Cabinet – AGENDA PART 1 (AGENDA ITEMS 1-7)

Date: Wednesday, 1 October 2025

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence from Councillors.

2. Declarations of Interests

Councillors are requested to declare any interests on items included in this agenda. Please refer to the workflow on the preceding page for guidance.

Declarations received will be reported at the meeting.

3. Confirmation of Minutes 9 - 28

To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 16 July 2025.

4. Public Issues

To receive any public questions, statements or petitions submitted in accordance with the Constitution. Further information on the requirements for submitting these is available to view at the following link:-

https://democracy.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=151&Info=1&bcr=1

The deadline for the submission of public questions is mid-day on Thursday 25 September 2025 [mid-day 3 clear working days before the meeting].

The deadline for the submission of a statement is mid-day on Tuesday 30 September 2025 [mid-day the working day before the meeting].

The deadline for the submission of a petition is Wednesday 17 September 2025 [10 working days before the meeting].

5. Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

To consider recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny committees on items not otherwise included on the Cabinet Agenda.

6. Council Budget Monitoring 2025/26 at Quarter One 29 - 86

This report provides the quarter one 2025/26 projected financial outturn information for the general fund, capital programme, housing revenue account (HRA) and Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).

The quarter one position reflects the increasing financial challenges facing local government around social care for both adults and children and in making provision for a growing number of children and young adults with special education needs and disabilities (SEND).

The forecast revenue outturn is indicating a £3.7m overspend but officers are continuing to seek mitigations to deliver a balanced budget by the year end.

7. Community Governance Review - Final Recommendations 87 - 1642

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (Part 4) devolved power from the Secretary of State to principal councils to carry out community governance reviews and put in place or make changes to local community governance arrangements.

The Council commenced a review following the Council decision in October 2024 at which the terms of reference and timetable were approved. The Task and Finish Group has considered the response to the consultation, taking into account all relevant factors, engaged with local ward councillors and existing parish councils before determining these recommendations.

Cabinet is asked to consider the final recommendations of the Task and Finish Group and to make a recommendation to Council.

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BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL

CABINET

Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 July 2025 at 10.15 am

Present:-

Cllr M Earl – Chairman

Present:	Cllr D Brown, Cllr R Burton, Cllr A Hadley, Cllr J Hanna, Cllr R Herrett, Cllr A Martin, Cllr S Moore and Cllr K Wilson
Present virtually:	Cllr M Cox (Vice – Chairman)
Also in attendance:	Cllr S Armstrong, Cllr P Canavan (Chair of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee), Cllr A Filer, Cllr M Howell, Cllr J Martin, Cllr A Moriarty, Cllr K Rampton and Cllr K Salmon (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board)
Also in attendance virtually:	Cllr S Aitkenhead, Cllr J Butt, Cllr P Broadhead, Cllr S Carr-Brown (Chair of the Childrens Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee) Cllr A Chapmanlaw and Cllr D d'Orton-Gibson

23. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Richard Herrett declared a pecuniary interest in Minute No. 34 (Enhancement to Pay and Reward Offer) and left the room for the discussion and voting thereon.

24. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2025 were confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the figure in reason (b) in Minute No. 20 being amended to read £1.89m.

25. Public Issues

Cabinet was advised that there had been no petitions, questions or statements submitted by members of the public on this occasion, however Councillor Richard Herrett acknowledged receipt of a letter that he had recently received from the Bournemouth Area Hospitality Association (BAHA) which didn't meet the constitutional requirements for a statement but had asked the council to renew its approach to tourism in the BCP area. In relation to this Councillor Herrett advised that he would be setting up a meeting with BAHA to discuss this in the near future.

26. Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

Cabinet was advised that there were no additional recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees on items not otherwise indicated on the Cabinet agenda on this occasion.

27. Financial Outturn 2024/25

The Portfolio Holder for Finance presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The report presents the revenue and capital budget outturn, reserves position, dedicated schools grant outturn, housing revenue account, and results of council company and partner organisations for the financial year 2024/25.

The financial revenue outturn is a £1.2m surplus, an improvement on the reported quarter three balanced position, with this delivered in a challenging budget environment.

In February 2024 Council set a balanced budget and medium-term financial plan over the 4-year period to 31 March 2028 based on conventional local government financial management process. This addressed the inherited £30m structural deficit from using reserves rather than savings to balance the 2023/24 budget.

The non-deliverability of previous year savings was addressed, particularly those expected from the transformation investment. New fully itemised savings of £38m were programmed for 2024/25 with 86% being achieved through service transformation, third party spend reduction, staff savings and raising additional income. Mitigations have been found in other areas to reduce the impact of those unable to be delivered.

The budget recognised the ongoing cost-of-living and service demand pressures that face all local authorities and this required council tax to be increased by the maximum amount permitted by government of 4.99%, with the same increase assumed for future years.

A revised approach was taken to the annual repayment of debt with voluntary contributions made above the statutory minimum to reduce the burden for future years.

RESOLVED that Cabinet: -

(a) Noted the final outturn position for 2024/25;

(b) Agreed to set aside £0.5m in an earmarked reserve to manage the potential risk associated with future income streams from the introduction of the resident card pilot scheme in 2025/26.

(c) Agree the residual surplus of £0.7m is transferred to unearmarked reserves.

(d) Agree the capital virements between schemes funded by the bus services improvement plan as set out in appendix C1.

(e) Note that the museums capital scheme is forecast to exceed the approved resources by £0.55m, alongside a £0.8m shortfall in third party contributions as set out in appendix C3.

(f) Recommend that Audit and Governance Committee recommend to Council to approve the revised funding strategy for the Poole

museums capital schemes which will mean an increase in the approved prudential borrowing of £1.3m as set out in appendix C3.

RECOMMENDED that Council:

Approves the revised funding strategy for the Poole museums capital schemes which subject to Audit and Governance Committee approval will mean an increase in the approved prudential borrowing of £1.3m.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Finance

Reason

To comply with accounting codes of practice and best practice which requires councils to regularly monitor the annual budget position and take any action to support the sustainability of the council's financial position.

To comply with the council's financial regulations regarding capital virements, acceptance of grants and new borrowing.

28. Adult Social Care Fulfilled Lives Transformation Programme

The Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'J' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet was advised that in July 2024, BCP Cabinet and Full Council agreed:

1. To support the business case for a new Adult Social Care (ASC) transformation delivery model to improve outcomes for residents and to achieve financial efficiencies and savings.
2. Establishment of a formal Adult Social Care four-year transformation programme called Fulfilled Lives, approving in principle a total investment of up to £2.9m across the first three years.
3. The release of an initial £1.79m was approved for the first year of the programme to facilitate mobilisation, completion of the design and scope stage, and to commence the delivery phase from January 2025.
4. The Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee would provide regular scrutiny of progress towards benefits and sustainable change.

Cabinet was advised that the programme entered its delivery phase in January 2025 and is making good progress towards implementing the necessary changes to achieve the anticipated benefits, and savings of £3.5m recurring by year four.

In relation to this Cabinet was advised that this report provided an update on progress with recommendations for investment in the next phase of the programme.

The Chair of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee had addressed the Cabinet advising that at their recent meeting the Committee had discussed the report in detail and had resolved to make the following recommendations: -

The HASC O&S Committee:

1. Supports the recommendation to Cabinet that Council approves the request for the release of the remaining £1.11m funding that was previously agreed to allow the Fulfilled Lives Programme to reach completion and realisation of the benefits; and

2. Continues to monitor this four-year programme in particular around self-directed support and support at home that will enable people to stay independent.

(Agreed Nem. Con.)

The Portfolio Holder thanked the Scrutiny Committee for their level of interest in this.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

(a) Notes the current work-in-progress with the Adult Social Care Fulfilled Lives Programme; and

RECOMMENDED that Council

(b) approves the request for the release of the remaining £1.11m funding that was previously agreed to allow the Fulfilled Lives Programme to reach completion and realisation of the benefits.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Health and Wellbeing

Reason

Release of the remaining investment will enable improved outcomes for adults and their families within the BCP Council area due to enhanced person-centred practice, with effective and efficient support that continues to ensure that the Council fulfils its statutory duties despite continuing demographic and economic demand pressures. In totality, the projects that form part of this transformation programme will lead to recurring savings of c.£3.5m

29. Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Update

The Portfolio Holder for Finance presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.
Cabinet was advised that the report:

- Aimed to ensure the council presents a legally balanced 2026/27 budget.
- Presented an update on the 11 June 2025 Spending Review.

- Provided details of two consultation documents issued on 20 June 2025 namely the Local Government Fair Funding Review and Modernising and Improving the administration of council tax.
- Presented an update on the MTFP position of the council; and
- Acknowledged the action of the Leader of the Council and Director of Finance in writing to Government to seek assurance around the council's ability to continue to cashflow the significant and growing Dedicated Schools Grants deficit within the statutory framework.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, Councillor Kate Salmon addressed the Cabinet advising that at their meeting the previous evening the Board had had a good discussion on this item, particularly around the funding deficit with regards to high needs, and had supported the report and proposed the following recommendation: -

The Overview and Scrutiny Board endorsed the work of Members and Officers around SEND as set out in recommendation C of the report as follows:

In respect of the SEND deficit, note the update and acknowledges the action taken by the Leader and the Director of Finance.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance thanked the Chair and members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board for their discussion and recommendation from the previous evenings meeting.

RESOLVED that Cabinet: -

(a) Endorses the latest position regarding the developing 2026/27 Budget and MTFP position.

(b) Acknowledges the ongoing progress being made to ensure a balanced budget position for 2026/27 is presented to Council in February 2026.

(c) In respect of the SEND deficit, note the update and acknowledges the action taken by the Leader and the Director of Finance.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Finance

Reason

To comply with accounting codes of practice and best practice which requires councils to have a rolling multi-year medium term financial plan.

To provide Cabinet with the latest high-level overview of the 2026/27 Budget and 3-year medium-term financial plan.

To provide an update on the 11 June 2025 Comprehensive Spending Review (SR25) and the consultations documents issued on 20 June in respect of the local government funding formula and the modernisation of council tax.

To acknowledge that the current and growing deficit on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) as it pertains to the expenditure on Special

Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) service continues to be an existential threat to the financial sustainability of the council.

30. Poole Civic Centre – Soft Market Testing

The Portfolio Holder for Finance presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'C' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet was advised that the report presented the outcome of the market testing in respect of the disposal of Poole Civic Centre, and that the testing aimed to explore viable options for the site's future use and determine the best course of action for its disposal.

Cabinet was informed that the recommendation was to sell the freehold of the entire site to MCR Property Group for £5.25 million, and that the offer represented the highest bid received during the market testing process and that it was considered the best value for the Council.

Further to this Cabinet was advised that the sale included provisions for MCR Property Group to enter discussions with the Poole Chartered Trustees or any future Poole Town Council regarding lease terms for a 'vertical slice' of the building. In relation to this Cabinet was advised that the vertical slice comprised of specific areas across four floors intended for public use, including the Poole Mayoralty function and potential community and coroner use.

Cabinet was informed that the disposal aligned with the Council's strategic goals to reduce holding costs, maximise financial returns, and ensure sustainable management of its estate, and that the sale would help offset costs associated with the disposal and contribute to the Council's broader financial and operational objectives.

Councillor Mark Howell addressed the Cabinet in particular with regards to the vertical slice highlighting the important assets to the heritage of Poole and urging the sale to be without the vertical slice. Councillor Howell indicated that he felt the report was misleading and that it failed to address Councils request to see if the vertical slice could be used by the Community.

Councillor Howell urged Cabinet to wait until the Community Governance process had been completed prior to considering the sale and advised that he felt there had been a lack proper process, and that multiple groups had requested this item be withdrawn.

Within Councillor Howells address to Cabinet Councillor Howell made reference to a complaint he had made regarding senior officers.

The Leader and Chief Executive offered Councillor Howell the opportunity to withdraw personal comments he had made regarding senior officers for which he declined to do.

Councillor Patrick Canavan addressed the Cabinet, firstly distancing himself and his group from the comments made by the previous councillor which he deemed to be wholly unacceptable.

Councillor Canavan advised that he had written to the leader on the 13th July, and to other Cabinet members also requesting that this item be withdrawn in order to look at options to sell the site without the vertical slice and to retain ownership of the vertical slice.

In relation to this Councillor Canavan sought reassurance that the vertical slice options had been properly considered or could still be considered as part of the ongoing process.

Councillor Sue Aitkenhead addressed the Cabinet further in support of officers and also to request that the paper be withdrawn and brought back to Cabinet when the viability has been properly considered with fully costed options to include keeping the vertical slice, and with the views of the Charter Trustees having been taken into account.

Councillor Philip Broadhead addressed the Cabinet in support of the proposal from previous speakers to withdraw the item expressing concern that the recommendation from Council in October hadn't been followed and that the retention of the vertical slice hadn't been explored in full.

Councillor Broadhead advised that he felt the report was not in the spirit of what was agreed at Council previously, and that the decision should be delayed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 am

Meeting reconvened at 11:29 am

Cabinet members spoke in support of both officers and the report whilst recognising the comments related to retaining the vertical slice and highlighting the need to dispose of the site.

Further to this Cabinet recognised the concerns surrounding the heritage and of the aspiration to retain the vertical slice, and the Portfolio Holder thanked members for the robust debate and advised in response to comments raised that the heritage asset would be protected, and that the brochure which had gone out had been very open and that it had been deemed not feasible to retain the vertical slice.

RECOMMENDED that Council: -

Approve the freehold disposal of the whole of the former Poole civic offices to MCR Property Group for £5.25m. After completion of the sale, MCR Property Group will enter discussions with the Poole Charter Trustees or any future Town Council regarding the terms of lease of the vertical slice. The terms of this offer are set out in confidential Appendix C1 and C2.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Finance

Reason

To obtain approval for the disposal of the former Poole Civic Centre in Sandbanks Road, Poole. BH15 2RU

31. Roeshot Nursery, Land Disposal

The Portfolio Holder for Finance presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'D' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet was advised that the report outlined the proposal to dispose of the freehold of the former Roeshot Nursery site at Lyndhurst Road to the Merick Estate for £850,000.

Cabinet was informed that the site was previously used as a plant nursery which was currently largely vacant and that it was considered surplus to the council's needs.

In relation to this Cabinet was advised that the disposal aligned with the council's principles for asset management, selling underused or vacant land to reduce holding costs and generate capital receipts.

Cabinet was informed that the proposed sale price was £850,000 which exceeded the independent RICS Red Book valuation, ensuring compliance with Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, which requires "best consideration" for asset disposals.

Further to this Cabinet was advised that the sale was recommended on an unconditional basis, meaning there were no specific conditions tied to the transaction, such as planning permissions.

Cabinet was further advised that the Meyrick Estate had expressed interest in acquiring the site under the Crichel Down rules, which provide former owners the first opportunity to repurchase land acquired by compulsory purchase, and that whilst these rules were advisory rather than mandatory that the council had engaged in negotiations with the Meyrick Estate to ensure compliance and avoid potential litigation.

In addition Cabinet was informed that the disposal is part of the council's broader strategy to manage its portfolio efficiently, reduce costs, and support its Transformation Programme through the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts, and that the recommendation to proceed with the sale reflects the council's commitment to achieving best value while addressing public feedback supporting the sale of surplus assets.

RECOMMENDED that Council: -

(a) note the confidential minutes and the recommendations of the Cross-Party Asset Disposal Working Group meeting held on the 13 June 2025.

(b) Approve the freehold disposal of the whole former nursery site to Meyrick Estate for the sum of £850,000 on an unconditional basis (Option 1) and on such terms to be approved by the Chief Financial Officer, also acting in his capacity as Corporate Property Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Finance

Reason

To obtain approval for the disposal of the former nursery site at Lyndhurst Road.

32. BCP Homes Tenant Satisfaction Measures and Housing Regulatory Compliance Update

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Regulatory Services presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'E' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet was advised that as a Registered Provider (RP) of Social Housing, BCP Council has increased responsibilities under the Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023, and that the Act provides greater powers, including inspections, to the Regulator of Social Housing to ensure that the outcomes for tenants as set out in revised regulatory consumer standards are delivered. It also ensures that tenant satisfaction is measured and reported annually through Tenant Satisfaction Measures, enabling tenants to see how well the council as their landlord is performing against other landlords who are also registered providers.

Cabinet was informed that for many of the measures the council is within or near to the top quartile of performance especially those related to repairs and maintenance, and that for 2024/25 overall satisfaction has increased to 81.2 per cent.

Cabinet was advised that the Housing Ombudsman has also been given enhanced powers through the Act to ensure that tenants have access to an effective complaints process when things go wrong and that landlords are held to account, landlords have a legal duty to meet the standards set out in the Ombudsman's Complaint Handling Code which sets out best practice in effective complaint handling.

Further to this Cabinet was advised that the Act also sets out qualification requirements for senior housing managers to bring the profession more in line with others such as social workers and teachers.

In addition to this Cabinet was further informed that other provisions within the Act ensured a review of the Decent Homes Standard and the introduction of Awaab's law to compel landlords to address damp and mould in their homes.

It was highlighted that ensuring compliance with the requirements of the Act is challenging, and that the report sets out the council's responsibilities and progress in meeting these.

RESOLVED that: -

(a) Cabinet noted the content of the report; and

(b) Cabinet approved the Delivery Plan at appendix 2.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Housing and Regulatory Services

Reason

Councillors are responsible for ensuring that council services provided to tenants are managed effectively and that they deliver the outcomes of the regulatory consumer standards.

The meeting adjourned at 12.01 pm

The meeting reconvened at 12.15 pm

33. Designation of Neighbourhood Forum and Area

The Leader of the Council presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'H' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet was advised that neighbourhood forums are organisations empowered to lead on the preparation of a neighbourhood plan within a defined area.

In relation to this Cabinet was informed that neighbourhood planning involved the local community in developing a shared vision to help shape the future development and growth of their local area, and that a neighbourhood plan must proceed through several statutory stages before it can be formally 'made' (adopted) by the Council.

Cabinet was informed that BCP Council had received two applications for designation of a neighbourhood forum and area within (i) the East Cliff and (ii) East Cliff and Springbourne Ward, and that both applications extend into a small part of Bournemouth Town Centre ward, each application was subject to a statutory public consultation inviting representations, and the consultations ran in tandem between 24 February and 7 April 2025.

Cabinet was advised that a prospective forum can determine what area is most suitable to plan for, however, the Local Planning Authority must first formally designate the forum (as a 'qualifying body') and designate the neighbourhood area, having regard to a range of factors including comments received from consultation.

The Leader invited Mr Mark Elkins to address the Cabinet following his involvement in the Neighbourhood Forum.

Mr Elkins spoke in support of the East Cliff and Springbourne Neighbourhood and Area citing the benefits of keeping the whole area together including the buildings, green space, beaches and cliffs and of the benefit of including Springbourne which he felt would have a greater impact on reserving heritage, dealing with crime and local employment opportunities.

Councillor Sara Armstrong addressed the Cabinet expressing thanks to officers and members of the public for actively building bridges to work together. Further to this Councillor Armstrong emphasised that the East Cliff and Springbourne neighbourhood area and forum proposal builds on grassroots engagement, which had the potential bring people together and to create and share common goals in a structured way.

Councillor Anne Marie Moriarty addressed the Cabinet supporting the proposals which would give the community a voice and highlighting the importance of including the seafront. In addition Councillor Moriarty questioned which option was the most inclusive and representative and which one drew logical boundaries and is led by people who have the trust of the Community, and that Option 2 (East Cliff and Springbourne Neighbourhood Area) was the more inclusive and included all of these things), in relation to this Councillor Moriarty advised that whilst this option definitely met the criteria, that it was also the will of the people which is the most important thing.

The Leader stressed that the Cabinet were being requested to make a decision which would shape the future, and that this was one of the most diverse and challenging wards, a unique area bringing together different populations and places, such as the seafront and valuable parks and open spaces, a fundamental part of the town centre.

Further to this the Leader advised that neighbourhood planning was really about the empowerment of communities and giving residents a voice in shaping where they live, and where they work and choose to raise their families.

The Leader informed Cabinet that whilst she felt both proposals had merit, that the designation of East Cliff and Springbourne Neighbourhood Forum as an area was stronger, more inclusive and aligned more to the values of the council.

Members of the Cabinet spoke in support of option 2 citing the importance of the inclusion of the wider area and emphasising the importance of area forums and of the benefit for the local communities.

RESOLVED that Cabinet considered each proposal for neighbourhood forum and area designation together with consultation responses and determined to agree option (2): -

That East Cliff and Springbourne Neighbourhood Forum and Area be designated, and that Option 1: the East Cliff Neighbourhood Forum and Area proposal is refused.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Leader of the Council

Reason

To meet the statutory obligations including provisions set out in (i) the Localism Act 2011 (ii) the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 and the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017) and (iii) the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (as amended).

During the debate the following reasons for the refusal of Option 1 were cited:-

- The neighbourhood forum would split a ward which has some of the greatest challenges in terms of deprivation

- The Neighbourhood Forum and Area does not have the backing of all three East Cliff & Springbourne ward councillors
- The Neighbourhood Area is not considered to be inclusive as it excludes the Springbourne area, and as such does not align to Council values to empower more residents and communities to have a say about what is important in their area. Excluding people from decisions made in their local area can impact on community cohesion, health and social inequality.
- The seafront is not included within the neighbourhood area (something which is strongly supported by residents)
- Overall, the consultation feedback demonstrates less support for Option 1 (when compared with Option 2).

34. Enhancement to Pay and Reward Offer

The Portfolio Holder for Transformation, Resources and Governance presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'E' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet was advised that since the creation of BCP Council through the local government reorganisation of the four preceding councils in April 2019 the council had been negotiating with the trade unions to introduce a new Pay and Reward package which aligns pay and conditions across all colleagues.

Cabinet was informed that the report sets out the progress made since Cabinet last considered the results of the November trade union ballot process and outlines next steps.

The Portfolio Holder expressed thanks to officers and to the Overview and Scrutiny Board who at the previous evenings meeting had supported the recommendations contained within the report.

Further to this the Portfolio Holder acknowledged the issues surrounding the staff within Childrens Services and advised that discussions were ongoing to look at how the issues could be addressed, and that officers were actively engaged in finding solutions.

In addition to this matter the Portfolio Holder advised that a briefing had been requested for Cabinet by the Director as soon as the matter was resolved.

Cabinet members spoke in support of the report highlighting the importance of this report and of the amount of work which had gone into this and thanks were expressed to the Director and officers involved.

The Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People, Education and Skills thanked the Portfolio Holder for acknowledging the issues within Children's Services in particular with regards to market supplements not having pay protection attached and welcomed further discussions around this issue going forwards.

In addition, it was requested that a briefing be held with the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to bring awareness and understanding of the issue.

RECOMMENDED that Council: -

(a) agree the additional costs associated with enhancing the proposed Pay and Reward offer;

(b) agree the additional savings proposals outlined in Appendix 1 to ensure the cost implications of the proposal remain consistent with the February 2025 endorsed Medium Term Financial Plan;

(c) agrees the details of the enhanced offer shown in Appendix 4 and 5 that will form the basis of the signed collective agreement with our recognised trade unions; and

(d) approves the recommended implementation date of 1 December 2025 (in accordance with the timeline set out in appendix 7)

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Transformation, Resources and Governance

Reason

BCP Council has sought to reach a collective agreement with its recognised trade unions since February 2023.

In November 2024 Cabinet agreed to the commencement of collective consultation under s188 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 ('TULRCA'), which is a statutory obligation where an employer is proposing to dismiss 20 or more employees. This process did not commence as further exploratory options have been undertaken to try and seek ways that agreement can be reached.

An enhanced offer has been proposed, and the trade unions have put this offer to their members which has now been accepted following ballots of both unions. Both unions have agreed to proceed to a collective agreement. This enhanced offer has an additional financial cost to the Council that must be approved before the next steps can be undertaken.

Councillor Richard Herrett declared a pecuniary interest in this item and left the room for the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Kieron Wilson left the meeting at 12.50 pm prior to the vote on this item being taken.

35. Our Place and Environment: Cross-Pavement Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Trial

The Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'F' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet was advised that the council has received requests from several residents who do not have off-street parking and use, or are planning to

use, an electric car or van, and that this paper sets out arrangements for a trial to permit them to install a cross-pavement gully channel.

Cabinet was informed that this is to enable the vehicle to be charged from the domestic electricity supply using a cable inserted into a channel just below the surface of the pavement and safely out of the way of pedestrians and wheelchair users.

Cabinet was advised that the purpose of this paper was to seek council approval for the trial of EV gully charger installations, the outcome of which would inform a Council policy on such installations.

Further to this the Cabinet was informed that the installations would be at the cost of the householder.

Councillor Adrian Chapmanlaw addressed the Cabinet urging that the installation companies look at utilising an EV co-charging scheme.

Councillor Sharon Carr-Brown addressed the Cabinet in support of the recommendations.

The Portfolio Holder highlighted that the installations would be the householders responsibility and cost and so therefore it wouldn't be appropriate to mandate co-charging.

Members of the Cabinet spoke in support of the important scheme.

RECOMMENDED that Council agrees: -

(a) the introduction of a trial cross-pavement Electric Vehicle charging solution with charging gullies being set into the footway;

(b) that charging gully installations will need to comply with the criteria set out in Appendix 1; and

(c) that a policy for the installation of charging gullies be developed following the outcome of the trial.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Climate Response, Environment and Energy

Reason

(a) The council has received several requests from residents with electric vehicles (EVs) or wishing to use an EV who do not have off-road parking and as a result are unable to charge an EV at home.

(b) The decision to allow the installation of a cross-pavement solution in the public highway rests with the local authority. which should be satisfied it meets construction, safety, accessibility, and other standards before agreeing to the apparatus being installed on a public highway. Temporary solutions, such as cable covers or mats, which may be placed on top of a cable, can be pedestrian trip hazards as well as a danger to wheelchairs/pushchairs.

(c) The trial is required to support the development of a policy for the installation of charging gullies.

36. Transport CIL 2025/26 to 2027/28 – Port of Poole Bridges Programme

The Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'G' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet was advised that a £6m allocation of strategic CIL had been approved at March 2025 Full Council, and that the priority projects in this allocation relate to critical works on Poole Bridge and the Twin Sails.

Cabinet was informed that the purpose of the report was to outline the proposed investment on the bridges and to gain Council approval to release the allocation and commence the programme.

RECOMMENDED that Council: -

(a) agrees that the £6m of strategic CIL allocated in principle to Transport is invested in the Port of Poole Bridges Programme;

(b) Delegate delivery of the Port of Poole Bridges Programme to the Service Director for Customer and Property in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate Mitigation, Energy and Environment; and

(c) Both (a) and (b) are subject to receiving the subsequent endorsement of the Director of Finance based on the availability of the necessary cash.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Climate Response, Environment and Energy

Reason

(a) Without this strategic investment the bridges that serve the port and Hamworthy would fail leading to community severance.

(b) Ensuring resilience across the local highway network and supporting the potential for development of the Holes Bay former power station site.

(c) Mitigating need for higher level future years disruption and maintenance costs due to costly unplanned repairs.

37. Local Area Energy Plan

The Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'I' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet was advised that the report presented the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) which had been produced to provide a roadmap and informed action plan to enable the Council, working with partners and other organisations, to address its Climate and Ecological Emergency commitments and achieve the stated aim of carbon neutrality by 2045.

The Portfolio Holder advised Cabinet that the Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee had considered this item at their recent meeting where the committee had supported the report and the following recommendations had been agreed: -

The Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed the following recommendation to Cabinet on this item:

1) *The recommendation as outlined in the report be approved by Cabinet.*

   Voting: Unanimous

2) *The Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends that Cabinet add as an external stakeholder, the community to be represented in all stakeholder engagement, including any panels, meetings or focus groups.*

   Voting: Unanimous

RESOLVED that: -

Cabinet accepts the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Local Area Energy Plan and agrees to explore the action plan of 15 priority actions to be taken forward to achieve area-wide carbon neutrality by 2045.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Climate Response, Environment and Energy

Reason

The Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Local Area Energy Plan is an evidence-based document that provides a roadmap to achieving the Council commitment of working towards a carbon neutral area by 2045. Endorsement will support the Council's Corporate Plan objectives and Climate and Ecological Emergency commitments.

38. Update on the disposal of Land at Wessex Fields, Riverside Avenue

The Portfolio Holder for Finance presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'K' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet was advised that acknowledging the length of time that has expired since the Council decision, the report requested Cabinet reaffirm the disposal of council owned land at Wessex Fields, Riverside Avenue Bournemouth, BH7 7EE based on the confidential Heads of Terms as set out in confidential Appendix B.

In relation to this Cabinet was advised to note that UHD would not be under an obligation to provide a link road connecting to Deansleigh Road.

Further to this Cabinet was informed that provided that decisions under this Cabinet Report were made strictly in the council's capacity as landowner and nothing in the Cabinet Report (nor any decision thereunder) shall prejudice or affect any statutory right, power, obligation or duty vested in

the council in its capacity as local planning authority, rating authority or local highway authority or any other capacity.

Councillor Philip Broadhead addressed the Cabinet expressing concern with regards to the decision which he felt was contrary to the Council decision.

In response to this the Monitoring Officer asked members to refer to paragraph one of the report which clearly set out the previous decision of the council which had resolved: -

that Council approve the disposal of the council owned land at Wessex Fields to the University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust on such terms to be approved by the Director of Finance acting in his capacity as Corporate Property Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance.

Cabinet members spoke in support of the recommendation.

RESOLVED that Cabinet: -

Authorise the Director of Finance acting in his capacity as Corporate Property Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, to implement the previous decision of Council to dispose of council owned land at Wessex Fields to the University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust ("UHD") on the terms set out in this report subject to any financial amendments.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Finance

Reason

To authorise the Director of Finance and Finance Portfolio Holder to implement the previous decision of Council to disposal of land at the Wessex Fields site located at Riverside Avenue to:

1. Achieve the socio-economic benefits as the purchase by the hospital would unlock substantial health benefits for the residents of Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole and the wider area.
2. Disposal of the site to University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust in line with its best value duties as determined in accordance with a RICS Red Book Valuation.
3. Generate a capital receipt to support the funding of the Council's various transformation programmes.

To ensure the terms of the disposal are set out in an open and transparent manner for member consideration.

Please note that UHD would not be under an obligation to provide a link road connecting to Deansleigh Road PROVIDED THAT decisions under this Cabinet Report are made strictly in the council's capacity as landowner and nothing in this Cabinet Report (nor any decision thereunder) shall prejudice or affect any statutory right, power, obligation or duty vested in the council in its capacity as local planning authority, rating authority or local highway authority or any other capacity.

39. SEND Budget Pressures

The Portfolio Holder for Children's Services presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'K' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet was advised that the paper provided the 2024/25 outturn for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) high needs block, budget agreed for 2025/26 and actions being undertaken to manage the budget within a challenging national framework.

Cabinet was informed that the outturn for 2024/25 was high needs expenditure of £111.9m compared with funding of £62.0m (a DSG funding gap of £49.9m), this was £5.3m more than reported to Cabinet in February 2025.

In relation to this Cabinet was informed that there were some non-recurring payments made in the final months of the year that had not been included in the forecast but some of the increase is likely to be ongoing as more young people were being supported by the high needs budget by March 2025 than had been expected.

Cabinet was advised that the high needs budget for 2025/26 was set with the expectation that the annual funding gap would grow to £57.5m as demand growth was expected to continue to outstrip funding growth, and that there are initiatives in the SEND improvement plan (some being invest-to-save) that should have an impact on the high needs budget over time, and these are set out in this report.

Further to this Cabinet was advised that work is in progress to establish the expenditure forecast outturn for 2025/26. Placements for the new academic year are in the process of being finalised for those new in the system, at transition ages, or requiring a change for other reasons. The forecast will also be updated to reflect progress on service initiatives currently underway or being developed.

The Chair of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee addressed the Cabinet advising that the Committee would be considering the paper at their meeting in September. Further to this the Chair congratulated the progress made and whilst understanding the financial pressures emphasised the importance of the services provided.

The Portfolio Holder thanked the Chair for their comments and advised that he was looking forward to the input from the Childrens Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the contents of the report.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Children's Services

Reason

This is an information report.

40. Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Constitution

Cabinet was advised that no urgent decisions had been taken in accordance with the Constitution since the last meeting of the Cabinet.

41. Cabinet Forward Plan

The Leader advised that the latest Cabinet Forward Plan had been published on the Council's website.

Prior to closing the meeting the Leader advised Cabinet that this would be the Chief Executives last Cabinet meeting prior to retiring at the end of August, and expressed thanks to the Chief Executive for all his support.

Cabinet members spoke in support of the Leaders comments echoing their thanks to Graham and in addition offering praise with regards to the senior management team for winning the recent LGA senior leadership award.

The Chief Executive addressed the Cabinet advising that it had been both an honour and priviledge to be the Chief Executive of BCP Council since its inception and wished everyone well for the future.

The meeting ended at 2.07 pm

CHAIRMAN

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CABINET

Report subject	**Council Budget Monitoring 2025/26 at Quarter One**
Meeting date	1 October 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	This report provides the quarter one 2025/26 projected financial outturn information for the general fund, capital programme, housing revenue account (HRA) and Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). The quarter one position reflects the increasing financial challenges facing local government around social care for both adults and children and in making provision for a growing number of children and young adults with special education needs and disabilities (SEND). The forecast revenue outturn is indicating a £3.7m overspend but officers are continuing to seek mitigations to deliver a balanced budget by the year end.
Recommendations	**It is RECOMMENDED that Cabinet:** **A. Note the budget monitoring position for quarter one 2025/26.** **B. Agree the capital budget virements set out in appendix C1 paragraph 2, relating to schemes funded by the bus service improvement grant and the local transport plan funding.** **C. Approves the implementation of a freeze on all non-essential expenditure and a vacancy freeze from 1 October 2025 and until such time as the Corporate Management Board have provided Cabinet Members with assurance the forecast outturn for 2025/26 is within the parameters of the approved 2025/26 budget. Officers should also consider the extent to which savings plans can be brought forward from 2026/27.**
Reason for recommendations	To comply with accounting codes of practice and best practice which requires councils to regularly monitor the annual budget position and take any action to support the sustainability of the council's financial position. To comply with the council's financial regulation concerning approval for budget virements.

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Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For Decision

Background

1. In February 2025 Council agreed the 2025/26 annual general fund net revenue budget of £356m, and a capital programme of £136m. The revenue budget included delivery of £9.6m of itemised service and transformation savings. Budgets were also agreed for the ring-fenced housing revenue account (HRA) and Dedicated School Grant for school funding.

Revenue Outturn Projection 2025/26 at Quarter One

2. The council is projecting an overspend at outturn of £3.7m after releasing the £2.8m general contingency in full. There is no specific contingency this year to counter non-delivery of programmed savings.

3. A summary of the year end projection is included in the table below. The table summarises the total variances by directorate and includes the impact of the savings not expected to be delivered by the year end. The detail of savings is considered further in the next section of the report.

Table 1: Summary projected outturn as at quarter one

	Outturn Forecast at Quarter One					
Corporate Directorate	Gross Budget £000's	Net Budget £000's	Outturn £000's	Total Variance £000's	Savings undelivered £000's	Other Variances £000's
Wellbeing	331,987	138,567	141,019	2,452	0	2,452
Children	131,416	98,845	100,519	1,674	0	1,674
Operations	183,570	58,042	59,457	1,415	871	544
Resources	57,639	49,393	49,593	200	0	200
Central	34,325	11,015	8,953	(2,062)	n/a	(2,062)
Funding		(355,863)	(355,863)	0	n/a	
Total	**738,937**	**0**	**3,678**	**3,678**	**871**	**2,808**

4. Pressures have been identified across all corporate directorate areas with some offset from the centrally held general contingency. In Wellbeing and Children's Services the growth in demand from vulnerable adults and children is more than the increases provided in the budget.

5. Within operations services the main pressures are from reduced planning income (continuing the trend from last year), additional employee costs in waste collection services and emergency repair and cleaning costs in facilities management.
6. Appendix A1 provides the detail and reasons for the main projected budget variances in each service area.
7. Appendix A2 provides a summary revenue outturn statement.
8. Appendix A4 provides reports from service directors considering mitigations to bring their budgets back into balance.

Savings Monitoring 2025/26

9. Delivery of budgeted savings of £9.6m is an important part of a balanced in-year position and a sustainable medium term financial plan (MTFP). The table below provides the progress of savings from service reductions, additional resources, transformation and efficiency programmes with 91% projected at quarter one to be delivered by the year end. Amounts not expected to be delivered are included in the budget variances in Appendix A1.

Table 2: Summary of progress in savings delivery 2025/26.

2025/26 Savings by Directorate	Council Approved Savings £000s	Forecast Savings £000s	Forecast Savings Shortfall £000's
Wellbeing Directorate	(2,759)	(2,759)	0
Children's Services Directorate	0	0	0
Operations Directorate	(3,259)	(2,388)	871
Resources Directorate	(664)	(664)	0
Total general service-based savings	**(6,682)**	**(5,811)**	**871**
Wellbeing Directorate	(1,610)	(1,610)	0
Children's Services Directorate	(576)	(576)	0
Operations Directorate	(140)	(140)	0
Resources Directorate	(559)	(559)	0
Total transformation/efficiencies savings	**(2,885)**	**(2,885)**	**0**
Total service-based savings	**(9,567)**	**(8,696)**	**871**

10. Although the savings shortfall in Operations is estimated at £0.87m, some savings forecast to be delivered relate to activity to be undertaken later in the year with it too early to establish the outcome with certainty. An amount of only £0.1m has been determined as definitely unachievable as the savings are dependent on events that will not now take place this year.
11. Appendix A3 provides a schedule of progress for revenue budget savings delivery at quarter one, with those risk-assessed and shown in blue already fully achieved at quarter one.

Reserves Monitoring for 31 March 2026

12. Table 3 below summarises the projected movement in reserves during the current financial year.

Table 3: Summary of projected movements in reserves

	Balance 1 April 2025	Balance 31 March 2026	Movement
	£m	£m	£m
Un-earmarked reserves	27.3	27.3	0
Earmarked reserves*	55.7	39.2	16.5
Total reserves	**83.0**	**66.5**	**16.5**

These reserves do not include revenue reserves earmarked for capital, school balances or the negative DSG reserve.

13. The above table assumes that the mitigations to address the current projected overspend will be successful. This will need to be reviewed as part of future budget monitoring reports.

14. Earmarked reserves are those that have been set aside for specific purposes The main movements in earmarked reserves include drawing down government grants in line with the latest profile of their application and progressing priority corporate projects.

15. Appendix B provides a summary of earmarked reserves projected for 31 March 2026.

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)

16. The ring-fenced DSG in 2025/26 was budgeted at £405m and is provided to fund early years providers, schools, a small range of central services and provision for pupils with high needs. The high needs funding within that total was £64.5m with expenditure budgeted to be approaching double. The impact of a funding gap of £57.5m was budgeted and included in the estimated accumulated deficit.

17. High needs funding has been reduced by £0.5m in-year to reflect the growth in the number of placements in the year since January 2024 for provisions hosted by the DfE. The adjustment is unusually high for 2025/26, reflecting the significant growth over 2024/25 in the number of children and adults up to age 25 in these provisions, with the number in specialist post-16 institutions doubling.

18. The final 2024/25 settlement for the DSG early years block to reflect the January 2025 census, was received in August. This provided an additional £1.9m compared with the estimated clawback in the year end accounts. This was mainly due to funded places for children aged under two being higher than estimated.

19. At quarter one an anticipated overspend of £11.1m in high needs expenditure is projected with an accumulated deficit at March 2026 of £180.5m.

Table 4: Summary position for dedicated schools grant

Dedicated Schools Grant	£m
Accumulated deficit 1 April 2025	**113.3**
Prior year additional funding – early years	(1.9)
Budgeted high needs funding shortfall 2025/26	57.5
High needs funding reduction 2025/26	0.5
High needs projected overspend 2025/26	11.1
Projected accumulated deficit 31 March 2026	**180.5**

20. There are significant assumptions in the projection this early in the financial year with a significant lag in the data provided by the service. The number of education, health, and care plans (EHCPs) and average placement costs are both increasing ahead of budget with the impact of the special education needs improvement strategy and plan yet to change the trajectory of demand or reduce the average cost of provision.

21. National and local conversations are on-going with representatives of the DfE and MHCLG in seeking an immediate solution to the drain on cash flow and cash balances in funding the DSG shortfall. The impact of this is on general fund resources. The statutory override to prevent the deficit being considered against the council's reserves position has been extended to March 2028 but a longer-term solution to the problem is needed to prevent deficits continuing to rise nationally.

22. The council's DSG deficit management plan is in the process of being updated to reflect the most recent trends and any further actions to be implemented to make an impact in future years.

Capital Programme

23. The total resources for the 2025/26 capital investment programme have increased from the £136m agreed in February to £152m following £15m slippage reprofiled from 2024/25 and £0.52 million net in year movements. The bulk of the programme at £125m (82%) is within the Operations directorate mainly for highways and other transport improvements plus flood and coastal defence projects, seafront development and fleet replacement.

24. The majority (77%) of the annual programme is funded by grants with 15% by borrowing.

25. The total expenditure to date at quarter one is low at 5% (typically this has been circa 20%) but this does reflect some accruals made for expenditure in 2024/25 that have yet to be settled.

26. Appendix C provides monitoring information for the capital programme at quarter one. Appendix C1 at paragraph 2 includes the details of virements for Cabinet approval.

Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

27. The HRA is a separate account within the council that ring-fences the income and expenditure associated with the council's housing stock. The HRA does not therefore directly impact on the council's wider general fund budget.

