

Cumberland

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Related subject: North of Carlisle

I am contacting you in response to the recently produced report asking for comment on the warding arrangement, and whether there is potential for a multi-member ward in the north of Carlisle. I am a resident of within the north of Carlisle, but have also [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Each of these wards operated on a multi-member basis. While the intention was to strengthen representation, I often found that it created unnecessary confusion for residents. Many people knew one councillor well but were unaware that they actually had three, and this sometimes left them unsure about who to approach when an issue arose, do they contact all three or do they contact one or two who they might have voted for (or not). There was also a clear public perception that this system wasn't especially helpful. When residents had a concern, they didn't want to navigate a team of councillors, they wanted a single, identifiable point of contact who they felt comfortable approaching. That sentiment came through time and again in conversations on the doorstep and in community meetings.

I therefore feel that going forward single member wards within Carlisle are a much more preferable option.

Yours sincerely

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Attached Documents:

None attached