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I appreciate this is a lost cause but I have to say that after 40 years living in Birmingham, 35 years of working for Birmingham City Council and 25 years of a close association with a village in Italy I am convinced that the scale of our local govt units are far too large. Public meetings at ward level in Birmingham would be attended by 20 or so, often bad tempered people from a population of 25,000, in Scarborough though wards are smaller attendance at public meetings is low and even then usually to object to past decisions with little expectation of having any influence. In our Italian village with a population of 1600, there are 10 councillors, a mayor and our own policeman. 200 people participate in genuinely consultative meetings to decide on the matters over which they have jurisdiction. Please whoever is reading this comment, look up Prof. Richard Sennett, he has much to offer on urban living.

Attached Documents:

None attached