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Dear Sir/Madam, I have consulted with our District Councillor, and other interested local people and attach my submissions regarding Beetham, Hale and Slackhead.

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COMMENTS ON BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR BEETHAM PARISH.

1. Beetham Parish consists of Beetham, Hale, Storth, Carr Bank, Whassett, Farleton and Sandside. It is an ancient parish and includes what was the Parish Church for the whole of that area. It was at one time the church for Arnside and the ancient 'coffin route' at Fairy Steps is testament to this.
2. Dallam Tower Trust owns much of the land in Beetham including the church yard at St Michaels and All Saints in Beetham. The Trusts land covers the whole of the Parish and also includes Milnthorpe. Beetham and Milnthorpe Parishes share very similar issues and concerns with regards to Dallam Tower Trust and it is certain that we will need to continue to work together on these issues.
3. Beetham and Slack Head are within the Arnside and Silverdale AONB. A Local Plan for the AONB Area is currently being compiled and the AONB Management Plan has just been released. The settlements of Beetham & Slack Head are included in these plans and play a significant part in them. Settlements in an AONB are subject to a different set of regulations, especially when it comes to planning. It therefore makes sense that all of the Cumbria portion of the Arnside & Silverdale AONB is kept together in one ward.
4. Beetham associates itself heavily with Morecambe Bay
5. Milnthorpe, less than 1 mile distant and is its service centre, not Carnforth.
6. Beetham has very little association at all with Burton or Holme
7. Beetham's post offices and other services e.g. play areas are in Storth and Milnthorpe
8. Beetham associates itself with the industry within the whole of the Parish, and that includes Wings School.
9. The residents of Beetham are likely to react extremely badly to the current proposals.

Suggestions:

I would have little objection to Beetham and Hale village joining Milnthorpe and Arnside if this is really necessary for the sake of change.

There is a swathe of the Parish that might possibly join Burton and Holme or Crooklands between Holme and the far side of Farleton, to include Farleton itself and possibly the east side of the A6 up to but not including Hale village.

Cllr Pru Jupe