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Related subject: The Existing Barnard Castle Divisions.

The Commission's initial proposal for one 3 member division to cover most of the existing two Barnard Castle Division is a vast area ranging from lowland agriculture to an urban market town and to the high Pennines.

There should be three single seat divisions, one for Barnard Castle itself, one for Upper Teesdale and one for Lower Teesdale.

The Barnard Castle Town Council area, comprising the existing Polling Districts BAWA1, BAVA1, BAVA2 and BAUA is close to the target size of 4150 electors, being 4255 now and projected to 4279 in 2028.

The two existing divisions have about 1000 electors more than the target for 3 members which is logically to be adjusted by transferring an appropriate number of Polling Districts to the Evenwood division along the northern boundary of the existing Barnard Castle East division, taking account of the needs of the Evenwood Division itself. An appropriate boundary can then be formed to the north and south of the new Barnard Castle Division to form Upper and Lower Teesdale Divisions of approximately equal size.

I made a detailed submission along these lines in the initial consultation.

Attached Documents:

None attached