

Local Residents submissions to the Three Rivers District Council electoral review

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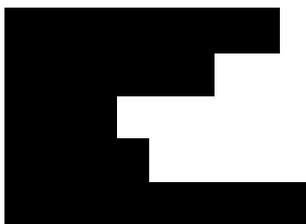


Form Answers

Name: P.



E.Arthur



Area your submission refers to:

Three Rivers

Organisation you belong to:

member of the public

Your feedback:

I'd like to start by saying that I only found out about this review by chance yesterday when out for a walk. I saw a small notice on one of TRDC's public notice boards - checking I noticed no such a notice on other notice boards. Makes me think that TRDC's councillors are keeping this very quiet!

Anyway. I fully support the reduction in the number of councillors and a change in the boundaries. Firstly, I see no reason why TRDC needs so many councillors but, more importantly, with the present boundaries there's not much point holding elections for TRDC because almost all of the "constituencies" are safe and very rarely is there a change of political party which makes local democracy a farce.

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Form Answers

Name: John R Bailey
 

Area your submission refers to: Three Rivers

Organisation you belong to: member of the public

Your feedback: I strongly support the proposal for 39 Councillors as put forward by the Lib Dem Group - this would allow a true democratic involvement of the public and a relationship between Councillors and their constituents.

I object very strongly to the proposal for 30 Councillors in only 10 wards proposed by the Conservative Group which would limit public involvement and true democratic process.

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The Review Officer (Three Rivers)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England,

reviews@lgbce.org.uk

30 August 2012

Dear Sir,

Electoral Review of Three Rivers District Council - council size

I am a resident of the Three Rivers District. I have never served on nor stood for election to the council, but I have worked within the legal department of another local authority, and was taught the methods of operation then current and the deep respect which officers must afford to Councillors.

The trigger for this review is a desire for financial efficiency, which is welcome. Internal efficiency is a matter for the council, but a reduction in the size of the council will do a great deal also. Primarily it will reduce the cost of allowances, support services and expenses. A secondary benefit we might see would be a realisation of the need to do more with less; a counter-weight to the tendency to gigantism, of the ability of work to expand to fill the workforce available. All this appears to be accepted and therefore the task is to determine how many councillors are needed to keep the authority on track and how to elect them.

It is quiet possible for all the council's functions other than setting the budget to be carried out by council officers. The councillors have a job as *tribuni plebi*, as moderators, gatekeepers and as captains setting the course if not making every minute decision. The numbers need not be large, as long as there is a sufficient council to allow ideas to surface with a range of experience, to have differing voices in debate encouraging the voice of dissent, and so that the impulses of an impetuous few do not cause the council to career off ill-advisedly.

Councillors are elected ideally from their communities. I like a councillor to understand the place he is looking to represent and to be available to be told when he has got it wrong. That does not mean that he must have bounds exactly circumscribed by a subjective definition of community however, as there is a great deal of linkage between the villages and communities hereabouts and firm divisions between them cannot be drawn. We are all inter-dependent. Some artificial definitions of community are quite perverse.

The Liberals' submission, states that "This affinity to local communities or sub-communities arises from the administrative history of the area" (page 3); that is arrant nonsense. As if we only know where we are because of which bureaucracy empties the bins! Croxley Green is Croxley Green because it is a distinct village, not because of names attached to wards in some distant office. Most people have no idea which areas have parish councils or their

extent, let alone where ward boundaries run, but we all know where Rickmansworth, Chorleywood, West Hyde and Mill End are. The invention of a District of Three Rivers made perfect administrative sense but it created no identity; no man thinks he “lives in Three Rivers” unless he is a fish. The “administrative history of the area” has nothing to do with identity and the latter will not shatter if a line is moved on an unseen map.

Croxley Green has three wards, with two or three councillors each; seven politicians and no one can name them all. There is also a parish council and all the more practical things about the village are done by the parish council and by various local clubs and societies: Croxley Green is the essence of Big Society in action, and you will see the same dynamic in our neighbouring villages. We do not need seven district councillors here to organise our bin collections.

Our multitudinous councillors are largely irrelevant to village life. I am worried by the Liberal suggestion that their politicians will try to take control of local activities (“it will involve members in additional work, not least in enhancing their local leadership role within areas that reflect their geographical legitimacy”). Were the council to organise the annual Croxley Revels, it would be a bureaucratic nightmare, sinking under the weight of red tape and ignorance. Organised by a local committee, it is every year a rousing success, and forms a showcase for the huge number of local organisations we have in the village and its neighbouring areas. If a councillor wants to be involved as a local man and not a man wielding a big stick, then he is welcome, but in this part of Hertfordshire we have been doing Big Society for many years before anyone gave it a name, and we are well placed to take the localism theme forwards in many innovative ways without political interference.

The major functions of the district council affecting us are levying council tax, administering planning and licensing. There are endless other functions ably handled by council officers and private contractors, though these tend to pass unnoticed.

