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The proposal for an amendment to Beaumont Parish Boundary (attached) was submitted with the full backing of our Ward Councillor. Para 24 of the Cumberland further draft recommendation acknowledges this logical proposal but appears to suggest that the land surrendered between the existing Rural Beaumont Parish boundary and the CNDR would not be absorbed by the adjacent Urban Parishes (Belle Vue & Sandsfield) but would need a new parish to be created consisting of 19 electors.

Whilst I cannot speak for Belle Vue & Sandsfield it would seem a logical move for those Urban Parish boundaries to extend to the CNDR and therefore absorb any existing and future urban electors.

Fig 4 in the attached indicates the revised boundary line for all existing parishes (Beaumont, Belle Vue & Sandsfield) without the need for a new parish to fill the void.

I am uncertain what para 25 of the Cumberland further draft review actually means. I have asked our Ward Councillor for advice but nothing has been forthcoming. He has been consulted throughout this process and is fully aware that as this section of Beaumont Parish runs along the Ward boundary then the ward boundary would also be affected by this change.

I'd therefore be grateful if you could explain what further options we have. Thank You.

Attached Documents:

- 20250131-parish-boundary-review.pdf

31 January 2025

BPC/Planning/001

To: Cumberland Local Boundary Commission

Copy to: Cumberland Councillor Dalston and Burgh, Parish Clerk, Parish Councillors, Parish Notice Boards, Parish Website.

CUMBERLAND ELECTORAL AND WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW – BEAUMONT PARISH

1. Situation

- 1.1. Beaumont Parish consists of a rural community made up primarily of several small villages¹ as well as multiple remote houses and farms scattered within the Ward of Dalston & Burgh. The Ward and Parish are served by the Parliamentary Constituency of Penrith and Solway. As at 2024 Beaumont Parishes Electorate is 380² with a predicted figure for 2030 being 372 although it is uncertain why this figure has dropped. The geographical footprint of the Parish is indicated in light blue and is bordered by a white line as indicated at Fig 1 which is extracted from [Parishes \(December 2016\) Boundaries EW BFC | Open Geography Portal \(statistics.gov.uk\)](https://statistics.gov.uk/Parishes%20(December%202016)%20Boundaries%20EW%20BFC%20Open%20Geography%20Portal).

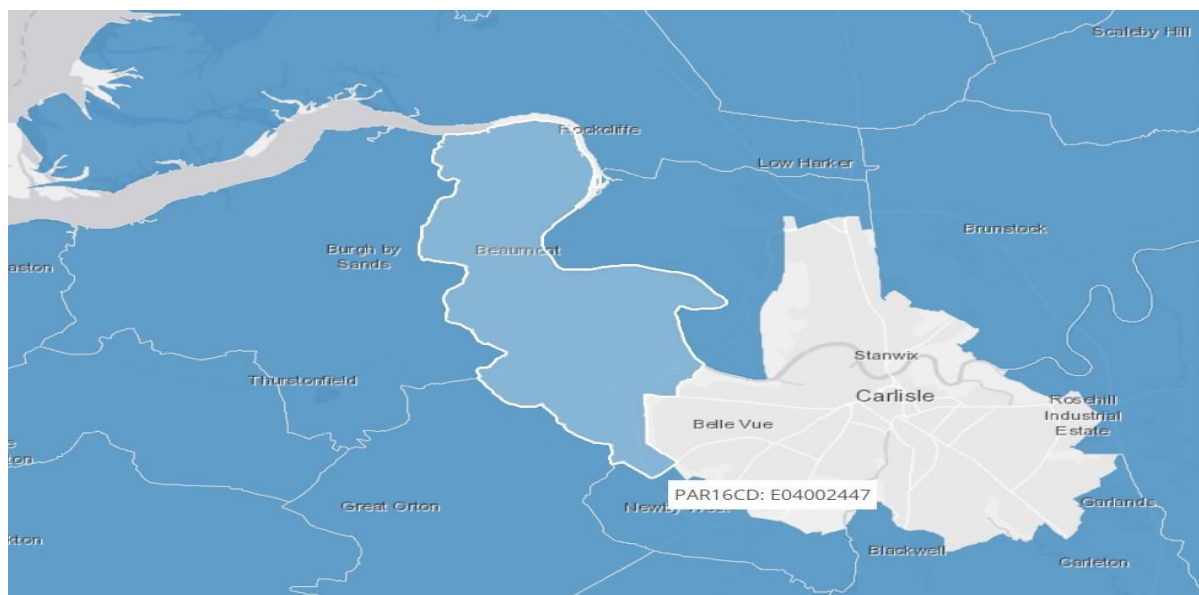


Fig 1- Beaumont Parish Boundary

- 1.2. The South-Eastern (S-E) boundary of our Parish borders the western side of Carlisle and the Ward of Belle Vue and Yewdale which are served by the Parliamentary Constituency of Carlisle.
- 1.3. The same section of this boundary also forms part of the Dalston and Burgh Ward boundary.

