

Blaby District Council

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The following response is Braunstone Town Council's consultation response to the Local Government Boundary Commission's Consultation on new Ward boundaries for Blaby District Council:

(a) The population had grown from approximately 70,000 in 1974 to approximately 100,000 today. The area would grow further in the coming years with new developments; for example, Lubbesthorpe. Therefore, it should be noted that Braunstone Town Council did not agree with the decision to reduce the total number of District Councillors from 39 to 36

(b) Braunstone Town is a distinct area and the largest settlement in Blaby District; a significant caseload is generated for Councillors due to the varying demographics and deprivation levels of its population. It would be unreasonable for Braunstone Town to lose 2 Councillors as a result of the review; therefore, the proposed wards, boundaries and representation should avoid the loss of more than one Councillor with rounding considered favourably when considering both the District Wards for Braunstone Town and the District as a whole.

(c) The names used locally to identify the areas of Braunstone Town were well established and widely recognised by the population. Therefore, the names of the existing Wards should be used where possible for naming the proposed Wards; and Thorpe Astley should be jointly recognised as part of its Ward.

(d) Thorpe Astley is a distinct community from the parts of Winstanley adjacent to Braunstone Lane and with the ratio of electors to Councillor being lower at Parish level should be retained as a separate Parish Ward. Therefore, Braunstone Town Council formally requests that when applying the new District Ward arrangements to the Parish; the Ward which includes Thorpe Astley needs to be subdivided to retain the current separate Parish Ward for Thorpe Astley.

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