



Boughton Aluph & Eastwell

PARISH COUNCIL

Ashford Borough Council Community Governance Review Response

Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council requests that consideration is given to changing the allocation of wards between its 8 councillors.

The proposed allocation:

Boughton Aluph (DW3 & DW4)	2 (currently 1)
Goat Lees (GL1)	5 (currently 6)
Eastwell* (DW1 & DW2)	1 (remains at 1)

*Eastwell is a Parish.

The current allocation does not provide equality of representation. There are currently almost double the number of electors in Boughton Aluph per Parish Councillor than per elector in Goat Lees ward.

Current allocation ratios:

Boughton Aluph	1 councillor: 520 electors (predicted 2027 1:543)
Goat Lees	1 councillor: 226 electors (predicted 2027 1:226)

Based on 2027 predicted population figures, exact parity between Goat Lees & Boughton Aluph wards will be achieved in 2027 if the allocation is changed.

If allocation changed to 5 GL, 2 BA

GL current 1:271 (**predicted 2027 1:271**)

BA current 1:260 (**predicted 2027 1:271**)

Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council, 27 June 2022