

**Proposal for the Ward Boundary Arrangement for a 30 Councillor District**

1. Attached is a set of proposal details consisting of a Council area map showing new proposed boundaries, a detail sheet listing the components and a summary sheet which outlines the way such a proposal would look.
2. The details include a projected population as required by the Local Authority Boundary Commission for England and endeavours to forecast accurately where this area will be in six years time as far as is practicable.
3. Bearing in mind the requirement to work to Parish boundaries and the aim to equalise the electors amongst the Councillors, this has been a real challenge and the result has not been entirely successful. Six of the proposed new wards do not meet the 10% above or below average target.
4. Although it is not perceived to be an important consideration, we have, as a result of 3. above, spent some considerable time considering the geographical challenges of this large, predominately rural, area. This again has not been entirely successful but it has provided a solution which keeps all newly proposed wards within the 20% variation.

With these notes we submit this solution for consideration by the Committee.

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