

Hinds, Alex

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Sent: 28 March 2017 14:15
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Cc: Cllr Cox; Maureen Hunt; David Evans
Subject: Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Review - Comments from Hurley Parish Council

Dear Alex Hinds,

Further to the recent presentation to Parishes, and associated documents, Hurley Parish Councillors have requested that I submit the following comments at this stage.

Essentially, the Councillors object to the possibility that the number of Councillors for Hurley and Walthams ward might be reduced

1. Hurley and the Walthams is the largest grouping in RBWM in land area size. It is also very long and narrow.
2. Road communication from North to South is poor with no major road link. All main links go across the narrow part from East to West.
3. The three Councillors have to represent three separate communities. We need strong links between RBWM and the separate Parishes. This is set up very well with our three Councillors. To reduce this number would weaken these links tremendously.
4. According to the records produced in the report, Hurley has three Councillors representing 4,458 constituents. i.e. 1,486 per Councillor. If this was reduced to two Councillors it would equate to 2,229 constituents per Councillor which on the current electorate list would be the highest number of constituents per Councillor in the entire Borough, in the largest geographical spread in the Borough.
5. RBWM have just approved a scheme for a care village at BCA which will increase the future population of Hurley and the Walthams by up to 250 persons. They would require representation and probably a vote.
6. There are other housing estates in Hurley & the Walthams e.g. Shire Horse and Woolley Hall, that probably were not included in the recorded survey of 2015. These will perhaps increase electoral numbers by up to an additional hundred or so residents.

Kind regards,
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