

# Electoral Review of New Forest District Council

Warding Patterns – Zone 1 –  
The West

# Task and Finish Group have agreed:-

- Group the District into “Zones”.
- Town and Parishes – building blocks.
- Invite Ward Councillors to feed in their local knowledge.
- Work within each Zone to balance the criteria and create warding pattern options.
- Bring recommended options back to the Task and Finish Group, Cabinet and Council.
- Submit full proposals to the LGBCE.

# Warding Patterns - Criteria

- Electoral Equality for voters.
- Community Identities and Interests.
- Effective and convenient Local Government.
  
- These are all of equal balance and importance.

# Electoral Equality

**Figure one:** electoral variances

Local authority A has an electorate of 100,000 in 2012. In 2018 (five years after the planned completion of the review), the electorate of Local authority A is expected to be 103,000.

The Commission has decided that it is minded to recommend a council size of 40 councillors for Local authority A.

In these circumstances, the Commission will base its new ward patterns on each councillor representing around 2,500 electors.

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2018</b>
10% fewer electors	2,250	2,318
Perfect electoral equality	2,500	2,575
10% more electors	2,750	2,833

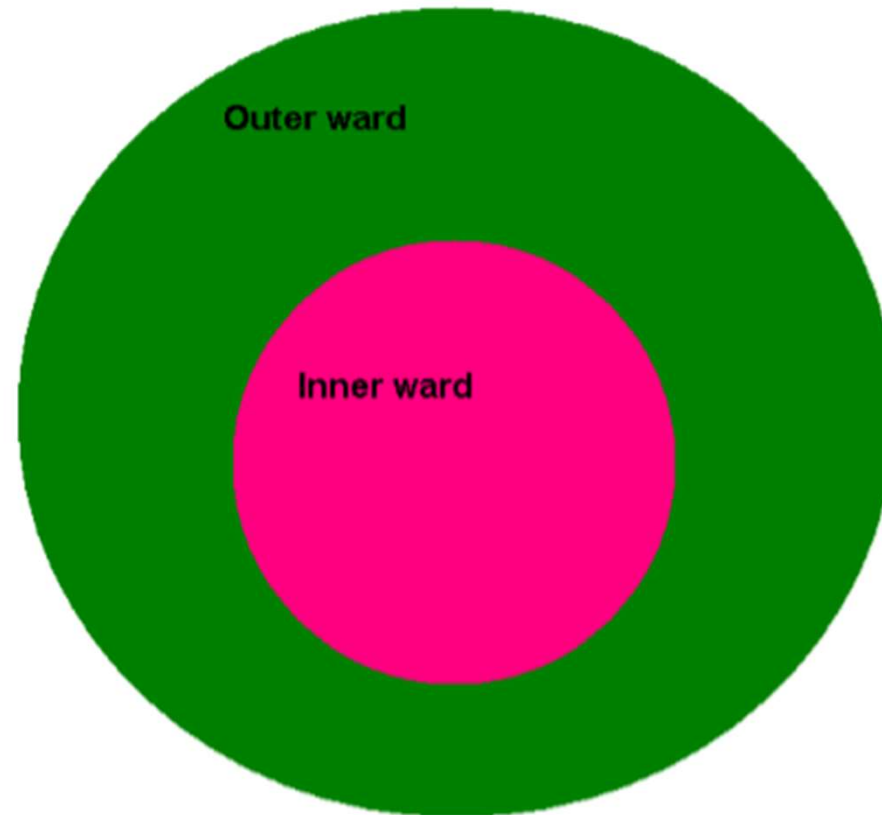
# Community Identities & Interests

- Transport links
- Community groups
- Facilities
- Identifiable boundaries
- Parishes
- Shared interests

# Effective and Convenient Local Government

- Number of councillors in each ward or division.
  - 1, 2 or 3 Member Wards
- ‘Doughnut’ Wards are not considered effective by the LGBCE.

# 'Doughnut' Ward



My area is in the  
Domesday Book

We don't associate with  
the neighbouring area

Station Road looks like  
a boundary but actually  
it's where all the shops  
are for us and the  
people to the North

We have a local  
carnival organised by  
our Community Council  
that is vital to our local  
area's identity

Make all the wards  
single-member wards

We are cut off from the  
neighbouring area by a  
high-speed railway line

Our polling station is  
too far away, changing  
the ward would fix this

Oakhill should be with  
Maryland because they  
share access to the  
park and the doctor's  
surgery