2. Recent Developments

- 2.1. In 2012 the Carlisle Northern Development Route (CNDR) was opened as highlighted in red at Fig 2.

¹ Beaumont, Grinsdale, Hosket Hill, Kirkandrews-on-Eden, Monkhill.

² https://www.lgbce.org.uk/sites/default/files/2024-11/cumberland_electoral_forecasting_proforma_for_publication.xlsx

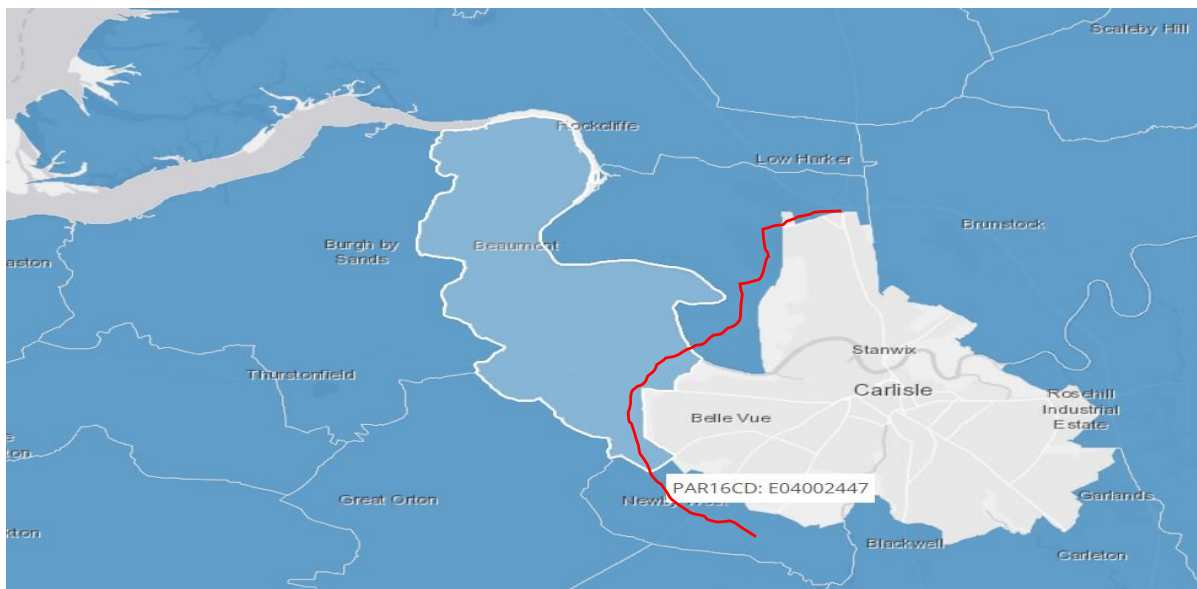


Fig 2 - A596 (CNDR)

- 2.2. As indicated at Fig 2, Beaumont Parish is now dissected by the CNDR with the areas to the south and east of CNDR traditionally being used for agriculture & livestock although much of it has been earmarked for urban development as indicated in the Carlisle District Local Plan 2015-2030³.

3. Future Developments

- 3.1. A number of significant urban planning applications have recently been submitted within this southern and eastern fringe of our Parish as highlighted in green at Fig 3.

