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I would like to put forward the case to maintain multi member wards in Nottingham. Multi member wards are important because in some wards we have ageing councillors which means their health is not always good, work they can do is restricted. We have some young female councillors who have young children so sometimes childcare can be an issue with regards to attending urgent unplanned meetings. In my ward, we have 2 male councillors and only 1 female councillor. Women especially Asian women find it more appropriate and comfortable to approach a female councillor to discuss their issues. With emerging communities making up more than 50% of my ward, English is not always their first language so with multi member wards you can have people from different backgrounds who speak different languages, which helps breakdown barriers and resolve issues people have quickly. Multi member wards mean more women can stand for elections, as its not seen as a full time role and you have fellow councillors to assist in covering maternity leave and ill health. With an ageing population we are seeing people living longer with bad health which means a lot of people have caring responsibilities for their parents/relatives. Many of our current councillors have other part time jobs aswell and this is only possible because of multi member wards, as they are able to share the workload. If we only have single member wards the pressure on councillors would be unbearable because some parts of the city have a lot of issues with flytipping, bins on streets, drug taking and for one councillor to be everywhere to talk about these issues with residents, police and other partner organisations is impossible. It's important to make the minimum amount of changes to boundaries so people do not get confused and the council saves money in Literature and election costs.

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