

## North Northamptonshire Council

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### Comment text:

Your proposal to reduce the number of councillors in North Northamptonshire to 70 seems inadequate if the 360,000 residents of this council area are to receive good representation and support. In North Northamptonshire it is important to further take into account the fact that this is a growth area and so before the next review, many thousands more homes will have been built within the council area and the numbers of residents per councillor will increase further. There is far more to being a councillor than preparing for and attending a few meetings. When I was a borough councillor, the majority of my effort was spent on casework to support residents. At that time each borough councillor represented around 1,500 residents and even then the time commitment required to properly support them was difficult to manage alongside a full time job and family commitments. It is my view that with so few councillors, only those that do not have young families or full time employment will be able to give so many residents the support that they need. This will be particularly challenging in the more deprived wards where residents need more support. The result will be that the council will end up with the majority of the councillors either retired or self-employed and so lacking representation from much of the diverse demographics within their communities. It would be useful to understand the mechanism by which the commission have arrived at their conclusion that so few councillors are required because I do not feel that it can be based on a proper understanding of the work that local councillors do for their residents.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded