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Related subject: Bablake

I have looked at the electoral figures for Bablake ward which are projected to rise from 13,146 at present to around 18,130 in 2029. I am concerned that it is unrealistic to expect the 3 existing ward Councillors to absorb this increase in numbers & that the support & service we receive from Councillors will reflect this. I assume that the increase relates to the new build homes which are being built in the area - these new residents will have some common and some different concerns to the current Bablake residents which will create additional complexity as well as increased numbers. Although Councillors themselves have recommended that the number of council members remain the same I would argue that a 4th councillor is needed in Bablake. The largest other ward, Upper Stoke, will still have around 15,818 projected residents on the electoral, which is significantly less and only a fractional increase on current figures compared to around a 38% increase in Bablake. Whilst I am aware that a lot of Councillor time is spent reviewing policies, strategies etc which will remain the same regardless of ward size the very important case work which Councillor's do will be badly impacted.

Attached Documents:

None attached