

Town / Parish	Do you think that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	The name of the parish or parishes	Please provide further details of your proposal	Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?	What is the name of the council?	How many councillors should there be?	Why are you proposing this number of councillors?	Do you have any further comments on stage 1 of the Community Governance Review?
Blackwater & Hawley Town Council	not sure/don't know			No				
Blackwater & Hawley Town Council	Yes	Blackwater & Hawley Town Council, Yateley Town Council	<p>Current Blackwater & Hawley</p> <p>Blackwater & Hawley's boundary is marked by the A30, the B3013 Minley Road and the M3 up to the Rushmoor border. It then follows the Rushmoor border to Hawley Lane and returns to the A30 essentially following the line of the Blackwater River. Historically, Sun Park estate is included in the parish boundary as is the southern part of Blackwater but does not include Frogmore or Darby Green. There is also a slight deviation to cross the A331 onto Riverside Way bordering with Camberley/Frimley.</p> <p>BHTC manages Blackwater & Hawley Leisure Centre, Hawley Memorial Hall, Coffee Shop on the Green and the Blackwater Centre on the A30, it also has responsibility for a number of green spaces throughout the parish, a cemetery and a play park. The popular Coffee Shop on the Green and Inn on the Green have, over recent years, developed an identity as a community hub and this continues to build.</p> <p>Blackwater & Hawley borders Rushmoor, Camberley, Sandhurst TC, Yateley TC, Hartley Wintney PC, and Fleet TC.</p> <p>Community Cohesion & Identity The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 requires principal councils to have regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the identity and interest of local communities. Cohesion issues are connected to the way people perceive how their local community is composed and what it represents. The CGR</p>	Yes	Blackwater & Hawley Town Council	If the parish boundaries change, the number of councillors should reflect the increased size of the parish	N/A	None

			<p>guidance (para 61) identifies that a key contribution to community cohesion is creating a sense of place. Changing a parish boundary could be seen as a way to strengthen the sense of community. If neighbouring areas share similar characteristics, cultures or needs, adjusting the boundaries could help foster greater unity and identity. This is particularly relevant if residents in surrounding areas feel disconnected from local governance or service provision. The CGR guidance (para 83) notes that the boundary between parishes needs to be easily identifiable – this is not currently the case as the Blackwater area is split between parishes causing confusion for residents.</p> <p>The areas of Frogmore and Darby Green are currently split from the remainder of the Blackwater postal area and may feel an improved sense of place and identity becoming part of the historical greater Blackwater area. It is presumed that the Blackwater town centre incorporating Lidl and Aldi are the major shopping areas for the historical greater Blackwater area. The long history of Blackwater provides a story that is essential to developing a sense of place and belonging. Extending the current parish boundary to the Darby Green roundabout would re-establish greater Blackwater as a community area with a common identity and allow the area to thrive.</p> <p>If the Blackwater area north of the A30 were to pass to Yateley TC, BHTC would become financially unsustainable due to the reduction in parish precept and the upkeep of existing facilities, and the community hub would be impossible.</p> <p>The BHTC parish area currently has little scope for future building as it consists predominantly of MOD land (including Gibraltar Barracks) and areas identified as SPA.</p> <p>Many of those currently attending the BHTC site are from the bordering Rushmoor area which is currently unparished.</p> <p>Over recent years the BHTC budget has substantially increased with income generated from the community hub facilities including Coffee Shop</p>					
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			on the Green and Inn on the Green. Whilst only having an electorate of 4312 (across the wards of Blackwater and Hawley & Minley) the income generated is second to Fleet with the income generated from the Harlington Centre. BHTC's aging infrastructure has led to significant increases in precept over recent years to enable essential maintenance on the Leisure Centre (built c1975) and Memorial Hall (built c1897) but is not the highest in the Hart DC area as the precept remains lower than Fleet and Hartley Wintney. An increase in electorate would enable the precept to stabilise to a more reasonable level in future years.					
Church Crookham Parish Council	No			No				I would prefer to see parish councillors appointed in a different way to prevent undue bias caused by the current process whereby most are selected for like mindedness by existing councillors
Elvetham Heath Parish Council	No			Yes	Elvetham Heath Parish Council	9	More councillors would help manage growing local issues, share the workload, and improve decision-making.	Elvetham Heath should not be warded.
Eversley Parish Council	No			No				

