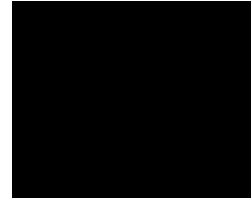


CLERK: Mrs Teresa Hudson  
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12 October 2011

Dear Sir

**ELECTORAL REVIEW OF SWALE BOROUGH COUNCIL KENT**

Bredgar Parish Council refers to your letter of 12 September 2011 regarding the composition of, and number of, councillors for the Borough. The parish Councils' view is as follows;

- 1 That the existing Council size of 47 members is appropriate, within a range of one or two councillors.
- 2 Councillors in full time employment experience difficulties in managing work and fulfilling their duties as councillors of the Borough. A reduction in member numbers will place further pressure on employed councillors – and the Borough values the experience that working members bring to the Council
- 3 The number of Council committees appears appropriate for the proper function of the Borough. It may be, therefore, that the number of committees will influence the number of members available to maintain a representative selection of Councillors for each committee.
- 4 It appears that a small reduction in the numbers of Councillors would be marginal in terms of cost.

Yours faithfully  
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