

## Responses by Parish / Town Council

Responses from respondents are organised alphabetically by Parish. Some responses have been extracted to remove irrelevant information but are available on request.

Please note that responses are presented as entered by survey respondents, including spelling, grammatical and punctuation errors. Views expressed are not those of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council.

### Bagworth & Thornton

#### Bagworth Ward

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Strongly disagree	There is no real communication from the parish, or discussions on what plans are only minutes of meetings out out to find that not all people will understand.
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Neither agree nor disagree	We don't fully know what is going on and no clear communication with real people is given out. Most residents contact hinckley and bosworth council with issues and have no idea about the parish council
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	All my needs are met by contacting Hinckley and bosworth council the parish council offer no clear indication on what they will offer the community
		The name of the parish is appropriate	It explains well what area it's for
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	It's not clear on how many there are
		Change to grouping arrangements	Maybe some new and fresh ideas might help this council move forward and support their town better
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about...	Unsure / don't know	<i>No supporting comment</i>

	...reflect local identities and interests?		
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Unsure / don't know	<i>No supporting comment</i>
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Bagworth should move to NWLDC as the majority of residents work or shop in Coalville and never visit Hinckley. We pay the highest rate of council tax on average compared to Hinckley and have NO facilities whatsoever. No HBBC offices, libraries, cinema, shops etc.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	There is no interaction between the people of Bagworth and Thornton. It would be better to merge with Ellistown in NWLDC.
		The number of councillors is appropriate	<i>No supporting comment</i>
		Change to grouping arrangements	There is no interaction between the people of Bagworth and Thornton.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Disagree	Over recent years, Bagworth and Thornton have grown into very different villages. Now I believe there are so many contrasts that it is not possible to include the villages in the same parish. Thornton is fortunate to still have many facilities (reservoir tea shop, church, school, pub serving food, Club with entertainment, etc) but sadly Bagworth has lost its church, school, pub etc. We have one shop and one Club which does not attract many new members or offer food etc. The housing stock in Thornton is generally more expensive, there is no new home building but a very proactive group of residents who are willing to oppose any significant or minor building developments to protect the area. There is very little industrial space in the village but both villages have decent open spaces with football pitches and children's play areas. Bagworth has seen the lion's share of new home building over the last 20 years with hundreds of new builds and more planned. We have industrial units in the centre of the village, one of which regularly smells of fried food, but no authorities appear to tackle the lack of filters to improve air quality for residents. Sadly, Bagworth residents have spoken up so many times -and been ignored- that villagers are weary of fighting and no longer present a force to oppose unwanted developments. There are no common or uniting factors any longer between the two villages, in my view.
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly disagree	If decisions are based on what facilities BOTH villages have, Bagworth residents lose any new opportunities because Thornton already has our 'allocation'. Similarly, Thornton village benefits because Bagworth has a fair share of traveller accommodation and new house building so no new measures are imposed on that village, because the Parish has already done its bit. Hence Thornton's prospects are

			enhanced/protected and Bagworth appears to get no benefits but more than a reasonable share of unwanted developments (eg our village need for affordable housing was very limited, yet the village has now seen more than 80 affordable properties built in the last few years.) Our governance arrangements are a compromise and do not reflect what our village needs in terms of priorities.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	I feel we need to split our current Parish into two separate areas. Bagworth is a growing village with little infrastructure. We pay the highest council tax in the Borough yet only seem to get grass cutting for our money. We need local authority investment to support all the families in affordable housing who are relocated here away from family and expected to survive with no reliable buses, local facilities or a car. Existing residents can't get to Hinckley by bus without a number of changes. Our community centre is popular which is very welcome but only because a fantastic group of just four volunteers keeping it running (separately from the parish council). Whilst Thornton ticks the boxes to say we have facilities on our doorstep, Bagworth will be overlooked every time. I believe there is a strong identity in the village and people willing to act on our behalf as Councillors. However, the current set up of only 3 or 4 Bagworth reps is not sufficient to drive the changes we need, as the Council must act on behalf of both villages and not focus on one or the other.
		Unsure/don't know about the name of the parish	If we must stay as a single council then it is accurate. But I would like it to be just Bagworth Parish Council!
		There should be more councillors	As a single PC, our village has only half the representatives, despite paying the most money from the most households.
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	Possibly, depending on the degree of delegation of decisions and budgets.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	Less is more
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	Don't understand
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Unsure/don't know about need for change	Dose it matter / what difference dose it make. As long as my council tax drops.

		The name of the parish is appropriate	How can it be inappropriate or will money be wasted discussing an unnecessary change.
		There should be fewer councillors	Less is more
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	Only if tax is reduced
Thornton ward			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
None			

## Barlestone

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	Having attended some parish council meetings online I would say that they do listen to local residents and attempt to represent their interests.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	The Parish council does represent the local interests quite well but sometimes seems to lack any teeth.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	I don't feel a change is required as the council covers an area that is not too large and can therefore represent the residents more appropriately.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	The name is fine as it describes the area it covers.
		There should be more councillors	Can't see any reason to increase the number. Too many will stall discussions.
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	Not sure about this.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	The governance is made up of local people but some members of the Parish Council are not active and some appear at times to have their own agenda
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	The same people stay in place year after year because there is no positive election arrangement (there being the same as or less than the required number); they stay by default instead of the community actually deciding they want them in place. Some may not be really wanted or seen to contribute but there is no opportunity for the community to say this. There are many "buddies" recruited by their "buddies" meaning block voting takes place.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	The neighbouring Osbaston has its own Parish Council but has no assets or land, many residents use the facilities provided by Barlestone Parish Council (despite

			"evidence" of a residents survey being previously provided to the contrary) and parts of Osbaston are physically linked to Barlestone. It may also provide the opportunity to address the issue of councillors staying in position as there could be a form of competition instead of remaining in place by default.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	As it is, its reflective but should it be merged with Osbaston that must be reflected in the name - many people already believe it is a Barlestone & Osbaston Parish Council as evidenced at residents meetings.
		The number of councillors is appropriate	The number is fine, its composition and councillors remaining in place by default is not though.
		Change to grouping arrangements	The neighbouring Osbaston has its own Parish Council but has no assets or land, many residents use the facilities provided by Barlestone Parish Council (despite "evidence" of a residents survey being previously provided to the contrary) and parts of Osbaston are physically linked to Barlestone.

# Barwell

## All wards

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
A Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Councillor	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	Its the first line and opportunity for someone local who understands the issues and needs of the residents. Also someone to fight for funding, equipment etc on their behalf.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	Generally the Parish provides an effective and convenient portal for residents.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	
		The name of the parish is appropriate	No comment
		The number of councillors is appropriate	Its currently about right although with recent increases theres probably a need in the medium term to increase the numbers.
		No change to grouping arrangements	The Parish is too big to be grouped and potentially soon ought to be a town council.
On behalf of a town/parish council	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	Well Established and engaged with the community
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	Listens and responds to local issues
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	Works well as it is and no change is required
		The name of the parish is appropriate	Easily identified and present the area well

		There should be more councillors	More councillors would enable more members to be involved and more engagement with the community and reduce the challenge of keeping the meetings quorate
		No change to grouping arrangements	Not applicable

### Charnwood Ward

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
None			

### Redhall Ward

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about...	Strongly disagree	Barwell Councillors only do what they want regardless of how the community feel. In fact i saw 1 lady Councillor put on a right show in a shop. Demanding this and that cos of who she was
	...reflect local identities and interests?		
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Disagree	I know a certainan Councillor took credit for aomeone elses work
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	The boundroes are ridiculous when they split neighbours into different parishes
		Unsure/don't know about the name of the parish	Unsure
		There should be fewer councillors	Because they do nothing
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	Unsure



St Marys Ward			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	Some years ago we had a referendum in Barwell in which 96% of voters polled against Barwell SUE. It was very political and the local LibDems who were supposed to look out for us I suspect followed the party line of Mullaney/Bray/Bill. I don't feel the views of the parish council have any influence. I am not aware of anything tangible the Parish have to offer that is not dealt with by the Borough Council
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	My view is that it is simply a holding zone for people wanting to get back to being Borough council with [REDACTED] is trying to worm his way back by keeping his hand in the political scene..
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	A bigger unit i.e. combine with Earl Shilton for example might give us more power against the Holy trinity of Mullaney/Bray/Bill as our needs are very similar.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	A label is a label it is the funding and the power that is important
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	I don't have enough knowledge to form an opinion
		Change to grouping arrangements	I like this idea - Grouped Parishes might have more clout to stand up to the Borough Council but then have the flexibility deal with very local matters

## Burbage

### All wards

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
On behalf of a town/parish council	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	The current governance arrangements work very well in reflecting local identities and interests.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	The current governance arrangements provide a very effective and convenient local government.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	It is felt that there is no need for electoral arrangement change as the current arrangements work very well.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	The name of the parish is the identity of the whole parish and does not require change.
		The number of councillors is appropriate	Whilst the parish of Burbage has seen considerable development in terms of population, it is still felt that as a large council, the number of councillors at 20 is still appropriate.
		No change to grouping arrangements	As a large parish council it is felt that grouping would be inappropriate and would have a negative affect on the identity and interests of this parish.

### Sketchley Ward

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	Visibility, access & inclusion into local governance poor. Lack of physical notices, or use of digital platforms means much is only understood after decisions made.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	As above. Visibility, access & inclusion into local governance poor. Lack of physical notices, or proactive use of digital platforms means much is only understood after decisions made.

	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	I feel the local population increase and infrastructure may mean a wider view of issues needed. Considering issues at a local level only may mean context lacking. Eg: Sports & recreation space/facilities in Burbage very poor, when desperately needed.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	Name seems appropriate.
		There should be more councillors	Keen to gain a wider representation & view from community.
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	Potentially beneficial.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	Within the parish the arrangements are fine, whereas there are not the same or similar arrangements from bordering parishes that heavily impact infrastructure and i interests of locals. Arrangements need to be conjoined with neighbouring parishes.
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	All seems well communicated and covered as far as seems possible locally.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	The parish needs to be able to stand up for itself, merging with others could have benefits but more likely not and wouldn't always gain strength.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	The name is fine
		The number of councillors is appropriate	Just enough, any more would be no benefit, fewer could be detrimental so a good balance exists already.
		No change to grouping arrangements	To maintain strength independently, But we should work closely with others.
	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	Local people

	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	Unless the cost savings will be realised elsewhere, and explained clearly
		The name of the parish is appropriate	Name of the area
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	Unsure
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	Unsure

### St Catherines Ward

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Agree	Local councillors in touch and understand concerns of residents
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Agree	Local councillors are committed to protecting our parish and are easily accessible to residents the parish
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	The parish council is effectively serving the residents and merging with another parish may dilute that. If it was abolished the residents would not have a convenient effective local council to represent them and safeguard the village community.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	The name reflects the area it represents
		The number of councillors is appropriate	The parish is large and requires at least the existing numbers to deal with the amount of issues affecting the parish
		No change to grouping arrangements	I think the parish is large enough for the council to effectively serve

Stretton Ward			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	Most councillors live in the locality and know local people and issues
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	The areas are small enough to manage effectively
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	Interested People in the community know their areas and their representatives. There is no need to join them up and make them bigger.
		Unsure/don't know about the name of the parish	Don't think it matters much and changing for the sake of it seems ridiculous
		The number of councillors is appropriate	Good mix of voices and views
		No change to grouping arrangements	Councillors have been elected by their community who obviously feel they are well represented. Again changing this to look more inclusive is an unnecessary box ticking exercise
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	We could enjoy a greater presence by the Parish Council members reaching out to Burbage residents. Obviously, I realise there is a community centre but council representatives could have a stand at the monthly farmers market and do more general walkabouts.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	Not enough feedback! Residents could sign up for newsletter etc
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Unsure/don't know about need for change	not applicable

		The name of the parish is appropriate	not applicable
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	not applicable
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	not applicable
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure at all about the current governance arrangements - communication??
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure at all about the current governance arrangements - communication??
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	Difficult to advocate change when I am not at all sure about the current governance arrangements!!
		The name of the parish is appropriate	Perfect
		The number of councillors is appropriate	Again, without the detail, I have to suggest that no change is made until more information is available
		No change to grouping arrangements	Grouping means cutbacks or savings to be made; this is ok but more detail please before asking people to comment on change!
<b>Tilton Ward</b>			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Agree	It would seem local issues are raised in a good and timely manner.



	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Disagree	It seems to me that parish requirements get overruled to often by the next level of governance. Not sure I understand the powers or authority the parish council has.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	I don't understand what links the parish council had to the town council. I don't know the limits of the parish council powers and influence. I don't know what it does I don't see it as value for money
		The name of the parish is appropriate	It indicates the area covered
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	I don't have enough data to answer Possibly needs to be proportionate to resident numbers
		Change to grouping arrangements	I suspect it's too big to manage so is linked to number of councillors. Could do with sub divisions?

## Cadeby

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
On behalf of a town or parish council	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about...	Strongly agree	Strong, close community
	...reflect local identities and interests?		
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly agree	commitment to parish concerns and well being
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	knowledge of area and community
		The name of the parish is appropriate	Clear, concise
		The number of councillors is appropriate	Easily filled and provides good spread of skills
		No change to grouping arrangements	not grouping can only be more reflective of the identities and interests of our community. Shared ideas and better approaches are already achieved from membership of LRALC etc

## Carlton

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
<p>On behalf of a town or parish council</p> <p><i>Relevant extracts taken from full response</i></p>	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	<p>"It is now proposed that the boundary between the civil parishes of Carlton and Market Bosworth be moved to the lines marked A and B on the map"</p> <p>"These revised proposals are supported by the current occupiers of Park View Farm Barton Road, Market Bosworth; Friezeland Farm, Wellesborough Road, Market Bosworth; Little Friezeland, Wellesborough Road, Market Bosworth; Westfield Cottage, Westfields Lane, Carlton; and Westfield Farm Cottage Westfields Lane, Carlton.</p> <p>These revised proposals are not supported by Market Bosworth Parish Council (MBPC Minutes P.465, minute 9, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022).</p> <p>The reasons for Proposal A are that the occupiers of Little Friezeland consider themselves to have a close affinity to Carlton, and also wish to remain within the catchment area of Congerstone Primary School.</p> <p>At present the parish boundary runs through the dwelling and new and old agricultural buildings at Friezeland Farm. Local government and planning control would be more effective if these buildings were all unambiguously in the Parish of Market Bosworth."</p> <p>"[...] all four cottages [on Westfield Lane] are in Carlton, but the two southern cottages have now acquired additional land, which means that their gardens are in Carlton but their additional land is in Market Bosworth. Local government would be more effective if all of these curtilages were within the Parish of Carlton."</p> <p>"The reason for Proposal B is that Park View Farm is more closely related to Carlton than to Market Bosworth, and marks the edge of the built development of Carlton. Recent attempts to install traffic calming measures on the approach to the village have required consultation and the agreement of Market Bosworth PC. Local government would be more effective if this property was within the Parish of Carlton."</p>



## Desford

### Desford ward

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	They seem to only serve the old part of the village, they shown contempt for the new estates
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	Unless it is in the old part of town they do nothing.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	See previous response, they are all to consumed with the old part of the village and do nothing for newer estates
		Unsure/don't know about the name of the parish	Na
		There should be fewer councillors	What do they actually do ?
		Change to grouping arrangements	It would be more effective
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Neither agree not disagree	Desford has changed a lot over the past 5 years and we probably need to reflect more of our newer residents and also a wider range of socio economic background, but realise how difficult it is to recruit new parish councillors.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	Easy to contact, knowledgeable about the Parish, responsive to input from residents.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	Desford is a clearly defined area and residents share the same issues and concerns, so it should remain as it is.