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Ewshot Parish Council	No							
Fleet Town Council	Yes	Bramshill, Dogmersfield, Greywell, Heckfield, Long Sutton, Mattingley, Rotherwick, South Warnborough, Winchfield	I believe these parishes are too small. To retain their identity, they should become a 'ward' of a neighbouring council with a councillor to represent their views.	Yes	Fleet Town Council	12	I think one councillor per 1500 electors provides sufficient representation. FTC frequently has to co-opt so operates at a lower level than stated anyway	I think there ought to be a minimum number of electors required per councillor (1500 might be too high but those with under 100 is ludicrous)
Fleet Town Council	Yes	Small parishes , based on precept should be merged	Where possible , based on Geographical closeness. to create a new meaningful entity following local govt reorg. Where not possible a small parish should be merged with closest large parish.. Unitary authorities are likely to devolve certain services and parishes need to have size as a result	Yes	This follows the merger o certain parshes	Follows merger	In view of reduced Democracy with Unitary- eg Hart ay only have 10/15 Cllrs need for strong representation at this level	Not at this stage of knowledge re LG R
Fleet Town Council	Yes	the majority of the parishes that effectively have over representation in terms of councillor per elector	With the potential for Unitary Authorities having a population of 500,000, having a lower tier with populations in the hundreds is not realistic. Very small parishes have precepts that do not allow anything but very minor works to take place. To be able to better serve their local community small, adjacent parishes should be grouped such that the electors per councillor should not be less than 500.. This still means the electors in larger parishes are disenfranchised as the representation is around 1000 per councillor	Yes	All councils where the ratio of electors to councillors is less than 500	Suggest minimum of 5	This would represent an electorate of at least 2,500 which means that the precept starts to be meaningful in terms of doing more significant local projects	No, except to say that it is important that parish councils are truly secular and not based upon the old church parish boundaries

Fleet Town Council	No			Yes	Fleet Town Council	15	To many who are not active enough	The Council Staff are key! So what ever changes are made, ALL staff jobs should be made safe!!
Fleet Town Council	Yes	Fleet church Crookham Elsenham and Crookham village	As this is one ionisation area they should be merged into one town council. This would give better finance stability being economies of scale and allow more to be achieved.	Yes	Fleet	Reduce from 3 to 2 per polling district or being to a total of 3 per ward.	As polling districts are very small and there is no need for that many people from each polling district.	The above comments would be even more relevant if merger of Fleet elvetham and Crookham parishes. In this case 3 per existing district ward would be far more sensible.
Fleet Town Council	Yes	Fleet, Church Crookham, Elvertham	Residents from these three councils use Fleet town itself, including facilities such as the Harlington, yet contribute nothing towards them. For example, last Christmas there were residents of Elvertham and Church Crookham complaining about the Christmas lights and saying Fleet Town Council should have spent more. As these residents regularly use Fleet Town they should contribute towards the facilities and upkeep.	Not sure/don't know				We need to ensure there are enough councillors to represent each area, however getting people to volunteer is an issue.
Fleet Town Council	Yes	Church Crookham, Crookham Village, Elvetham Heath and Fleet Town . Additionally, see possibility of amalgamating , without any detriment to local needs, parishes such as Long Sutton, Odiham and Warnborough Parishes. , and possibly Rotherwick with Hook.	4 separate "parish" councils for an area as small as Fleet (of which these areas are all fundamentally part) seems unnecessary. There is little discernible interests and needs between these areas, particularly between Fleet Town and Church Crookham. Seems like over representation, duplication of roles and costs. As above for other reorganisation.	Yes	Hart District Council	Approx half current numbers	Reduction of number of parishes , if reduce current by approx 10	

Fleet Town Council	No			Yes	Fleet Town Council	12	Difficulty in filling the posts and council meetings currently take too long as discussions go on to take in the views of all the councillors.	
Greywell Parish Council	not sure/don't know			Not sure/don't know			At their meeting held on 7 May 2025, Greywell Parish Council discussed the Hart Community Governance Review. At this early stage of the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), there was not a clear conviction to propose a merger with another parish(s) – hence the earlier answer of 'Not Sure'. However, it was agreed that depending on the eventual structure and working realities of LGR, there could be scenarios whereby a merger could be an attractive or	

							essential prospect.	
Hartley Wintney Parish Council	No			Not sure/ don't know				<p>This questions is too broad to be answered effectively. There are some Councils which would benefit for more Councillors and other who work as they are. What should be easier is the process of increasing councillor numbers should the need arise. Especially given the forthcoming reorganisation and devolution. Until the 'allocation' of areas of responsibility are known its not possible to say how the parishes will best work</p>
Hook Parish Council	No			Yes	Hook Parish Council	Up to 15	<p>Since 1999 Hook has seen significant growth and now is approximately 10,000 people strong. Consequently, and after a quarter of a century, it is apposite to adjust Councillor numbers to better reflect the</p>	<p>The matter of the Community Governance Review was discussed at the Hook Parish Council meeting on 2nd April 2025. This response reflects the views of the Council, as discussed at that meeting</p>

							size of the community.	
Long Sutton Parish Council	No			No				<p>It is important to maintain representation and a degree of autonomy at parish level so that local issues can be addressed. Without parish level representation, relatively small issues which matter at a local level will either be trivialised and ignored, or will overwhelm representatives at the next level of representation. My organisation and our parish council work also well together to forge social cohesion e.g. organising celebratory events such as Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee and the Coronation of King Charles.</p>
Long Sutton Parish Council	No			No				<p>It is difficult to attract new volunteers on our PC so I don't think more would be appropriate</p>

