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Dear Review Team,

I attach for your consideration an alternative scheme to that submitted by the Dorset Council. The proposal is explained in two files, a Word document and an Excel spreadsheet. You may find when you come to open them that you will need to obtain a passkey as both are save on the Dorset Council's One Drive Server. I should be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this email and confirm that you have been able to open both attached files.

I am copying this email to Jacqui Andrews, Dorset Council's Democratic and Electoral Services Manager, who I understand will be in touch with the review team to make them aware of the delivery of this alternative scheme.

Yours sincerely,

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Attached Documents:

- a-new-warding-structure-for-dorset-council_x---copy.docx
- robin_wards---copy.xlsx

A NEW WARDING STRUCTURE FOR DORSET COUNCIL

Background

At their meeting on 10th February Dorset Council supported a proposal to seek a new warding arrangement which would maintain a council size of 82 members. A cross-party working group supported by officers from the Democratic Services unit were charged with finding a scheme that would deliver that intention. On the 31st March the working group considered a proposal for an 83 member authority. It met on two further occasions in April but the report to the meeting of the Council on the 14th May was silent about why the proposal for an 83 member authority was not pursued. Nevertheless members overwhelmingly endorsed a proposal for an 84 member authority for submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

The challenge of finding an appropriate council size

It can be seen from the table below of the main settlements within the Dorset area that finding a number of electors as a base for constructing wards of near equivalent size was an impossible task. No common multiple can be found as a quota upon which to build wards. To make matters worse some polling districts in the urban area are much larger than any conceivable quota. Verwood Dewlands South VER2 is a good example with an electorate of 5449. It is surround by other polling districts of 1028, 3494 and 1511 in size. Perhaps a review of polling districts in the urban areas is long overdue.

Town Council	2032 electorate	Number of councillors based on 3931 quota
Blandford	8543	2.2
Bridport	12130	3.1
Chickerell	5795	1.5
Corfe Mullen	8453	2.2
Dorchester	18093	4.6
Ferndown	14863	3.8
Gillingham	10787	2.7
Lychett Minster and Upton	7066	1.8
Lyme Regis	3115	0.8
Portland	9899	2.5
Shaftesbury	7458	1.9
Sherborne	7892	2.0
Sturminster Newton	3994	1.0
Swanage	8297	2.1
Wareham	4866	1.2
West Moors	6493	1.7
Weymouth	43715	11.1
Wimborne	8468	2.2

The inevitable conclusion is that some of these town council areas will need to be divided across wards and in some cases joined with neighbouring related parishes to achieve a degree of electoral equality. Although a case can be made for allowing divergence from the electoral quota where there is strong community identity this should not result in some parts of the council area being under or over represented in the chamber.

Both the Weymouth area and the urban area centred on Ferndown are presently over represented by one additional member each than would be expected in a council of 82 members. An analysis of the existing ward structure shows that if the council area is divided into a north western sector and a south eastern sector¹ then there is a disparity of representation of nearly four members between the two sectors. Using the present 2026 electorates the north west is under represented by 1.75 members (6875 electors) and the south east is over represented by 1.80 members (7109 electors). Any new warding arrangement for Dorset should seek to remedy this inequality.

Design of the new warding arrangements

My approach to preparing a new warding structure was to seek a model based on the existing familiar wards but with a preference for reducing the number of multi member wards where possible. I have also endeavoured to produce assemblies of polling districts which are coherent in terms of identity. In a few cases this has meant that some parish groups have been divided between wards but this is already the case with the current warding structure and is also true for the authority's own proposal for an 84 member authority.

I began by looking for a warding arrangement for the Dorset area excluding Weymouth, Portland and Chickerell. Based on a quota of 3931 electors, that would have created a warding arrangement electing 67 members. However, on working systematically across the area and beginning in those areas where there had been the greatest divergence from the quota, namely the Gillingham Ward and the Stalbridge and Marnhull Ward, I found that nearly all wards were closer to a quota of 3980 electors than 3931. As a result, I have produced and submit for your consideration a proposal for 66 members elected from 49 wards in that area.

If I have time before the deadline date of the 1st June I hope to submit a scheme for 15 members elected from the Weymouth, Portland and Chickerell areas. It is my belief that an 81 member authority has in the arrangement I have proposed much better electoral equality, with fewer outliers, and at least as good community identity as presently exists and better than the authority's proposal for 84 wards.

¹ The boundary between those sectors following ward boundaries runs from Verwood in the east to Dorchester in the west and then on to Bridport, with the first two towns lying in the SE sector and Bridport in the NW sector.

My new warding arrangement is set out in a spreadsheet which accompanies this file. The new wards are listed in a geographic order beginning in the west at Lyme Regis and moving clockwise around the council area before ending at Dorchester. In the Dorset Council area excluding Weymouth, Portland and Chickerell, 66 members would be elected in 49 wards. There are 2 three member wards, 13 two member wards and 34 single member wards. By way of comparison the existing warding arrangement for the same area also elects 66 members but from 44 wards: 4 three member wards, 14 two member wards and 26 single member wards.

The two outlier wards in my proposal are Lyme and Charmouth Ward at 6.9% over the quota of 3980 and the Crossways and Knightsford Ward at 5.8% under quota. Forty one of my proposed wards have a variance of less than 5% with just 8 at or above 5%. The Commission will note that Dorset Council's proposal for an 84 member authority justifies significant departures from a quota of 3837 on the basis of securing effective community representation. In particular Blandford comes in at 12.5% above and Portland at 14.0% below quota. In all 5 wards exceeding a 10% variance.

Notes on specific wards in my proposed scheme

Where it seemed sensible, I have used existing ward names, particularly where most of the original polling districts are retained in that ward. In the case of new wards, I have chosen names which acknowledge the larger settlements contained in them. In general terms I think the choice of names is a secondary issue when compared to electoral equality and community identity.

Lyme and Charmouth. The existing ward is unchanged. Lyme Regis is too small to justify electing a councillor in its own right and Charmouth is the nearest and most obvious addition in terms of community of interest.

Marshwood / Beaminster. I have equalised these two wards by the transfer of Stoke Abbott Parish. The centre of that community is located less than two miles from the heart of Beaminster. These wards could remain unchanged if the separation of Stoke Abbott from the Upper Marshwood Vale Group was thought undesirable.

The Bradpole, Bridport and West Bay group. I have disaggregated the three member Bridport ward and created three new wards electing four councillors. Bridport as a town council area only came into existence at the election in May 2024 by taking in the neighbouring parishes of Bradpole, Walditch and Bothenhampton. Bradpole sits to the north of historic Bridport and is well connected with the Netherbury Group of parishes by the A3066 which links with Beaminster. Likewise West Bay and Burton Bradstock have shared community interests as coastal holiday locations.

Chesil Bank. As a ward significantly below quota I have added two polling districts from Eggardon Ward and two from the Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward to bring it close to a quota of 3980.

Eggardon. Five polling districts have been removed as earlier noted and three added from the Charminster St Mary's Ward. Frampton, Stratton and Bradford Peverell the latter two lying on the A37 are a natural extension to the Frome valley communities of Maiden Newton and Cattistock.

Chalk Valleys / Yetminster. The division of the Charminster St Mary's Ward has resulted in the inclusion of polling district CHM2 within the ward and in turn polling districts in this ward to the east have been reallocated to Hazelbury Bryan and Milton Abbas Ward and the Puddletown Ward. CHM2 although part of the Charminster Parish Council area is geographically separate from the village of Charminster which lies close to Dorchester. CHM2 known locally as Charlton Down is a major residential development located on the site an old Victorian Mental Hospital and sits at the end of the Cerne Valley. YET 7, 9 and 10 have also been added to reduce the size of Yetminster Ward whilst keeping Chalk Valleys within 3% of quota. The Yetminster polling districts comprise the whole of the High Stoy Group and are all within the Dorchester DT2 postcode area.

Stalbridge / Sherborne Rural. The Stalbridge and Marnhull Ward would have seen the greatest increase in electors by 2032 so I have therefore separated those two communities into separate single member wards. I have added the polling district of Purse Caundle SHR17 as well as three from the Blackmore Vale Ward. This has the advantage of reducing the size of Sherborne Rural Ward. Purse Caundle is separated from Sherborne town by Milborne Port in Somerset and is only a short distance, about three miles by road, from Stalbridge.

Hazelbury Bryan and Milton Abbas. Although formed from an assemblage of four existing wards these parishes in the centre of Dorset have strong shared interests as rural settlements away from main centres where a wide range of services can be accessed.

Marnhull and the Stours / Gillingham. The separation of Marnhull from Stalbridge has permitted the reconfiguration of the old Gillingham Ward into three new wards electing four councillors.

Shaftesbury East / Shaftesbury West and Cann. The size of the old Shaftesbury ward lends itself to being separated into two new single member wards with the natural addition of Cann BEC2 to meet the desired quota.

Beacon. Is reduced in size, losing polling districts to Hill Forts as a result of the addition of Motcombe GIL11 previously part of the Gillingham Ward. Nevertheless, it is within 62 electors of the desired quota.

Hill Forts. Loses the large polling district of Pimperne HIL7 to the new ward of The Tarrants but gains four polling districts from Beacon Ward and the village of Shillingstone BLK8 which is located on the A37 leading to Durweston and is close to the neighbouring village of Child Okeford HIL3.

Blandford South and St Mary. The present Blandford Ward is 10% over size so I have taken this opportunity to create a single member ward for Blandford North and a two member ward incorporating the historic centre of the town with the expanding urban area to the south comprising Bryanston, Blandford St Mary, and Charlton Marshall the latter being just one and half miles from the town boundary.