		The name of the parish is appropriate	Because it's the name of our village
		The number of councillors is appropriate	Appropriate for sharing out of the workload. I think it would be hard to attract more councillors.
		No change to grouping arrangements	Desford ia already a big parish and a bigger workload would be inappropriate
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Strongly agree	The parish council understands the needs and wants of the community on the most important issues - such as housing development, improves services and facilites
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Agree	Councillors are approachable and ready to listen and take on board suggestions. Most importantly, they live/work in the area and see the problems within the arae for themselves - such as ongoing housing developments and increased traffic, strain on services etc
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	As noted above, the councillors issues are the same as those of their parisheners
		The name of the parish is appropriate	it does what it says on the tin
		The number of councillors is appropriate	any more may be too many
		No change to grouping arrangements	The current situation is working, change could dilute the efficiency and local expertise.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Strongly agree	Although not many parishioner's attend meetings I get the feeling that the Desford Parish is run well and are sympathetic to the well being of Desford and Botcheston. It is important to have local representation as they are the Parishioners that live and breathe the area.
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly agree	The Parish Council are effective at communicating local issues to the Borough, without them Desford and Botcheston would be invisible. Again it is important that we have local representation

	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	The Desford and Botcheston area is sufficient for the current Parish Council to monitor and make the necessary improvements for the well being of the area. Extending or contracting the area would be detrimental for the Parish.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	To coin a phrase 'it does what it says'. The Parish has been around for hundreds of years. If it's not broken why try and fix it.
		The number of councillors is appropriate	12 is a reasonable number that can adequately manage the various committees (Planning, Finance etc) and make recommendations for how money is spent.
		No change to grouping arrangements	The current situation is working, change could dilute the efficiency and local expertise.
Bufton Ward			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
None			

## Earl Shilton

### Church Ward

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	Up to this point, they have maintained and kept our area green and relatively free of heavy commercial and industrial presences.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	Because of the size of Earl Shilton, the town is well maintained. It is a quiet place with no traffic congestion. Whilst most of the shopping is done in Hinckley, the area is equipped to handle everyday needs of its residents. Any problems are addressed in relatively short time and there is a personal feeling that you would not get from a larger city.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	As I stated above, because it is small and taking care of a small area, there is a personal feeling of care and attention. We don't get lost in the flurry of a large population with a large area.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	It's where we are.
		There should be more councillors	Should be more councilors that are reachable and don't sit on the fence.
		No change to grouping arrangements	If you group the areas together, the larger places get the most funding and amenities whilst the small areas will get whatever is left. Larger areas need more to run and they end up siphoning towards the largest first. With the current arrangement each has there own to deal with and distribute as they see fit, especially if they live in the area they know what is needed. Having a grouped common large parish council would end up having councilors make decisions about the areas they know nothing about. Think of the Rail Freight - what a disaster and destruction it is going to do to the area - good example of a determination of putting this in by councilors or governments that do not live here or know the area.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about...	Agree	The local council does keep the town clean and tidy and puts on various activities during the year

	...reflect local identities and interests?		
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Agree	The same reasons as above
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	Why change what isn't broken?
		The name of the parish is appropriate	It reflects who we are
		There should be more councillors	Earl Shilton has grown considerable in the past few years and needs more people to represent them
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	Without being privy to what is proposed, it is difficult to comment
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Agree	I am pleased with all functions.
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Agree	I am pleased with all functions.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	happy as is
		The name of the parish is appropriate	it is correct.
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	not enough visibility of functional responsibilities.
		No change to grouping arrangements	works as is.

An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Neither agree nor disagree	No matter what the public or local residents say or object to, most of the time the council goes ahead with its plans regardless of public opinion.
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Neither agree nor disagree	Those that are elected to positions are for the most part, not to be found. Either the links to contact them do not work or if you try to ring them, there is no response back from them.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	Merging is a horrible idea. Usually the smaller or less populated or less commercialized/business areas lose out on funding and benefits. It is always a tiered system where the larger areas receive the most funding and then whatever is left over if any, goes to the smaller areas.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	It is.
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	I can never find who is what or where they are located or who they serve or for that matter exactly what do they do. It seems they just go ahead with their own plans ignoring the voice of the people.
		No change to grouping arrangements	Again, the smaller areas would lose out to the bigger ones.

#### Townlands Ward

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
------------	---------	----------	---------------------

None

#### Weavers Ward

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
------------	---------	----------	---------------------

None

#### Westfield Ward

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
------------	---------	----------	---------------------

None

## Groby

### All wards

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
On behalf of a town/parish council	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about...	Strongly agree	Groby Parish council (GPC) works for the community and reflects a cross section of its parishioners, however the remoteness of Hinckley & Bosworth BC and some of the issues regarding adjacent Parishes' & Boroughs can cause restrictions in what GPC wish to achieve.
	...reflect local identities and interests?		
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Agree	
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	1: The settlement of Branting Hill is split between GPC and Glenfield Parish (Blaby DC) but is effectively part of Groby Village. There is "green space" between Branting Hill settlement and the rest of Glenfield, and Branting Hill is also in the catchment area of one of Groby primary schools. It would make practical sense for the whole of Branting Hill to be brought into Groby Parish. 2: Part of the Groby PC ward of Field Head (located around the Jacqueline Drive area and Westward along the A50 up to but not including the Quarry landfill roundabout and along the Newtown Linford Lane) would logically belong to the Markfield Village community and might be best served being re-allocated as part of Markfield Parish. 3: Groby is within the Hinckley & Bosworth BC but has often had more of an association with the communities to the NE of the village within Charnwood BC such as the historical areas of Bradgate and Newtown Linford, plus the National Forest which covers much of the village.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	Groby parish encompasses the village of Groby and its settlements within the Parish ie: Branting Hill, Bradgate Hill & Field Head.
		The number of councillors is appropriate	The only question would be that if any of the suggestions made in "part 6" above were made it could mean revising the number of councillors appropriately.
		No change to grouping arrangements	Groby is a large enough village/settlement, the only groupings that could sensibly be made would be as informal grouping arrangements with parishes both inside and outside HBBC, for instances such as large planning applications which cross/affect different parishes, and for the maintenance of the Rothley Green Wedge which



			covers several Parish and Borough Councils (Grobby/Hinckley, Ratby/Hinckley, Anstey/Charnwood, Glenfield/Blaby, Rothley/Charnwood etc).
Field Head Ward			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Neither agree nor disagree	As a Field Head resident I do not particularly feel part of the Groby Parish
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Neither agree nor disagree	Most issues affecting the Field Head area are addressed
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	I feel that Field Head would be best represented as part of the Markfield Parish
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	It does not reflect the inclusion of Field Head and Stanton
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	Do not have any contact with the Field Head councillors
		Change to grouping arrangements	As above re. Field Head becoming part of Markfield Parish
Grobby Ward			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
A parish councillor	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Agree	I am a Parish Councillor
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Agree	



	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	Our two Borough Councillors live locally
		The name of the parish is appropriate	It reflects the village we live in
		The number of councillors is appropriate	We need to be quorate at committee meetings and as volunteers, most of us have other responsibilities also
		No change to grouping arrangements	A car journey would be required if we also represented other areas. We are organised efficiently, other areas included would cause time problems.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	The Parish Council meets local needs very well, however the Borough Council is too remote.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	The remoteness of the Borough Council is demonstrated by the information and articles in regular HBBC newsletter which very rarely even mentions Groby!
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	<p>1: Groby is within the Hinckley &amp; Bosworth BC but has often had more of an association with the communities to the NE of the village within Charnwood BC such as the historical Stamford/Grey family areas of Bradgate and Newtown Linford, plus the National Forest which covers much of the village.</p> <p>2: The settlement of Branting Hill is split between GPC and Glenfield Parish (Blaby DC) but is effectively part of Groby Village. There is “green space” between Branting Hill settlement and the rest of Glenfield, and Branting Hill is also in the catchment area of one of Groby primary schools. It would make practical sense for the whole of Branting Hill to be brought into Groby Parish.</p> <p>3: Part of the Groby PC ward of Field Head (located around the Jacqueline Drive area and Westward along the A50 up to but not including the Quarry landfill roundabout and along the Newtown Linford Lane) would logically belong to the Markfield Village community and might be best served being re-allocated as part of Markfield Parish.</p> <p>4: There is logic in the suggestion by LCC that many of the parishes of Leicestershire would be better served by a Unitary Leicestershire County Council. The various Borough Councils of the County have become quite Town Centric, for instance, there is no public transport from Groby to its Borough “seat” of Hinckley and little opportunity for the residents of Groby to utilise the facilities which much of their council taxes provide. The Borough and District offices could remain as outlying offices of the Unitary Leics. CC to provide some remote access and the Town and</p>

			Parish councils would take on some of the local responsibilities together with some additional staff/income from a larger precept to facilitate them.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	Groby is the village name and the parish name
		The number of councillors is appropriate	The Parish is quite large.
		No change to grouping arrangements	Groby is a large enough village/settlement without formal grouping, however informal groupings could sensibly be made with villages outside HBBC for instances such as large planning applications which cross/affect both parishes, and for the maintenance of the Rothley Green Wedge which covers several Parish and Borough Councils (Groby/Hinckley, Ratby/Hinckley, Anstey/Charnwood, Glenfield/Blaby, Rothley/Charnwood etc).

### Higham on the Hill

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
None			

## Market Bosworth

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
On behalf of a town/parish council  <i>Relevant extracts taken from full response</i>	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	"Market Bosworth Parish Council agreed at its Meeting on 5 April 2022 that it does not wish for changes to be made to its parish boundaries."
		There should be more councillors	"[Market Bosworth Parish Council] does ask that the Borough Council give consideration to increasing the number of Parish Councillors for Market Bosworth. This is because we have had 8 parish councillors representing Market Bosworth and Far Coton for many, many years. The population has expanded in recent years with the development of more housing, and will expand further once the development of Sedgemere is complete (73 dwellings under construction). In due course there should be further housing on the Station Fields site as per the Borough Council's Masterplan for Market Bosworth. As such, an additional councillor would be more in proportion to, and help to better represent the population of this Parish."
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	Change is not needed. when you have a system that works leave it alone. If it is for cutting back reasons do not bother as this is counter productive as usual.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	as above
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	as above statement
		The name of the parish is appropriate	as above answer
		The number of councillors is appropriate	as above answer
		No change to grouping arrangements	as above answer

An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	The governance of Market Bosworth is strong and reflects the needs and identity of the town with active and forward thinking engagement.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	For Market Bosworth there is clear and regular communication, action to include residents in decision making ie planning, forward thinking approach.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	it works well at present so there is no need to change
		The name of the parish is appropriate	I don't feel any connection to Hinckley so feel it should just be Market Bosworth
		The number of councillors is appropriate	seems to work well, have no direct involvement so unsure about whether there is a need to change
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	Not sure what the benefits of a grouped common parish would be if individual parishes existed in their own right? Not enough information is provided regarding this.
		Disagree	Remit of parish council is limited hence it does not reflect all of the local issues that residents are interested in / concerned about.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	Need to rationalise the layers of local government. Three (LCC / HBBC / Market Bosworth Parish Council) is at least one too many.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Need to rationalise the layers of local government. Three (LCC / HBBC / Market Bosworth Parish Council) is at least one too many. Having a single layer of local government that had a wider remit would likely be more reflective of the identities and interests of the community it serves.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	"Parish Council" is a historic name; it doesn't reflect the secular society we live in.
		There should be fewer councillors	Need to rationalise the layers of local government. Three (LCC / HBBC /Market Bosworth Parish Council) is at least one too many.

		No change to grouping arrangements	See response above re: the need to rationalise the layers of local government.
--	--	------------------------------------	--

## Markfield

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
On behalf of a town/parish council	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	Markfield Parish Council considered this matter at its meeting held on 12 April 2022 and have resolved that its response to the review is that the Parish Council considers the current arrangements are working effectively and would, therefore, like there to be no changes relating to (a) councillor numbers, (b) parish boundaries or (c) warding within the Parish.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Agree	Seen and responded to Local Plan survey
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Agree	Responses to Local plan in Local paper broadly acceptable but proposed local residential building by Charnwood Council alongside Ashby Road disputed and rejected.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Ensure land adjacent to A50 is in Markfield parish.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	Place name and developments in last 40 odd years have been coherent.
		The number of councillors is appropriate	The members write in the local paper which is widely read and circulated. Markfield is a "Big" parish and does not need to expand.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	The status of Field Head could be clarified.
	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Agree	they listen and act on what the local area require
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Agree	everyone has to kick off but the local conifers and the parish work well together.

	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	the houses on the west side fo the A50 which includes jawline rod needs to be included in the Markfield boundary.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	its good
		There should be more councillors	a few more would allow a better understand of more views.
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	the houses on the west side fo the A50 which includes jawline rod needs to be included in the Markfield boundary.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	Works well
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	No issues
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	No change required
		The name of the parish is appropriate	Suits the village
		The number of councillors is appropriate	Village will expand soon anyway
		No change to grouping arrangements	We are distinct and quite far from other centres.

