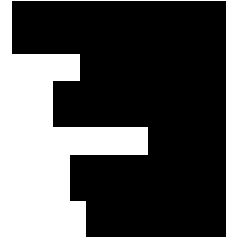


# ***LONG SUTTON AND WELL PARISH COUNCIL***



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Dear Sirs

## **Electoral Review of Hart**

My Parish Council have requested that I write to you to confirm their views on the forthcoming Electoral Review of Hart.

Although in population size we are a very small Parish, the Parish area is very rural and covers a wide area.

### **1. District Council Representation**

We currently have one District Council representative and we are extremely happy with the level of representation that one District Councillor can provide.

It is our assertion that one Councillor is able to provide a more personal service than increasing the size of the area and sharing the duties between two or more Councillors. We believe that this situation would be confusing, increase the workload and requirement for in depth knowledge for local issues, and could lead to the more dominant Parishes being given priority over smaller and more rural Parishes.

### **2. Parish Council Representation**

Long Sutton and Well Parish Council is comprised of five Parish Councillors with the requirement for three Parish Councillors to constitute a quorum.

This arrangement works very well and with an odd number of representatives makes the achievement of majority decisions easier.

The alternative would be to increase the number of Parish Councillors to seven or nine. The quorum requirement would also have to increase.

However due to the small population of the Parish, finding volunteers to come forward for election as Parish Councillors has previously proven to be extremely difficult.

The Parish Council is therefore extremely happy with the present arrangement for Parish Councillors.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Sue Rotheram**  
**Clerk to Long Sutton and Well Parish Council**