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Fair representation is just as important for rural areas as it is for urban, and just because there are fewer people living outside the towns it doesn't mean their views and needs should be ignored due to lack of someone who will speak up for them in Council. There will always be disputes between the different districts, and particularly near boundaries, and the current policy of allowing large developments in selected areas (sometimes abutting or even crossing boundaries) is bound to make things worse. Proportional (but not necessarily fair) representation would have to mean that the areas covered by each Councillor, and the number of Councillors, would need to change each time a large development took place. Another way to look at it might be to give each councillor an equal set area, most mainly rural and some mainly urban (ie Staffordshire divided by the number of Councillors). For centuries the county was divided into Five 'Hundreds' and perhaps something similar with say five areas with 12 Councillors each (If there has to be a limit of around 60 total) would be a better way, creating fewer borders but with more Councillors to sort out the problems in each area.

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