

Category of respondent	Recommendations									
Which of the option best describes you?	There are no changes recommended for the following parishes: Blackwater and Hawley; Bramshill; Church Crookham; Crondall; Crookham Village; Dogmersfield; Eversley; Ewshot; Greywell; Hartley Wintney; Heckfield; Long Sutton; Mattingley; Rotherwick; South Warnborough; Winchfield; Yateley. Do you agree with these recommendations?	Do you have any further comments on any of the no change recommendations? Please make it clear if you are responding on a particular parish.	Elvetham Heath: it is has been recommended to increase the number of councillors from 7 to 9. Do you agree with this recommendation?	Do you have any further comments on this recommendation?	Fleet: it is has been recommended to reduce the number of councillors from 18 to 15. Do you agree with this recommendation?	Do you have any further comments on this recommendation?	Hook: it is has been recommended to increase the number of councillors to 14 and Hook to be warded into Hook East and Hook West. Do you agree with this recommendation?	Do you have any further comments on this recommendation?	Odiham: it is has been recommended to increase the number of councillors to 11. Do you agree with this recommendation?	Do you have any further comments on this recommendation?
Resident of Hart District Council	No	Decisions appear to disregard the concerns expressed by respondents about ability of parishes to actually manage their obligations , and at the same time not recognising the inevitable duplication of costs in adjacent communities whose interests and needs are not/ not significantly different. Decisions seem to have been made based on recommendations of the Local Councils association on representation ratios , reflecting theoretical rather than actual needs.	No	Decision seems to be based on Local Council association guidance and some perceived notion of fairness/balance against other areas as opposed to actual need.	Yes	Do not need some many councillors when we also have separate representation for church Crookham , basically the same area/same interests.	Not sure / don't know	Is Tom,his to reflect actual need/work load or again simply an /assessment based on a theoretical/notional need ??	Not Sure / Don't know	see aboe in ratin to Hook
Resident of Hart District Council	No	If recommendation of no change at this time is as result alone from replies received in area covered by Yateley Town Council it at the very least can be described as optimistic view of population requirements. With 25 respondents out of population of approximately 24 000 served by Town Council; 2% of population and four respondents submitted option of changing of boundary with two not sure a very small number of respondents is being used for 'as you were' unchanged boundary recommendation so disappointing at best. I repeat my comment made in consultation and Blackwater and Hawley Town Council; the parish I am responding on, have repeated in their submission that precept therefore contributory residents available is not large enough for facilities they provide in comparison with similar size councils and legally required to maintain i.e Memorial Hall(Listed status). If not for commercial income raised, not withstanding increased employer NI, minimum wage, their financial situation would be perilous therefore no change is change for worse at least for Hawley, Blackwater TC. Addition of residents so change of boundary is straightforward resolution of this.	Not sure / don't know		Yes		Yes		Not Sure / Don't know	
Community Group or organisation	Yes	The current set up works very well for us and we would not wish for it to change	Not sure / don't know		Not sure / don't know		Not sure / don't know		Not sure / don't know	

Resident of Hart District Council	Not sure / don't know		Not sure / don't know		Not sure / don't know		No	Hook is currently running with 2 vacancies on the Parish Council, one persistent, so filling additional places could prove challenging. There is a perception that warding Hook will result in a divided community with Councillors from each ward vying for a slice of precept to improve and/or maintain services only in that ward	Not sure / don't know	
Resident of Hart District Council	Not sure / don't know		Not sure / don't know		Not sure / don't know		No	An increase in the number of councillors should only be undertaken with support in terms of recruitment and on-going training in order to attract more talent and passionate leaders currently required. So I support the increase in order to have a broader cross-section of the public to represent residents but worry since the council is currently short by 2 members and recruitment has not been successful in the past year. More effort needed to seek and recruit councillors with promotion of the role and more direct activity to engage with residents about the possibilities within the role(s). Splitting Hook into East and West does not make any sense (other than when providing general voting facilities) since the village does not have distinct 'differences' in terms of community groups. Please do not 'ward' Hook in that respect	Not sure / don't know	
Other	No	Fleet Town Council believe smaller parish councils should be consolidated to either form a new bigger council, or to become a ward of an existing council.	Not sure / don't know		No	Fleet Town Council do not support the recommended reduction as it does not adequately consider the likely impact of a fully completed Hartland Village. Fleet Town Council also have concerns about the widening disparity in the councillor-to-electors ratios, which would increase from a range of 1:922 to 1:1085 (a 163 difference) to a range of 1:1046 to 1:1430 (a 384 difference). Fleet Town Council wishes to retain the current number of councillors and ward distribution.	Not sure / don't know		Not sure / don't know	
Resident of Hart District Council	Yes		Not sure / don't know		Not sure / don't know		Not sure / don't know		Yes	

