

# Cumberland

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**Related subject:** Melbreak and Skiddaw

I wish to express my views as a resident of this proposed new ward. Whilst it may meet the population requirements of your new proposals, it does not reflect a homogenous area. To travel between Millbeck and Rowrah would take approximately 50 minutes by car, The quickest route would require to travel on the A66 to Cockermouth, and then down the A5086 to Rowrah, a distance of 21.5 miles. (Travelling through another Ward area)

The shortest route is 21 miles away, but requires the crossing of two fell ranges to get between the two villages, This route is often impassable in winter.

Rowrah is an industrial village within West Cumbria, and dealing with all of the issues facing such a community. Millbeck is a rural settlement within the heart of the Lake District National Park - just outside Keswick.

There is no shared interests of these two diverse settlements - other than a potential "grouping" to meet population requirements for somebody unfamiliar with the area trying to link areas together.

The role of a Councillor trying to reflect the needs and views of such a diverse geographical area would be extremely challenging, and I believe impossible. Even though you could hold ward surgeries - where would they be centred? The proposed geographic area, is on a scale with some dispersed parliamentary boundaries. Surgeries would need to be held in a range of widely spaced venues to get to all ward constituents.

The grouping of such diverse settlements across such a huge area, is an inefficient and inappropriate for a ward area. It clearly reflects population requirements, but has no other obvious merits as far as I can see.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*