

# Cumberland

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**Related subject:** All

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## Attached Documents:

- cumberland-liberal-democrats-comments-on-ward-proposals.pdf

# **Cumberland Liberal Democrats**

## **Response to proposed new warding arrangements Cumberland Council July 2025**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed new warding arrangements for Cumberland Council.

These comments are on behalf of Cumberland Liberal Democrats, in partnership with Cumberland Liberal Democrat Council Group.

### **General**

We support the Commission's proposal for 55 single member wards, believing that this provides for the most consistent pattern of representation across the authority.

### **Rural Carlisle**

We want to support the proposals of the Commission for the warding arrangements in the rural areas around Carlisle. Specifically:

- (a) **Longtown Ward:** We support the existing ward boundaries as the best fit for the local community, bringing together Longtown with the smaller communities on the Scottish border which regard Longtown as their local service centre.
- (b) **Irthing Ward:** We support the creation of this ward which brings together a group of rural communities to the north of Brampton.
- (c) **Brampton Ward:** We support the creation of a single ward which is coterminous with Brampton Town Council
- (d) **Corby and Hayton Ward:** We support the retention of the existing ward, as this maintains a natural community of mostly rural communities to the south of Brampton, and respects the natural boundary of the river Eden to the west.

### **Boundary between Denton Holme and Dalston and Cummersdale Ward**

We would propose a minor change to the above boundary to provide a more logical division of houses on the edge of the urban area.

We would suggest that 1 to 17 Dale Meadows and 1 to 8 Irvings Place are transferred from Denton Holme to Dalston and Cummersdale.

The former is off Cummersdale Road and the latter is on Dalston Road. Both are on the corner of Cummersdale Road and Dalston Road. They are separated from the rest of Denton Holme Ward by the Pirelli factory, the crematorium and the cemetery.

### **St Cuthbert's Ward**

You have asked for comments on the name of the above. We agree with the proposed name of **St Cuthbert's** for this ward. This is an important growth area to

the south of Carlisle and the overwhelming bulk of the ward's electorate is within the current St Cuthbert's parish.

### **Ward name changes**

We would propose the following changes to ward names:

**(a) Abbeytown and Solway Firth – suggest “Solway”**

This proposed ward consists of four almost equal elements: Burgh by Sands, Bowness on Solway, the Kirkbride and Kirkbampton areas, and the 'Holme' group of parishes centred around Abbeytown.

The largest settlement (just) is Burgh by Sands.

Given that there is no dominant settlement we believe that the fairest and simplest thing to do is to name the ward 'Solway' ward (after both the Solway Firth and the Solway plain which are both dominant geographical features of the local area).

**(b) Botcherby and Keenan Park - suggest “Botcherby and Harraby North”**

Keenan Park is not a recognised geographical area, and people who live in this area would probably best describe themselves as living in Harraby.

**(c) St Aidan's – Suggest “Fusehill”**

St Aiden's, albeit a former Carlisle City Council Ward, is not a defined geographical area. The largest local service centre in this part of central Carlisle is the Fusehill area, which we believe would make a more recognisable ward name.

**(d) Dalston and Cummersdale – Suggest “Dalston and Cargo”**

Cargo has a larger electorate than Cummersdale and the ward name Dalston and Cargo would better recognise the geographical spread of this ward, containing areas to both the north and south of Carlisle city.

**(e) Etterby and Stanwix West, and Stanwix and Houghton wards**

We would propose consistency in the naming of these wards. The largest and most dominant area in both wards is Stanwix, so we would propose the following as names more consistent and less confusing to residents:

**“Stanwix West and Etterby”**

**“Stanwix East and Houghton”**

We hope this is helpful. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require further information.

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