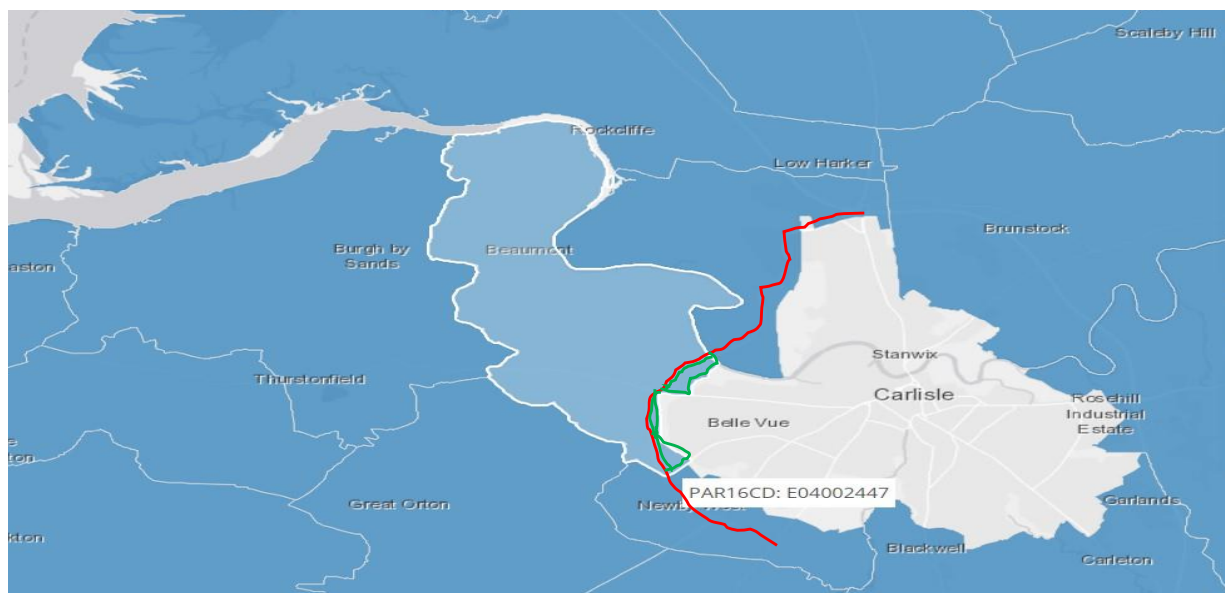


Fig 3 – Areas for Future Urban Development

³ [Carlisle District Local Plan 2015-2030.pdf](#) Allocated sites Urban Carlisle – U7 & U8.

- 3.2. Of significance are applications 23/0336⁴ and 23/0148⁵ which equate to 100+ houses and correspond with the extant Carlisle District Local Plan 2015-2030 for urban development which has subsequently been adopted as part of the Cumberland Local Development Scheme 2024-2027. As indicated at footnote 2 and paragraph 1.1 above, the predicted figure suggests that any new urban development within this area have either not been taken into consideration or are planned to be absorbed by an alternate Ward and Parish.

4. Rationale for Revised Parish Boundary Proposal

- 4.1. The Parish of Beaumont is a rural community with specific rural needs although the areas highlighted in Fig 3 have been identified as future urban developments with those in para 3.2 alone significantly and disproportionately increasing the Beaumont rural parish population.
- 4.2. This population increase would also inflate the Ward of Dalston and Burgh, a ward which has already been identified as one of the highest within the Authority.
- 4.3. As a rural Parish, we believe prospective residents of these new developments would be better served by urban parish council/s and a Ward that are more appropriately resourced to cater for specific urban needs.
- 4.4. Additionally, the residents of these new developments would most likely be served by the Parliamentary Constituency of Carlisle in line with their immediate city neighbours in Belle Vue and Yewdale.
- 4.5. Beaumont Parish residents would/should continue to be served by the Parliamentary Constituency of Penrith and Solway.
- 4.6. The proposed amendment to the Beaumont Parish boundary would therefore also avoid the need for the parish to be split between two separate Parliamentary Constituencies.

5. Internal Consultation Process

- 5.1. In order to determine the views and opinions of local Parishioners a consultation process was conducted between the period 20 December 2024 – 31 January 2025. This was conducted in the form of notices on each of the five notice boards situated around the parish, as outlined at Annex A. In addition, a copy of this proposal (less the final results at para 5.2) was placed on the Parish website and in the Parish Hall. A presentation was also conducted at the Parish Hall during the monthly coffee morning on Friday 10 January 2025 at which 26 parishioners were in attendance.
- 5.2. The results are highlighted below;
- 5.2.1. There were no written objections to this proposal.
- 5.2.2. 100% of parishioners who attended the presentation were in full support of this proposal.

