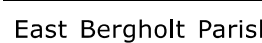


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East Bergholt is a designated Core Village in the District's local plan and Babergh District Council has granted planning permission for 229 new homes in the village in the six months to March 2018. With outstanding permissions yet to be implemented and windfall gains over the next five years, the housing stock of East Bergholt can be expected to increase by up to 250 homes by 2023. Based on average persons per household of 2.3 (2011 census) and the ratio of electorate: population of 0.8, the electorate in East Bergholt can reasonably be anticipated to grow by +460 (20%) by 2023. Babergh District Council's growth estimate for the electorate of +170 (7%) in East Bergholt severely underrepresents the growth that can be expected and the growth that the District is actively encouraging through its approved local plan, its emerging draft plan and its development control decisions. With more realistic growth projections (+460) reflecting Babergh's planning intentions, policy and plans, and the proposed one councillor for the new ward, the East Bergholt councillor would represent an electorate in 2023 of some 2744 persons. This would be 18% above the Babergh average, which is outside the required +/-10% variance. This clearly points to East Bergholt's electorate being underrepresented with just one ward councillor in 2023. East Bergholt's "Core Village" status means that further growth is also planned beyond 2023, which will add further to the underrepresentation of the ward and the anticipated "poor" electoral equality arising from these proposals. Two councillors for this new ward, would be the same as now albeit for a slightly larger Dodnash ward, and would address the imbalance and reflect the District Council's anticipated growing role and importance of East Bergholt in the District.

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