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Please find attached a representation to be considered with the boundary review for South Lakeland District Council concerning the interests of the rural village of Natland.

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District Councillor Kendal Oxenholme and Natland
County Councillor Kendal South.

LGBCE SOUTH LAKELAND DISTRICT COUNCIL BOUNDARY REVIEW

Re. Ward - Kendal Oxenholme and Natland.

Specific village: Natland.

Polling area CQ

The Issue of Concern

In the current boundary review it will be proposed that **Oxenholme** should be moved into a Kendal group of wards with three members. This is sensible for this community, and I agree.

However, for Natland, it is proposed to tack this village on to a three member Kendal town ward. This is manifestly inappropriate for this village community. It is a rural village with a parish council that belongs with a grouping of other rural villages..

In terms of numbers the electorate of Natland is ~701.

I suggest Natland could be moved into the suggested Levens/Crooklands group which would create a large two member ward or a small three member ward. It is most important to be grouped so that interests, identities and cultures are common.

Background.

Before the 2008 boundary review in South Lakeland Natland was part of a ward of five neighbouring rural villages four with parish councils, plus one that has an annual meeting; all in Natland Ward. Oxenholme is a neighbourhood within Kendal and is represented on Kendal TC in addition to SLDC.. At some time in the past, probably 1974, Oxenholme opted to be part of Kendal. It is separated from Kendal by a green gap but is not a rural settlement. The two areas are very different.

At the 2008 boundary review the ward of Natland was broken into three parts and Natland rural village was put together with the town ward of Oxenholme, two very different communities. They are linked only by the sign on the village hall in Natland village and the village school, though children from Oxenholme also go to other schools in Kendal. The route between these communities, shop to shop, is just over a mile on partially lit roads, partially without footways and separated by the busy A65 main route into Kendal.. They are also in separate Local Area Partnerships; Oxenholme is in Kendal and Natland is in South Westmorland, a group of rural villages..

Local Area Partnerships, briefly, are SLDC groupings of villages that co-operate in providing services such as gritting rural roads ahead of the timing of the county council service; perhaps sharing a lengthsman. They also air and share complaints. They are chaired by parish council councillors and attended by district and county councillors and officers.

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