

## Wokingham Borough Council

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### Comment text:

MP's hold elections every 4/5 years and each resident is only represented by one MP. Borough Council elections should follow the same pattern in that an elected Borough Councillor. Whether its a one or a four year cycle is not the issue not is the number in the electorate as long as its reasonably balanced. Residents being represented by a single MP/Borough Councillor gives that resident the right democratic right. In Wokingham we have examples of one and 3 member ward areas. The one ward member works perfectly with elections every 4 years where as the three Member wards do not. three times as many residents vote every 3 out of 4 years and wards with different political make ups deliver a very poor service to residents. It also leads to poor resident representation. A side issue but very important is small political parties or independents or residents groups incur considerable expense in three member wards as the cost to fight a campaign is tripled. It does not encourage democracy but simply favours the big three political parties. Simply put 4 year cycle in balanced individual member wards offers the electorate the best democratic option.

### Uploaded Documents:

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