

Buckinghamshire Council

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As a result of the move to a unitary authority, and the loss of district councils, there has been a loss of appropriate democratic representation in my area. Whereas Hazlemere - a large parish council of approx 10,000 inhabitants, 4,500 households - used to be represented by 4 Buckinghamshire councillors, we now have only 3. Yet, because of housing allocations, our population could soon grow by up to 20%. This means that: 1) Hazlemere's voice in the unitary authority has shrunk 2) Our councillors have a bigger workload and if one or more councillors fails to act effectively, there is a significant impact 3) It is harder for 'new voices' to be heard. I would like to see a more even spread of councillors, taking into account expected demographic change, and also a larger number of councillors, particularly for Hazlemere. I appreciate this comes with extra cost, but either you believe in democracy or you don't! At the moment, there are too few councillors and their distribution is unbalanced, resulting in a democratic deficit.

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