

Appendix B – Redacted responses to the stage 1 consultation

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4	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	All;	Yes
38	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident; Grosvenor Group	All;	Current arrangements might need tweaking. But, seriously, what a waste of time is being committed (therefore money) with this proposed exercise. It's simple - if it isn't broken don't waste time trying to fix it - if it's bent, leave it, don't even try fixing it ---- UNTIL IT DOES REALLY NEED FIXING. Current arrangements work as well as can be expected, so stop wasting time - put effort where it matters
58	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	All;	1
61	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident; Note: Outside the district Responding from: [REDACTED AS NOT RELEVANT TO CGR AND UNCLEAR IF THIS IS THE FORMAL RESPONSE OF THE ORGANISATION]	All;	There has been false statements and education written on plates which are untrue and is demonstrates religious discrimination and hatred amongst community and unlawful in the first place there are many voices are not heard many victims not compensated for hatred and racism and discrimination against women and children.
84	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident; Note: Outside the district Responding from: [REDACTED AS NOT RELEVANT TO CGR AND UNCLEAR IF THIS IS THE FORMAL RESPONSE OF THE ORGANISATION]	All;	I believe in multiculturalism communities should not segregated.
103	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident; Note: Outside the district Responding from: [REDACTED AS NOT RELEVANT TO CGR AND UNCLEAR IF THIS IS THE FORMAL RESPONSE OF THE ORGANISATION]	All;	The local churches have wrong information put up with is discriminating the black people and ethnic cleansing which promoting hatred among people and social segregation.
28	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Ashwell ;	There is no point to a parish council only interested in pointless vanity projects. They do nothing about the state of the roads or that the road banks are so overgrown it obscure the drivers' vision and it is downright dangerous and the only reason they are not cut back is to save the district council money
31	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Ashwell ;	Ashwell should be in South Cambridgeshire not Hertfordshire
54	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Ashwell ;	Ashwell Parish Council seems to work well. However there seems to be a problem getting residents involved in standing for election for the council since there are always vacancies. It may be that

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			prospective councillors are discouraged by the abundance of regulations that seem to be associated with council membership.
71	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Ashwell ;	Ashwell should be in South Cambs
119	I'm responding on behalf of a Parish or Town council*; Ashwell Parish Council	Ashwell ;	At 2nd September 2024 Parish Council meeting, the Parish Council wish to propose reducing the number of parish councillors to nine (currently twelve).
19	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Baldock ;	<p>Very little engagement with the community by that I mean few surgeries to make representations as a resident.</p> <p>Town talks held either at the library or community centre would be helpful.</p> <p>No engagement is ever undertaken with communal developments, i.e., flats.</p> <p>My view is that improvements can only occur once a review of how the current working practice operates, therefore is it easy to accept its convenient to do things in a way that they have always been done or an acknowledgement that the current practice needs revision. I would have preferred being asked the question. 'This is how we do it. This is what we plan to do.' If feedback is low, then what is the likelihood of change. Likewise, if residents have a wish list is change going to happen.</p> <p>In answer to the 3 points for comment my answers are: No, no and yes properties are divided by that normal domestic v flats.</p>
20	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Baldock ;	We don't have a parish or town council. Our representation is via a group of NHDC councillors locally known as the Baldock committee. This is an anomaly- for example when it came to commenting on the local plan for the expansion of Baldock and the development of a neighbourhood plan, this had to be nominally led by Bygrave who do have a parish council. I appreciate that no NHDC towns have their own councils but I feel that this is a strange way of organising local democracy by denying local representation to the majority of North Herts citizens.
22	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Baldock ;	I live in Baldock, which does not have its own parish/town council. This seems strange, given that much smaller settlements, such as Clothall and Bygrave do have their own local parish councils. Baldock seems just to be represented by District Councillors, who are therefore fulfilling a dual role. I wonder whether Baldock would benefit from a parish council of its own.
81	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Baldock ;	Baldock has no local government parish council, only a church parish council. This means that Baldock residents miss out on ability to influence local issues. Can this be sorted out?
88	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Baldock ;	Nothing to note. All seems fit for purpose
97	I'm responding in my capacity as a District Councillor;I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Baldock ;	<p>- The current parish boundaries of Clothall and Bygrave that overlap the newly expanded District boundaries of Baldock East ward should be changed to no longer overlap into this ward. The parishes are designed to cover a rural area of village community that Baldock East does not represent. This means any future Baldock East residents that come to live in these areas will not be properly represented by the current arrangements. This will also divide up a community that will already have its obstacles due to being a large new housing development in a town that hasn't seen this scale of building for a long time, if ever. No parish boundaries should exist within Baldock Town.</p> <p>- Baldock should not have a town council. Many residents of Baldock already have a strong history of</p>

