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Good afternoon

Whilst I have assisted in submitting a proposal on behalf of Cumbria Conservatives I wanted to email to express a personal preference for single member wards in Carlise, in response to the further draft consultation.

[REDACTED] I found that such arrangements can dilute accountability and often leave residents unsure about who to contact for support or representation. They also were viewed locally as eliciting 'too many councillors'.

Single?member wards of 3,900 (give or take) electors would provide clearer lines of responsibility and make it easier for residents to understand who is directly accountable for their area, and for their councillor to engage with them over a 4 year term. I believe this structure would strengthen local representation and improve overall engagement.

Whilst I accept that multi-member wards exist in large urban cities such as Leeds and Birmingham, I feel that the particular size and concentration of services and population density in such areas would lend themselves better to this arrangement than they would in Carlisle, which is smaller in comparison. Creating multi-member wards of about 11,700 electors would create a challenge to a councillor who engage with on their own terms.

Thank you for giving this consideration.



Attached Documents:

None attached