

# Bracknell Forest Council

a ceremonial shire's unitary district  
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## FER in BFC: warding arrangements, Council's future SIZE

Ref A: **Appendix** issued 15-xi-19: **FER in BFC: stage.1 council's future SIZE**

The future council size for Bracknell Forest council (BFC) must respect the town of BRACKNELL's particular character. The Commissioners are mindful to allow a size of 40-members in the future. My analysis of a 37 thru 43-member range has found that either 41 or 43 are viable. But 43-members would be outside of the mindful zone's '*tram-lines*' thus not applicable. A 41-member council would respect the .

The New-Town-of-BRACKNELL was developed by Bracknell Development Corporation (BDC): Their New Town's scheme design - self-contained urban villages – neighbourhoods: each area with their own clear identity is enclosed by distribution roads. In each nine (9) neighbourhoods there is a primary school, branch library, & shopping zone: each has its own distinct character and that has created a clear identity eg Priestwood, Wildridings in 1967, Hanworth in early 1970s, and Crown Wood. Since BDC was dissolved in 1980s recent developments are respecting that design-code ie Whitegrove in Warfield-CP.

Honest intelligent rigour has respected the BDC's neighbourhood identity. In the future a 41(fourty-one) member council would respect the extant neighbourhoods eg Priestwood, Wildridings, & Old Bracknell. Old Bracknell is shown as Easthampstead on street-atlas maps: that is an error. Until 1974 there was an Easthampstead-CP: Its location was west & south of Bracknell-CP. It was dissolved – in 1974 – and Bracknell-CP gained Easthampstead Park on west-side whilst on south-side Crowthorne-CP gained the SSSI & MoT's RRL.

BFC's BRACKNELL created by the 'Bracknell Development Corporation (BDC)'. BFC has three (3) distinct areas: there are towns, villages, & hamlet of Warfield. BFC's size is 42-members since 2003.

May it be suggested that a 41 (fourty-one) member Council would better respect & reflect the particular - neighbourhoods - character in the town of BRACKNEL.

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WARD, 15 as-proposed >>> BFC's sectors =====	2475 forecast =====	av/cllr electors =====	cllr =====	variance % =====
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North - 3-of-15 - as proposed

Winkfield-with-Ascot-Priory	7832	2611	3	5% (5.472%)
Warfield Harvest Ride	7726	2575	3	4% (4.045%)
Binfield [North] & Warfield	4973	2486	2	0% (0.456%)

West- 2-of-14 - as proposed

Binfield Wykery	7543	2514	3	2% (1.580%)
Great Hollands	7483	2494	3	1% (0.772%)

Mid-West - 4-of-15 - as proposed

Priestwood-with-Garth	7418	2473	3	-0% (-0.103%)
Wildridings-w-Central Town	4518	2249	2	-9% (-8.74%)
Old Bracknell	4661	2330	2	-6% (-5.85)
Hanworth[ with Birch Hill]	6662	2221	3	-10% (10.3)

Mid-East - 3-of-15 - as proposed

Bullbrook	5198	2599	2	5% (5.002%)
Harmans Water	7384	2461	3	-0% (-0.56%)
[Crown Wood] Forest Park	7026	2342	3	-5% (-5.39%)

South - 3-of-15 - as proposed

Crowthorne [CP / ward]	6787	2262	3	-9% (-8.61%)
Sandhurst West	8279	2760	3	11% (11%)
Sandhurst East	8104	2701	3	9% (9.135%)

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Total/Average	101 484	2475 <sup>22</sup>	41-members ...	
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WARD, 15 as-proposed	2475	av/cllr	cllr	variance
>>> BFC's sectors	forecast	electors		%
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North - 4-of-15 - as proposed				
Winkfield-with-Ascot-Priory	7832	2611	3	5% (5. <sup>472</sup> %)
... an extant ASCOT ward is		-6%		
INSERT: "WS" with "WZ" - 3186-electors - into Winkfield-with-Ascot-Priory				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New ward's electoral arrangements make shared parish (CP) ID.</li><li>• Rural generally: enlargement would allow effective polling administration.</li><li>• Revised electoral variance would now provide criteria's better variance.</li></ul>				
Warfield Harvest Ride (WHR)	7726	2575	3	4% (4. <sup>045</sup> %)
the extant WHR ward is		-12%		
ADD: "WP: Warfield Park (south)" - 891-electors variance 0% – into WHR, and				
INSERT: pt of "BE" – 276-electors - from Bullbrook's "Gough's Priory triangles".				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "WP Warfield Pk (south)" east of WHR's Whitegrove parish-ward, a long established 'caravan estate': allows criteria's BEST variance = 0% ...!</li><li>• Optional extra: 276-electors in "Gough's Priory triangles": relate WHR, in Bracknell-CP a new PW – until BFC's CGR of the future.</li><li>• Retain extant bounds - A3095 (Warfield Rd), and Holly Spring Ln;</li></ul>				
Binfield [North] & Warfield	4973	2486	2	0% (0. <sup>456</sup> %)
the extant Binfield-with-Warfield is		29%		
OMIT: "BC, BB, BAC, & BI (sic)" into a new ward, and				
ADD: "WN Warfield Park (north)" – 351-electos – into Binfield & Warfield.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• B3034 (Forest Rd, Cabbage Hill, Warfield Street, &amp; Forest Rd) corridor</li><li>• village of Binfield and rural Warfield retain shared civil-parish interests: "WN Warfield Pk" to be consolidated with "WM Warfield (St Michael's)"</li></ul>				

