Response
Thank you for sending the Notice of Review and schedule regarding the statutory polling district review being conducted in part of the Barrow and Furness parliamentary constituency.
I have reviewed the schedule of polling districts and polling places, as well as feedback we received from the recent UK Parliamentary election. I support the recommendations in the schedule that the current arrangements are satisfactory and no changes are required to any polling districts or polling places in the Barrow and Furness parliamentary constituency.
The entries for the following are correct. Papcastle, Greysouthen and Distington
Councillors are in support of all Polling places listed in Egremont wards, with the exception of the Masonic Hall, Bookwell, Egremont, CA22 2LS for the following reasons: Councillors feel that the Masonic Hall is not a suitable facility for voters as the terrain is not suitable for wheelchairs or prams, there is not sufficient wheelchair access. Councillors also suggested Egremont Market Hall as another alternative polling station.
Polling station at Denton Holme - The caravan provided for voters in Lorne Crescent, and if I'm not mistaken, Richardson Street also, are not suitable for wheel-chair users. They are generally cramped.
I am in support of retaining The Keekle Village Hall, Keekle as a Polling Station because; It is clearly visible from the main Whitehaven/ Cleator Moor road. Access to Parking, Bus Stop and with walking distance for residents of Keekle, Summergrove and Mill Hill areas. The Village Hall is a well known local landmark which has recently been renovated to the latest building regulations and standards and is well maintained incorporating; Outdoor lighting, Automatic main door, Disabled Access, Toilet facilities and Central Heating. Making the Community Building suitable for use as a Polling Station
I have raised this issue before re voting station for Stainburn ward Workington and my group of elderly voters ask me again to raise this issue The station is at the Helenor Thompson museum Park End Road which is not very assessable for us elderly voters or even younger voters on foot and If you still drive a vehicle you have to park on Curwen Hall car park and then attempt to cross a very busy main road A66? with it's very busy junction with Park End Road You can be there for 15 minutes attempting to cross One day some person probably elderly will be seriously hurt or killed on that road/junction and you will be held accountable Don't tell us that you can park on the limited car spaces at the museum they are always full with staff at the voting station or museum Pleade sort it out the station isn't even in Stainburn ward i believe I know it will be cheaper to use those premises but what counts most a person's life or costs,?
Having looked at the list I would like the polling station at Ellenborough Social Club reinstated as the number of those resident on Hillside has declined dramatically, especially those elderly or disabled. I have spoken with many residents who complain that they cannot reach Ashby Street Church Rooms.

Councillor	I have already after the GE made a complaint regarding the Polling Station in Market Square Club The step into the actual station is very steep, and the interior of the station quite dark. I struggled with two crutches to get down into the actual station and with the darkness of the room it is difficult for people suffering early dementia issues to understand where they are making it difficult to clearly understand the layout of the room. Top of Ellenborough area is not served very well to undertake polling People have to walk to Netherton church and again have to walk up this steep hill Need possibly a mobile polling station in that area. People in Lawson street and thereabouts have to walk to Settlement!!! Very Steep hill. Suggest use of Town Hall where possible and Sea Cadets for Down Street and Ritson Wharf
Councillor	I'm assuming that the new layout at the MAC (former Wave Centre will still be suitable as a polling station?