28. The 2025/26 HRA budget was approved by Council in February 2025. It budgeted for total income of £58.5m for the year and a net surplus of £4.1m.

29. The forecast outturn for all categories of income and operating expenditure is broadly in line with budget but with a cumulative net overspend of £0.2m.

30. This is partially offset with a £0.15m favourable forecast for interest payable as HRA reserves at the start of the year were higher than expected when the budget was set resulting in lower borrowing costs for the year.

31. The net result is a transfer to HRA reserves £0.05m lower than budgeted.

32. The HRA capital programme for the year is £43.0m. The main elements of the programme are £25.2m of investments in new-build projects delivered as part of the council newbuild housing & acquisitions strategy (CNHAS) and £17.2m for planned maintenance.

33. The slippage from 2024/25 for the new build Hillbourne school development and Constitution Hill demolition works is expected to be incurred during the year in addition to the current year budgeted schemes.

34. The planned maintenance programme is forecast to be fully delivered by the year end.

35. Appendix D provides a summary of HRA budget monitoring for both the revenue and capital account at quarter one.

Scenarios

36. The projected outturn is prepared based on estimates and assumptions, with the mostly likely outcome included in budget monitoring reports.

Summary of financial implications

37. This is a financial report with budget implications a key feature of the above paragraphs.

38. The growing DSG deficit is a significant risk to the financial position of the council with the accumulated DSG deficit greater than the total of the council's earmarked and unearmarked reserves on 31 March 2025. The forecast that the in-year funding gap is continuing to grow will inevitably bring forward the date when the council exhausts its cashflow position which is currently providing the resources to cover the excess high needs budget related expenditure.

Summary of legal implications

39. The recommendations in this report are to comply with the council's financial regulations with attention drawn to significant budget variances as part of good financial planning to ensure the council remains financially viable over the current year and into the future.

Summary of human resources implications

40. There are no direct human resources implications from the recommendations in this report.

Summary of sustainability impact

41. There are no direct sustainability impacts from the recommendations in this report.

Summary of public health implications

42. The council is seeking to maintain appropriate services for the vulnerable as well as improve the sustainability of services important for the wellbeing of all residents.

Summary of equality implications

43. Budget holders are managing their budgets with due regard to equalities issues.

Summary of risk assessment

44. The projected outturn is prepared based on estimates and assumptions, including that mitigation plans for current general fund budget pressures will be successful. Budget monitoring corporately will continue to be reported quarterly to manage these variances and other significant issues emerging throughout the year.

45. The most significant risk to the council's financial sustainability continues to be the current level and growth of the accumulated deficit for the DSG. The annual funding gap will continue to grow unless current trends can be reversed. Central government will need to take action to address the national problem but in the meantime the council must continue to take steps to minimise the financial problem as far as possible.

Background papers

46. The link to the budget papers at February Council for 2025/26 is below:

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Appendices

Appendix A	A1 Revenue Projected Budget Variances by Service Area 2025/26
	A2 Revenue Outturn Summary 2025/26
	A3 Revenue Savings Monitoring 2025/26
	A4 Service Budget Recovery Plans 2025/26
Appendix B	Earmarked Reserves Projection for 31 March 26
Appendix C	Capital Programme Monitoring 2025/26
Appendix D	HRA Projected Outturn 2025/26

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Appendix A1: Projected Revenue Budget Variances by Service Area 2025/26

1. The projected outturn for each directorate is shown in the tables and narrative below.

Wellbeing – £ 2.5m overspend (1.8%)

2. The Wellbeing directorate is projected to overspend by £2.5m due to additional net expenditure in adult social care services. A report from the director of adult social care of potential mitigations to reduce the overspend is included in Appendix A4a.

Service	Working budget £000's	Projected Outturn £000's	Q1 Variance £000's
Adult Social Care Services			
Care packages – all ages and needs	191,058	195,178	**4,120**
Employees	26,794	27,115	**321**
Client Contributions	(32,442)	(33,614)	**(1,172)**
Health Funding: CHC/JF/Sec117/BCF	(28,043)	(28,345)	**(302)**
Income from NHS (Section 256)	0	0	**0**
Other Funding: grants, other authorities, Health.	(17,661)	(17,657)	**4**
Other services: training, running costs, etc.	446	465	**19**
Total Adult Social Care Services	**140,152**	**143,142**	**2,990**
Commissioning			
ASC: Care and contracts (including Tricuro)	30,381	30,375	**(6)**
ASC: Employees	2,858	2,827	**(31)**
ASC: Client contributions	(1,624)	(1,731)	**(107)**
ASC: Health Funding: CHC/JF/Sec117/BCF	(9,020)	(9,170)	**(150)**
ASC: Income from NHS (Section 256)	0	0	**0**
ASC: Grants and other income	(35,948)	(35,965)	**(17)**
ASC: Other services/voluntary sector/ projects, etc.	670	662	**(8)**
Total Commissioning	**(12,683)**	**(13,000)**	**(317)**
Housing and Public protection			
Asset Management	(2,280)	(2,280)	**0**
Housing and Community Management	271	271	**0**
Public Protection	3,243	3,183	**(60)**
Strategic Housing and Partnerships	8,730	8,569	**(161)**
Total Housing and Public Protection	**9,964**	**9,743**	**(221)**
Public Health and Communities			
Community Engagement and Safety	1,134	1,134	**0**
Public Health – ring-fenced grant funded	0	0	**0**
Total Public Health and Communities	**1,134**	**1,134**	**0**
Wellbeing Total	**138,567**	**141,019**	**2,452**

Adult Social Care

3. The Adult Social Care (ASC) service unit is projected to be overspending by £2.99m at the end of first quarter of the financial year.

4. The most prominent component of the above position is attributable to cost of care and care packages driven by demand for adults aged 65+ and high-cost placements for service users with learning disability and autism related needs. Short term trend analysis suggests that between April and end of June demand on care home placement for adults

aged 65+ increased by 4.6%. This volume increase is mainly from hospital discharge and quicker than anticipated private service users' capital depletion.

The number of specialism cases in community care or approved for such care exceeds planned activity by 2%, whilst the cost of such care, driven by needs complexity, exceeds planned level by 13%. Specialism care home placement fees are being reviewed on an individual basis with the view to finish this process by the end of September. The projection includes £1.3m cost uplifts in this area.

5. The rising demand for care has an impact on the volume of contributions collected. Client contributions have 3.6% favourable variance from the planned level. The number of service user contributions recorded between April and June where providers are paid gross are contributing according to assessed charges.
6. Staffing turnover has slowed with fewer vacancies than usual in the first quarter. This suggests the budgeted vacancy allowance will not be achieved and programmed savings in employee budgets difficult to achieve, with a 1% pressure of £0.3m projected.
7. Due to rising volume of service users in care, the number of cases where cost sharing with health authority is in place or fully funded with NHS also has grown, leading to over-recovery of health funding of £0.3m. More cases are being shared also with out of area health authorities.

Commissioning

8. The Commissioning service unit is projected to underspend by £0.3m at the end of first quarter.
9. There is a small number of health care eligible service users in commissioning-led block contracts in Tricuro care homes. The full cost of the service is recovered, and this is linked to the care packages overspend in ASC services noted above, with income of £0.15m more than planned.
10. Similarly, service user contributions received in quarter one from the block contracts indicates an increase of £0.1m.

Public Health & Community Engagement and Safety

11. Public Health, including the smoking cessation service, is fully funded by external Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) grant and currently is projected to spend all resources on planned services.
12. Early this financial year, the service received an assurance visit from Regional Director of Public Heath (RDPH) to assess the council's use of grant funding. The RDPH was assured the planned use was consistent with the DHSC expectations and grant conditions. Preparations and conversations during the visit clearly indicated that future national funding growth will be limited and robust scrutiny of current budgets and reserve management will be necessary to make sure sustainable public health services can be delivered in the coming years.
13. Community engagement and safety is primarily funded through grants, community initiatives, and strategic partnerships, with allocations confirmed for the year. Robust processes ensure accurate monitoring with no forecast variances anticipated.

Housing & Public Protection

14. There are in year challenges for Strategic Housing to meet its borrowing repayments associated with the temporary accommodation stock. Additional challenges include managing bad debt linked to the vulnerable client base and addressing repairs and maintenance needs on older housing assets. However, a range of targeted grants have been allocated for specific homelessness initiatives, which are expected to be fully utilised within the financial year, helping to mitigate some of these pressures and support

service delivery. A saving is anticipated as these grants are being used in place of base budget funding.

15. Public Protection is currently operating with a small surplus, supported this year by one-off funding towards operating costs. This is despite ongoing pressures around income generation and staffing costs. These challenges are being actively managed to ensure the service remains within its financial targets.

16. Asset Management includes the income and maintenance responsibilities related to photovoltaic (PV) panels and garages. While an in-year surplus may be possible, timing delays in income receipts mean it is too early in the year to forecast this with any certainty. There is also a risk of incurring maintenance costs above budget allocation.

Children's Services – £1.67m overspend (1.7%)

17. Children's services are projected to be overspent by £1.67m driven primarily by increased cost pressure from delivering Special Guardianship Order (SGO) support and rising costs and increased demand within Children in Care. The service is exploring ways to reduce service costs and the number of children in care. A report from the corporate director for children's services of potential mitigations to reduce the overspend is included in Appendix A4b.

Service	Working budget £000's	Projected Outturn £000's	Q1 Variance £000's
Commissioning, Resources and Quality	20,236	21,057	821
Children's Social Care	64,868	69,529	4,660
Education and Skills	23,893	23893	-
Service Management	(10,152)	(13,959)	(3,807)
Children's General Fund Total	**98,845**	**100,519**	**1,674**

18. **Commissioning, Resources and Quality**: This area is projected to be overspent by £0.8m due to commitments for provider payments in social care budget areas.

19. **Children's Social Care**: The projected overspend of £4.7m is largely due to the increase in the number of children in care and additional staff costs.

20. **Service Management**: The underspend of £3.8m is due to savings in staff budgets and general grant and other income and use of reserves (£0.7m) that provides funding for expenditure across a range of service areas.

21. **Education and Skills**: There are pressures in legal costs for SEND services of £0.4m offset by savings in employee and historic early retirement costs.

Operations – £1.4m overspend (2.4%)

22. The budget projection for Operations is an overspend of £1.4m at the end of quarter one:

Service	Working budget £000's	Projected Outturn £000's	Q1 Variance £000's
Commercial Operations			
Director of Commercial Operations	485	485	0
Flood and Coastal Erosion	1,041	1,041	0
Head of Commercial Operations	100	100	0
Leisure and Events	839	839	0
Parking Services	(18,969)	(18,969)	0
Seafront	(6,674)	(6,643)	31
Commercial Operations Total	**(23,178)**	**(23,147)**	**31**

Service	Working budget £000's	Projected Outturn £000's	Q1 Variance £000's
Environment			
Service Management	591	608	18
Neighbourhood Services & Grounds	17,269	17,670	402
Passenger Transport	172	(33)	(205)
Bereavement & Coroner	799	784	(14)
Strategic Waste	8,273	8,273	0
Greenspace	508	508	0
Transport & Operating Centres	6,085	6,135	50
Environment Total	**33,697**	**33,947**	**250**
Planning & Transport			
Planning Management	468	468	0
Planning Operations	271	644	373
Strategic Planning	1,534	1,505	(30)
Transport Policy / Sustainable Travel	12,516	12,646	130
Planning & Transport Total	**14,789**	**15,263**	**474**
Investment and Development			
Housing Delivery	139	139	0
Regeneration Delivery	1,045	1,045	0
Smart Places	122	122	0
Operations Strategy	72	59	(13)
Investment and Development Total	**1,378**	**1,365**	**(13)**
Customer & Property Operations			
Business Support	8,086	8,086	0
Culture	3,207	3,207	0
Customer Services	2,771	2,771	0
Libraries	4,451	4,614	163
Bournemouth Library PFI contract	1,659	1,659	0
Engineering	4,468	4,291	(177)
Facilities Management	7,982	8,669	687
Property Maintenance (CWT & IHT)	(1,358)	(1,358)	0
Telecare	91	91	0
Customer & Property Operations Total	**31,357**	**32,030**	**673**
Operations Services	**58,057**	**59,473**	**1,415**

23. The services are actively trying to mitigate costs and drive income wherever possible to obtain a balanced position by the financial year end. Reports from the service directors within Operations of potential mitigations to reduce the overspend are included in Appendix A4c.

Commercial Operations

24. Parking services are reporting a balanced position for quarter one as the first three months of good weather have seen a better income position than budget. However, the expenditure pressure of approx. £0.6m is offsetting that income, although the service will be attempting to mitigate this in year.

25. Despite the good weather, seafront services are experiencing a fall in income mainly due to the cliff slip impact on income generating services such as the land train, beach huts,

cliff lifts and catering of £0.4m, however this loss of income is due to be offset by use of the cliff reserve. This is further compounded by cost-of-living pressures for customers and additional costs pressures for staffing and products. There are also some seasonal pressures as a response to the recent anti-social behaviour, that the service is attempting to contain within their current budgets, such as in staffing of the multi-agency control centre (MACC) and an increase in body worn cameras.

Environment

26. Neighbourhood services and grounds are forecasting a £0.4m pressure due mainly to the salary pressures and unbudgeted overtime payments needed within the waste and cleansing teams. Within highways there is lower demand for dropped crossings resulting in lower income, and a pressure for road markings on main roads, but his has been partly offset by lower Tarmac costs.

27. The passenger transport service has forecast a £0.2m underspend entirely due to vacant driver posts.

28. The strategic waste position is balanced overall, however, within that there are some individual pressures and savings. The waste disposal contract recycling price is lower than budgeted for in quarters one and two, and the recycling sales income is higher. This is offset by pressures in external haulage fees, employee costs and overtime payments.

29. There is an overall £0.05m pressure within the transport & operating centres, on parts, external works, tyres and vehicle hire budgets, partly offset by underspends on salaries due to vacant fitter posts.

Planning and Transport

30. The forecast pressure within planning operations is mainly due to the lower demand for planning applications and the associated income derived from this activity. This follows on from the reduction seen last financial year and is consistent with the national trend. The planning service are actively trying to mitigate this downward trend where possible.

31. Concessionary fares expenditure has increased due to higher demand for bus journeys in quarter one, likely attributable to the better weather conditions. It has been forecast that this trend will continue leading to a pressure of £0.43m. This has been partly offset by many small underspends across the Transport service to a total forecast deficit of £0.1m.

Investment and Development

32. Investment & Development have forecast a small underspend of £0.01m.

Customer & Property Operations

33. Within library services a forecast pressure of £0.16m is mainly related to £0.13m of unrealised savings. These were planned to come from the external let of Northmead House, but the opportunity has been lost as the space is now in use as a BCP staff hub due to the unforeseen closure of the Poole library hub. Although the budget saving was included in libraries, it will come from the rationalisation of assets within the wider corporate estate. The service is looking at other options to mitigate this pressure where possible.

34. There is also a smaller pressure of £0.03m within the Library Service related to additional security required at Bournemouth central library as a direct result of anti-social behaviour.

35. Engineering services have forecast a saving of £0.177m directly attributable to the Dorset PFI street-lighting contract from lower rates for electricity.

36. Facilities Management have forecast a pressure of £0.7m due to the growing demand, year on year for emergency/essential repairs and maintenance across the authority,

including the leisure centres and waste transfer stations brought in house last year. Works of £0.16m have been able to be capitalised with funding provided by a small contingent fund in capital reserves under officer delegations. The cleaning contract is also forecasting a pressure of £0.5m and this is mainly due to a centralised budget that was too small in addition to the annual inflation and national living wage increases from the external contractor.

37. The Construction Works Team (CWT) within Property Maintenance is actively adapting to changes following the strategic realignment of the CHNAS programme. In response to this shift, the team is proactively identifying new project opportunities to support full cost recovery. The service is reviewing existing resource agreements to ensure that recharges are appropriately aligned with service delivery.

38. From 1 April, the In-House Team (IHT) for repairs and maintenance implemented a revised operating model to ensure transparent and accountable charging to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). These services are now delivered through the BBML company. As part of this transition, work is underway to right-size budgets and charging arrangements within the general fund, ensuring they reflect the new delivery model and support a balanced financial position.

Resources – £0.2m overspend (0.7%)

39. Executive and Resources provide professional support services to the council and undertake tax collection and housing benefits administration.

Service	Working budget £000's	Projected Outturn £000's	Q1 Variance £000's
Executive	894	894	**0**
Law and Governance	5,566	5,766	**200**
Marketing, Comms and Policy	2,459	2,459	**0**
People and Culture	4,988	4,988	**0**
Finance, Estates and Benefits	16,892	16,892	**0**
IT and Programmes	18,594	18,594	**0**
Executive & Resources Total	**49,393**	**49,593**	**200**

40. Most Resources areas are currently operating within budget being able to manage their resources effectively while supporting wider organisational priorities. Where service directors reported overspends, mitigations are included in their reports at Appendix A4d.

41. IT and Programmes is maintaining a stable financial position and is actively focused on driving forward the council's ambition to become a more data-driven organisation. This includes ongoing work to enhance digital productivity and support digital transformation initiatives.

42. The legal services within Law and Governance are not reporting an overspend. They are actively addressing ongoing staffing challenges related to the use of locums and working to establish longer-term staffing solutions to reduce reliance on temporary arrangements.

43. However, there are pressures in Law and Governance due to the underachievement of income in land charges. The service is monitoring income closely although there remains a risk if income levels do not recover.

44. Similarly, Marketing, Communications & Policy is facing budgetary pressures linked to difficulties in generating income. Advertising opportunities are limited, and some long-standing arrangements have capped income which impacts the service's ability to offset costs. Alternative options are being explored. Mitigations have been implemented, including using £0.1m of the climate change reserve to support expenditure.

Corporate Budgets

45. The table below provides a summary of the variances:

Service	Working budget	Projected Outturn	Q1 Variance
	£000's	£000's	£000's
Pay related costs	5,911	6,091	**160**
Contingency	3,195	353	**(2,842)**
Interest Payable	9,345	9,045	**(300)**
Investment Income	(655)	(655)	**0**
Pay & grading project	430	430	**0**
Debt Repayment - MRP & VRP	8,797	8,797	**0**
Transformation	0	0	**0**
Housing Benefits	(1,323)	(423)	**900**
Contribution from HRA	(3,743)	(3,743)	**0**
Investment Properties	(5,301)	(5,301)	**0**
Dividend Income	(316)	(316)	**0**
Levies	658	658	**0**
Apprentice Levy	782	782	**0**
Parishes / Town Precept / Chartered Trustee	1,491	1,491	**0**
Earmarked Reserves use	(8,440)	(8,441)	**0**
Pension Backfunding	3,716	3,716	**0**
Admin Charged to Grant Income	(1,820)	(1,820)	**0**
One off Corporate Items	(1,712)	(1,712)	
Corporate Items	**11,015**	**8,452**	**(2,062)**
Funding			
Council Tax Income	(281,232)	(281,232)	**0**
Parishes / Town Precept / Chartered Trustee	(1,491)	(1,491)	**0**
New Homes Bonus	(246)	(246)	**0**
Revenue Support Grant	(4,416)	(4,416)	**0**
NNDR Net Income	(43,243)	(43,243)	**0**
NNDR 31 Grants	(26,215)	(26,215)	**0**
Estimated Deficit Collection Fund - NNDR	(678)	(678)	**0**
Estimated Surplus Collection Fund - CTAX	0	0	**0**
Corporate Total	**(346,506)**	**(348,268)**	**(2,062)**

46. An overall £180k pressure in pay related costs combine an underspend in budget set aside for NI increases (£0.5m) with a £0.7m overspend on the cost of annual pay award which was agreed at 3.2% compared to budget 2.8%.

47. The underspend of contingency of £2,842k represents the release of all available budget to support overspends elsewhere.

48. An underspend of £0.3m from reduced expenditure in the treasury management function from our continued ability to borrow in the local authority market as opposed to needing to take longer term borrowing via the Public Works Loan Board.

49. A £0.9m overspend on housing benefit is forecast based on an increase in costs unable to be recovered by government subsidy.

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Appendix A2 - General Fund Summary

Directorate	Revenue	Working Budget £'000	Forecast £'000	Variance £'000
Wellbeing	Expenditure Total	331,987	336,950	4,963
	Income Total	(193,420)	(195,931)	(2,511)
Wellbeing Total		**138,567**	**141,019**	**2,452**
Children's Services	Expenditure Total	131,416	135,692	4,276
	Income Total	(32,571)	(35,173)	(2,602)
Children's Services Total		**98,845**	**100,519**	**1,674**
Operations	Expenditure Total	183,570	184,880	1,310
	Income Total	(125,527)	(125,424)	103
Operations Total		**58,042**	**59,457**	**1,415**
Resources	Expenditure Total	56,620	56,620	0
	Income Total	(8,121)	(7,921)	200
Resources Total		**48,499**	**48,699**	**200**
Executive	Expenditure Total	1,019	1,019	0
	Income Total	(125)	(125)	0
Executive Total		**894**	**894**	**0**
Total Net Cost of Service		**344,847**	**350,588**	**5,741**
Corporate Items				
Pay award 2024/25		5,911	6,091	180
Budget Contingency		3,195	353	(2,842)
Treasury management interest income		(655)	(655)	0
Treasury management borrowing costs		6,425	6,125	(300)
Pay & grading project		2,176	2,176	0
Prudential Borrowing		2,920	2,920	0
Vacant properties		485	485	0
Benefits		(1,323)	(423)	900
Investment Properties		(5,301)	(5,301)	0
Council Tax Income		(281,232)	(281,232)	0
Other Corporate Items		(77,448)	(77,448)	0
Net Position		**0**	**3,679**	**3,679**

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ASCS1	Adult Social Care	Fees and Charges	Additional income - client contributions and deferred payments	Green	(559)	(559)	0	Adult Social Care expects to achieve full savings target of 559k. Having 3 months transactions in 2025-26 accounts suggests strong client contribution recovery to the tune of 3.8% beyond budgeted amount.
ASCS2	Adult Social Care	Fees and Charges	NHS Inflationary increase for contribution to Sec117 after care costs	Green	(860)	(860)	0	
ASCS3	Adult Social Care	Service Efficiency	Extra Care Housing	Green	(250)	(250)	0	
ASCS4	Adult Social Care	Service Reduction	Reduction in service to align with Rough Sleeping Drug & Alcohol Treatment Funding	Green	(69)	(69)	0	
		Saving Total - Adult Social Care Directorate			**(1,738)**	**(1,738)**	**0**	
CPS1	ASC Comissioning	Fees and Charges	Care home lease income	Green	(15)	(15)	0	
		Saving Total - Commissioning			**(15)**	**(15)**	**0**	
PHS2	Public Health	Service Efficiency	Proposed savings	Green	(633)	(633)	0	
CA&PS6	Public Health	Service Reduction	Removal of Ward Improvement Fund	Blue	(317)	(317)	0	
		Saving Total - Public Health			**(950)**	**(950)**	**0**	
H&CS4	Housing & Communities	Service Reduction	Cease occupation of the Cotton Exchange	Green	(32)	(32)	0	
H&CS5	Housing & Communities	Fees and Charges	Additional garages income	Blue	(15)	(15)	0	
H&CS8	Housing & Communities	Fees and Charges	6 Braidley Road - Conversation - net operating income	Green	(9)	(9)	0	
		Saving Total - Operations - Housing & Communities			**(56)**	**(56)**	**0**	
			Wellbeing Savings Total		**(2,759)**	**(2,759)**	**0**	
COS1	Commercial Operations	Fees and Charges	Beach hut prices as per December 2022 Cabinet report	Green	(196)	(196)	0	New pricing structure implemented from April 2023.
COS2	Commercial Operations	Fees and Charges	Harmonisation of beach huts fees and charges as per December 2022 Cabinet report	Green	(212)	(212)	0	New pricing structure implemented from April 2023.
COS3	Commercial Operations	Service Reduction	Reduce subsidy of Leisure Centres	Amber	(100)	0	100	Some of the saving is linked to a restructure which is being worked through. Additional pressure regarding salary supplements following TUPE process also being looked through. Positive sales to date to assist.
COS4	Commercial Operations	Service Efficiency	Procure contract for film location income	Green	(35)	(35)	0	On track to meet
COS8	Commercial Operations	Fees and Charges	Seafront catering service enhancements and operational changes	Amber	(50)	0	50	Loss of sites due to Cliff Slips likely to impact income.
COS9	Commercial Operations	Service Reduction	Arcade operations	Green	(10)	(10)	0	Savings to be generated from investment in new gaming equipment and staffing
COS10	Commercial Operations	Service Reduction	Seafront trading efficiencies	Amber	(45)	0	45	Loss of services due to cliff slips (West Cliff Lift & Seafront Land Trains) likely to impact income.
COS15	Commercial Operations	Service Efficiency	Rebalance of events and business support functions	Blue	(20)	(20)	0	Complete new strucutre to be in place as of 1 October
COS16	Commercial Operations	Service Efficiency	Reduction/removal of events related funding, seek alternative funding sources.	Blue	(100)	(100)	0	
COS19	Commercial Operations	Fees and Charges	Parking cashless app fee	Green	(120)	(120)	0	
COS20	Commercial Operations	Service Reduction	Remove camera enforcement car	Blue	(11)	(11)	0	
COS21	Commercial Operations	Service Reduction	Reduction in Pay and Display machines across BCP	Green	(150)	(150)	0	The trial is in place and the outcome will be reviewed in September. Indications are that this will be delivered in full
COS22	Commercial Operations	Fees and Charges	Parking operational changes	Amber	(307)	0	307	This encompasses a variety of small projects, including removal of free 2 hour wait in Poole Old Town RPZ, provision of over-sized bays and hamronisation of winter charging in seasonal parking areas. Delivery of savings has been impacted by the work required on the PCN trial

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COS25	Commercial Operations	Service Reduction	Hawkwood Road – Car Park expenditure	Amber	(59)	0	59	This is related to the closure of Hawkwood Road Car Park - savings were based on an October 2025 closure.
		Saving Total - Operations - Commercial Operations			**(1,415)**	**(854)**	**561**	
ES3	Environment	Fees and Charges	Commercial waste income achievements	Amber	(70)	0	70	Ongoing concern around market forces. BCP market share declining due to increased costs being applied to the price, allowing competitors to gain.
ES4	Environment	Service Efficiency	Waste disposal - contractual savings N+P	Blue	(30)	(30)	0	
ES6	Environment	Service Efficiency	Reduced EA licencing charges	Blue	(20)	(20)	0	
ES8	Environment	Service Efficiency	Reduced revenue contribution to bin purchasing capital	Blue	(20)	(20)	0	
ES9	Environment	Service Efficiency	Reduction in waste sent to landfill	Blue	(100)	(100)	0	
ES11	Environment	Service Efficiency	Passenger Transport ICT software saving	Blue	(50)	(50)	0	
		Saving Total - Operations - Environment			**(290)**	**(220)**	**70**	
IS7	Planning & Transport	Service Efficiency	Replace school crossing patrols with 24/7 pedestrian crossings	Green	(15)	(15)	0	On track implementation underway
P&DS3	Planning & Transport	Fees and Charges	Increased income generation	Green	(25)	(25)	0	Income YTD below expectations but too early in the year to be a concern
P&DS8	Planning & Transport	Fees and Charges	Increase CIL admin fee through the CIL Charging Schedule	Red	(50)		50	CIL income depends on commencement of development which is impacted by market. This saving will not be achieved because the BCP Local Plan and CIL Charging Schedule have both been withdrawn from examination (3 June Council meeting). The CIL charges and therefore the admin fee will therefore not be changing.
P&DS9	Planning & Transport	Fees and Charges	Introduce S106 Monitoring Fee, however, could be impacted by reduction of s106's.	Red	(15)		15	This saving will not be achieved because the BCP Local Plan and CIL Charging Schedule have both been withdrawn from examination (3 June Council meeting). The CIL charges and therefore the admin fee will therefore not be changing.
		Saving Total - Operations - Planning & Transport			**(105)**	**(40)**	**65**	
CA&PS3	Customer, Arts & Property	Fees and Charges	Entrance charges at Poole Museum for exhibitions	Green	(5)	(5)	0	
CA&PS4	Customer, Arts & Property	Fees and Charges	Poole Museum reopening income generation	Green	(100)	(100)	0	
CA&PS8	Customer, Arts & Property	Fees and Charges	Adjustment to infrastructure asset maintenance	Green	(30)	(30)	0	
CA&PS9	Customer, Arts & Property	Fees and Charges	Corporate Window Cleaning	Green	(70)	(28)	42	Projected saving reflects a twice yearly clean
CA&PS15	Customer, Arts & Property	Service Reduction	Savings from amalgamating services to provide community hubs	Amber	(133)	0	133	Anticipated from vacation of Northmead House, which is now having to be retained to accomodate displaced staff from Dolphin Centre hub
CA&PS7	Customer, Arts & Property	Service Efficiency	Removal of Engineering supplies	Green	(13)	(13)	0	
		Saving Total - Operations - Customer, Arts & Property			**(351)**	**(176)**	**175**	
OS1	Operations - General	Fees and Charges	Allowance for increased fees and charges in future years - Commercial Operations	Amber	(776)	(776)	0	Work is ongoing to understand if these savings will be met.
OS1	Operations - General	Fees and Charges	Allowance for increased fees and charges in future years - Infrastructure	Amber	(15)	(15)	0	Work is ongoing to understand if these savings will be met.
OS1	Operations - General	Fees and Charges	Allowance for increased fees and charges in future years - Customer, Srts and Property	Amber	(64)	(64)	0	Work is ongoing to understand if these savings will be met.
OS1	Operations - General	Fees and Charges	Allowance for increased fees and charges in future years - Environment	Amber	(167)	(167)	0	Work is ongoing to understand if these savings will be met.
OS1	Operations - General	Fees and Charges	Allowance for increased fees and charges in future years - Communities	Green	(1)	(1)	0	
OS2	Operations - General	Service Efficiency	Operations Directorate to restructure in line with size of services post budget savings decisions	Amber	(75)	(75)	0	Work is ongoing to understand if these savings will be met.

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		Saving Total - Operations - General			**(1,098)**	**(1,098)**	**0**	
			Operations Savings Total		**(3,259)**	**(2,388)**	**871**	
EXS2	Executive	Service Efficiency	No longer subscribe to LGIU	Blue	(16)	(16)	0	
		Saving Total - Executive			**(16)**	**(16)**	**0**	
L&GS1	Law & Governance	Service Efficiency	Termination of Schools Admissions Appeals Service to non-maintained schools	Blue	(6)	(6)	0	
L&GS2	Law & Governance	Service Efficiency	Legal literature savings (subject to confirmation of cost of additional bolt-ons)	Blue	(9)	(9)	0	
L&GS3	Law & Governance	Fees and Charges	Legal Services Review of Fees and Charges	Blue	(5)	(5)	0	
L&GS4	Law & Governance	Fees and Charges	Registrars Service Review of Fees and Charges	Blue	(8)	(8)	0	
	Saving Total - Law & Governance				**(28)**	**(28)**	**0**	
MC&PS2	Marketing, Comms and Policy	Service Reduction	Residents' Survey conducted every other year	Blue	(25)	(25)	0	
MC&PS3	Marketing, Comms and Policy	Service Reduction	Reduce out-of-hours press office cover	Blue	(8)	(8)	0	
	Saving Total - Marketing, Communications and Policy				**(33)**	**(33)**	**0**	
FS1	Finance	Fees and Charges	Accountancy Recharge to Chartered Trustees	Blue	(1)	(1)	0	
FS2	Finance	Fees and Charges	Paddle Courts on Creekmoor	Blue	(64)	(64)	0	
FS3	Finance	Service Reduction	Do not take out terrorism insurance cover for the councils buildings (other than were there is a legal requirement)	Blue	(200)	(200)	0	
	Saving Total - Finance				**(265)**	**(265)**	**0**	
IT&PS1	IT and Programmes	Service Efficiency	Contract Management – MS Enterprise Agreement	Blue	(100)	(100)	0	
IT&PS2	IT and Programmes	Service Efficiency	Centralise remaining IT Contract budgets and management.	Blue	(50)	(50)	0	
IT&PS3	IT and Programmes	Service Efficiency	ICT and Programmes: Voluntary Redundancies	Blue	(95)	(95)	0	
	Saving Total - IT and Programmes				**(245)**	**(245)**	**0**	
RS1	Resources - General	Recharges	Recharges to Housing Revenue Account of charges in line with impact of inflation, particularly those associated with the pay award costs.	Green	(55)	(55)	0	
RS2	Across Authority Savings	Fees and Charges	Increase Staff Car Parking Charges	Green	(3)	(3)	0	
RS3	Resources - General	Recharges	Recharges to Dorset Adult Learning	Blue	(11)	(11)	0	
RS4	Resources - General	Recharges	Recharges to Bournemouth Companies	Blue	(8)	(8)	0	
		Saving Total - Resources General			**(77)**	**(77)**	**0**	
			Resources Savings Total		**(664)**	**(664)**	**0**	
Overall Total - Service Based Savings and Efficiencies					**(6,682)**	**(5,811)**	**871**	

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ASCTS1	Adult Social Care	Service Transformation	Investment in care technology	Amber	(363)	(363)	0	Evidence in hand to support at least £138k annually after several months of the programme running. Aim to deliver full £363k within 2025/26.
ACSTS2	Adult Social Care	Service Transformation	ASC Transformation	Amber	(961)	(961)	0	ASC are aiming to achieve full £961k despite many mitigating factors, some of which need to be confirmed.
ACSTS3	Adult Social Care	Service Transformation	UEC Transformation - January 26 Onwards - Net Savings	Amber	(100)	(100)	0	The FutureCare programme to launch early in 2026 in respect of local authority benefits realisation
		Saving Total - Wellbeing - ASC			**(1,424)**	**(1,424)**	**0**	
H&CTS1	Housing & Communities	Service Transformation	Public Protection – Reconfiguration of tier 5 and 6 management/senior posts	Blue	(186)	(186)	0	
		Saving Total - Wellbeing - Housing & Communities			**(186)**	**(186)**	**0**	
CSTS1	Children's Services	Service Transformation	Transformation - New delivery models	Green	(327)	(327)	0	Service is on track to achieeving savings target
CSTS2	Children's Services	Service Transformation	Transformation - Commissioning	Green	(249)	(249)	0	Service is on track to achieeving savings target
		Saving Total - Children's Services			**(576)**	**(576)**	**0**	
ES2	Environment	Service Transformation	Savings from stopping postage of green waste stickers due to new in cab software	Green	(40)	(40)	0	On track implementation underway
		Saving Total - Envionment			**(40)**	**(40)**	**0**	
CA&PTS3	Customer, Arts & Property	Service Transformation	Reduce Customer service staff provision	Amber	(100)	(100)	0	Equates to approx 4 fte. Impact on contact centre response performance in short term, which is anticipated to be mitgated over time as customer journey redesign and AI supported change is introduced
		Saving Total - Operations Customer, Arts, and Property			**(100)**	**(100)**	**0**	
FTS1	Finance	Service Transformation	Revenue and Benefits System - Target Operating Model - Vision and Valid savings	Blue	(400)	(400)	0	
FTS2	Finance	Service Transformation	Revenue and Benefits - System rationalisation	Blue	(159)	(159)	0	
		Saving Total - Resources - Finance			**(559)**	**(559)**	**0**	
	Overall Total - Service Based Savings and Efficiencies				**(2,885)**	**(2,885)**	**0**	
	Overall Total - Service Based Savings and Efficiencies				**(9,567)**	**(8,696)**	**871**	

RAG Rating Key

Completed - Saving delivered	**Blue**
Progressing Well - Member / officer decision(s) needed to enable the delivery of the saving have been made. However due to the risk around assumed activity levels the saving, efficiency or additional resources may not be delivered in full.	**Green**
In Progress - Actions to deliver the required saving have actively started including consultations **but have not been concluded.**	**Amber**
Saving unlikely as serious risk to delivery	**Red**
Saving identified - Preparatory **work to deliver the saving not yet to start.**	**White**
No saving identified in 2025/26	**N/a**

Appendix A4a Service Deficit Mitigation Report

Service Directorate:	Adult Social Care - Services
Deficit amount:	£2.99 million

Details of Deficit: (Problems/Key Issues/Background)

Total £2.99 million overspend is largely driven by:

- Circa 5% increase in care home placement demand (£1.5 million) for adults 65+; this is mainly from:
  - cost of living crisis impact on private funded service users depleting their own resources sooner than in the past
  - hospital discharge impact on placement numbers,
- Rising costs of community care for complex cases within Learning Disability / Specialism areas, including Asperger's and Autism (£2.6 million),
- Slow turnover in staffing, preventing delivery of vacancy drag (£320 thousand)
- Unexpected historical Ordinary Residence potential significant claim that goes back before BCP was formed in 2019 where there has been limited awareness until recently and no budget provision has been made.

Mitigation already assumed: (Please include details of any mitigation used to bring it down to the level declared)

Service user contributions increased profile reflected and income from Health recoverable under contractual agreements (S75) – combined £1.474 million, bringing demand led overspend to reported level of £2.99 million.

Further joint funding with Health and seeking continuing healthcare (CHC) eligibility is being explored, pending potentially handing over 1 extremely costly placement to health. It must be noted that the Integrated Care Borad (ICB) has unilaterally changed their processes making this more difficult to secure.

Further Mitigation needed:

Service Heads – to conduct urgent reviews within areas of responsibility and introduce demand management control measures

Enhanced recruitment monitoring ensuring statutory services recruitment only.

Further service contribution re-alignment should quarter two provide positive result.

Conclusion: More balanced approach is explored in quarter two with expectation to bring the overspend under better control.
Likelihood of success: Demand led service exposed to continuous challenges not only from external environment (hospitals, community) but also accelerated internally (Children Services transitions into Adult Social Care). Changes within Health may prove challenging and prevent generating income further beyond assumed levels. Under S75 additional income will be available only if cost of care continues its increasing trajectory.

Children's Services 2025/26 – Quarter One Forecast Variance Mitigation Report

Background

The forecast overspend for Children's Services at Q1 totals £2.84m, driven primarily by increased cost pressure from delivering Special Guardianship Order (SGO) support. The SGO budget is forecast to overspend by £1.54m mainly due to the annual increase in the Fostering National Minimum Allowance, which the service has been required to match without a corresponding increase in budget. This pressure had been masked within the Children in Care (CIC) budget and has only now been clearly identified from service re-mapping.

In addition, rising costs and increased demand within CIC added further pressure of £0.7m. Children and families First, PLO & Court contributed about £0.8m to the overall pressure. Savings forecasted in other areas helped reduce the net variance to £2.84m

Service	£000's
Children In Care	746
Special Guardianship Order	1,542
Children & Families First, PLO & Court	808
Savings in other areas	(255)
Net overspend before further mitigations	**2,841**

The forecast also includes approximately £1.2m relating to cost of young adults (over 18 years) who continue to be funded by Children's Services, despite being more appropriately aligned to Housing or Adults social care budgets.

Planned Mitigation

Mitigation	Amount £000's	Likelihood of Success
Drawdown from Reserve	668	Achieved
Back payment from Health	500	Achieved

Conclusion

The forecast overspend within the service is being actively managed through the mitigation strategies set out above with the **quarter one projected overspend reduced to £1.674m** after the mitigations noted above have been considered. We request that Cabinet recognises the inbuilt £1.2m pressure, which is not appropriately aligned with the children service's budget, when considering the overall position. Furthermore, we will be presenting the SGO overspend as an MTFP pressure and will be bidding for growth in the next financial year.

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Service Deficit Mitigation Report

Service Directorate:	Commercial Operations
Deficit amount:	£405k amended to £31k as a result of the agreed mitigations listed below (Q1 forecast)

Details of Deficit: (Problems/Key Issues/Background)

Anticipated income loss due to cliff slips (beach huts, land trains, lifts, catering) and seasonal response BWC's and additional Meyrick payments.

Seafront has absorbed £530k unexpected and unbudgeted cliff slip response costs, primarily through reductions in facility maintenance, which may lead to service interruptions, further income pressures, and increased maintenance backlogs.

Income targets have increased in 25/26, have lowered demand in some areas, and wider pressures which are also currently being absorbed.

Mitigation already assumed: (Please include details of any mitigation used to bring it down to the level declared)

Ongoing management of staffing costs through recruitment changes/delaying recruitment and reductions in casual / seasonal staff.

Revised maintenance programme.

Additional marketing activity and/or service changes planned for lodges, beach huts, catering and Visitor Info/TIC.

Further Mitigation needed:

LUF or CIL could be utilised to help deliver some elements of maintenance programme.

The £1.4m reserve for cliff management could also offset all the reported pressure, wider review into required works being undertaken.

Conclusion:

Cliff slips and visitor numbers / spend have put significant pressure on budgets.

Actions are being undertaken to minimise pressures however, the service is unlikely to be able to balance its budget unless some or all of the Q1 cliff slip expenditure is offset against the £1.4m reserve.

Likelihood of success:

Medium

Service Deficit Mitigation Report

Service Directorate:	Environment
Deficit amount:	£250k

Details of Deficit: (Problems/Key Issues/Background)

- Neighbourhood Services and Grounds are forecasting a £0.4m pressure due mainly to the salary pressures relating to no uplift being applied to agency budget or ad hoc payment allowances e.g. BH working that require temporary resource producing gap in cost of hourly rate and unbudgeted overtime payments needed within the Waste and Cleansing teams. Within highways there is lower demand for vehicle access crossing installations resulting in lower income, and a pressure for road markings on main roads, but his has been partly offset by lower Tarmac costs.
- The Passenger Transport service have forecast a £0.2m underspend entirely due to vacant driver posts.
- The strategic waste position is balanced overall, however, within that balanced position there are some individual pressures and savings, as follows. The waste disposal contract recycling price is lower than budgeted for in Q1 and Q2 and the recycling sales income is up. This is offset by pressures in external haulage fees, salary pressures and overtime payments.
- There was an overall £0.05m pressure within the Transport & Operating Centres, on parts, external works, tyres and vehicle hire budgets, partly offset by underspends on salaries due to vacant fitter posts.

