

Bournemouth-Christchurch-Poole

As Proposed 'unitary-district' of the future

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FER: Bournemouth + Christchurch + Poole (BXP): a unitary district of the future

Ref A: appendix-A -- Alternative 1-member wards arrangement in Poole district.

EQUALITY IDENTITY EFFECTIVE.

The Poole Bay conurbation is to be merged as an unitary district, in Dorset. These extant 3 (three) districts, Bournemouth + Christchurch + Poole (BXP), would become a shire's unitary-district along the Poole Bay. From the outset, this review is conducted on an extremely tight timescale ie 'a quick & dirty tool'. The LGBC E could not start a review until a Structural Change Order agreed. Polling Districts' general re-usage – extant effective identity – is to be welcome. We note attempt to blur boundaries between extant LAs eg Branksome Woods.

A neighbourhood's identity is best served by one councillor: if variance allows, a community's own member can effectively 'bat' for that ward. The village of Merley, a community with its own clear identity, needs its own 1-member ward. In northern Poole beyond Canford Chase is Merley: the Chase is 'Green Belt'. My '**Appendix A**' suggest an alternative 1-member wards arrangement in Poole. Hurn-CP's whole parish identity is respected by the Draft's adaptation of the 'joint working groups' original suggestion: 2 (two) parish wards is divisive.

Oh, too many 3-cllr wards: 12k electors is too big a quantity. 7k5 electors/ward would allow flexibility when 'BCE2021' makes the next General Review of Westminster seats. Since the 2011 Act revised the statute for 'General Reviews' the maximum sensible size for a district's wards is 7k5 electors: a 3-member ward should be the exception e.g. Hamworthy ward, beyond Poole Harbour.

In northern POOLE - North Poole CC - are a draft quintet (FIVE) of 3-cllr wards: Thus, when 'BCE-2021' creates Westminster seats $\geq 77\%$ could be these five wards: aggregating communities together would be dominated by that quintet.

The 'Green Belt' areas neighbourhood (urban village) identity need respect as single member wards, where ever feasible, for effective local government. My experience of 3-member wards, quadrennial full council retirement, is bad. Often there are hibernating members: a councillor for prestige only.

Hurn-CP's whole parish identity is respected: 'two' (2) parish wards are divisive. My '**Appendix A**' suggest an one & two cllr wards arrangement in north Poole. In the Poole District a septet of draft 3-member wards need to be re-visited: so as to make new wards effective with clearer identity so to have + good equality.

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Appendix-A -- Alternative 1-member wards arrangement in Poole district.

<u>WARD, 06 as-proposed</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>av/cllr</u>	<u>cllr</u>	<u>variance</u>
Merley ward	4216	4216	1	3.43%

Polling Districts (PDs): '**PC & PB**'.

draft **Broadstone & Merley** must be revised

- Good electoral equality allows its village identity to be effective;
- Merley, in the northern Poole, is a community beyond Canford Chase;
- Canford Chase is a 'Green Belt' – open access – with 'SSSI' designation;
- The Chase gives the community of Merley its own clearly distinct identity;
- **Merley** needs its own single member ward: a dedicated own councillor.

Broadstone ward	8410	4205	2	3.16%
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PDs: '**OA, OC (pt), OB, OD, & PA**'

draft **Broadstone & Merley** needs to be revised

- Broadstone's own '**NLP**' was a local referendum in June'18 - successful;
- A 500m 'green wedge' separates Broadstone from the village of **Merley**.

Bearwood ward	4036	4036	1	-1.00%
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PDs: '**PE, PD & KN1 (pt)**' ;

draft **Bearwood & Kinson South** must be revised

- The Chase gives the community of Bearwood its own clearly identity;
- Near perfect equality would improve administrative effectiveness.

Kinson South ward	8157	4079	2	0%
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PDs: '**KS1-3 & 5**' ;

draft **Bearwood & Kinson South** needs to be revised

- Kinson's entitlement is 4-councillors ie ... South and ... North wards;
- Perfect urban equality should improve effective administration .

Bourne Valley ward	4309	4309	1	5.72%
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PDs: '**GA, GE, GB(pt), HA(pt), HB, HD(pt), HE, & HF**' ;

draft **Alderney & Bourne Valley** needs to be revised

- Bourne Valley Nature Reserve is an effective 'green lung' in this ward.

Alderney ward	8064	4032	2	-1.08%
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PDs: '**IA-G**' – note '**IH**' inserted into Newtown;

draft **Alderney & Bourne Valley** must be revised

- Alderney's good electoral equality allows its own identity to be effective;
- Near perfect equality would retain administrative effectiveness. .

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29/8/18

Dear Sir/Madam

I regret to my horror
that the expiry date has now
been exceeded, but with great
I hope you will accept my
pains nevertheless.

I would very much like
to see the Borough of Christchurch
remain separate from the proposed
combined neighbouring Councils of
Bournemouth and Poole.

Christchurch still retains a
small town feel with a
higher proportion of elderly
people, and the history that
concerns of

Bournemouth!

Most residents in the
Christchurch area do not
wish Christchurch to be
Swalbold up!

More importantly Christchurch
wishes to protect its rural
landscape from being
developed and built on by
the combined Council.

Many thanks.
Yours faithfully,