## Nailstone

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
None			

## Newbold Verdon

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about...	Agree	Despite the new development which once completed will bring increased electorate, both parish & district council should continue to be sufficient to represent the population.
	...reflect local identities and interests?		
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Disagree	Although the major requirements of the electorate are adequately met, more minor though irritating matters such as occasional vandalism, considerable littering, some repeated dog-fouling of pavements, and general upkeep of pavements leave something to be desired.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	See response to first question above.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	Any addition of e.g. Brascote, and/or Newbold Heath, to the name Newbold Verdon Parish Council would make it ungainly and is unnecessary since they may be assumed to be included.
		The number of councillors is appropriate	Adequate at present, though should a suggested development on Brascote Lane be approved, an increase might be helpful.
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	The alternatives given for response to this question are misleading: the question asks whether I feel that grouping changes 'would be of benefit'; the alternatives ask me to say whether or not change is 'required'. These terms are not equivalent, making a selection of either of the first two alternatives equivocal. Personally, I feel that a common parish council for Barlestone, Newbold Verdon, and Desford could be beneficial; but I do not feel strongly enough (nor know enough about the governance or representation of these places) to think such a change is required.



An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	If we were to merge with Mkt Bosworth or Desford, Newbold Verdon would cease to exist as they already get preferential services
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	This is the fault of those elected who are the wrong people
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	Change of councillors is the only thing
		The name of the parish is appropriate	Named by village and location
		The number of councillors is appropriate	No further number needed
		No change to grouping arrangements	No need at all
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Unsure / don't know	Only moved to the area 14 months ago
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Unsure / don't know	As above
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	<i>No supporting comment</i>
		The name of the parish is appropriate	<i>No supporting comment</i>
		The number of councillors is appropriate	<i>No supporting comment</i>
		No change to grouping arrangements	<i>No supporting comment</i>

An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	Local people and open meetings to raise concerns
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	Local issues are identified and followed up where necessary
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	You need local control and people who understand what is important and needs addressing
		The name of the parish is appropriate	Clearly represents our parish
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	I am not best placed to advice. You need to ask the councillors if they feel their numbers needs to increase. I would be surprised that it would need to decrease considering the additional housing development off Dragon Lane.
		No change to grouping arrangements	If it works, don't fix it

## Osbaston

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
On behalf of a town/parish council  <i>Relevant extracts taken from full response</i>	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	<p>"Osbaston Parish Council would strongly oppose any changes made to it as a result of the Community Governance Review. The Council wishes to remain the same in terms of Parish boundary and the number of Cllrs on the Council. Osbaston Parish has always had a strong and individual character and due to representing a hamlet, each Councillor has close links with a large number of Parishioners and can therefore accurately represent their views at Council meetings."</p> <p>"Councillors also invest a large amount of time making sure that residents have access to local services [...] It is unlikely that this type of support and representation would continue if any changes were made to our Parish Council."</p> <p>"The Council undertook a public consultation in 2021 where they found out the priorities of Parishioners. As a consequence, they have since delivered a number of projects within the Parish as a direct result of these findings [...] These are now all been completed and the Council has received many positive comments on them."</p>

			"There appears to be no benefit to the community of Osbaston to be affiliated with a neighbouring parish and the continuation of Osbaston Parish Council would appear to be more appropriate in meeting the needs of local residents who live here."
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	The amount of new housing estates that are cropping up and merging villages is detrimental to our area and resources, but many times we are told this is beyond the council's control.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	As above. It's not effective if the decision has already been made.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	Small villages such as ours will merge with others and get lost to a larger identity. Barlestone is being taken over by houses estates and it's encroaching onto our parish boundaries but we're not consulted. A previous development for 450 houses had two thirds within the Osbaston parish boundary but only Barlestone were consulted. Thankfully it was refused, but the issue still exists.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	Because it is the name of the area.
		There should be more councillors	The amount of new planning applications means there should be more to share the workload.
		No change to grouping arrangements	As above.

## Peckleton

### Kirkby Mallory Ward

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	No reason
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	I don't know enough to comment
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	The current situation is suitable
		The name of the parish is appropriate	No reason
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	I don't know how many we have
		No change to grouping arrangements	Suitable as it is

### Peckleton Ward

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	The parish council informs everyone, albeit not always effectively, when meetings are and what will be discussed etc. The chair and clerk take any concerns or messages from parishioners to the council for discussion. The end result may not always reflect the 'voice on the street' however because people don't turn up, people don't provide comment etc. The council tries hard but the 'sit and listen, not join in' attitude at the meetings puts people off from even attending as it's 'pointless', don't get a right to respond etc. The idea that it is a closed club, they'll vote in line with their own interests, not ours is very prevalent and is not helped by the fact that the councillors think people don't mind one way or the other because they don't get in touch. A few outspoken individuals get their views heard because they express them, but a breakdown in trust, respect and communication means the general view doesn't get to be heard, albeit the chair invites discussion with him personally regularly.

			(People like to moan in private but don't necessarily care enough to attend a meeting or speak out).
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	As above. It's convenient and effective in that decisions get made, the villages are well cared for, the council does a good job. We know when meetings are and what is to be discussed.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	Merging parishes would make more councillors available, there is a dearth of volunteers, but people in the village need to know the faces to go with the names of the people to speak to if they have an issue. More 'regular' people are needed to be the foot soldiers for local democracy, to be the first step into government of their area. Divorcing the community from politics and its councillors further, even by just a village away, makes the divide between the rulers and the ruled even wider.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	Needs to be Peckleton, Mallory and Stapleton, all with equal status not one (Peck) with two others.
		There should be more councillors	The more the better, so votes aren't necessarily always hanging on just one vote. A regular 'club of 2' can always outvote a third on any issue, with no room for alternative views to ever be passed.
		No change to grouping arrangements	Our villages are very small. Neighbouring villages, such as Desford and Barwell, Newbold Verdon, Earl Shilton etc are all much, much larger they have schools, shops, scout organisations, mum and tot groups, all sorts of extra organisations etc to be called on for events etc. These things are not appropriate in our small parishes and issues surrounding these larger scale things, time spent on issues in the larger villages around crime, signage, damage to infrastructure, would be disproportionate for our councillors, feel less rewarding or relevant and people would be less likely to feel the desire to be a councillor, spending lots of time listening to issues outside their own village.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	Would be better if more people from the village were to be represented on the council. As it's a mixed council only 2 residents can be councillors, which can only represent a fraction of the demographic (especially as standing orders mean locals feel unable to contribute on issues as they arise). Much of content of each meeting is irrelevant to the village as it concerns the other villages. There is a lack of communication between villagers and councillors, a perception that the councillors only vote or care about issues they are interested in, rather than what the village wants raised. I have heard many times that it's a waste of time even approaching them, which is not really fair but shows a problem with perception. Strict adherence to standing orders and an overbearing, unwelcoming personality on the council make locals not willing to stand out from the crowd. Key is communication. Maybe more

			use of questionnaires, more seeking out views of locals, more proactive councillors maybe, though chairman has been doing this recently for a couple of issues.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	Brilliant clerk who does everything she can to fulfil her job role. Good chair who is very diplomatic and great at moving meeting along. Effective, not so sure. Time spent on other villages but all very business like and things get sorted.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Split the three villages to make the meetings more focused, allow for more councillors from each village and more flexibility. Other groups eg village hall committee, know issues surrounding village and would allow more time for parish council to be more involved in day to day affairs instead of just infrastructure ... maybe make it seem more relevant.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	As it stands, its fine.
		There should be more councillors	Only 2 from our village. Votes represent just 2 opinions.
		Change to grouping arrangements	As above really.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	Our parish is combined with three local villages so its a distributed view as opposed to just being the parish I live in. I would strongly agree if this was split for more independence.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	As above I believe it could be even more effective if was changed to just Peckleton parish and not combined with other villages too.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Reducing the parish council from covering 3 spread out villages to a single village would better serve the statement above.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	Peckleton parish represents Peckleton.
		The number of councillors is appropriate	The number of councillors is appropriate
		No change to grouping arrangements	It dilutes local identities and interests

Stapleton Ward – No responses			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
None			

Ratby			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
None			

Shackerstone			
Barton Ward			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
None			
Bilstone Ward			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
None			
Congerstone Ward			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Strongly Agree	The Parish I live in is made up of several different villages, all with slightly different issues and we have a councillor for each village to represent our needs.

	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly Agree	The area has had play areas and open green areas provided by the Parish council and other facilities and help with village events are always forthcoming. We pay a small rate charge but get good service. The Parish council pays for some grass cutting and maintenance when needed.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	I feel we are well represented as a small rural community, being very small we do not (or couldn't afford/fund) a village parish.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	It is Historical and everyone in the area understands what it stands for.
		The number of councillors is appropriate	We have one for each of the villages in the parish.
		No change to grouping arrangements	It seems to be working under the current arrangement.
Odstone Ward			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
None			
Shackerstone Ward			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
None			



## Sheepy

### Sheepy Ward

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	The Parish Council comprises representatives that reflect the nature and characteristics of the area. It engages effectively with the local community taking on board a broad range of views as is evidenced by the Parish Council's Made Neighbourhood Plan.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	Sheepy Parish Council is made up of members that represent the different parts (Wards) of the parish and these members effectively represent their communities, with the whole council working together to the benefit of the wider community. The development and achievement of a made Neighbourhood Plan (the first for a rural parish in the Borough, and recently revised) is strong evidence of effective local government involving community engagement and successful outcomes.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	The current arrangements are effective and work well for this large rural Parish.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	The name reflects the name of the larger rural settlement in the Parish but also acknowledges (included) the other settlements (villages and hamlets) with Ward representatives.
		The number of councillors is appropriate	The community and the Parish settlements are effectively represented by the current number of councillors.
		No change to grouping arrangements	Sheepy Parish already covers a large geographic area (top 10% in England) and reflects a previous grouping of smaller parishes. It's current make up is effective as is evidenced by its Neighbourhood Plan (to 2036), the boundary for which reflects the current Parish.

### Sibson Ward

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
------------	---------	----------	---------------------

None

### Upton Ward

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
------------	---------	----------	---------------------

An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Strongly agree	Parish councils are important for understanding localised needs and a contact point for residents.
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly agree	Feel involved and able to share opinions.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	Communication seems to currently work well.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	Understandable as Upton is too small to be represented singularly
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	No idea how many councillors there are!
		No change to grouping arrangements	Rather it was small as reflective of our local community.
	<b>Wellsborough Ward</b>		
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
None			

## Stanton-Under-Bardon

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	Parish council is not representative of me and I find decision making very poor.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	Inclusivity is poor
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	I believe parish council should be abolished and area governed by borough council.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	<i>No supporting comment</i>
		There should be fewer councillors	Multiple councillors from same household.
		No change to grouping arrangements	I believe the parish should be abolished
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	Planning views of residents not supported.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	Not sure what the PC actually do. No record of actions or activities available to me as a resident.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Unsure/don't know about need for change	Not sure if there is a problem with the current structure.... If no problem or no opportunity, should stay the same.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	It's ok as is.
		There should be more councillors	Lower number of councillors per resident than other areas.

		No change to grouping arrangements	More layers equals more inefficiency.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	The Parish Council deal with local issues and have been very effective in improving local amenities which would not happen if the parish is combined with others as it will lose the villages identity and as a small village will have no say.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	The parish council are able to voice local concerns and address local issues which would not get addressed in any other way. However there are some matters that affect the village which they are unable to impact upon due to these not being in their power.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	Because due to the size of the village should such changes be made, they will lose their voice on the local matters that effect the residents. As it stands the Borough Council seem to concentrate on those communities which are nearer to Hinckley or have a larger community with social issues whereas small villages are ignored and not seen to be a priority. Parish councils, although limited in powers, are able to improve local amenities despite the lack of support from the Borough council.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	It reflects the village and area the parish covers
		The number of councillors is appropriate	The parish is a small area. Too many councillors spoil the broth!!
		No change to grouping arrangements	There is no need for grouping parishes as there does not appear to be any purpose to it. I have not seen anything which would support this and would just put in place another layer of bureaucracy which in my view is not necessary. I am not sure why, if the local parish council is still to exist how it would benefit from grouping together except setting up more meetings not likely to achieve anything. Should this parish be linked to a larger one like Markfield it would certainly lose its identity as Markfield will always hold the high ground due to its size
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	Stanton under Bardon is a linear rural village with fields on three sides and two quarries on the fourth. This has means that Stanton has few synergies with neighbouring parishes.

	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	The Parish Council is effective in representing villagers.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	The village has little identity with neighbouring parishes.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	It is the name of the village.
		The number of councillors is appropriate	A small village only needs minimum councillors.
		No change to grouping arrangements	A small parish may be swamped by a larger one to the detriment of democracy and financial matters.

## Stoke Golding

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
On behalf of a town/parish council	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	We do not have enough power in local decision making to effectively respond to and reflect local identities and interests
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	We are contactable and accessible but would like to see members of our community who are unable to attend meetings in person be able to watch on zoom or something nsimilar
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	We are an essential part of the community
		The name of the parish is appropriate	The name is fine
		There should be more councillors	There should be more, as the village has and is set to grow exponentially. It would be useful to have more councillors to make sure the village is well represented and that responsibility of decision regarding the village is shared through a larger group.
		No change to grouping arrangements	We would not benefit .We have more than enough work to do for our own area.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	Our PC always aims to reflect local interests
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	Our PC provides effective local government
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	Our PC works well as it stands
		The name of the parish is appropriate	It's fine as it is
		There should be more councillors	The village has grown and is still growing considerably and the PC could accommodate more councillors

		No change to grouping arrangements	It works extremely well as it stands
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	A complete lack of focus, attention and involvement concerning housing development applications in this village.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	No coherent strategy for dealing with the bigger more long term issues, but neither does HBBC who have shown to be woefully inadequate and politically biased in their behaviours!
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	Communities need a local representation by a body that is familiar with that community, not some distant amalgamated body with limited knowledge or interest in representing the individual community.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	It says exactly what and who the parish council represent.
		There should be more councillors	The current problem with parish councils is they attract like minded individuals whom for the most part have limited experience of creative and thrusting environments. Tradition and culture tend to rule with a "we've always done it this way" approach. The less than changes the better! They don't attract people with sound business skills and leadership qualities because those people are not motivated by trivia and writing records about domes of money being spent which in real terms amounts the petty cash!
		No change to grouping arrangements	This was answered in response to a previous question. Local representation by local people/bodies.



