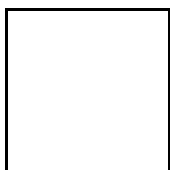


From: Ben Berry [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 July 2016 18:04
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: South Lakeland District Council review 2015/16

Dear LGBCE,

Please find attached an electronic copy of the Conservative Group proposals as a back up to the posted copy I have submitted.

Many thanks and kind regards,
Ben Berry



Councillor Ben Berry

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Monday, 11 July 2016

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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Response of Conservative Group on South Lakeland District Council to the Electoral Review 15/16

I am writing on behalf of the Conservative Group on South Lakeland District Council with our response to your initial findings published 10th May 2016.

Below are our counter proposals. I confirm that I have been authorised to sign this letter as confirmation that these proposals have been agreed by the entire Conservative Group of Councillors namely:

J. and C. Airey, D. Williams, N. Bishop-Rowe, R. Bingham, A. Butcher, B. Cooper, A. Hall, T. Harvey, J. Holmes, H. Irving, J. Jenkinson, K. Lancaster, M. Mackie, A. Rigg, and myself.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Cllr Ben Berry
Group Leader Conservatives SLDC.

Conservative Group Recommendations to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on new Warding Arrangements for the District of South Lakeland

As the Conservative Group we must stress that all out elections, with single member wards, are preferable to election by thirds and three member wards. The Council has decided to continue with election by thirds and within this framework we submitted proposals on future warding arrangements which you received on January 11th 2016.

We received your initial proposals on 10th May 2016 which have been consulted on. Whilst much of your proposals mirrored ours there were areas of considerable concern, particularly with Windermere.

We now present our preferred warding arrangements for South Lakeland District Council having considered your initial proposals and having studied the recent boundary review of Winchester City Council.

Eleven of the eighteen wards you proposed stay the same. We justify these wards as such:

Coniston and Broughton – Our proposal for Coniston and Broughton is almost identical to your initial proposal with the exception of Haverthwaite Polling District which we believe would be better placed with its neighbouring communities.

Holker and Staveley-in-Cartmel – We propose a two member ward reflecting the communities along the B5278 and part of the A590. This would include Cartmel, the polling districts of Haverthwaite, Broughton East and Staveley in Cartmel and the entirety of the present Holker ward.

Grange – Same as your initial proposal. It makes perfect sense to keep this community together.

Ambleside and Grasmere – We propose a two member ward as it is at present. As with your proposal we believe including Skelwith would reflect community interests as residents of Skelwith Polling district look to Ambleside as their service centre. It would aid convenient local Government by bringing it back into Lakes Parish Council area.

Kendal – We believe your Kendal wards of Kendal Rural, Kendal East, Kendal South, Kendal North, Kendal West and Levens Stonecross reflect community interests, geography and convenient local Government.

Burton and Crooklands – We agree with your proposals and believe this three member ward to be acceptable by all accounts.

Bowness and Lyth Valley – We propose a two member ward to include the present entire Bowness South ward, Lyth Valley Ward and include the polling districts of Cartmel Fell and Newton-in-Cartmel. These areas have close infrastructure and community links as well as the same County Councillor promoting easy local government.

Windermere – Nearly six hundred residents signed a petition (attached in a personal submission) calling for Windermere to be kept together combining the existing Windermere, Applethwaite and Troutbeck ward, Windermere Town ward and Bowness North Ward. We believe keeping these communities together would be reflect community wishes.

Arnside and Milnthorpe – As with your suggestion we believe these communities have close links and should be together in a single three member ward.

Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale – Keeping this existing three member ward is sensible.

Furness Peninsula – The suggestion is in perfect keeping with the aims of the review.

Ulverston East and Ulverston West reflect effective and convenient local Government by sticking to County Council division boundaries.

Below you will find a map, prepared by Officers of South Lakeland District Council, which is a visual representation of the proposals above.

