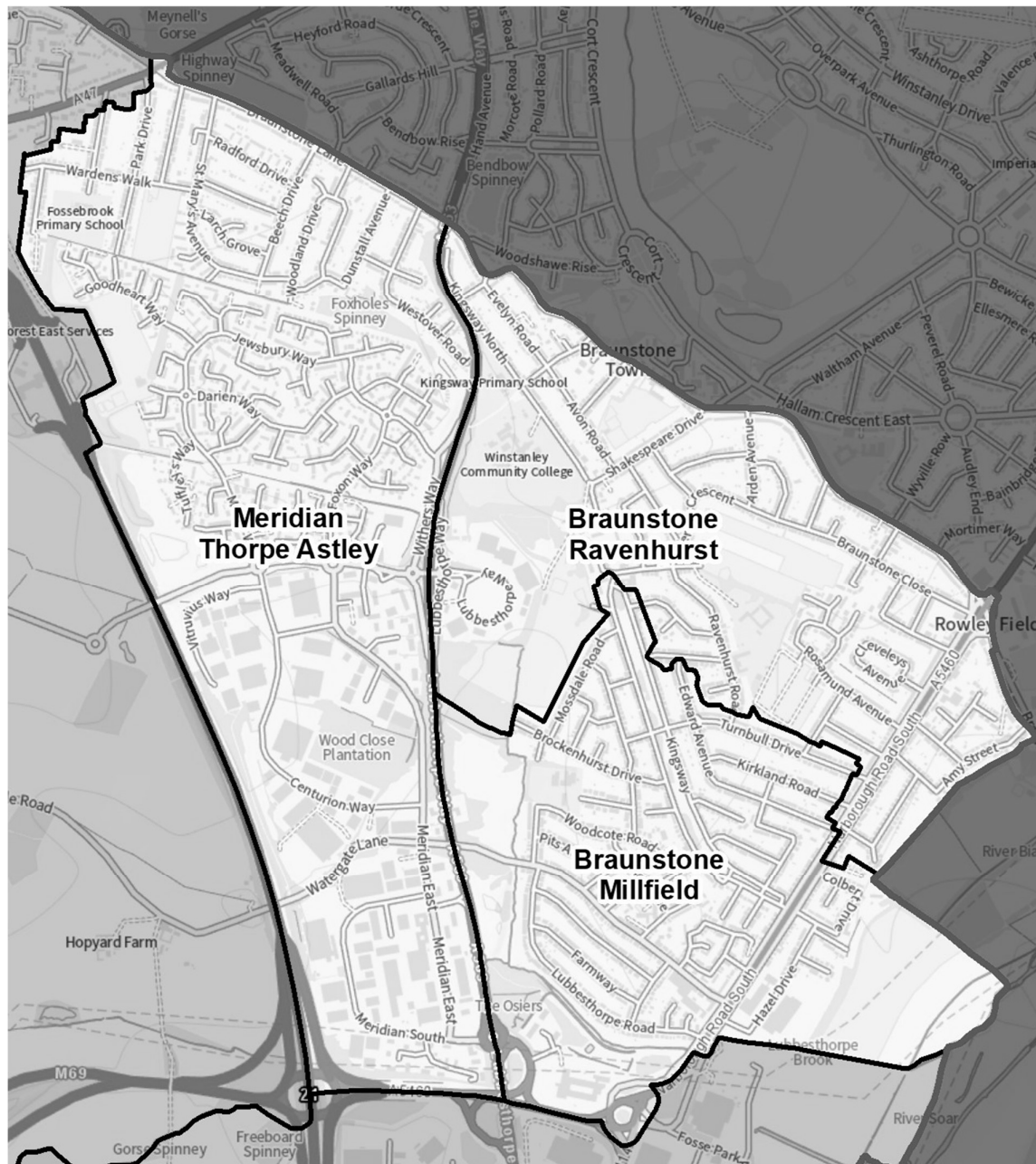


**Braunstone**



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2027
Braunstone Millfield	2	-9%
Braunstone Ravenhurst	2	-8%
Meridian Thorpe Astley	2	9%

*Braunstone Millfield and Braunstone Ravenhurst*

63 The Conservatives and Officers both put forward proposals for two two-councillor wards for this area, but divided it in a slightly different way. They both used

the A563 Lubbethorpe Way as a boundary to the west, although we noted a discrepancy in the Officer proposal where their map shows the A563 breached for a short section in the north, while the text does not. The Conservatives proposed two-councillor Braunstone Millfield and Braunstone Ravenhurst wards. These would have 24% fewer and 8% more electors than the district average by 2027, respectively. The Officers proposed two-councillor Braunstone East and Braunstone South wards, which would 22% fewer and 16% more electors than the district average by 2027.