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			volunteering and being active in their communities. An additional layer of administration and potential political point scoring is not something that residents are keen to see or participate in. A town council precept is also not something that many of the town's households can afford or are particularly interested in paying into. It is unclear what role a town council would play in a community that already covers the town with an incredible level of activity and spirit. With town councillor being an unpaid position, it is felt that there would not be strong diversity in the representation, particularly among younger working people and women who tend to have the bulk of family caring responsibilities. Residents have had a high level of politicking in the last few years that has resulted in a higher engagement with the political system, but adding to this could lead to burnout and apathy.
17	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Baldock ;	Why does Baldock not have a parish council? Could it have one?
51	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Barkway ;	No need to change anything. If it's not broken don't fix it. It NHDC that needs fixing.
24	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Bygrave ;	I believe that the rural nature of Bygrave is a true reflection of the makeup of residents.
65	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Bygrave ;	We are very happy with the current boundary of the parish and content including housing farming and business inputs
45	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Bygrave ;Ashwell ;Caldecote and Newnham ;Hinworth ;Radwell ;Baldock ;	The current arrangements work well, but care must be taken regarding the new development in Bygrave parish, which clearly due to its size would overwhelm the current Parish
99	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Bygrave ;Great Ashby Community Council ;Graveley ;St. Ippolyts ;Hitchin;Baldock ;Clothall;Weston ;Offley ;	<p>Great Ashby parish boundary should be enlarged to include the adjoining allocated development sites GA1 and GA2 (currently in Graveley / Weston parishes).</p> <p>Baldock should be made a parish, which should cover the combined area of Baldock East and Baldock West wards, thereby including the various proposed development sites around Baldock that currently fall within Bygrave and Clothall parishes. A town council for Baldock should assist with building community networks to help integrate the residents of the new developments as the town grows. If the district council decides a parish for Baldock is not appropriate, I would still encourage removing the parts of Baldock East ward from the parishes of Bygrave and Clothall, so as not to create awkward relationships between the new developments and the villages / rural parts of those parishes.</p> <p>Hitchin may also benefit from being made a parish to be a more democratic focal point for the town's community identity. If the district council is minded to create a parish of Hitchin, would recommend transferring the North parish ward from St Ippolyts into the new Hitchin parish as having long been part of the Hitchin urban area.</p> <p>There may be merit in splitting the current Offley parish into a reduced Offley parish east of Lilley Bottom Road and a new 'Cockernhoe' parish west of that road, allowing the Cockernhoe parish to more directly focus on assimilating the proposed growth on the edge of Luton into that area.</p>

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			<p>Mindful that successive governments periodically talk about changing two-tier (county / district) areas into unitary authorities, there may be advantages in ensuring that the whole district is covered by parishes so as to let the new parish / town councils develop their own capacity to act as focal points for community life ahead of any change to unitary authorities being introduced. If we do end up with unitary authorities at whatever geography, parishes then become even more important for their focal role in the community and as the only other tier of local government.</p> <p>If the council accepts the recommendations to make Hitchin and Baldock parishes, that just leaves Letchworth unparished. Given the history of the short-lived town council here, if Letchworth were to be made a parish again, it would need more careful consideration, particularly to ensure that the division of roles between the town council and Heritage Foundation was understood from the outset allowing the organisations to function in a complementary way. If the district council does decide to reinstate a Letchworth parish, I would recommend using the elegantly simple and historic single word name of 'Letchworth', rather than the ungainly 'Letchworth Garden City'. We can respect and be rightly proud of the town's heritage and important role in the history of town planning without needing to shoehorn it into the name.</p>
79	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident; Newnham Village Hall	Caldecote and Newnham ;	The current arrangements are effective and convenient for local people More published information on meetings would be an advantage
41	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Clothall;	The current arrangement works very well
32	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Codicote ;	<p>I am new to the area and went to my first parish council meeting a few weeks ago. It seemed that Codicote shares its parish councillors with Kimpton but not the boundaries I found it very confusing. I think parish councillors could probably do with some training regarding how to run a meeting, noting who attended, what to do in case of emergencies, introducing councillors, welcoming newcomers etc. Personally, I was very disappointed with something that should be community focused. It seems that money from S106 towards infrastructure from new builds is not forth coming because of the ridiculous system that allows builders to keep the money until they have sold their last property. Parish councillors seemed to be very frustrated by the lack of support from North Herts. Codicote is a village but all the residents pay their taxes and yet don't seem to benefit particularly with lack of buses, GP surgery, support for parking restrictions or speed limits etc all that has been requested time and time again.</p>
48	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Codicote ;	I don't know
70	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Codicote ;	Parish Councils seem to be totally ineffective as District Council completely ignores them and overrules any suggestions they make. Sighting in particular the complete inappropriate over development of Codicote.
85	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Graveley ;	<p>[Comment redacted – personal information] The current Parish Council does very little for the community and Councillors have to be pleaded with to even discuss a matter of concern to residents. It is disgraceful that council tax is paid to people who have no ideas for the community and don't spend the money on projects of value to the community.</p>

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86	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident; I'm responding in my capacity as a Parish/Town Councillor ;	Graveley ;	<p>Important to keep as this helps define the area and keeps the identity from merging with Stevenage.</p> <p>Can NHDC website be clearer on what the Parish Council can and cannot do.</p> <p>Give more clarity and allow us to look after more</p>
87	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Graveley ;	I like having a parish council in Graveley as it understands and fights for things that affect our village. If we were to be swallowed up by other councils we would lose our unique identity as a village. They are able to spend money from the budget within the village for all our use.
121	I'm responding on behalf of a Parish or Town council*; Graveley Parish Council	Graveley ;	The sites identified as GA1 in the Local Plan 2011 to 2031 and the North of Stevenage development, which are currently within Graveley Parish, will have residents that identify much more with Great Ashby / Stevenage than with Graveley village. If these developments proceed, we request that the parish boundary is moved such that these sites are moved from Graveley Parish into Great Ashby or that the two new developments become a parish on their own, perhaps 'Forster Parish'.
15	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Great Ashby Community Council ;	I believe the whole of the Great Ashby Development should be within North Herts. And therefore the Great Ashby Parish Council should cover / include the whole Great Ashby Development too.
93	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Great Ashby Community Council ;	It is about time that all of Great Ashby became part of Stevenage especially as Stevenage is expanding into East Herts. Everything we do is in Stevenage but we are not entitled to use Stevenage Council Services as we don't live in Stevenage, this needs changing
94	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Great Ashby Community Council ;	Everything we do is in Stevenage, shop , schools, doctors , hospital. We shouldn't be a separate parish it has no benefit
112	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Great Ashby Community Council ;	<p>Why do I need a parish council? I'm sorry, but I don't. Another waste of money.</p> <p>I can only speak about my own "identity" and no they don't reflect me. Interests.. no, they don't reflect my interests.</p> <p>I don't identify as being part of a community. I'm sorry, but you are living in a different place to me if you think we live in a community in North Herts / Great Ashby. I feel no community connection or responsibility locally. It's each for their own. I pay taxes as I legally have to, the services provided that I use are [redacted] and you have a parish council spending money on [redacted].</p>
128	I'm responding on behalf of a Parish or Town council*; Great Ashby Community Council	Great Ashby Community Council ;	<p>The North Herts District Council Community Governance Review was discussed at the Full Council meeting of the Great Ashby Community Council held on 19 September 2024. Our official response follows:</p> <p>Great Ashby Community Council (GACC) serves the local community through the delivery of services which would otherwise not operate such as the provision of dog waste bins and the maintenance and enhancement of some children's play areas; projects which improve the health and well-being of the community and the local environment such as the current project to install a defib at the District Park and the roundabout planting scheme; and the Council represents local views to higher authorities and external</p>