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- Currently there are discrete housing developments  
e.g. West End farm in "WM Warfield (St Michael's)".
- Revised electoral variance would now provide criteria's best variance.

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West- 1-of-14 - as proposed

<b>Binfield Wykery</b>	<b>7543</b>	2514	<b>3</b>	<b>2%</b> (1. <sup>580</sup> %)
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the extant Binfield-with-Warfield is 29%

INSERT: "BC, BB, BAC, & BI (sic)" into this new ward, and

ADD: "BQ Jennett Pk" – 2591-electors, & "BH-e" (SIA) – from ex'g **GHN**.

- Wykery Copse & Jennett Pk have shared community joint interests: inclusion of Jennett Pk in this new ward with (Binfield) Wykery Copse would resolve a long-standing community joint interest.
- **Bus 108** connects the estates, via **Ellesfield Ave** in Southern Ind Area (SIA), with central Bracknell, thru the Wildridings neighbourhood.
- Electoral variance provide criteria's good electoral variance.

<b>Great Hollands</b>	<b>7483</b>	2494	<b>3</b>	<b>1%</b> (0. <sup>772</sup> %)
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extant Great Hollands North ward is 21%

OMIT: "BQ Jennett's Pk" into the new ward above, and

ADD: "BJ Gt Hollands South" – 4105-electos – into new **Great Hollands**.

- New ward's electoral arrangements consolidate neighbourhood's ID: originally creat'dcreated by Bracknell Development Corporation (BDC).
- Mill Ln / Crowthorne Rd (A3095) and Nine Mile Ride (B3430) retain as a simple clear bound for extant neighbourhood of **Great Hollands**;
- Electoral variance provide criteria's better electoral variance.

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(\*) ALTERNATIVE 2-wards arrangement ...!

<b>Binfield South</b>	<b>4952</b>	2476	<b>2</b>	<b>0%</b> (0. <sup>031</sup> %)
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INSERT; "BI (sic), BAC, BB, & BC = **Binfield South**" – new ward/PW

<b>Easthampstead Park</b>	<b>2591</b>	2591	<b>1</b>	<b>5%</b> (4. <sup>678</sup> %)
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INSERT: BQ, BH-e - Jennett Pk - PD - & the Southern Industrial Area,

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## Mid-East - 3-of-15 - as proposed

<b>Bullbrook</b>	<b>5198</b>	2599	<b>2</b>	<b>5%</b> (5 <sup>.002%</sup> )
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the extant BULLBROOK ward is 19%

OMIT: "BE-s" Martin's Ln est - 393 electors - into **Harmans Water** ward, and

OMIT: "BE-n" Gough's/Priory triangles - 276-electors – into revised **WHR-ward**;

- Revised ward's electoral arrangements consolidate neighbourhood's ID:
- Holly Spring Ln, Warfield Rd (A3095), and Larges Ln, retained as simple clear bound for revised Bullbrook ward; & – see below - Broad Ln bound;
- Revised electoral variance would now provide criteria's better variance.

<b>Harmans Water</b>	<b>7384</b>	2461	<b>3</b>	<b>-0%</b> (0 <sup>.56%</sup> )
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the extant HARMANS WATER ward is 4% (3.76%)

OMIT: "WV-e ... **the Warren**" - 612-electors - into **Forest Park**, see below, and

OMIT: "BLP-w" Ranlagh Dr est – 212-electors - into **Town Centre** parish ward;

ADD: "BE-s" Martin's Ln est - 393 electors - from **Bullbrook** ward;

- "WV-w" Martins Heron" spans railway – rail station – W of the-Bullbrook:
- Martin's Ln is E-of-Broad Ln, W-of-Ralph's Ride, & N-of-SW-railway:  
Broad Ln – distributor road – would make a simpler clear bound;
- Revised electoral variance would now provide criteria's best variance.

