Why Bracknell Forest?

This review will address the poor levels of electoral equality in Bracknell Forest.

Bracknell Forest’s boundaries have been not been reviewed since 2002.
What does an Electoral Review Determine?

1. Total number of councillors
2. Total number of wards
3. Ward boundaries
4. Number of councillors elected to each ward
5. Names of each ward
Review Process

Part 1: Councillor Numbers

Part 2: Warding Arrangements
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Effective representations will address:

- Decision Making
- Scrutiny & Partnerships
- Representational Requirements

When?
- Final Submission by: 15 November 2019
Part 2: Warding Patterns

Effective representations will address:

- **Electoral equality for voters**
- **Community identities and interests**
- **Effective and convenient local government**

**When?**
- Consultation on warding patterns: *7 January 2020 to 16 March 2020*
- Consultation on draft recommendations: *2 June 2020 to 10 August 2020*
Review Timeline

Preliminary period/
No. councillors
Now to December 2019

Consultation on
warding patterns
7 January 2020 to
16 March 2020

Consultation on draft recommendations
2 June 2020 to
10 August 2020

Final recommendations
Published Nov 2020
Order Made Early 2021
Elected upon 2023

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Making a difference

- Get involved.
- Help shape your council for the long term.
- Help us make it a transparent & consultative process.
- Help influence & encourage.

Local knowledge is invaluable to this process.
**Effective Representations**

**What we want:**
- Rationale not assertion.
- What you DO & don’t like.
- Alternatives.
- Practical community examples.
- Consideration of all 3 statutory criteria.

**We cannot consider:**
- Political consequences.
- “It ain’t broke don’t fix it” arguments.
- Parliamentary boundaries.
- Postcodes or addresses.
- House prices & insurance.
Making a submission

“The two Parish Councils here are in the final stages of producing a joint Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan. It is therefore logical that the new proposed name covering these two parishes reflects the community going forward, i.e. Kibworths ward”
- Kibworth Harcourt Parish Council

“They go to different secondary schools, have different community centres and focal points, have different bus routes, different youth clubs, different parks – so there is a real north/south split reflected in strong community identities”
- Yate Town Council

There are currently 80 seats to be covered by 48 non-executive members which works out at 1.6 seats per councillor. If the size of the council in future was set at 43, this would leave 35 non-executive members. If the number of seats on non-executive committees were reduced as shown, it would still work out at a ratio of 1.6 seats per councillor. This demonstrates that governance arrangements could be accommodated without creating a significant burden on a reduced membership.
- Elmbridge Borough Council (submission on councillor numbers)
Getting in touch

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