Mitigation already assumed: (Please include details of any mitigation used to bring it down to the level declared)

Fleet Operations – subsequent review in July 25 has revised the forecast deficit to a net nil position.

Grounds Maintenance – Review of service area ongoing provisional figures indicate an underspend of £160k due to prudent spending controls and favourable weather conditions during growing season.

Strategic waste - subsequent review in July 25 has produced variances with further pressures and savings identified resulting in an ongoing overall net nil position whilst absorbing additional external pressures e.g. contractor payment increases, user number decreases and increases in rates charges.

Further Mitigation needed: Implementation of revised working arrangements across waste collection to improve efficiency, alongside targeted action against absence management underway.
Conclusion: Net budget of £33m with forecast variance of £200k following fleet review. Service continues to apply spending prudency and recruitment decision making to produce net nil or better by end of year outturn. Greatest ongoing risk relates to Highway maintenance ability to respond to statutory defects as identified against Policy within available budgetary assumptions.
Likelihood of success: Probable

Service Deficit Mitigation Report

Service Directorate:	Planning and Transport – Concessionary Fares
Deficit amount:	£0.43m

Details of Deficit: (Problems/Key Issues/Background)

- **Statutory scheme with bus operator reimbursement linked to concessionary bus pass use.**
- **Journey numbers up in 2025/26 compared with 2024/25 (approx. 5%).**
- **Increased journey numbers thought to be due to better weather; increased confidence in using buses post-COVID amongst older and disabled population; and on-going improvements in bus travel.**
- **Reimbursement also linked to fares levels which have increased (cost inflation in the industry – operating costs e.g. driver costs that incurred higher NI costs)**
- **Other Travel Concession Authorities in the region have been experiencing increased concessionary bus pass use (Devon and Wiltshire).**

Mitigation already assumed: (Please include details of any mitigation used to bring it down to the level declared)

Issue has been raised with Department for Transport regional representative.

Further Mitigation needed:

Conclusion: The English National Concessionary Travel Scheme is a statutory provision with reimbursement based on use. The fact that more older and disabled people are getting out and about, improving their wellbeing and contributing to the local economy is a positive outcome of this financial pressure. The issue has been raised with DfT to identify whether any

government funding could be available to support this area but nothing identified to date.
Likelihood of success:

Service Deficit Mitigation Report

Service Directorate:	Planning and Transport - Planning
Deficit amount:	£400k
Details of Deficit: The forecast pressure within planning operations is mainly due to the lower than anticipated planning application submissions and the associated income derived from this activity. It is difficult to accurately predict the number of applications which will be received per quarter as this is outside of the control of the LPA and subject to market forces and economic conditions. Planning applications are also subject to seasonal variations with notable reductions in summer months. The shortfall in Q2 follows on from the reduction seen last financial year and is consistent with the national trend. This is largely due to the downturn int he economy and the rise in building cost and the cost of borrowing. The planning service are actively trying to mitigate this downward trend where possible.	
Mitigation already assumed: It is difficult to accurately predict the number of applications which will be submitted throughout the year, a number of larger applications (with significant fees) are expected to be submitted in the next quarter with Q3 being one of the busiest quarters historically for planning application submissions. As such it is anticipated that the planning income will increase and be more inline with the budget estimate for the full financial year.	
Further Mitigation needed: No further mitigation required beyond monitoring of applications being submitted in Q3	
Conclusion: Whilst income is down against the forecast this is as a result of variations across the year and it is anticipated that income will increase in the following two quarters.	
Likelihood of success: High	

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Service Deficit Mitigation Report

Service Directorate:	Customer & Property
Deficit amount:	£673,000

Details of Deficit: (Problems/Key Issues/Background)

Libraries

- £133k of accommodation rationalisation savings is allocated to libraries when it was anticipated to come from the vacation and subsequent rental of Northmead House. That building is still required as it is accommodating staff displaced from Poole Library due to as yet unresolved RAAC issue.
- Security costs

FM

- 163k forecast overspend on building response repairs (despite only responding to urgent issues) and planned servicing requirements (increased due to insourcing of leisure centres)
- 500k cleaning contract pressure due to insufficient resources being transferred in when contract was consolidated in FM, and impact of NLW on contract cost.

Mitigation already assumed: (Please include details of any mitigation used to bring it down to the level declared)

FM

- Policy of completing urgent repairs only already in place, where failure to respond would result in unacceptable H&S risk or requirement to close building/service
- Capitalisation of revenue spend where possible and appropriate
- Temp closure of public toilets where temporary justification exists eg, ASB, which limits cleaning costs for that period
- Service accountant identified cleaning contract funds from the previous service areas (200k) to mitigate part of shortfall.
- £187k of response repairs now capitalised, reducing earlier forecast deficit
- £100k of customer staffing savings to be made in year to meet MTFP target

Further Mitigation needed:

FM

- CMB report being prepared to explain the response repairs pressures and gain understanding of the limited opportunities to reduce cost within budget.

General

- Scrutinise all revenue funded vacancies to identify opportunities to delay or freeze.

Conclusion:

Forecast variance is currently 673k against a net budget of £31m, and reflects a number of pressures that are very difficult to mitigate without impact on sensitive services (public toilets, libraries, customer service, building operations etc).

Efforts will continue to identify ways in which to bring the deficit down over second half of year, including spend restraint and vacancy freeze.

Likelihood of success:

Limited without significant decisions around stopping service delivery

Service Deficit Mitigation Report

Service Directorate:	Local Land Charges Law & Governance
Deficit amount:	£200,000

Details of Deficit:

The Q1 income variance is primarily due to a continued slowdown in the housing market, resulting in reduced demand for Local Authority Searches. Consequently, actual income is currently below the budgeted estimate.

This trend is largely driven by external economic factors, including rising interest rates and changes in mortgage availability, which have impacted the volume of property transactions

Mitigation already assumed:

We are closely monitoring market conditions and search numbers as well as reviewing income forecasts to ensure they reflect current trends. In parallel, we have been sending a bi weekly update to key stakeholders promoting our turnaround times and exploring opportunities to promote direct search submissions to the Council and assessing whether fee adjustments will be possible going forward to offset the shortfall.

Operationally, we have transitioned to bi-weekly invoicing for account customers, which should have helped improve the last few months - Further updates will be provided in Q2.

Further Mitigation needed:

We are continuing to monitor the property search market closely. Encouragingly, income levels in July and August have aligned with budget estimates, indicating a potential recovery in demand.

To improve forecasting accuracy, we have implemented a tracker for interest rate movements, which will help us better anticipate market fluctuations and their impact on service volumes.

Following the implementation of the new corporate **MasterGov** system, we are reviewing service demand and operational efficiency. One notable change is the shift in payment behaviour, with a growing number of solicitors opting to pay by invoice. This has introduced a delayed payment structure, which will require adjustments to our income forecasting model to reflect timing differences in revenue recognition.

We are also actively engaging with HM Land Registry regarding the planned transfer of the **LLC1** element of Local Land Charges searches, expected within the next two years. This transition may have significant implications for service delivery and income generation, and we are working to assess and prepare for its impact.

Conclusion:

While income figures in July and August has shown signs of recovery, the overall Q1 variance reflects the ongoing volatility in the housing market and its impact on Local Authority Search demand. External factors such as interest rate fluctuations and mortgage

availability continue to influence service volumes, making future income projections inherently difficult.

We will continue to monitor market conditions closely and adjust our approach as needed. A further review will be undertaken in Q2 to assess the effectiveness of current mitigations and determine whether additional actions are required.

Likelihood of success:
While mitigation measures are in place and early indicators—such as improved income performance in July and August—are encouraging, the overall likelihood of success remains **cautiously optimistic** but subject to external volatility.

Service Deficit Mitigation Report

Service Directorate:	Marketing, Communications and Policy
Deficit amount:	£185,000 (already mitigated to £135,000)

Details of Deficit: (Problems/Key Issues/Background)

Total £185,000 overspend made up of:

- RS0021 - £135,000 Underperformance on income driven by ambitious income target, progress of Out of Home advertising site expansion (reliant on planning permissions), poor market performance and removal of small ad site infrastructure on seafront.
- WC9000 - £30,000 overspend on salaries due to redundancy pay out in-year (calculated pay back is within the 2 year window).
- RS0042 - £20,000 overspend because of vacancy factor but no vacancies.
- Remaining budgets are largely salaries. Existing mitigations are therefore limited as any underspend via vacancies is already accounted for in 5% vacancy factor (£121,000).

Mitigation already assumed: (Please include details of any mitigation used to bring it down to the level declared)

Mitigations already implemented:

Current salary underspend to mitigate overspends (after vacancy factor):

RS0040, Policy - £30,000

RS0020, Corporate Comms - £15,000

RS0021, Commercial marketing - £5,000

Total: £50,000

Further Mitigation needed:

Recruitment freeze on non-statutory services:

RS0040 Senior Policy Officer (J) – Jan – March 26, £20,000

(Sep – Dec already accounted for)

Impact/risks

- Will need to reprioritise policy work, impacting speed of EIA assessments
- Challenge to support Devolution if sudden demand occurs (low risk)
- Unable to support proactive work (eg Policy support for partnership strategies)

Spending freeze

- £2,500 – IT equipment

Reprofiling of resource

RS0021 – UKSPF funding for place-based marketing and comms - £15,000 in 25/26

Below are suggested mitigations but will impact other services or need agreement from CMB, so are outlined here as TBC:

Reprofiling Climate budget

Use £97,500 from Climate reserve to promote sustainability work via Comms and Marketing.

Rationale: The Sustainability team has secured external funding for heat networks study (£120,000) and climate literacy funding (£25,000) both previously earmarked in Climate reserve.

Therefore some of this could be redirected to Comms and Marketing to support the Sustainability team to promote local and national carbon reduction schemes, behaviour change campaigns and sign-post residents to funding and resources.

Other income options

- Discussions with internal teams re. funding from grants/capital, eg Poole Museum as current arrangement doesn't cover resource demand. TBC.

Total: £135,000

Conclusion:

£87,500 can be found to mitigate the budget shortfall within service - £50,000 has already been implemented with a further £37,500 expected.

The remainder can be found within service, but needs discussion/decision at CMB with PFH briefing.

Proposal is to use the above mitigations and reassess the position at the end of Q2 – if it improves then we could restart recruitment for paused or reprofiled roles.

Likelihood of success:

Depends on ability to reprofile Climate fund as proposed. If the £97,500 from the Climate budget cannot be used, we would need to freeze recruitment to other roles, which would incur significant risk to the organisation, could affect statutory warning and informing duties, affect other services ability to deliver, and would not meet the full shortfall.

Appendix B - Earmarked Reserves for 31 March 2026

Detail	31/03/25 Actual Balances £000's	Estimated movement £000's	31/03/26 Estimated Balances £000's
Application of one-off resources to support the financial sustainability of the MTFP following a fundamental review as part of the process of building the budget for 2024/25	(2,790)	2,790	0
Transition and Transformation Reserves	(3,126)	0	(3,126)
Insurance Reserve	(5,018)	0	(5,018)
Held in Partnership for External Organisations	(3,467)	624	(2,843)
Required by Statute or Legislation	(795)	0	(795)
Planning Related	(354)	0	(354)
Government Grants	(18,959)	5,350	(13,609)
Maintenance	(3,231)	(36)	(3,267)
ICT Development & Improvement	(3,637)	314	(3,323)
Corporate Priorities & Improvements	(14,318)	7,441	(6,877)
Total Earmarked Reserve Balance	(55,693)	16,483	(39,210)

One off Business Rates Resources being applied to MTFP Reserve

	31/03/25 Actual £000's	Actual Movement £000's	31/03/26 Estimated £000's
Purpose: Designed to provide the Council with the ability to manage any emerging issues. Includes reserves to enable the management of the MTFP.			
Total One off Business Rates Resources being applied to MTFP	**(2,790)**	**2,790**	**0**
One off Business Rates Resources being applied to MTFP Reserve	**(2,790)**	**2,790**	**0**

Transition and Transformation Reserves

	31/03/25 Actual £000's	Actual Movement £000's	31/03/26 Estimated £000's
Purpose: Resources set aside to support the one-off change costs of associated with creating the new council and meeting the Councils costs associated with the transformation progra			
Pay and reward implementation funding	**(1,109)**	**0**	**(1,109)**
Redundancy - Non Transformation Funded	**(2,017)**	**0**	**(2,017)**
Transition and Transformation Reserves	**(3,126)**	**0**	**(3,126)**

Insurance Reserve

	31/03/25 Actual £000's	Actual Movement £000's	31/03/26 Estimated £000's
Purpose: Reserve to enable the annual fluctuations in the amounts of excesses payable to be funded without creating an in-year pressures on the services. Subject to ongoing review by an independent third party.			
Insurance Reserve	**(5,018)**	**0**	**(5,018)**

Held in Partnership for External Organisations

	31/03/25 Actual £000's	Actual Movement £000's	31/03/26 Estimated £000's
Purpose: Amounts held in trust on behalf of partners or external third party organisations.			
Youth Programme	(174)	24	(150)
Music and Arts Education Partnership	(412)	150	(262)
ICS Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health	(85)	85	0
Flippers Nursery	(207)	0	(207)
Dorset Combined Youth Offending Service Partnership	(619)	200	(419)
Dorset Adult Learning Service (Specific Bequeath)	(99)	0	(99)
Dorset Adult Learning Service	(686)	0	(686)
FCERM - Shared with East Devon DC	(190)	0	(190)
Adult Safeguarding Board	(216)	0	(216)
Better Care Fund	(326)	140	(186)
UP2U	(74)	25	(49)
Kinson Community Centre - Community Benefit Fund - Enhancement works	(1)	0	(1)
Domestic Homicide Reviews	(10)	0	(10)
- Russell Cotes revenue grant (New)	(367)	0	(367)
Held in Partnership for External Organisations	**(3,467)**	**624**	**(2,843)**

Required by Statute or Legislation

	31/03/25 Actual £000's	Actual Movement £000's	31/03/26 Estimated £000's
Purpose: Amounts which the council is required to hold as a reserve in line with current accounting practice or legislative requirements.			
Bournemouth Library Private Finance Initiative (PFI)	(739)	0	(739)
Carbon Trust	(56)	0	(56)

Required by Statute or Legislation	**(795)**	**0**	**(795)**

Planning Related

	31/03/25 Actual £000's	Actual Movement £000's	31/03/26 Estimated £000's
Purpose: Reserves designed to support planning processes and associated planning activity where expenditure is not incurred on an even annual basis.			
Local Development Plan Reserve	(70)	0	(70)
Other Planning Related Reserves	(284)	0	(284)
Planning Related	**(354)**	**0**	**(354)**

Government Grants

	31/03/25 Actual £000's	Actual Movement £000's	31/03/26 Estimated £000's
Purpose: Amounts which the council is required to hold as a reserve in line with specific grant conditions.			
Government Grants	(18,928)	4,360	(16,865)
COVID 19 Government Grants	(31)	0	(31)
Total Unspent Grants	**(18,959)**	**4,360**	**(16,896)**

Maintenance

	31/03/25 Actual £000's	Actual Movement £000's	31/03/26 Estimated £000's
Purpose: Reserves and sinking funds designed to support maintenance investments in specific services or assets.			
Corporate Maintenance Fund	(2,618)	5	(2,613)
Other Maintenance Related Reserves	(612)	(41)	(653)
Maintenance	**(3,231)**	**(36)**	**(3,267)**

ICT Development & Improvement

	31/03/25 Actual £000's	Actual Movement £000's	31/03/26 Estimated £000's
Purpose: Resources set aside to meet various ICT improvement projects			
ICT Development & Improvement	**(3,637)**	**314**	**(3,323)**

Corporate Priorities & Improvements

	31/03/25 Actual £000's	Actual Movement £000's	31/03/26 Estimated £000's
Purpose: Amounts set a side to deliver various priorities, some of which will be of a historical natured inherited from the predecessor authorities.			
Other Service Priority reserves	(13,121)	7,402	(5,719)
Local Elections Reserve	(369)	(170)	(539)
Revenue & Benefits Reserve	(633)	209	(424)
Covid recovery resources	(196)	0	(196)
Corporate Priorities & Improvements	**(14,318)**	**7,441**	**(6,877)**

General Fund Capital Investment Programme (CIP) budget position by service area

Quarter 1 - end of June 2025.

Capital budget Virements

1. In accordance with the council's financial regulations the following rules associated with capital virements apply (after advice from the Chief Finance Officer):
   - Virements over £1 million require prior Council approval.
   - Virements over £500,000 and up to £1 million require prior Cabinet approval.
   - Corporate Directors can approve virements over £100,000 up to £500,000.
   - Service Directors can approve virements up to £100,000.
2. According to the above financial regulations, the following decisions for changes within the capital programme are required of **Cabinet:**
   a. **Virements between bus service improvement schemes (BSIS)**

   The projects that make up the BSIP programme, which were indicative at the outset, have now been developed to a stage whereby they have been costed and either increased or decreased in scope because of more detailed work and/or public engagement or are complete. In other instances, some projects have been reduced in scope or deferred now that the council has been informed there will be further BSIP settlements in future years.

   The table below shows the list of the affected schemes.

Bus service improvement plan proposed scheme virements	25/26 current budget £	Proposed virement £	25/26 revised budget £
BSIP High street and Bargates Christchurch (LTP)	555,100	(375,000)	180,100
BSIP Bmth station to Town centre bus priority (LTP b/f)	3,501,600	375,000	3,876,600
BSIP Westbourne bus priority	716,500	(430,000)	286,500
BSIP Bus priority at 65 signalised junctions	130,800	(130,800)	0
BSIP Branksome roundabout	38,600	(38,600)	0
BSIP New RTI Displays	6,500	560,800	567,300
BSIP unallocated	42,000	(42,000)	0
BSIP Branksome Roundabout	50,000	38,600	88,600
Raised kerbing and extended bus stop clearways at 35 stops	350,000	42,000	392,000
	5,391,100	**0**	**5,391,100**

   - BSIP High Street and Bargates Christchurch (LTP) – now complete, LTP contribution to be allocated to BSIP Bmth station to Town centre bus priority (LTP b/f), due to increased scope and costs.
   - BSIP Westbourne bus priority - scope now decreased.
   - BSIP Bus priority at 65 signalised junctions - funded from Transforming Cities Fund.
   - BSIP Branksome roundabout - BSIP1 underspend vired to BSIP2 scheme.
   - BSIP New RTI Displays - additional sites to be delivered.
   - BSIP unallocated - vired to deliver additional BSIP Raised kerbing and extended bus stop clearways.

b. **Virements to allocate the 2024/25 Local Transport Plan (LTP) funding brought forward**.

The table below shows the allocation of the 2024/25 Local Transport Plan funding brought forward.

Allocation of Local Transport Plan funding brought forward	Current budget £	Proposed virement £	25/26 revised budget £
STB, DfT, LCWIP, OBC Development & Bidding	394,000	105,000	499,000
Ferndown, Wallisdown, Poole (FWP) Corridors Phase 3	450,000	200,000	650,000
Thames Street public realm	-	145,000	145,000
DLEP Lansdowne Business District	120,200	80,000	200,200
Local Transport Plan - 24/25 Unallocated	580,380	(530,000)	50,380
	1,544,580	**-**	**1,544,580**

The LTP funding brought forward will be used to fund the following schemes:

- development of business cases for BCP priority projects identified in the Western Gateway Sub-National Transport Body Strategic Transport Plan.
- increased costs following demobilisation to minimise disruption on the network.
- Construction of new pedestrian crossing and roundabout improvement works at Lansdowne Road/Madeira Roundabout

- Budget correction for Thames Street public realm

Capital investment Programme Summary

3. The council has received notification from MHCLG that the Seafront Levelling UP Fund and the Towns Deals Fund have been consolidated into one simplified fund called Local Regeneration Fund. This is intended to give local authorities more control and flexibility. There is no change in the allocation of the funding to BCP Council.

4. The tables below show the summary position for capital investment programme (CIP) in the general fund as of 30 June 2025.

5. Summary budget movements are shown in table 1 below with the detail by directorate included in table 2. How the programme is funded is included in table 3 followed by narrative detail. The total resources for the 2025/26 capital investment programme have increased from £136 million to £152 million following £15 million slippage reprofiled after 2024/25 accounts closure and £0.52 million net in year movement.

6. The total spend to date at quarter one is relatively low at 5%, but it is important to note that the actual spend is distorted by uncleared credit entries representing expenditure relating to the financial year 2024/25 which has not yet been paid as well as accrued retentions which will be held until due. The reading of the expenditure to date will become more accurate as the 2024/25 invoices are paid.

Table 1 – Summary of budget movement

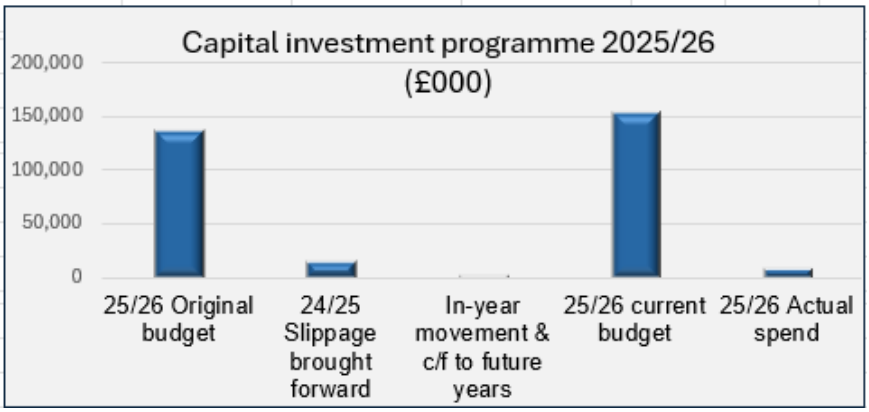

Table 2 – Summary movement and current position by Directorate

Capital Investment Programme 25/26 Monitoring	25/26 Original budget	24/25 Slippage brought forward	In-year movement & c/f to future years	25/26 Current budget	25/26 Actual spend	% Budget consumed
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	%
Operations						
Commercial Operations	34,111	839	341	**35,291**	202	1%
Investment and Development	8,644	899	(832)	**8,711**	(180)	-2%
Customer Arts and Property	34,242	6,322	7,548	**48,112**	5,849	12%
Planning and Transport	12,667	2,334	(6,677)	**8,324**	180	2%
Environment	22,189	2,034	369	**24,592**	401	2%
Operations Strategy	253	16	0	**269**	3	1%
	112,106	**12,444**	**749**	**125,299**	**6,455**	**5%**
Children Services						
Education and Skills	16,169	3,214	(221)	**19,162**	877	5%
	16,169	**3,214**	**(221)**	**19,162**	**877**	**5%**
Wellbeing						
Housing and Community	3,790	(896)	0	**2,894**	637	22%
Adults Commissioning	2,685	92	0	**2,777**	0	0%
	6,475	**(804)**	**0**	**5,671**	**637**	**11%**
Executive						
IT and Programmes	1,588	202	0	**1,790**	6	0%
	1,588	**202**	**0**	**1,790**	**6**	**0%**
	136,338	**15,056**	**528**	**151,922**	**7,975**	**5%**

Table 3 – Capital Investment programme funding profile

Capital Investment Programme 25/26 Funding	25/26 Original budget	24/25 Slippage brought forward	In-year movement & c/f into future years	25/26 Current budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Prudential Borrowing	(20,087)	(2,638)	(241)	(22,966)
Capital Receipts (General Fund)	(1,165)	(23)	0	(1,188)
Reserve Funding (general fund Ca	(557)	(87)	0	(644)
Reserve Funding (General fund re	(920)	(70)	(213)	(1,203)
RCCO	0	(1)	0	(1)
BCP Funding Requirement	**(22,729)**	**(2,819)**	**(454)**	**(26,002)**
S106	(458)	(494)	(263)	(1,215)
CIL	(4,110)	(320)	52	(4,378)
Non-government grants	(1,053)	(622)	0	(1,675)
Government Grants	(107,357)	(9,886)	172	(117,071)
Third party contributions	(631)	(910)	(35)	(1,576)
External Funding Contributions	**(113,609)**	**(12,232)**	**(74)**	**(125,915)**
	(136,338)	**(15,051)**	**(528)**	**(151,917)**

OPERATIONS (£125.7m)

Commercial Operations - £35.3m

7. The Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) had a planned programme for 2025/26 of £13.8 million funded from Environment Agency grant. Additional funding of £7.3 million Community Infrastructure Levy and further £6 million from the Environment Agency has recently been approved for Poole Bay to Hunger Hill flood defence. Other additional schemes include debris screen health and safety works £95,000, southwest storms analysis £68,000, Jurassic coast mitigation study £173,000 and Avon Beach to Highcliffe beach management works £300,000.
8. Seafront Development projects have a planned expenditure budget of £20.1 million for 2025/26 of which £15.7 million relates to projects funded from the Levelling Up Infrastructure Fund (MHCLG grant). BCP council has received confirmation of an extension to the spending deadline to March 2028. The largest project (Bournemouth Pier works) is currently out to tender; works are expected to start in March 2026 for an 18 month programme. The budget will be reprofiled accordingly.

9. A review is underway revising the business cases for the pavilion and the beach huts at Canford Cliffs, to deliver the original agreed funding outcomes whilst also a more affordable and efficient pavilion and beach hut offer, driving future income growth and job creation at the site.

Investment & Development - £8.7m (excluding HRA)

10. The net credit reading of £108,000 actual spend is due to uncleared credit entries representing expenditure relating to the financial year 2024/25 which has not yet been paid as well as accrued contractor retentions which will be held until due.
11. The total Towns Fund (MHCLG grant) is £21.7 million of which £7.2 million has been utilised up to March 2025 with £14.6 million remaining for the next two years.
12. The MHCLG grant allocation of £7.7 million earmarked for Hawkwood Road residential development will be spent within the Housing Revenue Account. The grant needs to be contractually committed in full by the end of March 2026 with £2.4 million spent in year of which £0.5 million relates to revenue
13. Council New build Housing and Acquisition Strategy (CNHAS) - total spend at end of quarter one is £70.7 million. Quarter one includes £0.5 million of accruals to cover works carried out in 2024/25 yet to be billed with the ledger reading a net credit.
14. Poole Dolphin Leisure Centre development options on refurbishment being explored with the £0.6 million budget carried into 2025/26 of which £35,000 has been spent to the end of quarter.
15. Holes Bay delivery route being explored to seek a development partner to take the project forward with £0.3 million budget carried into 2025/26 of which £54,000 has been spent to end of quarter one.
16. Wessex Fields Infrastructure: The link road is nearing completion with £0.4 million slippage reprofiled to 2025/26, of which £32,000 has been spent.

Customer and Property - £48.1m

17. The in-house engineering unit manages nearly £43 million of the highways asset management, improvement and travel programme on behalf of the planning and transport directorate.
18. The South-East Dorset (SED) Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) programme is in the latter stages of delivery. The remaining funding profiled this year is £22.4 million
19. Further £21million is profiled for 2025/26, funded primarily by DfT grants including Highway Maintenance and Integrated Transport block part of the LTP, BSIP, Highways Challenge Fund, Safer Roads Partnership and Active Travel Fund.
20. The Poole museum programme, which includes Scaplens Court as well as the main museum, has £4.2 million profiled expenditure in 2025/26. Additional budget of £0.55 million was agreed at July 2025 Cabinet with approval for additional borrowing of £1.2 million. Scaplen's Court and Poole

Museum shop opened in July. The practical completion for the exhibition building fit out is anticipated during September with the museum reopening early October. The forecast reported to Cabinet in July still applies, however the final accounts have not yet been negotiated and agreed.

21. Approximately £0.9 million estates management and accommodation strategy expenditure is planned for 2025/26.

Planning and Transport - £8.3m

22. This service leads on the Highways asset management, improvement and sustainable travel programme and transport capital programme management acting as client to the in-house engineering unit within the Customer and Property Directorate.

23. Within the Planning and Transport service direct reporting is £8.3 million profiled spend in 2025/26 including £3.6 million bus service improvement plan and £3.6 million on network management, sustainable travel and transport improvements funded from the Local Transport Plan. The remaining schemes include traffic signals and the first year of the local electric vehicle infrastructure.

Environment - £24.6m

24. The capital programme for this area covers green spaces and conservation, sustainable waste and recycling and fleet, fleet being the largest scheme in this service, with £5.8m expenditure in-year.

25. The profile for 2025/26 for the first year of a 3-year fleet replacement strategy is £11.2 million fully funded from borrowing.

26. The main budget for green spaces and conservation is the first year of Plan for Play strategy with a profiled expenditure for 20205/26 of £2.3 million funded mainly from Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 contributions.

WELLBEING (£5.7m)

Adults Commissioning £2.8m

27. The majority of spend within this programme relates to the Integrated Community Equipment Store (ICES) funded by the Disabled Facilities Grant. The council continues to provide support to the community through this means from an annual allocation from the Better Care Fund pooled budget with Health.

28. Housing and Communities - £2.9m

29. The Disabled facilities Grant usage for disabled adaptations profiled for 25/26 is £2.6 million. The service is catching up with backlog of property adaptations and using prior year grant carried forward.

30. The remaining expenditure of £0.3 million relates CCTV systems, community related activity and tenancy services.

CHILDREN SERVICES (£19.2m)

31. The 2025/26 capital programme has begun to deliver the 3-year children's Services Capital Strategy approved by council in March 2025. For 2025/26, the strategy identified an additional £4.3 million school condition work which is underway and £8.3 million on specialist provision and inclusion models in line with the SEND Sufficiency Strategy. The costs of individual schemes will be developed during the year in line with RIBA best practice and BCP Financial Regulations.

32. The 2025/26 High Needs Grant allocation has recently been confirmed at £4 million and will be included in the children capital budget available next quarter.

EXECUTIVE & RESOURCES (£1.8m)

IT and Programmes Capital - £1.8m

33. The councils ICT investment programme planned spend for 2025/26 is £1.8m mainly on desktop replacement.

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Capital Investment programme 2025/26 project list	25/26 Original Budget	24/25 Slippage Brought Forward	In year movement/ c/f to future years	25/26 Current Budget	Actual 30/06/2025	% Budget Consumed
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
CHILDREN - CAPITAL						
Education and Skills Capital						
Basic Needs Grant - uncommitted	760	(33)	100	827	-	0%
School Conditions Grant - Uncommitted	3,990	46	(3,078)	958	-	0%
SEND Options Apprisal Works- Rolling Programme	200	-	-	200	-	0%
High needs Grant - Uncommitted	7,852	(21)	(25)	7,806	-	0%
Ocean Academy	-	-	-	-	1	
Childcare Expansion - Wraparound	277	13	(242)	48	20	43%
Childcare Expansion - Expanded Entitlement	-	191	104	295	95	32%
Hillbourne - New School	-	416	-	416	(64)	-15%
Condition Surveys (Children's Strategy)	50	-	-	50	-	0%
CS Urgent Work	100	-	-	100	5	5%
Poole High Planned Maintenance investigations	50	54	-	104	28	27%
Old Town & Baden Powell Caretaker property sale reimbursement	-	220	-	220	-	0%
Parkstone Grammar School	252	-	-	252	-	0%
Advanced Design Fees SEND	200	(7)	-	193	3	1%
Broadstone Resource Base/Satellite	100	(49)	-	51	(31)	-61%
Elm Academy	-	99	-	99	-	0%
Victoria Education Centre	90	73	-	163	-	0%
Bournemouth Learning Centre	-	35	-	35	-	0%
Winchelsea temporary office space	28	(28)	-	-	5	
CS URGENT WORK Somerford Primary School	-	-	-	-	6	
CS URGENT WORK Linwood School	-	-	-	-	6	
Planned Repairs and Maintenance	142	-	-	142	-	0%
Climate Change/Low Carbon Reduction	550	-	-	550	-	0%
Winchelsea interim accommodation	32	(32)	-	-	9	
Linwood School Expansion	-	12	-	12	-	0%
Canford Heath Infant Junior SEND Provision	446	540	-	985	15	2%
Linwood at Oakdale SEND satellite	-	27	-	27	-	0%
Link at Bourne Academy SEND provision	-	11	-	11	16	140%
Linwood School Post-16 at Ted Webster	1,000	265	-	1,265	739	58%
Linwood Satellite 1	-	500	-	500	-	0%
Linwood Satellite 2	-	500	-	500	-	0%
Linwood Special School- Stourfield Satelllite	-	72	-	72	-	0%
Christchurch Learning Centre - AP School Satellite	-	200	-	200	-	0%
Linwood at Stourfield Satellite	-	16	-	16	-	0%
Famiy Hubs Transformation	-	95	-	95	-	0%
Basic Needs Surveys	50	-	-	50	-	0%
Mudeford Wood Preschool (Highcliffe day centre premises)	-	-	30	30	3	10%
Burton Primary School - planned R&M	-	-	370	370	-	0%
Christchurch Learning Centre - planned R&M	-	-	180	180	-	0%
Highcliffe St Mark - planned R&M	-	-	480	480	-	0%
Linwood - planned R&M	-	-	1,070	1,070	-	0%
Mudeford Infant School - planned R&M	-	-	330	330	-	0%
Mudeford Junior School - planned R&M	-	-	110	110	17	16%
Somerford Primary School - planned R&M	-	-	200	200	-	0%
Winchelsea School - planned R&M	-	-	125	125	-	0%
Dingley's Promise Building	-	-	25	25	6	24%
Education and Skills Capital Total	**16,169**	**3,214**	**(221)**	**19,162**	**878**	**5%**
Children Capital Total	**16,169**	**3,214**	**(221)**	**19,162**	**878**	**5%**
EXECUTIVE - CAPITAL						
Finance Capital						
Finance Capital Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**0%**
IT and Programmes Capital						
Enterprise Hosting	60	29	-	89	-	0%
Enterprise Security	-	90	-	90	1	1%
Enterprise Comms (WAN Migration)	148	8	-	156	-	0%
Enterprise Storage & Data	-	26	-	26	-	0%
Enterprise Apps (Applications)	-	81	-	81	5	6%
Enterprise Compute (Platform Modernisation)	150	-	-	150	-	0%
Enterprise Endpoints (Desktop Replacement)	1,195	-	-	1,195	-	0%
Enterprise Comms (Telephony)	35	(32)	-	3	-	0%
IT and Programmes Capital Total	**1,588**	**202**	**-**	**1,790**	**6**	**0%**
Marketing Comms and Policy Capital						
Marketing Comms and Policy Capital Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	
Executive - Capital Total	**1,588**	**202**	**-**	**1,790**	**6**	**0%**

OPERATIONS - CAPITAL

Commercial Operations Capital

3G Artificial Pitch Rossmore Leisure Centre - Feasibility	-	129	-	129	-	0%
Ashdown Leisure Centre Floodlights	-	6	-	6	(27)	-429%
Avon Beach to Highcliffe Beach Management	35	4	-	39	-	0%
BCP Cliff Management Strategy	100	(2)	-	98	-	0%
Beach Road Rear Car Park	-	23	-	23	-	0%
Broadstone Underpass Mural	-	31	-	31	-	0%
Canford Cliffs Pavilion	500	500	-	1,000	-	0%
Christchurch Bay and Harbour FCERM Strategy	67	(9)	-	58	10	18%
Christchurch Town Centre Strategy	64	-	-	64	-	0%
Durley Chine Environmental Innovation Hub	270	(4)	-	265	-	0%
Durlston to Hurst Sediment Resource Management programme	175	(40)	-	135	0	0%
FCERM Partnership Funding	52	(17)	-	35	3	9%
Highcliffe Beach Access Ramps	-	9	-	9	6	71%
Highcliffe Castle, (inc Phoenix Flies Project)	-	32	-	32	-	0%
Inland Asset Management System	-	36	-	36	-	0%
Kinson Catchment Surface Water FAS	35	(1)	-	34	-	0%
Lake Pier Major Refurbishment	-	2	-	2	(7)	-432%
Leisure centre management in-house set up and investment	100	56	-	156	-	0%
MCA Project	3	-	-	3	0	1%
Mudeford Beach House Café	550	-	-	550	-	0%
Mudeford Ferry Pontoon	64	-	-	64	-	0%
Mudeford Sandbanks Beach Management	35	5	-	40	-	0%
New Beach Huts - Canford Cliffs	3,118	-	-	3,118	-	0%
Poole Bay Beach Management 2020-2031	3,639	750	-	4,389	(197)	-4%
Poole Bridge to Hunger Hill (PB2HH)	8,995	(477)	-	8,518	255	3%
RNLI Signage and Public Rescue Equipment	80	(23)	-	57	-	0%
Sandbanks Pavilion	4	-	-	4	-	0%
SEAFRONT (LUF) Alum Chine Cloisters (Feasibility)	43	10	-	53	-	0%
SEAFRONT (LUF) Boscombe Pier (Feasibility)	39	(13)	-	26	-	0%
SEAFRONT (LUF) Bournemouth Lifeguard Corps (New Building)	-	56	35	91	88	96%
SEAFRONT (LUF) Bournemouth Pier (Future Leisure Offer)	-	116	-	116	-	0%
SEAFRONT (LUF) Bournemouth Pier (Structural Engineering)	9,043	(471)	-	8,572	8	0%
SEAFRONT (LUF) Coastal Heritage Trail (Culture)	500	(44)	-	456	(2)	0%
SEAFRONT (LUF) East Cliff Lift (Future Leisure Offer)	98	-	-	98	-	0%
SEAFRONT (LUF) East Cliff Lift (Stabilisation Works)	4,189	(206)	-	3,983	24	1%
SEAFRONT (LUF) Hamworthy Sea Wall (Repairs)	-	74	-	74	-	0%
SEAFRONT (LUF) Holes Bay Visual Arts Centre	53	-	(45)	8	-	0%
SEAFRONT (LUF) Project Management & Sundry Costs	-	-	-	-	21	
SEAFRONT (LUF) Promenade Infrastructure (Utility & Digital)	687	100	-	787	-	0%
SEAFRONT (LUF) Seafront Beach Huts (Repairs & Upgrades)	1,066	(7)	-	1,059	-	0%
SEAFRONT (LUF) Seafront Toilets (Repairs & Upgrades)	-	69	-	69	4	5%
SEAFRONT (LUF) The Strand (Access, Amenity & Wellbeing)	368	(97)	-	271	0	0%
SEAFRONT (LUF) Upton Country Park (Bridge & Cycle Path)	-	-	10	10	10	95%
Upton Country Park - Discovery project	-	-	-	-	4	
Upton Country Park New Play Attraction	-	16	-	16	-	0%
Upton House stabilisation	-	158	-	158	1	0%
Poole Bay, Harbour and Wareham FCERM Strategy	-	41	-	41	0	0%
Whitley Lake Sea Defence Study	60	29	-	89	-	0%
South West Storms Analysis	-	-	68	68	-	0%
Jurassic Coast FCERM Mitigation Study (revenue)	-	-	173	173	-	0%
Debris Screen Health and Safety Works	-	-	100	100	-	0%
Poole Park Tennis Courts Resurface	80	-	-	80	-	0%
Commercial Operations Capital Total	**34,111**	**838**	**341**	**35,290**	**202**	**1%**

