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A new custom form submission has been received. The details of the form submission are as follows:

Submission Information

Custom Form: Online submissions form (#183)
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Form Answers

Name: George Mela
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Area your submission refers to: Bromsgrove
Organisation you belong to: member of the public

Your feedback:

- 1) The number of councillors should reflect the total population of the area and it is my belief that no councillor can adequately serve more than 2500 residents. Remembering that this allows for for the total population of both young and old this is not an over onerous number. Thus the total number of councillors should reflect this fact. On the council's own mid-year estimate for 2010 of approx. 93,000 residents, this would give 37 councillors. Any increase in population over the next few years must be taken into account and thus I believe that the present number of 39 councillors is about right, at worst requiring a reduction of maybe one or two seats.
- 2) To ensure that the population is represented as broadly as possible the mix of councillors should include not only members who are retired or run their own businesses and can give a reasonably unlimited amount of time but includes

members who may be in full time employment or who are full time family carers, and who have to be able to give the time necessary to fulfill their council duties. The number of hours they can spend on council duties is limited and any increase in these will cause hardships for this particular section of the community. Another reason formn ot significantly reducing the number of councillors.

3) Whilst there is a certain amount of logic in having single member wards, this must be part of the further review to ensure that each ward has somewhere in the region of 2500 residents in it - otherwise there is no validity to the argument. I understand that a review of wards and boundaries is for further down the process, but the principle of the population number to be represented by a single councillor has to be established before a final decision of councillor numbers can be made. Based on the previous figure of 93,000 residents giving 37 councillors, means that 37 wards need to be established. It may be more productive to have two member wards of about 5000 persons per ward, which would also give a certain 'back-up' should one of the ward councillors be unavailable for any reason, ensuring that the ward population is always represented.

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