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Subject: South Lakeland District Council Boundary Review

Hello

I am contacting you with reference to the proposed boundary alterations for South Lakeland District Council, but with specific reference to the ward(s) of Grange-over-Sands.

The first point I would make is that I wholeheartedly oppose the overriding principle of 3 member wards. I believe this will lead to apathy within our communities due to almost annual elections in every single area and will contribute to a reduced effectiveness of the Council and Councillors through year round electioneering by candidates and sitting elected members.

There is of course also the inevitable additional costs that our residents will have to bear.

Having said that, we are where we are and must address the proposals before us.

I have had the privilege of representing Grange-over-Sands at District level since 2007.

Grange is regarded by SLDC as a 'Key Service Centre' and has a very distinct identity as a small Town and I have a very clear view and understanding of the sense of place that residents in Grange have

With the need to increase the numbers to form a 3 member ward, your proposals make sense to add the adjacent village of Allithwaite. For better or worse, increased development is drawing the two together and to coalesce the two as in individual ward as you have done makes sense.

There will of course be opposition to this whenever towns or villages are 'merged' but to satisfy the numbers required this makes sense and is the least worst option.

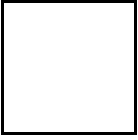
I have been in communication with Cllr Eric Morrell who represents the other Grange Ward and while we are from different political parties, he agrees regarding your current proposals for Grange as sensible, as well

The only other alternatives of including either Lindale to the East or even worse, to add the rural areas of Stavely in Cartmel to the North, would make no sense as there is absolutely no community link to the North (regarded more as in 'The Lakes'), especially with the way the A590 truck road cuts right through. There is a very real feeling that the Cartmel Peninsula has its own identity and to include areas in a peninsula ward that are out of this area would be an extremely unsatisfactory arrangement.

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Kind Regards

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