Licensing is not as important as in some places; this is not Westminster nor Watford. Planning is important though; we are in the Green Belt, at the fringe of the conurbation and of the London Underground system and we have constant pressure for house-building. In the days of Regional Planning Guidance, housing targets were imposed on the district and much time and effort was spent resisting or accommodating impossible requests. The paperwork generated was immense. However the Localism Bill is abolishing regional planning guidance and vastly simplifying national guidance, which eliminates much of the paperwork council officers and councillors have to consider. Further, until a few years ago the great majority of planning applications were for minor house extensions, but then these were excluded from the need for planning permission. Thus reduced dramatically in workload, the council should shrink dramatically.

A reduction from 48 councillors to around 30 would make for a more efficient council and reflect the responsibilities of the councillors.

Yours sincerely,

Rupert Barnes

Dunkeyson, Nicholas

From: GEOFFREY BIRCH [geoffrey.birch@btopenworld.com]

Sent: 21 August 2012 18:50

To: Re views@

Subject: Re: Three Rivers Boundary Review

To the Members of the Boundary Commission

As a very satisfied resident of Three Rivers District for the past 38 years, I urge you to accept the counter proposal submitted by Three Rivers Council as best suited to deal with the current unfair and undemocratic boundary arrangements. Whilst cost savings may be a matter of fact in current circumstances, the unfairness of boundary lines, as clearly highlighted by recent election results, makes a mockery of the democratic principle and should not be excluded from this review.

Geoffrey Birch

(geoffrey.birch@btinternet.com)

[Redacted content]

From: Professor G.C. Bond

[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

[REDACTED]

11 August '12

Review Officer - Three Rivers - Local Govt Boundary Comm

I strongly support the recommendations of the TRDC Boundary Commission to reduce the number of councillors to 39. Further reduction is politically motivated.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

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Form Answers

Name: Colin [Redacted] Chesterman [Redacted]
[Redacted]

Area your submission refers to: Three Rivers

Organisation you belong to: member of the public

Your feedback: I have read the submissions from the Liberal Democrat, Labour and Conservative Groups in relation to the LBGCE consultation.

I support the argument that the reduction in responsibilities for the District Council by outsourcing of services means that the number of Councillors could be reduced without any significant adverse effect on the performance of the council.

In fact, I believe that there would be less duplication of activities and more effectiveness.

I support the proposals to reduce the number of Councillors to 30.

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Form Answers

Name: Alan

[REDACTED]

Area your submission refers to:

Organisation you belong to:

Your feedback:

Clark

[REDACTED]

Three Rivers

member of the public

Personally I feel there are far too many councillors and provided that the salaried employees of the council supply the correct information for the democratic overview - not cover up mistakes and stick to agreed policy - then it would seem that 30 members in rearranged wards would suffice.

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Form Answers

Name: Dr John Davison
[Redacted]

Area your submission refers to: Three Rivers
Organisation you belong to: member of the public

Your feedback: I have accepted your invitation to study the various documents relating to the size of the Three Rivers Council and its reorganistaion. In particular the Local Government Boundary Commission Technical Guidance Report of July 2012.

I welcome the changes to the schedules of the Council and I can find no case for leaving the number of councillors at the level of 48. However I am equally convinced that the number should not stop at 33 and that the number should become 30.

My experience of life and business proves to me that such efficiency changes become possible only when economic/social times are hard for everyone. The opportunity to act is therefore now and must be taken for the good of all council tax payers now and in the future.

If further efficiency/operational changes in the operations of the Council are needed to make this reduction easier, then these must be designed and implemented for the country's good.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to participate in this important matter.

Dr John A Davison

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Dunkeyson, Nicholas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 August 2012 07:54
To: Re views@
[REDACTED]
Subject: Boundary Review Three Rivers District Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

I was asked to express my views on the number of Councillors in the Three Rivers Area using this address from your website.

I am all in favour of slimming down the number of Councillors to around 30 consistent with maintaining services to the local communities. I think this review also needs to include Parish Councils. For example Rickmansworth do not have a Parish Council whereas Chorleywood do. This is a hangover from the past when Chorleywood District Council was absorbed by Three Rivers (TRDC) but retained without change of number of Councillors to look after The Common, Memorial Hall, Cemetary and Allotments. Some efficiencies could be obtained by considering whether these responsibilities could be picked up by TRDC and the CWPC as such disbanded, with those employees that need to be retained reporting in to TRDC.

Kind regards
Owen Edis

Dunkeyson, Nicholas

From: Elizabeth Fricker [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 September 2012 01:11
To: Reviews@
Subject: Three Rivers Boundary Review

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I agree with the Conservative proposal to reduce the number of Councillors to 30. This would bring Three Rivers roughly in line with the average ratio of Councillors to population for the rest of Hertfordshire.