Customer, Arts and Property Capital						
A3060 CASTLE LANE WEST (MUSCLIFFE WAY TO BROADWAY R'BOUT)	1,500	18	-	1,518	-	0%
A341 WIMBORNE RD (FERNCROFT RD TO N'BOURNE RD)	600	130	-	730	-	0%
A35 COMMERCIAL RD (PARK RD TO CHURCH RD)	-	71	-	71	-	0%
ATF4 Baiter footpath and cycleway imp	-	-	-	-	55	
ATF4 Bournemouth Gardens path	-	475	-	475	14	3%
ATF4 School streets permanent measures	-	54	-	54	78	145%
ATF4 Turbary Park Link	-	265	-	265	54	21%
ATF4 Wallisdown Road phase 4 (Bndry to Uni)	-	86	-	86	35	41%
ATF4 Wallisdown Road phase 5 (crossroads)	-	323	-	323	-	0%
Avenue Road Car Park	-	22	-	22	-	0%
B- Wayfinding	152	28	-	180	160	89%
BH Live	518	-	(518)	-	-	
BMS Systems (Building energy management)	-	5	-	5	-	0%
Bridge Maintenance	-	(12)	600	588	(22)	-4%
Bridge Maintenance RETENTION (Poole)	-	33	-	33	-	0%
BSIP Bmth station to Town centre bus priority	2,600	37	-	2,637	38	1%
BSIP High street and Bargates Christchurch	700	345	-	1,045	102	10%
BSIP Westbourne bus priority	700	17	-	717	5	1%
Bus Priority on TCF Corridors	-	82	-	82	29	35%
C- Bus Infrastructure	-	140	-	140	0	0%
Capital Replacement - Corporate Estates	-	10	-	10	12	119%
Capitalised maintenance Neighbourhood Services (Pru borrowing)	900	121	-	1,021	6	1%
Castle Lane West - Muscliffe to Broadway	2,437	115	-	2,552	1,647	65%
Ceramics Gallery (Poole Museum)	250	64	-	314	25	8%
Christchurch Priory, Wall Repairs	130	2	-	132	5	3%
Civic Centre data centre air con units	100	23	-	123	-	0%
Civic Hub (decarbonisation works)	-	18	-	18	-	0%
Corridor C2 Sections 6 to 8 off line Route Redhill-Airport	25	52	-	77	3	4%
Cycle Corridor Section C2-3A-B Glenferness Ave Bridge	1,502	(935)	-	567	(8)	-1%
DLEP Lansdowne Business District	-	120	-	120	6	5%
Durley Car Park - School Zone (Developer funded)	-	3	-	3	-	0%
Extension Zero + Kinson Hub (from B customer Services above)	162	37	-	199	5	3%
Ferndown, Wallisdown, Poole (FWP) Corridors Phase 3	-	(231)	450	219	71	32%
Fisherman's Walk Cliff Lift	-	17	-	17	-	0%
Gervis Place	-	147	-	147	-	0%
Highcliffe Castle - Draft proofing and BMS	-	13	-	13	-	0%
Honeycombe Chine - waterproofing	-	25	-	25	-	0%
Highways Structural Maintenance - Design Fees	-	-	288	288	23	8%
Highways structural mainatenance - Drainage Improvements	-	-	100	100	64	64%
Highways structural mainatenance - Footways (resurf + slurry)	-	-	150	150	20	13%
Highways structural mainatenance - Resurfacing Programme	300	-	2,570	2,870	(5)	0%
Highways structural mainatenance - Surveys & software	-	33	100	133	67	51%
ICT investment	53	(2)	-	51	-	0%
Kings Park (inc crossings on Ashley)	-	65	-	65	14	22%
Lamp columns Shore road	-	4	-	4	-	0%
Library Replacement ICT Programme	165	18	-	183	-	0%
Millhams Recycling Centre (Slab remediation)	-	68	-	68	-	0%
Neighbourhood Services (Streetscene) -Pothole investment	1,000	301	-	1,301	-	0%
Neighbourhood Services HMSP Planned pre-patching	200	-	-	200	189	95%
New BCP Depot	230	(19)	-	211	23	11%
New Inn to Trigon Footbridge	67	(33)	-	34	-	0%
Parkway House (insurance and landlord works)	255	31	-	286	(1)	0%
Poole Museum - Our Museum project	1,200	501	-	1,701	713	42%
Poole Museum - Our Museum project - Activity Plan	80	17	-	97	1	1%
Poole Museum - Temporary Exhibition Gallery	-	69	-	69	(9)	-13%
Poole Museum Public Realm - Phase 2	200	21	-	221	173	78%
Poole Museum Decarbonisation (Salix)	-	17	-	17	-	0%
PR 42 - Asset Management BIC	-	-	65	65	6	9%
PR 43 - Asset Management Pavilion	-	-	65	65	1	2%
PR 44 - Asset Management Littledown	-	37	258	295	34	11%
PR 45 - Asset Management Stokewood	-	-	65	65	0	1%
PR 46 - Asset Management Pelhams	-	-	65	65	-	0%

Principal Inspection Programme (BCP)	-	10	100	110	-	0%
Programme Management	780	(68)	-	712	49	7%
Remodelling BCP Civic space- West Wing	350	11	-	361	82	23%
Ringwood Rd - Controlled crossing only	60	91	544	695	196	28%
Ringwood Rd Sea View to Manning Heath	11,570	1,579	-	13,149	1,356	10%
Road Safety Improvements 20mph schemes	75	64	174	313	17	5%
Road Safety: Casualty Reduction Measures, Cluster Sites	200	242	50	492	3	1%
Road Safety: Safe Routes to School (SRTS)	250	112	500	862	24	3%
Road Safety: Safety Improvements - Pedestrian Crossings	-	248	250	498	14	3%
Russell Cotes MEND Project	-	34	-	34	2	5%
Russell Cotes Museum - roof/balcony water proofing	-	39	-	39	-	0%
S6 Section 1 Magna Road Arrowsmith to Bearcross	-	143	-	143	1	1%
Safer Roads Partnership	700	289	-	989	198	20%
Scaplen's Court Museum	100	(100)	-	-	(23)	
Scaplen's Court Museum Paving works	-	14	-	14	-	0%
Sopers Lane Pedestrian Crossing	-	24	-	24	-	0%
Street Lighting Maintenance	-	72	470	542	(2)	0%
Surface treatment - Road markings, patching, micro asphalt	150	(36)	950	1,064	144	13%
Thames Street Public Realm	-	80	-	80	5	6%
Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Unallocated	3,931	-	-	3,931	-	0%
Walking and Cycling improvements	-	208	75	283	10	3%
SLM Capital dilapidations	-	287	-	287	28	10%
Wimborne Road - Serpentine to New Inn	50	131	-	181	8	5%
Telecare	-	-	178	178	104	59%
Customer, Arts and Property Capital Total	**34,242**	**6,322**	**7,548**	**48,112**	**5,850**	**12%**
Environment Capital						
Alexandra Park Pavilion Refurbishment	-	10	-	10	4	37%
Ashtree meadows access improvements	-	10	-	10	-	0%
Broadstone Rec Play Build	-	6	-	6	-	0%
Canford Heath (East & West) Open Space improvements	80	(15)	-	65	(10)	-16%
Christchurch Legacy Play areas	88	-	-	88	-	0%
Cleaner Greener Safer Equipment	-	219	-	219	-	0%
Coastal Country Park (SANG)	150	(4)	-	146	2	2%
Connecting Christchurch Project	90	34	-	124	26	21%
Fleet Management	10,525	703	-	11,228	275	2%
Harbourside Masterplan (Whitecliff and Baiter)	-	46	-	46	-	0%
Harbourside Park Open Space improvement	71	(12)	-	60	-	0%
Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre	230	21	-	251	0	0%
Iford Meadows and Playing Fields	-	3	-	3	0	9%
Insourcing Ch'ch Recycling and Hurn WTS	-	14	-	14	-	0%
Knyveton Gardens Improvements	40	(3)	-	37	7	18%
Millhams Civic Amenity Site	-	22	-	22	-	0%
Mudeford Woods infrastructure improvements	200	(18)	-	182	(2)	-1%
Muscliff Natural Burial Ground	107	-	-	107	-	0%
Newtown - Turners Nursery	52	-	-	52	-	0%
Paddleboarding signage	-	2	-	2	-	0%
Plan for Play - Repurpose & Review Ownership	2,163	52	(2,177)	38	-	0%
Poole Park - delivery phase	-	17	-	17	-	0%
Queens Park access improvements	-	1	-	1	-	0%
Sluice Channel infrastructure - Poole Park to Poole Harbour	1,162	(21)	-	1,141	1	0%
Throop Nature Park (Hicks SANG)	130	8	-	138	15	11%
Turbary Common Mire water quality imp	125	(89)	-	36	-	0%
UE1 Footpath	-	4	-	4	-	0%
Underground Refuse Systems	-	20	-	20	-	0%
Waste Bin Replacement	660	(51)	-	609	82	13%
Waste Infrastructure Grant Unallocated	5,765	10	(21)	5,754	-	0%
Weekly Food Waste Collections	552	1,037	-	1,589	-	0%
Winton Heathland Mitigation Project (HIP)	-	10	-	10	-	0%
Plan for Play - Defect Repairs	-	-	435	435	-	0%
Plan for Play - Refurbishment, Replacement & New Play Spaces	-	-	1,635	1,635	-	0%
Plan for Play - Staff costs	-	-	118	118	-	0%
Plan for Play - Surveys and Consultation Materials	-	-	35	35	0	1%
Chapel Lane potholes (Hurn Waste site)	-	-	21	21	-	0%
Countryside Vehicles	-	-	323	323	-	0%
Environment Capital Total	**22,189**	**2,034**	**369**	**24,592**	**401**	**2%**

Investment & Development - Capital						
CNHAS - Temporary Accommodation Properties	-	-	-	-	(444)	
CNHAS - Local Authority Housing Fund properties	2,650	-	-	2,650	(49)	-2%
CNHAS - Single Homeless Accommodation properties	-	65	-	65	37	57%
Community Land Trust Project (Affordable housing)	-	421	-	421	-	0%
Holes Bay Development	300	(24)	-	277	54	20%
Poole Dolphin Leisure centre (formerly Heart of Poole)	550	88	-	638	35	5%
Towns Fund - Masterplan Contingency	150	(42)	46	154	-	0%
Towns Fund - Boscombe Digital Connectivity - Phase 2	337	16	21	374	80	21%
Towns Fund - Boscombe Digital Connectivity - Phase 2 REVENUE	-	-	29	29	1	4%
Towns Fund - Boscombe Skills and Digital Hub	79	-	-	79	10	13%
Towns Fund - Boscombe Skills and Digital Hub REVENUE	135	(81)	(81)	(27)	(184)	669%
Towns Fund - Events Programme REVENUE	32	(6)	-	26	16	60%
Towns Fund - Hawkwood Road Community Centre	1,758	-	(972)	786	-	0%
Towns Fund - Hawkwood Road Community Centre Demolition	594	(3)	-	591	4	1%
Towns Fund - High Street	1,208	23	-	1,231	125	10%
Towns Fund - Local Transport	617	44	95	756	31	4%
Towns Fund - Masterplan (Original)	-	-	5	5	1	25%
Towns Fund - Parks in Mind	42	9	-	50	3	6%
Towns Fund - Programme Management	106	19	-	125	62	50%
Towns Fund - Programme Management REVENUE	86	(30)	26	82	6	7%
Wessex Fields infrastructure works	-	402	-	402	32	8%
Investment & Development - Capital Total	**8,644**	**899**	**(832)**	**8,711**	**(180)**	**-2%**
Operations Strategy Capital						
Public Realm Canford Cliffs	-	10	-	10	-	0%
Town centre strategy (Econ Dev)	-	7	-	7	-	0%
Electric powered Boat for Christchurch Harbourmaster	-	-	-	-	3	
UKSPF Unallocated	253	-	-	253	-	0%
Operations Strategy Capital Total	**253**	**16**	**-**	**270**	**3**	**1%**
Planning & Transport Capital						
Active Travel Fund - Baiter/Whitecliff cycleway	-	2	50	52	(10)	-19%
Active Travel Fund - Programme monitoring	-	6	-	6	7	125%
Advanced Design for Future LTP Schemes (new code)	-	112	200	312	-	0%
Boscombe Towns Fund	288	132	-	420	5	1%
BSIP Branksome roundabout	-	39	-	39	3	7%
BSIP Bus priority at 65 signalised junctions	-	131	-	131	-	0%
BSIP Live stream CCTV bus shelters to control rm	-	16	-	16	11	71%
BSIP New RTI Displays	-	7	-	7	0	7%
BSIP Poole bus station RTPI inc CCTV	-	10	-	10	3	27%
BSIP Purewell Bus Priority	-	75	-	75	-	0%
BSIP Southbourne bus priority	-	24	-	24	-	0%
Bus Facilities	-	2	-	2	3	151%
Data Collection	-	63	25	88	0	0%
DFT Traffic Signals Funding Bid	-	511	500	1,011	6	1%
Dropped crossings/Accessibility improvements	-	60	55	115	-	0%
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure	-	29	600	629	0	0%
Employment sites	-	57	-	57	-	0%
Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) & Data Collection	-	82	370	452	0	0%
Local Transport Plan - 24/25 Unallocated	-	230	(100)	130	-	0%
Minor Transportation Works	-	87	75	162	4	2%
National Passenger Travel Information	-	-	25	25	25	99%
Network efficiency measures (Tower Park roundabout)	-	188	75	263	-	0%
Pokesdown Railway Station	30	7	-	37	-	0%
Programme Management Fees	-	(18)	150	133	9	7%
Rights of Way	-	12	75	87	9	10%
SANG - Barn (and General Purpose Building Obligation)	-	26	-	26	(0)	-1%
School Streets	-	111	50	161	-	0%
South East Dorset Multi-modal Transport Model	-	-	65	65	-	0%
STB, DfT, LCWIP, OBC Development & Bidding	-	194	200	394	71	18%
UTMC - Pelican upgrades	-	99	-	99	34	34%
BSIP unallocated	3,257	42	-	3,299	-	0%
Local Transport Plan - Highways Maintenance Unallocated	6,278	-	(6,278)	-	-	
Local Transport Plan - Integrated Transport Block Unallocated	2,814	-	(2,814)	-	-	
Planning & Transport Capital Total	**12,667**	**2,334**	**(6,677)**	**8,324**	**180**	**2%**
Operations - Capital Total	**112,107**	**12,443**	**749**	**125,299**	**6,455**	**5%**

WELLBEING - CAPITAL

Adults Commissioning Capital						
Care technology service - equipment	94	56	-	150	-	0%
Disabled Facilities Grant - Integrated Community Equipment Store (BCP)	2,591	36	-	2,627	-	0%
	-	-	-	-	-	
Adults Commissioning Capital Total	**2,685**	**92**	**-**	**2,777**	**-**	**0%**
Housing & Communities Capital						
Cleaner Greener Safer - additional CCTV	-	66	-	66	-	0%
Cleaner Greener Safer - safer improvements	-	40	-	40	-	0%
Disabled Facilities Grant - Housing	3,675	(1,011)	-	2,664	545	20%
Private Sector Renewal-warmth & well-being	115	9	-	124	18	14%
UKSPF Communities and Place E11	-	-	-	-	75	
Housing & Communities Capital Total	**3,790**	**(896)**	**-**	**2,894**	**637**	**22%**
Wellbeing - Capital Total	**6,475**	**(804)**	**-**	**5,671**	**637**	**11%**
Grand Total	**136,338**	**15,056**	**528**	**151,922**	**7,975**	**5%**

Quarter One 2025-26 HRA Forecast

1. The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is a separate account within the council that ring-fences the income and expenditure associated with the council's housing stock. The HRA does not therefore directly impact on the council's wider general fund budget. Within the HRA the Council manages approximately 9,610 tenanted properties.

2. The 2025-26 HRA budget was approved by Council in February 2025. It budgeted for total income of £58.5m for the year and a net surplus of £4.1m.

Revenue account monitoring at quarter one

	2025-26 Budget £000	Full year forecast £000	Variance £000
Income			
Dwelling rents	(54,001)	(54,001)	0
Non-dwelling rents	(276)	(236)	40
Charges for services and facilities	(3,768)	(3,720)	48
Contributions to expenditure	(438)	(447)	(9)
Total income	**(58,483)**	**(58,404)**	**79**
Expenditure			
Repairs and Maintenance	14,031	14,110	79
Supervision and Management	18,373	18,406	33
Rent, rates, taxes and other charges	447	451	4
Bad or doubtful debts	400	400	0
Total expenditure	**33,251**	**33,367**	**116**
Net operating (surplus) / deficit	**(25,232)**	**(25,037)**	**195**
Capital charges			
Debt management costs	377	377	0
Depreciation	15,300	15,300	0
Net interest payable	5,425	5,275	(150)
Total capital charges	**21,102**	**20,952**	**(150)**
Net (surplus) / deficit	**(4,130)**	**(4,085)**	**45**
Appropriations			
Transfer to HRA reserve	4,130	4,085	(45)
Total appropriations	**4,130**	**4,085**	**(45)**

Commentary on variances

3. Dwelling rents and other income: The forecast outturn for all categories of income is broadly in line with budget.

4. Repairs & Maintenance: The forecast full-year outturn is broadly in line with budget. In previous years this budget has experienced repeated cost overruns and current year repair activity levels are high, particularly in relation to damp and mould issues. Therefore, repairs & maintenance costs will be monitored carefully throughout the year to identify and manage cost pressures.

5. Supervision and Management: Whilst the forecast full-year outturn is in line with budget, there are several offsetting over/under-spends. Current year expenditure on the new housing management system will be higher than budget, due to the timing of when the provider NEC bill their implementation costs. Communal utility costs are

currently forecast to be lower than budget, but the final outturn will be dependent on the level of winter prices.

6. Depreciation: The forecast depreciation charge of £15.3m is in line with budget and is consistent with the actual charge for 2024/25.

7. Net interest payable: The £0.15m favourable forecast is because start-of-year HRA reserve balances are higher than were expected when the budget was set. Some of these reserve balances can be used to fund current year capital expenditure, rather than having to undertake new borrowing for funding. The reduced requirement for new borrowing will result in a reduction in borrowing costs.

Capital programme

8. The HRA budget paper set out a capital programme of £43.0m for 2025/26. This included £25.2m investment in new-build projects delivered as part of the council newbuild housing & acquisitions strategy (CNHAS) and £17.2m in planned maintenance.

	2025-26 Budget £000	Full year forecast £000	Variance £000
New-build projects	25,202	27,970	2,768
Purchase of existing houses	500	169	(331)
Other major projects (Admiral, Sterte cladding)	100	93	(7)
Planned maintenance	17,202	17,202	0
Total capital expenditure	**43,004**	**45,434**	**2,430**

9. New-build projects: Actual expenditure on the new-build capital programme in 2025/26 is forecast to be £28.0m, £2.8m higher than the original budget. This is due to the rescheduling of some expenditure that had been expected to be incurred in 2024/25 into the current year, principally in relation to the Hillbourne school development and Constitution Hill demolition works.

10. There are eight schemes with planned expenditure in the HRA during this financial year: Templeman House, Hillbourne school development, Constitution Hill, Craigmore Avenue, Grants Close, Surrey Road, Oakdale Infill and Hawkwood Road residential.

11. Purchase of existing houses: The forecast spend for the year relates to the buy-back of the last of the leasehold flats at Trinidad Village which took place in quarter one. All six flats have now been bought back. Whilst the HRA receives right-of-first-refusal to repurchase ex-local authority properties, high borrowing costs mean that repurchases are currently not financially viable.

12. Planned maintenance programme: This covers capital maintenance such as kitchen, bathroom and boiler replacements. Activity and expenditure in quarter one was behind budget due to the need to divert labour away from HRA capital programmes to the general fund purchase and repair programme and servicing programmes. The current forecast assumes that activity and expenditure will return to budgeted level over the remainder of the year. To facilitate this, in-house repairs team resources are being expanded and deployed back to the HRA. Also, a contract with an external contractor for kitchen and bathroom replacements is being extended for a further six months to increase capacity.

CABINET

Report subject	**Community Governance Review - Final Recommendations**
Meeting date	1 October 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (Part 4) devolved power from the Secretary of State to principal councils to carry out community governance reviews and put in place or make changes to local community governance arrangements. The Council commenced a review following the Council decision in October 2024 at which the terms of reference and timetable were approved. The Task and Finish Group has considered the response to the consultation, taking into account all relevant factors, engaged with local ward councillors and existing parish councils before determining these recommendations. Cabinet is asked to consider the final recommendations of the Task and Finish Group and to make a recommendation to Council.
Recommendations	**It is RECOMMENDED that Cabinet recommend to Council that:** **(a) the Task and Finish Group community governance review final recommendations, as set out in paragraphs 49, 62, 74, 92, 104, 117, 128, 140, 152, 166 and 181 of this report be approved;** **(b) the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to make all necessary reorganisation of community governance orders to implement the changes agreed by Council;** **(c) the Task and Finish Group continue to consider the transfer of civic and ceremonial assets, statutory services and precept requirements for year 1, for each new parish, on the basis of minimal transfer and precept, and a report be presented to full Council in due course.**
Reason for recommendations	The Task and Finish Group considered the responses to the consultation received during the third stage of the review process and considered all material factors in developing these final proposals. The views of these representations received, along with representations from councillors and advice on what counts as effective and convenient, have helped shape the final recommendations

Task and Finish Group Chair	Councillor Oliver Walters (Chair of the Task and Finish Group)
Corporate Director	Aidan Dunn (Chief Executive)
Report Author	Richard Jones (Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer)
Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For Recommendation

Background

1. The Council, at its meeting on 15 October 2024, resolved to undertake a Community Governance Review for the whole of the BCP Council area. A politically balanced Task and Finish Group of ten councillors was appointed to oversee the review and to make draft and then final recommendations.
2. The Councillors on the Task and Finish Group were Councillors Walters (Chair), Aitkenhead, Beesley, Bull, Dedman, Hanna, Le Poidevin, Rice, Trent and Wright. Councillors Beesley and Wright replaced other conservative councillors (Broadhead, Dove and T Slade) who were unable to continue to serve on the Group for the duration of the year.
3. Draft recommendations were approved by Council on 5 March 2025 for publication and consultation with interested parties.
4. Consultation took place between 31 March and 22 June 2025.
5. To assist in the deliberations, the Task and Finish Group requested that the written comments made by respondents were analysed and coded into theme-based categories. An analysis report was produced for each proposal area to help provide greater insight into issues and concerns and to identify potential mitigations. A copy of the analysis reports have been published on the Council's web site and are appended to this report.

Community Governance Review Criteria

6. Members are reminded that a Community Governance Review offers the opportunity to put in place strong, clearly defined boundaries and to remove anomalous parish boundaries. It can consider one or more of the following:-

   (a) Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes;

   (b) The naming of parishes and the style of new parishes;

   (c) The electoral arrangements for parishes (the ordinary year of election; council size; the number of councillors to be elected to the council, and parish warding); and

   (d) Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes (if they existed).

7. The Council is required to ensure that community governance within the area under review will be reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area; and is effective and convenient.

8. In doing so the community governance review is required to take into account:-

    - The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and
    - The size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish.

9. The aim of the review is to consider and bring about improved community engagement, better local democracy and efficient, more effective and convenient delivery of local services and ensure electors across the whole area will be treated equitably and fairly.

10. These criteria were considered by the Task and Finish Group in reaching their recommendations.

Constraints

11. The Council may not alter the external boundary of the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area or any other principal council, and may not alter any parliamentary constituency boundaries. However, the review may make consequential electoral arrangement recommendations to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) regarding the Electoral Wards of BCP Council where there is sufficient evidence that this would be desirable and result in more convenient electoral arrangements.

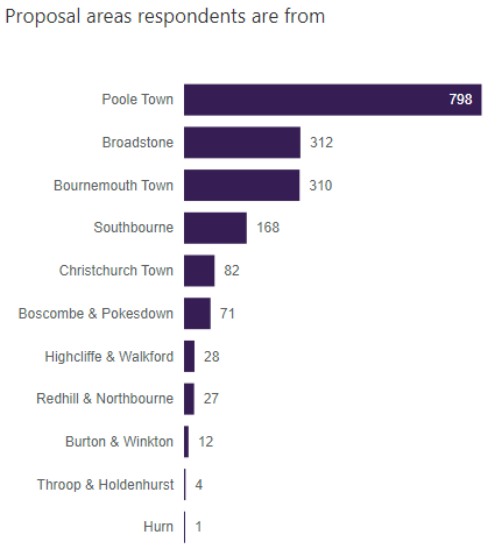
Consultation Responses

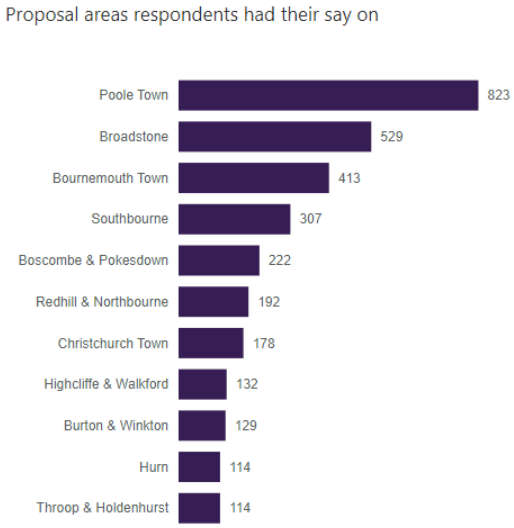
12. The draft recommendations were published on the Council's web site. A summary document and questionnaire, approved by the Task and Finish Group, were also produced to assist consultees to respond. Paper copies were made available at all local libraries and HUBs. Additional copies were dispatched by post upon request. A full copy of the draft recommendations were provided to key stakeholders and a copy provided to all Councillors.

13. There were 1,866 responses received to the consultation using the electronic or paper form and a further 123 written responses which are referenced in Appendix 3.

14. An interactive dashboard providing the detailed response data for each area was provided to each member of the Task and Finish Group for consideration. The dashboard was also provided to all councillors ahead of a series of engagements sessions held on 29 August, 1 September and 5 September 2025. The interactive dashboard has been made available for the public from 22 September on the Council's consultation web site.

15. The vast majority of responses, 98%, were residents of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, with the majority of respondents residing within the proposal areas of Poole, Broadstone and Bournemouth, as illustrated in the first chart below.





16. Respondents were permitted to respond to one or more proposal area and not just the area in which they resided. In some instances, there was a significantly greater number of responses from outside the proposal area than within. This is illustrated in the second table above.

17. A full summary report produced by the Research and Consultation Team includes a more detailed summary of the consultation process, methodology, engagement statistics, demographic analysis and the results by area. This report appears as Appendix 1 to this report.

Holistic Approach to Community Governance Review

18. While public consultation is a vital component of any Community Governance Review (CGR) or public consultation in general to help inform decision-makers, it should not be the sole determinant in shaping final recommendations. A robust and equitable review process must incorporate a range of additional factors to ensure that outcomes are not only democratically informed but also practically sound and strategically beneficial for the community as a whole.

19. Consultation responses are valuable but are not definitive and should not be confused with a formal vote by referendum. The purpose of consultation is to gauge public sentiment and identify local priorities, issues and concerns; recognising, however, that open consultations have limitations, whereby responses may be unrepresentative due to low participation, influenced by coordinated campaigns, or demographic imbalances.

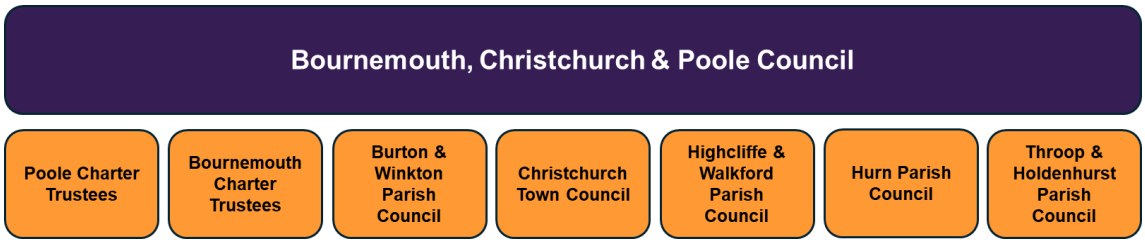
General Misunderstandings

20. In considering the consultation responses, and particularly the written comments made by respondents, it was evident that there were a number of general views based on inaccurate information or assumptions.

Additional Layers of Local Government and Bureaucracy

21. There were a number of respondents suggesting that the area proposals for both the existing parish and town councils and the proposed new town and community councils would be adding an additional layer of local government to the existing arrangements.

22. The existing arrangements are illustrated below, but in summary comprises two existing layers of local authority for the whole of the BCP Council area. BCP Council provides core services to all residents and businesses across the whole area, and either Town and Parish Council's or the Charter Trustees exist as a second tier of local government for their respective areas. The functions and responsibilities of the Charter Trustees and Parish and Town Council's differ but both set a budget and precept, funding for which is raised predominantly through council tax.



23. The draft proposals as outlined in the consultation document would have resulted in the Charter Trustees for both Bournemouth and Poole being replaced with new town or community councils. This would have resulted in the same number of tiers in all areas.

The Role and Responsibilities of Charter Trustees and Parish and Town Councils

24. Charter Trustees and Parish or Town Councils serve distinct roles within local governance, each with unique responsibilities and functions. Charter Trustees are established in areas where a borough council has been abolished, and no successor parish exists. Their responsibility is to preserve the civic and ceremonial traditions of the former borough, such as maintaining the mayoralty and safeguarding historic regalia. Charter Trustees do not possess the powers to deliver any local services, support local initiatives or enact local policies; rather, they focus solely on promoting the office of the Mayor and upholding civic traditions, although they have discretion on how this is achieved.

25. In contrast, Parish and Town Councils functions extend far beyond ceremonial duties; they are empowered to provide a wide range of local services and amenities. The only statutory service is the management of allotments, but Parish and Town Councils have discretion and greater freedoms to provide local services including, but not limited to, the management of parks, community facilities and public spaces and supporting local groups and initiatives. Parish and Town Councils also have a role in influencing planning decisions and promoting community well-being.

26. Whilst both Charter Trustees and Parish and Town Councils have statutory powers to raise funds through a precept on the council tax, the wide remit for parish and town councils enables them to respond to local needs and priorities directly. In essence, while Charter Trustees protect civic customs, Parish and Town Councils may actively shape and deliver the everyday services that support their communities.

27. Except for civic events, historic regalia and allotments, ownership of which must be transferred to parish and town councils upon establishment, no other services or functions are to be transferred to existing or new parish and town councils. The decision whether to deliver or support any additional activities or initiatives, will be

for the respective new councils to determine within their future budgeting processes in future years.

Reversing Local Government Reorganisation in 2019

28. There were a number of responses suggesting that this review was seeking to reverse local government reorganisation (LGR) in 2019. The LGR process in 2019 sought to amalgamate the upper tier local authorities across Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset by establishing two new unitary councils named 'Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council' and 'Dorset Council'.

29. The establishment of BCP Council abolished the former principal councils of Bournemouth Borough Council, the Borough of Poole and Christchurch Borough Council.

30. Although the 2019 review did not seek to alter parish and town council arrangements, some new town and parish councils were established across both the BCP and Dorset areas. This review is exploring the possibility of establishing additional councils at this lower-tier level and replacing the Charter Trustees.

Capping does not apply to the new Councils

31. Whilst it is accurate that there is currently no council tax capping regime in place for town and parish councils, this applies equally to the Charter Trustees. The parish and town councils and charter trustees within this lower tier of local government are separate legal entities and may set their own budget, council tax precept requirement and consequently council tax charge. The lack of a council tax capping regime applies equally to the existing arrangements and any new arrangements which may be put in place.

32. **Lack of information on the level of Council Tax for new councils**

33. A number of respondents felt there was a lack of information regarding the potential level of council tax and that BCP Council should have set out what the future charges would be. As explained above, parish and town councils are separate legal entities and set their own priorities, budgets and council tax charge. It would therefore be inappropriate for BCP Council to determine what a future council may charge.

34. However, to assist and to provide some insight, the consultation document included a schedule of the council tax charges for the existing parish and town councils within BCP as well as the average and highest charge across the whole of Dorset and BCP. The latest charges are shown below. There are over 10,000 parish and town councils in England. The charges for each of these councils is available from the government web site for comparison.

	Annual Band D Council Tax 2025/26
Bournemouth Charter Trustees	£2.24
Burton and Winkton Parish Council	£17.66
Christchurch Town Council	£72.35
Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council	£32.86

	Annual Band D Council Tax 2025/26
Hurn Parish Council	£34.89
Poole Charter Trustees	£2.14
Throop and Holdenhurst Parish Council	£38.73
Lowest parish-level precepting charge within Dorset and BCP	£2.14
Average parish-level charge within Dorset and BCP (of 269)	£44.78
Highest parish-level charge within Dorset and BCP	£272.90

Increased Councillor Allowances and Pensions

35. Whilst parish and town councils may seek to pay their councillors allowances it is extremely rare. Where there is a desire to pay allowances to councillors this must be considered and recommended by an independent remuneration panel. Councillor allowances are not pensionable at any level of local government and for the avoidance of doubt the pension scheme is not available to councillors.

Potential Candidate Interest

36. Respondents were asked to indicate whether they would consider standing for election as a local councillor. This is particularly important in ascertaining whether there would be sufficient candidates to fill the seats upon any new councils established. The number responding to this question is detailed in the respective section of this report for each proposed area.

Stage 4 Final Recommendations

37. The following sections of this report detail the background information, draft recommendations (which were subject to consultation), a summary of representations received, the task and finish group conclusions and final recommendations for each existing parish or proposed parish. The sections are prefixed with the letter A to K which corresponds with the structure of the draft recommendations and consultation documents for ease of reference.

38. A summary of the responses received in response to the draft recommendations is provided by area. A schedule of all responses received is included as appendices to this report.

39. The comments provided in the final section of the questionnaire asking, 'Is there anything else that you would like to say about the Community Governance Review?' are also included within the separate pack referred to above.

A – BURTON AND WINKTON

Background

40. The background information provided in the consultation questionnaire was:-

    (a) The current parish of Burton and Winkton is unwarded, has 10 elected representative seats and falls entirely within the BCP electoral ward of Burton and Grange.

(b) Contested elections were held in Burton and Winkton in May 2019, although there were no contested elections in May 2023. The projected elector-to-councillor ratio is 338:1

Draft Recommendations

41. The draft recommendations approved by Council were that:-

(a) the parish of Burton and Winkton should not be abolished

(b) no change be made to the boundary of the existing parish of Burton and Winkton

(c) the name of the parish of Burton and Winkton should not be altered

(d) the parish should continue to have a parish council

(e) the name of the parish council should not be altered

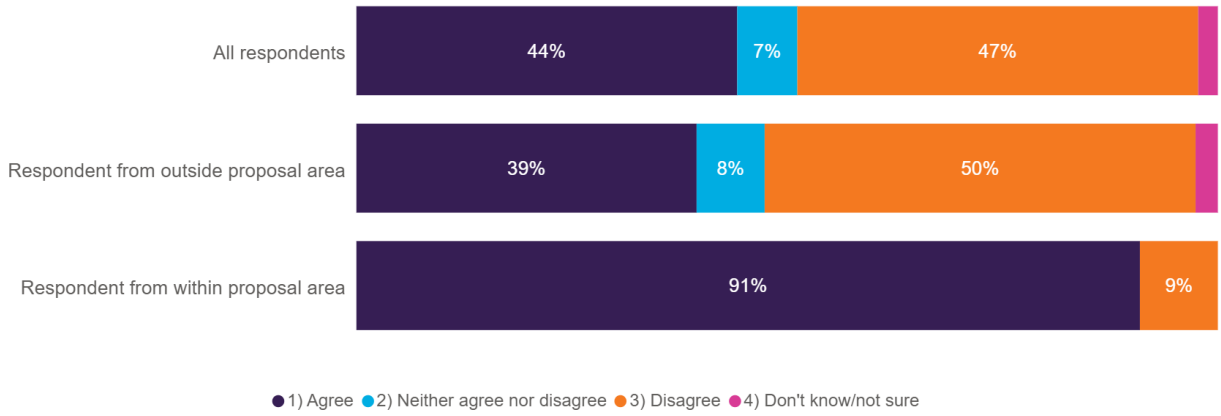
(f) the parish council for Burton and Winkton shall consist of ten councillors.

Summary of Representations Received

42. There was a total of 129 responses received in relation to the parish of Burton and Winkton although, of these, only 12 were from respondents within the parish boundary. The tables provided below show the responses to each question asked by all respondents, by BCP respondents but from outside the proposal area and by BCP respondents from within the proposal area.

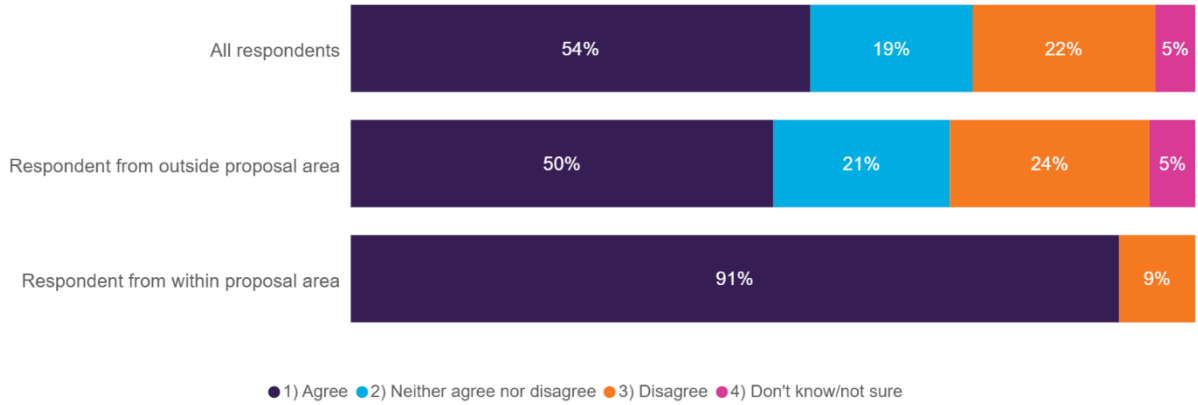
43. It can be seen from the data, that there was a significant variance between the views of those commenting from outside the parish boundary when compared to those living within the parish. Representatives of the existing town and parish councils were concerned that this may indicate that respondents to the consultation may have little or no understanding of the role and functions of parish and town councils and the benefits they can bring to local communities.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish of Burton and Winkton should not be abolished?



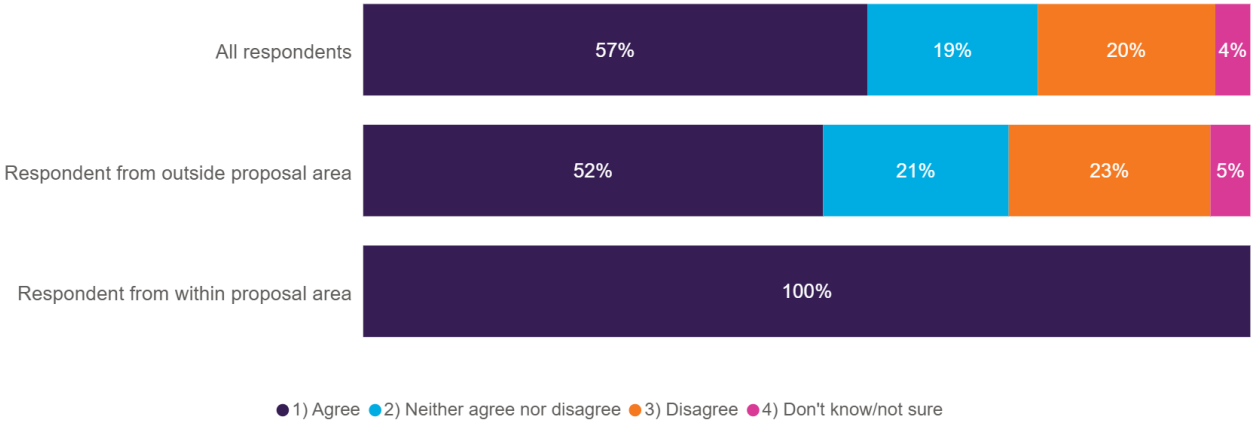
Bases: All respondents – 129; Respondents from outside proposal area – 114; Respondents within proposal area – 11.

Qb. To what extent do you agree or disagree that no change be made to the boundary of the existing parish of Burton and Winkton?



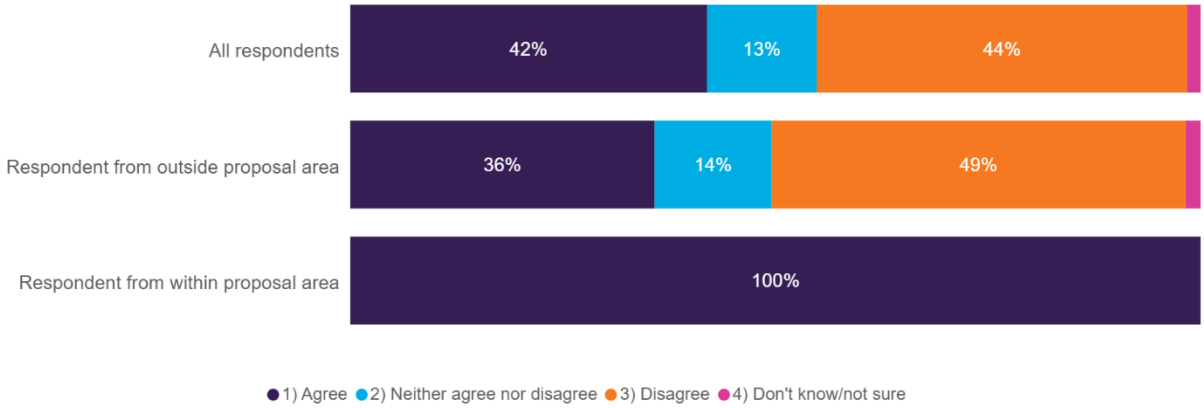
Bases: All respondents – 125; Respondents from outside proposal area – 110; Respondents within proposal area – 11.

Qc. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish of Burton and Winkton should not be altered?



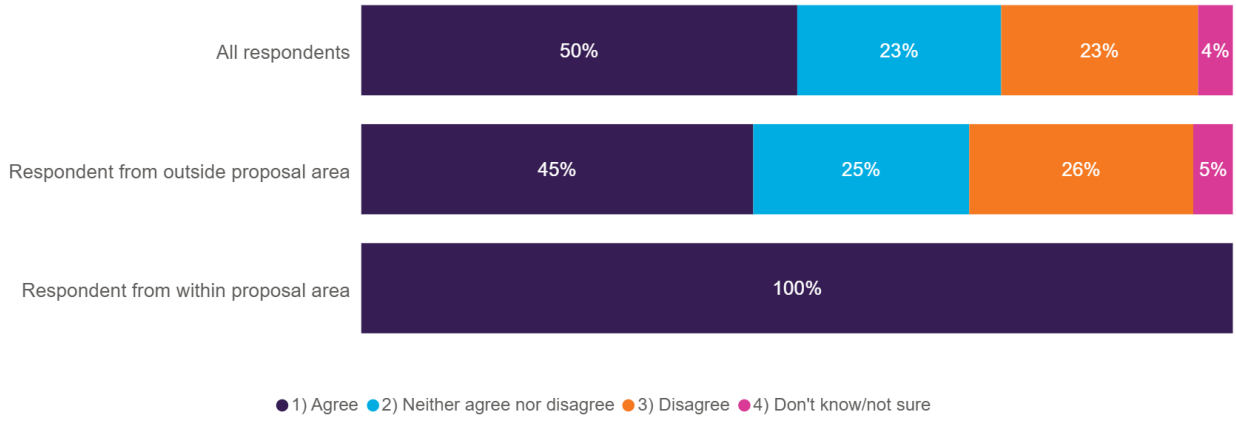
Bases: All respondents – 125; Respondents from outside proposal area – 110; Respondents within proposal area – 11.