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			<p>bodies. GACC encourages residents' feedback and actively provides input into the planning process – this has been valued by residents in relation to the proposed developments of GA1 and GA2.</p> <p>GACC has an allocation of 12 councillors, which the Council believes is sufficient to allow for a diverse body of councillors to represent the community of Great Ashby. We would not like to see this changed. The Council has welcomed three new Councillors in recent months, and has received more enquiries to join, which suggests the Council is respected and recognised as being effective within the community and that residents have a growing interest in participating in local governance.</p> <p>Our view is that the parish boundary arrangements are currently set correctly to reflect the community of Great Ashby residing within North Hertfordshire.</p> <p>Councillors discussed whether the proposed developments identified as GA1 and GA2 within the North Herts Local Plan 2011-2031 would affect our view on the need for a change to the parish boundary, should these sites be approved by the LPA. It is a certainty that should additional housing of the scale proposed be placed within this parish, having potential to increase the population of the parish by approximately 40-50%, this would have a significant effect on our existing community. It could be argued that should this realised, Great Ashby would be the size of a small town without any amenities of a town, and this would need careful consideration. Councillors' views varied, and it was determined that without any resolved specific detailed planning documents to inform a decision, GACC is unable to comment on any future movement of the parish boundary at this time. In that sense, the timing of this Community Governance Review is unhelpful for Great Ashby.</p> <p>With regard to election timetabling, the Council preference is for election dates for the parish to be aligned with the District Council dates in future.</p>
83	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Hexton;	Voting is easy at the church.Village is small community but never gets any organised input from council or their representatives just mail drops
68	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Hinworth ;	I would like people to be elected by popular vote when someone resigns from the Parish Council rather than non elected people co-opted in.
105	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Hinworth ;	<p>The SG7 5HB local community is geographically remote (around a mile) from Hinworth village and has its own identity. This is not generally an issue and I tend to look to NHDC for matters of local interest. However, if the Parish Council is to comment on planning applications within our local community it should consult with us before expressing an opinion to NHDC. On the most recent application the Parish Council has not represented our local community view and left us wondering why.</p> <p>The NHDC consultation planning process has been transparent and implemented well.</p> <p>The only change I would suggest is to tighten up the terms of reference of the Parish Council for planning. I could only find the NHDC description that a Parish Council generally comments on planning. I would like to add that any such comments should necessarily incorporate local community views.</p>
18	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Hitchin;	Happy with the arrangements for Hitchin

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40	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Hitchin;	I am happy with the electoral arrangements in my area
47	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Hitchin;	Hitchin is underrepresented as it is currently unparished, a Town Council would provide the necessary vehicle to be a statutory consultee on matters such as planning and could easily and fairly enhance the services currently provided by NHC to ensure they met the needs of the Hitchin Community rather than those of a diverse North Herts Area. This would become even more essential were the area to eventually go to a Unitary Authority. A well established and effective TC needs to be in place before the UA even if this creates another layer of Govt in the interim.
49	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Hitchin;	I would suggest that Hitchin should be parished and a Hitchin Town Council created. The town has a thriving civic community and no formal local political entity to act as a forum for that. Parishes add a great deal of value at the lowest level of governance and if they are good enough for rural areas why not the towns? A small local precept could add much value and give rise to the possibility to bring in grants and match funding.
50	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;I'm responding in my capacity as a District Councillor;	Hitchin;	Hitchin should have its own town/community council. There are only 4 Hitchin Area Forums (formerly Area Committees) per annum now with considerably reduced grant giving opportunities. Hitchin does not have the ability to raise any separate precept to fund exclusively Hitchin projects. A town/community council would be able to respond more speedily to residents' requirements.
66	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Hitchin;	[No comment received]
73	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Hitchin;	I do not want a town council for Hitchin.
92	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Hitchin;	Hitchin needs its own town council with its own precept. The current arrangements are unsatisfactory and Hitchin residents are denied this more local representation
104	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;I'm responding on behalf of another organisation (such as a business) ; Hitchin Initiative Ltd	Hitchin;	Hitchin is presently unparished, hence lacking democratic representation and funding.
110	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Hitchin;	Hitchin needs a town council to give more local control and to "reflect the identities and interests of the local community'.
113	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Hitchin;	I believe we residents of Hitchin should have our own town council for us to have a say or our own Town with our own counsellors focused purely on hitchin and not the wider district and have the opportunity to develop and provide additionality to services above our existing level.
124	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Hitchin;	Please consider setting up a Town Council in Hitchin
131	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Hitchin;	If you ask most new people of Hitchin, little will be known about the wards and Parishes. More localised access to messaging and people on the ground could help to improve this. A Town Council would certainly be a good place to start.
133	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Hitchin;	We had a separate town council for where I previously lived. They levy an additional subsidy on top of the council tax with little transparency about where it goes and not very much power. As such, I would be

