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LANCASTER and MORECAMBE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS RESPONSE TO LGBCE review Lancaster City Council We note that all the single councillor wards in this review are in rural areas, and would agree that single councillor wards, in general, produce by far the best representation for rural communities. In the light of that observation, the combining of Halton with Aughton and Lower Lune Valley to produce a geographically enormous 3 councillor ward in which smaller communities such as Wray, Tatham, Claughton and Quernmore will effectively have no voice and will be poorly represented, is deeply unsatisfactory. The problem is the size of Halton with Aughton, and the best outcome would be achieved by moving Aughton into Kellet ward, leaving both Kellet and Halton as single member wards. As an alternative, combining Halton with Kellet as a 2-member ward, and keeping Lower Lune Valley as a 2 member ward would be greatly preferable to your current proposal. The commission has a strong emphasis on what is described as giving votes equal value by equalising the number of voters per councillor. We believe that people in villages identify with their community whether small or large and need electoral wards which keep councillors close to those communities. Your proposal for Halton with Aughton and Lower Lune Valley moves representation further away from voters and is an undesirable and less democratic arrangement than the present structure.

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