## Sutton Cheney

### All wards

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
<p>On behalf of a town/parish council</p> <p><i>Relevant extracts taken from full response</i></p>	<p>How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about...</p> <p><b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b></p>	<p>"The CGR allows an opportunity for Sutton Cheney Parish Council to showcase recent projects to evidence how it continues to reflect community identity and local interests of local residents, as well as offer effective and convenient governance to all of our Parishioners"</p> <p>"The delivery of a Parish-wide public consultation survey in 2018 [...] which allowed Parishioners to identify the issues most important to them and which gave the Council clear priorities on what projects to deliver"</p> <p>"The Council has undertaken several consultations over the last 12 months to gauge local opinion and to ensure that local decisions represent local views. For example, a recent public consultation that finished in April 2022 asked for feedback by residents on a formal user agreement when any community group want to host a formal event on Dadlington Village Green."</p>	
	<p><b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b></p>	<p>"...Contracts co-ordinated across the Parish allow for economic savings via economies of scale."</p> <p>"Parish Councillors are elected to represent the Council on a variety of different external bodies, such as Sir William Roberts Committee, the 1485 Bosworth Steering Group, and Sutton Cheney Village Hall. Similarly, we regularly invite a range of partners to Parish Council meetings to talk and update Parishioners, including the Police, HBBC Officers, the Canal and Rivers Trust, Market Bosworth Historical Society etc."</p>	
	<p>Do you feel there is a need for change?</p>	No change	<p>"To ensure that any future changes to our Parish Council bring about improvements to community engagement and cohesion plus efficiency in the delivery of local services we propose the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the Parish boundary remains unchanged and continues to encompass Dadlington, Sutton Cheney and Shenton as the Parish Council to continue work on co-ordinated projects across the Parish that have a greater level of influence.</li> <li>• To consider a change of name to Dadlington &amp; Sutton Cheney Parish Council"</li> </ul>
<p>A parish councillor</p> <p><i>Body text taken from email from SCPC Parish Councillor</i></p>	<p>How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about...</p> <p><b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b></p>	<p>I have been on the PC for Sutton Cheney for as long as I can remember, and we at Shenton and Sutton Cheney have always got on with Dadlington very well, up until recently when a minority group at Dadlington decided they wanted to break away from the other two villages, I cannot see why as Dadlington has always had what it wants.</p>	

<p>A parish councillor</p> <p><i>Body text taken from email from SCPC Parish Councillor</i></p>	<p>Do you feel there is a need for change?</p>	<p>My views are that the SCPC should not be split, with Dadlington becoming its own Parish. There has been so much happening within the SCPC since I joined as a councillor for Dadlington in September, both good and bad, but we are trying to make changes with a more approachable parish council</p> <p>There is an underlining bitterness in Dadlington that they have been wronged in someway, but no one will explain what it is. Yes it will be hard work to gain their confidence and trust, but the breakaway is being instigated by a minority group, who if given the control of Dadlington, will not be caring and listening to the whole of the Dadlington community. I know this from involvement with the Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan and the finding from the community that they were not aware of major items in the plan that would impact on their daily life. I know you have been given the results of a village survey, but again I doubt its substance and fairness.</p> <p>A resident made this comment to me" The select of the village want the Hall and Green for their own use, they never want anything for the youngsters of the village" these are the same select group steering the breakaway PC for Dadlington.</p> <p>I will respect the decision of HBBC in this matter and my views are always open for discussion.</p>
<p>A parish councillor</p> <p><i>Body text taken from email from SCPC Parish Councillor</i></p>	<p>Do you feel there is a need for change?</p>	<p>I would like to give my personal reasons to be included in the Governance Review of Sutton Cheney Parish Council and Dadlington having an independent Parish Council.</p> <p>We as a parish Council, always try to give Dadlington more autonomy, only this week at our Parish Council meeting they asked not to have the proposed dog signs on Dadlington Village Green.</p> <p>It was a key argument, but the Council listened to their comments and decided to vote against the signs.</p> <p>We also agreed as they asked, to take items out of our Governance Review, once again to give Dadlington more Autonomy.</p> <p>We as a Council are always prepared to listen and take on board their comments.</p> <p>We are all aware that Dadlington would like to break away from Sutton Cheney Parish Council and have their own independent Parish Council. I think this would be a mistake. The Hamlet is far too small to ever be a flourishing community, their Precept would always be so minimal, that few projects could be achieved.</p> <p>For me, we should all learn to work together, as a Council and not as separate entities.</p>

### Dadlington Ward

Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
<p>On behalf of a group, organisation or club</p> <p><i>Relevant extracts taken</i></p>	<p>How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about...</p> <p><b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b></p>	<p>"There has been a developing dissatisfaction among Dadlington residents over their representation under Sutton Cheney Parish Council (SCPC)"</p> <p>"When SCPC was originally formed Sutton Cheney was a larger village than Dadlington. Over the years, however there has been significant change with the number of properties in Dadlington increasing significantly so that the village is now much larger than either Sutton Cheney or Shenton. Dadlington was a civil parish until 1935 when it became part of Sutton Cheney Parish Council (see UK Births, Marriages, Deaths and Censuses on the internet – Market Bosworth Registration District, Dadlington became part of the parish of Sutton Cheney on 0104 35. Prior to this it was a separate parish)."</p>	

from full response		“Shenton is an estate-owned village and Sutton Cheney is partially estate-owned, whereas Dadlington comprises individually owned properties. This has affected the extent of development in the villages so far and will continue to do so in the future. The level of threat from unwanted development changing the essential character of Dadlington is, therefore, much more significant. A Dadlington Parish Council would enable a much stronger influence in dealing with unwanted development.”	
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	“A Parish Council for Dadlington would allow costs to be reduced compared with those applying to SCPC with less hours needed for a clerk and less meetings required avoiding any need for sub-committees as at present. Currently these costs amount to approximately 60% of the annual precept for SCPC. This would also give the opportunity for Sutton Cheney and Shenton to reduce their costs. Councillors from Shenton have expressed dismay at times regarding the predominance of Dadlington matters in the business of SCPC.”	
	Do you feel there is need for change?	Change	“There was an overwhelming level of support for the formation of Dadlington Parish Council run by the people of Dadlington. The response was 150 in favour and 7 against which represents 70% of the electors of the village.”
		There should be more councillors	“53% of the electors of the existing parish of Sutton Cheney are from Dadlington. If Dadlington had its own Parish Council with 5 councillors then this would equate to 1 councillor per 45 electors which compares favourably with other smaller parishes in the area, eg Cadeby and Osbaston. The results of the local survey within Dadlington show that a substantial majority of electors want to separate from the existing SCPC, indicating that an increase in councillors for Dadlington within SCPC would not be acceptable.”
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Strongly disagree	The current arrangement of a 3 village parish does not adequately meet the needs and challenges relating to the larger village of Dadlington. Both of the other villages are either partly or totally estate owned so are not comparable to Dadlington.
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly disagree	As together the other two villages of Shenton and Sutton Cheney can outvote the representatives of Dadlington. This is unfair because Dadlington has 53% of the electorate of the existing parish. This means that important matters relating to Dadlington, such as the management of the village green, is not directly under the control of the village and this has created some divisive issues.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	I would like to see Dadlington matters decided upon by a Dadlington Parish Council. We have a strong community in Dadlington which would be further enhanced by the village having greater control of its further development and co-ordination with the Dadlington Village Hall Committee which is already run totally by the village. Dadlington has been more dynamic than the other two villages in

			providing its own village hall, are in the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan and has also provided its own defibrillator.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	When the Parish Council was first formed in the late 1800s Sutton Cheney was the largest of the three villages. This is no longer the case. As the other two villages are either wholly or part owned, they have not expanded whereas Dadlington has.
		There should be more councillors	As mentioned above there are two councillors for Shenton, two for Sutton Cheney and 3 for Dadlington which means that the largest village can be outvoted, especially if the Chairman is from Shenton or Sutton Cheney, Dadlington councillors can be outvoted as he has a casting vote. If Dadlington can separate then we would expect that there would be 5 councillors for a Dadlington Parish Council.
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	Not appropriate
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about...	Strongly disagree	A parish of 3 villages no longer meets the needs of Dadlington as we have little in common with the other two as they are either wholly or part privately owned.
	...reflect local identities and interests?		
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly disagree	There is an imbalance in voting rights where Shenton and Sutton Cheney can outvote the representatives from Dadlington.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	I would prefer if Dadlington matters were decided by Dadlington people. There have been some divisive issues at Parish Council meetings which I felt should have been decided upon in our village and not by representatives of the other two.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	It may have been appropriate in times gone by but Dadlington is now the largest of the 3 villages and some residents do not relate to Dadlington being a part of Sutton Cheney.
		There should be more councillors	At present there are 3 but with our own parish council we would hope for 5.
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	Not relevant

An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	Decisions about Dadlington are being made by parish councillors who do not live in the village and do not seek to find out what villagers want. Any decision about Dadlington can be made by a majority of councillors (4 out of the possible 7) who do not live in the village. The Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan is a key example of this where it is being held up by exactly this situation.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	Having attended many Sutton Cheney parish council meetings I do not feel that the parish council provides an effective local governance. There has been an unusually large turnover of councillors in recent years, several have resigned due to the atmosphere within the council. These issues are blocking effective and professional commitment to local government. There have also been occasions over the last few years where parish councillors have not behaved in a courteous and cordial manner to residents and fellow councillors. This creates inefficiency and unprofessionalism.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Historically Dadlington was part of the 3 village parish council. It is now a significantly larger village than the other 2 which remain essentially private estate villages. Dadlington is not currently in a position where decisions are being made by village residents; the Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan is an example of this as it's progress is being held up by the parish council. Councillors from the other villages are blocking the progression of the plan at the same time as development is rife in the area.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	Dadlington is the largest of the 3 villages now, not Sutton Cheney.
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	I strongly support a new parish council for Dadlington and for that there would need to be possibly 5 councillors.
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	I don't fully understand this
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	I hear that some people in Dadlington want to see the Parish Council broken up into one just for Dadlington. These people are continually moaning about the Council but why don't they just join them instead.? I am not sure why they seem hell bent on breaking it up so that they can get complete control of this village. The council do a good job of keeping the green in great condition and the church yard too. They helped me when I had a problem with one of the trees branches on the green overhanging the road near my house. I know that they have been working to reduce cars speeding through the village by buying a sign that has really helped to slow the cars down. No one dare speak up against this group of residents and its

			always the same names who think they speak for all of us. And surely the cost of my council tax will increase if this happens?
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	They advertise their meetings in the noticeboards so I know where I need to go if I have a problem
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	The Council has always done a good job at looking after Dadlington and they seem to be good at listening to residents complaints like speeding and then doing something about it.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	Dadlington & Sutton Cheney Parish Council maybe?
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	Not sure
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	Not really sure who we would link up with.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	Dadlington today has little in common with Sutton Cheney or Shenton. Those villages are smaller with similar characteristics. Dadlington is a much larger village which has grown over time whereas Sutton Cheney and Shenton remain basically unchanged.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	A grouping of dissimilar communities cannot be the most effective way to provide local government and address local issues.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Dadlington has a strong community focus. If it was to have its own parish council I feel sure the village would be better served to focus on the issues that affect the residents.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	Sutton Cheney may geographically be the centre of the parish but with Dadlington being larger than Shenton and Sutton Cheney put together surely Dadlington should provide the parish name.
		There should be more councillors	Currently Sutton Cheney and Shenton have two councillors each and Dadlington has three. That does not reflect the community sizes.

		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	Sorry, don't really understand the explanation given. However, I feel that keeping Sutton Cheney and Shenton together is appropriate but that Dadlington should come out of the existing arrangement.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	Sutton Cheney parish councillors are not representing the views of Dadlington residents. 1 councillor does not live in the parish has no connection to the parish at all. 3 of the councillors have only lived in the parish for less than 3 years and have also come from towns. All 4 have no previous experience of living in small communities. Only 1 of the councillors has to date over 1 year experience as a councillor and this has lead to conflict. Dadlington wishes to take back control of its Green and the village issues in general.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	Decisions are being taken by those who have no knowledge of Dadlington and without respect of 5h3 residents wishes. Dadlington has over 50% of the electorate but even if it had the chair's casting vote, less than 50% of the vote
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Dadlington should have it's own stand alone parish council. It no longer has a connection to either Sutton Cheney or Shenton socially. Dadlington is privately owned, even the farms, while bot Sutton and Shenton are owned in the magority by estates.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	Dadlington is over 50% of the paris. Sutton Cheney and Shenton approximately 25% each.
		The number of councillors is appropriate	The number of councillors is appropriate for the pc as it stands, but there should be a shift in representation if it is to continue in its present form.
		Change to grouping arrangements	If I understand this correctly, Dadlington could have its own parish meeting and report back to SCPC. I still feel that Dadlington should have its own independent parish council
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	The current arrangement of a 3 village parish does not adequately meet the needs and challenges relating to the larger village of Dadlington. Both of the other villages are either partly or totally estate owned so are not comparable to Dadlington.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	As together the other two villages of Shenton and Sutton Cheney can outvote the representatives of Dadlington. This is unfair because Dadlington has 53% of the electorate of the existing parish. This means that important matters relating to Dadlington, such as the management of the village green, is not directly under the control of the village and this has created some divisive issues.



