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There do seem to be imbalances in the number of constituents across some wards. If the current the average 2000 - 2500 is to be retained, then clearly there is a need to perhaps split some of the more heavily populated wards, which would result in more councillors. At present it is stated there are 38(?) wards, with a possible increase to 44(?). This would be maintaining the present averages. I would like a councillor's view on what constitutes a sensible ward size in terms of supporting constituents, and whether rural, semi-rural, or urban wards generate disproportionate workloads. For instance a does small town/large village ward (as in Horndean where the wards are split into the numbers referred above) generate more work than a rural ward, or does extra geography generate an equivalent workload? Is it possible that adding the total constituents and then dividing into a fixed number of wards, then balancing geographical considerations, might be one method of determining optimum councillor numbers? Or is the target already 44 councillors? This is not completely clear. perhaps a target of wards of 3,000 average (or close to) within five years may work. Considering the amount of development happening around the area, starting with 2,500 - 2750 per ward will quite probably expand to 3,000 per ward within a few years if the current growth in building continues. Bordon/Whitehill being one example, and the planned 700+ dwelling on the edge of Horndean another.

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