

## Test Valley District

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### Comment text:

I live in Awbridge, in Blackwater Ward. I am not suggesting any change to the boundary of the Ward. Test Valley is expanding very rapidly at the moment. There are planning applications for considerable housing developments throughout Southern Test Valley, despite the Borough having met its quota for new housing. Consequently the need for scrutiny by Borough Councillors remains paramount particularly as Councils have their funding reduced despite increased pressure from many sources. For example; the habit of developers to clear potential sites of all vegetation before making a planning application rendering ecological surveys meaningless & degrading many areas. With bigger Wards & fewer Councillors there would be even greater potential for abuse of current systems intended to control planning. Because of pressures on all services, having fewer Councillors with larger areas to cover would increase their workload & therefore the likelihood of abuse of systems intended to protect the public. However, if there is no alternative to boundary change, then Blackwater sits best with adjacent parts of Dun Valley in terms of transport, schools, healthcare, access to shops and leisure.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded