

24th May 2019

Dear Boundary Review,

Bromley Council - number of councillors

On the data, it would appear that an **increase** in the number of councillors is long overdue.

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Boundary Review	1999	3,732
Projected for	2004	3,772
Current	2019	4,036
Projected	2024	4,132

(Assuming that other Borough reviews turn out as proposed.....)

i) **27 of 32 London Boroughs have fewer than 4,000 councillors per thousand.**
(Bromley unchanged at 60 is 4,036)

ii) The **median** Boroughs (Enfield, Redbridge) have approximately **3,350** councillors per thousand

iii) The current Bromley proposal **increase to 62 councillors** would result in **3,893** councillors per thousand. This would only drop Bromley from **3rd to 7th**.

It is also the case that some Wards have had more new houses and voters, so merit boundary reviews.

I would recommend that an increase in councillors be supported.

Yours sincerely

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As a former Councillor, I would note that in addition to elector numbers, workload can be affected by nature of issues, geographic area and ease/difficulty of travelling.