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			reluctant for any powers to be delegated from North Herts council to a new Hitchin town council. I think the same purpose might be addressed by having subcommittees in North Herts council of the existing elected councillors rather than delegated to a committee with little transparency on how members are appointed.
134	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Hitchin;All;	<p>1. I think that parish boundaries should be reviewed to facilitate the creation of sensible electoral units in future boundary reviews. For example, I understand there will be new houses built in the Great Ashby area (and a few existing houses) where residents will feel as though they are part of Great Ashby but they are currently in a different rural parish, with no direct connections to other parts of that parish. The parish boundaries in such circumstances should be shifted so that the new houses are in the same parish area as the current houses. I understand that the same will apply to houses built to expand Baldock and this may also be the case elsewhere. (There are a few existing houses in Wymondley parish close to the boundary with Hitchin that I think would more sensibly be reallocated (by changing the boundary) from that parish into Hitchin, although that might be too small a change to be worthwhile.)</p> <p>2. I live in Hitchin. At present I would oppose the creation of a Town Council. However, this depends on whether we retain our current district/county council structure or move to a unitary authority. I would support the creation of a unitary authority (if the area covered were sensible) and if so then I think it would be important to create a Town Council in Hitchin. I am unclear whether that consideration is within the scope of this review, but suggest it is borne in mind as it seems quite possible that we might move to a unitary authority in the future when public desire for a Town Council to be created may increase given that the unitary authority will feel more remote than the current District Council.</p>
64	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Holwell ;	<p>Could do with Parish representatives that care about the Parish, they wave through most planning applications with "no objection".</p> <p>Any communication with the Parish takes over a week to receive any response/request.</p> <p>Parish meetings could be more inclusive and invite 3rd parties to speak, Fairfield Parish in Bedfordshire for example regularly has guest speakers.</p> <p>Reduce the Council Tax proportion for Parish, huge increase for nothing extra.</p>
122	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Holwell ;	<p>Current Parish committee needs to change as no interest in what's best for its residents. Cash flow is not managed professionally.</p> <p>Underlining issue is the Parish is so small its income is limited and unable to provide the service it should. Given Holwell boundary is next to Ickleford, it would make sense to merge the Parishes to better serve its residents.</p>
3	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Ickleford ;	Satisfactory
53	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Ickleford ;	<p>The inclusion of the newly developed Lavendar Grange estate at the extreme northern end of the parish should be reviewed. This area is far removed from the core of Ickleford and looks more to the built up area around Henlow Camp as the area that provides community facilities. The current inclusion in Ickleford parish leads to a lack of attention to the concerns and priorities of those living in the area (including myself). The lack of connectivity between the northern extreme and core of the parish also means residents to the north do not use any of the facilities within the core of the parish that are the priority of the existing parish council.</p>

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			<p>Due to the proximity to the boundary between North Herts and CBC areas this should be resolved as part of a review within CBC too. Ideally the northern end of Ickleford parish, south western end edge of Henlow parish and eastern side of Lower Stondon should all be reviewed to create a new arrangement of community governance that actually reflects the built up area.</p>
114	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Ickleford ;	<p>I currently live in Lavender Grange at the very northern end of Ickleford Parish. The current arrangements are not effective or convenient for us at all. We are over 2 miles separated from the core of Ickleford village, while directly adjoining the settled area around Lower Stondon/ Henlow Camp. As a result our primary community is not Ickleford and the current arrangements result in us being divided from our natural community.</p> <p>This also causes challenges with accessing services. Within North Herts we are regularly challenged when using the recycling centre in Letchworth because we have a Bedfordshire postcode and our council tax bills, despite being for North Herts, list Bedfordshire in our address because not even our own council seems to be able to recognise that we are in North Herts and not Bedfordshire. Similarly, residents have had issues with emergency services responding to the estate because the postcode and county do not align.</p> <p>Both the Parish, Council and County Council borders in this area need review in collaboration with Central Beds. Despite clearly being one built up area we are currently split 3 parishes, 2 withing Central Beds and 1 within North Herts. This results in a fundamental failure of effective local governance.</p>
117	I'm responding in my capacity as a District Councillor;	Ickleford ;	<p>Ickleford parish had a central village core with rural dwellings between the outer edges of the village core and the parish boundary. The nature of the parish was fundamentally changed when site LS1 was allocated in the Local Plan and built out.</p> <p>LS1, hereafter referred to as Lavender Grange, is a development of some 150 houses at the extreme Northern edge of the parish. The development, like the existing neighbouring properties at Ramerick Cottages, Ramerick Barns and Ramerick Hall are in the parish of Ickleford in North Herts, but any casual observer would assume that the properties are in Bedfordshire and in the parish of Lower Stondon as they lie beyond the Bedfordshire border road sign. This is not the case.</p> <p>The residents at Lavender Grange have faced many challenges due to confusion concerning their address. This was not helped by Royal Mail insisting that the properties be given an SG16 (Bedfordshire) postcode while the legacy properties referred to above have an SG5 (Ickleford, Herts) postcode. More frustratingly, another new development opposite Lavender Grange has been given an SG5 postcode, so we now have the situation where two facing developments are in Central Beds with a Herts postcode and in Herts with a Beds postcode. It should be acknowledged that postcode addressing no longer includes a county name, but this causes many problems and in the past, I have have to look into healthcare access, access to refuse centres, foodbanks and initially there were issues with emergency service delays due to address confusion. I have also pointed out in the past that residents at Lavender Grange have an unacceptable journey to their polling station at Ickleford village hall.</p>