Resident of Hart District Council	Yes		Not sure / don't know		Not sure / don't know		No	Agree increase to 14 councillors. Disagree warding. It is understood that division will be as divided for elections between polling booths. I cannot find anywhere a clear simple map of Hook showing which areas these are. Hence I am unable to comment on whether this is appropriate warding for election of councillors but suspect it is not. I assume the division for polling is based on convenience on getting to the 2 polling stations. This is NOT a criteria for dividing the parish for parish council representatives, Typically parishes are divided into definable distinct areas, e.g. Odiham into Odiham, North Warnborough and RAF station. If Hook is to be warded then it too should be divided into similar distinct areas, e.g. North East Hook estate, Holt Park etc	Not sure / don't know	
Community Group or organisation	Yes		Not sure / don't know	I cant see they need that manay	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Town or Parish Councillor	Yes		Yes		Yes		Not sure / don't know		Yes	
Resident of Hart District Council	Yes		Not sure / don't know		Not sure / don't know		No	Cannot fill existing vacancies	Not sure / don't know	
Employee on behalf of a council									Yes	
Parish Clerk	No	Winchfield Parish Council (WPC) has reflected very carefully on the outcome of the initial Hart District Council consultation and the discussions that have taken place at recent Hart District Association of Parish and Town Council meetings regarding Community Governance. WPC has also considered very carefully the impact that Local Government Reorganisation in Hampshire, whichever option is selected by the Government, will have on the workload of the Council. In particular we expect the need for public engagement within the Parish to increase significantly, given the relative remoteness of whichever Unitary Authority option is selected by the Government. In addition, the Parish Council expects that there will be some level of housing development in the parish over the coming five years, most of which will be welcomed, but with it will come additional work for the Council.	Yes		Not Sure / don't know		Yes		Yes	

		There is also the need to consider the geographical distribution of the settlements and other small conurbations within the Parish boundary that would be best served by individuals, preferably living in or close to those areas. WPC notes that the guidance from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) on the number of councillors for populations up to 900 recommends that the number of Councillors should be 7. The WPC establishment is currently 5. Given the changes that we expect to occur in the next five years in terms of the establishment of Unitary Authorities, housing and population growth, and the additional work likely to be delegated to Parish Councils in the absence of local District Councils, the establishment for Winchfield Parish Council should be increased from 5 to 7.								
Town or Parish Councillor	No	It is important there are some mergers to improve service levels following LGR	Not sure / don't know		No	LGR will reduce the no of Unitary Cllrs and it is expected certain work will be devolved to Town Councils requiring more representatives. Based on population comparison with others , a reduction makes no sense	Not sure / don't know		Not sure / don't know	
Parish Clerk	No	I write on behalf of Long Sutton Parish Council. It requests, unanimously, that its name should be amended to Long Sutton & Well Parish Council as it serves residents of both parishes. It is and always been known locally as Long Sutton & Well Parish Council and it seeks formal amendment please	Not sure / don't know		Not Sure / don't know		Not sure / don't know		Not sure / don't know	
Town or Parish Councillor								1. You will recall that you advised us in March 2025 that a Community Governance Review would be undertaken. At our Full Council meeting in April 2025 it was agreed that our initial response to you should indicate that we were considering an uplift to the current number of Councillors from 12, to a maximum of 15. 2. On 17th June 2025 we received your draft recommendations for all parishes in the district; the recommendations affecting Hook revealed an increase in Councillor strength to 14 coupled with the village being warded into Hook East and Hook West. 3. At our Full Council meeting on 2nd July 2025, Members considered the aforementioned recommendations. Having had the opportunity to reflect on their earlier consideration in April 2025, there was a strong consensus amongst Members to leave the number of Councillors as it is presently (ie.12). Moreover, on the issue of warding the village, there was an even stronger consensus to leave the village unwarded. 4. It is respectfully requested that you accept Hook Parish Council's view and take it into consideration ahead of publishing the final recommendations.		