The Tarrants / Sixpenny Handley and Holt. The present wards of Cranborne Chase and Cranborne and Alderholt both diverged to a significant extent from the norm. The first being 13% under and the second 10% over a quota of 3931. The inclusion of the neighbouring Stour and Allen Vale Ward at 3% over quota assisted in finding a solution here. I have reconfigured those three wards. First by removing Woodlands Parish CRA5 from Cranborne and Alderholt to take it within 2% of quota. The rearrangement of Cranborne Chase and Stour and Allen Vale means that the Vale of Allen Parish Council remains separated between the two new wards but in a different way from the division made by the present wards. The addition of Spetisbury WIN3 to complete the Tarrants is justified by its close proximity to Tarrant Crawford CRC7 and Shapwick STA7.

Verwood to Wimborne West and Colehill. The piecing together of polling districts in this south east urban area was particularly challenging. Currently the area is comprised in 8 wards electing 16 members to represent an electorate (2032 projection) of 59,453. Dividing by a quota of 3931 gives a requirement for 15.1 members or if a quota of 3980 is used then 14.9 members would be appropriate. Either way a reduction by 1 member is needed here. My rearrangement reduces the number of wards from 8 to 7. One 3 member ward Verwood (unchanged from the existing) and 6 two member wards. The polling district for Three Legged Cross WMT1 (part of Verwood Town Council area) is now coupled with the parish of St Leonards and St Ives in place of being part of the ward containing West Moors Town Council. Since the Ferndown Council area is the largest in that urban area with nearly 15,000 inhabitants it is inevitable that the polling districts of Ferndown will be dismembered in some way. I have therefore paired Ferndown Central North FEN4 with West Moors WMT2 and 3 where it replaces WMT1. West Parley currently a single member ward is then absorbed by the two Ferndown Links polling districts FES2 and 3, which are separated from the rest of Ferndown by the A348, to make a new two member ward. The remaining Ferndown Central polling districts FEN1 , 2 and 3 are joined by Hampreston and Longham FES1 to create a new two member

ward. The Staplehill area FEN5 is then added to the Wimborne and Colehill areas to achieve the required quota of 3980 and create a reconfigured arrangements of those polling districts into 2 two member wards.

Corfe Mullen. This ward remains unchanged and comprises the whole of the Corfe Mullen Town Council area.

Lychett Matravers and Upton. The existing ward is 1,191 (10%) under a quota of 3931. I have therefore added Sturminster Marshall STA8 a parish of 1,578 electors to achieve better electoral equality. Sturminster Marshall relates well to Lychett Matravers which lies three miles to the south and to Upton by the A350.

Wareham. The present ward loses WAH2 Trigon to the new Bere Regis Ward. Although WAH2 is part of the Wareham St Martin Parish it is quite distinct from WAH3 Holton Heath and WAH4 Sandford areas which are also comprised in that parish.

Swanage North / Swanage South. I have divided the existing two member ward into two single member wards but it could remain as a two member ward.

Purbeck. This ward, mostly the existing South East Purbeck Ward, also takes in three polling districts from the West Purbeck Ward to create a consistent block of parishes leading westward along the coast.

Wool and Bovington. Wool and Bovington is a natural pairing of polling districts WPU10, 11, 12 and 13 with the addition of East Stoke SEP6.

Bere Regis. Bere Regis village forms the central point of this new ward, an assembly of 9 polling districts formed predominantly from the existing West Purbeck and Puddletown and Lower Winterborne wards.

Puddletown. This ward is formed from the remaining PUD polling districts with the addition of four from the Chalk Valleys ward CHK4, 5, 8 and 11. The first three of these form a natural corridor of parishes from Dewlish north to Cheselbourne and Melcombe Horsey. The last, CHK11 Piddlehinton, is part of the Piddle Valey Parish Group but its severance is justified by virtue of its proximity to Puddletown.

Crossways. The new arrangement of polling districts here follows a natural corridor of development from Dorchester and includes the whole of the Knightsford group of parishes and Moreton village which is already naturally paired with Crossways as the railway station is located there.

Martinstown and Broadmayne. These are the remaining polling districts of the Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward. The following polling districts have been removed. WIB2 Nightingale Drive (Upwey) and WIB15 Plaisters are anomalous areas within the area of Weymouth Town Council and should be allocated to a formulation of wards for Weymouth town. WIB8 and 13 together form the Winterbourne Abbas and

Winterbourne Steepleton Group Parish which have been reallocated to Chesil Bank. WIB4, 5, 6 and 14 are the Knightsford Parish Group now paired with Crossways. The original ward was 13% above quota and the removal of these districts with the addition of the remnant of the original Crossways Ward CRO2, 3, 4 and 5 and Chaldon Herring WPU4 and Winfrith Newburgh WPU9 bring the new ward within 62 electors (1.6%) of quota.

Dorchester. Two of the three wards have been reconfigured from an east – west split to a division made between north and south. The new northern ward being under sized has had CHM3 Charminster South and CHM5 Stinsford added. Both lie within a mile and half of the town centre and are identified for a major northward expansion of Dorchester in the emerging Local Plan.

