

Thank you for taking part in this consultation.

We are carrying out a Community Governance Review (CGR) to make sure local councils and parish areas in North Somerset work well for the people who live there. This is your chance to have a say on how local governance reflects your community's identity and needs, and whether any changes are needed to improve local services.

Your feedback will help us shape recommendations for possible changes. There will be a second consultation in Summer 2025, where you will have another opportunity to share your views before any final decisions are made.

The deadline to return this questionnaire is **midnight on Wednesday 30 April 2025.**

SECTION 1: ABOUT YOU AND YOUR SUBMISSION

Q1. Would you like to be notified about the second phase of the consultation and receive updates on any proposed changes?

*If yes, we will ask you to provide your contact details below. This is optional, but if you choose to share your information, we will invite you to take part in the second phase of the consultation in Summer 2025 and keep you informed about any changes. You **do not** need to provide your details to participate in this or the following consultation.*

Yes (please provide details below)

No

Full Name

Postal Address

Email

Tel. no

Q2. How did you find out about this engagement?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> North Somerset Council's social media | <input type="checkbox"/> Local news/media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other social media | <input type="checkbox"/> Leaflet or flyer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email from e-consult | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North Somerset Council's website | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify below) |

Q3. In what capacity are you responding to this consultation?

(Please select the option that best applies to you)

- A North Somerset Council resident
- A North Somerset Council employee
- A North Somerset Councillor
- A North Somerset Parish/Town Councillor
- A North Somerset Parish/Town Clerk
- A community group or organisation
- A local business
- A local public or voluntary organisation (e.g. school, healthcare provider)
- Other (please specify below)

Please tell us which parish council, business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed. We will not publish the name of your business, organisation, or group without your permission.

Q4. Do we have your permission to publish the name of your organisation as part of our summary of responses report?

Yes

No

Q5. Please let us know what area in North Somerset you wish to comment on.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Whole of North Somerset | <input type="checkbox"/> Congresbury | <input type="checkbox"/> Tickenham |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure/Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> Dundry | <input type="checkbox"/> Walton-in-Gordano |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abbots Leigh | <input type="checkbox"/> Flax Bourton | <input type="checkbox"/> Weston-in-Gordano |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backwell | <input type="checkbox"/> Hutton | <input type="checkbox"/> Weston-super-Mare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banwell | <input type="checkbox"/> Kenn | <input type="checkbox"/> Wick St Lawrence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barrow Gurney | <input type="checkbox"/> Kewstoke | <input type="checkbox"/> Winford |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blagdon | <input type="checkbox"/> Kingston Seymour | <input type="checkbox"/> Winscombe and Sandford |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bleadon | <input type="checkbox"/> Locking | <input type="checkbox"/> Wraxall and Failand |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brockley | <input type="checkbox"/> Long Ashton | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrington |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burrington | <input type="checkbox"/> Loxton | <input type="checkbox"/> Yatton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butcombe | <input type="checkbox"/> Pill & Easton in Gordano | <input type="checkbox"/> Wraxall and Failand |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Churchill | <input type="checkbox"/> Portbury | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapton-in-Gordano | <input type="checkbox"/> Portishead | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleeve | <input type="checkbox"/> Puxton | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clevedon | <input type="checkbox"/> St Georges | |

SECTION 2: EXISTING PARISHES

A Community Governance Review can recommend changes to:

- Parish names
- Parish boundaries
- Electoral arrangements of parish/town councils (e.g., number of councillors, warding structure)

Q6. Do you think the name of your parish reflects your community and its identity?

(please select one option only)

Yes, no change needed

No, it should be changed (please specify below)

I'm not sure

If you said no, please specify why below. If you have an alternative name suggestion for your parish, you may wish to also use this space to tell us.

Q7. Do you think your parish boundary make sense for your community?

(please select one option only)

Yes, no change needed (*go to question 9*)

No, it should be reviewed

I'm not sure (*go to question 9*)

Q8. If you ticked that it should be reviewed, what kind of changes would you support?

(please select one option only)

Expand the boundary to include nearby areas

Reduce the boundary to focus on a smaller area

Other (please specify)

Please describe any specific changes you would like to see in your parish boundary. Any maps you have that illustrate these changes can be returned with this questionnaire.

Q9. Should the number of councillors in your parish/town council change?

(please select one option only)

Yes, the number of councillors should be increased

Yes, the number of councillors should be reduced

No change

I'm not sure

Please enter any additional comments



Q10. Do you think your parish/town council should be divided into wards for electing councillors? This would mean breaking the area into smaller sections, each represented by its own councillor(s). Currently, only the following parish/town councils are divided into wards:

- Clevedon town council
- Long Ashton parish council
- Nailsea town council
- Pill & Easton-in-Gordano parish council
- Portishead town council
- Weston-super-Mare town council
- Wick St Lawrence parish council
- Winford parish council
- Wrington parish council
- Yatton parish council

(please select one option only)

Yes

No

My parish/town council is already divided into wards

I'm not sure

If yes, please explain how you think the area should be divided into wards. Any maps you have that illustrate your proposed ward boundaries can be returned with this questionnaire. If you have name suggestion for these wards, you may wish to also use this space to tell us.



Q11. Do you think any changes should be made to the existing wards in your parish/town council? This could include changes to ward boundaries, ward names or the number of councillors per ward.

The following parish/town councils are divided into wards:

- Clevedon town council
- Long Ashton parish council
- Nailsea town council
- Pill & Easton-in-Gordano parish council
- Portishead town council
- Weston-super-Mare town council
- Wick St Lawrence parish council
- Winford parish council
- Wrington parish council
- Yatton parish council

(please select one option only)

Yes

No

My parish/town council is not divided into wards

I'm not sure

If yes, please describe the changes you think should be made. Any maps you have that illustrate these changes can be returned with this questionnaire.

SECTION 3: NEW PARISHES

A new parish can be created by:

- Combining parts of existing parishes
- Merging two or more parishes
- Separating part of a parish

Q12. Should a new parish be created in North Somerset?

(please select one option only)

Yes, a new parish is needed

No

I'm not sure

If you selected "Yes," please describe your proposal, including how it should be created, suggested boundaries, and a name for the new parish. Any maps you have that illustrate the boundaries can be returned with this questionnaire.

SECTION 4: PARISH GROUPING REVIEW

There are currently no grouped parishes in North Somerset. The review may recommend grouping parishes, but this will only happen with the consent of each affected parish.

Q13. Do you feel that there is a need to group any of the parishes in North Somerset?

(please select one option only)

Yes, a new parish is needed

No

I'm not sure

If yes, please explain which parishes should be grouped, why, how it would benefit the community, and any suggested name for the group.

Q14. Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?

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Q15. Are there any fairness considerations that we need to bear in mind in this consultation to ensure that you/the group(s) you represent are not treated unfairly due to any protected characteristics as defined in the Equality Act 2010:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage and civil partnership
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Race
- Religion or belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation

... or anything else you would like us to know about.

Please avoid sharing any personal or sensitive information in the text box below.

Thank you for completing this survey. Please return it to: Electoral Services, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Any submissions to the review should be published.

No personal details will be included in the published submissions.

Representations by individuals will be anonymised before publication. Published representations made on behalf of an organisation or group will include the name and address of that organisation or group but not the name of the individual.

Any personal details including contact details provided by any person in the period of the review will be retained for 12 months following the review and will only be used for the purpose of contacting that person in connection with the review.

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