With a reduced number of Committees as proposed by the Conservative plan, cutting out unnecessary duplication, Councillors would actually have no greater burden of work as far as Committees are concerned. This seems eminently sensible, cost effective and efficient to me, and would at the same time be fulfilling the same responsibilities of the Council.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Fricker

Dunkeyson, Nicholas

From: David Guilfoyle [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 September 2012 08:44
To: Re views@
Subject: Three Rivers consultation
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Dear Sir,

I happened to find the August copy of the Abbots Langley Villager magazine last evening in my local pub, and glancing through discovered that there is a LGBCE public consultation taking place concerning the number of local councillors in 3 Rivers. The 6 week consultation closes on Monday.

Can I ask how this important consultation has been brought to the attention of local people? I count myself reasonably well informed of such things but yesterday was the first I have heard of it, and clearly it is too late to provide a considered response. I would be interested to know how many people have responded as a percentage of local inhabitants, since what you are looking into has far reaching effects on residents. Is there an opportunity for a late submission?

Regards

David Guilfoyle
[REDACTED]

Dunkeyson, Nicholas

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Sent: 16 August 2012 15:23
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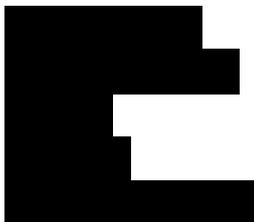


Form Answers

Name: pam



hames



Area your submission refers to:

Three Rivers

Organisation you belong to:

political group/organisation

Your feedback:

my concerns are that if we lower the number of Councillors any more than the 39 as quoted in the Lib Dem submission it would mean that the local residents would be poorly represented. Each ward has it own particular problems and to mix the wards up would mean that the Councillor would not have the complete understanding of these problems. From the Councillors point of view there would be a much bigger work load in the council and in the wards with no cover available or support for holidays and illness.

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Dunkeyson, Nicholas

From: Peter Harman [REDACTED]

Sent: 20 August 2012 12:30

To: Re views@

Subject: Three Rivers District Council

Dear Sirs,

I refer to the consultation on the revised council size.

I am NOT in favour of a large reduction in the number of District Councillors. The geographical spread of the District means that using average values from other councils will not provide a valid comparison. The workload on some councillors at present is high, and excessive reduction in numbers would lead to loss of political control and Officers taking the wrong levels of responsibility.

I do not support the reduction to 30 councillors.

I am unable to judge whether the Labour proposal for 42 members or the Lib Dem proposal for 39 members is most appropriate, because the best number will come from a rational assessment of the local boundaries and population levels. The make-up of the Council must take into account the likely population growth in the District.

Yours Faithfully,

Peter Harman

Dunkeyson, Nicholas

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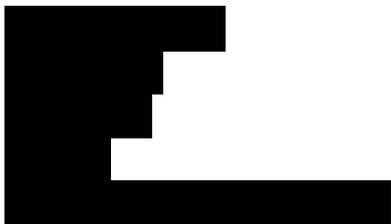
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Form Answers

Name: David



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Area your submission refers to:

Three Rivers

Organisation you belong to:

member of the public

Your feedback:

I believe that the number of councillors on Three Rivers District Council should be reduced from 48. For the area represented 48 councillors is too many and therefore costly. I believe the number of councillors should be divisible by 3 so one third can be elected each year. I believe the lower the number of councillors the better therefore the lowest suggested number of 30 should be adopted.

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Sent: 10 August 2012 15:05
To: Re views@
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Form Answers

Name: Mr [Redacted] & Mrs. Holden

[Redacted]

Area your submission refers to: Three Rivers

Organisation you belong to: member of the public

Your feedback: We should like to support the Conservative proposal to reduced the size of the council to 30.

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Dunkeyson, Nicholas

From: pat howell [REDACTED]

Sent: 26 July 2012 15:10

To: Re views@

Subject: Local views sought on number of councillors for Three Rivers District Council

Dear Sir,

I understand that there is a proposal to reduce the number of District Councillors in Three Rivers District Council, from 48 to either 39 or 30, the former being supported by the Boundary Commission.

It seems to me that 39 is far more suitable than 30 because of the number of committees which need to be served. A reduction in numbers below 39 would put an unreasonable strain on the few volunteers who are willing to stand for election these days. Expecting them to attain nearly 100% attendance at even more meetings might be the last straw for members of the community who do this as a part-time activity and not as their main source of income. Surely we wish to encourage such people, with their experience of the world, rather than relying on career politicians

Added to this, it would probably imply a fairly drastic reduction in the number of wards, with some very odd unions. (I've heard Moor Park might be combined with South Oxhey, for instance.) This probably wouldn't be agreeable to the residents.

Yours faithfully,

Pat Howell

[REDACTED]

Dunkeyson, Nicholas

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Form Answers

Name: James

[Redacted]

Area your submission refers to:

Organisation you belong to:

Your feedback:

Hughes

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Three Rivers

member of the public

I would support changes provided this resulted in no fewer than 39 Councillors. If all wards are to have 3 representatives there would be 13 wards, and this would be the minimum needed if we are not to descend to government by officials and/or an unacceptably low number of councillors - for example in exec. committees.

No confidentiality sought for my submission.

