

Cumberland

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Comment text:

In general I am in favour of 55 single member wards.

I am against multi-member wards, especially if confined to only one or maybe two areas in Cumberland. That idea feels odd in an authority which will be dominated by single member wards, and the public won't understand it; and I think public understanding is crucial in encouraging the electorate to vote.

When I was elected to Carlisle City Council the ward footprints of District and County of Currock and Upperby, the ward I was elected to, were quite closely aligned.

Currock and Upperby had five representative members. It really didn't work, the practicalities meant there was little member co-ordination and we were all in the same political party!

The multi-member proposals for Stanwix would mean an unnatural splitting and mixing of communities.

The division of Stanwix East and Stanwix West either side of the north-south line of Scotland Road does make sense. Scotland Road is so hideous to cross that most people do not and therefore there exists a degree of east and west communities.

I do approve of using the River Eden as a natural boundary.

Thank you.

Attached Documents:

None attached