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Of the three models proposed Number 1 Has to be the worst. It would allow candidates from the higher populated areas to dominate council decisions. For example, it would be possible for 4 candidates to be elected from the higher populated areas leaving 3 elected from elsewhere. This could mean that outer areas are forgotten. People from outer areas would be put off standing for election. The cost of campaigning over the whole shire, with little chance of being elected would put people off.

I wonder why it is necessary to change the existing ward system. People vote for their local candidates, who they know, and they know their own area, I for one know my local councilor, but I have no idea of the other councilors. I think most people who live in the outer areas, would be like me.

Proportional voting would not be needed if we have 7 single councilor wards. Provided that the number of voters are reasonably equal across the wards.

So I am in favor of Model No3. It would make for a much fairer council.

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