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Form Answers

Name: Mr P Ibbott
Address 1:
Address 2:
Address 3:
Area your submission refers to: Three Rivers
Organisation you belong to: member of the public
Your feedback: I wish to be represented with a councillor who knows the immediate area and not covering too large an area. Therefore I wish to support the option of 39 councillors.
It is working well at the moment and should not be changed

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By email to reviews@lgbce.org.uk
The Review Officer (Three Rivers)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Layden House, 76-86 Turnmill Street, London EC1M 5LG

3 September 2012

Dear Sir,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF THREE RIVERS

I refer to the letter of 24 July from Archie Gall, Director of Reviews, concerning the proposed reduction in councillor numbers to 39. I note the Commission states that “the proposal for 30 councillors made by an opposition group provided a well evidenced rationale in terms of committee structure and council governance and would welcome further evidence on the implication of this council size on community representation”.

I strongly support the proposed greater reduction in numbers to 30 for the following reasons.

The “do-ability” of the proposals is accepted by the LGBC . But (further) evidence is invited on community representation.

The District is in general well parished. (Indeed I would argue that in my own parish, Chorleywood, the number of parish councillors is overly large for their responsibilities.) TRDC operates Area Forums – which offer opportunities to groups or individuals to gain information and input views. Numerous local groups/individuals input their views at these meetings and/or otherwise, to council officers and/or local councillors eg the Chorleywood Residents Association, the Chorleywood Business Association, Chorleywood Mums, Friends of Chorleywood Common, Friends of Carpenters Wood. None of this would be diminished.

TRDC is not responsible for housing, libraries, waste disposal, social services or education. Its councillors do not need to double up in these areas, although they do need to liaise with other bodies that do – hence TRDC councillor representation on eg Thrive Housing Assoc.

The reduction to 30 would bring the estimated Member time commitment in line with the national average. The elector: councillor ratio would be within the range for Herts District/Unitary Authorities (the latter having greater responsibilities than TRDC).

The implications for community representation will be to encourage all concerned to use well their time -to prioritise, to be effective and efficient, both in making representations, receiving them and acting on them; to beware of not allowing work to expand according to time/persons available, and have regard to the costs to taxpayers which is also an important community interest!

We do not need 5 councillors turning up at Chorleywood Village Day – though a representative from each party is very welcome (but does even that need to be a District rather than parish councillor?).

The number of votes cast for TRDC LibDems is similar to those for the Conservatives – though the number of elected Con. councillors is roughly half. I hope any weighting that may be given by the LGBC to the Majority Party has taken this factor on board. I also hope that at a time of austerity especially the LGBC will be bold in reducing the number to 30.

Yours faithfully ANGELA KILLICK

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Form Answers

Name: St

[Redacted]

Area your submission refers to:

Organisation you belong to:

Your feedback:

uart King

[Redacted]

Three Rivers

member of the public

Dear Sirs

I feel that there should be at least 39 councillors representing Three Rivers

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Stuart King BSc MRICS

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Form Answers

Name: Janet

[Redacted]

Area your submission refers to:

Organisation you belong to:

Your feedback:

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Martin

[Redacted]

Three Rivers

parish/town council

I think the reduction to 39 councillors sounds like the best option in order to best represent all ares of the district fairly. Less than this would mean much larger wards with cross-village boundaries which I can't see working for the populations.

This communication is from **LGBCE** (<http://www.lgbce.org.uk>) - Sent to **Review Editor**

Dunkeyson, Nicholas

From: Debbie Morris [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 August 2012 17:42
To: Re views@
Subject: Three Rivers Boundary Review

Dear Sirs

I have been a resident of Three Rivers living in the Moor Park and Eastbury ward for almost 20 years. I have recently learnt of the proposal to reduce the number of TRDC councillors to 39. Whilst I agree that the TRDC is over-weighted with councillors and would support *any* reduction, I believe that the reduction should be more drastic than that proposed and that the total number of councillors should not exceed 30. My principal reasons for this view are:-

- To ensure electoral equality throughout Hertfordshire. I understand that currently, TRDC councillors represent 1417 people each whereas in the rest of Hertfordshire, councillor representation averages 1926.
- To eliminate duplication in decision-making at TRDC and provide better value to the taxpayer.

I trust that you will consider my representations in coming to your decision.

Yours faithfully,

Debbie Morris

Dunkeyson, Nicholas

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Sent: 24 August 2012 15:07
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Form Answers

Name: N Murtagh

Address 1:

Address 2:

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Area your submission refers to: Three Rivers

Organisation you belong to: member of the public

Your feedback: It is important to have sufficient councillors so that they have enough time to discharge council duties and be accessible to those who elected them. It is vital for a democratic process that boundaries map onto 'communities' in some meaningful way. This is particularly important in Three Rivers where there are pockets of vast difference in wealth. I support the proposal for 13 wards each represented by 3 councillors.