Qd. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish of Burton and Winkton should continue to have a parish council?



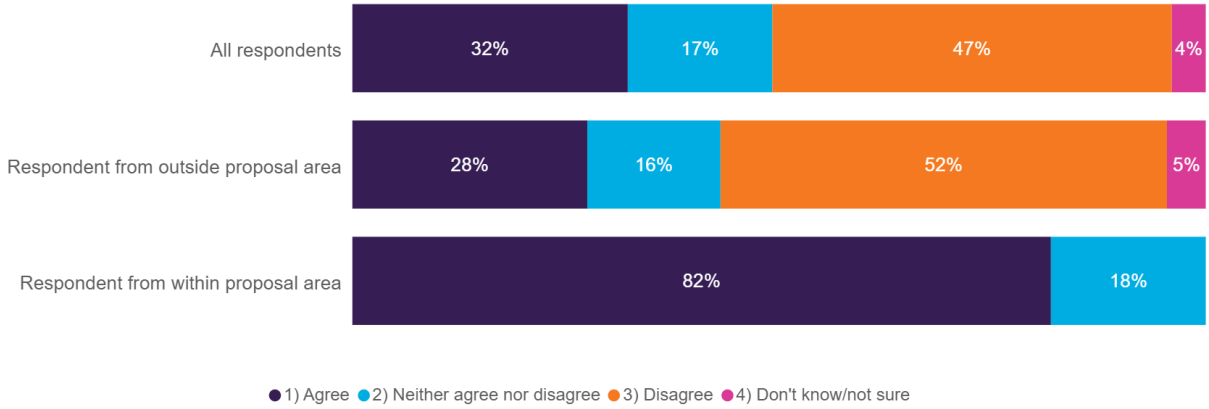
Bases: All respondents – 124; Respondents from outside proposal area – 109; Respondents within proposal area – 11.

Qe. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish council should not be altered?



Bases: All respondents – 124; Respondents from outside proposal area – 109; Respondents within proposal area – 11.

Qf. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish council for Burton and Winkton shall consist of 10 councillors?



Bases: All respondents – 124; Respondents from outside proposal area – 109; Respondents within proposal area – 11.

44. Finally, each respondent was asked to give reasons for their answers and provided an opportunity to add any other comments about the draft recommendations. There were a total of 143 comments in response and these are set out in full in Appendix 2(A1) to this report. A full analysis of these responses was undertaken and a report produced for the Task and Finish Group. A copy of the analysis report is set out in Appendix 2(A2) to this report.

45. Whilst there was a significant number of respondents from outside the parish boundary that felt the parish should be abolished, many of these respondents appeared to be against the principle of parish and town councils in general and did not appear to recognise that this parish already existed.

46. Arguments against the continuation of Burton & Winkton parish included a belief that parish councils added an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy and administrative costs, which could be better utilised by BCP Council. Many felt that the creation of parish councils would lead to increased council tax and financial burdens on residents without providing any tangible benefits. Additionally, some respondents argued that the functions and services provided by parish councils were already covered by BCP Council, making parish councils redundant. There were also

concerns about the potential for fragmentation and lack of accountability, as well as the inefficiency of having multiple layers of local government. Overall, the respondents felt that the existing structure of the BCP Council was sufficient and that adding parish councils would only complicate governance and increase costs.

47. Conversely, the respondents from within Burton & Winkton who expressed agreement with the draft recommendations felt that the parish should continue unchanged for several reasons. They appreciated the strong sense of community and the village feel that Burton & Winkton offers, which they believed would be lost if the parish were abolished or merged with Christchurch. They also valued the effective work of the parish council in maintaining local democracy, community representation, and addressing local issues. Additionally, they felt that the current structure of the parish council was essential for preserving local identity and ensuring that the unique needs of the area were met. Overall, the respondents believed that the existing arrangements provided stability and continuity, which were important for the well-being of the community.

Task and Finish Group Conclusions

48. The Task and Finish group considered the above representations and concluded that the support for Burton and Winkton Parish was sufficient to recommend that the parish continue unchanged. Finally, the Task and Finish Group considered the level of representation on the Parish Council. Although it was recognised that there were no contested elections in 2023, there was insufficient justification to reduce the elected representation.

Final Recommendations

49. It is RECOMMENDED that the following community governance and electoral arrangements for the parish of Burton & Winkton be approved:-

(a) the parish of Burton and Winkton should not be abolished;

(b) no change be made to the boundary of the existing parish of Burton and Winkton;

(c) the name of the parish of Burton and Winkton should not be altered;

(d) the parish should continue to have a parish council;

(e) the name of the parish council should not be altered;

(f) the parish council for Burton and Winkton consist of ten councillors.

B – HURN

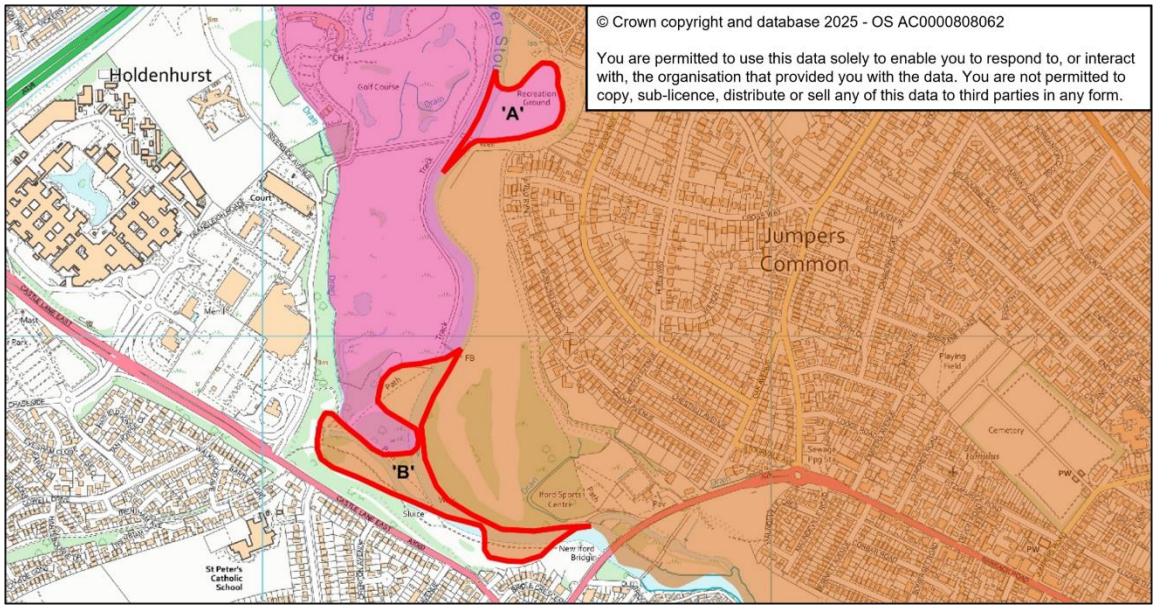
Background

50. The background information provided in the consultation questionnaire was:-

(a) The current parish of Hurn is unwarded, has 6 elected representative seats and falls entirely within the BCP electoral ward of Commons.

(b) Contested elections were held in Hurn in May 2019, although there were no contested elections in May 2023. The projected elector-to-councillor ratio is 99:1

51. Although no boundary changes were suggested by Hurn Parish Council, Christchurch Town Council made a representation requesting a change to the boundary between the two parishes. The request was to change the current boundary where it crosses over the river so as to align with the line of the river. The proposed changes are shown on the map below where the area marked 'A' would transfer from Hurn Parish to Christchurch Town, and the area marked 'B' would transfer from Christchurch Town to Hurn Parish. There are no properties within these areas and therefore no change to the electorate. There would be no transfer of property or responsibility as a consequence of this change.



52. Hurn Parish Council raised no objection to the above change.

Draft Recommendations

53. The draft recommendations approved by Council were that:-

(a) the parish of Hurn should not be abolished

(b) the boundary of the existing parish of Hurn be altered as shown on the plan at paragraph 51 above

(c) the name of the parish of Hurn should not be altered

(d) the parish should continue to have a parish council

(e) the name of the parish council should not be altered

(f) the parish council for Hurn shall consist of six councillors.

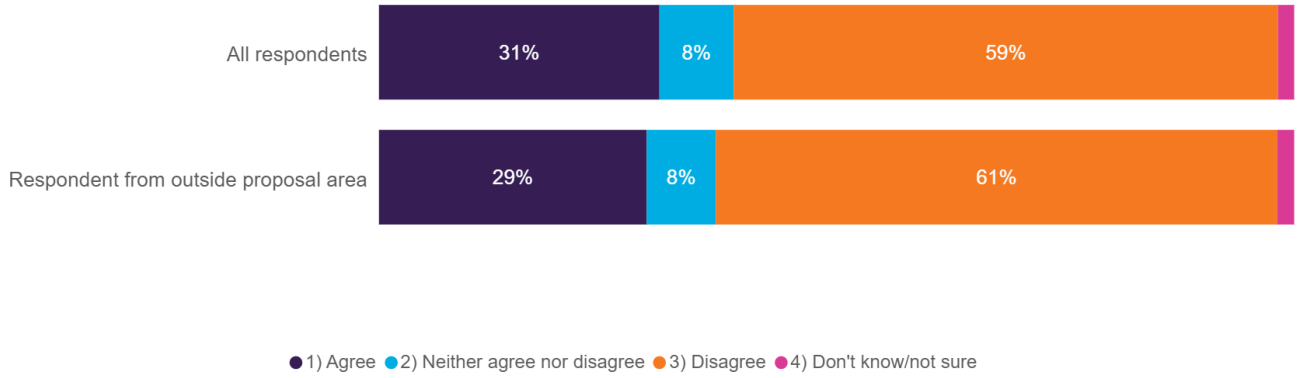
Summary of Representations Received

54. There was a total of 114 responses received in relation to the parish of Hurn although, of these, none were from respondents within the parish boundary. The tables provided below show the responses to each question asked by all respondents and by BCP respondents but from outside the proposal area.

55. Representatives of the existing town and parish councils were concerned that the results were based on feedback from non-parishioners only which could give rise to questioning the existence of the parish council. It was felt that this would not be a true reflection of public opinion locally.

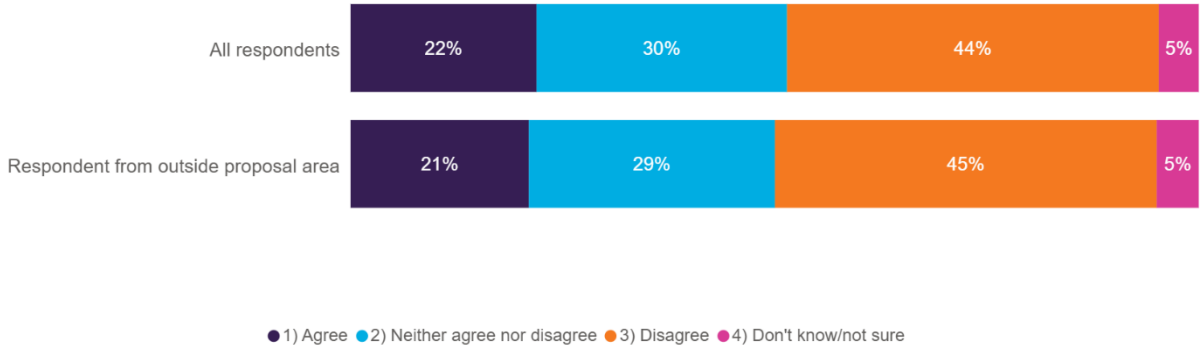
56. The parish council were of the opinion that the parish council was well respected locally and there was no justification to consider abolishing the parish based on the views of respondents who appear to be objecting to the principle of parish and town councils and who may have little or no understanding of the role, functions and benefits that parish councils bring to local communities.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish of Hurn should not be abolished?



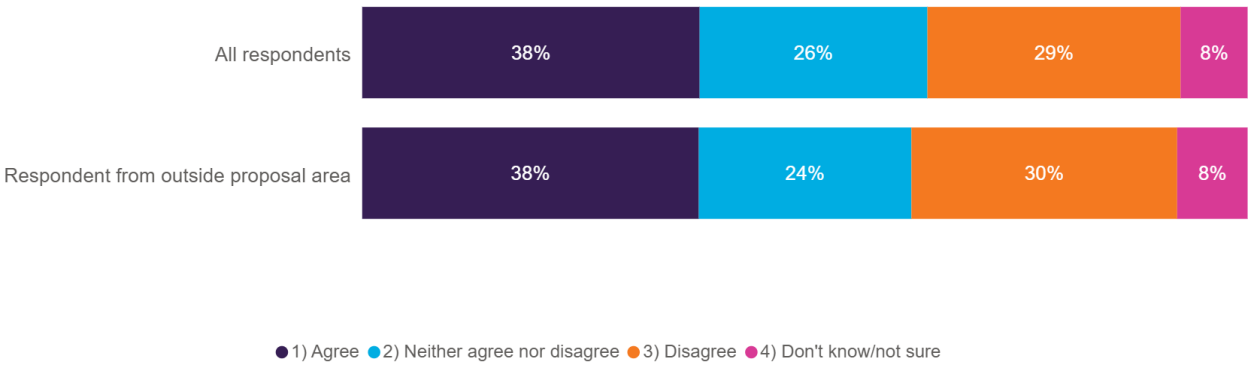
Bases: All respondents – 111; Respondents from outside proposal area – 106; Respondents within proposal area – 0.

Qb. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the boundary of the existing parish of Hurn be altered as shown on the plan above?



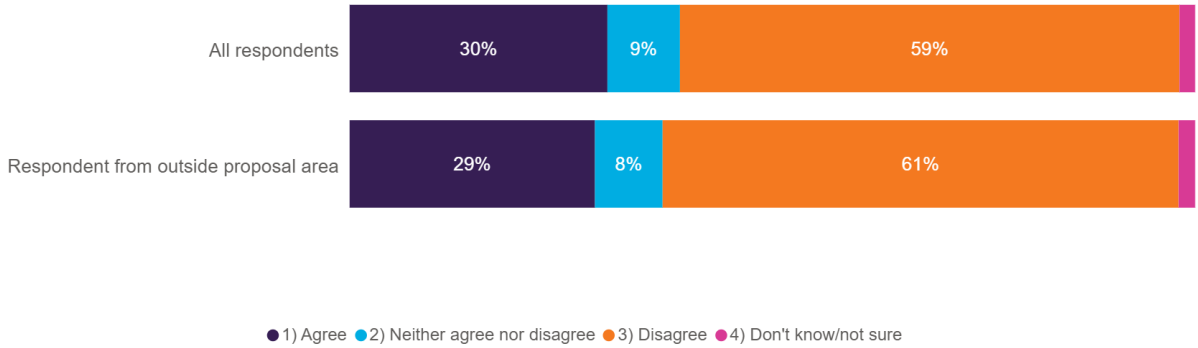
Bases: All respondents – 105; Respondents from outside proposal area – 100; Respondents within proposal area – 0.

Qc. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish of Hurn should not be altered?



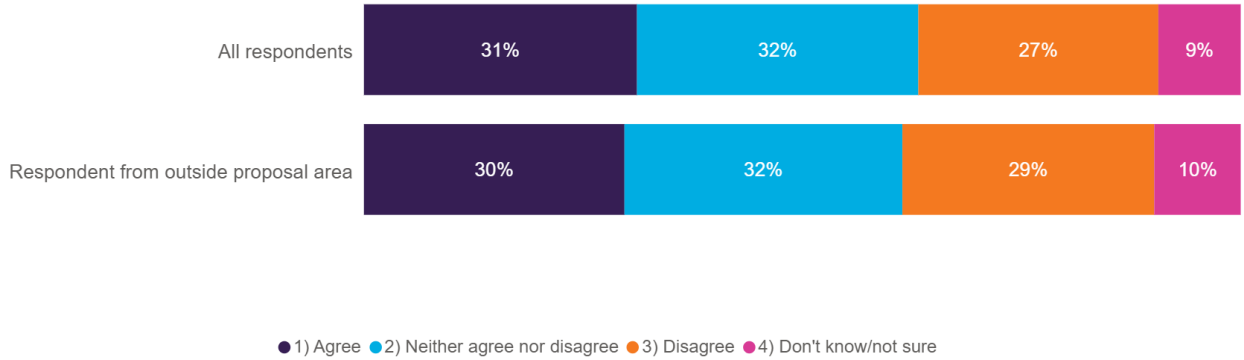
Bases: All respondents – 105; Respondents from outside proposal area – 100; Respondents within proposal area – 0.

Qd. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish of Hurn should continue to have a parish council?



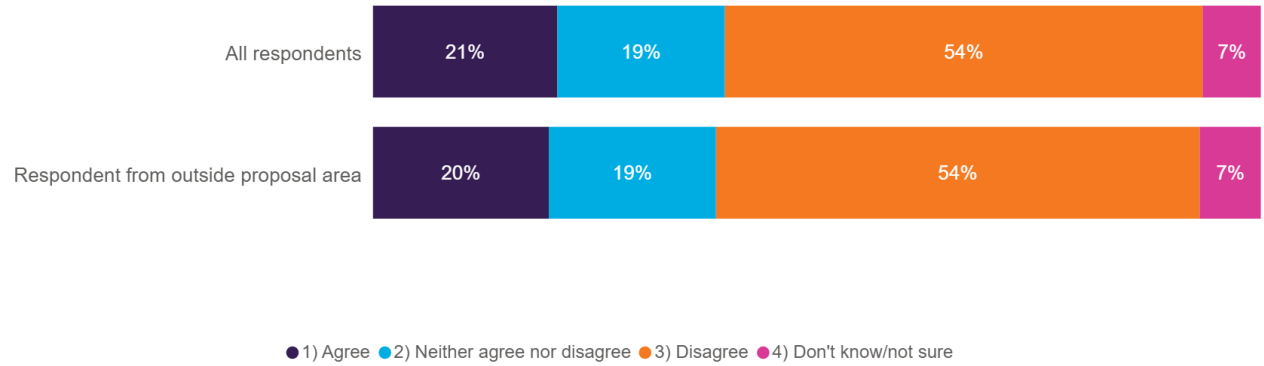
Bases: All respondents – 105; Respondents from outside proposal area – 100; Respondents within proposal area – 0.

Qe. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish council should not be altered?



Bases: All respondents – 106; Respondents from outside proposal area – 101; Respondents within proposal area – 0.

Qf. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish council for Hurn shall consist of six councillors?



Bases: All respondents – 106; Respondents from outside proposal area – 101; Respondents within proposal area – 0.

57. Finally, each respondent was asked to give reasons for their answers and provided an opportunity to add any other comments about the draft recommendations. There were a total of 127 comments in response and these are set out in full in Appendix 2(B1) to this report. It should be noted again, that none of these comments were from existing parishioners of Hurn. A full analysis of these responses was undertaken and a report produced for the Task and Finish Group. A copy of the analysis report is set out in Appendix 2(B2) to this report.

58. Whilst there was a significant number of respondents from outside the parish boundary that felt the parish should be abolished, many of these respondents appeared to be against the principle of parish and town councils in general and did not appear to recognise that this parish already existed.

59. Arguments against the continuation of Hurn parish included a belief that parish councils are an unnecessary extra layer of bureaucracy that adds additional costs without providing significant benefits. Many argued that the services provided by parish councils could be more effectively managed by the unitary authority, which has the necessary expertise and resources. Some respondents felt that the current structure leads to duplication of efforts and increased administrative costs, which could be better utilised elsewhere. Others mentioned that the creation of parish councils undermines the arguments for the creation of the BCP unitary authority, which was intended to reduce administrative overhead and improve efficiency. Additionally, there were concerns about the disproportionate number of councillors for the small population, which was seen as inefficient and unnecessary.

60. Many of these points were addressed in the general misunderstanding section of the report and the views are not considered by the parish council to be shared by local parishioners. The parish of Hurn is an ancient parish established in 1894.

Task and Finish Group Conclusions

61. The Task and Finish group considered the above representations and concluded that the support for Hurn Parish was sufficient to recommend that the parish continue with a modification to the boundary detailed above. Finally, the Task and Finish Group considered the level of representation on the Parish Council. Although it was recognised that there were no contested elections in 2023, there was insufficient justification to reduce the elected representation. There are only six councillors on Hurn Parish Council and the minimum permitted number is five.

Final Recommendations

62. It is RECOMMENDED that the following community governance and electoral arrangements for the parish of Hurn be approved:-

(a) the parish of Hurn should not be abolished;

(b) the boundary of the existing parish of Hurn be altered as shown on the plan at paragraph 51 above;

(c) the name of the parish of Hurn should not be altered;

(d) the parish should continue to have a parish council;

(e) the name of the parish council should not be altered;

(f) the parish council for Hurn consist of six councillors.

(g) a Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order be prepared in accordance with the above recommendations and that the Order be effective from 1st April 2027 save for those recommendations relating to parish electoral arrangements which shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027.

C – HIGHCLIFFE AND WALKFORD

Background

63. The background information provided in the consultation questionnaire was:-

(a) The current parish of Highcliffe and Walkford is warded, has 11 elected representative seats and falls within the BCP electoral ward of Highcliffe and Walkford and part of the Mudeford, Stanpit and West Highcliffe ward. The Parish Council was established in 2019.

(b) Contested elections were held in Hurn in May 2019, although there were no contested elections in May 2023. The projected elector-to-councillor ratio is 1,086:1

Draft Recommendations

64. The draft recommendations approved by Council were that:-

(a) the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford should not be abolished

(b) no change be made to the boundary of the existing parish of Highcliffe and Walkford

(c) the name of the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford should not be altered

(d) the parish should continue to have a parish council

(e) the name of the parish council should not be altered

(f) the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford continue to be divided into three parish wards without modification and those wards named respectively:

(i) Highcliffe

(ii) North Highcliffe and Walkford

(iii) West Highcliffe

(g) the parish council for Highcliffe and Walkford shall consist of 11 councillors.

(h) the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows:

(i) Highcliffe - three councillors

(ii) North Highcliffe and Walkford – three councillors

(iii) West Highcliffe - five councillors

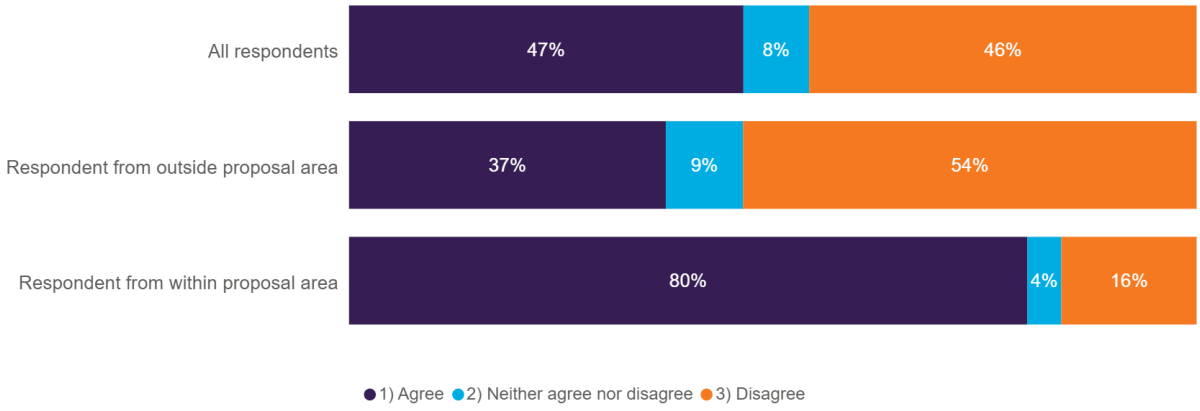
Summary of Representations Received

65. There were no suggested parish boundary changes received from the parish council however, the council have requested an alteration to the internal wards to effectively combine the existing wards of Highcliffe and North Highcliffe & Walkford. The proposed name for the combined parish ward is East Highcliffe and Walkford, which would be represented by six councillors.

66. There was a total of 132 responses received in relation to the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford although, of these, only 25 were from respondents within the parish boundary. The tables provided below show the responses to each question asked by all respondents, by BCP respondents but from outside the proposal area and by BCP respondents from within the proposal area.

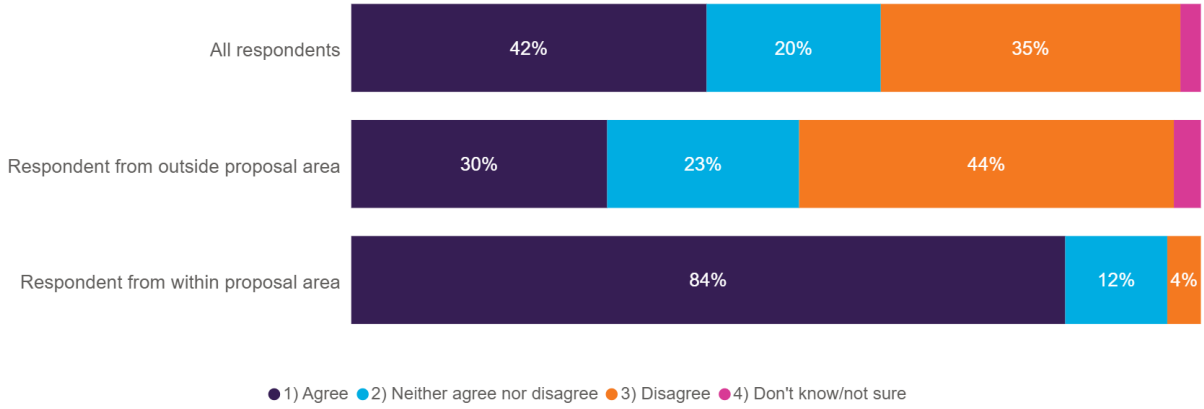
67. It can be seen from the data, that there was a significant variance between the views of those commenting from outside the parish boundary when compared to those living within the parish. Representatives of the existing town and parish councils were concerned that this may indicate that respondents to the consultation may have little or no understanding of the role and functions of parish and town councils and the benefits they can bring to local communities.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford should not be abolished?



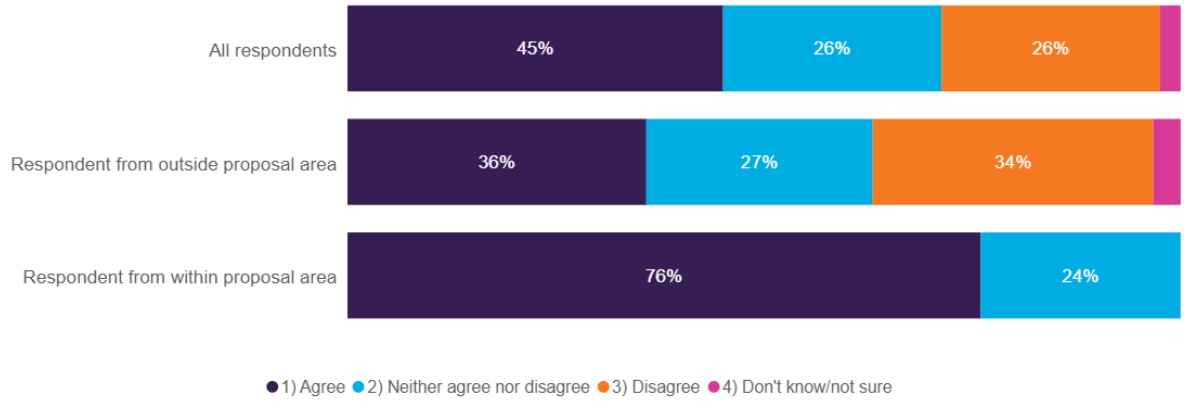
Bases: All respondents – 129; Respondents from outside proposal area – 99; Respondents within proposal area – 25.

Qb. To what extent do you agree or disagree that no change be made to the boundary of the existing parish of Highcliffe and Walkford?



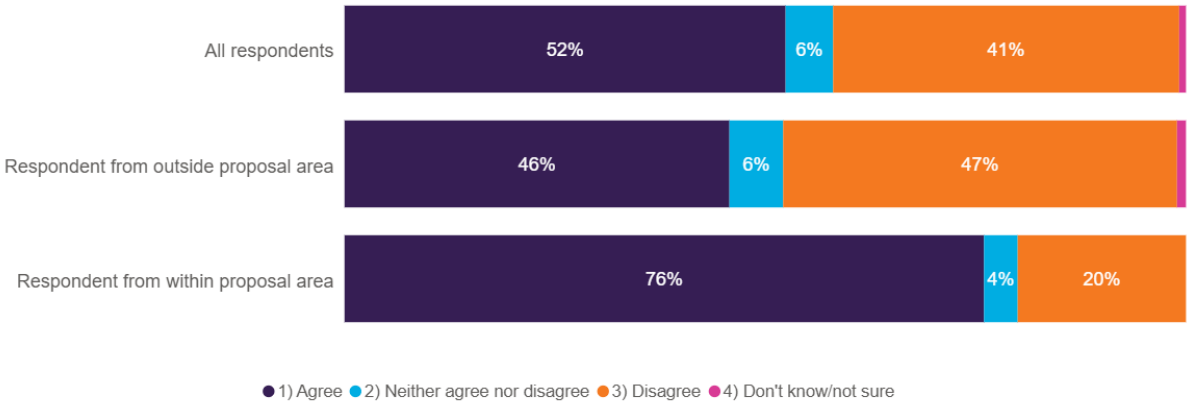
Bases: All respondents – 122; Respondents from outside proposal area – 93; Respondents within proposal area – 25.

Qc. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford should not be altered?



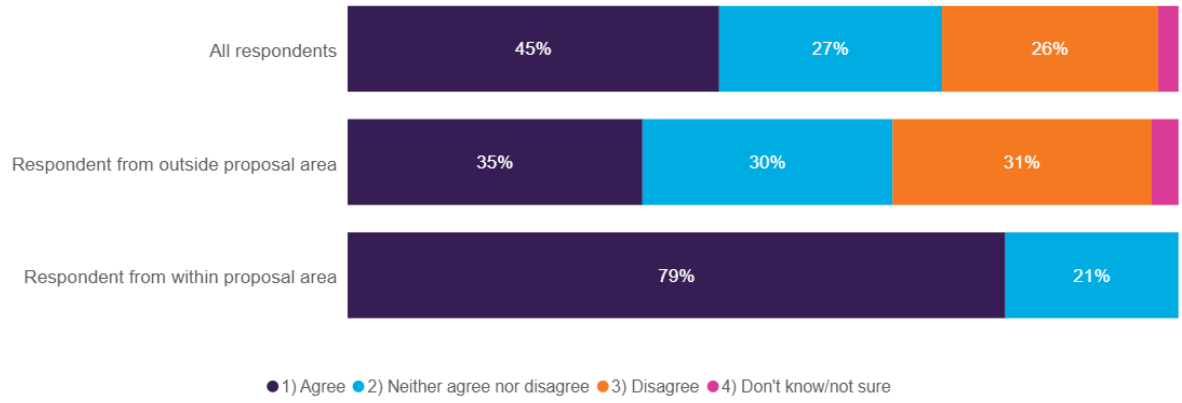
Bases: All respondents – 122; Respondents from outside proposal area – 92; Respondents within proposal area – 25.

Qd. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford should continue to have a parish council?



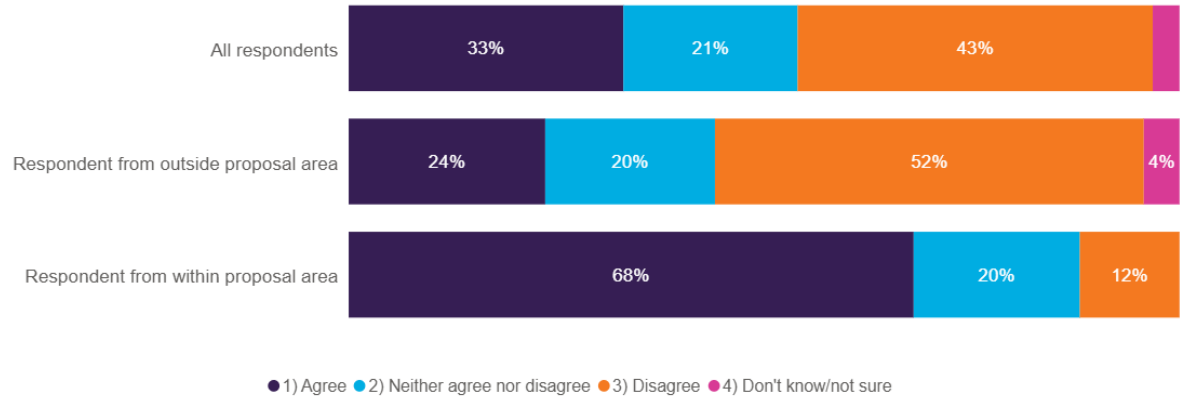
Bases: All respondents – 124; Respondents from outside proposal area – 84; Respondents within proposal area – 25.

Qe. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish council should not be altered?



Bases: All respondents – 123; Respondents from outside proposal area – 93; Respondents within proposal area – 24.

Qf. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish council for Highcliffe and Walkford consist of 11 councillors?



Bases: All respondents – 124; Respondents from outside proposal area – 93; Respondents within proposal area – 25.

68. Finally, each respondent was asked to give reasons for their answers and provided an opportunity to add any other comments about the draft recommendations. There were a total of 157 comments in response and these are set out in full in Appendix 2(C1) to this report. A full analysis of these responses was undertaken and a report produced for the Task and Finish Group. A copy of the analysis report is set out in Appendix 2(C2) to this report.

69. Whilst there was a significant number of respondents from outside the parish boundary that felt the parish should be abolished, many of these respondents appeared to be against the principle of parish and town councils in general and did not appear to recognise that this parish already existed.

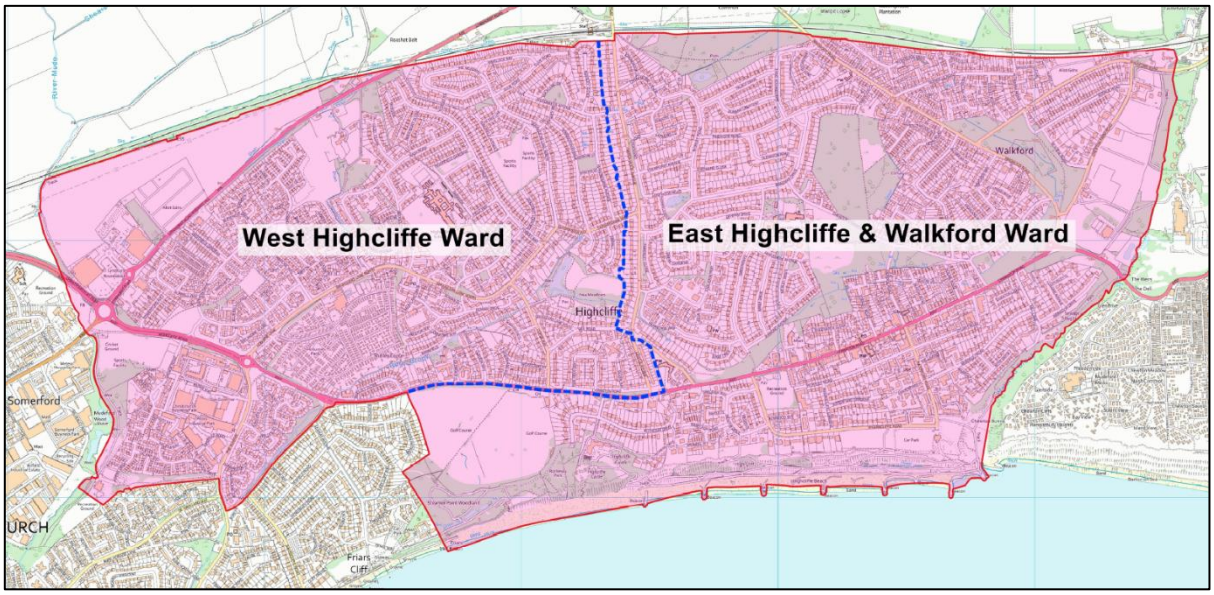
70. Arguments against the continuation of Highcliffe and Walkford parish included a belief that the creation of parish councils added an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy and administrative costs without providing clear benefits to residents. Some felt that the existing BCP Council should handle all local governance to avoid duplication of efforts and reduce overall expenses. Others argued that parish councils could lead to fragmentation and inefficiencies in local governance, making it harder to address broader community issues effectively. Additionally, there were concerns about the potential for increased council tax and the lack of tangible improvements in services provided by parish councils.

71. Conversely, the respondents from within Highcliffe and Walkford who expressed agreement with the draft recommendations felt that the existing boundary and title should be kept due to the importance of history and the effective functioning of the parish council. Respondents also highlighted that the parish had been run very well so far and that local involvement in issues affecting the community had increased since the establishment of the parish council. They appreciated the local representation and the ability of parish councillors to listen to local views and react to local issues specifically. Additionally, some felt that the current governance structure was fit for purpose and that the existing councillors and areas worked extremely well. Overall, there was a strong sentiment that the parish council provided effective local governance and representation, and there was no need for any changes.

72. There were a number of respondents who suggested that Friars Cliff should be included within the Highcliffe and Walkford parish. They felt that this would better align with the community's geographical, social, and environmental characteristics, and lead to improved representation and governance. However, when asked which of the existing or proposed council areas respondents felt most closely associated with, respondents from the Friars Cliff area were divided between Christchurch town and Highcliffe and Walkford parish.

Task and Finish Group Conclusions

73. The Task and Finish group considered the above representations and concluded that the support for Highcliffe and Walkford Parish was sufficient to recommend that the parish continue subject to the alteration of the wards as set out below. Finally, the Task and Finish Group considered the level of representation on the Parish Council. Although it was recognised that there were no contested elections in 2023, there was insufficient justification to reduce the overall elected representation but did support the requested change to the warding arrangements requested by the parish council as shown on the map below.



Final Recommendations

74. It is RECOMMENDED that the following community governance and electoral arrangements for the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford be approved:-

(a) the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford should not be abolished

(b) no change be made to the boundary of the existing parish of Highcliffe and Walkford

(c) the name of the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford should not be altered

(d) the parish should continue to have a parish council

(e) the name of the parish council should not be altered

(f) the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford be divided into two parish wards , comprising the area designated on the map shown in paragraph 73 above, and those wards named respectively:

(i) East Highcliffe and Walkford

(ii) West Highcliffe

(g) the parish council for Highcliffe and Walkford shall consist of 11 councillors.

(h) the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows:

(i) East Highcliffe and Walkford – six councillors

(ii) West Highcliffe - five councillors

(i) a Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order be prepared in accordance with the above recommendations and that the Order be effective from 1st April 2027 save for those recommendations relating to parish electoral arrangements which shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027.

D – CHRISTCHURCH

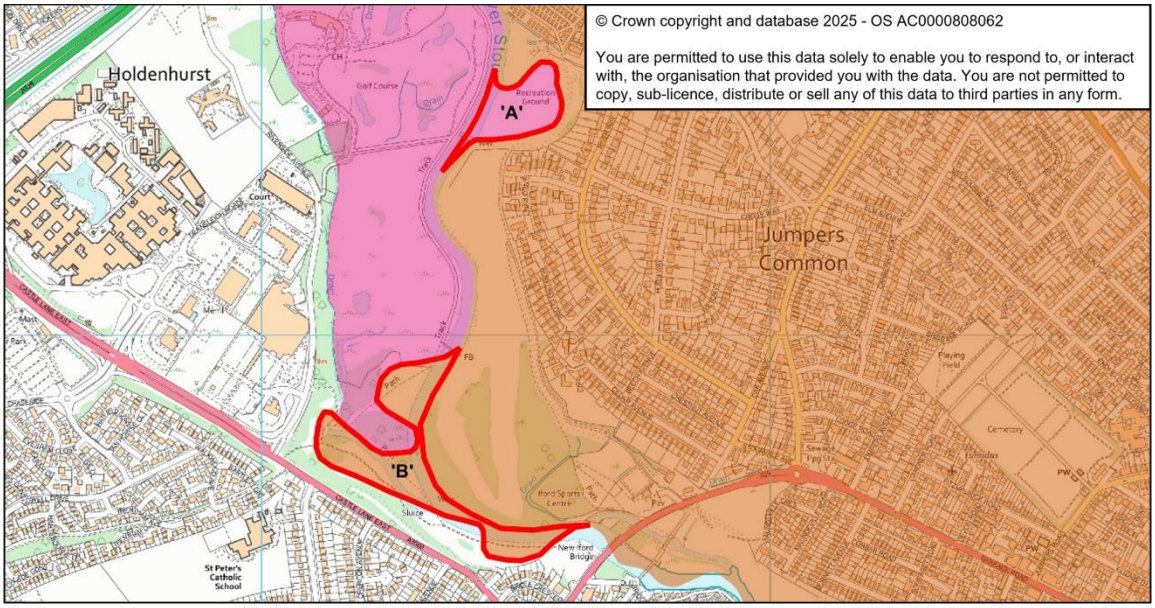
Background

75. The background information provided in the consultation questionnaire was:-

(a) The current parish of Christchurch is warded, has the alternative style of 'Town' and has 19 elected representative seats. The parish falls within the BCP electoral ward of Christchurch Town and part of the BCP wards of Commons, Burton and Grange and Mudeford, Stanpit and West Highcliffe. The Town Council was established in 2019.

