

Westmorland and Furness

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Comment text:

The current council set up makes it geographically difficult to represent an area north of and including Penrith and very close to Carlisle. As a resident I feel disenfranchised with very few services relevant or working for us.

Planning- the area has a nutrient neutrality area in common with former Carlisle and in such a small area to have officers clearly unable to create a clear policy across this area within the two councils is causing a drag on the local economy. Had these areas been in one council it could have mitigated problems with a clear single response.

The Westmorland planning department is clearly not able to cope with the problems in its area.

Highways- despite many calls to WaF highways department drainage in our area north of Penrith have had no maintenance causing flooding for the past 10 months at least. It is clear that this council.

Bins- The service in the area north of Penrith has no wheelie bins and large areas without green waste bins. This is not an equitable service.

The area north of Penrith is not prioritised by this current council and these wards should move to Cumberland where they have closer geographical and historical links.

It is clear that the current Council does not prioritise services in this area (as shown by examples above). If this Council claims this is not the case then this Council is failing to provide its basic statutory services across the council area despite prioritising some non statutory services in other areas (e.g. The Forum in Barrow)

As an aside an area the size of WaF should have half as many elected members with larger wards and more input from Parish level.

Attached Documents:

None attached