

**Lord David**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 February 2013 09:52  
**To:** Lord David  
**Subject:** Community Governance Review - Hauxton Parish Council

In view of the proposed influx of new householders, it would seem to make good sense to enlarge the present Hauxton Parish Council to nine members, as you will need to discuss many changes. With thanks.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 February 2013 21:19  
**To:** Lord David  
**Subject:** Hauxton Parish Council review

Dear Mr Lord

As registered electors in Hauxton reading the letter dated 4th Feb, we are moved to write to give our support to the proposal to increase the number of parish councillors for Hauxton from 7 to 9, for the reasons stated in Suzanne Donovan's email of 20th Jan (Appendix A).

Yours sincerely

M [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Lane, Hauxton

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 17 February 2013 16:59  
**To:** Lord David  
**Subject:** Letter of 4th Feb re Hauxton Parish Council

My comments are that it seems good sense to increase the number of Parish Councillors from 7 to 9 in view of the pending population expansion .

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 16 February 2013 15:15  
**To:** Lord David  
**Subject:** Hauxton Parish Council Size

Dear David,

The members of Hauxton Parish Council will need to rise, to reflect the increased matters it will be attending to in view of the future development of Hauxton.

Kind regards,

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Hauxton resident

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Mr D Lord,  
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11<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Dear Mr Lord,

Ref: CORPAR/4902  
SHOULD HAUXTON PARISH  
COUNCIL INCREASE IN SIZE

Thank you for your letter of 4<sup>th</sup> February inviting views from electors on the proposal to increase the number of Councillors on Hauxton Parish Council.

Given the figures you have produced for neighbouring Councils there seems there can be no objection in principle to increasing the number. There are, however, some associated issues which I believe should be taken into account.

1. On what basis does the existing Parish Council believe that there are, or are likely to be, candidates willing and able to stand for appointment? The projected increase in population is, of itself, insufficient reason to believe candidates will come forward.
2. The recruitment of suitable candidates needs a considered strategy beyond cold calling on the doorstep to enquire whether anyone in the house is 'interested in standing', as happened to me recently.
3. The preparation and support of new Councillors also needs consideration since an increase in numbers is no guarantee of an increase in calibre or quality. This is particularly important at the present juncture as Hauxton has just lost a talented and committed Parish Clerk as a result of what appears to have been at best a clumsy piece of mismanaged business and at worst something rather more serious. Further, my own experience of Hauxton Councillors includes, sadly, correspondence and offers of help either ignored or responded to with the rather patronising 'I'll think about it'.
4. Hauxton Householders are still awaiting the report of a substantial Parish Survey undertaken eighteen months ago. Again offers of help to get it completed have been ignored.

In conclusion, I have no objection to an increase in the number of Councillors but the SCDC may wish to consider attaching some conditions to any approval they may give.