

Fenland District Council

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The current distribution of electorate to councillors is poor, Eg Benwick Coates and Eastrea has a disproportionately higher ratio meaning electors votes are worth less. Benwick does not sit comfortably with Coates and Eastrea. It should be grouped with Doddington and Wimblington - these parishes have more in common eg feed the same secondary school (Cromwell) have public transport connecting them and have history (Doddington being the superior church) - even now they share a joint edifice. Votes must be near to equal. The elector ratios to councillors must be as near to equal as possible. The Electoral Reform Society declared Fenland District Council top of the Rotten Boroughs table in the 2019 elections. 12 councillors out of 39 were returned unopposed - this is concerning and I am unsure why further councillor seats are proposed - how does this address this lack of democracy. Would fewer councillors be more appropriate? Single member wards would be preferable to multi members - this provided more focused leadership and better representation. It would also allow stronger electoral contests and tackle the issue of non-contested seats.

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