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			<p>In terms of parish representation, during the construction of LS1, a resident of Ramerick Barns was elected to the parish council, However, there is no representation on the parish council from the Lavender Grange community at the moment. The parish council - in particular the clerk - has done everything possible to reach out to the residents at Lavender Grange. A noticeboard has been installed, welcome information delivered and residents are invited to attend parish council meetings. However the Lavender Grange residents do not seem to feel part of Ickleford parish.</p> <p>There is a further distinction in that the the Lavender Grange development has a management company - First Port, which provides a poor service. Many issues that would be dealt with by the parish council or district council in the rest of the parish are the responsibility of First Port - this is another point of difference and one could argue, why should Lavender Grange residents pay the same precept to the parish council or indeed council tax to NHC when they do not receive the same services?</p> <p>With the likelihood of another significant development south of Lavender Grange, parish arrangements should be considered carefully so they are robust for the future. All of the correspondence I have had with Lavender Grange residents suggest that they purchased a house in North Herts and they want to remain in North Herts (there has been a campaign to get their postcode changed to SG5, but Royal Mail refused). No changes should be made without full consultation of residents.</p> <p>More needs to be done to include these residents in the parish as Lavender Grange currently feels divided from the rest of the parish. I think it would be useful to have a parish councillor from Lavender Grange on the parish council or if this is not possible, one of the parish councillors should have a specific role as a representative to this community.</p> <p>Parish council arrangements for residents in the rest of the ward work well.</p>
98	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident; Consilium Financial Planning Limited	Ickleford ;Hitchin;	<p>My business is in Hitchin. My home is in Ickleford. We are blessed to have proactive elected councillors in Hitchin and district generally. Often party differences are put to one side when it comes to matters Hitchin. We have a thriving town. A town with history and people who "love" living and working here. Hitchin has a marvellous creative vibe. The recently formed Hitchin Creative HC which now manages the fantastic summer and winter Hitchin Festivals activity promote the arts in Hitchin. Never has the arts been so important to the collective wellbeing of our townspeople, families, residents, visitors. With LA budgets stretched the formation of the Hitchin Town Council funded by a modest precept will ensure the good work carried out by HC has the air to breathe. Thus, is just one example of the many benefits a HTC will bring. Local immediate accountable democracy.</p>
77	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Kelshall ;Baldock ;	<p>Currently where I live in the Kelshall parish our cluster of 10+ homes are considered out of catchment for every senior school. I would like Kelshall parish to be included as Sandon is.</p>
5	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Kimpton ;	<p>The current electoral arrangements are OK but communication between Parish Council and local residents needs to improve.</p>

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44	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Kimpton ;	No problem with existing arrangements
46	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Kimpton ;	Kimpton parish feels a long way from Hitchin and the parishes north of Hitchin. I would suggest that this is a broad range of interests and identities since Harpenden is the nearest town, rail station and indeed bus routes are easier towards St Albans than Hitchin. Difficult to comment on the changes to improve re costs of a broad geographical stretch, for example. The local councillor is engaged with the community. Would like to see the new MP more actively locally engaged.
52	I'm responding in my capacity as a Parish/Town Councillor ; Kimpton Parish Council parish Councillor	Kimpton ;	<p>While Parish Councillors do have their ears to the ground in the local community there are potential changes to be made as part of a broader effort to improve the efficiency, transparency, and effectiveness of local government in the UK, ensuring that district and parish councils can better serve their communities and adapt to modern challenges.</p> <p>Enhanced Roles and Responsibilities: Parish councils, as the first tier of local government, are seeing an expansion in their roles. They are involved in a wide array of community services, such as provision of lighting, allotments, play areas, and commenting on planning proposals and local infrastructure projects. The role of Parish Councillors needs to be recognised given the sacrifices they make to represent the interests of their communities.</p> <p>Improved Governance: legislative reviews are required to provide clearer guidelines and support for parish councils, ensuring they can effectively manage local issues and contribute to broader regional planning and development strategies. Again Parish Councillors should be adequately trained and qualified to a higher standard and there should be financial incentives in place to assume these additional responsibilities.</p> <p>Digital Transformation and PropTech Integration: Local councils should adopt PropTech solutions to modernize planning processes. These include using 3D images and voice technology for local planning. North Herts DC has started this process to enhance efficiency and transparency in administrative functions and in our PC we find it very useful. However some councillors are inadequately trained and add little value. We need fewer, but better, people.</p> <p>Election and Governance Reforms: Regular elections for parish councils should be held, ensuring democratic representation and local accountability, but elections impact the funding and decision-making processes of parish councils. I think there is merit to the idea around the consolidation of some district and parish councils to improve administrative efficiency and reduce costs. This includes remunerating more professional "neighbourhood" councillors to streamline operations and enhance service delivery.</p>
111	I'm responding on behalf of a Parish or Town council*; Kimpton Parish Council	Kimpton ;	KPC is content with the number of parish councillors, the council name and the boundary of the parish.
26	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Kings Walden ;	Would be good if the parish council actually done something.
63	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Kings Walden ;	Unaware of them.
108	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Kings Walden ;	I think the current arrangements work well.

