

West Northamptonshire

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Daventry Town Council responded to the first consultation, on warding arrangements at LGBC, in October 2022, proposing two wards within the boundary of the parish of Daventry, to ensure (1) equality of representation (2) reflection of community identities and interests (3) provision for convenient and effective local government.

Daventry Town Council noted that the LGBCE reviewed the Town Council's submission and supported its rationale for a three member ward, Daventry East and a two member ward, Daventry West.

It is the Town Council's view that this warding pattern will enable elected members to focus on the electorate's needs and the proposed boundaries will enable elected parties to focus and deliver effective local government to communities with a shared identity.

(Daventry Town Council's initial submission attached).

Attached Documents:

- DTC submssion to LGBR 2022.docx
- DTC proposed wards - boundary review updated 17012023.xlsx

Daventry Town

This is the submission from Daventry Town Council. In preparing its submission proposing new ward arrangements for the Town, the Council took account of:

- Equality of representation
- Reflecting community identities and interests
- Providing for convenient and effective local government

Daventry Town is an urban area within a rural environment; subsequently consideration must be given to ensuring boundaries reflect the community's urban identity and interests.

The Council proposes two wards: one two-member ward and one three-member ward, please refer to the table attached as **Appendix 1**, which provides a summary of proposed warding arrangements and the figures to support the proposals. A copy of a map showing the proposed ward boundaries is also attached as **Appendix 2**.

The town of Daventry is distinct from the surrounding environment as it is a sizeable urban area rather than a village. The population of Daventry means it should be represented by five members; creating North and South wards using the man-made physical barriers of roads between North and South and where necessary some non-road boundaries between distinct communities:

From the northwest, follow A45 – Braunston Road southeast to non-road boundary between Timken (between Morning Star Road and Tennyson/Wordsworth Road) and Headlands, arc to the north to include New Forest Way, Ashby Park and Daneholme, along – Northern Way, East on Eastern Way towards Norton on Daventry Road. See Appendix 2.

This warding pattern is illustrative of connections that binds communities and enables elected members to focus on the electorate's identified needs.

The Town Council emphasizes that should a different warding pattern (e.g. five single member wards) be considered for the Town, the boundaries **MUST** not extend beyond the parish boundaries as this **WILL NOT** facilitate elected parties to deliver convenient and effective local government.

Appendix 1 - Daventry Town Ward - WNC Boundary Review

Polling District	New Ward Name	Current Ward	2022 Pop	Variance	2028 Population	Variance
ABC12 - Middlemore	Daventry North	Braunston and Crick	1,390		1,878	
ABC12 - Middlemore (Langdon Close & Highlands Drive)	Daventry North	Braunston and Crick	245		252	
ABC13 - Ashby Fields	Daventry North	Braunston and Crick	1,300		1,300	
ADE5 - Monksmoor	Daventry North	Daventry East	1,139		2,218	
ADE4 - Lang Farm	Daventry North	Daventry East	1,630		2,202	
ADW3 - Timken	Daventry North	Daventry West	1,429		1,531	
Daventry North Total			7,133	-8%	9,381	9%
ADE3 - Southbrook	Daventry South	Daventry East	2,461		2,544	
ADE2 - Dav - Abbey South	Daventry South	Daventry East	2,728		2,818	
ADW4 - Daneholme	Daventry South	Daventry West	551		565	
ADW5 - Ashby Park	Daventry South	Daventry West	216		239	
ADW1 - Headlands	Daventry South	Daventry West	1,933		1,976	
ADW2 - New Forest Way	Daventry South	Daventry West	411		438	
ADW6 - The Grange&Drayton	Daventry South	Daventry West	3,198		3,609	
ADW7 - Stefan Hill	Daventry South	Daventry West	1,525		1,558	
Daventry South Total			13,023	12%	13,747	7%
Average 1 member ward			3,885		4,277	3,888
Average 2 member ward			7,769		8,554	7,776
Average 3 member ward			11,654		12,831	11,665

Option 2: Daventry North 2 member and Daventry South 3 member wards for WNC

Broadly boundary is line of Braunston Road and Eastern Way, with a bump comprising of Headlands, New Forest, Ashby Park and Daneholme