(b) Contested elections were held for all seats in May 2019, although there were only contested elections within the Grange ward in May 2023. The projected elector-to-councillor ratio is 1,332:1

76. Christchurch Town Council made a representation requesting a series of changes. These included a change to the boundary between Christchurch and Hurn which is also detailed in section B of this report above. The request was to change the current boundary where it crosses over the river so as to align with the line of the river. The proposed changes are shown on the map below where the area marked 'A' would transfer from Hurn Parish to Christchurch Town, and the area marked 'B' would transfer from Christchurch Town to Hurn Parish. There are no properties within these areas and therefore no change to the electorate. There would be no transfer of property or responsibility as a consequence of this change.

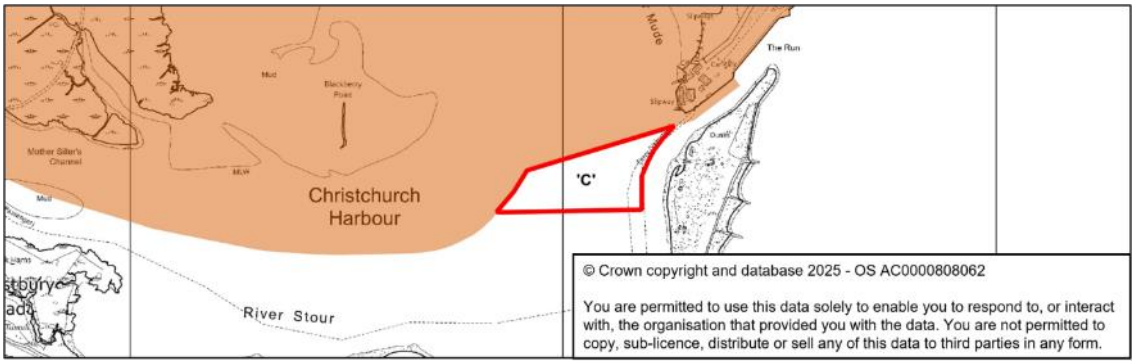


77. Hurn Parish Council raised no objection to the above change.

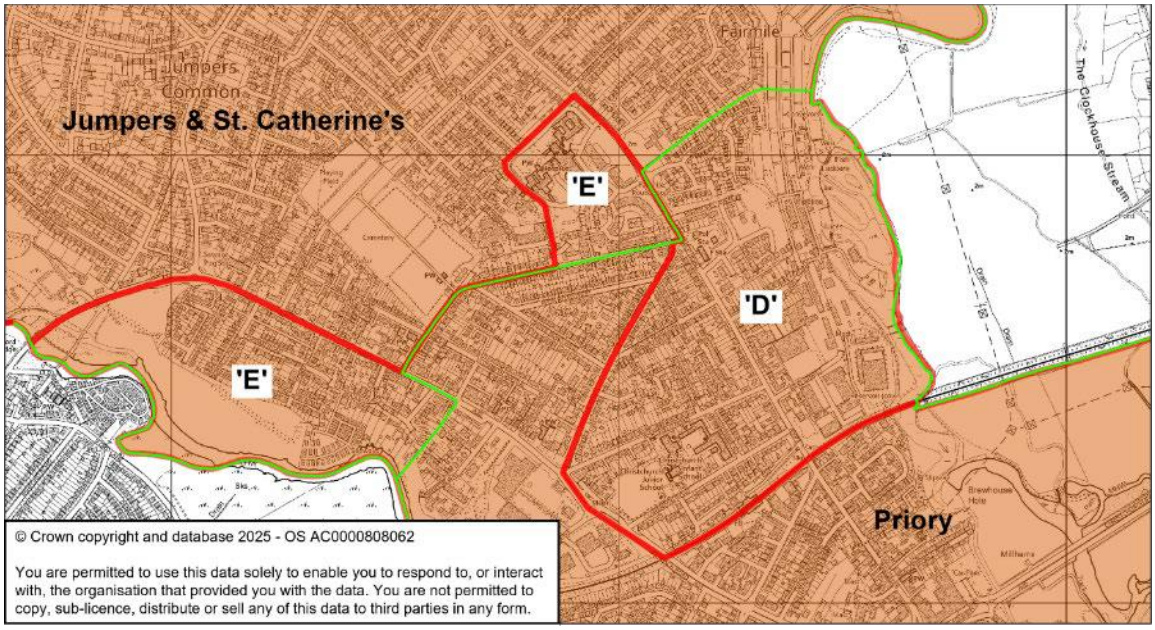
78. The Town Council further highlighted an issue with the boundary within the Christchurch harbour entrance. This issue was a result of boundary changes arising from local government re-organisation in 2019 and, whilst there is no impact on the electorate, it is considered an appropriate opportunity to rectify the issue.

79. The proposed change is shown on the map below where the area marked 'C' would be included within the Christchurch parish boundary. There are no properties within these areas and therefore no change to the electorate. There would be no transfer of property or responsibility as a consequence of this change.

80. The Task and Finish Group supported the request to alter the boundary of the Town Council, and the Mudeford and Stanpit parish ward. The revised boundary would be coterminous with the BCP ward boundary between the wards of Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe and East Southbourne & Tuckton.



81. The Town Council's final request was to alter the boundary between the parish wards of Jumpers & St. Catherine's and Priory to be coterminous with the BCP Council ward boundary between the wards of Christchurch Town and Commons. The map below shows the existing parish ward boundary in red, and the BCP ward boundary in green. The impact of the proposed change would be to transfer the area marked 'D' from the Jumpers & St. Catherine's ward into the Priory ward and to transfer the areas marked 'E' from Priory ward into the Jumpers & St. Catherine's ward.



82. The warding changes required a revision to the electorate numbers per ward but these are considered to be within the acceptable tolerance as detailed in the draft consultation documentation.

Draft Recommendations

83. The draft recommendations approved by Council were that:-

(a) the parish of Christchurch Town should not be abolished

(b) the boundary of the existing parish of Christchurch Town be altered as shown on the plans at paragraph 76 and 80 above

(c) the name of the parish of Christchurch Town should not be altered

(d) the parish should continue to have a parish council in the style of a town council

(e) the name of the town council should not be altered

(f) the parish of Christchurch Town continue to be divided into five parish wards, with those areas remaining unchanged except for the changes arising from the boundary changes referred to in paragraph 81 above and those wards named respectively:

(i) Friars Cliff

(ii) Grange

(iii) Jumpers & St. Catherine's

(iv) Mudeford & Stanpit

(v) Priory

(g) the parish council for Christchurch Town shall consist of 19 councillors

(h) the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows:

(i) Friars Cliff - two councillors

(ii) Grange – three councillors

(iii) Jumpers & St. Catherine's – six councillors

(iv) Mudeford & Stanpit – two councillors

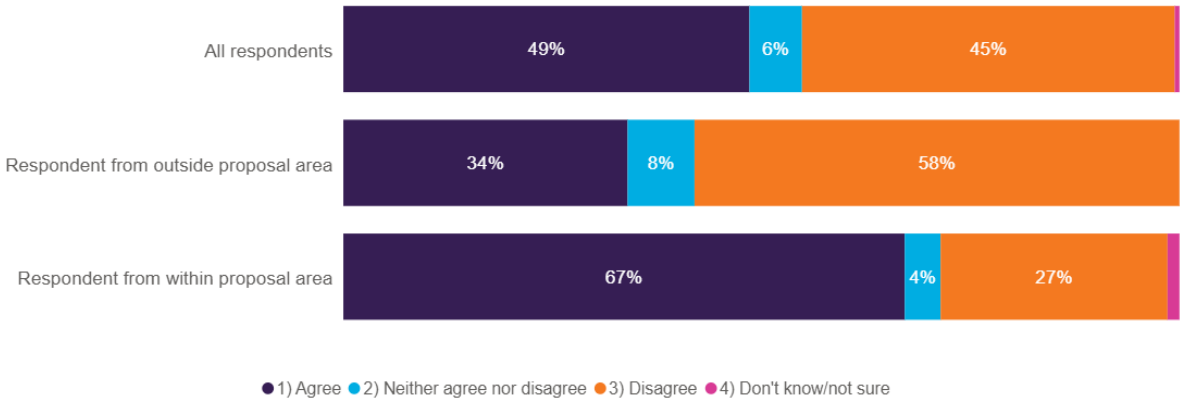
(v) Priory – six councillors.

Summary of Representations Received

84. There was a total of 178 responses received in relation to the parish of Christchurch although, of these, 70 were from respondents within the parish boundary. The tables provided below show the responses to each question asked by all respondents, by BCP respondents but from outside the proposal area and by BCP respondents from within the proposal area.

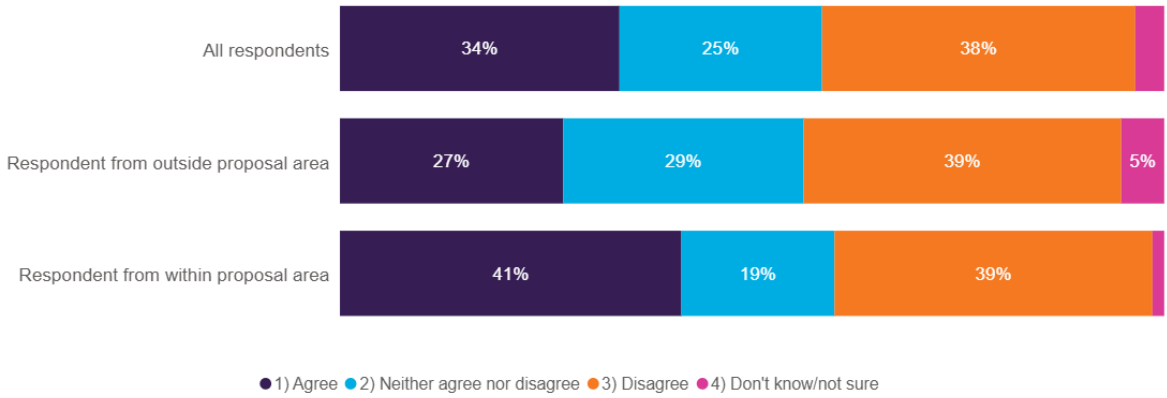
85. As with other existing parishes, it can be seen from the data, that there was a significant variance between the views of those commenting from outside the parish boundary when compared to those living within the parish. Representatives of the existing town and parish councils were concerned that this may indicate that respondents to the consultation may have little or no understanding of the role and functions of parish and town councils and the benefits they can bring to local communities.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish of Christchurch Town should not be abolished?



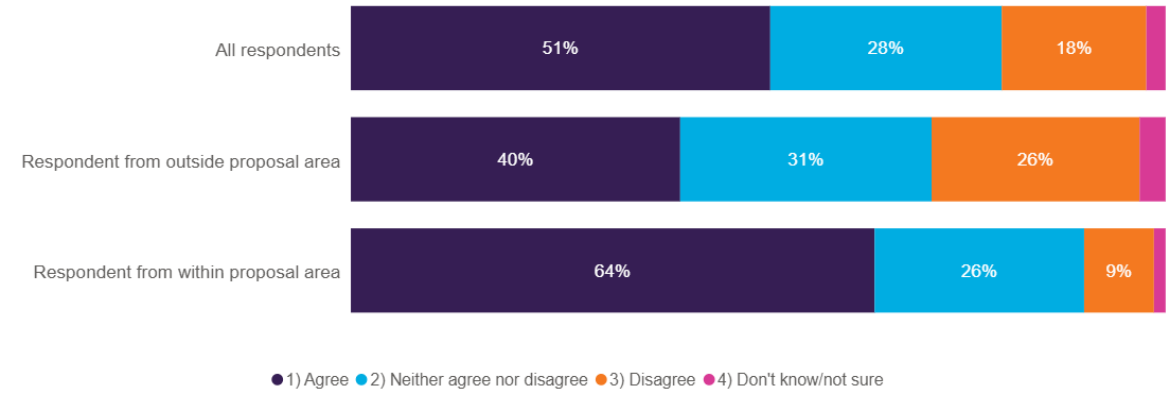
Bases: All respondents – 175; Respondents from outside proposal area – 100; Respondents within proposal area – 70.

Qb. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the boundary of the existing parish of Christchurch be altered as shown on the plans?



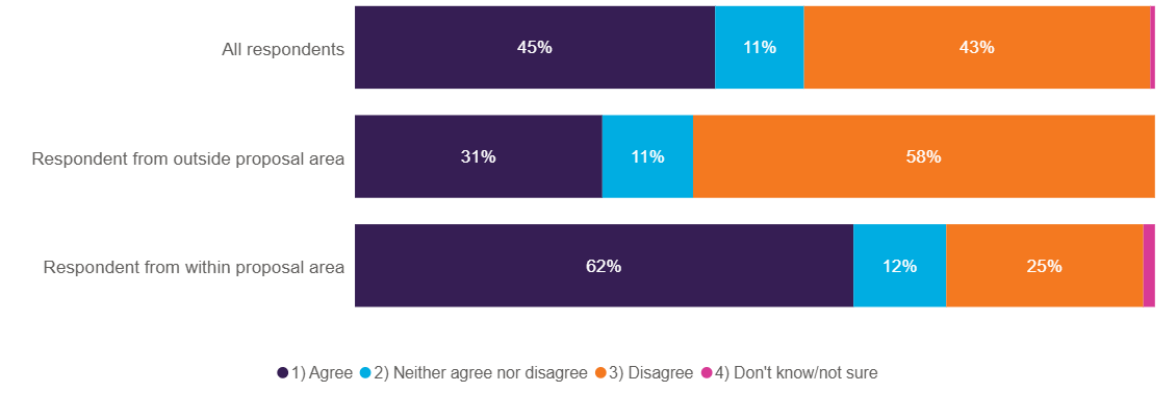
Bases: All respondents – 171; Respondents from outside proposal area – 96; Respondents within proposal area – 70.

Qc. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish of Christchurch Town should not be altered?



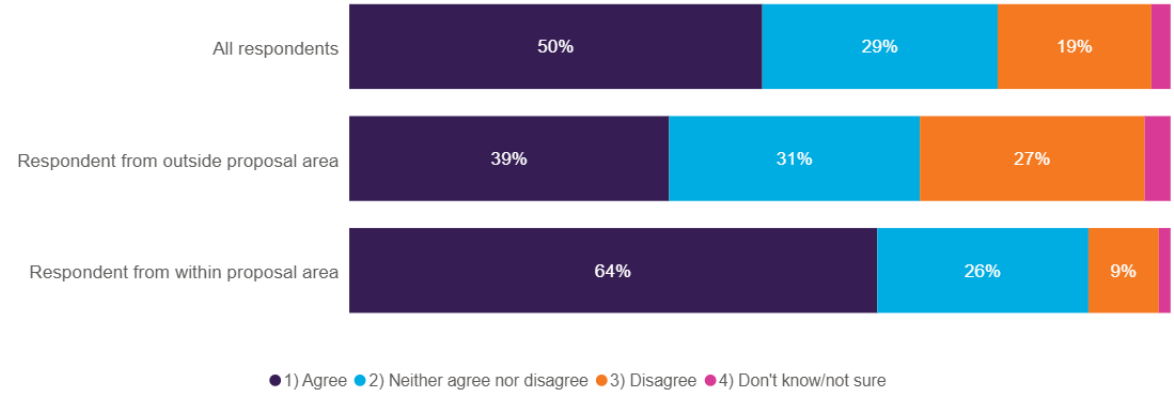
Bases: All respondents – 169; Respondents from outside proposal area – 94; Respondents within proposal area – 70.

Qd. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish should continue to have a parish council in the style of a town council?



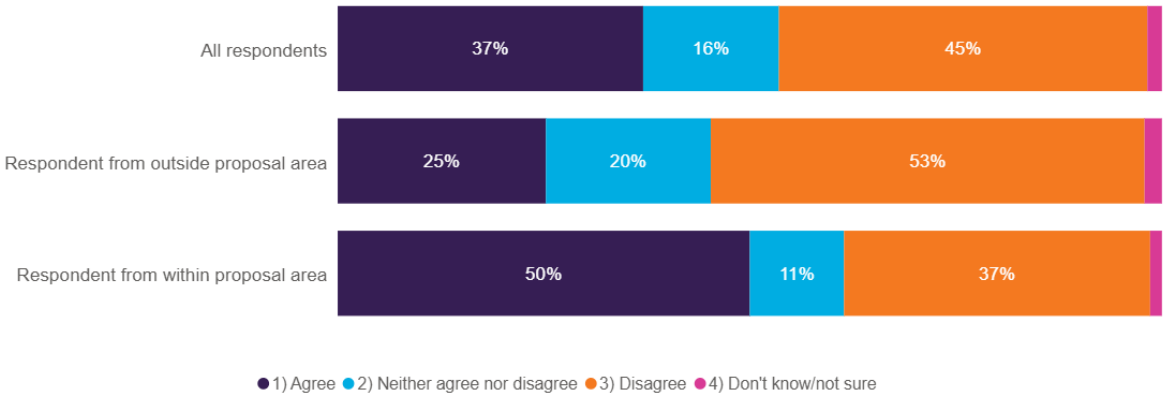
Bases: All respondents – 171; Respondents from outside proposal area – 97; Respondents within proposal area – 69.

Qe. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the town council should not be altered?



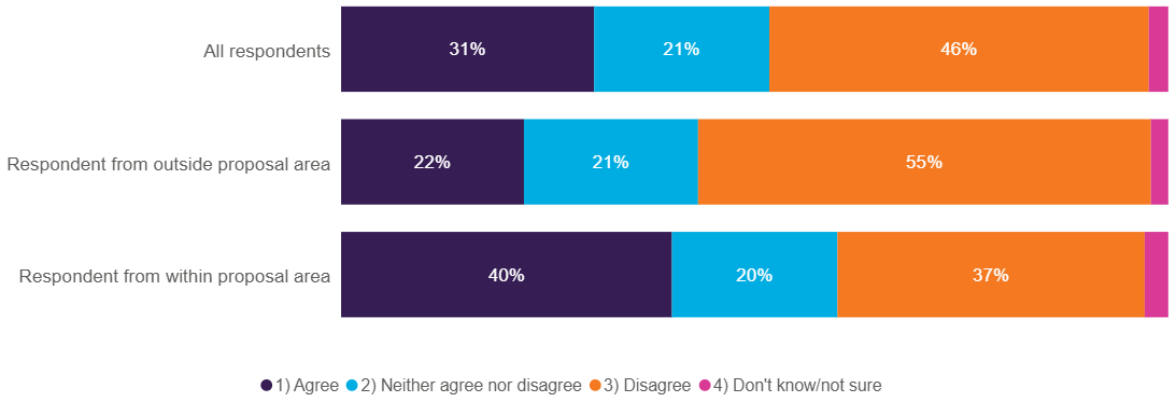
Bases: All respondents – 171; Respondents from outside proposal area – 95; Respondents within proposal area – 70.

Qf To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish of Christchurch Town continue to be divided into 5 parish wards.



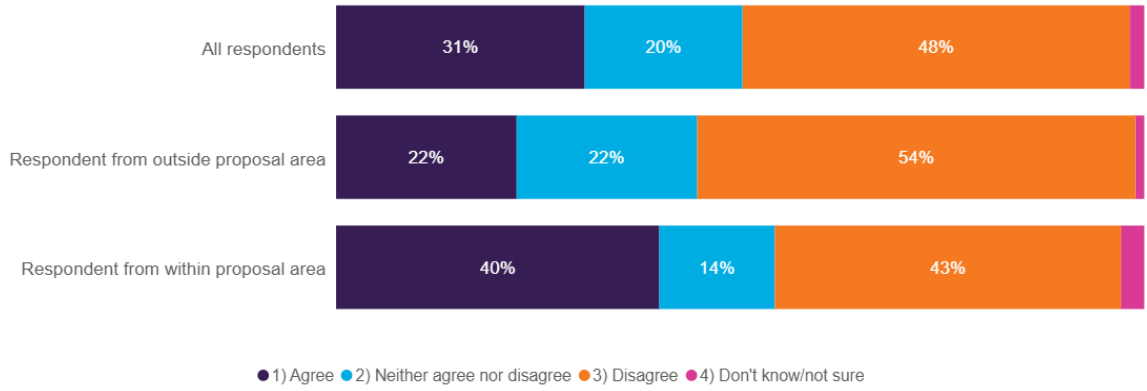
Bases: All respondents – 170; Respondents from outside proposal area – 95; Respondents within proposal area – 70.

Qg. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish council for Christchurch Town shall consist of 19 councillors?



Bases: All respondents – 170; Respondents from outside proposal area – 95; Respondents within proposal area – 70.

QH To what extent do you agree or disagree the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Friars Cliff - 2 councillors; Grange - 3 councillors; Jumpers & St. Catherine's - 6 councillors; Mudeford & Stanpit - 2 councillors; Priory - 6 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 169; Respondents from outside proposal area – 94; Respondents within proposal area – 70.

86. Finally, each respondent was asked to give reasons for their answers and provided an opportunity to add any other comments about the draft recommendations. There were a total of 201 comments in response and these are set out in full in Appendix 2(D1) to this report. A full analysis of these responses was undertaken and a report produced for the Task and Finish Group. A copy of the analysis report is set out in Appendix 2(D2) to this report.

87. Whilst there was a significant number of respondents from outside the parish boundary that felt the parish should be abolished, many of these respondents appeared to be against the principle of parish and town councils in general and did not appear to recognise that this parish already existed.

88. Arguments against the continuation of Christchurch Town Council included a belief that the town council added an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy and costs, which could be better managed by the existing BCP Council. They argued that the town council was ineffective, did not provide value for money, and duplicated services already offered by the BCP Council. Additionally, some felt that the town council was not representative of the broader community and that its existence led to fragmented governance and inconsistent representation. Overall, they saw the town council as an outdated and redundant structure that hindered efficient local governance.

89. Conversely, the respondents from within Christchurch Town who expressed agreement with the draft recommendations felt that Christchurch Town Council remains a vital democratic structure in preserving local identity, civic heritage, and accountability, and that its abolition would leave a significant gap in representation and contradict the localist principles underpinning the 2007 Act. They also felt that the proposed changes to boundaries were technically sound which was welcomed. Additionally, the name of the parish and its council reflects civic history and identity, and any alteration would dilute this well-established recognition both within the community and externally. Some respondents mentioned that the council's continued existence is supported in principle, though its governance has been undermined by persistent behavioural issues among some Councillors. Overall, the

respondents emphasised the importance of local representation, community identity, and effective governance in their support for the town council's continued existence.

90. There were a number of respondents who suggested that Friars Cliff should be included within the Highcliffe and Walkford parish and not Christchurch. They felt that this would better align with the community's geographical, social, and environmental characteristics, and lead to improved representation and governance. However, when asked which of the existing or proposed council areas respondents felt most closely associated with, respondents from the Friars Cliff area were divided between Christchurch town and Highcliffe and Walford parish.

Task and Finish Group Conclusions

91. The Task and Finish group considered the above representations and concluded that the support for Christchurch Town was sufficient to recommend that the parish continue. Finally, the Task and Finish Group considered the level of representation on the Parish Council. Although it was recognised that there were no contested elections in 2023, and the views of respondents were finely balanced, the Task and Finish Group concluded that there was insufficient justification to reduce the overall elected representation. The requested change to the warding arrangements as outlined above were supported.

Final Recommendations

92. It is RECOMMENDED that the following community governance and electoral arrangements for the parish of Christchurch be approved:-

(a) the parish of Christchurch Town should not be abolished

(b) the boundary of the existing parish of Christchurch Town be altered as shown on the plans at paragraph 76 and 80 above

(c) the name of the parish of Christchurch Town should not be altered

(d) the parish should continue to have a parish council in the style of a town council

(e) the name of the town council should not be altered

(f) the parish of Christchurch Town continue to be divided into five parish wards, with those areas remaining unchanged except for the changes arising from the boundary changes referred to in paragraph 81 above and those wards named respectively:

(i) Friars Cliff

(ii) Grange

(iii) Jumpers & St. Catherine's

(iv) Mudeford & Stanpit

(v) Priory

(g) the parish council for Christchurch Town shall consist of 19 councillors

(h) the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows:

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(iii) Jumpers & St. Catherine's – six councillors

(iv) Mudeford & Stanpit – two councillors

(v) Priory – six councillors.

(i) a Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order be prepared in accordance with the above recommendations and that the Order be effective from 1st April 2027 save for those recommendations relating to parish electoral arrangements which shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027.

E – THROOP & HOLDENHURST

Background

93. The background information provided in the consultation questionnaire was:-

(a) The current parish of Throop and Holdenhurst is unwarded, has 7 elected representative seats and falls almost entirely within the BCP electoral ward of Muscliff & Strouden Park. A single property known as Wood Farm to the north-eastern tip of the parish falls within the Commons ward. The parish Council was established in 2021 following the receipt of petition.

(b) Contested elections were held in Throop and Holdenhurst in May 2021 when the parish council was established. The projected elector-to-councillor ratio is 85:1

94. The Electoral Services Team requested that the issue of Wood Farm, which falls within the parish of Throop and Holdenhurst, be fixed by making a related change for submission to the Boundary Commission for England. The alteration would seek to change the BCP Council ward boundary between Muscliff & Strouden Park and Commons so it is coterminous with the parish boundary. This was included within the consultation document and forms part of these final recommendations.

95. Hurn Parish Council and Throop and Holdenhurst Parish Council raised no objection to altering the BCP Ward boundary to resolve this anomaly.

Draft Recommendations

96. The draft recommendations approved by Council were that:-

(a) the parish of Throop and Holdenhurst should not be abolished

(b) no change be made to the boundary of the existing parish of Throop and Holdenhurst

(c) the name of the parish of Throop and Holdenhurst should not be altered

(d) the parish should continue to have a parish council

(e) the name of the parish council should not be altered

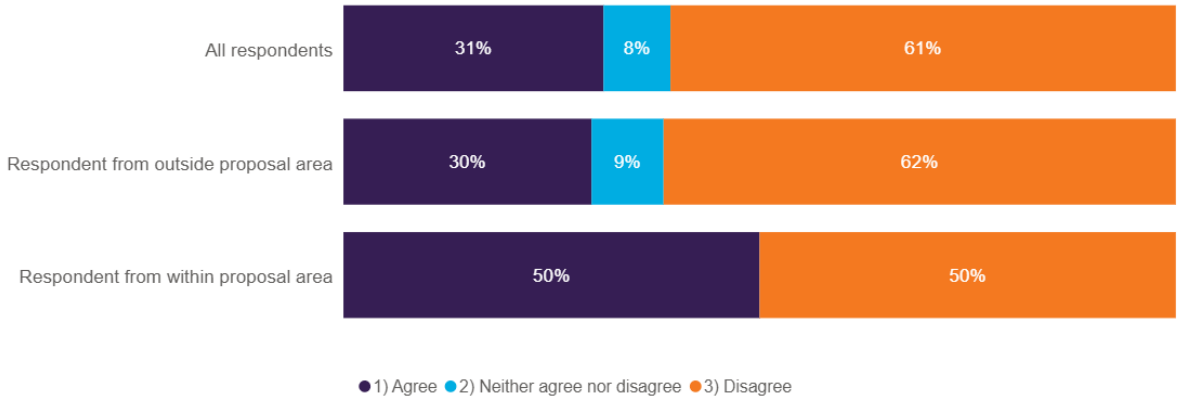
(f) the parish council for Throop and Holdenhurst shall consist of seven councillors.

Summary of Representations Received

97. There was a total of 114 responses received in relation to the parish of Throop and Holdenhurst although, of these, only 4 were from respondents within the parish boundary. The tables provided below show the responses to each question asked by all respondents, by BCP respondents but from outside the proposal area and by BCP respondents from within the proposal area.

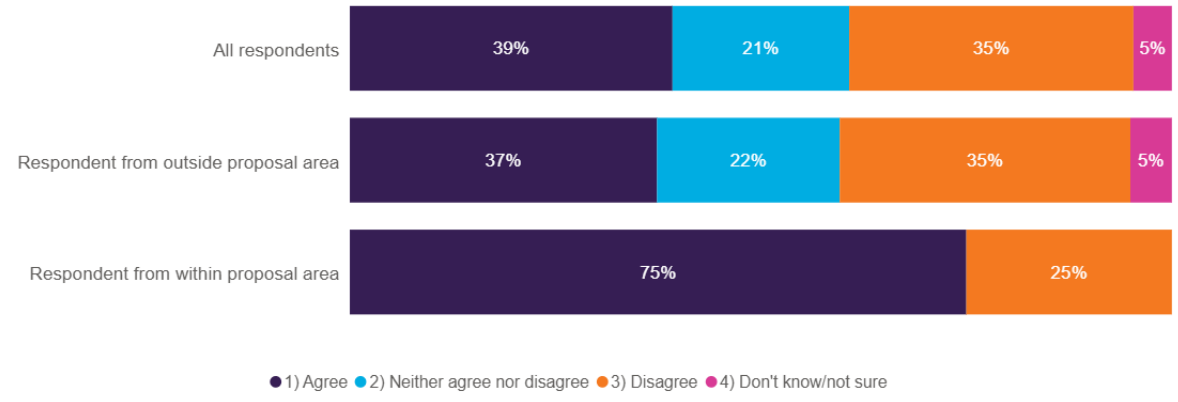
98. It can be seen from the data, that there was a significant variance between the views of those commenting from outside the parish boundary when compared to those living within the parish. Representatives of the existing town and parish councils were concerned that this may indicate that respondents to the consultation may have little or no understanding of the role and functions of parish and town councils and the benefits they can bring to local communities.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Throop and Holdenhurst the parish of Throop and Holdenhurst should not be abolished?



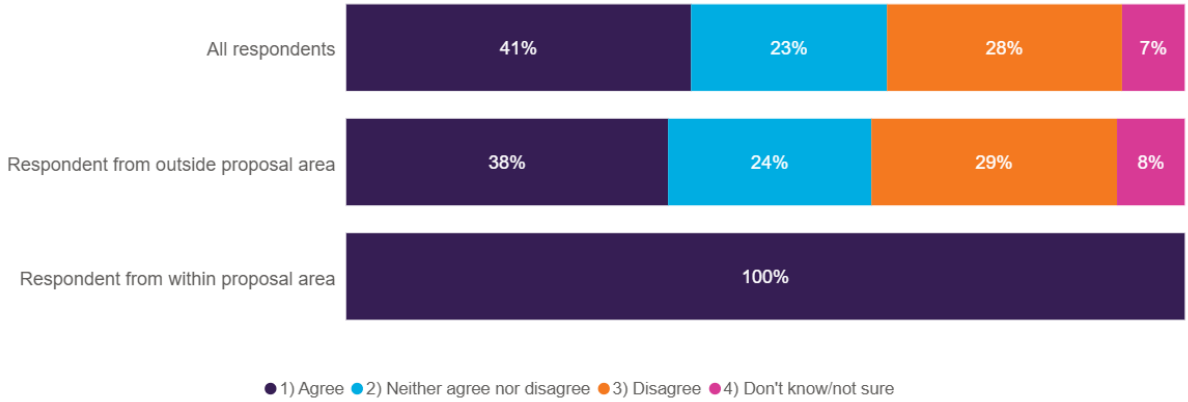
Bases: All respondents – 112; Respondents from outside proposal area – 104; Respondents within proposal area – 4

Qb. To what extent do you agree or disagree that no change be made to the boundary of the existing parish of Throop and Holdenhurst?



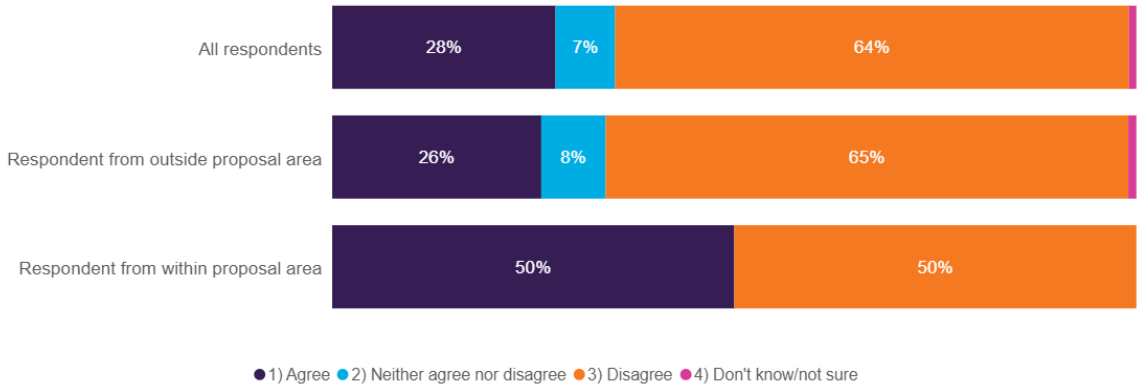
Bases: All respondents – 107; Respondents from outside proposal area – 99; Respondents within proposal area – 4.

Qc. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish of Throop and Holdenhurst should not be altered?



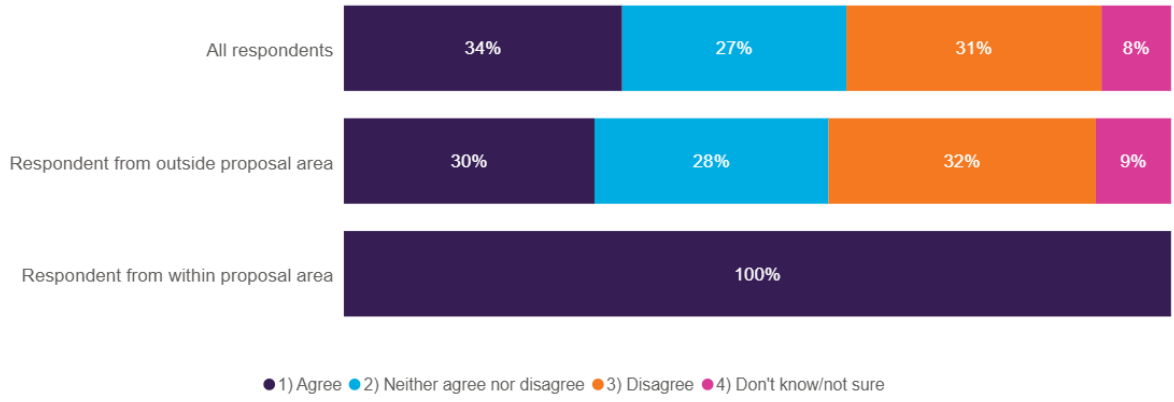
Bases: All respondents – 107; Respondents from outside proposal area – 99; Respondents within proposal area – 4.

Qd. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish should continue to have a parish council?



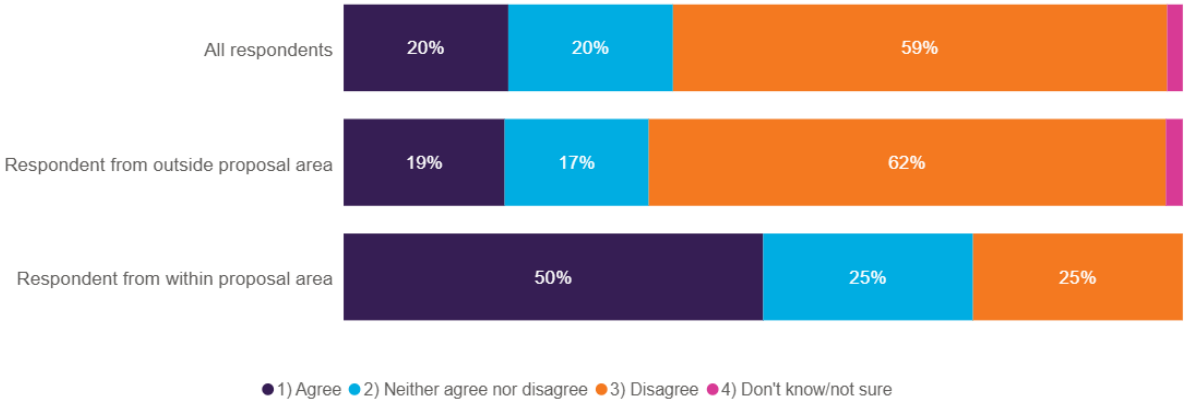
Bases: All respondents – 108; Respondents from outside proposal area – 100; Respondents within proposal area – 4.

Qe. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish council should not be altered?



Bases: All respondents – 107; Respondents from outside proposal area – 99; Respondents within proposal area – 4.

Qf. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish council for Throop and Holdenhurst shall consist of 7 councillors?



Bases: All respondents – 107; Respondents from outside proposal area – 99; Respondents within proposal area – 4.

99. Finally, each respondent was asked to give reasons for their answers and provided an opportunity to add any other comments about the draft recommendations. There were a total of 118 comments in response and these are set out in full in Appendix 2(E1) to this report. A full analysis of these responses was undertaken and a report produced for the Task and Finish Group. A copy of the analysis report is set out in Appendix 2(E2) to this report.

100. Whilst there was a significant number of respondents from outside the parish boundary that felt the parish should be abolished, many of these respondents appeared to be against the principle of parish and town councils in general and did not appear to recognise that this parish already existed.

101. Arguments against the continuation of Throop and Holdenhurst parish included a belief that that the existing parish council was ineffective, adding unnecessary bureaucracy and costs without providing tangible benefits to the community. They argued that the parish council did not communicate effectively with the community, failed to support local projects, and did not review local planning applications. Additionally, some respondents felt that the parish council was an unnecessary layer of governance that duplicated the efforts of the existing BCP councillors, leading to increased costs for residents without any added value. There were also concerns about the disproportionate number of councillors relative to the population size, which was seen as undemocratic and inefficient.

102. Conversely, the respondents from within Throop and Holdenhurst who expressed agreement with the draft recommendations felt that the parish should continue unchanged for several reasons. Many believed that the Parish Council had a good relationship with its parishioners and was active in promoting the good of the parish. They appreciated the quiet and lovely nature of Throop and wanted it to remain that way. Additionally, some respondents felt that the parish had historic significance and served the residents well. Overall, the sentiment was that the parish council was effective and provided value to the community, and there was no need for changes.

Task and Finish Group Conclusions

103. The Task and Finish group considered the above representations and concluded that the support for Throop and Holdenhurst Parish was sufficient to recommend that the parish continue unchanged. Finally, the Task and Finish Group considered the level of representation on the Parish Council. There was insufficient justification to reduce the elected representation. There are only seven councillors on Throop & Holdenhurst Parish Council and the minimum permitted number is five.

Final Recommendations

104. It is RECOMMENDED that the following community governance and electoral arrangements for the parish of Throop and Holdenhurst be approved:-

(a) the parish of Throop and Holdenhurst should not be abolished

(b) no change be made to the boundary of the existing parish of Throop and Holdenhurst

(c) the name of the parish of Throop and Holdenhurst should not be altered

(d) the parish should continue to have a parish council

(e) the name of the parish council should not be altered

(f) the parish council for Throop and Holdenhurst shall consist of seven councillors

(g) the Local Government Boundary Commission for England be requested to make a related alteration order to alter the boundaries of the BCP Council Wards (Commons and Muscliff & Strouden Park) to be coterminous with the parish boundary between Hurn parish and Throop and Holdenhurst parish.

F – BROADSTONE

Background

105. The background document advised that the existing area is unparished, has a total projected electorate of 8,960 and falls within the area covered by the existing precepting body of The Charter Trustees for Poole. The boundary of the proposed parish is coterminous with the existing BCP ward of Broadstone.

Draft Recommendations

106. The draft recommendations approved by Council were:-

(a) To create a new parish of Broadstone with a total of 14 councillors.

(b) For the parish to be divided into four wards: Clump (4 councillors), Golf (3 councillors), Recreation (4 councillors) and Spring (3 councillors). The ratio for electoral equality being 640:1 on the projected electorate.

(c) For the style of the parish to be a Town Council.

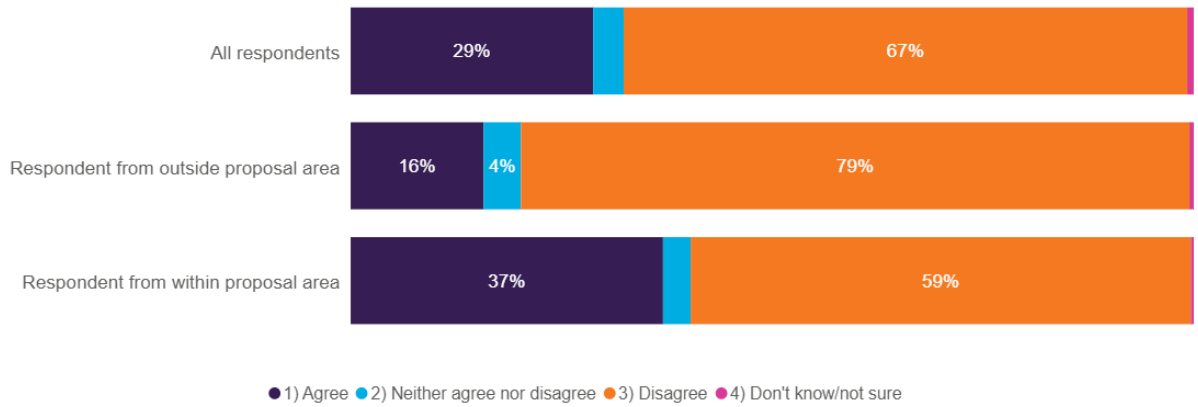
Summary of Representations Received

107. There was a total of 529 responses received in relation to the proposed parish of Broadstone although, of these, 206 were from respondents outside the proposed

parish boundary. The tables provided below show the responses to each question asked by all respondents, by BCP respondents but from outside the proposal area and by BCP respondents from within the proposal area.