WARD NAME	POLLING DISTRICT	PARISH	PARISH WARD	GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL	EXISTING WARD	ELECTORATE 2026	ELECTORATE 2032	NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS	WARD ELECTORATE	VARIATION FROM QUOTA	% VARIANCE	
Lyme and Charmouth	LYC1 - Charmouth	Charmouth Parish	<None>		Lyme and Charmouth Ward	1,062	1,141					
	LYC2 - Lyme Regis (East)	Lyme Regis Town Council	<None>		Lyme and Charmouth Ward	1,868	1,981					
	LYC3 - Lyme Regis (West)	Lyme Regis Town Council	<None>		Lyme and Charmouth Ward	1,050	1,134	1	4,256	276	7%	
Marshwood Vale	MAR1 - Bettiscombe	Bettiscombe Parish	<None>	Upper Marshwood Vale Parish Council	Marshwood Vale Ward	39	46					
	MAR10 - Seaborough	Seaborough Parish	<None>	Broadwindsor Parish Council	Marshwood Vale Ward	48	52					
	MAR11 - Stanton St Gabriel	Stanton St Gabriel Parish	<None>	Char Valley Parish Council	Marshwood Vale Ward	81	82					
	MAR13 - Thorncombe	Thorncombe Parish	<None>		Marshwood Vale Ward	554	611					
	MAR14 - Whitchurch Canonicorum North	Whitchurch Canonicorum Parish	Whitchurch Canonicorum Parish - Whitchurch Canonicorum North Ward	Char Valley Parish Council	Marshwood Vale Ward	332	344					
	MAR15 - Whitchurch Canonicorum South	Whitchurch Canonicorum Parish	Whitchurch Canonicorum Parish - Whitchurch Canonicorum South Ward	Whitchurch Parish Council	Marshwood Vale Ward	256	282					
	MAR16 - Wootton Fitzpaine	Wootton Fitzpaine Parish	<None>	Char Valley Parish Council	Marshwood Vale Ward	277	297					
	MAR2 - Broadwindsor	Broadwindsor Parish	Broadwindsor Parish - Broadwindsor Ward	Broadwindsor Parish Council	Marshwood Vale Ward	566	647					
	MAR3 - Drimpton	Broadwindsor Parish	Broadwindsor Parish - Drimpton Ward	Broadwindsor Parish Council	Marshwood Vale Ward	409	428					
	MAR4 - Blackdown	Broadwindsor Parish	Broadwindsor Parish - Blackdown Ward	Broadwindsor Parish Council	Marshwood Vale Ward	167	178					
	MAR5 - Burstock	Burstock Parish	<None>	Broadwindsor Parish Council	Marshwood Vale Ward	94	106					
	MAR6 - Catherston Leweston	Parish Meeting of Catherston Leweston	<None>		Marshwood Vale Ward	34	38					
	MAR7 - Chideock	Chideock Parish	<None>		Marshwood Vale Ward	487	535					
	MAR8 - Marshwood	Marshwood Parish	<None>	Upper Marshwood Vale Parish Council	Marshwood Vale Ward	274	276					
	MAR9 - Pilsdon	Pilsdon Parish	<None>	Upper Marshwood Vale Parish Council	Marshwood Vale Ward	29	29	1	3,951	-29	-1%	
	Beaminster	BEM1 - Beaminster	Beaminster Town Council	<None>		Beaminster Ward	2,534	2,832				
BEM2 - Chedington		<None>	<None>		Beaminster Ward	72	75					
BEM3 - Mapperton		Parish Meeting of Mapperton	<None>		Beaminster Ward	18	20					
BEM4 - Mosterton		Mosterton Parish	<None>		Beaminster Ward	626	656					
BEM5 - South Perrott		South Perrott Parish	<None>		Beaminster Ward	194	207					
MAR12 - Stoke Abbott		Stoke Abbott Parish	<None>	Upper Marshwood Vale Parish Council	Marshwood Vale Ward	169	186	1	3,976	-4	0%	
Bradpole and Netherbury	BRD4 - Bradpole	Bridport Town Council	Bridport Town Council - Bradpole Ward		Bridport Ward	2,543	2,693					
	EGA10 - Melplash Area	Netherbury Parish	<None>		Eggardon Ward	200	214					
	EGA11 - Netherbury Village Area	Netherbury Parish	<None>		Eggardon Ward	338	360					
	EGA12 - Salway Ash Area	Netherbury Parish	<None>		Eggardon Ward	491	540	1	3,807	-173	-4%	
Bridport Town and Symondsbury	BRD5 - Bridport Central	Bridport Town Council	Bridport Town Council - Bridport Central Ward		Bridport Ward	1,223	1,319					
	BRD6 - Bridport Central	Bridport Town Council	Bridport Town Council - Bridport Central Ward		Bridport Ward	1,354	1,414					
	BRD7 - Bridport West and Allington	Bridport Town Council	Bridport Town Council - Bridport West and Allington Ward		Bridport Ward	2,045	2,158					
	BRD8 - Bridport West and Allington	Bridport Town Council	Bridport Town Council - Bridport West and Allington Ward		Bridport Ward	959	1,476					
	BRD9 - Symondsbury	Symondsbury Parish	<None>		Bridport Ward	854	1,360	2	7,727	-233	-3%	
West Bay and Burton Bradstock	BRD1 - Bridport West Bay	Bridport Town Council	Bridport Town Council - West Bay Ward		Bridport Ward	1,006	1,056					
	BRD2 - Bothenhampton and Walditch	Bridport Town Council	Bridport Town Council - Bothenhampton and Walditch Ward		Bridport Ward	1,286	1,430					
	BRD3 - Bothenhampton and Walditch	Bridport Town Council	Bridport Town Council - Bothenhampton and Walditch Ward		Bridport Ward	548	584					
	CHB3 - Burton Bradstock	Burton Bradstock Parish	<None>		Chesil Bank Ward	784	847	1	3,917	-63	-2%	
Chesil Bank	CHB1 - Abbotsbury	Abbotsbury Parish	<None>	Chesil Bank Parish Council	Chesil Bank Ward	345	360					
	CHB2 - Abbotsbury (Rodden Area)	Abbotsbury Parish	<None>		Chesil Bank Ward	42	41					
	CHB4 - Chilcombe	Parish Meeting of Chilcombe	<None>		Chesil Bank Ward	11	12					
	CHB5 - Fleet	Fleet Parish	<None>	Chesil Bank Parish Council	Chesil Bank Ward	72	78					
	CHB6 - Kingston Russell	Long Bredy and Kingston Russell Parish	<None>		Chesil Bank Ward	34	36					
	CHB7 - Langton Herring	Langton Herring Parish	<None>	Chesil Bank Parish Council	Chesil Bank Ward	127	136					
	CHB8 - Littlebredy	Parish Meeting of Littlebredy	<None>		Chesil Bank Ward	55	64					
	CHB9 - Litton Cheney	Litton Cheney Parish	<None>		Chesil Bank Ward	289	305					
	CHB10 - Long Bredy	Long Bredy and Kingston Russell Parish	<None>		Chesil Bank Ward	143	159					
	CHB11 - Portesham	Portesham Parish	<None>	Chesil Bank Parish Council	Chesil Bank Ward	575	628					
	CHB12 - Bexington Ward	Puncknowle Parish	Puncknowle Parish - Bexington Ward		Chesil Bank Ward	95	106					
	CHB13 - Puncknowle Ward	Puncknowle Parish	Puncknowle Parish - Puncknowle Ward		Chesil Bank Ward	257	269					
	CHB14 - Swyre	Swyre Parish	<None>		Chesil Bank Ward	92	100					
	CHB15 - Shipton Gorge	Shipton Gorge Parish	<None>		Chesil Bank Ward	336	350					
	EGA1 - Askerswell	Parish Meeting of Askerswell	<None>		Eggardon Ward	135	140					
	EGA8 - Loders	Loders Parish	<None>		Eggardon Ward	425	456					
	WIB8 - Winterbourne Abbas	Winterbourne Abbas Parish	<None>	Winterbourne Abbas and Winterbourne Steepleton Parish Council	Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward	281	349					
	WIB13 - Winterbourne Steepleton	Winterbourne Steepleton Parish	<None>	Winterbourne Abbas and Winterbourne Steepleton Parish Council	Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward	207	236	1	3,825	-155	-4%	
	Eggardon	EGA2 - Cattistock	Cattistock Parish	<None>	Frome Valley Parish Council	Eggardon Ward	395	416				
		EGA3 - Chilfrome	Chilfrome Parish	<None>	Frome Valley Parish Council	Eggardon Ward	49	52				
EGA4 - Compton Valence		Compton Valence Parish	<None>	The Comptons Toller and Wynford Parish Council	Eggardon Ward	52	54					
EGA5 - Frome St Quintin		Frome St Quintin Parish	<None>	Frome Valley Parish Council	Eggardon Ward	134	142					
EGA6 - Frome Vauchurch		Frome Vauchurch Parish	<None>	Maiden Newton and Frome Vauchurch Parish Council	Eggardon Ward	162	172					
EGA7 - Hooke		Parish Meeting of Hooke	<None>		Eggardon Ward	104	120					
EGA9 - Maiden Newton		Maiden Newton Parish	<None>	Maiden Newton and Frome Vauchurch Parish Council	Eggardon Ward	817	874					
EGA13 - North Poorton		North Poorton Parish	<None>	Powerstock and North Poorton Parish Council	Eggardon Ward	12	15					
EGA14 - Powerstock		Powerstock Parish	<None>	Powerstock and North Poorton Parish Council	Eggardon Ward	289	307					
EGA15 - Rampisham		Parish Meeting of Rampisham	<None>		Eggardon Ward	97	101					
EGA16 - Toller Fratum		Toller Fratum Parish	<None>	The Comptons Toller and Wynford Parish Council	Eggardon Ward	12	11					
EGA17 - Toller Porcorum		Toller Porcorum Parish	<None>		Eggardon Ward	264	280					
EGA18 - West Compton		West Compton Parish	<None>	The Comptons Toller and Wynford Parish Council	Eggardon Ward	31	34					
EGA19 - Wraxall		Parish Meeting of Wraxall	<None>	The Comptons Toller and Wynford Parish Council	Eggardon Ward	26	27					
EGA20 - Wynford Eagle		Wynford Eagle Parish	<None>		Eggardon Ward	44	45					
CHM1 - Bradford Peverell		Bradford Peverell Parish	<None>		Charminster St Mary's Ward	317	329					
CHM4 - Frampton		Frampton Parish	<None>		Charminster St Mary's Ward	390	414					
CHM6 - Stratton		Stratton Parish	<None>		Charminster St Mary's Ward	499	529	1	3,922	-58	-1%	
Chalk Valleys		CHK1 - Alton Pancras	Alton Pancras Parish	<None>	Piddle Valley Parish Council	Chalk Valleys Ward	125	137				
		CHK2 - Buckland Newton	Buckland Newton Parish	<None>		Chalk Valleys Ward	567	597				
	CHK3 - Cerne Abbas	Cerne Abbas Parish	<None>	Cerne Valley Parish Council	Chalk Valleys Ward	657	707					
	CHK6 - Godmanstone	Godmanstone Parish	<None>	Cerne Valley Parish Council	Chalk Valleys Ward	124	128					
	CHK9 - Minterne Magna	Minterne Magna Parish	<None>		Chalk Valleys Ward	147	158					
	CHK10 - Nether Cerne	Nether Cerne Parish	<None>	Cerne Valley Parish Council	Chalk Valleys Ward	14	14					
	CHK12 - Piddletrenthide	Piddletrenthide Parish	<None>	Piddle Valley Parish Council	Chalk Valleys Ward	550	576					
	CHK13 - Sydling St Nicholas	Sydling St Nicholas Parish	<None>		Chalk Valleys Ward	356	386					
	CHK14 - Up Cerne	Up Cerne Parish	<None>	Cerne Valley Parish Council	Chalk Valleys Ward	8	7					
	CHM2 - Charminster North Ward	Charminster Parish	Charminster Parish - Charminster North Ward		Charminster St Mary's Ward	1,098	1,157					
	YET7 - Batcombe	Batcombe Parish	<None>	High Stoy Parish Council	Yetminster Ward	72	78					
	YET9 - Hilfield	Hilfield Parish	<None>	High Stoy Parish Council	Yetminster Ward	57	61					
	YET10 - Hermitage	Hermitage Parish	<None>	High Stoy Parish Council	Yetminster Ward	74	87	1	4,093	113	3%	
	Yetminster	YET1 - Corscombe	Corscombe Parish	<None>	Corscombe, Halstock and District Parish Council	Yetminster Ward	414	437				
		YET2 - West Chelborough	West Chelborough Parish	<None>	Corscombe, Halstock and District Parish Council	Yetminster Ward	23	27				
YET3 - East Chelborough		East Chelborough Parish	<None>	Corscombe, Halstock and District Parish Council	Yetminster Ward	38	40					
YET4 - Evershot		Evershot Parish	<None>		Yetminster Ward	176	178					
YET5 - Melbury Sampford		Parish Meeting of Melbury Sampford	<None>		Yetminster Ward	24	30					
YET6 - Melbury Bubb		Parish Meeting of Melbury Bubb	<None>		Yetminster Ward	58	61					
YET8 - Leigh		Leigh Parish	<None>		Yetminster Ward	414	443					
YET11 - Chetnole		Chetnole Parish	<None>	Chetnole and Stockwood Parish Council	Yetminster Ward	277	304					
YET12 - Holnest		Holnest Parish	<None>	Cam Vale Parish Council	Yetminster Ward	154	170					
YET13 - Longburton		Longburton Parish	<None>	Cam Vale Parish Council	Yetminster Ward	414	444					
YET14 - Leweston		Leweston Parish	<None>	Cam Vale Parish Council	Yetminster Ward	7	10					
YET15 - Lillington		Lillington Parish	<None>	Cam Vale Parish Council	Yetminster Ward	73	76					
YET16 - Yetminster		Yetminster Parish	<None>	Yetminster and Ryme Intrinseca Parish Council	Yetminster Ward	1,067	1,111					
YET17 - Ryme Intrinseca		Ryme Intrinseca Parish	<None>	Yetminster and Ryme Intrinseca Parish Council	Yetminster Ward	113	115					
YET18 - Melbury Osmond		Melbury Osmond Parish	<None>		Yetminster Ward	139	140					
YET19 - Stockwood		Stockwood Parish	<None>		Yetminster Ward	19	18					
YET20 - Halstock		Halstock Parish	<None>	Chetnole and Stockwood Parish Council	Yetminster Ward	431	459	1	4,063	83	2%	

