

# Community Governance Review Consultation

November 2022  
Belton & Manthorpe Parish



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## Introduction

South Kesteven District Council understands how important it is for people to feel that they belong to an established community. A central part of any community governance review process is to ensure community identity is recognised and that those taking part are given the chance to express any thoughts they may have on this issue.

We are contacting you because we want to find out if you think you have more in common with the town of Grantham or Belton & Manthorpe parish. You may not have an opinion either way. Your feedback will help us to determine where the boundary for a new town/ parish council for Grantham should lie.

This is an important part of the process and will build on the results of the consultation undertaken earlier this year, which showed strong support for the creation of a new town/parish council for Grantham. Two thirds of respondents (974 or 66.2%) were in favour.

We welcome your comments. Please spare us a few moments to tell us what you think.

**Thank you.**

**Please note this consultation closes on 19 December 2022.**

## Why are you asking me about this now?

Because it is the right time to consider this issue. At a meeting of full council on 26 May 2022, South Kesteven District Council agreed in principle that a new parish/town council should be created to represent Grantham. Part of this process will involve determining where the boundaries of the new parish/town council should be drawn, and if changes should be made to realign parish boundaries in line with ward boundaries. Your property is in an area identified by the Boundary Commission in 2015 as being included in one of Grantham's district wards - represented by Grantham District Councillors - but also within the parish of Belton & Manthorpe.

## How will my feedback help?

Your feedback will be considered by SKDC's Community Governance Review Working Group and will inform the recommendation they make to South Kesteven District Council. The Council will then determine a proposed administrative external boundary for the new parish/town council of Grantham. A further consultation on this formal proposal will then be undertaken.

## Who has been contacted?

This survey has only been sent to a small number of households in the parish of Belton & Manthorpe. That is because your property is located within the Grantham district ward of St Wulfram's but is also in the parish of Belton & Manthorpe.

Those living in properties in the rest of the parish of Belton & Manthorpe have not been contacted.

## What would this mean for my household?

It depends on what decision is taken.

If the Council decides that the boundary that currently exists between the parish of Belton & Manthorpe and Grantham should be re-drawn, your household would no longer be part of Belton & Manthorpe parish for administrative purposes. It would become part of the new parish/town council of Grantham instead.

This would mean you would be able to vote to determine who represents Grantham on the new parish/town council. You would no longer have a say in who represents the parish of Belton & Manthorpe as your household would no longer be part of that parish for administrative purposes. Your household would no longer pay a precept to Belton & Manthorpe Parish Council but would instead pay a contribution towards the new parish/town council of Grantham.

If the Council decides that the boundary that currently exists between the parish of Belton & Manthorpe and Grantham should remain as it is now, your household will remain part of Belton & Manthorpe parish for administrative purposes. You would continue to pay a precept to Belton & Manthorpe Parish Council and could vote for those parish councillors to represent you. You would not however have a say in determining who represents Grantham on the new town/parish council.

## **What would this mean for Belton & Manthorpe Parish Council?**

It depends on the decision.

If the decision is taken to change the boundary between Belton & Manthorpe parish and the new town/parish council and include the households identified by the Boundary Commission, the parish of Belton & Manthorpe will have 111 fewer properties.

If, however, the decision is to keep the boundary where it is, there will be no reduction in the number of properties or electors.

## **Your choice**

Please tell us which of the following options you would prefer. Please tick one only

### **My household:**

- Would prefer to remain part of the parish of Belton & Manthorpe. I understand this means my household would not become part of the parish/town council of Grantham and would continue to be part of Belton & Manthorpe parish.
- Would prefer to join the new parish/town council of Grantham. I understand this means my household would no longer be part of the parish of Belton & Manthorpe.
- Does not have an opinion either way.

## **Anything else**

If you have any questions or would like to comment on anything included in this survey, please use the space below to tell us about it:

For a response to your comment or question, or to be informed about this part of the consultation, please supply 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	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
Address 2	<input type="text"/>
Village/Town	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>

## About you

To help make sure we have taken the views of all our stakeholders into account, we would like to know a bit more about you. Any information you give us will only be used to measure if the views we have collected are representative of the communities we serve. It will not be used to identify you in any way.

Please tell us your postcode. This will help us check that we have received responses from the areas that will be affected by any changes that may be introduced.

Thank you for responding.

**THIS CONSULTATION CLOSSES ON 19 DECEMBER 2022**



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