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Dunkeyson, Nicholas

From: Greg O'Donoghue [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 August 2012 20:30
To: Re views@
Subject: Boundary review for Three Rivers District Council

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Boundary Revisions for Councillors on Three Rivers District Council

Three Rivers District Council has a reputation for good government. We have a very open democratic system providing full opportunities for the opposition and the public to participate. We want to maintain this. The Conservative proposal, if adopted, would make this very difficult. They say that because Broxbourne BC has 30 members TRDC should do the same but they do not explain that Broxbourne has chosen the 'strong leader' form of governance with one person making most of the decisions, in private. We want an open, democratic, locally based system, responsive to the whole district.

It is obviously important to have enough councillors to carry out the work of council committees but just as vital that they have time to deal with local ward matters, being closely involved with their communities and being able to attend the numerous meetings that provide them with the opportunity to speak up for their area.

I believe that the Liberal Democrat submission is balanced, fair and efficient.

Greg O'Donoghue

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Dunkeyson, Nicholas

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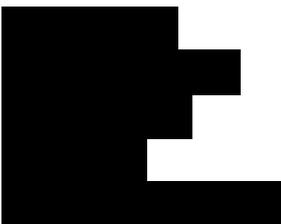
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Form Answers

Name: Parsons



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Organisation you belong to: member of the public
Your feedback: Sirs,

My request is that the whole of Shepherds Lane, Chorleywood (both sides) West of the M25 be included in Chorleywood Parish Council rather than Mill End.

All my neighbours are part of the PC and and it would tidy up the boundary divisions.

Regards,

Richard Parsons.

Dunkeyson, Nicholas

From: Re views@
Sent: 08 August 2012 12:09
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Time of Submission: Aug 8th 2012 at 11:08am

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Form Answers

Name: Anne

[Redacted]

Area your submission refers to:

Organisation you belong to:

Your feedback:

Peat

[Redacted]

Three Rivers

member of the public

I agree with the LIbDem submission that the new council should consist of 39 councillors in 3 member wards with boundaries drawn to reflect the natural community boundaries that exist in the district as far as possible.

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Dunkeyson, Nicholas

From: Ray [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 August 2012 08:50
To: Reviews@
Cc: petercharlesray@yahoo.co.uk
Subject: Boundary Commission Review of Three Rivers District Council

Dear Sir

I am writing to you in connection with the above.

I strongly support the Liberal Democrat proposal for a 39 seat council - a reduction of some 19% which saves money but also enables the council to maintain the democratic process through discussion at committees with members of the public able to speak.

Any larger reduction in council size as in the conservative proposal of a 30 seat council will mean that most communities will have to share councillors e.g. Croxley with Rickmansworth and that smaller communities, such as Oxhey Hall and Sarratt will be completely swallowed up and their distinct voices lost.

Members of the public would lose their right to speak in almost every decision-making area, as there would be no committees to speak at and influence issues.

The only committees that make decisions would be the one party Executive and the Planning/Regulatory committees. I would not want this for Three Rivers, and would like to see a return to the committee structure as outlined in the liberal democrat proposal

Yours sincerely

Peter Ray

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Dunkeyson, Nicholas

From: catherine ray [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 August 2012 13:52
To: Re views@
Subject: Three Rivers District boundary commission review

Dear Sir

I am writing to you in connection with the above.

I strongly support the Liberal Democrat proposal for a 39 seat council - a reduction of some 19% which saves money but also enables the council to maintain the democratic process through discussion at committees with members of the public able to speak.

Any larger reduction in council size as in the conservative proposal of a 30 seat council will mean that most communities will have to share councillors e.g. Croxley with Rickmansworth and that smaller communities, such as Oxhey Hall and Sarratt will be completely swallowed up and their distinct voices lost.

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Yours sincerely

Catherine Ray

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Dunkeyson, Nicholas

From: reviews@lgbce.org.uk
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Form Answers

Name: Peter Rennoldson
[Redacted]

Area your submission refers to: Three Rivers

Organisation you belong to: resident/community organisation

Your feedback: I want to support Three Rivers and the Liberal Democrats submission that if there is to be a reduction in the number of wards/councillors then it will be as follows:-
13 Wards represented by 39 councillors.
It is important that the re-distribution of the ward boundaries is identified for public consultation.

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Dunkeyson, Nicholas

From: Re views@
Sent: 13 August 2012 12:34
To: Re views@
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Form Answers

Name: Reverend

[Redacted]

Deborah Snowball

[Redacted]

Area your submission refers to: Three Rivers

Organisation you belong to: other public sector

Your feedback: I am the Vicar of Rickmansworth (St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth).

I wish to express reserved approval for the proposed reduction in the number of Councillors for Three Rivers.

Three Rivers is an area rich in diversity. There is no sense in which Councillors represent a homogenous group - probably in any of the areas they serve. I feel it appropriate that a higher level of Councillors is kept rather than a lower number. In ensuring good representation at this level of local Government, it makes more sense to have a greater number of Councillors than a smaller. If the proposed reduction in the numbers of

Councillors goes ahead, I would deem a reduction to a number of 39 as continuing to offer good representation for members of the public - ensuring accessibility to Councillors to allow for them to be adequately represented as to their needs and views.

