

Brockhampton Group Parish – Community Governance Review. Information Sheet.

Community Governance Review proposal seeks to address the difficulty that the group parish has in filling all available seats as all of the parishes within the group have very small populations. It was proposed that the number of seats within the group be reviewed, with a view to dropping the current number of seats from 15 to 10, to better reflect the number of electors.

To review the Brockhampton Group Parish Community Governance review terms of reference in full please go to:

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200148/your_council/779/community_governance_review/3

Brockhampton Group Parish which comprises the parishes of Brockhampton, Linton and Norton Population ¹: 1510

Population by age group:	0-15yrs	16- 29 yrs	30-44 yrs	45- 64 yrs	65+ yrs
	200	178	188	524	420

Projected housing

growth: There are government plans to increase housing provision by 15% in rural areas by 2031, this equates to approximately 30 new dwellings across the Brockhampton group parish.

Is there an ideal size of a parish council?

The Government’s guidance is that “each area should be considered on its own merits, having regard to its population, geography and the pattern of communities,” and therefore the Council is prepared to pay particular attention to existing levels of representation, the broad pattern of existing council sizes which have stood the test of time and the take-up of seats at elections in its consideration of this matter.

Parishes wishing to increase numbers must give strong reasons for doing so. The number of parish/town councillors for each council must be not less than five but can be greater. However, each parish grouped under a common parish council must have at least one parish councillor.

The Aston Business School found the following levels of representation to the good running of a council:

Electors	Councillors
Less than 500	5-8
501-2,500	6-12
2,501-10,000	9-16
10,001-20,000	13-27
More than 20,000	13-31

¹ Source: ONS © Crown copyright 2017h

