

## Community Governance Review (CGR)

### Response from Helsington Parish Council May 2019

Helsington Parish Council agrees that parish councils play an important role in community empowerment at a local level.

In order to ensure any future changes to our Parish Council bring about improvements to community engagement and cohesion plus efficiency in the delivery of local services we propose the following recommendations. These have been based on the expected outcomes in:

1. Guidance on Community Reviews (GCR) published by Local Government Boundary Commission March 2010
2. Background for Community Governance Review (CGR) published by South Lakeland District Council

RECOMMENDATION	GCR / CGR CRITERIA
1. Parish boundary to be wholly within the National Park Boundary	1. This would ensure effective and convenient implementation of planning regulations
2. Currently our parish straddles the A591. In order to remove this physical barrier in the parish we recommend the areas east of A591 should be relocated to councils such as Natland and Kendal	2. This would support closer alignment to local communities thereby improving community cohesion.
3. Properties on the Moss and Barrowfield, e.g. Barrowfield Farm, Quiggins Field and Low Plain, which are currently part of Underbarrow Parish, to be re-designated to Helsington Parish.	3. Would support greater integration and community cohesion.

This review gives us the opportunity to put in place strong boundaries that are closely aligned to geographical/natural locations and administrative organisations such as The National Park.

Given the review aims to ensure that the parishes reflect community identity and interest and are viable as administrative units, Helsington Parish Council believes that there would not be any gains in joining groups of parishes together. We firmly believe that with the proposals outlined above a new parish of 150 - 200 electors with 7 Parish Councillors that is centred on Brigsteer

would be the most effective and appropriate model in meeting the aims and outcomes of the review at both a local and national level.