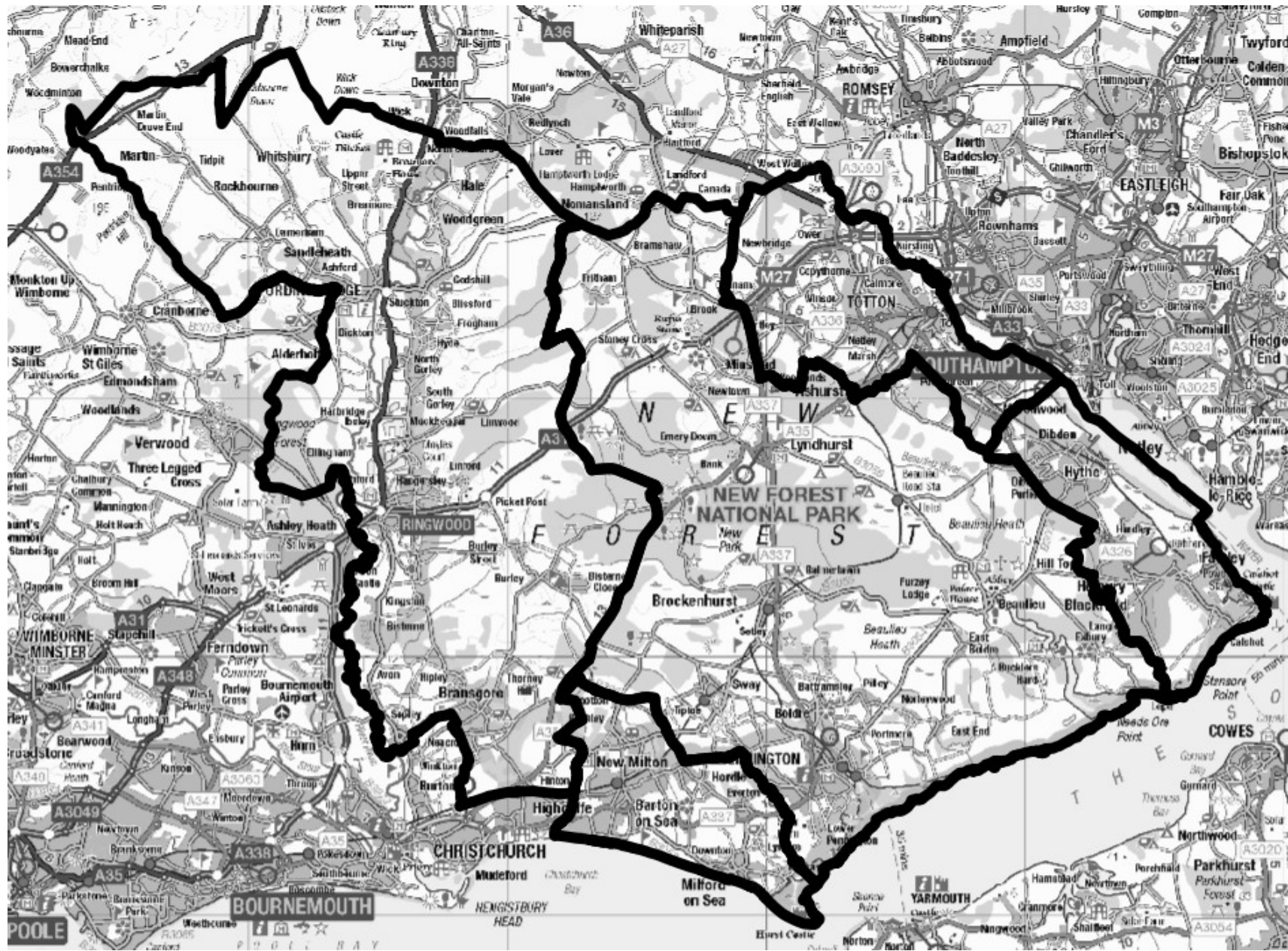
It should go back to  
how it was 20 years  
ago, it worked better