Odiham Parish Council	Yes	Smaller village parishes with population less than 250 residents.	Response is "possibly" - If following reorganisation of parish councils more responsibility is passed down to them some of the smaller village parishes should be amalgamated in order to enable them to effectively manage their increased responsibilities. The amalgamation should be agreed by neighbouring parishes with the governance agreed.	Yes	Odiham Parish Council	12	Due to the increasing workload and village engagement and the fact that many of our councillors work full time and/or with young children.	All seats have been filled for several years and there have been more than one applicant for co-options.
Odiham Parish Council	No			Not sure/don't know				
South Warnborough Parish Council	No							I think the existing structure of parish councils acts as an effective voice for local issues, particularly in the villages within Hart whose voices could be lost in a structure with fewer, larger representative groups.

South Warnborough Parish Council	No			No				
South Warnborough Parish Council	No			Yes	South Warnborough PC	minimum of 3	Village finds it difficult to fill vacancies	Additional support may be required to support PCs where smaller number of councillors elected
South Warnborough Parish Council	No			No				
South Warnborough Parish Council	No			No				We are a parish community. We have as much in common with Upton Grey which is in a different Constituency / District as we do with neighbouring parishes. Democracy seems to be getting further and further away
South Warnborough Parish Council	not sure/don't know			Not sure/ don't know				

South Warnborough Parish Council	No			No				
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South Warnborough Parish Council	No			No				I think it's important that parishes should reflect the needs of the people in them. How can that happen if they are all squished into a few huge ones? The needs of those living in outlying areas are bound to be different to those living in a more urban environment
South Warnborough Parish Council	No			Yes	South Warnborough PC	5	Streamline process and reduce unnecessary overheads and nepotism	

South Warnborough Parish Council	No			No				
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South Warnborough Parish Council	No			No				
South Warnborough Parish Council	not sure/don't know			No				
South Warnborough Parish Council	Yes	Crookham Village and Dogmersfield should combine; Hook and Rotherwick should combine	Crookham Village and Dogmersfield should combine as they share common infrastructure and are boundaries indistinguishable. Hook and Rotherwick should combine as they are very close together and share resources like schooling.	Yes	South Warnborough PC	4	The current PC has 3 councillors and has struggled to recruit any more. 3 is insufficient and 5 seems to be too many	Parish Clerks should be individuals from within the community and not professional administrators with a salary
South Warnborough Parish Council	No			Yes	South Warnborough PC	More than now	Because of increased responsibility and workload if Hampshire were to become a Unitary Authority / abolition of the County or District councils	

South Warnborough Parish Council	No		With devolution I anticipate that PCs will likely gain increased responsibility and workload. More Cllrs are needed					
South Warnborough Parish Council	No							
South Warnborough Parish Council	No			No			Small parish councils should have access to more funds from central government as it is impossible to raise enough money from the precept alone	
South Warnborough Parish Council	No			Yes	South Warnborough PC	5	Currently too few	No
South Warnborough Parish Council	No			No				
Winchfield Parish Council	No			No			<p>The Parish Council considers that the current establishment of five Councillors and one Clerk remains appropriate for Winchfield.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the uncertainty of how local government reorganisation in Hampshire will</p>	

								<p>impact parish and town councils by 2028, Winchfield Parish Council considers that given the unique nature of Winchfield within Hart we need to remain as a discrete parish council. We have invested heavily in preparing two consecutive Neighbourhood Plans to illustrate and sustain Winchfield's unique character within Hart.</p> <p>Winchfield Parish Council is concerned is that if Hart proceeds with the current timetable, the feedback received during the consultation may be limited or unrepresentative. Parish councils simply will not have had enough time to review, consult, and agree on any possible changes. Decision-making at the Town and Parish level is subject to legal requirements and, in cases like</p>
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								<p>this, will likely involve coordination between multiple neighbouring councils.</p> <p>We strongly recommend that a further consultation is held in Hart after Hampshire County Council submits its final proposal to the Government on devolution and local government reorganisation later this year.</p>
Yateley Town Council	No			Not sure/ don't know				<p>We are currently very well supported by various local councils, including Hart, Rushmoor, Yateley and Blackwater & Hawley. We see a lot of community spirit through our local councillors and wish for this to continue.</p>
Yateley Town Council	No			No				