Sherborne Rural	SHR1 - Beer Hackett	Beer Hackett Parish	<None>	Thornhackett Parish Council	Sherborne Rural Ward	86	88							
	SHR2 - Bishops Caundle	Bishop's Caundle Parish	<None>		Sherborne Rural Ward	355	376							
	SHR3 - Bradford Abbas	Bradford Abbas Parish	<None>		Sherborne Rural Ward	710	769							
	SHR4 - Castleton	Castleton Parish	<None>	Yeohead and Castleton Parish Council	Sherborne Rural Ward	106	111							
	SHR5 - Caundie Marsh	Parish Meeting of Caundie Marsh	<None>		Sherborne Rural Ward	48	53							
	SHR6 - Clifton Maybank	Parish Meeting of Clifton Maybank	<None>		Sherborne Rural Ward	48	46							
	SHR7 - Folke	Folke Parish	<None>		Sherborne Rural Ward	250	271							
	SHR8 - Glanvilles Wootton	Parish Meeting of Glanvilles Wootton	<None>		Sherborne Rural Ward	175	184							
	SHR9 - Goathill	Goathill Parish	<None>	Yeohead and Castleton Parish Council	Sherborne Rural Ward	16	16							
	SHR10 - Haydon	Parish Meeting of Haydon	<None>		Sherborne Rural Ward	36	37							
	SHR11 - Holwell	Holwell Parish	<None>		Sherborne Rural Ward	344	361							
	SHR12 - Nether Compton	Nether Compton Parish	<None>	Queen Thorne Parish Council	Sherborne Rural Ward	258	269							
	SHR13 - North Wootton	Parish Meeting of North Wootton	<None>		Sherborne Rural Ward	35	40							
	SHR14 - Osborne	Osborne Parish	<None>		Sherborne Rural Ward	76	87							
	SHR15 - Over Compton	Over Compton Parish	<None>	Yeohead and Castleton Parish Council	Sherborne Rural Ward	162	169							
	SHR16 - Poyntington	Poyntington Parish	<None>	Queen Thorne Parish Council	Sherborne Rural Ward	107	109							
	SHR18 - Sandford Orcas	Sandford Orcas Parish	<None>	Yeohead and Castleton Parish Council	Sherborne Rural Ward	150	153							
	SHR19 - Thornford	Thornford Parish	<None>	Thornhackett Parish Council	Sherborne Rural Ward	724	769							
	SHR20 - Trent	Trent Parish	<None>	Queen Thorne Parish Council	Sherborne Rural Ward	225	239	1	4,147	167	4%			
Sherborne East	SHE1 - Sherborne East	Sherborne Town Council	Sherborne Town Council - Sherborne East Ward	Sherborne East Ward	1,471	1,592								
	SHE2 - Sherborne East	Sherborne Town Council	Sherborne Town Council - Sherborne East Ward	Sherborne East Ward	1,887	2,039								
	SHE3 - Sherborne East	Sherborne Town Council	Sherborne Town Council - Sherborne East Ward	Sherborne East Ward	318	330	1	3,961	-19	0%				
Sherborne West	SHW1 - Sherborne West	Sherborne Town Council	Sherborne Town Council - Sherborne West Ward	Sherborne West Ward	634	641								
	SHW2 - Sherborne West	Sherborne Town Council	Sherborne Town Council - Sherborne West Ward	Sherborne West Ward	1,940	2,021								
	SHW3 - Sherborne West	Sherborne Town Council	Sherborne Town Council - Sherborne West Ward	Sherborne West Ward	1,152	1,269	1	3,931	-49	-1%				
Stalbridge	SLM2 - Stalbridge	Stalbridge Town Council	<None>	Stalbridge and Marnhull Ward	2,379	2,902								
	SLM3 - Stourton Caundle	Stourton Caundle Parish	<None>	Stalbridge and Marnhull Ward	341	372								
	SHR17 - Purse Caundle	Purse Caundle Parish	<None>	Sherborne Rural Ward	92	102								
	BLK1 - Fifehead Neville	Parish Meeting of Fifehead Neville	<None>	Blackmore Vale Ward	110	128								
	BLK4 - Lydlinch	Lydlinch Parish	<None>	Blackmore Vale Ward	366	387								
	BLK7 - Pulham	Parish Meeting of Pulham	<None>	Blackmore Vale Ward	210	215	1	4,106	126	3%				
Sturminster Newton	STN2 - Sturminster Newton	Sturminster Newton Town Council	<None>	Sturminster Newton Ward	3,375	3,994	1	3,994	14	0%				
Hazelbury Bryan and Milton Abbas	BLK2 - Hazelbury Bryan	Hazelbury Bryan Parish	<None>	Blackmore Vale Ward	873	926								
	BLK3 - Ibberton	Ibberton Parish	<None>	Blackmore Vale Ward	89	103								
	BLK5 - Mappowder	Parish Meeting of Mappowder	<None>	Blackmore Vale Ward	127	142								
	BLK6 - Okeford Fitzpaine	Okeford Fitzpaine Parish	<None>	Blackmore Vale Ward	871	978								
	BLK9 - Stoke Wake	Parish Meeting of Stoke Wake	<None>	Blackmore Vale Ward	43	46								
	BLK10 - Woolland	Parish Meeting of Woolland	<None>	Blackmore Vale Ward	60	62								
	PUD5 - Milton Abbas	Milton Abbas Parish	<None>	Puddletown and Lower Winterborne Ward	442	473								
	CHK7 - Hilton	Hilton Parish	<None>	Chalk Valleys Ward	406	428								
	WIN4 - Turnworth	Parish Meeting of Turnworth	<None>	Winterborne North Ward	43	43								
	WIN5 - Winterborne Clenston	Parish Meeting of Winterborne Clenston	<None>	Winterborne North Ward	27	30								
	WIN6 - Winterborne Houghton	Winterborne Houghton Parish	<None>	Winterborne North Ward	151	159								
	WIN7 - Winterborne Stickland	Winterborne Stickland Parish	<None>	Winterborne North Ward	476	513	1	3,903	-77	-2%				
	Marnhull and The Stours	SLM1 - Marnhull	Marnhull Parish	<None>	Stalbridge and Marnhull Ward	1,752	2,188							
GIL2 - Buckhorn Weston		Buckhorn Weston Parish	<None>	Gillingham Ward	286	303								
GIL3 - East Stour		East Stour Parish	<None>	The Stours Parish Council	466	490								
GIL10 - Kington Magna		Kington Magna Parish	<None>	Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council	301	321								
GIL13 - West Stour		West Stour Parish	<None>	The Stours Parish Council	181	185								
BEC5 - Fifehead Magdalen		Parish Meeting of Fifehead Magdalen	<None>	Gillingham Ward	76	80								
BEC16 - Todber		Todber Parish	<None>	Beacon Ward	125	133								
STN1 - Hinton St Mary		Hinton St Mary Parish	<None>	Sturminster Newton Ward	177	182	1	3,882	-98	-2%				
Gillingham Wyke and Bourton	GIL1 - Bourton	Bourton Parish	<None>	Gillingham Ward	770	828								
	GIL7 - Gillingham Wyke	Gillingham Town Council	Gillingham Town Council - Gillingham Wyke Ward	Gillingham Ward	2,583	2,672								
	GIL9 - Milton on Stour	Gillingham Town Council	Gillingham Town Council - Gillingham Milton on Stour Ward	Gillingham Ward	370	364								
	GIL12 - Silton	Parish Meeting of Silton	<None>	Gillingham Ward	95	103	1	3,967	-13	0%				
Gillingham Town	GIL4 - Gillingham Rural	Gillingham Town Council	Gillingham Town Council - Gillingham Rural Ward	Gillingham Ward	192	197								
	GIL5 - Gillingham Town	Gillingham Town Council	Gillingham Town Council - Gillingham Town North Ward	Gillingham Ward	3,322	3,320								
	GIL6 - Gillingham Town	Gillingham Town Council	Gillingham Town Council - Gillingham Town South Ward	Gillingham Ward	1,400	1,606								
	GIL8 - Gillingham Ham Ward	Gillingham Town Council	Gillingham Town Council - Gillingham Ham Ward	Gillingham Ward	1,269	2,628	2	7,751	-209	-3%				
Shaftesbury East	SAF1 - Shaftesbury East	Shaftesbury Town Council	Shaftesbury Town Council - Shaftesbury East Ward	Shaftesbury Town Ward	1,451	1,606								
	SAF2 - Shaftesbury East	Shaftesbury Town Council	Shaftesbury Town Council - Shaftesbury East Ward	Shaftesbury Town Ward	2,258	2,391	1	3,997	17	0%				
Shaftesbury West and Cann	SAF3 - Shaftesbury West	Shaftesbury Town Council	Shaftesbury Town Council - Shaftesbury West Ward	Shaftesbury Town Ward	3,249	3,461								
	BEC2 - Cann	Cann Parish	<None>	Beacon Ward	464	648	1	4,109	129	3%				
Beacon	BEC1 - Ashmore	Ashmore Parish	<None>	Beacon Ward	139	158								
	BEC3 - Compton Abbas	Compton Abbas Parish	<None>	Beacon Ward	174	183								
	BEC4 - East Orchard	East Orchard Parish	<None>	Beacon Ward	116	119								
	BEC6 - Fontmell Magna	Fontmell Magna Parish	<None>	Beacon Ward	633	645								
	BEC9 - Iwerne Minster	Iwerne Minster Parish	<None>	Beacon Ward	575	624								
	BEC12 - Margaret Marsh	Margaret Marsh Parish	<None>	Beacon Ward	37	39								
	BEC13 - Melbury Abbas	Melbury Abbas Parish	<None>	Beacon Ward	256	263								
	BEC14 - Stour Provost	Stour Provost Parish	<None>	Beacon Ward	469	503								
	BEC15 - Sutton Waldron	Sutton Waldron Parish	<None>	Beacon Ward	182	196								
	BEC17 - West Orchard	West Orchard Parish	<None>	Beacon Ward	61	60								
	GIL11 - Motcombe	Motcombe Parish	<None>	Gillingham Ward	1,059	1,128	1	3,918	-62	-2%				
	Hill Forts	HIL2 - Chettle	Chettle Parish	<None>	Hill Forts and Upper Tarrants Ward	75	74							
HIL3 - Child Okeford		Child Okeford Parish	<None>	Hill Forts and Upper Tarrants Ward	927	1,039								
HIL4 - Durweston		Durweston Parish	<None>	Hill Forts and Upper Tarrants Ward	289	307								
HIL5 - Farnham		Farnham Parish	<None>	Hill Forts and Upper Tarrants Ward	157	172								
HIL6 - Hanford		Parish Meeting of Hanford	<None>	Hill Forts and Upper Tarrants Ward	24	28								
HIL8 - Stourpaine		Stourpaine Parish	<None>	Hill Forts and Upper Tarrants Ward	504	523								
HIL9 - Tarrant Gunville		Tarrant Gunville Parish	<None>	Hill Forts and Upper Tarrants Ward	210	224								
HIL10 - Tarrant Hinton		Tarrant Hinton Parish	<None>	Hill Forts and Upper Tarrants Ward	143	158								
BEC7 - Hammoon		Hammoon Parish	<None>	Beacon Ward	41	43								
BEC8 - Iwerne Courtney (Shroton)		Iwerne Courtney (Shroton) Parish	<None>	Beacon Ward	340	354								
BEC10 - Iwerne Stepleton		Iwerne Stepleton Parish	<None>	Beacon Ward	13	13								
BEC11 - Manston		Manston Parish	<None>	Beacon Ward	131	148								
BLK8 - Shillingstone		Shillingstone Parish	<None>	Blackmore Vale Ward	866	933	1	4,016	36	1%				
Blandford North	BLN1 - Blandford Badbury Heights	Blandford Forum Town Council	Blandford Forum Town Council - Blandford Badbury Heights Ward	Blandford Ward	966	1,228								
	BLN4 - Blandford Hilltop	Blandford Forum Town Council	Blandford Forum Town Council - Blandford Hilltop Ward	Blandford Ward	892	1,135								
	BLN5 - Blandford Langton St Leonards	Blandford Forum Town Council	Blandford Forum Town Council - Blandford Langton St Leonards Ward	Blandford Ward	1,532	1,613	1	3,976	-4	0%				
Blandford South and St Mary	BLN2 - Blandford Central	Blandford Forum Town Council	Blandford Forum Town Council - Blandford Central Ward	Blandford Ward	1,412	1,515								
	BLN3 - Blandford Central	Blandford Forum Town Council	Blandford Forum Town Council - Blandford Central Ward	Blandford Ward	1,604	1,663								
	BLN6 - Blandford Old Town	Blandford Old Forum Town Council	Blandford Old Forum Town Council - Blandford Old Town Ward	Blandford Ward	1,411	1,479								
	HIL1 - Bryanston	Bryanston Parish	<None>	Hill Forts and Upper Tarrants Ward	315	447								
	WIN1 - Blandford St Mary	Blandford St Mary Parish	<None>	Winterborne North Ward	1,770	2,071								
	WIN2 - Charlton Marshall	Charlton Marshall Parish	<None>	Winterborne North Ward	1,064	1,079	2	8,254	294	4%				
	The Tarrants	CRC4 - Langton Long	Parish Meeting of Langton Long	<None>	Cranborne Chase Ward	81	95							
CRC7 - Tarrant Crawford		Tarrant Crawford Parish	<None>	Cranborne Chase Ward	21	23								