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56	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident; District Councillor	Kings Walden ;Preston ; St. Paul's Walden ;Langley ;	Langley needs to be incorporated into St. Paul's Walden, it's currently a meeting, an absolute nightmare trying to engage with the Meeting who fail to respond. People feel un-engaged and left out. Needs greater transparency and inclusivity. Preston, Kings Walden and St. Paul's fall under Hitchwood, all administered by same Clerk, maybe the three could be unified to save money and before a unitary Parish called Hitchwood.
25	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Knebworth ;	Seems fine
27	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Knebworth ;	Parish boundaries good because we are a village with fields around. Not sure being with Stevenage for elections is good because we don't really have connections there. We are with north herts council for local matters which is fine but this doesn't connect with Stevenage. I think the villages get forgotten when it comes to funding, courses, playschemes etc.
34	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Knebworth ;	It's ok
42	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Knebworth ;	We don't require any changes. We should change the boundaries to include recent housing developments on our borders. Parish Council arrangements are ideal
57	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Knebworth ;	Extend the size of the boroughs to widen the community & ensure a more global approach. There is too much division & sectarianism. People are not considering their impact on their neighbours. Councillors & Parish representatives must be rotated regularly to truly reflect our region
78	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Knebworth ;	Seem ok
107	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Knebworth ;	My neighbour about 400m away is not in the Parish, yet a friend about 4 miles away is and I go past this neighbour to get to my friend. The shape of the Parish is odd, so outlying members of the parish are not considered as much. The good news is that the Parish News can be subscribed via email, saving paper, costing less. This is not well publicised and I only discovered this by accident. Surveys and electronic documents should be written in UK English not US.
127	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Knebworth ;	The current arrangements appear to work. Residents are represented by the Parish Council who take into account the views of those who live in the village. By having this council we retain the 'village feel' and the community spirit
132	I'm responding in my capacity as a District Councillor;I'm responding in my capacity as a Parish/Town Councillor ;I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Knebworth ;	Concept of the parish council - I think it works well to represent local people's views (say versus unparished). It doesn't have much hard power but can get things done, examples I've personally been involved in or lead include the Neighbourhood Plan and the purchase of The Station public house. Keeping its focus on Knebworth (including Old Knebworth) makes logical sense as a distinct community. Ward boundaries - Knebworth parish is a very odd shape due to historical changes, it has parts that wrap around to the west side of Codicote down Three Houses Lane and beyond. It seems an anomaly. There are also parts of Codicote that may be better served within the parish there. There may be an opportunity to align to the District Ward boundaries, that could be looked at.

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			Councillors number and elections - from my observations this works OK, the council normally just about gets enough willing volunteers but is often short of one or two max. It has a non-party-political nature currently which seems to work well but of course isn't in scope I guess of the review as that could change over time.
P1	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Knebworth ;	<p>[Transcribed from paper submission]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have a comprehensive local plan which appears to be neglected by NHDC & HCC. 2. Our two district councillors are also parish councillors. 3. It is important to retain our parish councillors as the HCC councillors have not provided any local input for many, many years. 4. If we lose our parish council, with its excellent local knowledge and input, residents will lose out. 5. Parish issues must be handled in Knebworth. NHDC must not go the way of HCC councillors. 6. There is no local highway maintenance by HCC. 7. NHDC no longer provides pavement/street cleaning. 8. A surface water drain has been blocked for over thirty years. 9. HCC has wasted considerable sums of public money, achieving nothing. Local knowledge, rather than move responsibilities 'up the line', move responsibilities to parish councils, with appropriate funding. 10. Knebworth is to undergo a massive expansion programme. 11. In view of comment 10, should our councillors, parish and NHDC, be increased. New councillors to represent Knebworth East, Knebworth West/North and Central. 12. We have a very successful parish council, which in recent years has made very successful village improvements. 13. I may be wrong, but neither HCC nor NHDC have made improvements to the village – since the Local Government Act review of 1974. 14. I cannot see how the elimination of parish councillors will work for Knebworth. 15. At the next stage, NHDC should show the planned improvements to the rural areas. 16. Leave parish councillors in place. <p>Online response in unacceptable, as my PC has been out of service for over a week. Knebworth library did not have details as promised. How many online responses have been received.</p>
8	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Letchworth ;	Letchworth has previously had a Parish Council. It added costs to residents whilst delivering nothing of value in return. We already have too many District Councillors. Democracy does not require more people who think they know what you want better than you do.
9	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Letchworth ;	Everything good. Imposition of town or parish council to be strongly resisted. We had it once. It was dreadful. Luckily we were able to vote to get rid of it.
11	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Letchworth ;	Parishes should be represented by local residents. There does not appear to be an opportunity to join a Parish Council.
13	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Letchworth ;	We already have enough levels of local government in Letchworth. Adding another level to NHDC and The Heritage Foundation would slow decision making and possibly add to conflict due to vested interests.
14	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Letchworth ;	I have lived here for over 12 years and have not yet seen or heard anything from or about any parish council meetings/elections/initiatives. In fact I did not think there was a parish council in or around Letchworth, only NHDC and The Heritage Foundation. Both of these have held elections in the time I have lived here.

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			I can therefore only conclude that any Parish Council that does exist is woefully ineffective.
23	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Letchworth ;	No change required.
33	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Letchworth ;	We rejected a parish council previously and see no reason to introduce another level of government that cost us a considerable sum to cancel. I can see no useful purpose in setting up an organisation that spends public money.
39	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Letchworth ;	The current Parish and Town boundaries are in the right plaes.
69	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Letchworth ;	Keep it as is we previously abolished a parish council due to its waste of public funds.
80	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Letchworth ;	No changes required
89	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Letchworth ;	Locally in Letchworth we have the anomaly of the Letchworth Heritage Foundation which has i suggest has outlived its usefulness. In Letchworth we have to go through two Planning organisations in order to build extensions etc . If we want to remove a hedge an deceased tree the permission must be sought from Letchworth Heritage Foundation. Would it not be worth winding the Foundation up and transferring assets to the local council and then any subsequent profits be used to reduce council tax bills.
123	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Letchworth ;	n
37	I'm responding in my capacity as a Parish/Town Councillor ; Offley Parish Council parish Councillor	Offley ;	<p>The current arrangements include Cockernhoe in the Offley Parish Council, in reality Cockernhoe is not very close and maybe better matched with say Breachwood Green. The Village of Lilley sits as a separate Parish and maybe better matched with Offley as some issues, I e bus services, effect both areas and they geographically much closer.</p> <p>I would like to see more devolution to Parish Councils, I e a much greater say in Highway issues issues as these effect parishes more and more. These would include speed, condition of the carriageways, heavy vehicle bans, etc. At present the parishes seem to have little say with Highways on issues which affect them.</p>
55	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Offley ;	I think a parish council is highly valuable to us the residents it is a valid point of contact with someone who is very aware of the community they live in and therefore is qualified to represent us in any proposals that may effect the local environment and people that live there.
130	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Offley ;	Not so much borders definitely post codes
7	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Pirton ;	I'm not closely involved enough to make an informed opinion, but things seem to be working o.k as they are.
30	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Pirton ;	I know someone who wasn't asked for ID when voting (even though they took it with them)