<b>Forest Park [ex-Crown Wood]</b>	<b>7026</b>	2342	<b>3</b>	<b>-5%</b> (-5 <sup>.39%</sup> )
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The extant CROWN WOOD ward is -14%

INSERT "WV-e ... **the Warren**" - 612-electors –from **Harmans Water** ward.

- The Warren - E of New Forest Ride (B3430), W of Bog Ln & S of railway – is a discrete estate with simple clear bound for revised enlarged ward; Minimal enlargement: Crown Wood & Forest Park Integrity is conserved. This revised ward's largest constituent unit is "WW **FOREST\_PARK**": propose an alternative name to reflect ward - suggest FOREST\_PARK;
- Revised electoral variance would now provide criteria's better variance.
- Governance: minimal enlargement would allow effective administration.

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South - 3-of-15 - as proposed

<b>Crowthorne</b> [CP / ward]	6787	2262	<b>3</b>	<b>-9%</b> (-8.61%)
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The extant Crowthorne ward is -22%

INSERT: "CS" - 1016-electors - into new **Crowthorne**.

- Edgebarrow School is the village of CROWTHORNE's secondary school: since 1979, community hub is Edgbarrow Sports\_&\_Community Centre; Sports Centre - Sports Hall, Squash Courts, and community Meeting Hall with Bar's Lounge - is village's hub: a joint county with district project; Crowthorne-CP's Edgbarrow Hill, Wildmoor Heath, & Edgbarrow Woods are the **Edgbarrow Sports Centre's** recreational hinterland ...!
- Electoral balance is good and respects CROWTHORNE-CP's integrity.
- Governance – coterminous CP/ward - can allow effective administration.

<b>Sandhurst West</b>	<b>8279</b>	2760	<b>3</b>	<b>11%</b> (11.4%)
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The extant Little Sandhurst is -25%

INSERT: "SP central Sandhurst" - 4238-electors – into **Sandhurst West**, and  
ADD: "SO-w" – 320-electors – from **College Town**.

- New ward's electoral arrangements consolidate communities' identities: Little Sandhurst and central Sandhurst.
- Electoral variance's criteria challenge respects parish of SANDHURST's.
- Governance: minimal enlargement would allow effective administration.

<b>Sandhurst East</b>	<b>8104</b>	2701	<b>3</b>	<b>9%</b> (9.135%)
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The extant college Town ward is -15%

INSERT: "SJ Owlsmoor" - 4229-electors – into new **Sandhurst East**, and  
OMIT: "SO-w" - 320-electors - into the new **Sandhurst West** ward above.

- New ward's electoral arrangements consolidate communities' identities: College Town, and Owlsmoor. The Moray estate – east of Rackstraw Rd (A3095) / west of Florence Rd - should join Avocet estate in above ward.
- Governance: minimal revision can allow effective polling administration.
- Electoral variance is good and respects SANDHURST-CP's identity.



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## Appendix issued 15-xi-19: FER in BFC: stage.1 council's future SIZE

**BRACKNELL-CP**, a constituent CP within BFC, is a “**new town peculiar**”. Why a peculiar? As is known, after ‘WW2’ a ring of ‘new towns’ were created around Greater London: each one designed by a ‘development corporation’.

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The New-Town-of-BRACKNELL was developed by BDC: Their New Town's scheme design - self-contained urban villages – neighbourhoods: each area with their own clear identity is enclosed by distribution roads. In each nine (9) neighbourhoods there is a primary school, branch library, & shopping zone: each has its own distinct character and that has created a clear identity eg Priestwood, Wildridings in 1967, Hanworth in early 1970s, and Crown Wood.

Since BDC's dissolution, the post BDC estates have spilled over into the BFC “northern parishes” eg Forest Park and Martin Heron next to the Swinley Forest.

My own experience of Bracknell New Town started in 1972-3: the RBNW (New Windsor) urgently needed to re-develop the town centre so to complete its slum clearance project. The choice, either internal as Slough or, external 24/7 open. An officer/member ‘working group visited BDC: their Chief Architect explained New Town's peculiar design - self-contained urban villages - neighbourhoods. RBNW group next visited Camberley: we liked its merit a 24/7 open precinct. BFC's recently completed ‘the-Lexicon centre’ is an open 24/7 precinct.

BFC's extant council, since 2003, is 42-members: the same size as Slough-BC. For effective administration there should be a critical mass of members. Of the recent FER in RBWM, next door, is viewed as driven by ego so to be smallest.

BFC's extant size is 42-members since 2003. Bracknell New Town's peculiar character – distinct neighbourhoods that are enclosed by distribution roads – must determine future size needs: respected peculiar neighbourhoods rather than CIPFA's formula. Forecast'25 electorate – respecting neighbourhoods – would guide a size – 40/45 members - respecting self-contained urban villages.

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