The documents referring to the proposed reduction in Councillor numbers on South Ribble Borough Council use the word “sustainable” to assess the likely impact on services of the reduction of Councillors from 55 to 50. Assuming the word sustainable is being used in the sense of “manageable” then I am concerned that at some future point the reduction could become problematic. There are many complex changes being introduced by National Government and it seems to me that Local Government in many instances will be expected to make these changes work. I would have thought that this possible increase in workload could make things quite difficult for local councillors even with the present number of 55. Consequently my view is that the numbers of councillors should not be reduced but retained at the present 55.

Thank you.