

Somerset

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Related subject: Emborough

Emborough Parish is currently served by 2 councillors, who do an amazing job. We are very concerned if you reduce our number of councillors or give them a wider area to cover - currently they are stretched working together to cover the large geographical area. In towns and cities, it is easy for councillors to see their parishioners as have little distance to travel, but rural councillors have a huge area to cover and also with many parishes and meetings to cover as well as the distance - they often may have several meetings in an evening and try and split this between them so that they can get to as many meetings as possible. A loss of one councillor or increasing their area would be disastrous for us and other rural parishes.

The other concern is that a reduction in numbers of councillors will also give the remaining ones a huge burden of paperwork and meetings related to their region - we have a larger number of more complex planning applications and also larger applications (housing estates etc) in rural areas, meaning more work than town/city councillors.

Attached Documents:

None attached