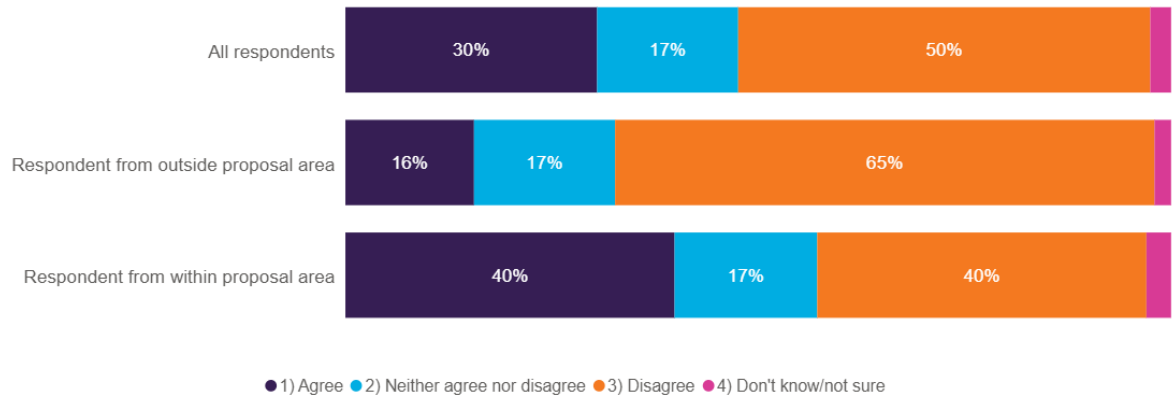
108. It can be seen from the data, that there was a variance between the views of those commenting from outside the proposed parish boundary when compared to those living within the boundary.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree a parish of Broadstone be established?



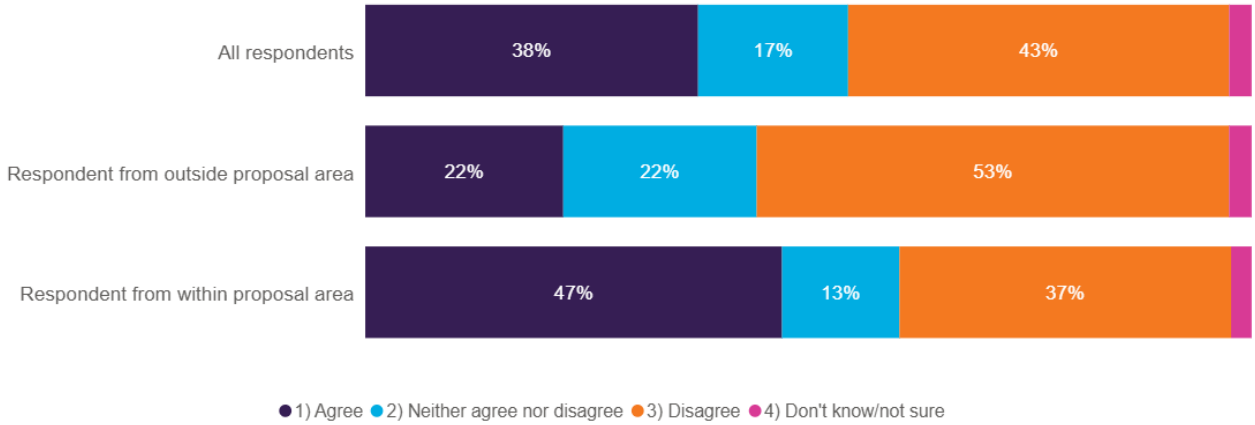
Bases: All respondents – 525; Respondents from outside proposal area – 203; Respondents within proposal area – 305.

Qb To what extent do you agree or disagree the boundary of the parish of Broadstone be drawn as outlined in red on the map above?



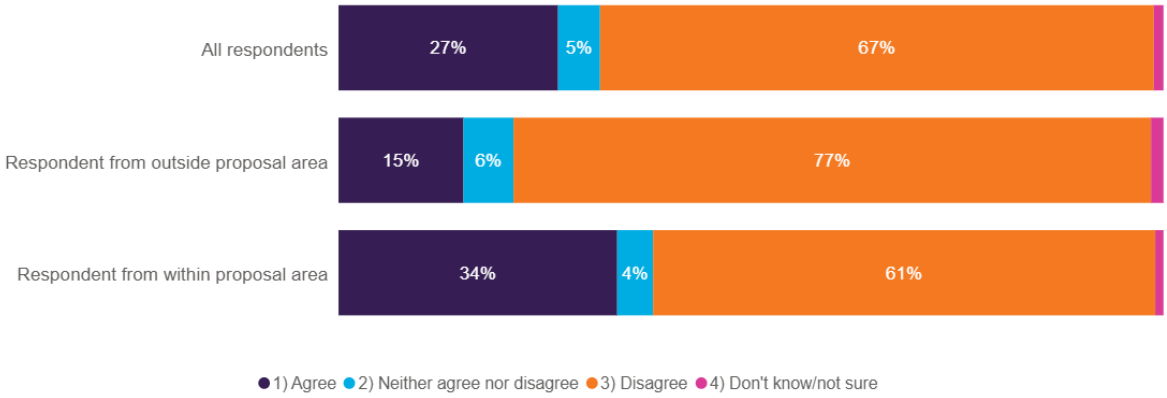
Bases: All respondents – 515; Respondents from outside proposal area – 199; Respondents within proposal area – 301.

Qc To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the established parish be Broadstone



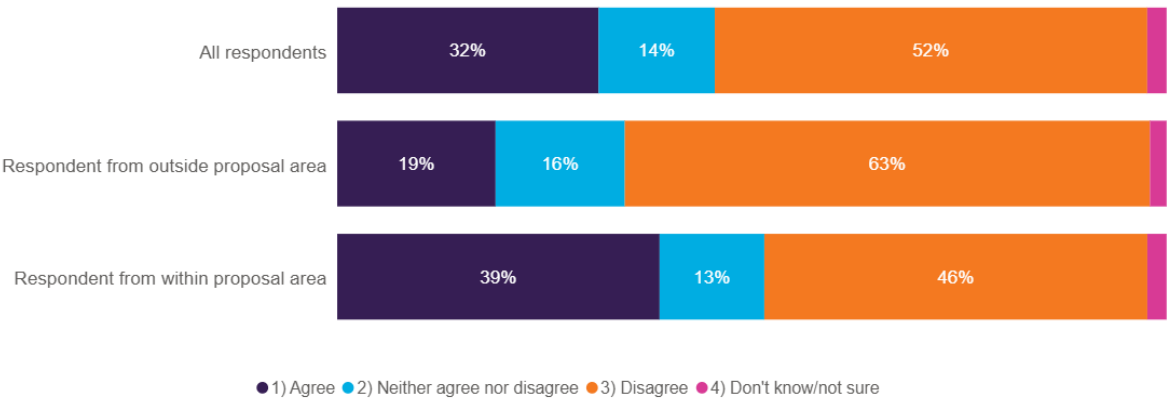
Bases: All respondents – 514; Respondents from outside proposal area – 197; Respondents within proposal area – 302.

Qd To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish should have a parish council in the style of town council



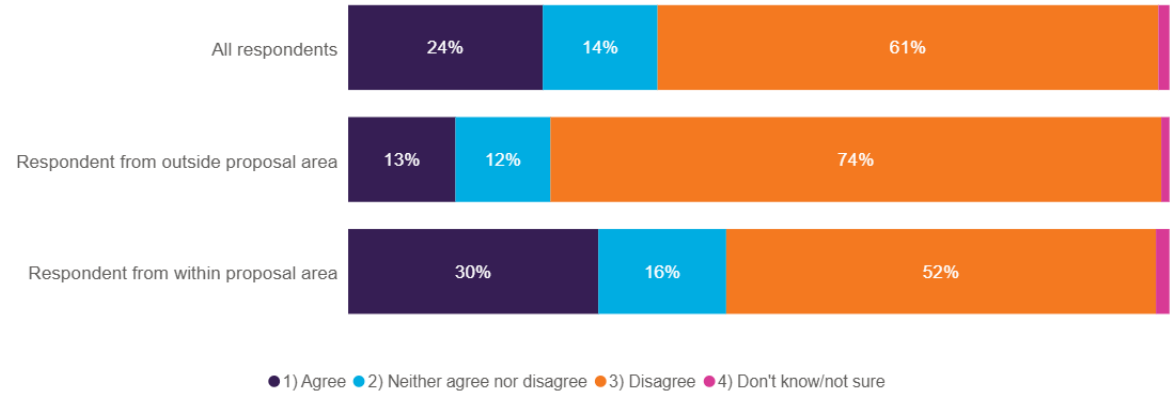
Bases: All respondents – 511; Respondents from outside proposal area – 198; Respondents within proposal area – 299.

Qe To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the town council should be Broadstone Town Council



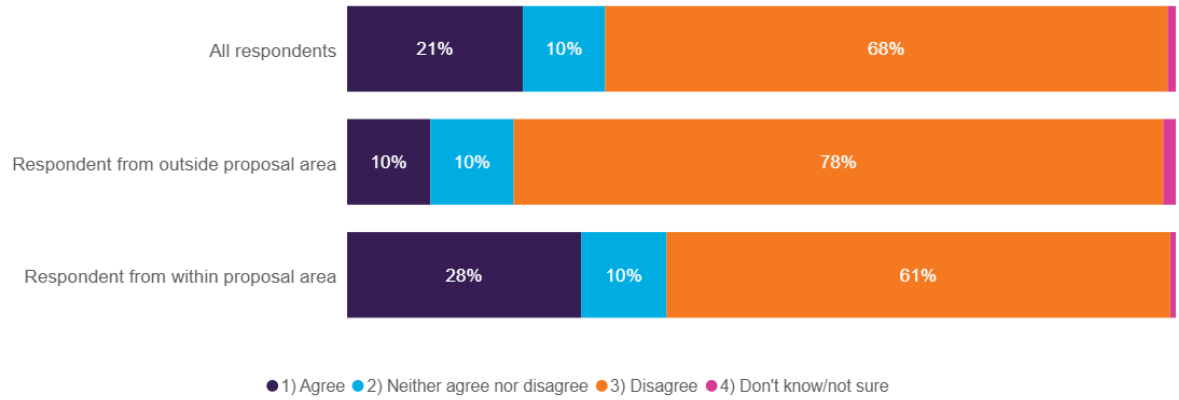
Bases: All respondents – 514; Respondents from outside proposal area – 199; Respondents within proposal area – 301.

Qf To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish of Broadstone be divided into four parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map above, and named respectively: Clump; Golf; Recreation; Spring



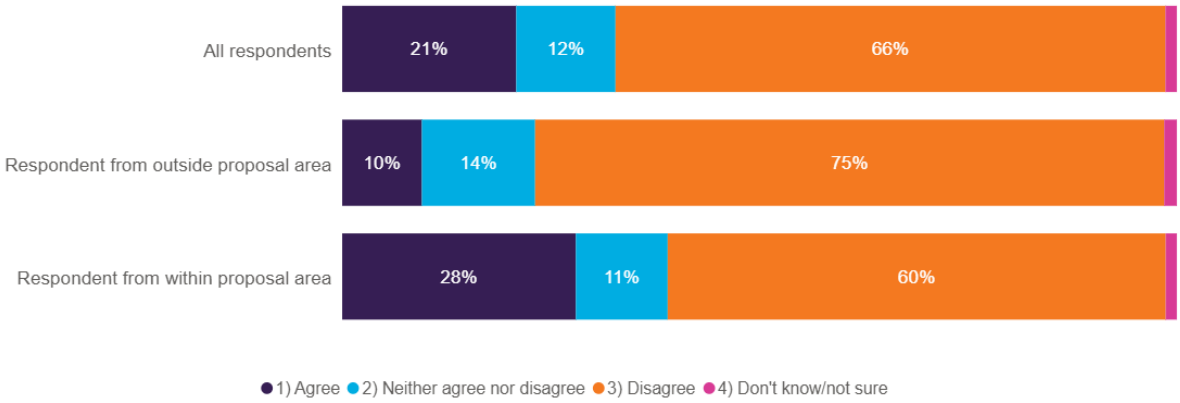
Bases: All respondents – 515; Respondents from outside proposal area – 199; Respondents within proposal area – 302.

Qg To what extent do you agree or disagree the town council shall consist of 14 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 514; Respondents from outside proposal area – 199; Respondents within proposal area – 301.

Qh To what extent do you agree or disagree the the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Clump - 4 councillors; Golf - 3 councillors; Recreation - 4 councillors; Spring - 3 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 513; Respondents from outside proposal area – 199; Respondents within proposal area – 300

109. Finally, each respondent was asked to give reasons for their answers and provided an opportunity to add any other comments about the draft recommendations. There were a total of 690 comments in response and these are set out in full in Appendix 2(F1) to this report. A full analysis of these responses was undertaken and a report produced for the Task and Finish Group. A copy of the analysis report is set out in Appendix 2(F2) to this report.

110. Whilst there was a significant number of respondents from outside the proposed parish boundary that felt that a new parish council for Broadstone should not be established, many of these respondents appeared to be against the principle of parish and town councils in general.

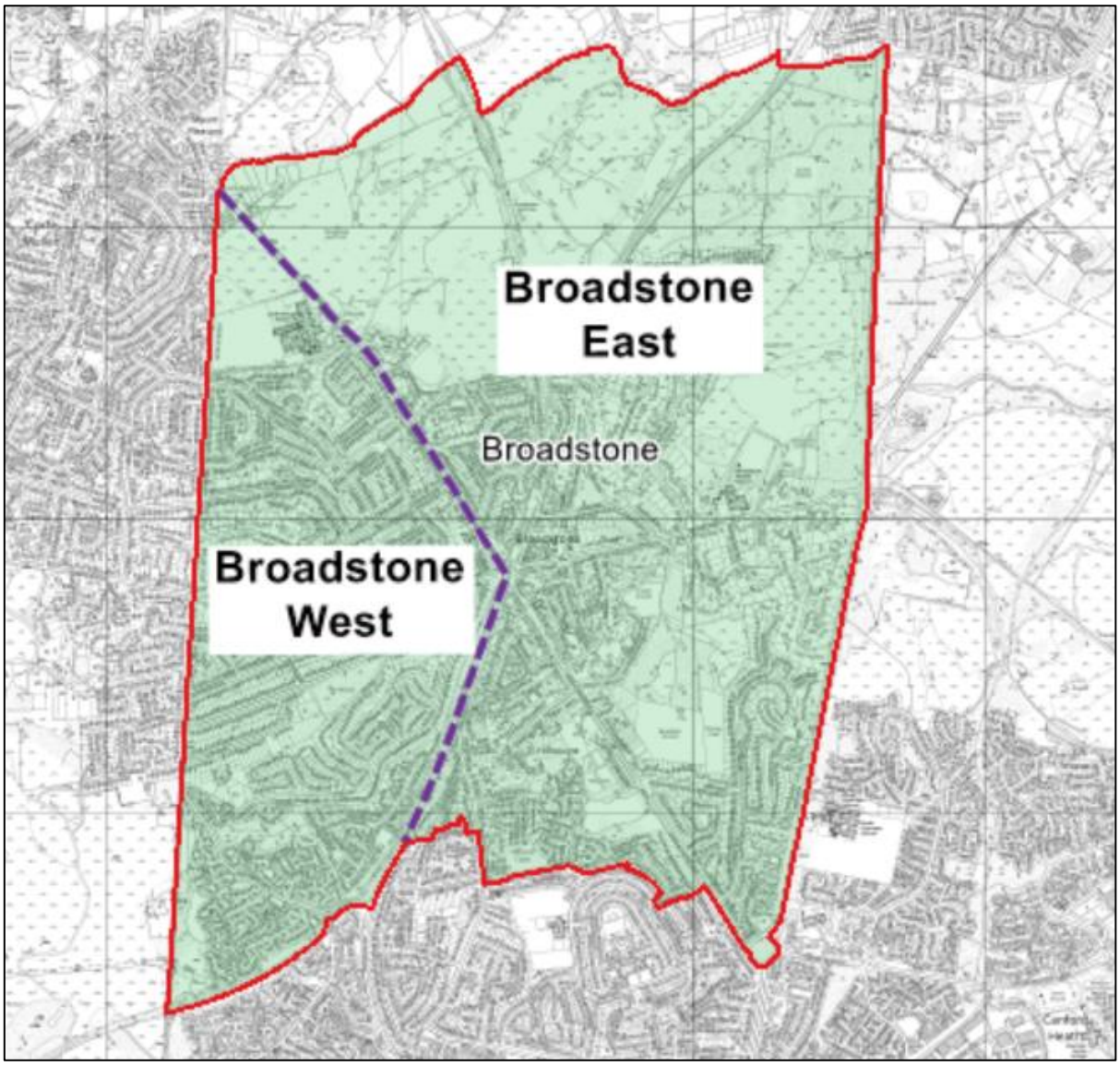
111. Arguments against the establishment of a new parish council in Broadstone included views that establishing a parish of Broadstone would introduce unnecessary bureaucracy and additional costs without providing significant benefits. Respondents were concerned that this new layer of local government would lead to confusion over responsibilities, inefficiencies, and potential increases in council tax. Many believed that the existing BCP Council should be sufficient to manage local issues and that creating a parish council would only complicate governance and add financial burdens to residents. There was also scepticism about the effectiveness and necessity of having more councillors and the potential for political agendas to influence decisions. Overall, the sentiment was that the current system should be improved rather than adding another layer of administration.

112. Conversely, the respondents from within Broadstone who expressed agreement with the draft recommendations felt that establishing a new parish would give residents more control over local decisions and services. They believed that a parish council would better address the unique needs and identity of Broadstone, allowing for more tailored and effective management of community resources. Many supporters highlighted the potential for improved local amenities, such as parks and community events, and felt that a parish council would enhance community engagement and pride. They also saw it as a way to ensure that funds raised locally would be spent directly on local priorities, rather than being absorbed into broader council budgets. Overall, the sentiment was that a parish council would bring governance closer to the people, fostering a stronger sense of community and better addressing local issues.

Task and Finish Group Conclusions

113. The Task and Finish Group considered the level of representation on the proposed council. Respondents had mixed feelings about the number of wards, the names of the wards, and the number of councillors proposed. Many felt that having four wards was unnecessary and would add to bureaucracy, while others believed it would ensure fair representation. The names of the wards, particularly "Clump," were criticised for being unappealing. As for the number of councillors, there was a general consensus that 14 councillors were too many for the area.

114. As a consequence of the feedback and views expressed, the Task and Finish Group reviewed the warding arrangement and number of councillors and are now recommending dividing the parish into two wards with 4 councillors representing each ward. The map below shows the proposed arrangements.



115. As this proposal was seeking to establish a new council, it is important to ascertain whether there would be sufficient interest locally to fill the number of seats proposed and therefore support the viability of the council. Respondents were asked, without any obligation, if they would consider standing for election as a local councillor for Broadstone. 30 respondents who live within the proposal area said they would consider standing for election and as a consequence the Task and Finish Group were satisfied that the council would be viable in this regard.

116. The final recommendations below were not agreed unanimously at the Task and Finish Group but was supported by a vote of 6 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention.

Final Recommendations

117. It is RECOMMENDED that the following community governance and electoral arrangements for the parish of Broadstone be approved:-

(a) a parish of Broadstone be established

(b) the boundary of the parish of Broadstone be drawn to include the existing polling districts of BS1 - Broadstone 1, BS2 - Broadstone 2, BS3

- Broadstone 3 and BS4 - Broadstone 4, as outlined in red on the map in paragraph 114 above

(c) the name of the established parish be Broadstone

(d) the style of the parish of Broadstone be set as a town

(e) the parish should have a parish council in the style of town council

(f) the name of the town council should be Broadstone Town Council

(g) the parish of Broadstone be divided into two parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map in paragraph 114 above, and named respectively:

(i) Broadstone East

(ii) Broadstone West

(h) the town council for Broadstone shall consist of 8 councillors

(i) the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows:

(i) Broadstone East – four councillors

(ii) Broadstone West – four councillors

(j) a Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order be prepared in accordance with the above recommendations and that the Order be effective from 1st April 2026 save for those recommendations relating to parish electoral arrangements which shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2026.

G – REDHILL AND NORTHBOURNE

Background

118. The background document advised that the existing area is unparished, has a total projected electorate of 7,734 and falls within the area covered by the existing precepting body of The Charter Trustees for Bournemouth. The boundary of the proposed parish was largely coterminous with the existing BCP ward of Redhill & Northbourne but extended to the east of Redhill Avenue to include the non-residential woodland area.

Draft Recommendations

119. The draft recommendations approved by Council were:-

(a) To create a new parish of Redhill and Northbourne with a total of nine councillors.

(b) For the parish to be divided into three wards: Ensbury Park (3 councillors), Northbourne (3 councillors) and Redhill Park (3 councillors). The ratio for electoral equality being 859:1 on the projected electorate.

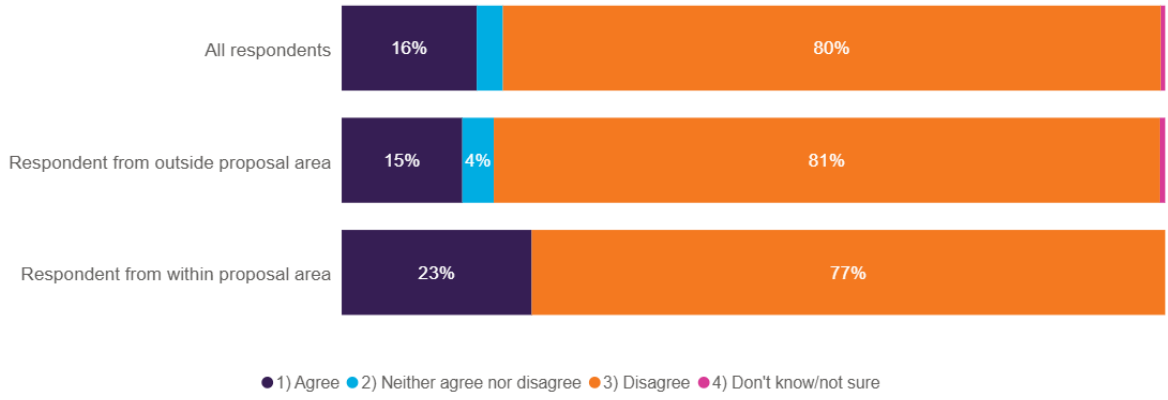
(c) For the style of the parish to be a Community Council.

Summary of Representations Received

120. There was a total of 192 responses received in relation to the proposed parish of Redhill & Northbourne although, of these, only 26 were from respondents within the proposed parish boundary. The tables provided below show the responses to each question asked by all respondents, by BCP respondents but from outside the proposal area and by BCP respondents from within the proposal area.

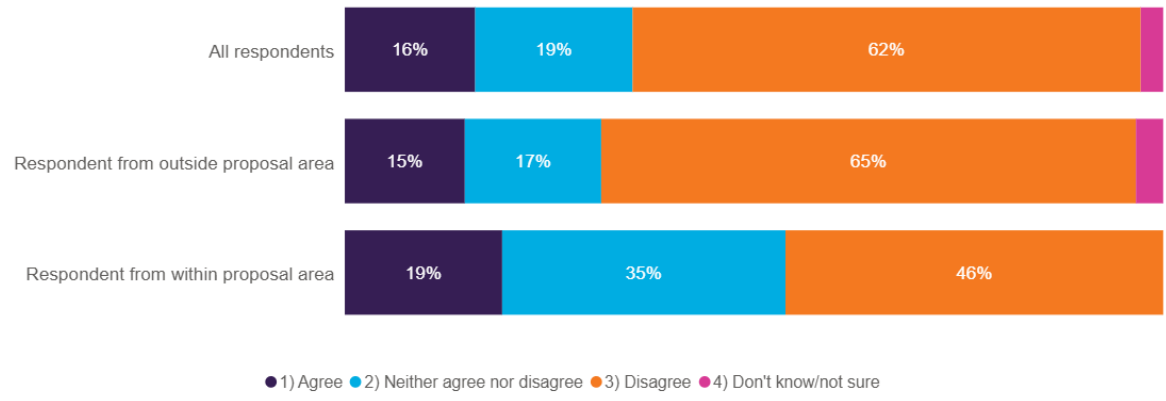
121. It can be seen from the data, that there was a variance between the views of those commenting from outside the proposed parish boundary when compared to those living within the boundary.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree a parish of Redhill and Northbourne be established?



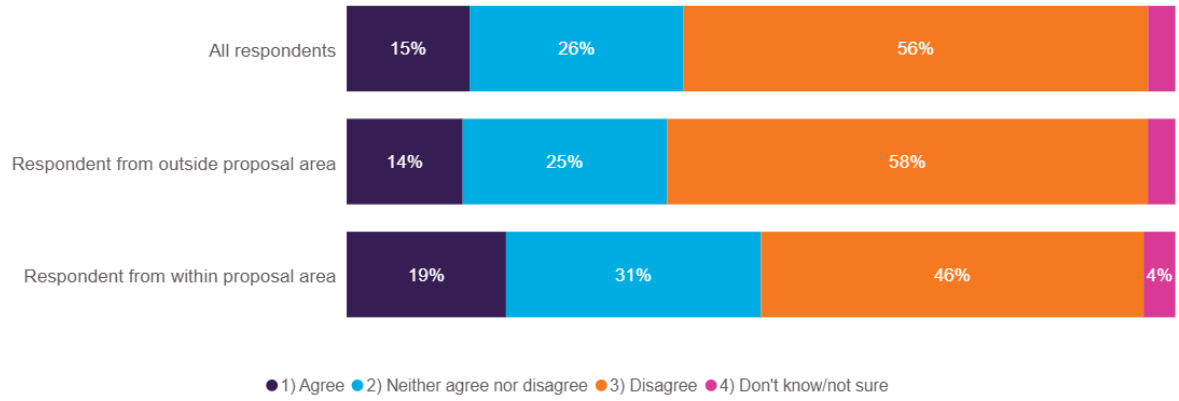
Bases: All respondents – 189; Respondents from outside proposal area – 157; Respondents within proposal area – 26

Qb To what extent do you agree or disagree the boundary of the parish of Redhill and Northbourne be drawn as outlined in red on the map above?



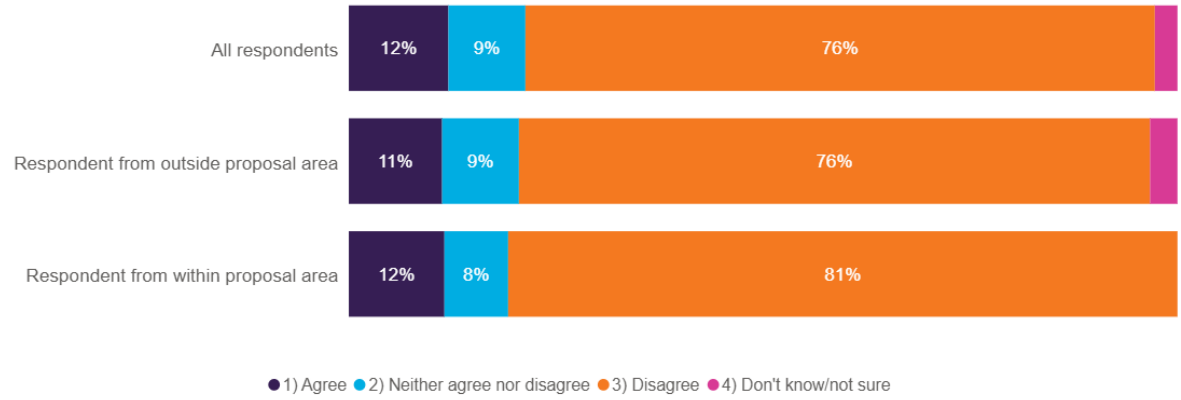
Bases: All respondents – 182; Respondents from outside proposal area – 150; Respondents within proposal area – 26

Qc To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the established parish be Redhill and Northbourne



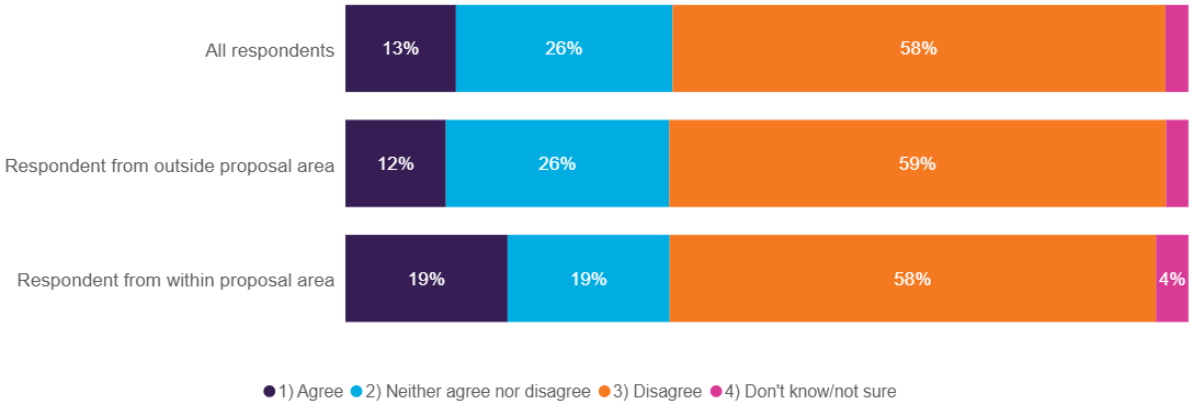
Bases: All respondents – 182; Respondents from outside proposal area – 150; Respondents within proposal area – 26

Qd To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish should have a parish council in the style of community council



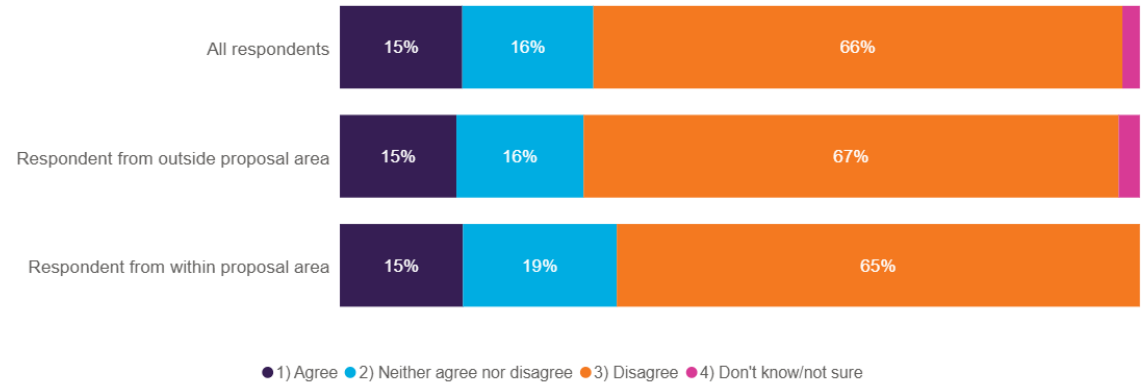
Bases: All respondents – 183; Respondents from outside proposal area – 151; Respondents within proposal area – 26

Qe To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the community council should be Redhill and Northbourne Community Council



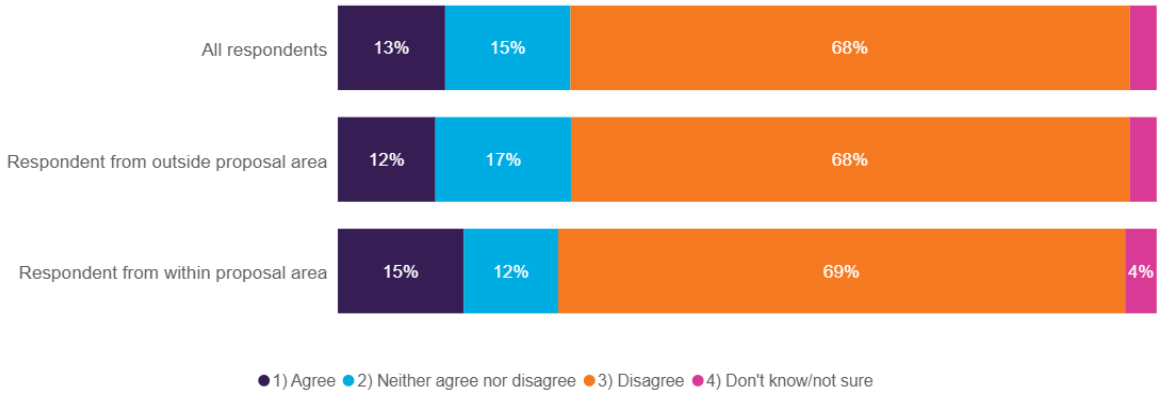
Bases: All respondents – 183; Respondents from outside proposal area – 151; Respondents within proposal area – 26

Qf To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish of Redhill and Northbourne be divided into three parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map above, and named respectively: Ensbury Park; Northbourne; Redhill Park



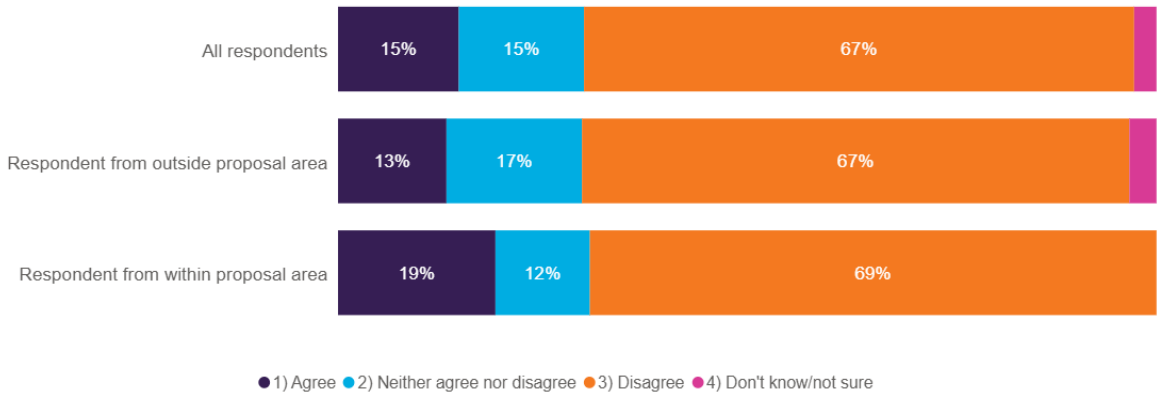
Bases: All respondents – 183; Respondents from outside proposal area – 151; Respondents within proposal area – 26

Qg To what extent do you agree or disagree the town council shall consist of 9 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 183; Respondents from outside proposal area – 151; Respondents within proposal area – 26

Qh To what extent do you agree or disagree the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Ensbury Park - 3 councillors; Northbourne - 3 councillors; Redhill Park - 3 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 183; Respondents from outside proposal area – 151; Respondents within proposal area – 26

122. Finally, each respondent was asked to give reasons for their answers and provided an opportunity to add any other comments about the draft recommendations. There were a total of 237 comments in response and these are set out in full in Appendix 2(G1) to this report. A full analysis of these responses was undertaken and a report produced for the Task and Finish Group. A copy of the analysis report is set out in Appendix 2(G2) to this report.

123. Whilst there was a significant number of respondents from outside the proposed parish boundary that felt that a new parish council for Redhill and Northbourne should not be established, many of these respondents appeared to be against the principle of parish and town councils in general.

124. Arguments against the establishment of a new parish council in Redhill and Northbourne included views that establishing a parish for Redhill & Northbourne would add an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy and increase costs without providing clear benefits. They believed that the existing council structure was sufficient and that creating a new parish council would lead to confusion, inefficiency, and higher council tax for residents. Additionally, they felt that the proposal contradicted the original aim of unifying the area under BCP Council to streamline services and reduce administrative overhead. Many respondents expressed a view that this area should be merged with a Town Council for Bournemouth. Overall, they saw the move as a step backward that would complicate governance and place an additional financial burden on the community.

125. Conversely, the respondents from within Redhill & Northbourne who expressed agreement with the draft recommendations felt establishing a new parish would empower the local community by giving residents a greater say in local matters and decisions. They believed that a parish council would enhance the sense of community, improve local services, and address specific needs and priorities of the area. Some respondents also felt that a parish council would provide better representation and ensure that the unique identity and interests of Redhill & Northbourne were preserved and promoted.

Task and Finish Group Conclusions

126. The Task and Finish Group considered the level of representation on the proposed council. As this proposal was seeking to establish a new council, it is important to ascertain whether there would be sufficient interest locally to fill the number of seats proposed and therefore support the viability of the council. Respondents were asked, without any obligation, if they would consider standing for election as a local councillor for Redhill and Northbourne. Only three respondents who live within the proposal area said they would consider standing for election.

127. Whilst the rationale expressed by some respondents for the establishment of a local community council for Redhill and Northbourne was recognised, the concerns expressed regarding the potential impact of a small local council, the financial burden for the local area and the limited interest in standing as a councillor, the Task and Finish Group were of the view that the establishment of a new council for Redhill and Northbourne would not be viable and should not be progressed as a stand-alone council at this time.

Final Recommendations

128. It is RECOMMENDED that, in light of the above, the draft proposal to establish a new parish for Redhill and Northbourne is not supported.

H – BOSCOMBE AND POKESDOWN

Background

129. The background document advised that the existing area is unparished, has a total projected electorate of 16,471 and falls within the area covered by the existing precepting body of The Charter Trustees for Bournemouth. The boundary of the proposed parish was largely coterminous with the existing BCP wards of Boscombe West and Boscombe East & Pokesdown, but extended to the west to include Boscombe Chine Gardens, whilst excluded Fisherman's Walk to the east.

Draft Recommendations

130. The draft recommendations approved by Council were:-

(a) To create a new parish of Boscombe & Pokesdown with a total of 14 councillors.

(b) For the parish to be divided into four wards: Boscombe Spa & Shelley Manor (4 councillors), St Clements & Boscombe Hospital (3 councillors), Portman Manor & Pokesdown Central (3 councillors) and Boscombe North & Pokesdown Hill (4 councillors). The ratio for electoral equality being 1,177:1 on the projected electorate.

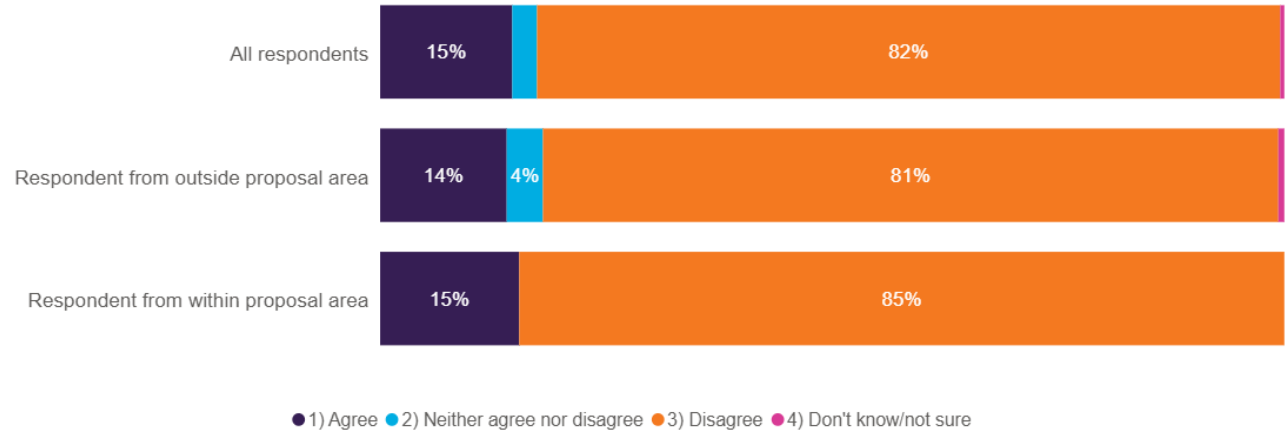
(c) For the style of the parish to be a Community Council.

Summary of Representations Received

131. There was a total of 222 responses received in relation to the proposed parish of Boscombe & Pokesdown although, of these, only 65 were from respondents within the proposed parish boundary. The tables provided below show the responses to each question asked by all respondents, by BCP respondents but from outside the proposal area and by BCP respondents from within the proposal area.

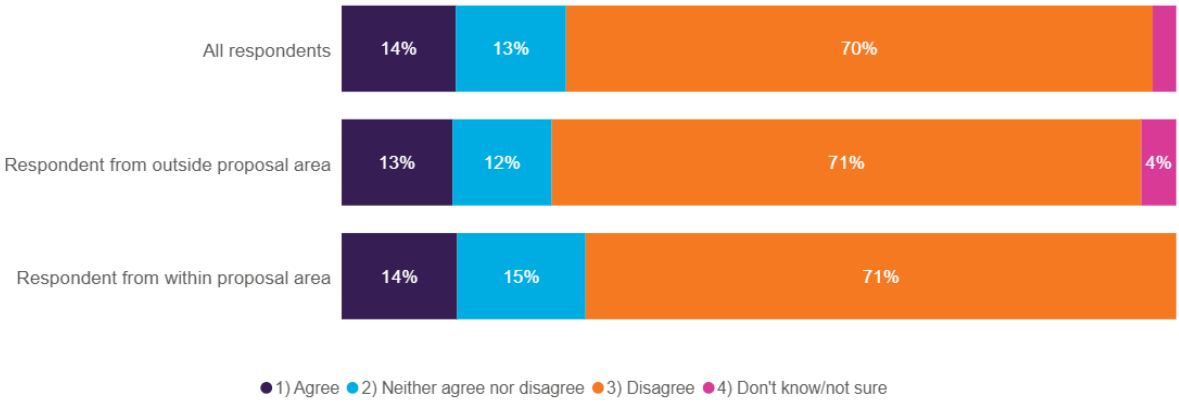
132. In this instance there was very little variance between the views of those commenting from outside the proposed parish boundary when compared to those living within the boundary.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree a parish of Boscombe and Pokesdown be established?