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59	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Pirton ;	Boundaries are correct. I would like to see some provision for the voice of young people to be heard on the Parish Council.
62	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Pirton ;	Would like to see PPR introduced
74	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Pirton ;	The current arrangements, whereby the Parish Council meet in the Village Hall, are not all inclusive hence I believe, the very low attendance at their meetings of local residents. I would suggest that access to meetings via "zoom" or like would encourage more active participation by local residents. The use of social media such as facebook has highlighted the lack of communication by the current council when "hot topics" are commented on by residents who are able to use the platform to express their thoughts.
90	I'm responding on behalf of a Parish or Town council*; Pirton Parish Council	Pirton ;	The parish boundaries do reflect the local community. We have right number of seats on the parish council, but are always short of councillors to fill these seats. There have been no changes locally that mean parish arrangements should change. We would prefer election dates for the parish council and the district council to be on the same date in future.
129	I'm responding in my capacity as a Parish/Town Councillor ;I'm responding on behalf of a Parish or Town council*; Preston Parish Council	Preston ;	Preston Parish Council is happy with the current parish electoral arrangements. These arrangements reflect the interests of the local community and are convenient for local people. The Parish boundaries are in the correct place.
29	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Reed ;	I think the parish council for Reed works well as it is, I think the boundaries are in the right place.
75	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Reed ;	The current parish system has been in place for many years and is perfect for a small community
76	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Reed ;	The system in place is and has been perfectly adequate for a small parish
106	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Reed ;	I think they are about right. Reed is distinct from other local parishes, having its own clear identity and different interests from, say, Barkway, Chipping and Buckland. It is a small village with a parish council of just 5 members but it appears effective within its sphere of interest and its mandate.
125	I'm responding in my capacity as a Parish/Town Councillor ;I'm responding on behalf of a Parish or Town council*; Reed Parish Council parish Councillor	Reed ;	<p>Reed Parish Council welcomes the opportunity to contribute to this important review. In response to the questions on which we have been invited to offer a view, we have the following observations in relation to the parish of Reed.</p> <p>Do the current arrangements reflect the identities and interests of the local community? If not, what changes could be made to improve that?</p> <p>The current arrangements are, in our view, about right. There has been no call, so far as we are aware, for Reed to merge with any other local parishes, and we would not favour any such merger. Our interests, reflecting those of a small village with fewer than 350 residents, are significantly disparate from those of much larger nearby villages to necessitate the continuance of separate representation. Reed Parish Council currently has 5 members. We have considered whether there is a case for</p>

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			<p>expanding the Council to 6 members and have concluded that there is not, at least at the moment. Not even our longest-serving members can remember a meeting going inquorate. Whilst our members work hard to fulfil their duties, these are generally manageable within the current resources. This might change if the Council were obliged to take on significant new projects or responsibilities.</p> <p>Are the current arrangements effective and convenient for local people? If not, what changes could be made to improve them?</p> <p>Reed Parish Council works well within the community it serves. Councillors are accessible and responsive. The small size of the parish also means that most councillors are known personally to residents. A community WhatsApp group, as alongside our website, is well-used and lively, and provides a useful forum within which matters of local concern can be raised and responded to efficiently.</p> <p>Are the current Parish and Town boundaries in the right place, or are some properties divided from their communities?</p> <p>Whilst it is true that some properties within Reed Parish are at a distance from the main village, it is not clear that allocating them to another parish would provide a better solution. For example, the A10 provides a natural boundary between Reed and Reed End, the latter being part of Therfield parish. Moreover, some properties are by their nature rural and isolated, for example present and former farmhouses. We therefore see no case for changing the boundary.</p>
6	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Royston Town ;	I believe the current arrangements reflect the identities and interests of the local community and are effective and convenient. I believe they are in the right place.
10	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Royston Town ;	Not sure what the purpose of Royston Town Council is, aside managing council property bookings and running the May Fayre. Their decisions are always over ruled by NHDC. Would prefer for their tasks to be taken on by NHDC (as other towns have done) and residents to be given a council tax reduction.
16	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Royston Town ;	It is fine. No changes needed.
21	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Royston Town ;	I am happy with the current arrangements.
35	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Royston Town ;	Parish ward boundaries should be redrawn to mirror the district council ward boundaries. Consideration should be given to the number of Royston Town councillors which I believe is too large.
36	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Royston Town ;	I believe Royston is split into districts, I would have thought it would make more sense for us to be a complete section, as any decisions affect the whole town.
82	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Royston Town ;	I think most residents have no idea what they do. There should be a better way of communicating their role and activities.
91	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Royston Town ;	Current arrangements and boundaries are fine.
100	I'm responding in my capacity as a District Councillor;I'm responding in my capacity as a Parish/Town Councillor ;I'm responding in my	Royston Town ;	Town Council wards should reflect District wards as far as possible, to avoid confusion to residents and to make running elections more straightforward and efficient. In practice Town Councillors represent all Royston residents, not only those in their ward, so the Ward boundaries make little difference to community representation. The number of Councillors on Royston Town Council is sufficient and should