Sixpenny Handley and Holt	CRC8 - Tarrant Keyneston	Tarrant Keyneston Parish	<None>	South Tarrant Valley Parish Council	Cranborne Chase Ward	267	291	1	3,773	-207	-5%
	CRC9 - Tarrant Launceston Village	Tarrant Launceston Parish	<None>	Tarrant Monkton and Launceston Parish Council	Cranborne Chase Ward	49	59				
	CRC10 - Tarrant Launceston Camp	Tarrant Launceston Parish	<None>	Tarrant Monkton and Launceston Parish Council	Cranborne Chase Ward	146	156				
	CRC11 - Tarrant Monkton Camp	Tarrant Monkton Parish	<None>	Tarrant Monkton and Launceston Parish Council	Cranborne Chase Ward	389	466				
	CRC12 - Tarrant Rawston	Tarrant Rawston Parish	<None>	South Tarrant Valley Parish Council	Cranborne Chase Ward	43	44				
	CRC13 - Tarrant Rushton	Tarrant Rushton Parish	<None>	South Tarrant Valley Parish Council	Cranborne Chase Ward	62	67				
	CRC14 - Tarrant Monkton Village	Tarrant Monkton Parish	<None>	Vale of Allen Parish Council	Cranborne Chase Ward	98	107				
	CRC15 - Wiltchampton	Wiltchampton Parish	<None>	Pamphill and Shapwick Parish Council	Cranborne Chase Ward	308	326				
	STA6 - Pamphill	Pamphill Parish	<None>	Pamphill and Shapwick Parish Council	Stour and Allen Vale Ward	274	299				
	STA7 - Shapwick	Shapwick Parish	<None>	Pamphill and Shapwick Parish Council	Stour and Allen Vale Ward	134	147				
	STA9 - Wiltchampton	Wiltchampton Parish	<None>		Stour and Allen Vale Ward	9	7				
	STA10 - Wiltchampton	Wiltchampton Parish	<None>		Stour and Allen Vale Ward	22	14				
	HIL7 - Pimperne	Pimperne Parish	<None>		Hill Forts and Upper Tarrants Ward	908	1,165				
	WIN3 - Spetisbury	Spetisbury Parish	<None>		Winterborne North Ward	507					
Cranborne and Alderholt	CRC1 - Crichel	Crichel Parish	<None>	Vale of Allen Parish Council	Cranborne Chase Ward	202	217	1	4,225	245	6%
	CRC2 - Gussage All Saints	Gussage All Saints Parish	<None>	Vale of Allen Parish Council	Cranborne Chase Ward	184	189				
	CRC3 - Gussage St. Michael	Gussage St Michael Parish	<None>	Vale of Allen Parish Council	Cranborne Chase Ward	156	164				
	CRC5 - Pentridge	Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge Parish	Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge Parish - Pentridge Ward		Cranborne Chase Ward	157	168				
	CRC6 - Sixpenny Handley	Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge Parish	Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge Parish - Sixpenny Handley Ward		Cranborne Chase Ward	955	1,040				
	CRA5 - Woodlands	Woodlands Parish	<None>	Knowlton Parish Council	Cranborne and Alderholt Ward	405	432				
	STA1 - Chalbury	Chalbury Parish	<None>	Knowlton Parish Council	Stour and Allen Vale Ward	111	115				
	STA2 - Hinton	Hinton Parish	<None>	Vale of Allen Parish Council	Stour and Allen Vale Ward	329	349				
	STA3 - Holt	Holt Parish	Holt Parish - Holt Ward		Stour and Allen Vale Ward	1,120	1,182				
	STA4 - Horton	Horton Parish	<None>	Knowlton Parish Council	Stour and Allen Vale Ward	329	353				
	STA5 - Horton (Wedge Hill)	Horton Parish	<None>		Stour and Allen Vale Ward	13	16				
	CRA1 - Alderholt	Alderholt Parish	<None>		Cranborne and Alderholt Ward	2,520	2,799				
	CRA2 - Cranborne	Cranborne Parish	<None>	Cranborne and Edmondsham Parish Council	Cranborne and Alderholt Ward	561	596				
	CRA3 - Edmondsham	Edmondsham Parish	<None>	Cranborne and Edmondsham Parish Council	Cranborne and Alderholt Ward	165	173				
CRA4 - Wimborne St Giles	Wimborne St Giles Parish	<None>	Knowlton Parish Council	Cranborne and Alderholt Ward	307	317					
Verwood	VER1 - Verwood Dewlands North	Verwood Town Council	Verwood Town Council - Verwood Dewlands North Ward		Verwood Ward	981	1,028	3	11,482	-458	-4%
	VER2 - Verwood Dewlands South	Verwood Town Council	Verwood Town Council - Verwood Dewlands South Ward		Verwood Ward	5,114	5,449				
	VER3 - Verwood Newtown Potterne	Verwood Town Council	Verwood Town Council - Verwood Stephen's Castle Ward		Verwood Ward	1,417	1,511				
	VER4 - Verwood Stephen's Castle	Verwood Town Council	Verwood Town Council - Verwood Stephen's Castle Ward		Verwood Ward	3,307	3,494				
Ashley Heath and Three Legged Cross	SLI1 - St Leonards & St Ives East	St Leonards and St Ives Parish	St Leonards and St Ives Parish - St Leonards and St Ives East Ward		St Leonards and St Ives Ward	3,207	3,403	2	8,193	233	3%
	SLI2 - St Leonards & St Ives South	St Leonards and St Ives Parish	St Leonards and St Ives Parish - St Leonards and St Ives South Ward		St Leonards and St Ives Ward	1,203	1,248				
	SLI3 - St Leonards & St Ives West	St Leonards and St Ives Parish	St Leonards and St Ives Parish - St Leonards and St Ives West Ward		St Leonards and St Ives Ward	2,085	2,243				
	WMT1 - Three Legged Cross	Verwood Town Council	Verwood Town Council - Verwood Three Cross Ward		West Moors and Three Legged Cross Ward	1,241	1,299				
West Moors and Ferndown Central North	WMT2 - West Moors North	West Moors Town Council	<None>		West Moors and Three Legged Cross Ward	2,587	2,781	2	8,295	335	4%
	WMT3 - West Moors South	West Moors Town Council	<None>		West Moors and Three Legged Cross Ward	3,474	3,712				
	FEN4 - Ferndown Central North	Ferndown Town Council	Ferndown Town Council - Ferndown Central North Ward		Ferndown North Ward	1,682	1,802				
West Parley and Tricketts Cross	WPA1 - West Parley (North West)	West Parley Parish	<None>		West Parley Ward	1,802	1,900	2	8,335	375	5%
	WPA2 - West Parley (South East)	West Parley Parish	<None>		West Parley Ward	1,268	1,792				
	FES2 - Ferndown Links	Ferndown Town Council	Ferndown Town Council - Ferndown Links Ward		Ferndown South Ward	2,648	2,837				
	FES3 - Ferndown Links South	Ferndown Town Council	Ferndown Town Council - Ferndown Links South Ward		Ferndown South Ward	1,723	1,806				
Ferndown Central and Longham	FEN1 - Ferndown Ameysford	Ferndown Town Council	Ferndown Town Council - Ferndown Ameysford Ward		Ferndown North Ward	2,332	2,479	2	7,632	-328	-4%
	FEN2 - Ferndown Central East	Ferndown Town Council	Ferndown Town Council - Ferndown Central Ward		Ferndown North Ward	2,274	2,445				
	FEN3 - Ferndown Central West	Ferndown Town Council	Ferndown Town Council - Ferndown Central Ward		Ferndown North Ward	231	239				
	FES1 - Ferndown Hampreston & Longham	Ferndown Town Council	Ferndown Town Council - Ferndown Hampreston and Longham Ward		Ferndown South Ward	2,308	2,469				
Wimborne East and Candford Bottom	COM1 - Colehill East	Colehill Parish	Colehill Parish - Colehill Ward		Colehill and Wimborne Minster East Ward	3,768	4,005	2	7,536	-424	-5%
	COM2 - Colehill Hayes	Colehill Parish	Colehill Parish - Colehill Hayes Ward		Colehill and Wimborne Minster East Ward	956	1,014				
	COM4 - Wimborne Minster East	Wimborne Minster Town Council	Wimborne Minster Town Council - Wimborne East Ward		Colehill and Wimborne Minster East Ward	1,532	1,731				
	FEN5 - Ferndown Stapehill	Ferndown Town Council	Ferndown Town Council - Ferndown Stapehill Ward		Colehill and Wimborne Minster East Ward	763	786				
Wimborne West and Colehill	WIM1 - Wimborne Minster (Town)	Wimborne Minster Town Council	Wimborne Minster Town Council - Wimborne Town Ward		Wimborne Minster Ward	3,425	3,462	2	7,980	20	0%
	WIM2 - Wimborne Minster (St. Johns)	Wimborne Minster Town Council	Wimborne Minster Town Council - Wimborne Town Ward		Wimborne Minster Ward	3,133	3,275				
	COM3 - Colehill West	Colehill Parish	Colehill Parish - Colehill Ward		Colehill and Wimborne Minster East Ward	920	1,041				
	COM5 - Furzehill	Holt Parish	Holt Parish - Furzehill Ward		Colehill and Wimborne Minster East Ward	195	202				
Corfe Mullen	COR1 - Corfe Mullen Central	Corfe Mullen Town Council	<None>		Corfe Mullen Ward	3,968	4,216	2	8,453	493	6%
	COR2 - Corfe Mullen North	Corfe Mullen Town Council	<None>		Corfe Mullen Ward	1,993	2,100				
	COR3 - Corfe Mullen South	Corfe Mullen Town Council	<None>		Corfe Mullen Ward	2,021	2,137				
Lychett Matravers and Upton	LYM1 - Lytchett Matravers	Lytchett Matravers Parish	<None>		Lytchett Matravers and Upton Ward	2,877	3,283	3	11,927	-13	0%
	LYM2 - Lytchett Minster & Upton East	Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council	Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council - Lytchett Minster and Upton East Ward		Lytchett Matravers and Upton Ward	3,209	3,424				
	LYM3 - Lytchett Minster	Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council	Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council - Lytchett Minster and Upton West Ward		Lytchett Matravers and Upton Ward	555	588				
	LYM4 - Lytchett Minster & Upton West	Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council	Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council - Lytchett Minster and Upton West Ward		Lytchett Matravers and Upton Ward	2,729	3,054				
	STA8 - Sturminster Marshall	Sturminster Marshall Parish	<None>		Lytchett Matravers and Upton Ward	1,490	1,578				
					Stour and Allen Vale Ward						
					Stour and Allen Vale Ward						
					Stour and Allen Vale Ward						
Wareham	WAH1 - Arne	Arne Parish	<None>		Wareham Ward	1,130	1,174	2	8,111	151	2%
	WAH3 - Holton Heath	Wareham St Martin Parish	Wareham St Martin Parish - Holton Heath Ward		Wareham Ward	365	387				
	WAH4 - Sandford	Wareham St Martin Parish	Wareham St Martin Parish - Sandford Ward		Wareham Ward	1,587	1,684				
	WAH5 - Wareham Town	Wareham Town Council	<None>		Wareham Ward	2,279	2,469				
	WAH6 - Carey and Northmoor	Wareham Town Council	<None>		Wareham Ward	2,266	2,397				
Swanage North	SWA1 - Swanage North	Swanage Town Council	Swanage Town Council - Swanage North Ward		Swanage Ward	1,428	1,519	1	4,218	238	6%
	SWA2 - Swanage North	Swanage Town Council	Swanage Town Council - Swanage North Ward		Swanage Ward	2,602	2,699				
Swanage South	SWA3 - Swanage South	Swanage Town Council	Swanage Town Council - Swanage South Ward		Swanage Ward	1,640	1,776	1	4,079	99	2%
	SWA4 - Swanage South	Swanage Town Council	Swanage Town Council - Swanage South Ward		Swanage Ward	2,169	2,303				
Purbeck	SEP1 - Church Knowle(North)	Church Knowle Parish	<None>		South East Purbeck Ward	119	123	1	3,993	13	0%
	SEP2 - Church Knowle(South)	Church Knowle Parish	<None>		South East Purbeck Ward	139	149				
	SEP3 - Corfe Castle	Corfe Castle Parish	<None>		South East Purbeck Ward	955	1,026				
	SEP4 - Kingston	Corfe Castle Parish	<None>		South East Purbeck Ward	94	101				
	SEP5 - East Holme	Parish Meeting of East Holme	<None>		South East Purbeck Ward	35	36				
	SEP7 - Kimmeridge	Parish Meeting of Kimmeridge	<None>		South East Purbeck Ward	72	80				
	SEP8 - Langton Matravers	Langton Matravers Parish	<None>		South East Purbeck Ward	706	749				
	SEP9 - Steeple with Tyneham North	Parish Meeting of Steeple with Tyneham	<None>		South East Purbeck Ward	28	30				
	SEP10 - Steeple with Tyneham South	Parish Meeting of Steeple with Tyneham	<None>		South East Purbeck Ward	29	34				
	SEP11 - Studland	Studland Parish	<None>		South East Purbeck Ward	317	362				
	SEP12 - Worth Matravers	Worth Matravers Parish	<None>		South East Purbeck Ward	216	230				
	SEP13 - Harmans Cross	Worth Matravers Parish	<None>		South East Purbeck Ward	377	400				
	WPU5 - Coombe Keynes	Parish Meeting of Coombe Keynes	<None>		West Purbeck Ward	57	60				
	WPU6 - East Lulworth	East Lulworth Parish	<None>		West Purbeck Ward	121	125				
	WPU8 - West Lulworth	West Lulworth Parish	<None>		West Purbeck Ward	460	488				
	Wool and Bovington	WPU10 - Bovington	Wool Parish	Wool Parish - Bovington Ward		West Purbeck Ward	417				
WPU11 - Bovington Camp		Wool Parish	Wool Parish - Bovington Ward		West Purbeck Ward	914	947				
WPU12 - Braytown & East Burton		Wool Parish	Wool Parish - Wool Village Ward		West Purbeck Ward	880	1,064				
WPU13 - Wool Village		Wool Parish	Wool Parish - Wool Village Ward		West Purbeck Ward	1,268	1,321				
SEP6 - East Stoke		East Stoke Parish	<None>		South East Purbeck Ward	362	371				
Bere Regis	PUD1 - Anderson	Anderson Parish	<None>		Puddletown and Lower Winterborne Ward	73	80				
	PUD8 - Winterborne Kingston	Winterborne Kingston Parish	<None>		Puddletown and Lower Winterborne Ward	534	571				
	PUD9 - Winterborne Whitechurch	Winterborne Whitechurch Parish	<None>		Puddletown and Lower Winterborne Ward	599	640				
	PUD10 - Winterborne Zelston	Parish Meeting of Winterborne Zelston	<None>		Puddletown and Lower Winterborne Ward	117	127				
	WPU1 - Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle	Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish	<None>		West Purbeck Ward	400	410				