The proposed level of 39 Councillors appears to be a compromise from the varying numbers suggested in the proposals received from the Liberal Democrats, Conservative and Labour Groups. The proposed reduction to 30 or so proposed by the Conservatives is far too low to be adequately representative. The proposal by the Labour Group would be acceptable in achieving a good level of both accessibility and representation.

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15th August 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

I feel that the Boundaries review has omitted two important points. Firstly, the Parish councils have been excluded on the grounds that their members do not receive allowances. Parish councils are a valuable link to District and County Councils in local government and carry out important functions in their communities. If a reduction in District Councillors is not met with a similar reduction in Parish councillors, some services would have to be delegated to Parishes since District and County would not have sufficient members to deal with them.

Secondly, no allowance is made for covering sickness, business commitments and holidays amongst ward councillors. A situation could arise where neighbouring ward councillors will have to provide cover in addition to existing ward duties which would be too onerous with reduction in council size.

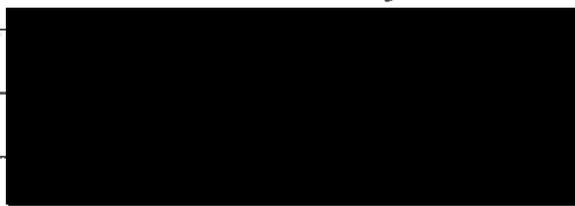
Each political party will choose a council size to suit their own purposes hoping to

increase their number of councillors coupled with appropriate ward changes. These changes to boundaries should be fair for parties and residents alike, otherwise there could be considerable friction due to changes in policies and make up of the wards. This could lead to increases in council tax.

Controlling parties will seek to reduce by 20%, whereas opponents with next highest seats would seek reduction by -25%. Smaller parties do not want any reduction as this would lead to a very insignificant number of councillors.

As for Three River District Council is concerned 39 members divided into 13 wards of 3 members each would be about right. However if a further reduction is required, 36 members divided into 12 wards of 3 members could be considered. It is vitally important to compare boundary changes with number of wards and member representation.

Yours faithfully



Dunkeyson, Nicholas

From: Sue & Dave Rose [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 August 2012 18:46
To: Re views@
Subject: Boundary Changes Three Rivers Council, Hertfordshire

Dear Sir,

As residents in the Maple Cross area of Rickmansworth in Three Rivers District Council, we would like to make the following observations on the proposed boundary changes planned for this area. We have always been well satisfied by the representation we have had by our councillors both at local and county level and would not want these changes to jeopardise this. We are in one of the most rural areas of the area and as such our ward councillors do their utmost to ensure that it remains so.

We have read all three submissions and could not agree with that from the Conservative group as to reduce the number of councillors to 30 and to half the number of wards would be quite disastrous for our rural area as the ward members just could not give sufficient time to cover rural problems as the residential areas would increasingly take up more and more time to our detriment. The Conservative proposal is based on Broxbourne has 30 members, so Three Rivers should, rubbish there is no comparison between the areas.

The Labour and Liberal proposals are quite similar and we could be happy with either, although as the boundary commission wants 3 member wards, the Labour proposal does not actually address this issue. The Liberal proposal is the only one that meets this criteria and will still give enough councillors to do the varied areas that make up Three Rivers.

I hope you will give this your consideration when you make your final decisions.

Regards
Susan & Dave Rose
[REDACTED]

Dunkeyson, Nicholas

From: Re views@
Sent: 31 July 2012 15:15
To: Re views@
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Form Answers

Your name: John Roullier
Your email: [REDACTED]
I am: a member of the public
Comment/enquiry type: relating to a current review
Comments: I am a Council Tax Payer living at [REDACTED], resident in Three Rivers Hertfordshire. I have seen the Conservative presentation on the current Review and would like to register my support to those proposals.

John H Roullier.

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Form Answers

Name: Alison

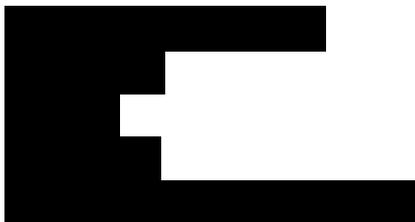


Area your submission refers to:

Organisation you belong to:

Your feedback:

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Three Rivers

parish/town council

I would be in favour of having a 39 member council as this would reduce the cost for Three Rivers District Council while still ensuring that there were sufficient members to represent all the individual communities within the district. There would be sufficient members to form policy committees to ensure careful governance by the council and to allow for expertise and balance in making important decisions as a council.

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Dunkeyson, Nicholas

From: Sue Stibbs [REDACTED]

Sent: 26 August 2012 22:49

To: Re views@

Subject: Three Rivers Council size

Whilst accepting that a reduction in the number of councillors would not diminish their contribution to the work of the Council, in particular on committees I feel that care should be taken when calculating the additional time individual counsellors will spend helping constituents with problems if the number of counsellors was greatly reduced. I therefore feel that a council of 39 counsellors representing the people of Three Rivers would work, but that fewer could place an unfair burden on some counsellors.

