



SPROWSTON TOWN COUNCIL – REDISTRIBUTION OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

Sprowston Town Council has requested that Broadland District Council look at the allocation of its Council membership to redistribute the number of town councillors. It does not wish to increase the number of town councillors but wants to ensure the number of councillors is distributed more fairly in all of its wards.

If a change is made, it will take effect from the May 2019 elections.

The current elector ratio per councillor in each ward is as follows:

Parish Ward	Electorate	Number of councillors	Electorate per councillor
Sprowston West	1690	2	845
Sprowston Central	4176	5	835
Sprowston North East	1411	1	1411
Sprowston South East	4944	7	706

Broadland District Council can vary the size of town councils after following certain statutory requirements, which include consulting local residents who are eligible to vote (electors).

Broadland District Council agrees that there is clearly an imbalance in the Sprowston North East ward and by redistributing the number of councillors in the North East and South East wards, a fairer elector ratio can be achieved as follows:

Sprowston North East	1411	2	705
Sprowston South East	4944	6	824

The District Council believes that this situation should be rectified in time for next year's town and parish council elections; therefore, it is carrying out a light touch community governance review. A light touch approach is considered to be sufficient as this is not a contentious issue but it is merely looking to address an inequality which exists.

Tell us what you think:

Please send your views on the proposed change by e-mail or letter to arrive **not later than 28 January 2019** to:

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Next steps:

If after considering the responses to this consultation, the District Council decides to move to the next stage of the statutory process, the District Council's proposals will be published and further views invited. A final decision will then be taken for implementation at the May 2019 elections.