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Firstly, I think it is very important that Councillors either live or work in their Wards. it is also vital that rural/village areas are separately represented, and not merged in with representation from towns. For example, Ryall, Ripple, Naunton Uckinghall, Earls Croome Severn Stoke, are similar in structure and occupation, but should not be combined with an Upton, Kempsey, or Welland. It is also important that Wards are contigious, ie. physically next to one another, and not cobbled together by an algorithm. After deciding on the new configuration of Wards, MHDC should also consider using their powers to match the areas of Town and Parish Councils to the same parameters. This will bring a better focus, clarification, and efficiency at both Parish, Town and District levels, Under this new scheme some rural Wards may cover large areas, but no too many people as a Town centered Ward. Consider larger allowances for rural based Councillors. The concept of Wards of similar population size assumes that Council issues are all people intensive. There could be a large number of issues related to space, environment, travel, conservation, and so on in rural areas, thereby unfairly over tasking rural area Councillors, compared to Towns that probably have more than one Councillor to work for them. Overall, probably another rather bad idea, drawn up with a ruler, but without a social compass. As we the People, pay for all this, any proposal should be put to a Malvern Hills area referendum.

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