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Sir, I am writing re the Boundary Commission review for Three Rivers District Council.

Having read the submissions from all three parties, the Lib-Dem proposal would seem to be the most reasonable. ([REDACTED], but have the interest of the local community at heart)

The Labour proposal would save very little money which is one of the reasons for the review.

The ten wards suggested by the Conservatives would give insufficient Councillors to attend all the necessary Council meetings, particularly as Three Rivers works on an open, committee-based, democratic system with discussion from the other parties and the public. The comparison with Broxbourne is not valid as their system as they operate on a 'strong leader' system with decisions being made in private and generally by one individual and is not truly democratic.

The make up of Three Rivers is extremely diverse with areas of both affluence and deprivation.

The councillors in e.g. Moor Park have very little community work as compared with the considerable workload in e.g. Mill End or South Oxhey The Liberal councillors give a great deal of their time in helping the less fortunate, certainly in Mill End. The new boundaries should reflect this and leave the deprived wards as they are. Limiting the number of wards to ten could also alter the boundaries sufficient to favour one party, particularly the Conservatives.

As a concerned member of the public I request that you take my points into consideration before setting the new boundaries.

Yours sincerely



Yvonne Stirling

Dunkeyson, Nicholas

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Form Answers

Name: Mrs

[Redacted]

L Sutherland

[Redacted]

Area your submission refers to:

Three Rivers

Organisation you belong to:

member of the public

Your feedback:

I agree that the number of councillors should be 39. This will represent the different communities we have in Three Rivers.

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Form Answers

Name: Mr R Sutherland



Area your submission refers to: Three Rivers
Organisation you belong to: member of the public
Your feedback: I agree that the number of councillors should be 39. This will represent the different communities we have in Three Rivers.

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Dunkeyson, Nicholas

From: geoffrey taylor [REDACTED]

Sent: 29 August 2012 22:36

To: Re: views@

Subject: THREE RIVERS BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Review Officer (Three Rivers)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Dear Sir,

We support the Conservatives' submission relating to the Three Rivers boundary review.

The reduction of the number of councillors from 39 to 30 would still leave all residents with ample and ready access to their councillors but will reduce costs. It would be a clear case of better value for money.

Yours faithfully,

Geoffrey Taylor
Ariela Taylor



Dunkeyson, Nicholas

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Form Answers

Name: Richard Thompson

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Area your submission refers to: Three Rivers

Organisation you belong to: resident/community organisation

Your feedback: I am making this response as an individual, although I am also active in Chorleywood Residents' Association.

Please note that Copyright in this response is vested in myself. As a Data Processor I realise that you may be required to disclose this response, however I would request that my personal details are redacted.

I note the responses of the three political parties to this proposed change to the number of councilors for Three Rivers. I am firmly of the belief that the make up of the District is very diverse and as such there is a need for more than 20

councilors. The proposal by the conservative group seems to bring everything down to a minimum level and makes the assumption that every district councilor has to be engaged on other council committees in order to have a suitably engaging life representing constituents.

However, Three Rivers much not be too far out of step from other local constituencies, and it could be argued that 39 or 42 councilors brings too much representation.

I would commend a proposal of 36 or 39 councilors as this appears to provide a middle ground between all the opinions put forward. It gives a little more flexibility on the number of wards, and allows for boundaries of wards to continue to represent the diverse nature of the district.

Although this is not a point of consultation, I am very much of the opinion that having a yearly district council election and 1/3rd of councilors up for election each year very much promotes local democracy and "localism". Although it increases costs for elections, the visibility and communication from local councilors is much increased over other areas where I got to elect councilors every 3 years. I am therefore very much in approval of the concept of having 3 councilors per ward.

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Dunkeyson, Nicholas

From: Jane E Tozer [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 August 2012 12:35
To: Re views@
Subject: Review of wards for Three Rivers District Council

To the Review Officer (Three Rivers) Local Government Boundary Commission

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing about the review of wards currently underway for Three Rivers District Council in Hertfordshire.

I am very concerned about the proposal from some TRDC Councillors to reduce TRDC to 30 members, from 20 wards with 48 members to ten 3-member wards. TRDC covers a large area with huge variations in terms of rural and suburban areas, sizes of towns and villages, and so on. While I support some reduction from the current situation with 48 members from 20 wards, on the grounds of cost and efficiency, we must be careful not to let the quest for efficiency destroy the nature of what we have!

TRDC is an excellent Council, and has served the local residents well for many years. It operates openly, democratically, and is in touch with and responsive to the varying needs of the whole TRDC area. This is in large part because we all have good access to local Councillors who understand the issues we raise, who have enough time to help us, and are effective in what they do.

If we reduce to only 10 larger wards, it is highly likely in such a large and varied area as SW Herts that a citizen's Councillor will not understand the specifics of local issues that are raised, as they will come from a significantly different type of area. The Council then risks being detached from the people it serves, out of touch and seen as irrelevant and a waste of money. This is not the case at present, but it could easily become so. cf Herts County Council, which is seen in exactly that way down here in the south westerly corner of the county!

