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• On the basis that the number of MHDC Councillors is reduced from 38 to 31, we suggest that the new Malvern Hills District Council ward boundaries are defined consistently so that 31 wards each have one Councillor representing 1900-2000 voters. Having one Councillor per ward would strengthen the relationship between the elected Councillor and their constituents. Voters would know who their Councillor is and be confident about getting in touch when necessary. The Councillor would be able to develop an in depth understanding of younger and older people's concerns, ideas and aspirations and be able to represent them knowledgeably on the Council. • The current arrangements in which some wards have one Councillor, whilst others have 2 or even 3, is not only confusing but also undermines residents' understanding of, and confidence in, the democratic relationship between an elected representative and their constituents. • That in determining the appropriate ward boundaries, housing developments, both those currently under construction and those due to be built in the next three years, with appropriate planning permission and target completion date, are included in the calculations of ward electorates. Over 1000 new homes are being built in the District including developments at Cales Farm, Guarlford, Madresfield, Malvern Rise, The Rosehips, Coppice View and Tenbury.

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