

Initial proposal for representation arrangements for the 2016 local elections



On 26 August 2015 Selwyn District Council reviewed its representation arrangements, and resolved that the proposal below apply for the council and its community boards for the elections to be held on 8 October 2016.

The Council has proposed changes to the representation arrangements for the following reasons:

- Selwyn’s population has been growing rapidly in recent years. However, growth has not occurred evenly across the district. This means the existing ward boundaries no longer provide effective representation across the district.
- Significant change in population in the eastern part of the district presents challenges to the retention of the existing ward system.
- The review is for a six-year period during which it is anticipated that strong growth in the eastern part of the district will continue, while growth in the western parts will be at much lower levels. These trends mean that communities of interest will continue to change.
- The Council also noted expectation from communities that they continue to have ease of access to elected representatives.

Council representation

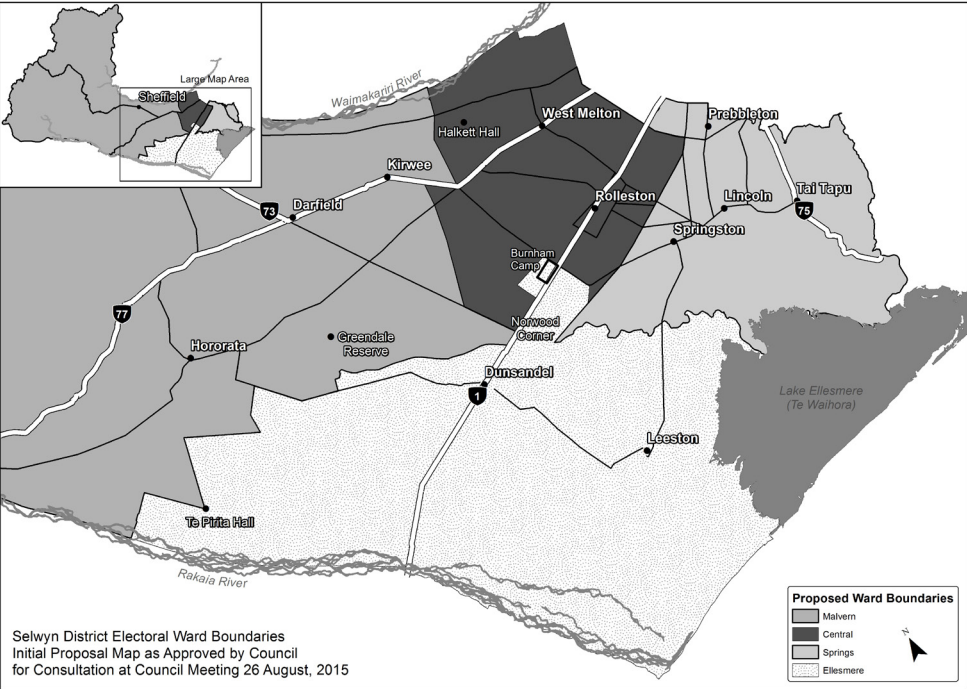
The Council proposes:

- That the Council comprise of eleven elected members from four wards, and the Mayor elected at large;
- That the Council retain the existing ward names, comprising of Ellesmere, Springs and Malvern; and amends the ward name Selwyn Central to Central;
- That the proposed boundaries of the four wards be as shown on Map 1 below;
- That the population each ward will represent is as follows:

Ward	Population (2014 Population estimate, Statistics NZ)	No of Councillors	Population per Councillor
Ellesmere	9,100	2	4,550
Malvern	8,460	2	4,230
Central	17,380	4	4,458
Spring	14,050	3	4,683
Total	49,440	11	4,495

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 the population that each member represents falls within the range of 4,495 +/- 10% (4,046 to 4,945).

Map 1: Selwyn District proposed ward boundaries



The four wards reflect the following identified communities of interest:

Ward	Communities of interest
Ellesmere	Brookside, Burnham, Burnham Military Camp, Doyleston, Dunsandel, Irwell, Killinchy, Lakeside, Leeston, Mead, Rakaia Huts, Sedgemere, Southbridge, Taumutu
Malvern	Arthurs Pass, Aylesbury, Castle Hill, Coalgate, Darfield, Glenroy, Glentunnel, Hororata, Kirwee, Lake Coleridge, Sheffield, Springfield, Whitecliffs, Windwhistle
Central	Halkett, Rolleston, Weedons, West Melton
Spring	Claremont, Greenpark, Ladbrooks, Lincoln, Prebbleton, Springston, Tai Tapu

