I believe that it is very difficult for an ordinary member of the public to make an informed decision on this topic. What criteria exists for current numbers of councillors? Is it based on geographical size of the ward or number of residents within the ward? Will reducing numbers exact a greater workload on remaining councillors? Having said this, I would certainly support redefining certain ward boundaries in an effort to equalize the number of residents in each respective ward. If this happens and ward numbers are reduced then I would say that this should reflect on a reduction in the number of councillors. The only informed comment that I can add is that I believe that the more rural part of Bamber Bridge East, i.e. the Brindle Road area, should be amalgamated with either Coupe Green/Gregson Lane or Samlesbury/Walton.