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Dear Ms Kyle,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CARLISLE: WARDING ARRANGEMENTS

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has formally commenced an electoral review of Carlisle City Council. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the review and seek your views on future ward boundaries for the council.

The Commission is carrying out a review to deliver electoral equality for voters across the city. At present, some city councillors represent many more, or many fewer, electors than their colleagues elsewhere in the city. The review aims to correct those imbalances.

What is an electoral review?

The electoral review will recommend new electoral arrangements for Carlisle City Council. It will propose:

- The total number of councillors elected to the council in the future
- The number of wards
- The number of councillors representing each ward
- Ward boundaries
- Names of wards

For parishes, the review can recommend changes to the electoral arrangements of parish and town councils i.e. the number, names and boundaries of parish wards and the number of parish councillors for each parish ward. However, this is only in circumstances where the parished area is to be divided between wards. Even in these circumstances, the Commission will not normally recommend any change to the number of councillors to be elected to a parish or town council. The Commission has no power to consider changes to the external boundaries of a parish or the creation of new parishes.

When?

27 February 2018 is the start of a 10-week public consultation during which the Commission is inviting proposals for new warding arrangements. The consultation will close on 7 May 2018. After considering all representations made during this consultation, the Commission intends to publish draft recommendations in August 2018. There will then be a further period of consultation on the draft recommendations. Final recommendations are expected to be published in November 2018. The new electoral arrangements will come into effect at the local elections in 2019.

How to get involved?

This is a public consultation and we welcome views from individuals and organisations across the city on where they think new ward patterns should be drawn.

The Commission is minded to recommend that 39 councillors should be elected to Carlisle City Council in the future. It is now inviting proposals to help it draw up a pattern of wards to accommodate 39 city councillors.

In drawing up a pattern of electoral wards, the Commission must balance three legal criteria, namely:

- To deliver electoral equality, where each city councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the city.
- That the pattern of wards should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.
- That the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.

We are asking local people and organisations for their views as to the best pattern of wards for the city which meet the requirements set out above. We encourage local organisations and parish councils to engage their local networks and communities in the review.

The Commission will treat all submissions equally and will judge each case on its merits and against the legal criteria. If you wish to put forward a view, we would also urge you to ensure that evidence supports your submission. For example, if you wish to argue that two parishes should be included in the same electoral ward, make sure you tell the Commission why they should be together, providing evidence about community facilities, ties, organisations, and amenities, rather than simply asserting that they belong together.

There is more advice on our website, at www.lgbce.org.uk, about how you can get involved in the consultation. Our website features technical guidance that explains the process and our policies, as well as guidance on how to take part in each part of the process. We have set up a page on our website which is dedicated to the review

of Carlisle, where you can find all the relevant information.

Get in touch

View interactive maps of the current ward boundaries across the city, draw your own boundaries, mark areas of interest, upload documents and have your say, on our specialist consultation portal at: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>.

Find out more about the review at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

Email your views to: reviews@lgbce.org.uk.

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This phase of consultation closes on **7 May 2018**. We will write to you again when we open our consultation on draft recommendations.

Please note that in the interest of transparency, copies of all representations we receive during this review will be placed on our website. We remove any personal identifying information, such as signatures and private residential addresses, prior to placing any submissions in the public domain.

Yours sincerely

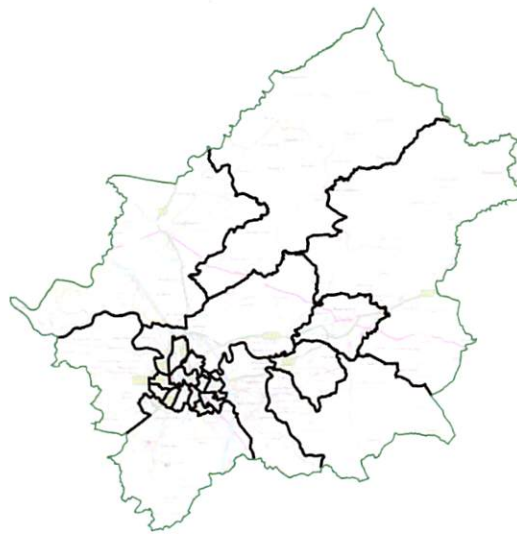


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Carlisle Council Electoral Review



Tell us what you think

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking for your views on its electoral review of Carlisle City Council. The review will agree new council ward boundaries across the city.

- Do you have suggestions about where your ward boundaries should be?
- Where do people in your area go to access local facilities, such as shops and leisure activities?
- Which areas do you identify as your local community?

**The consultation
closes on 7 May
2018**

Your opinion matters

For more information and interactive maps, visit:
consultation.lgbce.org.uk and www.lgbce.org.uk.

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