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Dear Review Commissioners

I am writing to you on behalf of the Buckingham Constituency Liberal Democrat local party to put forward our views with regards to the future size of Buckinghamshire Council.

We strongly support a Council size of 80 and believe that these 80 members should be elected in 80 single member wards. A council of 80 members will be more agile and easier to manage, which will improve democratic decision making in Buckinghamshire.

If 80 is not the preferred size generally, then we could support a Council size of 98. We can **not** support a size of 120 or any size over 100 as we feel this is far too large for a county with the population size of Buckinghamshire.

We appreciate that the current consultation is for the size of the council only. However, looking forward towards future deliberations on the ward boundaries, we are strongly in favour of single member wards as providing a clearer link between councillor and ward and clearer lines of communication. We therefore feel that single member wards are more democratic.

We hope that our considerations are helpful in the process of deciding the future size of Buckinghamshire Council.

With best regards,  
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