	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	I would like to see Dadlington matters decided upon by a Dadlington Parish Council. We have a strong community in Dadlington which would be further enhanced by the village having greater control of its further development and co-ordination with the Dadlington Village Hall Committee which is already run totally by the village. Dadlington has been more dynamic than the other two villages in providing its own village hall, are in the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan and has also provided its own defibrillator.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	When the Parish Council was first formed in the late 1800s Sutton Cheney was the largest of the three villages. This is no longer the case. As the other two villages are either wholly or part owned, they have not expanded whereas Dadlington has.
		There should be more councillors	As mentioned above there are two councillors for Shenton, two for Sutton Cheney and 3 for Dadlington which means that the largest village can be outvoted, especially if the Chairman is from Shenton or Sutton Cheney, Dadlington councillors can be outvoted as he has a casting vote. If Dadlington can separate then we would expect that there would be 5 councillors for a Dadlington Parish Council.
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	Not appropriate
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	There is a lack of understanding of the indivisible village needs on the current grouper parish council
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	The current grouped parish council is ineffective for the needs of Dadlington
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	I believe that Dadlington should have it's own parish council
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	Dadlington should stand alone away from Shenton and Sutton Cheney
		There should be more councillors	There are currently no Dadlington based councilors on the existing parish council
		Change to grouping arrangements	Dadlington should be able to stand alone

An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	The last 18months our current Parish Council for Dadlington has been a large area of conflict. It is seen that the councillors within this parish are unwilling to consider Dadlington residents welfare & opinions. With certain fundings being stunted but still carried on with other areas within this parish and many options for this village to improve being swiftly brushed sided by counsellors.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	At the moment there are no residents of Dadlington acting as councillor, simply because the current board are in co-operative and unwilling to listen to these resident views. Therefore not providing and effective board for this village.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Dadlington now needs to have its own Parish Council set away from other villages. This has been the case in Stoke Golding a direct neighbouring village for many years.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	The Sutton Cheney parish council does not directly reflect Dadlington as it should do.
		There should be more councillors	No residents within this village are councillors
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Change to grouping arrangements	For reasons stated abkve
		Strongly disagree	Dadlington as the largest village in the Parish is outvoted by councillors from Shenton and Sutton Cheney, small hamlets which have little in common with Dadlington. They have dictated and delayed our Neighbourhood Plan, imposed restrictions on the use of the village green, ignored our self funded defibrillator, have failed to object to a solar farm proposal, and failed to support the creation of an area of separation between Stoke Golding and Dadlington. Their financial management has resulted in an inordinate proportion of the precept being spent on the clerk's salary. They have failed to address our traffic problems.
		Strongly disagree	We need an independent Dadlington Parish Council to address our local concerns.
		Change	Local people are the best to address local concerns. Currently our wider parish councillors appear to focus only on their own hamlets.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	The name of the parish is not appropriate	We need a separate Dadlington Parish Council
		There should be more councillors	There should be a separate Dadlington PC which would have only Dadlington councillors making decisions about Dadlington

		Change to grouping arrangements	Essential that Dadlington is separate.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	Present ratios of councillors from Sutton Cheney and Shenton greater than Dadlington, despite Dadlington having more voters than the other two combined. This arrangement does not best represent Dadlington local interests.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	Present arrangements are not effective due to poor representation from Dadlington resident
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Dadlington requires and warrants its own parish council, this is the only effective system which can fairly represent the village of Dadlington
		The name of the parish is appropriate	A separate parish council should be called Dadlington Parish Council.
		There should be more councillors	a separate Dadlington Parish Council should have a minimum of 5 councillors.
		No change to grouping arrangements	No comment
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	Three villages combine into one parish. The wishes of Dadlington residents regarding Dadlington matters can easily be overruled as the other two villages have a combined total of 4 parish councillors whereas we have 3.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	Parish councillors from other villages have a vote on Dadlington policy whilst having no responsibility to the villagers.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Dadlington should have its own parish council as this would more accurately reflect the views of the villagers.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	Sutton Cheney parish council is not an appropriate name as Dadlington is bigger. If we are not able to have a separate parish council then it should be renamed Dadlington parish council incorporating Sutton Cheney and Shenton.
		There should be more councillors	The current parish council should have 4 councillors for Dadlington. If we are forming our own parish council then 5 would be the ideal number.

		No change to grouping arrangements	The existing parish of Sutton Cheney inc Dadlington and Shenton should not be grouped together with other parish councils rather it should be split up.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	When SCPC was established, the nature of the three villages it serves were pretty similar - rural agricultural centres. Over time, these characteristics have changed for Dadlington. Dadlington is now the largest of the villages with the majority of residents working in other localities. Houses are mainly owner occupied, as opposed to the estate village of Shenton and the semi-estate village of Sutton Cheney. Our close proximity to Stoke Golding creates many links between the two villages that do not exist between Dadlington, Sutton Cheney and Shenton. Stoke and Dadlington are part of the same C of E benefice and share clergy. Groups such as the Ambion Voices Community choir, take members from both villages. The children all attend the same school and events organised by both villages nearly always have an open invitation to residents from the other village. The only link we have with Shenton and Sutton Cheney is the Parish Council. This is not a request for us to be merged with Stoke Golding PC because we are two distinct villages and wish to remain so, but I feel the village is large enough to have its own parish council and has the people in the village who are keen to serve and support it.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	When you have a parish council representing three villages, the wishes of councillors from any one village can be over-ruled by the remaining councillors voting together. This does not seem very democratic if the issue relates to just one village as opposed to the parish as a whole. In recent times, this has become an issue. With Dadlington residents very concerned that our area of separation with the rapidly expanding Stoke Golding might disappear and with it our village identity, a neighbourhood plan was proposed for the parish but this was rejected by SCPC, albeit that Dadlington could produce their own plan. When this plan was presented to the PC for approval, it ran into all kinds of problems causing it to be delayed by several months whilst developers are circling. This does not seem to me to be acting in the best interests of Dadlington. A similar situation has arisen over the use of the village green, where a set of rules and requirements are being put together by SCPC that do not appear to have the backing of many residents.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Dadlington is now a large village and has no close links with the other two parishes. Its interests are not being met through a voting system that is not democratic. It has a large majority of residents wanting to form a new PC and several willing to serve on it, as opposed to the village struggling to find councillors for SCPC.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	If this goes ahead the name would be Dadlington Parish Council.
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	I am unaware for the number of councillors needed to make a PC run efficiently in the interests of the village.

		No change to grouping arrangements	I would like to see a single PC for Dadlington
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	I personally feel the reviews should be carried out more often and more support is needed from the borough council to parish councils
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	More support is required from borough council. Dadlington is a larger village and pays more towards the precept than Sutton Cheney and Shenton villages, therefore Dadlington should be more supported
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	I dont feel our current parish council supports the need of the larger village but spending tends to be more for Sutton Cheney, which I feel unfair
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	Again, as Dadlington is the larger parish, I feel the name name should be changed to Dadlington parish council
		There should be more councillors	The smaller villages have two councilors whereas Dadlington has only 3 and feel 4 or 5 councilors would be more appropriate
		No change to grouping arrangements	No changes required
An individual local resident	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	By having our own Parish council People in the village will have a better say in the village problems. People will pull together and work to keep village as a nice place to live.
		Change to grouping arrangements	we belive we have a good sized village to have a change to run it for ourselves
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	Sutton Cheney Parish Council comprises of three villages. Sutton Cheney and Shenton differ completely to Dadlington for the following reasons. 1. Dadlington has the highest population. 2. Dadlington has a village green, the others do not. 3. Dadlington has a closed Churchyard, the others do not. 4. Dadlington is entirely owner occupied housing, the others have some tied or tenanted housing.

	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Disagree	Decisions made by the current parish council for Dadlington issues decided upon by councillors who are not resident to the village it appears that Dadlington is unable make decisions about issues affecting the village and its residents.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	As previously stated, Dadlington is different to the other two villages in the parish in that it is agree in electorate than the other two villages combined, has different make up of housing to the other two, as different demands on the Churchyard, village green etc. Historically, until the parish of Dadlington was abolished and merged into Sutton Cheney Parish it had always been a separate parish from the date parish councils were formed. The fact that Dadlington has been a separate parish before, gives grounds for it being separate again and I can see no reason why it cannot happen following the review.
		The name of the parish is appropriate	It implies that Sutton Cheney Parish Council is only for Sutton Cheney. Shenton and Dadlington seem to be forgotten.
		There should be more councillors	If Dadlington was a separate parish, we could appoint more councillors who reside within the village. Following a survey of residents, there is sufficient interest in village residents becoming a councillor
		No change to grouping arrangements	My Wish is that Dadlington become separate from the current parish structure and not grouped with other parishes
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Disagree	Dadlington has grown to be the larger village and now needs to stand alone to make decisions on how funds raised from its residents is spent.
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Disagree	Dadlington being together with Sutton Cheney and Shenton is causing conflict and I feel Dadlington is larger enough to form its own parish council.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Dadlington needs its own parish council so that all members are from the village, making decisions for the good of the village.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	A separate Dadlington parish council would need its own name.
		The number of councillors is appropriate	But the new council needs all members from Dadlington residents and it would be great to have 1 or 2 younger members also involved (ie under 40).
		No change to grouping arrangements	Grouping is not necessary, Dadlington is large enough to stand on its own.

Sutton Ward			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
<p>An individual local resident</p> <p><i>Body text taken from email from Sutton Ward resident</i></p>	<p>Do you feel there is a need for change?</p>	<p>Dadlington has a very separate identity from Sutton Cheney and Shenton. We are very different settlements, have very different ways of life and priorities, different land tenures, different everything! And I also think that the joining together of such differentiated settlements makes effective local government very very difficult (at times, it has seemed, impossible).</p> <p>Sutton Cheney and Shenton being a parish on their own would certainly solve this problem.</p> <p>I think there could also be some changes to the ward boundaries of Sutton Cheney and Shenton that would mitigate the shrinkage of the new parish and would also make sense in terms of the identity of the settlement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In the Sutton Cheney Ward, for example, Woodhouse Farm is part of the Sutton Cheney Farm Estate, but is within Market Bosworth. The boundary could be extended there. It could also be extended to include the northernmost tip of Stapleton, currently in Peckleton CP (the garden centres and garage, Woodside Farm etc) which has footpath and road links with the village of Sutton Cheney. The A447 would make a good boundary.</li> <li>- In the Shenton Ward, for example, there could be an extension to include North Farm, Apple Orchard Farm, and Lodge Farm, making Fenn Lanes the boundary between Shenton and Dadlington. There may be other adjustments that would make sense in terms of the identity of the settlement.</li> </ul> <p>If Sutton Cheney and Shenton did become a separate council, I think there would also need to be some modest funding from HBBC if possible to pay off existing liabilities of the current council and bridge the transition for the clerk.</p>	
<p>An individual local resident</p>	<p>How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about...</p> <p><b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b></p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>	<p>Sutton Cheney and Shenton are very different from Dadlington and we should have a parish council of our own.</p>
	<p><b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b></p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>	<p>The differences between Dadlington and Sutton Cheney / Shenton mean that the council can't really seem to operate. They neglect things that matter more to one village than another. Two different councils could focus more on what mattered to the two areas. The current situation doesn't work.</p>
	<p>Do you feel there is a need for change?</p>	<p>Change</p>	<p>As above. The villages are very different from each other and the current council can't do both. It is effectively two councils merged together and wasting time.</p>



		The name of the parish is appropriate	It's fine
		The number of councillors is appropriate	It's fine
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	Don't know
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	Sutton Cheney: farming village, rural economy, lots of tourism, two pubs, mixed land tenure Dadlington: owner occupiers, not much of a local economy, mostly retired people Two very different places and one council to cover both of them does NOT make sense
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	The current councillors are hard working and do a lot BUT it really is a doomed effort as the priorities of the communities are so different
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Split the parish so Sutton Cheney and Shenton are a single parish
		No change	
		Unsure/don't know about the name of the parish	Don't see why name matters!
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	In a new parish council for Shenton and Sutton Cheney there should be 3 for SC and 2 for Shenton
		No change to grouping arrangements	No grouping needed!

Twycross			
Gopsall Ward			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
None			
Orton Ward			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
None			
Twycross Ward			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
On behalf of a town/parish council  <i>Body text taken from email from Twycross Parish Council</i>	Twycross Parish Council supports a review of local parish council structures and arrangements and asks that the review:-  a. Establishes and sets out clear boundaries. b. Includes appropriate criteria to form the basis for any changes in the structure of parish councils and retains local independence. c. Carries out a full assessment of service, personnel and financial implications. d. Identifies and mitigates any potential risks arising from any parish council structure change.		

Witherley			
Atterton Ward			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
None			
Fenny Drayton Ward			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident  <i>Relevant extracts</i>	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish	Strongly disagree	"There is no interest in any settlement other than Witherley. All the hamlets are ignored and issues such as speeding vehicles are ignored. In the main the Cllrs act in their own interests or those of Witherley - this was rather obvious when there was a recent threat of 81 houses in Witherley (HBBC local plan) which attracted several meetings organised by the Parish Council. The proposed site in the draft NDP in

taken from full response	council you are responding about... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>		<p>Fenny was done by stealth, with no consultaion with residents. The fact there was the potential for a site in Fenny as part of a draft NDP was actually drawn to residents attention by someone who lived in Fenny in Nov 2020.</p> <p>Cllrs have called residents liars, refuse to listen and in recent months, despite a new Chair, it seems contact with this Parsh Council is being reduced as public question time is being removed. Correspondance is buried or ignored. We need Cllrs that actually represent and have no personal agendas.</p> <p>Residents are accused of posting comments on social media that harm WPC, but no evidence of this is offered. Yet the former chair published articles in the Witherley Village magazine which mentioned Fenny Drayton residents in a derogatory way.</p> <p>There is a culture of bullying which existed under the previous chair and continues now. Many residents witnessed the online bullying of two Cllrs who dared to disagree with the draft NDP proposal to include the Fenny site. The relationship between residents in the hamlets of Fenny, Ratcliffe Culey and Atterton and Witherley Parsh Council is broken.</p>
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	<p>“Witherley Parish Council do not listen to residents. There is no appetite to engage or talk. Residents are treated like village idiots and expected to accept what is imposed by WPC. The ongoing saga regarding the NDP has destroyed any trust in Witherley Parish Council.”</p> <p>“Issues of speeding vehicles and 'rat run' traffic are never discussssed or addressed for the hamlets. [...] The Parish Council does not want to know. Contact with Leicestershire Police is maintained by several residents outside of the Parsh Council. It is they that have been responsible for the local police attending and carrying out speed checks. The Borough Cllr made it clear that hamlets do not need an NDP. They are protected by HBBC Core Policy. Why did we end up having an NDP and a call for sites, all of which was unecessary - the question is why did the parsh council ignore this? How did this help the residents in the hamlets?</p> <p>I would like to see transparency. The culture and information provided within Market Bosworth PC seems to be healthier than Witherely - at least to a member of the public.”</p>
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	<p>“There is too much conflict in having one village and several hamlets grouped together.”</p> <p>“We do not need Cllrs who will not represent our views. Nor do we need the threat of houses being proposed in hamlets to save building in Witherley. My own view is that the hamlets should have their own parish council. If there are insufficient residents to form our own Parsh Council then governed directly by HBBC.”</p>
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	<p>The name Witherley Parish Council suggests its all about Witherley. If we remain in the same parsh area as Witherley, then the name should be changed to Atterton, Fenny Drayton, Ratcliffe Culey and Witherley Parish Council.</p> <p>The order of the names reflects an alphabetical order.</p>

			The number of Parish Cllrs should be evenly split and not as it is now - the majority being i Witherley representatives. No Cllrs should be land owners and thus the potential for a conflict of interest,
		There should be more councillors	There should be more Cllrs to stop the development of an inner faction which effectively runs the Parish Council. I suspect that currently the number of Cllrs reflects the population in each settlement. More Cllrs should mean more discussion and more effective representation of residents. The alternative is that Parish Cllrs are not elected in respect of one settlement but they act for the whole parish and can be contacted by any residents. More Cllrs would possibly mean there is less potential for one or two to dominate and control."
		Change to grouping arrangements	Yes, as mentioned previously I think the hamlets of Fenny, Ratcliffe Culey and Atterton should have their own Parish Council. If this means the population is too small to justify being a Paish Council in it's own right, then grouping with another Parish Council might overcome this issue. My personal thought is Higham Parish Council as we share a joint interest in developments in and around MIRA. Witherley could merge or be part of the Sheepy Parish Council area. This might be more suitable since both settlements have similar classifications on the HBBC Core Policy.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	We are currently covered by a Parish Council which encompasses a village and three rural hamlets - one of which is very small. The interests of the rural hamlets are not well served in this mix - especially due to some domineering individuals. This has become especially noticeable in the process of preparing the (so far draft) NDP for the Parish - where conflicts of interest have come into focus.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	Recent manoeuvring by certain Parish Councillors has led to the ending of the previous practice of circulating the Parish Council meetings around the communities - leading to less convenience and an implication that the smaller communities are less important to the Parish Council than the larger village.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Creation of a new Parish Council to serve Fenny Drayton, Ratcliffe Culey & Atterton (the three Rural Hamlets) would allow closer attention to the interests of those communities. By leaving the village of Witherley with its own dedicated Parish Council would also allow their interests to be better served too. Win-win!
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	Witherley can keep the 'Witherley Parish Council' name (unless this would be ambiguous if carried over). Clearly a new name would be needed for a new PC for Fenny Drayton, Ratcliffe Culey & Atterton
		The number of councillors is appropriate	I would assume that in forming a new Parish Council the existing number of Parish Councillors from each community would remain the same.

