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Dear Mishka

Please see comments on draft arrangement's for Copeland from Copeland Conservative Group
We are content with the draft proposals for all areas except the Central Wards, we would like to propose that the wards of Seascale and Gosforth are merged in to one ward with two Councillors this will only produce a variance of 1% by 2023. In making this recommendation we listened to the views been expressed by the local community to remain as one.

You invited in your recommendations evidence to support combining these to areas these are below.

Whilst in one sense Gosforth and Seascale are separate communities, their function and operation has been linked since Viking times as referenced by the recently constructed Viking Way cycle path which was built on the main historical connecting route between the communities. Seascale as the larger settlement has always been the service hub providing the Health Center, Pharmacy, Post Office and rail link for Gosforth, Wasdale, Ponsonby, Drigg and Carleton. That role continues to this day. Gosforth and Seascale also work together on Tourism with Seascale providing the seaside amenities and Gosforth the gateway to the western lakes. Merging the two Parishes to become one, two Member ward would be equally as acceptable to the communities who recognize the interrelationship between the villages and this approach is also supported by the all the local Parish councils.

It would also avoid the need to redefine the complex funding arrangements provided to Drigg and Carleton Parish for hosting a national nuclear facility. Although this is not directly a matter for the review, at local level, this is a valid consideration"

Many thanks

David Moore

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