

# Cumberland

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**Related subject:** Proposed creation of Melbreaks and Skiddaw

The original proposal was for a massive north/south rural geographical ward poorly linked by roads and encompassing very different communities with widely different challenges. While it is understandable and reasonable that you should be taking notice of the previous comments that The Melbreak Communities should not be split as previously proposed and then addressing that, the new proposal creates a two massive geographical areas (Caldbeck & Bothel and Melbreak & Skiddaw) and within the latter lumps together areas which have few similar characteristics and almost nothing in common.

The challenges faced by areas in the east such as Braithwaite, Underskiddaw and Bassenthwaite are totally different from those faced down towards the Rowrah area and in the area west of the A5086 road. The rural eastern areas must adhere to the rules of the Lake District National Park and deal with the challenges of living in a National Park and tourist hotspot, while those in the west beyond the A5086 sit firmly with Cumberland Council, its rules and a more urban culture. A better fit for the areas which lay in the Bassenthwaite valley is to be aligned with Keswick which is where they are generally linked for healthcare, shopping etc. While the areas to the west such as Buttermere, Lorton etc. look more towards Cockermouth, beyond the A5086 communities are likely to look to Whitehaven or Workington depending on their location. It does not seem reasonable to have one councillor being expected to represent the proposed area given the geographical and time constraints of travelling from one side of it to the other and the diverse needs of the communities within it.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*