		Change to grouping arrangements	We would not like to be grouped - we are trying to get better representation!
An individual local resident  <i>Relevant extracts taken from full response</i>	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	“Our parish council Witherley has served us badly and caused multiple problems in our hamlet, [...] instead of rotating the venue of meetings to each individual village, most of the meetings are held in Witherley”	
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	“We strongly believe that our parish council is not fit for purpose, we question whether it is even necessary to have a parish council and we strongly believe that HBBC could save money by abolishing parish councils [...] Why is it necessary to have a county council, a borough council and a parish council? [...] We cannot see any useful contribution they make so why not let HBBC take over?”	
An individual local resident  <i>Relevant extracts taken from full response</i>	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	“Witherley Parish Council is orientated towards the needs of Witherley village. [...] Outside of the NDP Witherley Parish councillors apparently spent months during 2021 in discussions with Witherley residents concerning the development at Hunt Kennels (reducing the number of dwellings from potential 26 to 9 + 3 small offices) but there was no such detailed and extensive consultation even within the NDP process concerning the proposed site at Fenny Drayton. The fact that over 70 households objected to the development and it took months of public campaigning before WPC even permitted an Extraordinary Parish Meeting show the difference in treatment and priorities.” “WPC has labelled any criticisms as 'unsubstantiated views of residents' without attempts at dialogue or addressing documented information.” “In short, residents outside Witherley are disenfranchised and are now - through organising themselves - setting up their own arrangements which parallel those of the distrusted Parish Council.”
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	“Witherley Parish Councillors have decided to hold all Parish meetings at Witherley, isolating the councillors from public attendance from the hamlets, and reducing ease of public scrutiny in a Parish with many elderly residents unable to travel easily. WPC has reduced public participation and dialogue to virtually zero by its various restrictions on public question time (classifying as an adjournment so no record of criticisms, reducing time to 10 mins only, locating all meetings in Witherley etc). WPC has become a remote medieval fiefdom. WPC has failed in its failed NDP consultations, for example, to incorporate areas of separation between Fenny Drayton and MIRA but have very carefully ensured that such an 'area of separation' applies to Cottagers Piece, Witherley to try to fend off merger with Mancetter. These failings are in addition to all the points above.”
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	“... Witherley Parish Council focuses on Witherley and its interests, and has little interest or effectiveness in treating all residents equally and with respect. [...]”

			<p>It would be advantageous to separate Witherley village (a larger settlement with its own facilities and proximity to those of Mancetter and Atherstone) from the three hamlets. That way, a semiurban village and rural hamlets lacking facilities could concentrate on their very different needs and priorities and resolve many of the current conflicts within Parish governance.”</p> <p>“The failures of WPC which continue to disenfranchise the residents of Ratcliffe Culey, Fenny Drayton and Atterton require a total reset of parish administrative structures. This may be the opportunity to create a separate 'hamlets Parish' which can create its own NDP, and develop a positive working relationship with HBBC for a sustainable future.”</p> <p>“Residents of Ratcliffe Culey and Fenny Drayton are already developing a basic understanding of local governance issues and procedures so a separate hamlets Parish is realistically feasible.”</p>
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	“Witherley Parish Council full title further reinforces the impression of the hamlets being an afterthought - not equals.”
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	The question does not reflect the situation that the Council has alienated many of the residents of the Parish. There is no confidence in many of the Councillors effectively representing constituents' interests for all the reasons and examples of ineffective or non-participatory governance noted above.
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	“This may be a possibility for a 'hamlets Parish' consisting of Atterton, Ratcliffe Culey and Fenny Drayton but further information would be needed to clarify and balance the strengths and weaknesses of a grouping arrangement.”
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	The current Witherley Parish Council ignore the public, do not seek public opinion. When the public speak up at meetings, they are ignored. Questions are never answered.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	For Fenny Drayton - 3 of the 4 Councillors are never seen canvassing for local opinion, 2 of these are completely unapproachable
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	For Fenny Drayton - 3 of the 4 Councillors are never seen canvassing for local opinion, 2 of these are completely unapproachable
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	The name is after the largest ward - Witherley. We do not need this current Council as it does not represent the public.

		There should be fewer councillors	We only ever see one Councillor working and communicating with the public. The other three councillors are pointless. If it was not for the efforts of this one councillor, we would not know anything that goes on.
		Change to grouping arrangements	Fenny Drayton cannot continue to be bullied by Witherley Councillors. I do not wish for Fenny Drayton to be associated with Witherley. We should be grouped with other small hamlets.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Disagree	There is a lack of transparency, also potential bias and the smaller parts of parish councils seem not to be given proportionate powers.
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly disagree	We have not been consulted properly in recent times and this has been made clear previously to our parish council by our local authority.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Previous replies about consultation and transparency
		Unsure/don't know about the name of the parish	This is not important
		There should be more councillors	To have fairer representation for all areas within a parish
		Change to grouping arrangements	This may be worth investigating
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Disagree	The interests of the lesser populated rural hamlets and villages are largely overridden by the representation of the higher populated areas leading to localised misunderstanding or at best mistrust of proposals, actions and decisions taken in the name of the Parish
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Disagree	See above. The Parish is in itself too small in size and controlled by one population area whose decisions are final and without recall resulting in botched proposals not tied in with Neighbouring Parishes, Towns or County Planning and wasting time and expenditure of residents Taxes paid direct and indirect. It is another layer of bureaucracy and waste performed by unaccountable persons, whose decisions will inevitably be unsupported by those adversely affected and over-ridden by higher authorities and developers as necessary. The Parish Council provides an illusion of



			Democracy but in effect it is relatively powerless in preventing schemes and developments if they are approved to proceed by a higher Authority or a Developer gaining favour.
Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change		Too many individual interests appear to be pursued by the "elected" volunteers that serve on the PC leading to friction in the community and a lack of transparency and an authoritarian approach do not assist in achieving a consensus with the public that take an interest. Abolishing the Parish Council, which comprises volunteers elected every 4 years and is relatively powerless in the decision making process, would remove some of the possibility of generation of localised ill feeling and friction within this sector of the Community and give the decision and policy making onus to an elected, public purse paid authority that can ultimately be held to account by its electorate. The difference is one body are volunteer electorate that can walk away unscathed but the other rely on making the right decisions and conveying them for their livelihood. It can also reduce the arguments and chances of NIMBYISM by having more people onside. It would as well, save the salary and expenses paid to the PC out of Public funds whilst still giving some control over allocation of funding for the area.
	Unsure/don't know about the name of the parish		Not Applicable if it were abolished. Currently it is appropriate because it is governed from one area and largely about that area including the number of monthly meetings held in that area compared with meetings held in the other 3 that constitute that Parish. Further the representation is canted towards that area in terms of numbers on the Committee and the Chair is therefore a foregone conclusion even on a split decision
	There should be fewer councillors		0 see above
	Change to grouping arrangements		It does not always work grouping the 4 elements of THIS Parish Council together in a co-ordinated effort, so putting further items into this equation without accountable adjudication may exacerbate an already volatile situation. The key is still to involve the public, and to be transparent in actions being proposed. In my opinion, there should only be paid elected members of a Council that can be questioned and held to account in organised meetings and able to be recalled and deselected in the event of inappropriate behaviour or misdemeanour of any description. The system of co-option of members replacing resignees or absences should also be discontinued through all levels of publicly elected government committees and Councils. Abolishing the feudal system of Parish Councils removes a layer of bureaucracy, saves cost, reduces local splits and allows for more joined up planning with greater accountability and responsibility rewarded or penalised as necessary.

An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	The hamlets of Fenny Drayton Atterton and Ratcliffe Culey should be separated from Witherley village as the number of residents in Witherley is greater than the combined number in the smaller hamlets. Witherley has a larger number of Councillors than the other three villages and therefore dominates decision making. To separate from Witherley would give the hamlets a fairer opportunity to manage there own needs.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	The current arrangements allows Witherley to prioritise its own needs above those of the three hamlets
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	There should be a new parish created out of the current Witherley Parish separating Ratcliffe Culey and Atterton from Witherley so that the smaller parishe united have a fair say in their areas
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	Because it promotes the view that the village of Witherley is dominant
		There should be more councillors	The number of Councillors should be fair and equal between the village/hamlet and not as at present with Witherley having six and if the Chair is a Witherley Councillor then there is strong possibility of bias
		Change to grouping arrangements	Separate Fenny, Ratcliffe and Atterton from the village of Witherley to faciliate a fairer distribution of decision making
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	Witherley Parish Council in my opinion deos not seem to fairly represent the Hamlet parishes, as historic actions/decisions show including the planning and the Local Neighbourhood Development Plan. I have not had the opportunity to see and make an opinion on the NDP prior to the Regulation 14 feedback questionnaire due to the fact not all documentation has been published!!
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	Predominant interest only one area of the Parish which does not provide an effective and convenient local government. ie: there is no specific Countryside Policy in the NDP to prevent development adjacent to the settlement boudaries. Current Policy H2 is too vague, the version of the NDP which has been submitted to the HBBC for their views (still ongoing issues). Documentation which should have been avaiable to residents to allow a properly informed consultation NOT PUBLISHED ! Some relating documention uploaded onto parish website after Regulation 14 consultation had ended but are still incomplete. I would like to remind the HBBC of their critical report against the Witherley Parish Council in January 2021 it seems some of the points noted have not be embraced.

	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	<p>Create a new individual and separate Hamlets Parish council for Fenny Drayton, Ratcliffe and Atterton independent of the much larger dominating Witherley village &amp; renaming this parish which would create a clear &amp; transparent identity to its residents and HBBC. This would maybe offer the opportunity to create an NDP which would reflect its residents views and interests and not the much larger settlement priorities. It would be interesting and show transparency if the meeting pack for councillors are uploaded onto the WPC website.</p> <p>I would like to suggest the public section of the meetings to be minuted, going forward to identify current themes (which have been removed by previous Witherley Chair !)</p> <p>The Chair to be nominated annually from each area of the parish and not just Witherley led.</p> <p>Any matters that are not resolved from current meeting to be carried to the next meeting.</p> <p>Improved more transparent minutes of the meetings to clearly understand what is happening and what is being done.</p> <p>As proposed previously but rejected Parish Council meetings to be held throughout the area and not just in Witherley which denies access to the meetings due to transport and age related issues of mobility etc.</p>
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	The name Witherley Parish Council is appropriate for the area of Witherley but is not appropriate for the smaller hamlet settlements as it does not reflect their identities under this name.
		There should be more councillors	<p>A change in the number of parish councillors allocated to each settlement would ensure there is more equality in numbers which would ensure a more fairer representation of each settlement which would ensure that no one settlement dominates by virtue of the number of councillors.</p> <p>I would like to see an annual rotation of the chair of the Parish Council, shared between all of the settlements to ensure no one settlement dominates.</p>
		Change to grouping arrangements	To Group the small Hamlets of Fenny Drayton, Ratcliffe and Atterton would create a clear & transparent identity to its residents and the HBBC and by being independent from the larger parish this would enable a more and localised independent parish which would be able to reflect a more local identity and interests of the community in those Hamlet areas. This would also offer the opportunity to create an NDP which would reflect those Hamlet residents views and interests and not the much larger settlement priorities.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about...	Disagree	The inclusion of multiple parishes results in a dilution of priorities between them.

