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As I understand it the purpose of these proposals is to ensure there is a fairer distribution of voters per ward. Ie the spread is more proportionate. This is however a complete waste of time unless this is accompanied by the introduction of a fairer more proportionate voting system. PLUS= in the last three local elections in Fareham 2016-18-21 an average of 62% of people did not cast their vote, although entitled to do so. This is no doubt due to a number of factors, one being they felt voting was pointless and would make no difference. 44= this is the percentage of people who didn't vote for the Conservatives in the last local election. This was 46% in the 2018 local election. At this moment in time Fareham Borough Council has 31 councillors of these 81% or 25 are conservative (two elected under a Conservative banner are now independent). This is despite only achieving a 56% share of the vote in the last local elections. If this vote share reflected the actual number of seats held, the Conservatives would have 17 seats. The same is true of the Hampshire County Council elections with a 55% share of the vote resulting in the Conservative acquisition of 6 of the seven seats available. If assigned fairly they would have 4 seats. Fareham's electorate stands at around 89,759. At the local elections in May 2021 20,374 of this electorate voted for the Conservative party. This represents 23% of those entitled to vote. Proportional Representation for local council's is the only way to deliver a representative council and fairer politics – the way to ensure that all votes have their voices heard and all views are represented. An end to winner takes all politics where one party rules with absolute power on unearned majorities needs to end. Therefore simply adding one councillor does not materially change the fairness of the voting system. Additionally, as each councillor receives an allowance of £6,944, any increase in the number draws down even more public money which would be better spent elsewhere. Don't change anything unless you change everything! Cynically however I fully expect that the ward boundaries will be drawn in a way that increases councillor numbers and probably benefits one political party in particular. NOT a good result for democracy. 

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