

COPELAND LABOUR GROUP

Secretary: Cllr Mrs GA Everett
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The Review Officer (Copeland)
Local Boundary Commission for England
14th Floor, Millbank Tower
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31 May 2018

Dear Sir

Proposal to Move Cleator into the Parish of Egremont

The Labour Group of Copeland Borough Council have instructed me to write to you regarding the Boundary Commission's proposal to take Cleator area from Cleator Moor into the parish of Egremont.

The Labour Group wish to express their complete objection to this proposal. Both geographically and historically this proposal is unacceptable. The residents in Cleator and Cleator Moor are culturally associated and share many local services – nurseries, primary schools, shops, health centre, churches, sports clubs and library.

The Labour Group supports the suggestions made by Cleator Moor Town Council on how the retaining Cleator and Cleator Moor under one parish can be achieved as follows:

Option 1. Retain Cleator in Cleator Moor Parish with three elected representatives serving the area. We acknowledge that the forecast electorate figures for the parish of Cleator Moor exceeds the 10% tolerances by 2.9% but ask that the Local Boundary Commission make an exception in this case, notwithstanding the figures. This option would not have an impact on councillor/electorate ration for Egremont.

Option 2. Retain Cleator in Cleator Moor Parish but also encompass Keekle, Padstow and Summergrove into a new Cleator Moor Parish with two wards and four elected representatives serving this area. This would reduce the councillor/elector ratio in the parishes of both Cleator Moor, Moor Row and Bigrigg into the less than 10% range and ensure the ratio of councillors per electorate fall within the recommended range. There are similarities in the communities of Keekle, Padstow and Summergrove with Cleator and Cleator Moor. Members feel this would be a better fit for the community, than to move Cleator to Egremont.

Copeland Labour Group hopes the Local Boundary Commission for England will give further consideration to this proposal.

Yours faithfully
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Cllr Gwynneth Everett