Even if a Councillor does understand a citizen's local issue, they will be responsible for supporting, on average, 60% more people (reflecting 48 vs 30 members for the same population). Being a local Councillor is a part-time unpaid role, and many are full-time employed in other jobs. So a 60% increase in workload is inevitably going to mean reduced levels of help & understanding for very many local people. I believe the level of contact that TRDC Councillors have with their ward's citizens is crucial, both in enabling TRDC to provide the right service tailored to local needs, and in winning the respect and support of the people it serves.

It would be a very bad outcome of the Review if the demands of such an increased workload meant that only the retired and unemployed felt able to be local Councillors. I've nothing against having some retired or unemployed Councillors, but believe strongly that we need active local people who are involved in business on our Council. This mix is what gives a good Council its vibrancy, energy and effectiveness.

Please take care that we don't throw out the baby with the bathwater. TRDC is highly rated by its local citizens. By all means let's make it more efficient and save some costs, but not by stretching the link between Councillor and citizen to breaking point - it is the effectiveness of this link that is TRDC's key strength.

Yours faithfully,

Jane E Tozer

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Dunkeyson, Nicholas

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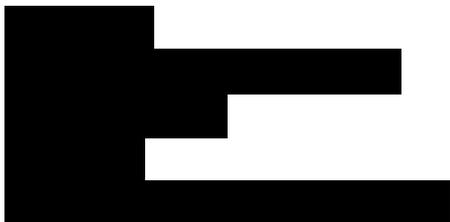
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Form Answers

Name: Robert



Voss



Area your submission refers to:

Three Rivers

Organisation you belong to:

member of the public

Your feedback:

I wish to register my support of the Conservative proposals for Boundary Review for the Three Rivers Council. I beleive that 39 councillors is too many and 30 would provide more effective and efficient government of local issues. I therefore fully support the aforementioned Conservtaive proposals.

Robert Voss
Loudwater

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Form Answers

Name: Michael

[REDACTED]

Warburg

[REDACTED]

Area your submission refers to:

Three Rivers

Organisation you belong to:

member of the public

Your feedback:

I am in favour of the proposal for 39 councillors because it is important to have genuinely local representation and don't think that the decision should be made on any other basis, certainly not mainly financial.

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Form Answers

Name: Rosemary Warburg



Area your submission refers to: Three Rivers

Organisation you belong to: member of the public

Your feedback: I am in favour of the reduction to 39 councillors since this seems to be sustainable and would be sufficient to allow individual councillors to perform their representative work and the Council to effectively manage committee work. I think it is very important to have very local councillors to represent residents in each ward. I don't think the decision should be made on a mainly financial basis.

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Form Answers

Name: Caroline Whately-Smith

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 Area your submission refers to: Three Rivers
 Organisation you belong to: member of the public
 Your feedback: With respect to the proposed change in the number of councillors making up Three Rivers District Council, I would like to record my objection to any reduction to 30 councillors. The district of Three Rivers is made up of several (approximately 17) communities ranging in size from Rickmansworth and Abbots Langley to Mill End and Pimlico. Each of these towns, villages and hamlets are very distinct, with geography having little or no bearing on the relationship. For example Carpenders Park and South Oxhey share a rail station and are separated only by the railway line. However, in terms of demographics they are completely different. Similarly Oxhey and Moor Park are extremely close geographically but have completely different issues in terms of their residents' concerns. Hunton Bridge, where I live, may be geographically close to Chandlers Cross and Sarratt but socially, transport-wise and culturally it is more aligned with Abbot's Langley. Sarratt and Chandlers Cross are both mainly residential village communities with closer ties to Chorleywood or even Kings Langley. Neither have much in the way of commercial activity nor do they have good transport connections. Hunton Bridge is home to many small businesses, with good transport links, both buses and trains, to Hemel, Watford and the main West Coast main line (via Kings Langley station). We have little or no connection with the residents of Sarratt, Chandlers Cross or the other nearby villages. Indeed we are separated by country lanes and green fields, so a councillor who lived in either one of these areas would find it hard to connect with the residents of the other. Councillors need to be seen in person and communicate with their constituents face to face where possible. Email does not always do the job. This is common to many of the pairings of communities that might result if the number of councillors were to be reduced. This would therefore lead to a feeling of loss of representation on the part of residents through a disconnect with their local councillor. We are lucky to live in a well-run and democratic district, with good access to familiar faces as local councillors and would prefer it to remain that way.

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Your feedback:

The proposed changes to boundaries and Councillors in Hertfordshire Three Rivers severely reduce the effectiveness of working with the community. It is essential that there is sufficient Councillors to deal with issues - not only with the electorate but ALL residents.
Abbots Langley Parish, consisting of 20,000 plus parishioners, has been successful in attaining a rapport with inhabitants and this is due to the diligence of Councillors. If these changes are to be implemented after 2014 the population in our area will increase well above the figures indicated in the TRDC submission. At this stage of the consultation I support the case for AT LEAST 39 Councillors.

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