

Westmorland and Furness

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Colton Parish Council's (CPC) priority is that the ward boundaries need to consider the practicalities of representing small, dispersed communities – we are concerned that if the lines are redrawn in a way that does not take into account the geographical size of the ward and the relative easy or difficulty of travelling across the ward, our communities will not be represented as well as they should be.

By way of background, for CPC the following issues are our main considerations:

CPC has an aging and declining population.

The CPC area is large, and characterised by small, dispersed communities.

People within CPC uses services in a number of surrounding larger towns including Ulverston, Kendal, Ambleside and Coniston – generally depending on where they live in in the parish and the roads serving their communities.

All of CPC sits within LDNPA.

We recognise that the Unitary Authority Councillors representing the wards have logistical challenges due to the size and topography of the wards, and the nature of the road system.

In the present ward structure we feel well represented and served by the current ward level Councillor.

The smaller parishes in the current ward Coniston & Hawkshead have similar characteristics to CPC including: demographic, economic and environmental. Consequently, we present our current ward Councillor with many common issues.

We recognise that our shared boundary means that there are common interests with ENMO. Particularly in the case of Spark Bridge.

Attached Documents:

None attached