Puddletown	WPU2 - Bere Regis	Bere Regis Parish	<None>		West Purbeck Ward	1,364	1,509				
	WPU3 - Bloxworth	Parish Meeting of Bloxworth	<None>		West Purbeck Ward	163	171				
	WAH2 - Trigon	Wareham St Martin Parish	Wareham St Martin Parish - Sandford Ward		Wareham Ward	126	139				
	LYM5 - Morden	Morden Parish	<None>		Lytchett Matravers and Upton Ward	234	253	1	3,900	-80	-2%
Puddletown	PUD2 - Athelhampton and Puddletown	Athelhampton and Puddletown Parish	<None>	Puddletown Area Parish Council	Puddletown and Lower Winterborne Ward	25	76				
	PUD3 - Burleston and Tolpuddle	Burleston and Tolpuddle Parish	<None>	Puddletown Area Parish Council	Puddletown and Lower Winterborne Ward	17	20				
	PUD4 - Milborne St Andrew	Milborne St Andrew Parish	<None>		Puddletown and Lower Winterborne Ward	901	1,052				
	PUD6 - Athelhampton and Puddletown	Athelhampton and Puddletown Parish	<None>	Puddletown Area Parish Council	Puddletown and Lower Winterborne Ward	1,214	1,260				
	PUD7 - Burleston and Tolpuddle	Burleston and Tolpuddle Parish	<None>	Puddletown Area Parish Council	Puddletown and Lower Winterborne Ward	380	389				
	CHK4 - Cheselbourne	Cheselbourne Parish	<None>		Chalk Valleys Ward	250	265				
	CHK5 - Dewlish	Dewlish Parish	<None>		Chalk Valleys Ward	203	213				
	CHK3 - Melcombe Horsey	Parish Meeting of Melcombe Horsey	<None>		Chalk Valleys Ward	104	105				
	CHK11 - Piddlehinton	Piddlehinton Parish	<None>	Piddle Valley Parish Council	Chalk Valleys Ward	355	374	1	3,754	-226	-6%
Crossways and Knightsford	CRO1 - Crossways	Crossways Parish	<None>		Crossways Ward	1,968	2,579				
	WIB4 - Tincleton	Tincleton Parish	<None>	Knightsford Parish Council	Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward	126	140				
	WIB5 - West Knighton	West Knighton Parish	<None>	Knightsford Parish Council	Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward	367	364				
	WIB6 - West Stafford	West Stafford Parish	<None>	Knightsford Parish Council	Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward	254	270				
	WIB14 - Woodsford	Woodsford Parish	<None>	Knightsford Parish Council	Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward	61	65				
	WPU7 - Moreton	Moreton Parish	<None>		West Purbeck Ward	268	333	1	3,751	-229	-6%
Martinstown and Broadmayne	WIB1 - Bincombe Village Area	Bincombe Parish	<None>	Winterborne Farringdon Parish Council	Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward	42	55				
	WIB3 - Broadmayne	Broadmayne Parish	<None>		Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward	1,025	1,283				
	WIB7 - Whitcombe	Whitcombe Parish	<None>	Winterborne Farringdon Parish Council	Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward	29	25				
	WIB9 - Winterborne Came	Winterborne Came Parish	<None>	Winterborne Farringdon Parish Council	Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward	35	38				
	WIB10 - Winterborne Herringston	Winterborne Herringston Parish	<None>	Winterborne Farringdon Parish Council	Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward	21	22				
	WIB11 - Winterborne Monkton	Winterborne Monkton Parish	<None>	Winterborne Farringdon Parish Council	Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward	59	61				
	WIB12 - Winterborne St Martin	Winterborne St Martin Parish	<None>		Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward	597	641				
	CRO2 - Osmington	Osmington Parish	<None>		Crossways Ward	478	506				
	CRO3 - Owermoigne	Owermoigne Parish	<None>		Crossways Ward	428	453				
	CRO4 - Poxwell	Parish Meeting of Poxwell	<None>		Crossways Ward	37	40				
	CRO5 - Warmwell	Parish Meeting of Warmwell	<None>		Crossways Ward	90	89				
	WPU4 - Chaldon Herring	Chaldon Herring Parish	<None>		West Purbeck Ward	112	113				
	WPU9 - Winfrith Newburgh	Winfrith Newburgh and East Knighton Parish	<None>		West Purbeck Ward	565	592	1	3,918	-62	-2%
Dorchester Poundbury	DRP1 - Dorchester Poundbury	Dorchester Town Council	Dorchester Town Council - Dorchester Poundbury Ward		Dorchester Poundbury Ward	2,674	3,053				
	DRP2 - Dorchester Poundbury	Dorchester Town Council	Dorchester Town Council - Dorchester Poundbury Ward		Dorchester Poundbury Ward	951	979	1	4,032	52	1%
Dorchester North and Charminster	DRW1 - Dorchester North	Dorchester Town Council	Dorchester Town Council - Dorchester North Ward		Dorchester West Ward	1,215	1,342				
	DRW2 - Dorchester North	Dorchester Town Council	Dorchester Town Council - Dorchester North Ward		Dorchester West Ward	1,689	1,760				
	DRE1 - Dorchester East	Dorchester Town Council	Dorchester Town Council - Dorchester East Ward		Dorchester East Ward	2,527	2,772				
	CHM3 - Charminster South Ward	Charminster Parish	Charminster Parish - Charminster South Ward		Charminster St Mary's Ward	1,506	1,582				
	CHM5 - Stinsford	Stinsford Parish	<None>		Charminster St Mary's Ward	243	269	2	7,725	-235	-3%
Dorchester South	DRW3 - Dorchester West	Dorchester Town Council	Dorchester Town Council - Dorchester West Ward		Dorchester West Ward	1,096	1,108				
	DRW4 - Dorchester West	Dorchester Town Council	Dorchester Town Council - Dorchester West Ward		Dorchester West Ward	1,435	1,475				
	DRW5 - Dorchester West	Dorchester Town Council	Dorchester Town Council - Dorchester West Ward		Dorchester West Ward	1,181	1,213				
	DRE2 - Dorchester East	Dorchester Town Council	Dorchester Town Council - Dorchester East Ward		Dorchester East Ward	1,501	1,609				
	DRE3 - Dorchester South	Dorchester Town Council	Dorchester Town Council - Dorchester South Ward		Dorchester East Ward	1,276	1,431				
	DRE4 - Dorchester South	Dorchester Town Council	Dorchester Town Council - Dorchester South Ward		Dorchester East Ward	1,329	1,351	2	8,187	227	3%

