



As part of its representation review the Council is reviewing how many councillors, wards and community board it needs. Because of an imbalance between the number of elected representatives and the number of people in some wards, either the ward boundaries or the number of councillors in some wards will need to be adjusted.

Last month we asked your views on Options 1 (11 councillors/4 wards), Option 2 (9 councillors/3 wards) and Option 3 (6 councillors/4 wards). Thank you to those who replied. Option 1 was preferred by 65% of you, Option 2 by 20% and Option 3 by 15%. Before making a decision on which option to formally consult on, the Council would like your views on community boards. Thank you also to everyone who has already responded with their views on community boards.

Malvern and Selwyn Central wards have community boards and Springs and Ellesmere wards do not. Should the Malvern and Selwyn Central boards be retained or discontinued? Should Springs and Ellesmere stay as they are, or should they get community boards too? Please read the following information, then fill in the questions and return this page to us.

What is a Community Board?

Community boards are elected every three years in the Malvern and Selwyn Central Wards at the same time as the council elections.

A Community Board is independent of the Council and:

- brings local matters to the attention of the Council, government agencies and non-governmental organisations
- assists with community projects.
- represents and acts as an advocate for its community
- oversees services provided by the Council for the community
- reports on community matters to the Council
- communicates with community organisations
- may perform some Council roles, as delegated by the Council
- can only be disbanded by its community and not by the Council

Community Boards are funded by a targeted rate of \$15 to \$25 per year levied on each property in their ward.

In Ellesmere and Springs, the Council works directly with local community committees which are funded by general rates (in the case of township committees) and targeted rates (hall and reserve committees). These committees will continue to administer and manage local projects and facilities within their particular communities whether or not there is a community board in their ward.

Community Board Questions

Please fill in and return this page to Box 90, Rolleston 7643, or fax to 03 347 2799, or deliver to any Council library or office by **Friday, 14 August**.

You can also email your views to us at [repreview@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:repreview@selwyn.govt.nz) or download the questions from [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz)

Please feel free to add additional comments and suggestions, continuing on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Your Contact Details:

Name.....

Address.....  
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Ward.....

Phone.....

Should a Community Board be kept in the Malvern Ward?

☐ Yes   ☐ No

Comments:

Should a Community Board be kept in the Selwyn Central Ward?

☐ Yes   ☐ No

Comments:

Should a Community Board be formed in the Ellesmere Ward?

☐ Yes   ☐ No

Comments:

Should a Community Board be formed in the Springs Ward?

☐ Yes   ☐ No

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