

## KIDMORE END PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Mr Hill

### SIZE OF COUNCIL

At its recent meeting, the Council discussed whether to seek a reduction in the maximum number of councillors for the Parish.

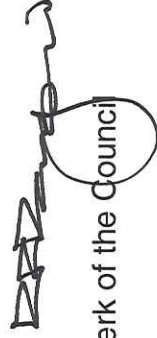
The maximum number of parish councillors for the Parish has been 12 for over 43 years. The number was not reduced in 1977, when the boundary of the Parish was significantly changed, by the transfer of some suburban roads, like Rosehill Park and The Ridings, Emmer Green, into Reading.

Although the incidence of contested elections has been low, over the years there have usually been 12 councillors. However, more recently, there have rarely been 12 councillors: indeed, since the quadrennial election in 2011, there have been 12 councillors for 6 months only – April, November and December 2012, and January, July and August 2013. Latterly, there have only been 9 councillors since January this year. The average number of councillors each month since May 2011 is 10.4.

Against that background, the Council decided to request your Council to make an order reducing the maximum number of parish councillors to 10. I presume that such an order, when made, would take effect from the next quadrennial elections, in 2019.

Please confirm that your Council will consider making such an order.

Yours sincerely



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