

Comments from Grange Town Council made during stage three of the Community Governance Review

Clerk to Grange Town Council

Grange Town Council considered the draft recommendations at Full Council on 18 March 2019 and resolved the following response:

Grange Town Council agrees that the system of wards in Grange needs to be reformed because Grange West is currently an anomaly, being so small compared to Grange South and North.

Grange Town Council requests that the ratio of number of councillors to number of residents in each ward is equitable.

The current ward boundaries mean the system is unequal and unfair. Each of the 9 Councillors should be responsible for representing proportionately the same number of residents.

Grange Town Council suggests that the three-ward system is retained but restructured as follows:

The wards are restructured so that their sizes are more equal. As the Kents Bank (Grange West) area is growing, due to new developments, and already is a distinctive area, that Grange West is enlarged so that it has more than one Councillor.