Community board representation

The Council proposes:

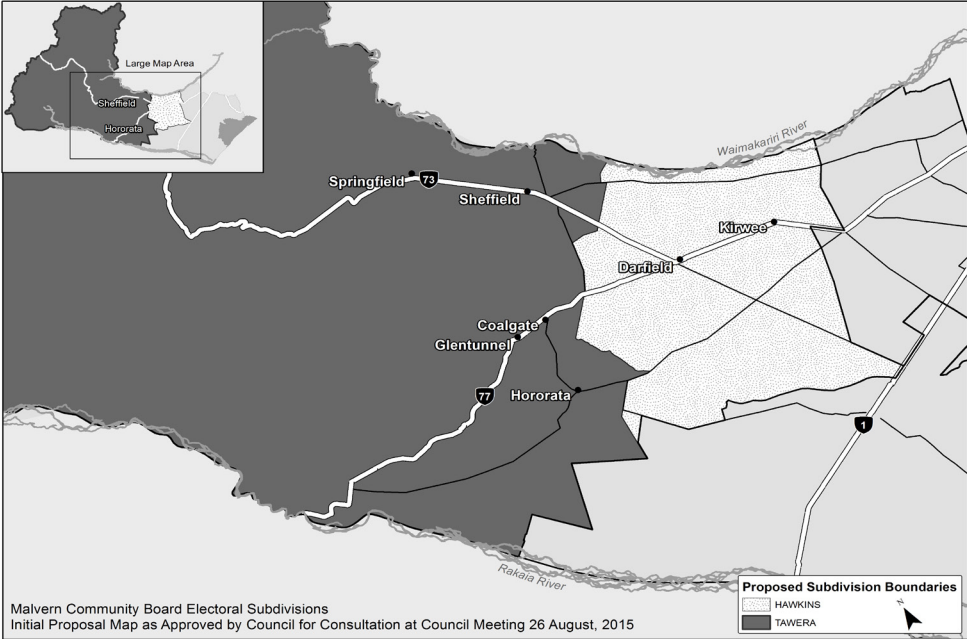
- That there be a Community Board representing the Malvern ward
- That the name of this Board be the Malvern Community Board
- That the Malvern Community Board comprises of five elected members
- That the Malvern Community Board have two subdivisions, namely the Hawkins and Tawera Subdivisions with the boundaries as shown in Map 2 below.

Subdivision	Population (2014 Population estimate, Statistics NZ)	No of Community Board Members	Population per Board Member
Tawera	3,250	2	1,625
Hawkins	5,210	3	1,737
Total	8,460	5	1,692

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 the population that each member of the Malvern Community Board represents falls within the range of 1,692 +/- 10% (1,523 to 1,861).

Under this proposal, a Community Board is not retained in the Central ward.

Map 2: Proposed Malvern Community Board electoral subdivisions



The Malvern Community Board area, and the Hawkins and Tawera subdivisions, reflect the following identified communities of interest:

Subdivision	Areas of subdivision
Hawkins	Aylesbury, Darfield, Kirwee
Tawera	Arthurs Pass, Castle Hill, Coalgate, Glenroy, Glentunnel, Hororata, Lake Coleridge, Sheffield, Springfield, Whitecliffs, Windwhistle

Further information

Copies of the Council’s resolution, maps setting out the areas of the proposed wards, communities and subdivisions, and a summary document may be viewed and obtained from:

- Selwyn District Council offices, 2 Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
- Council service centres at Leeston, Lincoln, Darfield
- Online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/representation

Any queries regarding the Council’s decision should be directed to Douglas Marshall, phone: 347 2800, email: representation@selwyn.govt.nz.

Submissions are invited

Persons with an interest in the proposed representation arrangements are invited to make submissions on the Council’s representation proposal.

Submission forms are available at the Council offices and service centres or from the Council website. If you would like a submission form sent to you please phone the Council on 347 2800 or 318 8338.

Submissions can be made:

- By post to Freepost 104 653, Representation Review, Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643
- By email to: representation@selwyn.govt.nz
- By hand delivery to Selwyn District Council service centres or the Council offices, Rolleston
- Online using the online submission form at www.selwyn.govt.nz/representation

Submissions must be received by Council no later than 5pm, Monday 5 October 2015.

David Ward, Chief Executive
4 September 2015