

# Should Grantham have a Town Council?

Survey

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Friday 22 April 2022 at:  
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## Introduction

South Kesteven District Council is undertaking a Community Governance Review to determine if there is support for the creation of a parish or town council for Grantham.

Before the District Council makes any decision, we would like to know what you think.

The Council understands that Community Governance Reviews can be a complicated process and would recommend that you **read the information document accompanying this survey** to help you answer the questions below. Please answer as many questions as you wish.

You can complete this survey by going online to **[www.southkesteven.gov.uk/GranthamCGR](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/GranthamCGR)** or by scanning the QR code on the front cover with your mobile phone camera or completing this printed version.

Thank you.

**This consultation closes on 22 April 2022.**

### Creation of a parish or town council for Grantham

One of the key questions as part of this Community Governance Review is whether or not a parish or town council should be created for Grantham. The accompanying leaflet provides you with information regarding the current governance arrangements for Grantham, the role of a parish or town council and the potential cost implications in relation to Council Tax precepting. Having taken this into account we are keen to hear your views as to whether a parish or town council should be put in place for Grantham.

#### **Q1. Should a parish or town council be set up to serve the town of Grantham?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/not sure

Please use the space below to comment on this proposal

## Setting an administrative boundary

South Kesteven District Council would like to know if you think any new council should cover just those parts of Grantham that don't currently have a parish or town council (the Unparished Area) or also take in parts of any of the surrounding parish areas; and whether any other changes should be made to those parishes.

As part of a review of the electoral arrangements for South Kesteven in 2015, The Local Government Boundary Commission for England identified three areas where properties and electors had been included within three of the Grantham District wards but remained within neighbouring Parish Council areas. They are detailed on Map A, page 7, of the information document supplied.

**Q2. Should any new parish or town council that is set up in the currently unparished area of Grantham also take in any of the urban parts of those parishes shown on map A? This could mean parts of Belton & Manthorpe, Great Gonerby and/or Londonthorpe & Harrowby Without parishes forming part of any new Grantham parish or town council boundary.**

- Yes – the new parish/town council should also take in the urban part(s) of the following surrounding parish(es):
- Great Gonerby Parish – 78 properties, 173 electors
  - Londonthorpe and Harrowby Without Parish – 189 properties, 343 electors
  - Belton and Manthorpe Parish – 111 properties, 234 electors
- No – the new parish/town council should be confined to the currently unparished area.
- Don't know

**Please use the space below to comment:**

The Council is obliged to take account of future developments as part of the community governance arrangements and would like your opinion on any other potential changes to parish boundaries. Map B, page 7, in the information document sets out the areas that have been identified for future development.

The Council will also need to be mindful of natural borders and boundaries that may exist in the locality. An example of this could be the A1 trunk road which runs adjacent to the currently unparished area of Grantham.

**Q3. Should the boundary for any new parish or town council change and include any part of any other surrounding parishes? This may involve altering the boundaries of any of the neighbouring parishes.**

Yes – the boundary for any new parish/town council should change and include other part(s) of the following surrounding parish(es):

Barrowby (SPECIFY AREA)

Harlaxton (SPECIFY AREA)

Little Ponton & Stroxton (SPECIFY AREA)

Belton and Manthorpe (SPECIFY AREA)

Great Gonerby (SPECIFY AREA)

Londonthorpe & Harrowby Without (SPECIFY AREA)

No – the boundary for any new parish/town council should be confined to the currently unparished area.

Don't know

**Please use the space below to comment:**

## The impact of any proposed boundary changes on parishes

The Council would also like your opinion on the arrangements it should make in respect of any parishes that may be affected by the creation of a new parish or town council.

**Q4. In the event that a new parish or town council is established which includes the currently unparished area of Grantham and urban parts of one or more surrounding parishes, what arrangements should be made for the remaining (rural) parts of those parishes?**

- If viable, they should remain as individual, smaller, parishes each with their own council
- They should also be absorbed into the new town council serving Grantham
- Consideration should be given to merging or grouping them into a smaller number of areas
- Don't know

**Please use the space below to comment:**

## Electoral arrangements

If a new parish or town council is created, the District Council needs to determine if it should be divided into wards for the purpose of electing Councillors.

**Q5. If a new parish or town council is established for Grantham, how should it be divided into wards for the purposes of elections?**

- Seven wards based on the Grantham district ward boundaries as far as possible.
- Other warding arrangements – please provide details below
- Don't know

**If you think there should be different warding arrangements, please use the space below to tell us what these should be**

## Anything else

**Q6. If you have any questions or would like to comment on anything included in this survey, please use the space below:**

**Q7. If you would like to be informed of the outcome of the first stage of the Community Governance Review, please give us your contact details. They will only be used to contact you in relation to this review and will not be used for any other purpose or passed onto anyone else.**

Name

Address

Village/Town

Postcode

Email address

**The Council would prefer to communicate with you by email where possible.**

## About you

To help us make sure that we have taken the views of all our stakeholders into account, we would like to know a bit more about you. Please be assured that any information you give us will only be used to measure if the views we have gathered are representative of the communities we serve. They will not be used to identify you in any way or be passed onto anyone else.

### Q8. Please tell us if you are .....? Please tick all that apply.

- A resident of South Kesteven
- A parish, town, district or county councillor
- A parish or town council (please use the space below to tell us which one)
- A local business
- Representing a group or other organisation (please use the space below to tell us which one)
- Other, please specify

### Q9. Please tell us your postcode. This will only be used to see if we have received responses from the areas that will be affected by any changes that may be introduced. It will not be used to identify you in any way.

Thank you for taking part.

By letting us know your thoughts on the proposal to create a town or parish council for Grantham, you will help to inform the decision the Council will take on this issue in May.

**THIS CONSULTATION CLOSSES ON 22 APRIL 2022**

**Return your survey to:**



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