A NEW WARDING STRUCTURE FOR DORSET COUNCIL

Part 2 – proposals for Weymouth, Portland and Chickerell

This document is a continuation of my submitted proposals for Dorset in which 66 members would be elected for the Dorset Council area excluding Weymouth, Portland and Chickerell. The scheme detailed below for 15 members completes my proposal for an 81 member Dorset authority.

I noted in my earlier submission the need for a reduction of one member from the Weymouth, Portland and Chickerell area (WPC) and the challenge posed to creating new wards by the size of some polling districts.

Currently this study area (WPC) returns 16 members from 8 wards comprised of 2 three member wards, 4 two member wards and 2 single member wards. My reconfiguration would return 15 members from 11 wards. Both three member wards would be abolished and the new arrangement is one of 4 two member wards and 7 single member wards. Variance from a quota of 3980 is greater than that in my 66 member scheme with both Melcombe Regis (the existing single member ward) and Portland Tophill (a new two member ward) at 12% below quota. A balance is struck the other direction by three new wards. Two single member wards Preston Ward and Littlemoor Ward at 10% and 8% above respectively and the two member Westham, Charlestown and Lanehouse Ward also at 8% over quota.

Explanation of the new warding pattern.

I have relocated polling districts WIB2 Upwey and WIB15 Plaisters previously part of the Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward but both within the Weymouth Town Council area. WIB2 has joined the **Littlemoor Ward** of Weymouth Town Council and WIB15 the **Preston Ward** to create two new Dorset wards of the same names. Some Weymouth members of Dorset Council have made a case for separating the Preston and Littlemoor Ward (currently a two member ward) and my proposal satisfies that wish.

The other polling districts located at the northern end of the area of study posed a problem over what to do with CHC6 Nottingham. In terms of its geographical location it ought to be associated with the existing one member **Upwey and Broadway Ward** which I have decided to retain with that name. However, with an electorate of 3932 UPB1 and 2 are close to quota and adding CHC6 would take them to a total of 4501 which is 521 or 13.1% above target. The alternative pairing would be retain CHC6 with the Chickerell polling districts. However CHC3 and 4 have 19 electors more than the pair UPB1 and 2 so I have rejected that option and formed CHC3 and 4 as a new single member ward which I called **Chickerell Village**. It is 0.7% below quota.

Looking at the southernmost part of the area of study I decided to separate Portland into two quite distinct parts familiar with those that live there – Underhill and Tophill.

Portland Tophill is comprised of five polling districts POR3 to 7 and with an electorate of 7042 is 11.5% below quota for a two member ward. POR1 and 2 are together too small to constitute a ward so I have joined these to the community of Wyke Regis ROD5 and 6 to make a new two member ward called **Fortuneswell and Wyke Regis** at 1.0% under quota. These two communities are distinct but separated by a distance of just one mile along a causeway that joins the island of Portland to the mainland. Viewing this from the perspective of a rural member who has to represent 20 distinct communities in a ward 11 miles across but further by road I regard this an advantageous pairing.

The three smaller Rodwell and Wyke polling districts ROD2, 3 and 4 neatly formed a new single member ward named **Rodwell and Southlands** at 2.3% over quota. The larger polling district ROD1 is paired with WST4 as a natural combination of residential areas close to the harbour from which the name **Harbourside** is taken.

I have decided to leave the existing **Melcombe Regis** ward intact. With an electorate of 3483 it is seriously below the required quota of 3980. I considered joining MEL1 and 2 with one or more of the neighbouring Radipole districts. However RAD3 and 4 have an even smaller combined electorate of 3174. If all of the Radipole polling districts RAD1 to 4 together with CHC6 are joined with MEL1 and 2 the total electorate remains 786 electors short of the quota needed for a three member ward or 6.6% short of target. I decided it was impractical to pursue this option.

