

## Bracknell Forest

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As a former Councillor for Great Hollands North, I would like to argue that rather than focusing first on the size and boundaries of Wards, the first consideration should be reducing the total number of Councillors. Bracknell Forest Council does not need 42 Councillors to carry out its functions as a deliberative body: this includes Executive functions, Overview and Scrutiny, Planning and other committees. This same work could be carried out by 30 Councillors. This would save over £100,000 of taxpayers money per year, money which would be better spent providing front-line public services. These 30 Councillors could be split: 10 Wards of 3 Councillors; or 15 Wards of 2 Councillors. There should not be any single-member Wards as Councillors sometimes go on holiday, fall ill, have babies, etc. and having more than one Councillor allows them to cover for each other during these times. Finally, regard should be given to the distinct local areas/communities that makeup Bracknell Forest when deciding on the Ward boundaries. That being said, these boundaries of these communities are fluid and this should be a minor consideration compared to reducing the overall number of Councillors. [REDACTED]

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