64 Braunstone Town Council objected to the loss of councillors for the area, arguing that the most the area should lose is one councillor. They also argued that existing ward names are well recognised and should be retained.

65 We have given careful consideration to the evidence received. We note the comments from Braunstone Town Council about the loss of councillors. Under our proposals, the area will lose one councillor under a council size of 36.

66 We note that the Conservatives and Officers have primarily used the A563 Lubbethorpe Way as the western boundary for this area. We concur that this dual carriageway provides a clear boundary between the area and we do not believe it should be crossed. We note that the Conservative proposals use this boundary in its entirety, secure marginally better electoral equality and also use the ward names that reflect the views of Braunstone Town Council. We have therefore based our draft recommendations on the Conservatives' proposals. However, we propose an amendment to improve the electoral equality of their Braunstone Millfield ward, transferring an area to the south of Turnbull Drive to Braunstone Millfield. As a result, our two-councillor Braunstone Millfield and Braunstone Ravenhurst wards would have 9% fewer and 8% fewer electors than the district average by 2027.

#### *Meridian Thorpe Astley*

67 The Conservatives and Officers both put forward similar proposals for a two-councillor ward for this area. To the west they were bounded by the M1 and Leicester Forest East parish boundary. To the east both proposals used the A563 Lubbethorpe Way, although as discussed above, the Officer proposal's map shows the A563 breached for a short section in the north, while the text does not. The Conservatives proposed calling this ward Meridian Thorpe Astley, while the Officers called it Braunstone West.

68 We have given careful consideration to the evidence received. As stated above, we concur that the A563 Lubbethorpe Way should be used as the eastern boundary and so we are basing our draft recommendations in this area on the Meridian Thorpe Astley ward proposed by the Conservatives. However, as discussed in the Leicester Forest & Lubbethorpe section, we have concluded that to improve electoral equality in our Leicester Forest & Lubbethorpe ward, it is necessary to transfer part of that

area to here. As a result, we are proposing a two-councillor Meridian Thorpe Astley ward with 9% more electors than the district average by 2027.

# Appendices

## Appendix A

### Draft recommendations for Blaby District Council

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2020)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2027)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Blaby	2	4,919	2,460	14%	5,065	2,533	8%
2	Braunstone Millfield	2	4,084	2,042	-5%	4,272	2,136	-9%
3	Braunstone Ravenhurst	2	4,144	2,072	-4%	4,334	2,167	-8%
4	Cosby & South Whetstone	2	4,165	2,083	-3%	4,782	2,391	2%
5	Countesthorpe	3	6,115	2,038	-5%	6,397	2,132	-9%
6	Enderby	2	4,816	2,408	12%	5,037	2,519	7%
7	Fosse Highcross	2	4,195	2,098	-2%	4,490	2,245	-4%
8	Fosse Normanton	1	2,209	2,209	3%	2,311	2,311	-1%
9	Fosse Stoney Cove	2	4,670	2,335	9%	4,884	2,442	4%
10	Glen Parva	2	4,396	2,198	2%	4,806	2,403	3%
11	Glenfield Ellis	2	4,176	2,088	-3%	4,369	2,184	-7%

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2020)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2027)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
12 Glenfield Faire	2	4,102	2,051	-5%	4,289	2,145	-8%
13 Kirby Muxloe	2	4,217	2,109	-2%	4,976	2,488	6%
14 Leicester Forest & Lubbethorpe	3	5,354	1,785	-17%	7,758	2,586	10%
15 Meridian Thorpe Astley	2	4,906	2,453	14%	5,131	2,565	9%
16 Narborough & Littlethorpe	3	6,626	2,209	3%	6,957	2,319	-1%
17 North Whetstone	2	4,318	2,159	0%	4,516	2,258	-4%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>77,412</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Averages</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,344</b>	<b>-</b>

Source: Electorate figures are based on information provided by Blaby District Council.

Note: The 'variance from average' column shows by how far, in percentage terms, the number of electors per councillor in each electoral ward varies from the average for the district. The minus symbol (-) denotes a lower than average number of electors. Figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.