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	capacity as a resident; Royston Town Council Parish Councillor		<p>be maintained at 15. These should be elected to 3 Wards to match the District Wards as follows: Royston Palace - 4 Town Councillors, Royston Heath 5 Town Councillors, Royston Meridian 6 Town Councillors. This would mean that Royston Heath would include Royston Garden Lane (1), Royston West (3) & Royston Willowside (1) and Royston Meridian would include Royston Meridian (5) & Royston South (1).</p> <p>The Electoral cycle of the Town Council should be adjusted to coincide with the District elections, such that Town Councillors elected in 2026 would be elected for a 2 year term only and be re-elected on 4 year terms from 2028.</p>
101	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Royston Town ;	I think councillors elected to Royston Town Council should live in the area they are representing
120	I'm responding on behalf of a Parish or Town council*; Royston Town Council	Royston Town ;	<p>Members of Royston Town Council were disappointed when their response to the LGBCE review was not taken into account and six parish wards were set for Royston, two of them with just one allocated councillor.</p> <p>Royston Town Council met on 23rd September 2024 and their official consultation representation is detailed below -</p> <p>There should be three wards in Royston rather than the six parish wards that were agreed after the LGBCE review -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royston Heath Ward – to include the wards for Royston West, Royston Willowside and Royston Garden Lane - allocated 5 Town Councillors. • Royston Palace Ward – to remain as is - allocated 4 Town Councillors • Royston Meridian Ward – to include the wards for Royston Meridian and Royston South - allocated 6 Town Councillors. <p>The electoral arrangements for Royston Town Council should be brought into line with North Herts Council whereby the town councillors elected in 2026 would have a shortened term of office (2 years) and their term of office would expire in 2028.</p> <p>The total number of councillors should be 15 and this should not be reduced.</p>
126	I'm responding in my capacity as a District Councillor;	Royston Town ;	<p>The proposed one member wards for Royston Town Council are not suitable. It is not equitable that ~1% of the town's population in each case should elect 1/15 of its councillors. This will also be confusing for residents and lead to fewer contested elections.</p> <p>A better solution would be to match the 3 District wards. If Meridian is considered too large, then it could be divided into North and South, along Newmarket Road (RMR-1&2 and RMR-3&4).</p> <p>You might also like to consider reducing the number of councillors from 15 to 14. This would mean the seats could be divided in exactly the same proportion as district wards (i.e. 4, 6, 4 vs 2, 3, 2).</p>
12	I'm responding in my capacity as a Parish/Town Councillor ; Rushden and Wallington Parish Council	Rushden and Wallington ;	<p>Our Parish is made up of three villages, Wallington, Rushden and Redhill.</p> <p>However, Redhill, for some reason is split into 2 and one half is in the Rushden and Wallington Parish and the other half is in the Parish of Sandon. It would make much more sense to include the whole of Redhill into the parish of Rushden and Wallington as it would include all the residents in the same Parish and make them feel much less divided.</p>

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72	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Rushden and Wallington ;	A small parish that is able to truly reflect the views of its residents. Both villages share similar issues and concerns so a joint parish council is ideal
115	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Rushden and Wallington ;	The current arrangements are efficient and convenient.. The current Parish boundaries does not include our part of Redhill. I would like this to be corrected as we are in the Parish of Wallington and wish to keep this boundary in place.
116	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Rushden and Wallington ;	I live in Redhill and am on the Wallington side of the parish. The line runs down the middle of the road. I do not wish the boundaries to change. I like the history of us being in 3 parishes. I have not felt there is a problem when it comes to planning or anything else.
67	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	St. Ippolyts ;	I think parish councils are living in a previous age of lordships and serfs and are not representative of the modern age. They add an unnecessary step in the planning process and could easily be abolished.
102	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	St. Ippolyts ;	The village green at Gosmore would be much appreciated and needed if the parish would allow us to have a local market for the village, on the village green. Perhaps once per month or more. To sell local produce foods, fruit, vegetables, drinks, home made items. Their refusal was due to parking issues but there are many events in the village and cope admirably with parking, it would be of be of great help especially to the elderly and mothers at home and young families.
109	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	St. Ippolyts ;	While I believe the council currently acts mostly in the interests of the parish, I see important subjects that affect the local community sideline in favour of more status quo and basic admin. Digital connectivity is seemingly ignored, the local school suffers as a result, and provision for child recreation areas is woefully lacking in certain parts of the parish. Improvements to parish effectiveness is paramount to ensure the forward-looking interests of the community are addressed.
118	I'm responding on behalf of a Parish or Town council*; St Ippolyts Parish Council	St. Ippolyts ;	Resolved. No change to our civil boundary that includes north and south wards also land west of Stevenage.
96	I'm responding on behalf of a Parish or Town council*; Weston Parish Council	Weston ;	<p>The survey was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on the 8th August 2024. Our official response is as follows:</p> <p>We are happy with the current arrangements but anticipate that changes will be required in the future. More specifically, the site identified as GA2 in the Local Plan 2011-2031 would more than double the number of residential properties in the parish. Since the residents of that site will identify as being part of Great Ashby rather than Weston, it would be sensible to move the parish boundary to reflect that.</p> <p>In the event that development takes place on the GA2 site we would therefore request that the parish boundary be moved such that the area defined as GA2 in the Local Plan 2011-2031 is moved from the Parish of Weston into that of Great Ashby.</p>
43	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Wymondley ;	Wymondley Parish Council covers a diverse area consisting of Great Wymondley, Little Wymondley, Redcoats Green, Titmore Green and Todds Green. A disproportionately high amount of the annual budget is allocated to the largest village Little Wymondley. I do not suggest any boundary changes but perhaps the budget could be redefined to show the spending split by the five villages/hamlets so that residents can see that they are getting a fair return on the council tax they are paying.

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60	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Wymondley ;	<p>Reverse the Beeching Cuts of 1963 and restore Wymondley station.</p> <p>Or at the least, open a convenience store in Little Wymondley for the local residents.</p> <p>The recent road works are going well so thank you.</p> <p>And yes, the current Wymondley boundary is in the correct place.</p>
95	I'm responding in my capacity as a resident;	Wymondley ;	I believe Todd's Green should be taken out of Stevenage and put into Wymondley. Any major changes would affect us more than Stevenage and we should be able to have a say about it.