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In general 54 is a far to high a number for Wokingham. In the current world that we live in Councillors rely MORE on electronic media and channels to engage with residents. Holding a "surgery" where 2 or 3 people turn up is not representative of the modern world. As a Councillor in a neighbouring authoring i would say 80-90% of my casework comes from Facebook, and direct comms from residents - and although the number of actual cases has increased the TYPE of casework has also changed. Online in this ward there is very little engagement online from Councillors - thats changing, but there has always been a negative view of issues and matters raised online. Having more councillors in a ward makes the workload less for campaigning for re-election. With more people engaging digitally accross all divides LESS Councillors are needed to "manage" and escalate cases - and be able to detect issues online that impact numbers of people - for example 20-50 people complaining online about the state of the road - thats not 50 items of casework, 50 replies, 50 tracks of updates etc. Thats 1. The overall number of Councillors is too high and the ratio should be 1:5k or higher. Surrey County Council has 81 Councillors ad a population of 1.3m - so thats roughlt 1:15,000

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