	...reflect local identities and interests?		
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Disagree	Decision making is compounded by the spread of councillors, each with their own differing priorities. The merging of parishes should be discontinued as it is the root cause of inefficiency.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Merging parishes is I suspect more convenient for the HBBC than the merged parishioners.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	Witherley Parish Council includes merged parishes of equal status. so searching for Fenny Drayton is not effective
		There should be fewer councillors	Should the merged parishes be separated, then less councillors could be responsible for the smaller individual parishes.
		Change to grouping arrangements	The present grouping should be disbanded to enable a more locally focussed regime.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Strongly disagree	Witherly parish council is totally detached from the needs of Fenny Drayton residents, and ignores our concerns when we try to approach them. It made itself unaccountable to Fenny Drayton inhabitant ,and serves only the need of Witherly people and personal financial interests of councillors themselves. It turned into a closed club of councillors who care only about their personal financial gain from their positions in power. People in our village are being bullied and harassed when they try to criticise the council . Many residents strongly feel that they want to split from the Witherly parish council and set up our own .
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly disagree	We, Fenny Drayton, are a small hamlet. We have been merged with a large settlement , Witherly, which has different needs from ours, often totally opposite from what we need. However, due to their much larger population they have overwhelming voting power to vote against our requests and concerns every time. We are fed up with this unfair governance arrangement and want to split from the Witherley Parish Council.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Small settlements, such as hamlets, should be united with similar small settlements. We want to set a council of three hamlets -Fenny Drayton, Ratcliffe Culey and Atterton.
		Unsure/don't know about the name of the parish	This question is not applicable in our situation. We want a full split.
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	We want to split from the existing arrangement and set up a new parish council as above. We want to change the number of councillors to ensure a fairer

			representation of each settlement, stopping a single settlement dominating by virtue of the number of Councillors.
		Change to grouping arrangements	Small settlements should be grouped together - in our case Fenny Drayton, Ratcliffe Culey and Atterton.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	I am a resident of Fenny Drayton, but our local council is dominated by Witherley Parish Council. As such, the views of our village are not represented at the meetings, especially relating to planning matters. I would be better represented if our hamlet, Fenny Drayton, joined up with other local hamlets such as Atterton and Ratcliffe Culey, and the elected councillors were from our hamlets.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	The councillors of the Witherley Parish Council make decisions which favour their village over the other hamlets associated under the Parish. This is especially true with planning matters such as the 'area of separation' designated to the NDP, where Fenny Drayton residents would designate a different area, but only one area is allowed.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	The smaller hamlets do not have adequate representation under the current situation because it is dominated by Witherley interests at the expense of the smaller hamlets.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	I would prefer our hamlets names for the title, ie Fenny Drayton, Atterton, Ratcliffe Culey Parish Council.
		There should be more councillors	At the moment Witherley councillors dominate over the remaining councillors representing the smaller hamlets.
		Change to grouping arrangements	At the moment the council meetings are held in Witherley. I would prefer a rotation system where the hamlets held the meetings at their own locations.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	The interests of Fenny Drayton are not adequately represented under the current regime. There is a bias in favour of Witherly Parish Council. Recently there have been issues regarding planning and the siting of a proposed housing development. Fenny Drayton is a Hamlet and there should not be any proposed development outside of the existing settlement boundary as set out in HBBC Core Development Policy.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	As residents we have not been able to review the supporting documents which should have been provided and that are linked to the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan and this situation is ongoing. There is no mention in the NDP of

			Areas of Separation between Fenny Drayton and MIRA and yet Witherley has 4 levels of protection currently on Cottagers Piece which is regarded as a flood zone and therefore covered by Flood Zone 3 and a Blue Wildlife Corridor.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	It would be more beneficial to the local Hamlets of Fenny Drayton, Ratcliffe Culey and Atterton if they were grouped together and were independent of the much larger Witherley village. Witherley is located on the county border which is nearer to Atherstone, Warwickshire. The smaller Hamlets would have a number of representatives each ensuring more equality and a fair representation of each settlement. Annual rotation of the Chair of the Parish Council could be shared between all of the settlements ensuring no one settlement dominates. Our Hamlet communities need to be listened to in an open, honest, transparent and honest way which would be more effective if this were put in place.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	I would suggest that the 3 Hamlets title to be Fenny Drayton, Ratcliffe Culey, Atterton Parish Council
		There should be more councillors	There should be an even number of Councillors from each Hamlet and a separate Parish Council of the Hamlets would hopefully provide residents with the opportunity to create a Neighbourhood Development Plan which truly represents and reflects the input of its residents without any one settlement having priority above another.
		Change to grouping arrangements	There should be an even number of Councillors forming a group from each Hamlet and a separate Parish Council of the Hamlets would hopefully provide residents with the opportunity to reflect and discuss issues affecting their community. Meetings need to be rotated, being held in each Hamlet in turn so as to not to be seen to prioritise one settlement above another
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	The interests of Fenny Drayton are not adequately represented under the current regime. There is a bias in favour of Witherly Parish Council. Recently there have been issues regarding planning and the siting of a proposed housing development. Fenny Drayton is a Hamlet and there should not be any proposed development outside of the existing settlement boundary as set out in HBBC Core Development Policy.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	As residents we have not been able to review the supporting documents which should have been provided and that are linked to the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan and this situation is ongoing. There is no mention in the NDP of Areas of Separation between Fenny Drayton and MIRA and yet Witherley has 4 levels of protection currently on Cottagers Piece which is regarded as a flood zone and therefore covered by Flood Zone 3 and a Blue Wildlife Corridor.

	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	It would be more beneficial to the local Hamlets of Fenny Drayton, Ratcliffe Culey and Atterton if they were grouped together and were independent of the much larger Witherley village. Witherley is located on the county border which is nearer to Atherstone, Warwickshire. The smaller Hamlets would have a number of representatives each ensuring more equality and a fair representation of each settlement. Annual rotation of the Chair of the Parish Council could be shared between all of the settlements ensuring no one settlement dominates. Our Hamlet communities need to be listened to in an open, honest, transparent and honest way which would be more effective if this were put in place.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	I would suggest that the 3 Hamlets title to be Fenny Drayton, Ratcliffe Culey, Atterton Parish Council
		There should be more councillors	There should be an even number of Councillors from each Hamlet and a separate Parish Council of the Hamlets would hopefully provide residents with the opportunity to create a Neighbourhood Development Plan which truly represents and reflects the input of its residents without any one settlement having priority above another.
		Change to grouping arrangements	There should be an even number of Councillors forming a group from each Hamlet and a separate Parish Council of the Hamlets would hopefully provide residents with the opportunity to reflect and discuss issues affecting their community. Meetings need to be rotated, being held in each Hamlet in turn so as to not to be seen to prioritise one settlement above another
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about...	Strongly disagree	Parish Councillors and Borough councillors are not representing the views of the residents, they are representing their own views.
	...reflect local identities and interests?		
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly disagree	Too numerous for this form
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Parish Council biased toward Witherley village over the other hamlets. We need a separate Parish Council for Fenny Drayton, Ratcliffe Culey and Atterton
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	Biased on Witherley village and ignores the needs of the other hamlets in the parish.
		There should be fewer councillors	Too many voices for the simple needs of the parish.

		Change to grouping arrangements	Parish Council doesn't reflect the views or needs of the hamlets of Fenny Drayton, Ratcliffe Culey and Atterton
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	The local parish council seems heavily weighted towards Witherley
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	Again, the Witherley bias seems on occasion to work to the detriment of Fenny Drayton. It is also of concern that the parish council seems unwilling to engage with residents - especially so over planning matters. It could be viewed as underhand. The smaller villages (Fenny Drayton, Atterton and Ratcliffe Culey) would be better served by a separate parish council.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	The smaller villages (Fenny Drayton, Atterton and Ratcliffe Culey) would be better served by a separate parish council run by residents of those villages/hamlets thereby fighting for the rights of those communities
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	Witherley again!
		The number of councillors is appropriate	Already explained
		Change to grouping arrangements	Already explained
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	Our small hamlet is overrun by a large town due to current governance arrangement. This is wrong and unacceptable.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	Our small village interests are different from a large settlement (Witherly), but our needs and interests are ignored.



	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Our Fenny Drayton people want to pair with similar small villages - Ratcliffe Culey and Atterton. We want to split from Witherley parish Council and establish our own Council.
		Unsure/don't know about the name of the parish	The name does not matter, a new governance arrangement with similar small hamlets is much more important.
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	There is no a more suitable answer in your tick box selection. My answer is as follows: "unappropriate and anfair number of councillors"
		Change to grouping arrangements	Small villages/ hamlets should be grouped with equally small villages in order to achiece a balanced representation of interests. Large settlement paired with small hamlet has voting power to overwhelm residents of small villages. This results in constuntly ignoring needs of small villages/hamlets
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	All but one of Fenny Draytons councillors just represent themselves not the village. They are just looking after there own interest's.
		Strongly disagree	Same as last reply
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Witherley Parish matters dominate Council meeting's
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	Fenny Drayton needs more of a say in local matters.
		The number of councillors is appropriate	Just need Councillors that serve the Village and not themselves.
		Change to grouping arrangements	Fenny Drayton would be better paired with other similar sized local villages.
	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about...	Strongly disagree	Witherley councillor's dominate meetings and shut down any discussions involving the other districts within the area. Everything revolves around Witherley council, the smaller areas are not given consideration or a voice, they try to force through their decisions, some affecting the outlying districts Meetings are always held in Witherley and agenda items are not debated properly. The smaller districts need a voice and not to be overlooked.

	...reflect local identities and interests?		
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly disagree	Please see previous comments.I have no confidence that Fenny Drayton is being represented fairly if at all.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	The smaller communities need a voice on where they live and how the future plotted, not by a bigger district deciding what they feel is best, they don't know, they don't live there.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	It needs to be all on an equal basis, the districts should have a voice and an opportunity to have an input into their area and it not being done by others
		The number of councillors is appropriate	There should be better more equal representation from all the districts not a majority from one area / district ( Witherley )
		Change to grouping arrangements	A step in the right direction.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Strongly disagree	We have one Parish Councillor that acts in the interest of the village and listens and acts on behalf of the residents but is a lone voice against hostile other councillors that have their own thoughts and agenda that our not reflective of the people they are representing. Fenny Drayton is often the poor relation to Witherley.
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Disagree	As above
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	We would like to see Fenny Drayton separated from Witherley as per our comments above
		Unsure/don't know about the name of the parish	No comment
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	I would like to comment on this matter but feel its best that i dont.
		Change to grouping arrangements	We would be better grouped with smaller hamlets like ourselves

An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	There is a lack of open and transparent engagement between the parish council and local residents.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	Due to the covert way in which the parish council operate it does not reflect the interests of the residents that they are meant to represent. The lack of true community engagement by councillors is a significant issue.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Unsure/don't know about need for change	The issue is one of the culture of the parish council and the lack of democratic representation of residents views by councillors, I'm not sure 'structural' changes to the composition of the parish council will change this. Another key issue is the lack of communication and continuous dialogue between councillors and residents on, ongoing local issues, again this isn't resolved by a structural change.
		Unsure/don't know about the name of the parish	as above
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	I believe in proportional representation however this shouldn't mean that those areas with a larger representation can override the views of the smaller represented areas. If this can't be achieved then there should be the same number of councillors for all individual areas irrespective of their size.
		Change to grouping arrangements	Based on my response above if this arrangement enabled a more open, face to face dialogue to take place, and local issues I would be supportive of a grouping arrangement. The underlying culture would still need to be resolved. The ability/willingness of councillors to listen objectively to the views of local residents still needs to be established otherwise true local community representation will continue to be compromised resulting in ongoing tension between residents and councillors.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	The councillors prioritise witherley the larger of the villages and the biggest representation ... Fenny Drayton should be a separate council with some of the smaller villages
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	Please read the above response

	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	The boundary should be changed to ensure fair representation for the village I reside in
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	Fenny Drayton should be representation with smaller villages
		There should be more councillors	More councillors representing Fenny Drayton
		Change to grouping arrangements	The councillors on the pc should the views of the village not their own interests we are truly only represented by one councillor
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	Other than Witherley there seems virtually no representation of other villages/hamlets in the area.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	Ditto the reason above. without proper representation we are ignored.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	You seem to be asking the same question with slightly different wording. Without proper representation we have no say in decisions being made, eg, at the last annual public meeting members of the public were unable to raise their concerns and in fact were silenced by the chairperson.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	I live in a village/Hamlet completely separate from Witherley.
		There should be fewer councillors	Unable to answer this question properly as I believe it is not a matter of how many councillors, but who represents what area.
		Change to grouping arrangements	I believe it would be in the best interests of the smaller villages/hamlets to be removed from Witherley and treated as a separate entity regarding governance and representation. This would hopefully provide an effective voice for these areas.
	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about...	Strongly disagree	The parish council prioritise the interests of Witherley above those of the surrounding hamlets in the parish area. They have ignored core HBBC housing policy by attempting to dump houses in the hamlets in order to reduce the development in Witherley in previous drafts of the NDP. This was prevented by HBBC but the parish councillors do not recognise that they were in error or that residents had a right to be angry about it. Many documents have not been shared with the residents when they should have been. If the governance arrangements do

	...reflect local identities and interests?		not change then the current conflicts of interest, with many parish councillors also being local landowners, are likely to continue.
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly disagree	The interests of the hamlets within the parish area are not considered. At the most recent annual parish meeting local residents were shouted down and prevented from speaking. The current council seem to have forgotten that they are elected to serve and represent rather than dictate.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	The hamlets within the parish area need to be separately represented as the Witherley councillors seem only to be interested in meeting their own requirements.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	The hamlets within the parish area need to have their own council with, obviously, a name to reflect this.
		There should be more councillors	If the hamlets within the parish area are not given a separate council then they need to have more councillors to prevent dominance by those from Witherley.
		Change to grouping arrangements	The hamlets within the parish area need to have their own council which can focus on the interests of the residents without being constantly overridden by those of Witherley.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Strongly disagree	The Witherley Parish Council continues to prioritise Witherley over the other wards. Even our own ward Councillors do not represent Fenny Drayton. It is embarrassing. The residents of other wards are continually ignored or silenced. We cannot continue with the Witherley Parish Council. It has my full Vote of No Confidence. HBBC are fully aware of growing concern around this Council. Enough is enough.
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly disagree	The Witherley Parish Council is ineffective, out of date and has received Votes of No Confidence which it continues to ignore. I have lost all faith in the Parish Council and its Councillors. Having attended the Annual Public Parish, only Witherley people were allowed to speak. The Chair then stopped other residents from speaking, and as they attempted to put their concerns across, members of the Parish Council were shouting at the public. It was worse than the Jackie Weaver incident. This Parish Council must be abolished. The Agenda is vague, the minutes are pointless. No-one can understand what happens at the meetings if they are not present. People have lost faith in this Council. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	<p>We need to be separated from Witherley so we can be represented by new Councillors who will communicate and represent the public. We cannot continue being mis-represented, ignored and silenced by the current regime. Vote of no confidence.</p> <p>Currently, there is no effective governance, no community involvement, and many of the Councillors do not even read the paperwork prior to meetings, which means they are agreeing to things and being swayed by the Chair.</p>
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	The name is as expected, all about Witherley. It may be the biggest ward, but the bullying and rudeness of Councillors has become unacceptable. We need a residents group which reflects the views and interests of Fenny Drayton.
		The number of councillors is appropriate	<p>Four Councillors for the Fenny Drayton Ward is acceptable. However, three of them do nothing to communicate or represent the public.</p> <p>Of all the Councillors on the Parish Council, the public remain silenced and ignored. The Witherley Parish Council should be disbanded as it is ineffective and out of date. I am ashamed and embarrassed at what I have witnessed.</p>
		Change to grouping arrangements	<p>The smaller wards are bullied, ignored and silenced by Witherley and the current waste of space Councillors. I have not spoken to one person who is happy with the Council or its Councillors.</p> <p>Anyone who challenges the Parish Council receive vexatious complainant letters which have been ruled unlawful. This is harassment and bullying. This is unacceptable. No apologies, no accountability. No More to this Council. HBBC have done nothing to protect the people.</p>
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	<p>Witherley Parish Council largely reflects the identity of Witherley Village. Concerns from the other wards are largely ignored. Since Witherley Village is a village as far as HBBC's policies are concerned and the other settlements are deemed rural hamlets as far as HBBC's policies are concerned this leads to a conflict of interests. E.g. It was in the interests of Witherley village to have an NDP recommending housing in the other wards. The argument being this was a democratic view of the parish which HBBC would have then accepted.</p> <p>However without the NDP the other wards would have only had infill housing under HBBC's policies.</p>
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	WPC is moderately effective. Its short comings in this area would be reduced if the current councillors managed the clerk better and the councils policies and procedures were adhered to.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	It would be better if all the wards within a particular parish council were either villages or hamlets so that all wards had similar issues. The hamlet wards of WPC could be a PC in their own right or merged with the hamlet wards from Sheepy for instance.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	<p>If the structure stays the same the name should definitely change. The name should not favour one settlement. The parochial parishes group name is not place specific why is the civil parish? The civil authorities should be more in keeping with the times than the church. I propose Anker Marshes Parish Council as a possible new name.</p>

