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We welcome this boundary review consultation and are pleased to share our thoughts on the future of the Council Boundaries.

Making Sure Each Councillor Can Focus on Their Ward

We believe single-seat wards would best serve our communities. They would afford better representation to the public. They allow a single councillor to focus in depth on serving a smaller population compared with a multi-seat ward. Single-seat wards would also make that councillor more accountable to the voters who elected them. Where possible this should be the approach taken.

Ensuring Communities Are Well Represented

In general, the aim should be to put similar areas into the same ward while avoiding combining very different areas into one ward. This is because different communities can have very different needs. For example, the needs of people in rural areas are often different to the needs of people in urban areas. It is therefore important to ensure both communities have a voice rather than putting them into a single ward.

Finally, we note local people know their communities best. We are pleased to see the Local Government Boundary Commission engaging with the public through this consultation. We hope they will carefully consider all responses.

Attached Documents:

None attached