

As a resident of Barton in Fabis the parish will suffer the greatest change over the 4 years to 2027. What is currently a small rural village in the green belt with historic links to Gotham for primary school, local pubs, shops and medical centre will be overwhelmed by a large community of Fairham built on fields inside the green belt with its own playing fields, community centre, primary school and medical centre. The two communities will have very different issues.

Barton in Fabis will have greater synergies with the rural villages of Gotham, Thrumpton, Kingston and Ratcliffe than the new community at Fairham.

My proposal is to share the Fairham work in the interim until Fairham is large enough to warrant its own member:

Create a **new Rural Ward Gotham and Sutton Bonington with two ward members** made up of;

Parish	No of Ward members	2023	Electors per councillor	2027	Electors per councillor
Barton in Fabis	2	225		2276	
Thrumpton		121		133	
Gotham		1311		1513	
Kingston on Soar		245		258	
Ratcliffe on Soar		120		115	
Sutton Bonnington		1459		1667	
Total	2	3481	1741	5962	2981

#### Benefits:

- The new ward is a natural contiguous geographic area
- All villages are rural and will face similar issues and concerns (except the Fairham development) based on green belt designation, small village resources and relatively gentrified populations.
- The small ward of Sutton Bonington will be increased closer to the “average”
- The two larger villages of Sutton Bonington and Gotham could be the basis of a nominal split between the councillors and naturally serve the communities around them
- The growth at Barton in Fabis can be shared between the councillors
- As Fairham grows it will demand its own ward member and a new council can be created by the Borough Council
- The remaining Gotham and Sutton Bonington ward will be a minimum of 3911 electors which across two members will be 1956 per member.
- If the three smaller Leake parishes were to be included in the new ward the growth at Leake will be moderated to reduce the 2027 electorate at Leake to 7493 and reduce the numbers per ward member to 2498 and the electorate per ward member in Gotham and Sutton Bonington would increase to 2256 per member.