

West Northamptonshire Council

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With the proposal to reduce the number of councillors from 93 to 77 for WNC, we consider it important to achieve two aims within the council: 1. Ensure each ward reflects community ties, and identities. 2. Revert to a 1 councillor; 1 ward system To this end we present the following proposals for the ward of Towcester & Roade. Current issues with existing Ward: Being a significant town with the WNC area Towcester has different requirements to the villages of Roade, Stoke Bruene and Shutlanger (Aim 1 noted above). Of the current councillors (3), two are of the same party and one of a different political party. This has resulted in one political party splitting their responsibilities, but the other councillor spending very little (or no) time outside Towcester. (Aim 2 noted above). Cllr Louisa Fowler is of great assistance and an asset and we would if possible like to keep her as councillor (whilst she's voted in). Background and Thoughts to our proposal: With the proposal from WNC to reduce the number of councillors from 93 to 77 and the increase in the population of WNC the average councillor / ward should have approximately 4,250 electors. Given that Roade is forecast to have a electorate of 2,684 it would be inappropriate to continue to combine the village with Towcester. As such, we propose to have Roade as the centre of a Ward, with other villages included to reach the appropriate number of electors. Polling Districts proposed We propose that the Polling Districts included in the ward including Roade should be: DTR2 - Roade - 2,684 Hartwell - 1500 DDH1 - Ashton - 330 DBG10 - Courtenhall - 76 Total Electors (2028 est) - 4,590 These villages are all near each other, based near or on the A508 and close the M1 and the new Northampton Gateway development.

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