21	Workington Stainburn & St Joseph's	1	4,015	4,015	2%	3,932	3,932	1%

Source: Electorate figures are based on information provided by Cumberland Council.

Note: The 'variance from average' column shows by how far, in percentage terms, the number of electors per councillor in each electoral ward varies from the average for the local authority. The minus symbol (-) denotes a lower-than-average number of electors. Figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

Appendix B

Submissions received

All submissions received can also be viewed on our website at:

www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/cumberland

Local Authority

- Cumberland Council

Political Groups

- Carlisle & District Branch, Cumbria Green Party
- Cumberland Conservatives
- Cumberland Liberal Democrats
- West Cumberland Green Party
- Whitehaven & Workington Labour Party
- Workington Branch Labour Party

Councillors

- Councillor H. Davison (Cumberland Council)
- Councillor P. Deeks (Lorton Parish Council)
- Councillor L. Jones-Bulman (Arlecdon & Frizington Parish Council)
- Councillor J. Perry (Cumberland Council)
- Councillor T. Pickstone (Cumberland Council)
- Councillor G. Troughton (Cumberland Council)
- Councillor H. Tucker (Cumberland Council)
- Councillor J. Whalen (Cumberland Council)

Local organisations

- Lowry Hill Residents' Association (2)
- The Melbreak Communities

Parish and Town Councils

- Allhallows Parish Council
- Blindbothel Parish Council
- Brampton Parish Council
- Crosscanonby Parish Council
- Egremont Town Council

- Waverton Parish Council
- Workington Town Council

Local residents

- 53 local residents

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