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Medstead Parish Council agree with the proposal to retain the total number of Ward Councillors at 44.

The proposal to reallocate that part of the Downlands Ward known as The Shrave and within Chawton Parish into the Four Marks and Medstead Ward is logical and acceptable due to its immediate proximity to Four Marks.

Using the population data provided by The Local Government Boundary Commission for England, councillors in East Hampshire on average currently represent 2084 residents. In the Four Marks and Medstead ward councillors represent 2709 which is 30% greater.

The average representation figure for East Hampshire is anticipated to rise to 2242 by 2023.

However, the approved increase in housing in the ward will see a disproportionate increase in population by 2023 to an estimated figure of 6592. This increase would mean that our two district councillors would be responsible for 3296 residents each which is 47% greater than the average. A significant under representation.

The above figures are in stark contrast to the over representation in say Petersfield and many of the rural wards. However, so far as the latter is concerned, the disparate nature of the wards must be considered. Another significant feature is the incursion of the South Downs National Park within the district which is restricting housing development in that area so reducing the rate of population increase while putting pressure on those wards outside the national park. Four Marks and Medstead is one of those wards.

Medstead Parish Council would propose that the Four Marks and Medstead ward should be allocated 3 district councillors and Petersfield wards be reconfigured and reduced by one.

This reallocation would produce an average representation of 2197 for Four Marks and Medstead of just 45 less than the district average.

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