I have therefore brought the polling districts of the existing Radipole Ward RAD1, 2, 3 and 4 within 289 electors of quota by the addition of CHC6 Nottingham mentioned earlier. CHC6 is located immediately to the north of RAD1 with the river Wey flowing from Nottingham through RAD1 into Radipole Lake. I have retained the name **Radipole** for the enlarged ward which comes in at 3.6% under quota.

Finally, the three remaining wards of Westham Ward and three from the Chickerell Ward are brought together to create a ward named **Westham, Charlestown and Lanehouse** that is 8.3% over quota. You will note that the polling district CHC2 Littlesea Area is oddly divided into two detached areas. One lies to the east of Charlestown and one to the west of Lanehouse. Evidence perhaps of why a polling district review is needed in Weymouth, Portland and Chickerell and in Dorset as a whole.

Ward name	Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing ward	Electorate 2026	Electorate 2032	Number of councillors	Ward electorat e	Variation from quota	% variance
Chickerell Village	CHC3 - Chickerell Village South Area	Chickerell Town Council	Chickerell Town Council - Chickerell Village Ward	Chickerell Ward	1,913	2,271	1	3,951	-29	-1%
	CHC4 - Chickerell Village North Area	Chickerell Town Council	Chickerell Town Council - Chickerell Village Ward	Chickerell Ward	1,559	1,680				
Littlemoor	LIT1 - Littlemoor	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Littlemoor Ward	Littlemoor and Preston Ward	1,393	1,416	1	4,281	301	8%
	LIT2 - Littlemoor	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Littlemoor Ward	Littlemoor and Preston Ward	1,874	1,983				
	WIB2 - Upwey	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Upwey and Broadwey Ward	Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward	435	882				
Preston	LIT3 - Preston	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Preston Ward	Littlemoor and Preston Ward	1,621	1,687	1	4,380	400	10%
	LIT4 - Preston	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Preston Ward	Littlemoor and Preston Ward	2,003	2,035				
	LIT5 - Preston	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Preston Ward	Littlemoor and Preston Ward	615	642				
	WIB15 - Bincombe Village Area (Plaisters)	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Preston Ward	Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward	16	16				
Melcombe Regis	MEL1 - Melcombe Regis	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Melcombe Regis Ward	Melcombe Regis Ward	2,616	2,841	1	3,483	-497	-12%
	MEL2 - Melcombe Regis	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Melcombe Regis Ward	Melcombe Regis Ward	595	642				
Fortuneswell and Wyke Regis	POR1 - Underhill	Portland Town Council	Portland Town Council - Portland Underhill Ward	Portland Ward	1,238	1,288	2	7,877	-83	-1%
	POR2 - Underhill	Portland Town Council	Portland Town Council - Portland Underhill Ward	Portland Ward	1,469	1,569				
	ROD5 - Wyke North	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Wyke North Ward	Rodwell and Wyke Ward	1,499	1,555				
	ROD6 - Wyke South	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Wyke South Ward	Rodwell and Wyke Ward	3,298	3,465				
Portland Tophill	POR3 - Tophill East	Portland Town Council	Portland Town Council - Portland Tophill East Ward	Portland Ward	553	581	2	7,042	-918	-12%
	POR4 - Tophill East	Portland Town Council	Portland Town Council - Portland Tophill East Ward	Portland Ward	2,209	2,302				
	POR5 - Tophill West	Portland Town Council	Portland Town Council - Portland Tophill West Ward	Portland Ward	1,056	1,161				
	POR6 - Tophill West	Portland Town Council	Portland Town Council - Portland Tophill West Ward	Portland Ward	1,522	1,669				
	POR7 - Tophill West	Portland Town Council	Portland Town Council - Portland Tophill West Ward	Portland Ward	1,246	1,329				
Radipole	RAD1 - Radipole & Southill	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Radipole and Southill Ward	Radipole Ward	1,871	1,872	2	7,671	-289	-4%
	RAD2 - Radipole & Southill	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Radipole and Southill Ward	Radipole Ward	2,069	2,056				
	RAD3 - Radipole & Southill	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Lodmoor Ward	Radipole Ward	1,203	1,205				
	RAD4 - Radipole & Southill	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Lodmoor Ward	Radipole Ward	1,979	1,969				
	CHC6 - Nottingham	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Upwey and Broadwey Ward	Chickerell Ward	276	569				
Harbourside	ROD1 - Rodwell	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Rodwell Ward	Rodwell and Wyke Ward	2,071	2,287	1	4,099	119	3%
	WST4 - Westham East	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Westham East Ward	Westham Ward	1,717	1,812				
Rodwell and Southlands	ROD2 - Rodwell	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Rodwell Ward	Rodwell and Wyke Ward	1,119	1,397	1	4,074	94	2%
	ROD3 - Wyke North	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Wyke North Ward	Rodwell and Wyke Ward	1,474	1,542				
	ROD4 - Wyke North	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Wyke North Ward	Rodwell and Wyke Ward	1,094	1,135				
Upwey and Broadway	UPB1 - Upwey Broadway & Nottingham	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Upwey and Broadway Ward	Upwey and Broadway Ward	1,364	1,461	1	3,932	-48	-1%
	UPB2 - Upwey Broadway & Nottingham	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Upwey and Broadway Ward	Upwey and Broadway Ward	2,390	2,471				
Westham, Charlestown and Lanehouse	WST1 - Westham West	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Westham West Ward	Westham Ward	1,658	1,709	2	8,619	659	8%
	WST2 - Westham West	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Westham West Ward	Westham Ward	2,095	2,551				
	WST3 - Westham East	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Westham East Ward	Westham Ward	1,295	1,357				
	CHC1 - Charlestown Area	Chickerell Town Council	Chickerell Town Council - Charlestown and Littlesea Ward	Chickerell Ward	868	928				
	CHC2 - Littlesea Area	Chickerell Town Council	Chickerell Town Council - Charlestown and Littlesea Ward	Chickerell Ward	864	916				
	CHC5 - Westham West	Weymouth Town Council	Weymouth Town Council - Westham West Ward	Chickerell Ward	1,090	1,158				
						Totals	15	59,409	-291	



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Subject: Objections to Dorset Council's warding proposal

This is my objection to the Sherborne Rural and Yetminster Wards as proposed in the Dorset Council model for an 84 member authority

The current Sherborne Rural and Yetminster Wards were formed by the division of the Sherborne Rural County Division of Dorset County Council when the new unitary authority came into existence in 2019.

Sherborne Rural

Sherborne Rural Ward as presently constituted is substantially the same as the original County Division of the same name as existed in 1981. The division grew bigger over nearly four decades as Bournemouth and Poole separated to become separate unitary authorities and Dorset remained two tier. The only difference between now and 1981 is that the Cam Vale Group (principally Longburton) is now located in the Yetminster Ward and Glanvilles Wootton (formerly part of the North Dorset District Council area) is substituted for it. The Dorset proposal for an 84 member authority breaks this arrangement of parishes apart.

Dorset's proposal does not recognise true community identity. Buckland Newton, Pulham, Minterne Magna and Mappowder are not communities that look naturally to Sherborne as a centre. The first three parishes are located in the Dorchester DT2 - 7 post code sector and the last in the Sturminster Newton DT10 - 2 post code sector. Minterne Magna and Buckland Newton residents are more likely to be registered at the GP surgery in Cerne Abbas for primary health care than Sherborne. Mappowder looks towards Hazelbury Bryan and Sturminster Newton as local centres for the delivery of services. Bishops Caundle is detached and joined with Stalbridge. There is no natural affinity between these two communities. Bishops Caundle is properly part of the Sherborne area. It is also worth noting that the whole of Sherborne Rural as presently constituted is in the West Dorset Parliamentary Constituency. Pulham and Mappowder are in the North Dorset Constituency.

Yetminster

The western portion of the Yetminster Ward is joined with parishes much further to the west on the far side of Beaminster. This is a bizarre combination identified as Broadwindsor Ward in Dorset's submission. For example, Burstock and Drimpton have no association with Evershot and Melbury Osmond still less with Melbury Bubb and Stockwood which lie to the east of the A37. The last two have been part of the Sherborne area since 1894 when the Sherborne Rural District Council was established. Worse is the fact that Stockwood becomes separated from Chetnole with which it is associated in a group parish council. It also creates a ward which is 14 miles across with no significant east - west road connecting those ends of the ward. Parishes in Yetminster Ward to the west of the A37 either look northward to Yeovil (as does Halstock for example) for the delivery of services or south to Dorchester (Evershot is the example here). Villages such as Mosterton and South Perrott look to Crewkerne in Somerset as a local centre. By road Broadwindsor is marginally closer by half a mile to Crewkerne than to Bridport but Crewkerne gives access to a rail services on the Waterloo - Exeter mainline. At the western extremity residents of Blackdown polling district MAR4 have a choice of Crewkerne or Chard (also in Somerset) as centres.

General comments

It is noteworthy that the urban south east from Verwood south through West Moors, St Leonards and St Ives, Ferndown and West Parley and west through Colehill and Wimborne remain virtually unchanged under the Council's proposal. The only difference is the removal of polling district COM5 with 202 electors. COM4 has also been split between two wards. Dorset are in a privileged position to do this because they have access to a data set unavailable to anyone else whose only resource is the spreadsheet of polling districts supplied to you. With an aggregate electorate of 59,251 this urban block would be entitled to representation by 15.44 councillors but yet again they have been assigned 16 seats in the authority. The same complaint of over representation can also be made of the allocation of 16 seats to the Weymouth, Portland and Chickerell urban area. If one is to follow the logic of awarding 16 seats to each of these areas, then to be fair to everyone else, the appropriate size for the authority would be one of 87 members not 84

Overall the impression is one of the Council being determined to satisfy the requirements of the largest urban areas whilst cobbling together groups of parishes in rural Dorset to make up the numbers.

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