6. Proposal

- 6.1. It is proposed that the Beaumont Parish boundary, which coincides with a portion of the Ward boundary, be amended to reflect this rationale as outlined by the revised white line in Fig 4, i.e. to the north-west of the CNDR as also indicated by the white arrows.

⁴ <https://publicaccess.carlisle.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

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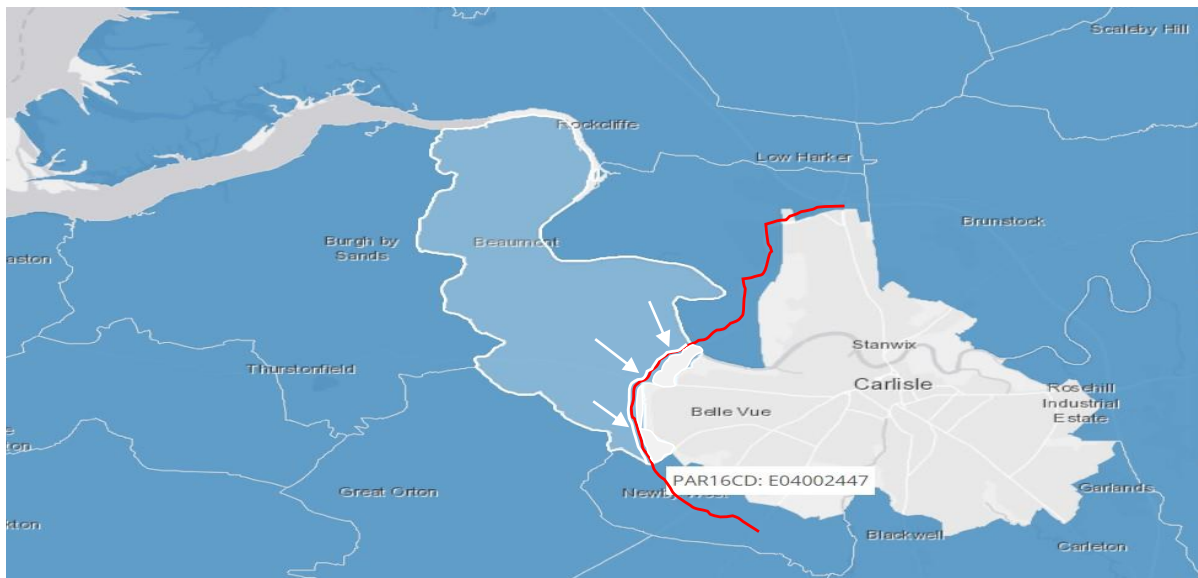


Fig 4 – Proposed New Boundary for Beaumont Parish

7. Summary

- 7.1. The adoption of this proposal would ensure residents of any new urban developments within the affected zone would be appropriately served by an urban Ward, Parish Council and the Parliamentary Constituency of Carlisle.
- 7.2. Additionally, rural parishioners within the new Beaumont Parish boundary would continue to be supported by a Parish Council and Ward which fully embraces and understands rural affairs whilst being supported by the single Parliamentary Constituency of Penrith and Solway.
- 7.3. The CNDR provides a clearer boundary for either Ward/s, removing any ambiguity if/when any further urban developments are approved.

Parish Clerk
On behalf of Beaumont Parish Council

BEAUMONT PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Proposal: Amendment to the Parish Boundary

Location: South-East Section of the Parish Boundary (adjacent to the Carlisle Northern Development Road)

Reference: BPC/Planning/001

Beaumont Parish Council gives notice that a proposed amendment to the Parish Boundary, as described above, is intended to be submitted. It concerns a proposal to update the South-Eastern section of our boundary as part of a review by The Local Government Boundary Commission for England and subsequent consultation by Cumberland Council for electoral and boundary arrangements of Councils and Wards to ensure they are fair. Whilst the full consultation process is very much in its infancy it is not expected to conclude until May 2027 after Parliament has approved the recommendations. The closing date for the initial consultation phase for communities is 24 February 2025.

The Beaumont Parish proposal can be viewed online at www.beaumont-pc.org.uk via the Parish Council page. Any representations should be made in writing, quoting the proposal reference number given above and sent to the Parish Clerk beaumontparishcouncil@gmail.com so as to be received by not later than **31 January 2025**.

Representations will be reviewed by the Project Officer and the Parish Council committee where applicable.

Date: **20 December 2024**

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Project Officer
Beaumont Parish Councillor