		The number of councillors is appropriate	Councillors represent a similar number of people except for Atterton. Atterton needs its own councillor even though that person represents about 40 people otherwise WPC would not be aware of the issues of a small but perfectly formed community.
		No change to grouping arrangements	It is not clear from your proposal what functions a grouped parish council would have. From my current experience I think a group council could lead to even more conflict. However I can see there may be some merit in say having group grass cutting contracts etc
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Strongly disagree	I DO NOT WANT FENNY DRAYTON TO BE A PART OF WITHERLEY PARISH COUNCIL FENNY DRAYTON IS A HAMLET AND WOULD BE BETTER TO HAVE ITS OWN COUNCIL
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly disagree	FENNY DRAYTON IS NOT TREATED AS A HAMLET BY THE COUNCILLORS
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	FENNY DRAYTON WOULD BE BETTER IF DECISIONS WERE MADE BY FENNY DRATON COUNCILLORS ALONE
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	FENNY DRAYTON IS NOT WITHERLEY
		There should be more councillors	THERE SHOULD BE ANEQUAL NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS FOR THE VILLAGES AND HAMLETS CONTAINED IN WITHERLEY PARISH COUNCIL
		Change to grouping arrangements	IT IS UNFAIR THAT VILLIAGES AND HAMLETS ARE MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT OTHER VILLIAGES AND HAMLETS
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Strongly disagree	FENNY DRAYTON IS DOMINATED BY WITHERLEY PARISH COUNCIL
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly disagree	OTHER VILLAGES AND HAMLETS ARE MAKING DECISIONS FOR FENNY DRAYTON THE PARISH COUNCIL SEEMS TO OVERLOOK FENNY DRAYTON IS A HAMLET AND NOT A VILLIAGE

			COUNCILLORS WANTING DEVELOPMENT IN FENNY DRAYTON THAT EXPANDS THE SETTLEMENT BOUNDARIES
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	FENNY DRAYTON NEEDS A COUNCIL OF ITS OWN
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	WITHERLEY IS NOT FENNY DRAYTON
		There should be more councillors	EACH VILLIAGE AND HAMLET SHOULD HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS
		Change to grouping arrangements	ALL VILLIAGES AND HAMLETS SHOULD HAVE COUNCILLORS MAKING DECISIONS FOR THAT VILLIAGE OR HAMLET ALONE
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	There is only one member of the Parish Council who is impartial. This affect decisions and what the village are made aware of.
		Disagree	Meetings are not held in our village and when we're on Zoom villagers we're muted when discussing village matters.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Our village is a Hamlet, with only a church as a community building. We are part of Witherley parish which hs a much larger village and better facilities. They are pushing development requirements to our village which already has major traffic issues.
		Unsure/don't know about the name of the parish	We are a group of villages but our village is actually a Hamlet, as is Ratcliffe Culey
		There should be more councillors	More impartial councillors would be beneficial. Land owners should not be encouraged to be parish councillors in my opinion.
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	As a village we are already grouped
	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about...	Strongly disagree	Witherley have a greater representation and are able to prioritize Witherley interests above the villages/hamlets within the parish



	...reflect local identities and interests?		
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly disagree	They have failed to carry out designated duties adequately eg the neighbourhood development plan
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	The interests of this community are not currently being reflected and I feel we should separate from Witherley - probably joined with other hamlets close to us.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	needs to be inclusive
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	I am not qualified to answer this
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Strongly disagree	It's not reflective of the wants and needs of the locals of Fenny Drayton. Very poor transparency around meetings & discussions
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly disagree	Same reasons as above along with what appears to be many hidden agendas with current parish councillors
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	To separate Fenny Drayton from the witherley parish council
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	It should be reflective of our village
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	If it changed to just Fenny Drayton then the numbers would be fine. If it stays as witherley then it needs to be reflective of councillors per village.
		Change to grouping arrangements	More open honest & transparent with local residents
	<b>Ratcliffe Ward</b>		
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments

An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	I think the Parish council has tried to navigate a range of discordant views on the NDP which has been very difficult but they have tried to balance issues appropriately
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	It has been a fraught time for the Parish Council as the NDP seemed to create a lot of agitation with a small number of individuals which was very divisive. I think, whilst not perfect, they attempted to handle it in an even and measured way but the issues still resonate. I think some clarity on navigating conflicts of interest might help. There is a real challenge in that you want people who have connections and links to the community but then those very links make them vulnerable to accusations of cronyism or self interest
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	There is a call from some parties to make the council cover an even smaller area but, as an already small parish, this doesn't seem viable and I think we need to find a way to balance the different needs
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	I think it would help if the parish title reflected the broader community it serves rather than just referencing the single major population centre
		The number of councillors is appropriate	It reflects the population centres and therefore echoes the numbers they represent, which is a basic democratic principle.
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	Whilst it seems a practical and sensible approach I fear, given the fractious nature of some of the debates, that this would just further fuel the sense of conspiracy and under representation that some of the residents seem to feel.
	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	Witherley Parish Council (WPC) is strongly dominated by the interests of the Witherley village councillors, with little attention given to the views and concerns of the smaller rural hamlets (Ratcliffe Culey, Fenny Drayton and Atterton). Given the balance of power, specific concerns of, for example, my own hamlet of Ratcliffe Culey, can easily be quashed on a vote. It is very disappointing that the serious concerns raised by HBBC in their Jan 21 report on the WPC Neighbourhood Development Plan were not taken on board and acted upon by WPC. To take just one example, the Countryside Policy does not protect the small hamlets from development, as specifically requested by residents; and documents which should have been available to residents prior to Regulation 14 feedback have still not been made available.
An individual local resident	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	As above - a more effective voice for the small rural hamlets would be a separate PC for Ratcliffe Culey, Fenny Drayton, and Atterton, independent of the much larger village of Witherley. Witherley is closely associated with Atherstone (Warwickshire),

			whereas the hamlets are more closely associated with Hinckley and Bosworth (Leicestershire).
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	As above - a more effective voice for the small rural hamlets would be a separate PC for Ratcliffe Culey, Fenny Drayton, and Atterton, independent of the much larger village of Witherley. Witherley is more closely associated with the neighbouring town of Atherstone (Warwickshire), whereas the hamlets are more closely associated with Hinckley and Bosworth (Leicestershire).
		The name of the parish is appropriate	It is the name of the largest village but, as detailed in other sections, this can unfairly override the needs and concerns of the smaller hamlets
		Unsure/don't know about number of councillors	The dominance of Witherley village councillors is to the detriment of the smaller hamlets and reduces their ability to influence matters specific to their own hamlet, particularly when there are vested interests within Witherley to the contrary. For example, a petition from a large number of concerned Ratcliffe villagers, asking for a policy limiting development of the Redhouse Farm (Hunt's Farm) site in Ratcliffe to be included in the WPC Neighbourhood Development Plan, was rejected, with one of the votes against being by a councillor who owned land included, at the time, in the NDP for housing - which appeared a conflict of interest. An increase in councillors would only address this if it strengthened the voice of the hamlets, perhaps by limiting the ability of Witherley to outvote them. A rotation of the Chair between settlements might also help, as currently it seems always to be in the hands of Witherley.
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	Grouping with other large villages might actually disadvantage the smaller hamlets even more. Alternatively a grouping of small hamlets only, might benefit them.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	Witherley Parish Council (WPC) is dominated by the Witherley village councillors and the interests that they represent. The smaller villages/hamlets (Ratcliffe Culey, Fenny Drayton and Atterton) are under represented, and concerns pertinent to the smaller villages/hamlets are easily overridden on any votes within the parish council. In particular, it is very disappointing to find that serious concerns raised by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) in their report on January 21 relating to the WPC Neighbourhood Development Plan were not responded to and action taken by WPC. For example, the Countryside Policy does not address concerns raised by residents about the protection of small villages/hamlets from development. And documents which should have been made available to residents prior to Regulation 14 feedback have still not been made available.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	A more effective voice is needed for the small villages/hamlets covered by WPC. For reasons outlined above, Witherley interests override those of the small villages/hamlets, and they are frequently in tension with those interests. Witherley is effectively a suburb of Atherstone whereas the small villages/hamlets are more rural in nature. Ideally this would be reflected in a separate parish council covering Ratcliffe Culey, Fenny Drayton and Atterton.

	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	As argued above, a more effective voice is needed for the small villages/hamlets covered by WPC. Witherley is effectively a suburb of Atherstone with interests which reflect this status. The small villages/hamlets are more rural in nature, and face rather different issues typical of such rural communities. There is a need for a separate parish council covering Ratcliffe Culey, Fenny Drayton and Atterton.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	The current name of the parish council reinforces the dominance of Witherley and its interests within the business of the council. The other small villages/hamlets are in brackets and are treated as if they are after thoughts.
		There should be more councillors	There should be more councillors representing the interests of the small villages/hamlets within the WPC area, in order to redress the imbalance in relation to the power of Witherley councillors to override the interests of the other parts of the parish council area.
		Unsure/don't know about grouping arrangements	Grouping could have a variety of different outcomes and consequences. A grouping of the small villages/hamlets could be advantageous in redressing the imbalance under existing arrangements. But it might equally disadvantage them further.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	WPC have failed to listen to their electorate for years, especially with regard to the NDP. For example: meetings have been held without publicising, minutes not uploaded to PC website, residents routinely silenced when challenging PC, 9 residents have received vexatious warning letters with two of those individuals now having permanent bans from any contact with the PC, indefinitely. Stakeholders have been ghosted for over 3 years, WPC have failed to provide accurate information to both residents and stakeholders. The Environment Agency Impact Assessment for Witherley has not been uploaded to PC website breaching EIR Act. The Councillors are regularly mistreated - I could go on.....
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	per previous answer plus zero fair representation, Witherley centric. The current PC has similar values to No 10, the Nolan Principles seem to be ignored.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	I would like Atterton, Fenny Drayton and Ratcliffe Culey to be separated from Witherley settlement, resulting in two separate Parish Council's with their own control. This would render the current NDP obsolete which is good. This would enable A, FD & RC to create their own NDP that reflects the views and values of these residents and to have policies that reflect residents wishes from a correctly carried out consultation process.
		The name of the parish is not appropriate	There are 4 wards within the Parish - the Parish name should be neutral.
		There should be more councillors	As the Chair has recently always been a resident of Witherley Ward and the Chair has the casting vote the other Councillors who try and make a stand are over-ruled. More councillors and a rotating Chair would balance the number of votes.

		No change to grouping arrangements	I no longer wish to be linked with Witherley PC in any capacity, sharing an electoral border is sufficient.
<b>Witherley Ward</b>			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
<i>None</i>			

## Unparished Areas

Hinckley			
Respondent	Subject	Response	Supporting comments
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	It seems to work well
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	It seems to work ok. Hinckley has lots of good things other towns do not
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	We really dont need lots of money spending on changing what is working. Use the money to improve social care
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	Parish Councils provide a valuable link with the local community and to merge or get rid of these would mean people are more remote from government. A more rational idea would be to get rid of HBBC and merge that with the county council creating a unitary authority.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	There is not a town council and so no real local contact.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	As I have indicated above local councils at grass roots leve provide a gateway where people can get their views better represented.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	In my experience, Councillors play lip-service to their code of conduct and the processes to address the problem are slow and ineffective. The end result is no accountability.

	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	There are many examples of expenditure not being adequately scrutinised with the result that it generates no benefit to the community, but enables political point-scoring.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	There is far too much ineffective bureaucracy already. It needs drastically thinning down and made truly accountable for its decisions and actions.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	No need to change current arrangements.
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	Current arrangements do not need changing.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	We do not need to move to larger authorities. Local is best.
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	The Council does Govern with the residents interests at the forefront of decisions ...
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly	it appears to be a well run body ...
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	As above plus sometimes continuity is the better option to change for changes sake
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	Our Councillors have been there for a very long time, im not sure they can now relate to young families, young people or even those struggling with disabilities

	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	Again they seem out of touch.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	Change	Maximum ages for councillors, more public engagement, we never see our Councillor or know what they do. No social media, they need to be visible, accountable. We don't need a town council, that would cost more money but the elected officials need to be better
An individual local resident	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within the town/parish council you are responding about... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	I do not believe there is a just reason for additional levels of local government and the additional cost and tax burden that comes along with that when the borough council can and is doing a competent job.
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	I do not believe there is a just reason for additional levels of local government and the additional cost and tax burden that comes along with that when the borough council can and is doing a competent job.
	Do you feel there is a need for change?	No change	I do not believe there is a just reason for additional levels of local government and the additional cost and tax burden that comes along with that when the borough council can and is doing a competent job.