Yateley Town Council	not sure/don't know			no				
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Yateley Town Council	Yes	Yateley Town Council	Yateley administrative area measured from Yateley Library to Frogmore(Frogmore Junior school) is 2.5 miles so large area for what is described as `Town`. Residents of Frogmore, Darby Green do not use the supermarket in Yateley instead using Blackwater supermarkets, nor Frogmore, Darby Green resident children attend Yateley schools since Frogmore well served with educational establishments. Frogmore has two green spaces: Frogmore, Darby Green playing field, so adequate for residents though part of precept being used for maintenance of Yateley Green. Other than pandemic no Yateley Town council meetings held in Frogmore, Darby Green so residents of these areas isolated from democratic process if transport not available other than car which ironic given Town Council net zero target. Blackwater and Hawley `closer to home` for residents of Frogmore, Darby Green but this council has high facilities costs compared to similar sized authority. Boundary of Yateley ideally should be altered excluding residents in Frogmore, Darby Green who then become part of Blackwater and Hawley Town Council for precept purposes.	Yes	Yateley Town Council	4	My proposal would withdraw two councillors serving area of Frogmore and one councillor serving Darby Green area who then will sit on Blackwater and Hawley Town Council.	

Yateley Town Council	No			No			<p>It's nor always clear which Councillor is responsible for each ward in Eversley.</p> <p>I don't like the idea that a large council who is nearly £100 million in debt can merge with smaller councils and then sell their land to raise funds and clear debts.</p>	
Yateley Town Council	Yes	Eversley/Yateley/Blackwater & Hawley	<p>Alteration of the boundaries:</p> <p>On the western border of Yateley with Eversley - Mayflower drive/Crosby Gardens one half of the road is in Yateley and the other half is in Eversley – it clearly needs to be in Yateley as this seems to be a mistake.</p> <p>The eastern border of Yateley that borders Blackwater & Hawley parish this also poses an issue, as it runs through a housing estate and between houses, leaving no clear separation between. Preserve the boundary as is for now but seek to open a conversation with Blackwater and Hawley of whether a more natural border could be drawn. Any changes should be done with the consent of residents of Frogmore & Darby Green and where they feel they belong.</p>	Not sure/don't know				

Yateley Town Council	No			Not sure/don't know				<p>If boundaries change between Yateley and Eversley there is a greater risk of strategic greenfield gaps being lost as additional space gives Yateley more options for development rather than infill urban gaps (if there are any) or use brown fields or simply say "We are full"!</p> <p>Having a Neighbourhood Plan may generate CIL income for five years for a few currently needy sectors of society but at the cost of future decades of green therapy for multiple generations and a far more diverse sector of the community.</p>
Yateley Town Council	No			No				
Yateley Town Council	No			No				<p>I believe each area has distinct characteristics and to merge councils would not be beneficial.</p>
Yateley Town Council	No			No				

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Yateley Town Council	No			Not sure/don't know				
Yateley Town Council	not sure/don't know			Not sure/don't know				
Yateley Town Council	No			No				
Yateley Town Council	Yes	Yateley Frogmore & Darby Green & Blackwater & Hawley	<p>Vision 4 Youth is a charity based in Yateley, Hampshire, that provides youth clubs and services for young people in the local community and surrounding areas. We act as a resource to support those aged 11-25 by providing advice, guidance, assistance, activities and fun.</p> <p>From our original start in Yateley, V4Y has been developing towards the east; now offering youth clubs in Darby Green. We are beginning to communicate with Hawley and Blackwater who have shown an interest in working with V4Y to support young people in their town. This feels like a natural development and reflects the interests of the community and community cohesion.</p>	No				No
Yateley Town Council	No			No				
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Yateley Town Council	No			No				
Yateley Town Council	Yes	Yateley Town Council; Blackwater and Hawley Council	<p>I think it MAY be more appropriate for the areas of Darby Green (and particularly Frogmore) currently in Yateley to be moved to Blackwater. They are both closer to the centre of gravity within the community of Blackwater, and their identity has never clearly matched that of Yateley where they currently reside, and from which they are divided by a gap.</p>	No				I am more concerned with how rigid the parish boundaries (for example, between Yateley and Eversley) where the impact of one having a

								neighbourhood plan, and the other not can be severe, especially when it involves a proposed development which has more impact on the neighbouring parish. I am also concerned that there is no mechanism for exploring this in the context of the "Blackwater Valley" which crosses county and district/borough boundaries, but often has an impact at that parish level eg. Yateley and Sandhurst; Eversley and Finchampstead; Blackwater and Surrey Heath. I despair that there is no mechanism or forum for looking at the Blackwater Valley dimension as a whole.
Yateley Town Council	No			No				
Yateley Town Council	No			Not sure/don't know				
Unallocated	No			Yes	Hartley Wintney Parish Council	10	History of uncontested elections and	

							Councillor vacancies	
Unallocated	No			Not sure/ don't know				should relate to the number of residents in the parish and then be similar across the parishes depending on resident numbers.
Unallocated	No			No				