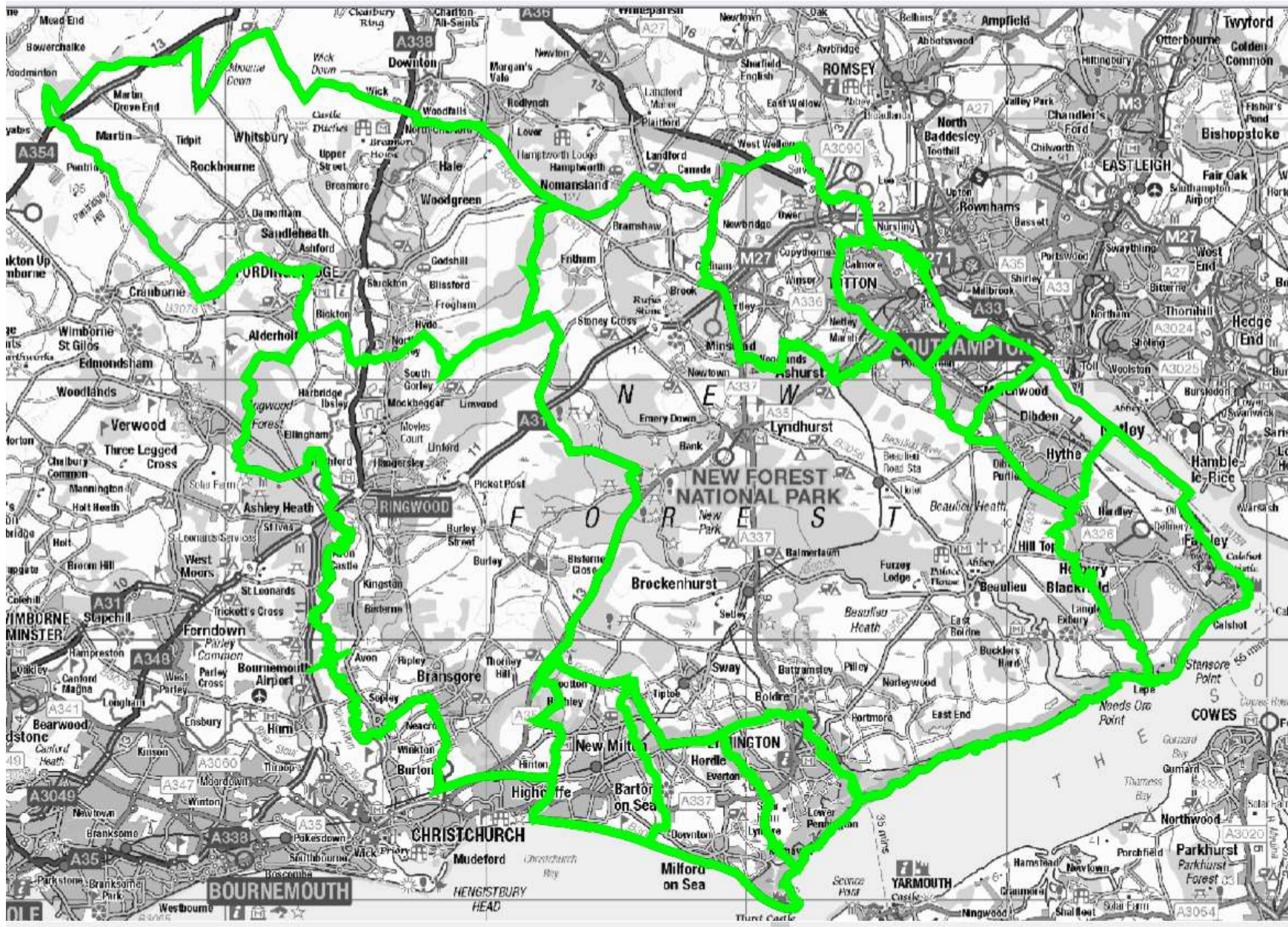
The Residents'  
Association represents  
these ten roads, and  
hold regular meetings  
at X Community Centre

Our Parish Council has  
a detailed  
neighbourhood plan

If it ain't broke, don't fix  
it







# The West

- Current Number of Councillors – 11
- Target Number of Councillors – 9
- District Electorate Per Councillor – 3,075
- The West Electorate Per Councillor – 3,069 ✓

# The West

- Building Blocks are the Town and Parishes
- **Area 1 – Fordingbridge & North West**
- Councillor Numbers
  - Current 4 —————> Target 3
  - Electorate – 3,091 ✓
- **Area 2 – Ringwood & South West**
- Councillor Numbers
  - Current 7 —————> Target 6
  - Electorate – 3,058✓

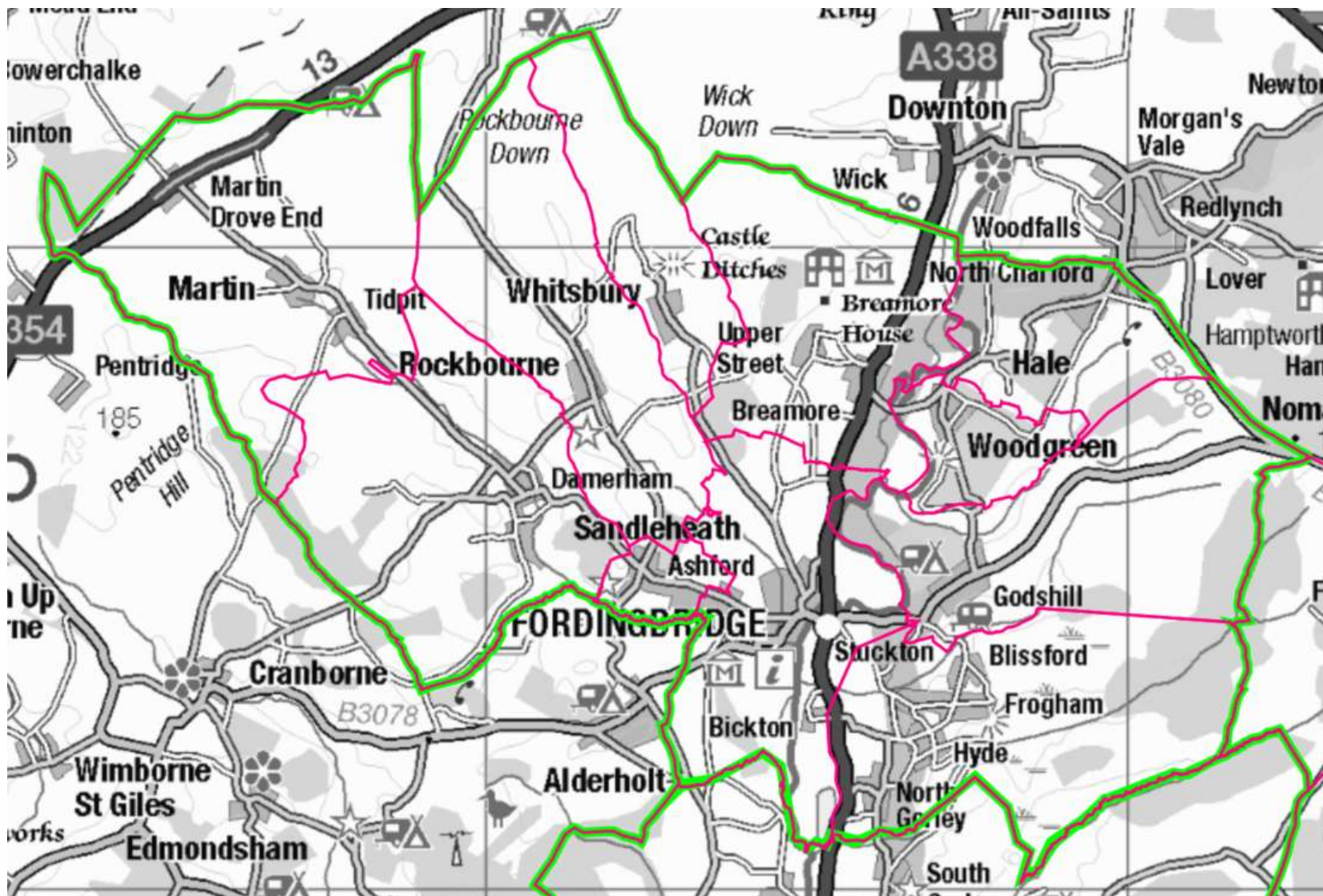
# Area 1 – Fordingbridge & North West

- Total 2025 Electorate – 9,273
- Allocation – 3 Councillors
- Options
  - 1 Ward – 3 Members
  - 2 Wards – 1 Member, 2 Member
  - 3 Wards – 1 Member, 1 Member, 1 Member
- Community Identities and Interests?

# Area 1 – Fordingbridge & North West

- Current Warding Arrangements of Area
  - Fordingbridge & Sandleheath – Total Electorate 5,529
  - Downlands & Forest – Total Electorate 2,536
  - Godshill Parish Council & Hyde Parish Council of Forest North West – Total Electorate 1,208
- Key Questions
  - Could Fordingbridge plus some Parishes form a 2 Member ward?
  - What Parishes have community links with Fordingbridge?
  - Could the remaining Parishes form a 1 Member ward?
- Considerations - Community Identities & Interests

Parish	2025 Electorate
Breamore	326
Damerham	478
Hale	483
Martin	368
Rockbourne	268
Whitsbury	178
Woodgreen	435
Godshill	413
Hyde	795





# Area 2 – Ringwood & South West

- Total 2025 Electorate – 18,348
- Allocation – 6 Councillors
- Options
  - 2 Wards – 3 Member, 3 Member
  - 3, 4, 5 or 6 Wards – Other combinations
- Community Identities and Interests?

# Area 2 – Ringwood & South West

- Current Warding Arrangements of Area
  - Bransgore & Burley – Total Electorate 4,720
  - Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish of Forest North West – Total Electorate 1,006
  - Ringwood East & Sopley – Total Electorate 2,379
  - Ringwood North – Total Electorate 5,167
  - Ringwood South – Total Electorate 5,076

# Area 2 – Ringwood & South West

- Key Questions
  - Could the area North of the A31 and the parish of Ellingham, Harbridge and Ibsley form a Ward?
  - Could the parishes of Burley, Sopley and Bransgore form a Ward?
  - Could the area in Ringwood south of the A31 form a Ward?
  - If necessary, does the area in Ringwood east of Crow Lane fit neatly with Burley, Sopley and Bransgore?
- Considerations - Community Identities & Interests