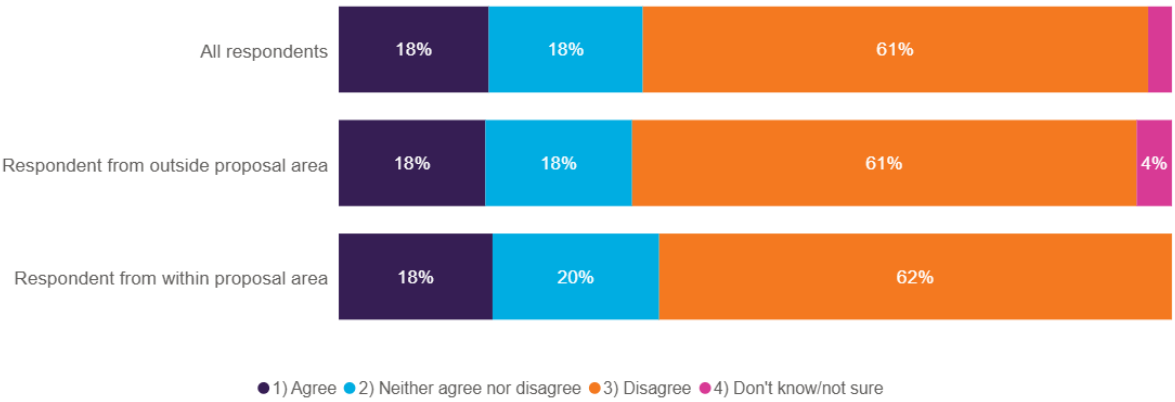
Bases: All respondents – 219; Respondents from outside proposal area – 150; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

Qb To what extent do you agree or disagree the boundary of the parish of Boscombe and Pokesdown be drawn as outlined in red on the map above?



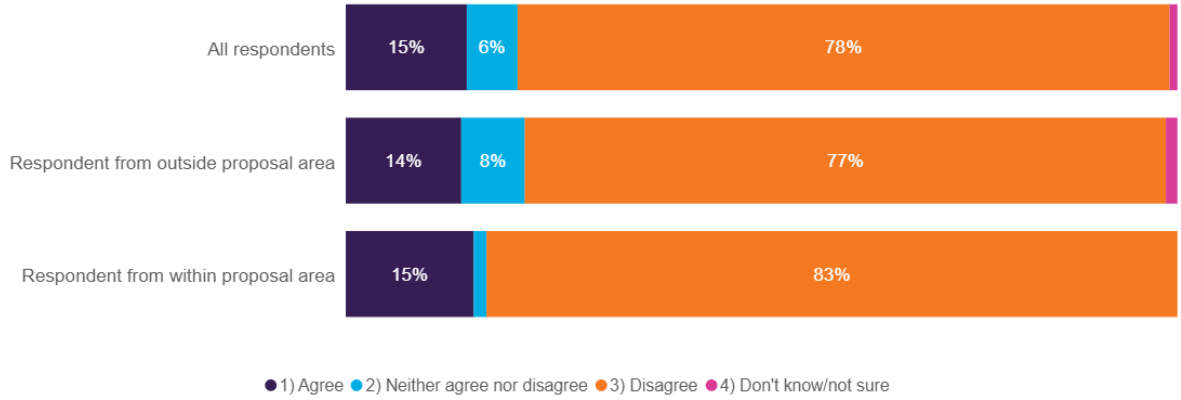
Bases: All respondents – 212; Respondents from outside proposal area – 143; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

Qc To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the established parish be Boscombe and Pokesdown



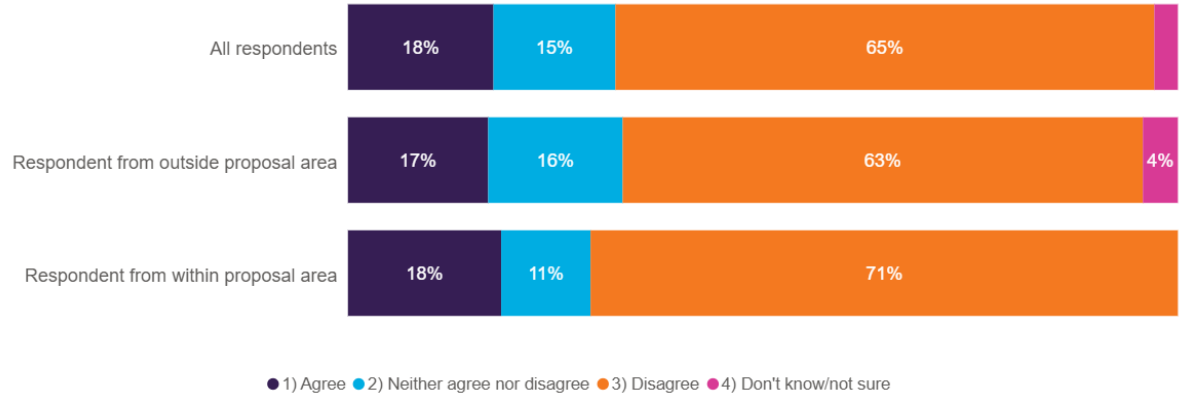
Bases: All respondents – 211; Respondents from outside proposal area – 142; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

Qd To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish should have a parish council in the style of community council



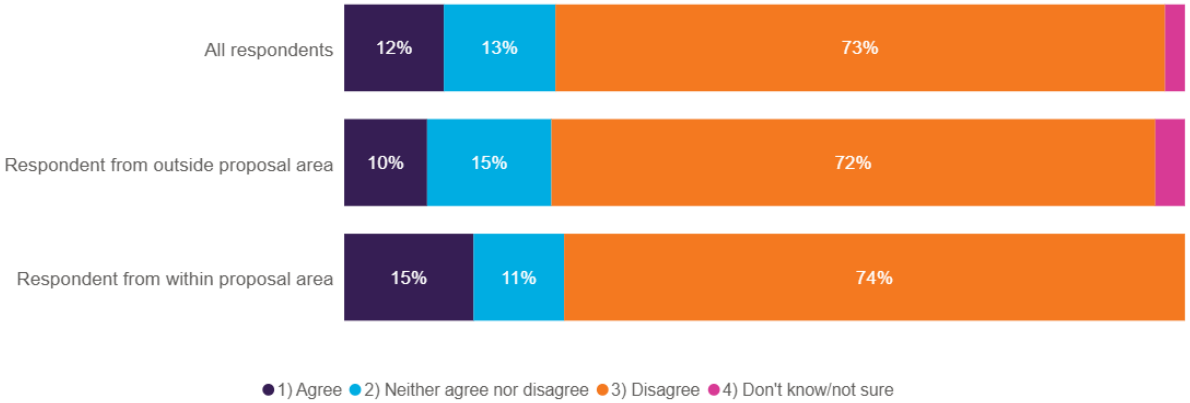
Bases: All respondents – 213; Respondents from outside proposal area – 144; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

Qe To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the community council should be Boscombe and Pokesdown Community Council



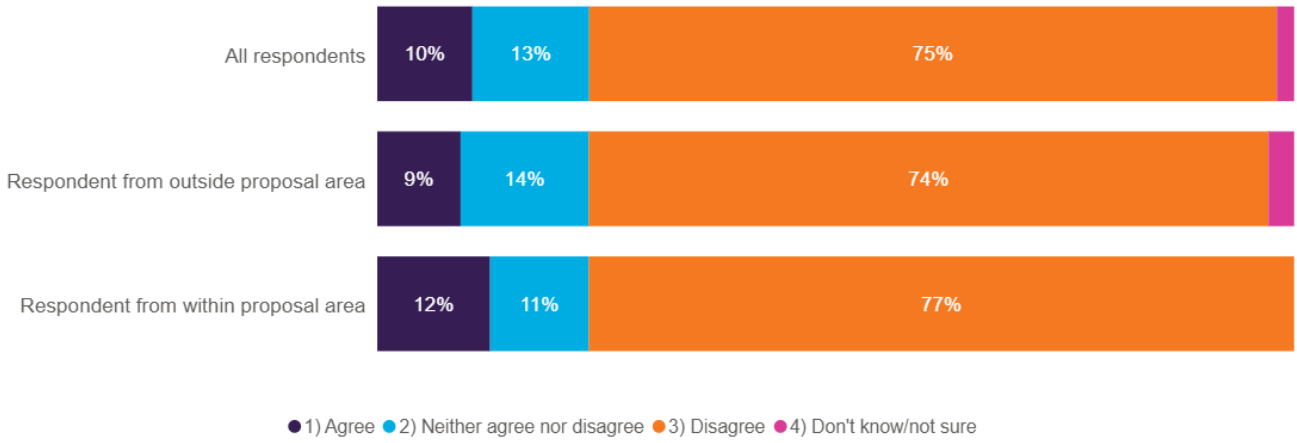
Bases: All respondents – 211; Respondents from outside proposal area – 142; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

Qf To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish of Boscombe & Pokesdown be divided into four parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map above, and named Boscombe Spa & Shelley Manor; St Clements & Boscombe Hospital; Portman Manor & Pokesdown Central; Boscombe North & Pokesdown Hill



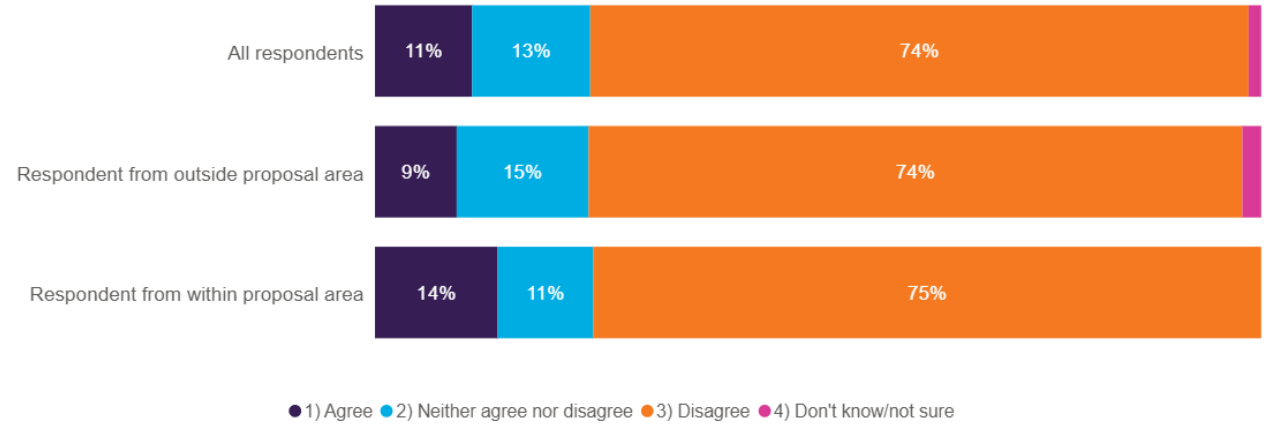
Bases: All respondents – 211; Respondents from outside proposal area – 142; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

Qg To what extent do you agree or disagree the community council shall consist of 14 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 212; Respondents from outside proposal area – 143; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

Qh To what extent do you agree or disagree the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Boscombe Spa & Shelley Manor – 4 councillors; St Clements & Boscombe Hospital – 3 councillors; Portman Manor & Pokesdown Central – 3 councillors; Boscombe North & Pokesdown Hill – 4 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 210; Respondents from outside proposal area – 141; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

133. Finally, each respondent was asked to give reasons for their answers and provided an opportunity to add any other comments about the draft recommendations. There were a total of 297 comments in response and these are set out in full in Appendix 2(H1) to this report. A full analysis of these responses was undertaken and a report produced for the Task and Finish Group. A copy of the analysis report is set out in Appendix 2(H2) to this report.

134. Whilst there was a significant number of respondents from outside the proposed parish boundary that felt that a new parish council for Boscombe and Pokesdown should not be established, many of these respondents appeared to be against the principle of parish and town councils in general.

135. Arguments against the establishment of a new parish council in Boscombe and Pokesdown primarily revolve around concerns about increased bureaucracy and

costs. Many felt that creating an additional layer of local government would lead to unnecessary administrative expenses and confusion over responsibilities. There were also worries that the new parish council would impose higher council taxes on residents, which would be particularly burdensome for those already struggling with the cost of living. Additionally, some respondents believed that the existing BCP Council should focus on improving its services rather than creating new councils, which they felt would not add significant value. Others expressed concerns about the potential for increased inequality and division within the community, as well as the risk of creating a fragmented and less cohesive local governance structure. Overall, the sentiment was that the current system should be maintained and improved rather than adding another layer of governance.

136. Conversely, the respondents from within Boscombe and Pokesdown who expressed agreement with the draft recommendations felt that it would bring positive changes and benefits to the community. They believed that a community council could effectively manage local issues, provide better representation, and improve the area through targeted initiatives and funding. Many expressed hope that despite a slight increase in council tax, the benefits of having a dedicated local council would outweigh the costs. They also felt that the current BCP Council was overstretched and that a local council would be more responsive to the needs and aspirations of the residents. Overall, the sentiment was that a new parish council would empower the community, enhance local governance, and foster a sense of pride and ownership among the residents.

137. Respondents had mixed feelings about the boundary of the proposed area, with some agreeing that it was logical and well-defined, while many others felt it was arbitrary and did not reflect the true community boundaries. There were concerns that the boundary changes would create divisions within the community and lead to confusion over which council was responsible for certain areas. Regarding the number of wards, some respondents appreciated the division into smaller areas, believing it would allow for better representation and attention to local issues. However, others felt that the number of wards was excessive and would lead to unnecessary bureaucracy. The names of the wards were generally seen as appropriate, though a few respondents suggested changes to better reflect local landmarks and history. The proposed number of councillors was a point of contention, with some feeling that it was too high and would result in increased costs and inefficiency, while others believed it was necessary to ensure adequate representation for all areas. Overall, the feedback highlighted a desire for clear, logical boundaries and efficient governance that would not overburden residents with additional costs or complexity.

Task and Finish Group Conclusions

138. The Task and Finish Group considered the level of representation on the proposed council. As this proposal was seeking to establish a new council, it is important to ascertain whether there would be sufficient interest locally to fill the number of seats proposed and therefore support the viability of the council. Respondents were asked, without any obligation, if they would consider standing for election as a local councillor for Boscombe and Pokesdown. Only eight respondents who live within the proposal area said they would consider standing for election.

139. Whilst the rationale expressed by some respondents for the establishment of a local community council for Boscombe and Pokesdown was recognised, the concerns expressed regarding the boundary and potential impact on community cohesion with neighbouring areas, the number of councillors and the limited interest in standing as a councillor, the Task and Finish Group were of the view that the establishment of a new council for Boscombe and Pokesdown would not be viable and should not be progressed as a stand-alone council at this time.

Final Recommendations

140. It is RECOMMENDED that, in light of the above, the draft proposal to establish a new parish for Boscombe & Pokesdown is not supported.

I – SOUTHBOURNE

Background

141. The background document advised that the existing area is unparished, has a total projected electorate of 15,220 and falls within the area covered by the existing precepting body of The Charter Trustees for Bournemouth. The boundary of the proposed parish was largely coterminous with the existing BCP wards of East Southbourne & Tuckton and West Southbourne, but extended to the west to include Fisherman's Walk.

Draft Recommendations

142. The draft recommendations approved by Council were:-

(a) To create a new parish of Southbourne with a total of 12 councillors.

(b) For the parish to be divided into three wards: Tuckton, Hengistbury Head and Wick (4 councillors), Beaufort (4 councillors) and Southbourne Overcliff (4 councillors). The ratio for electoral equality being 1,268:1 on the projected electorate.

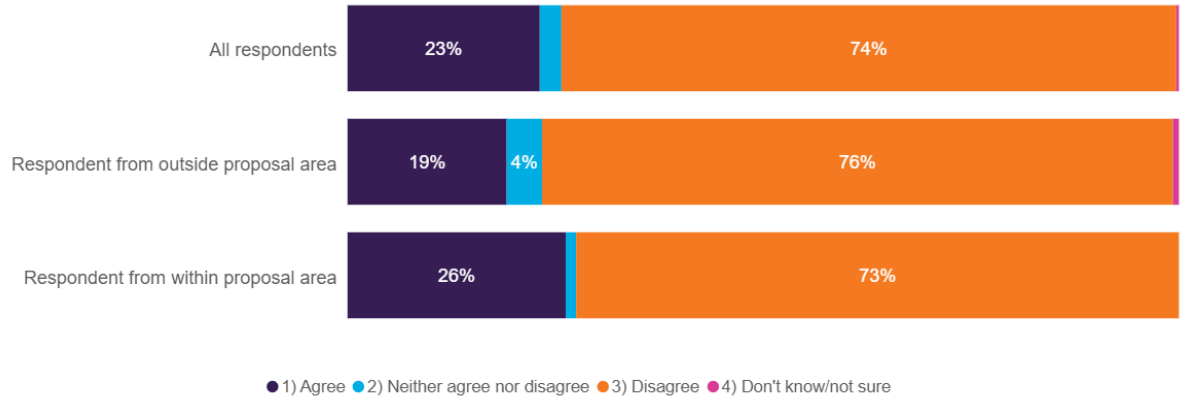
(c) For the style of the parish to be a Community Council.

Summary of Representations Received

143. There was a total of 307 responses received in relation to the proposed parish of Southbourne, of which 160 were from respondents within the proposed parish boundary. The tables provided below show the responses to each question asked by all respondents, by BCP respondents but from outside the proposal area and by BCP respondents from within the proposal area.

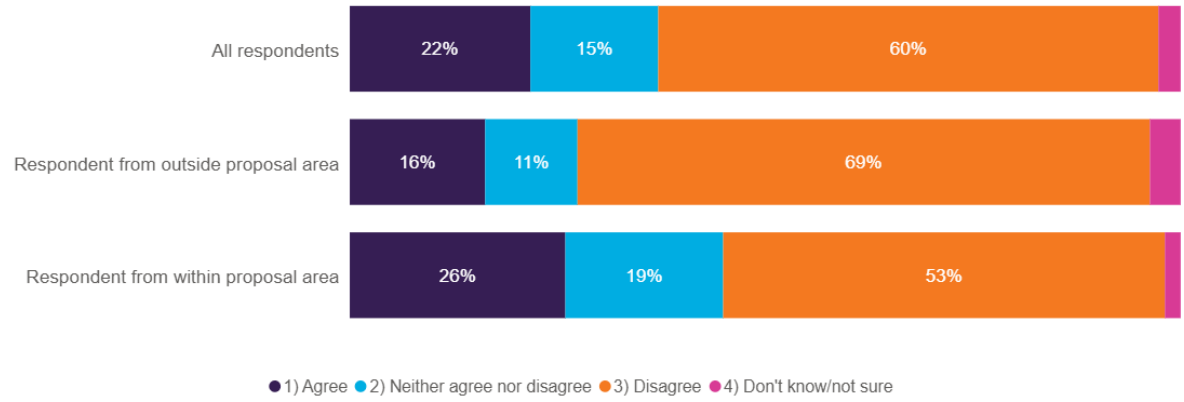
144. It can be seen from the data, that there was a variance between the views of those commenting from outside the proposed parish boundary when compared to those living within the boundary.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree a parish of Southbourne be established?



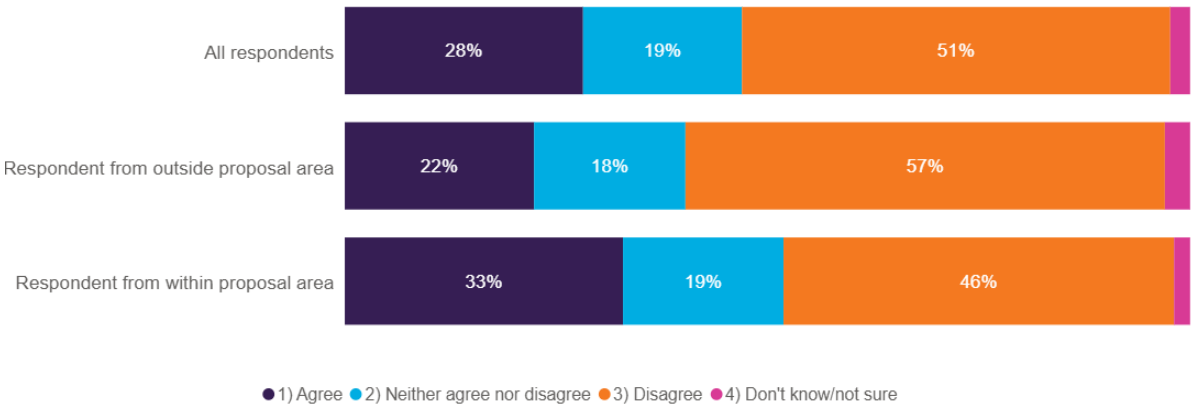
Bases: All respondents – 307; Respondents from outside proposal area – 141; Respondents within proposal area – 160

Qb To what extent do you agree or disagree the boundary of the parish of Southbourne be drawn as outlined in red on the map above?



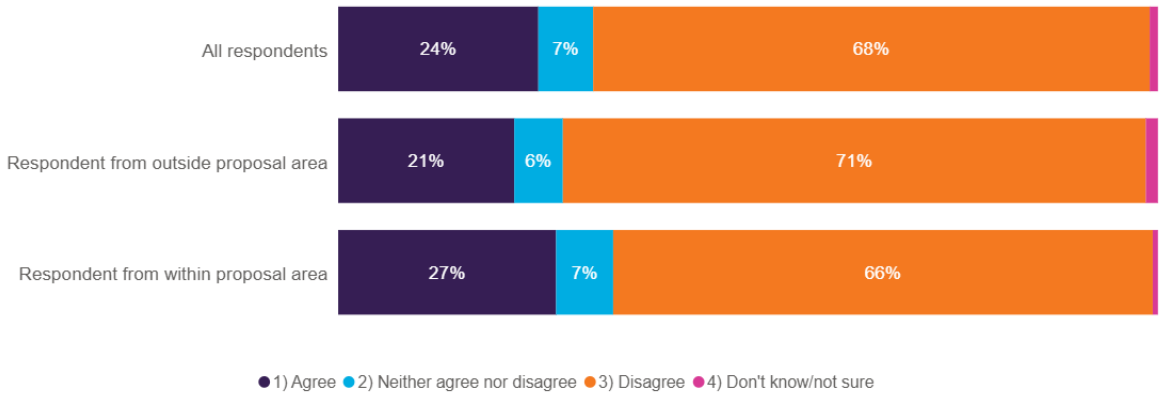
Bases: All respondents – 299; Respondents from outside proposal area – 135; Respondents within proposal area – 158

Qc To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the established parish be Southbourne



Bases: All respondents – 298; Respondents from outside proposal area – 134; Respondents within proposal area – 158

Qd To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish should have a parish council in the style of community council



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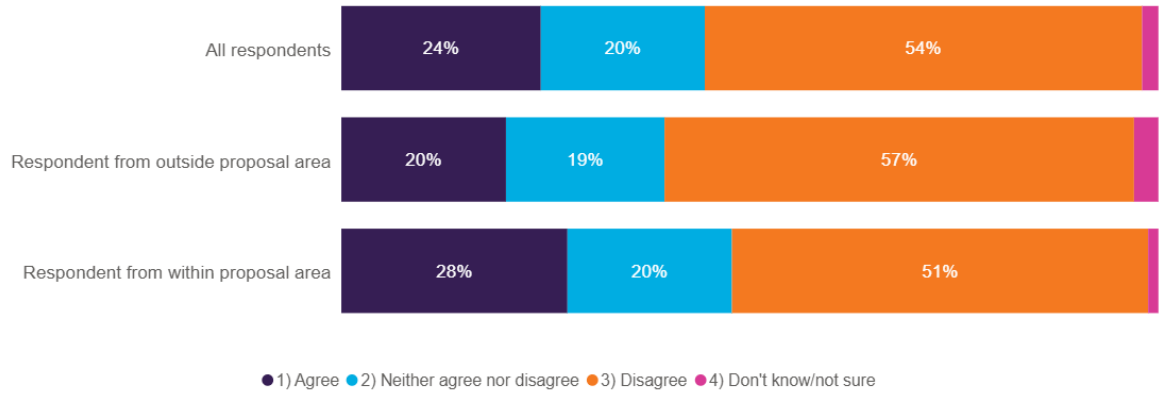
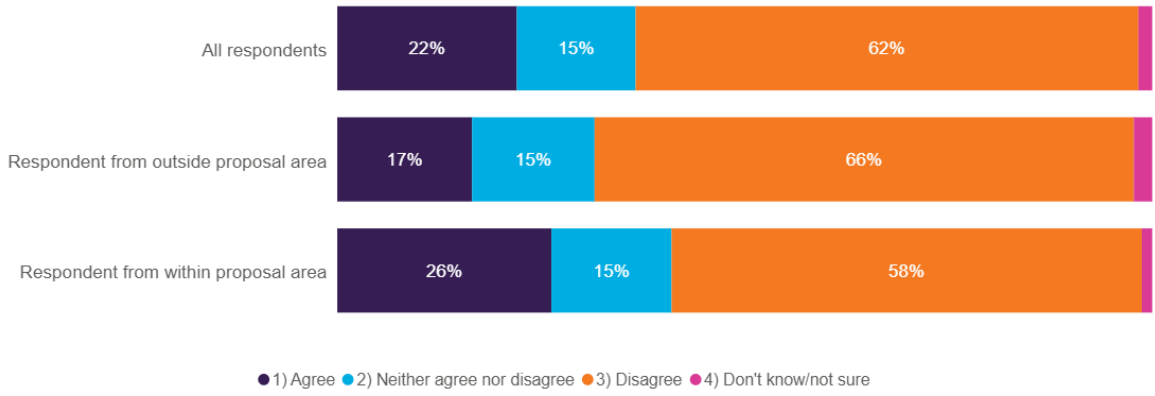
Qe To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the community council should be Southbourne Community Council



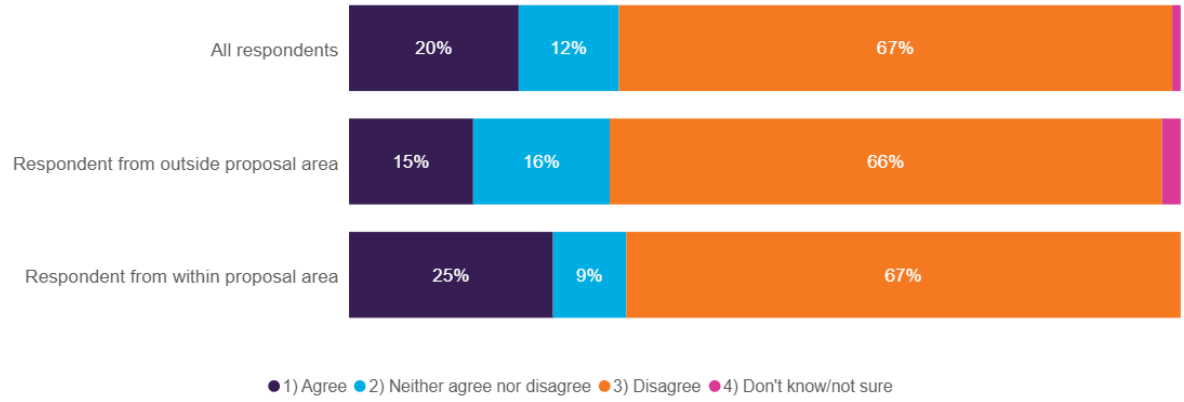
Bases: All respondents – 299; Respondents from outside proposal area – 134; Respondents within proposal area – 159

Qf To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish of Southbourne be divided into four parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map above, and named respectively: Tuckton, Hengistbury Head and Wick; Beaufort; Southbourne Overcliff



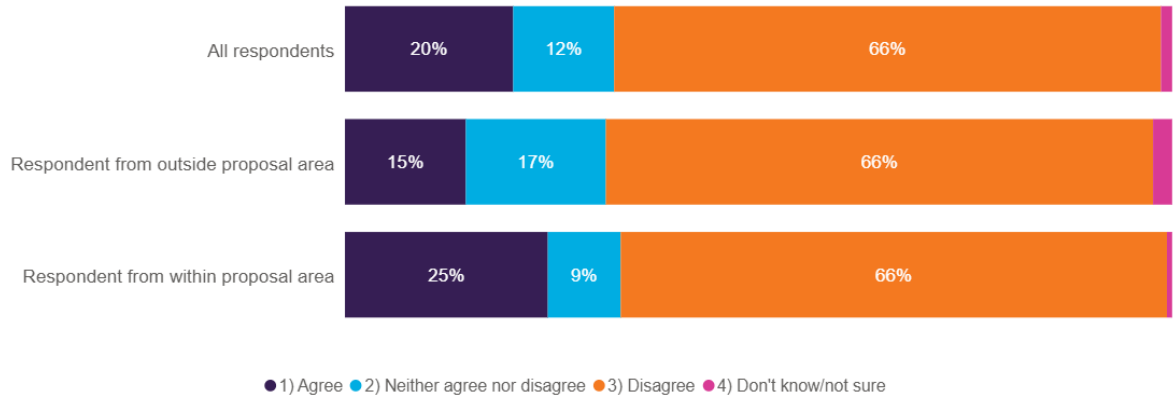
Bases: All respondents – 295; Respondents from outside proposal area – 133; Respondents within proposal area – 156

Qg To what extent do you agree or disagree the community council shall consist of 12 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 299; Respondents from outside proposal area – 134; Respondents within proposal area – 159

Qh To what extent do you agree or disagree the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Tuckton, Hengistbury Head and Wick – 4 councillors; Beaufort – 4 councillors; Southbourne Overcliff – 4 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 295; Respondents from outside proposal area – 130; Respondents within proposal area – 159.

145. Finally, each respondent was asked to give reasons for their answers and provided an opportunity to add any other comments about the draft recommendations. There were a total of 407 comments in response and these are set out in full in Appendix 2(I1) to this report. A full analysis of these responses was undertaken and a report produced for the Task and Finish Group. A copy of the analysis report is set out in Appendix 2(I2) to this report.

146. Whilst there was a significant number of respondents from outside the proposed parish boundary that felt that a new parish council for Southbourne should not be established, many of these respondents appeared to be against the principle of parish and town councils in general.

147. Arguments against the establishment of a new parish council in Southbourne included views that creating a new parish council would add an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy, leading to increased administrative costs and potential confusion over responsibilities. They were worried about the financial burden on residents, particularly the impact of higher council tax bills. Additionally, they believed that the

existing local government structure was sufficient and that a new parish council would duplicate efforts and create inefficiencies. There were also concerns about the potential for unequal service provision, with more affluent areas benefiting more than less affluent ones. Overall, they felt that the current system worked well and that the proposed changes would not bring significant benefits.

148. Conversely, the respondents from within Southbourne who expressed agreement with the draft recommendations felt that it would enhance local governance and community engagement. They believed that a parish council would provide a more direct and accountable voice on local issues, allowing residents to have greater influence over decisions affecting their community. Many felt that the current local government structure was too remote and that a parish council would be more responsive to the specific needs and priorities of Southbourne residents. They also highlighted the strong sense of community and identity within Southbourne, which they felt would be better supported and preserved through a dedicated parish council. Additionally, they saw the potential for improved local services and amenities, as well as the ability to raise funds through a precept to address local issues more effectively. Overall, they believed that a parish council would empower residents and enhance the quality of life in Southbourne

149. Respondents had mixed feelings about the number of wards, the names of the wards, and the number of councillors proposed. There was a general consensus that the number of councillors proposed seemed excessive, with many suggesting that fewer councillors would be more appropriate for the area. The names of the wards were generally accepted, though some felt that they did not accurately reflect the distinct identities of the areas they represented.

150. Respondents had varied opinions about the boundary between Southbourne and Boscombe & Pokesdown. Some felt that the boundary was clear and logical, reflecting the distinct identities of the areas. However, others believed that the boundary did not accurately represent the community ties and shared amenities between the two areas. There were concerns that the proposed boundary would create confusion and potentially disrupt the cohesion of the community. Some respondents suggested that certain areas, such as Fisherman's Walk and the car park near the Brewhouse & Kitchen, should remain within Boscombe & Pokesdown due to their historical and social connections. Overall, while some supported the boundary as proposed, many felt that adjustments were needed to better reflect the community's needs and identities

Task and Finish Group Conclusions

151. The Task and Finish Group considered the level of representation on the proposed council. As this proposal was seeking to establish a new council, it is important to ascertain whether there would be sufficient interest locally to fill the number of seats proposed and therefore support the viability of the council. Respondents were asked, without any obligation, if they would consider standing for election as a local councillor for Southbourne. 16 respondents who live within the proposal area said they would consider standing for election. Although marginally above the proposed number of seats on the council, and whilst recognising the rationale expressed by some respondents for the establishment of a local community council for Southbourne, the concerns expressed regarding the boundary and the impact on community cohesion with neighbouring areas, the number of councillors

and warding arrangements, the Task and Finish Group were of the view that the establishment of a new council for Southbourne should not be progressed as a stand-alone council at this time.

Final Recommendations

152. It is RECOMMENDED that, in light of the above, the draft proposal to establish a new parish for Southbourne is not supported.

J – POOLE

Background

153. The background document advised that the existing area is unparished, has a total projected electorate of 117,813 and falls largely within the area covered by the existing precepting body of The Charter Trustees for Poole. Due to the historic nature of the former council boundaries, areas to the east of the proposed area fall within the area covered by the existing precepting body of the Charter Trustees for Bournemouth.

Draft Recommendations

154. The draft recommendations approved by Council were:-

(a) To create a new parish of Poole with a total of 42 councillors.

(b) For the parish to be divided into 17 wards: Alderney (2 councillors), Bearwood (2 councillors), Bourne Valley & Branksome East (3 councillors), Branksome West (3 councillors), Canford Cliffs (3 councillors), Canford Heath East (2 councillors), Canford Heath West (2 councillors), Creekmoor (3 councillors), Hamworthy East (2 councillors), Hamworthy West & Turlin Moor (2 councillors), Longfleet & Sterte (2 councillors), Merley (2 councillors), Newtown (3 councillors), Oakdale (3 councillors), Old Town & Baiter (2 councillors), Parkstone (3 councillors) and Penn Hill (3 councillors). The ratio for electoral equality being 2,807:1 on the projected electorate.

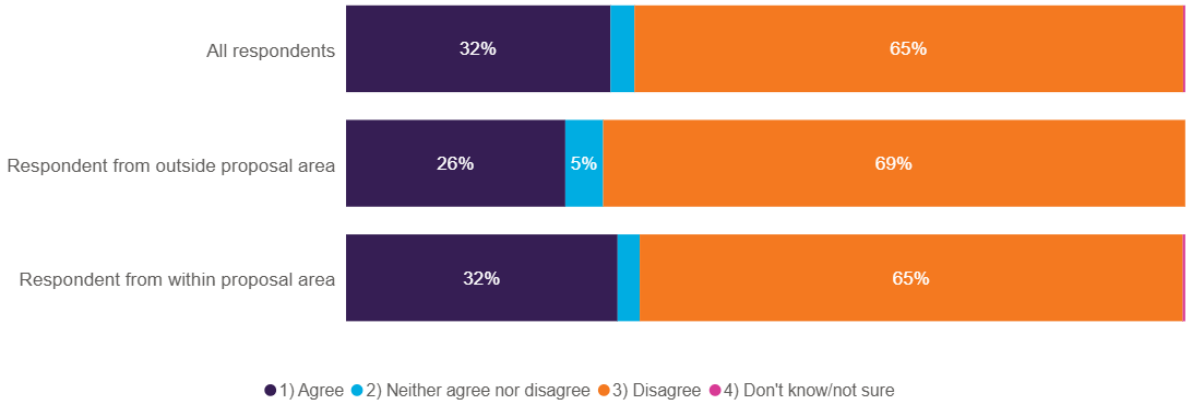
(c) For the style of the parish to be a Town Council.

Summary of Representations Received

155. There was a total of 823 responses received in relation to the proposed parish of Poole, of which 693 were from respondents within the proposed parish boundary. The tables provided below show the responses to each question asked by all respondents, by BCP respondents but from outside the proposal area and by BCP respondents from within the proposal area.

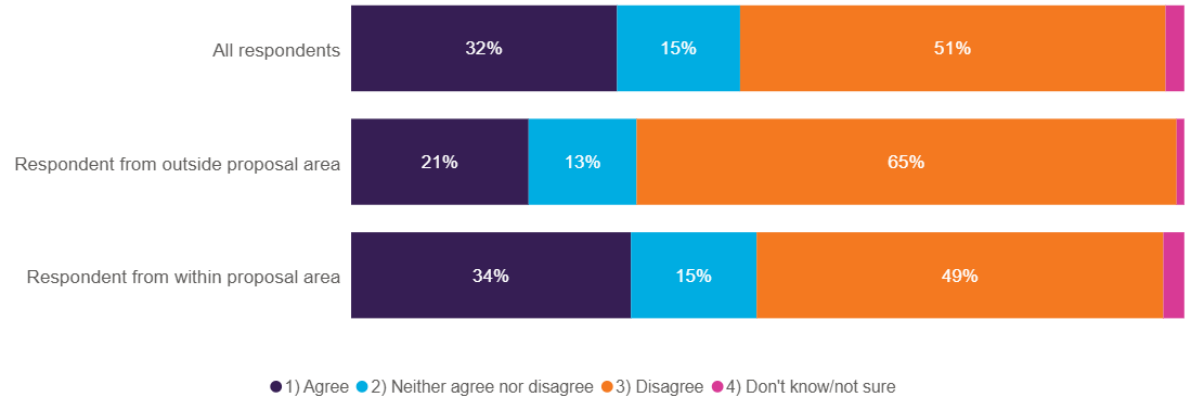
156. It can be seen from the data, that there was some variance between the views of those commenting from outside the proposed parish boundary when compared to those living within the boundary.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree a parish of Poole be established?



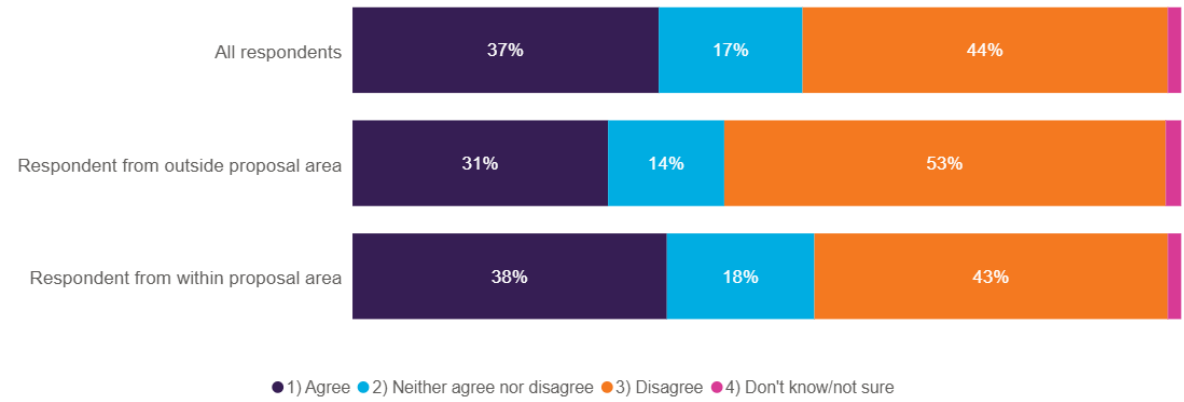
Bases: All respondents – 809; Respondents from outside proposal area – 111; Respondents within proposal area – 683

Qb To what extent do you agree or disagree the boundary of the parish of Poole be drawn as outlined in red on the map above?



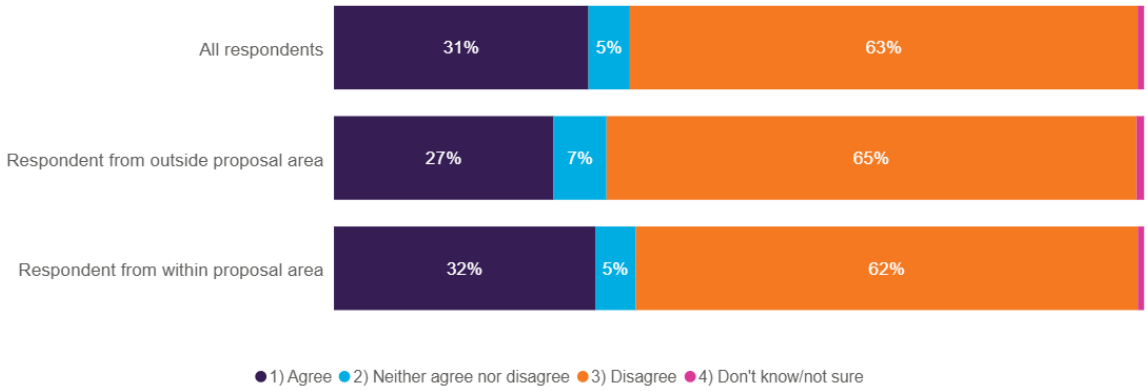
Bases: All respondents – 799; Respondents from outside proposal area – 108; Respondents within proposal area – 676

Qc To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the established parish be Poole



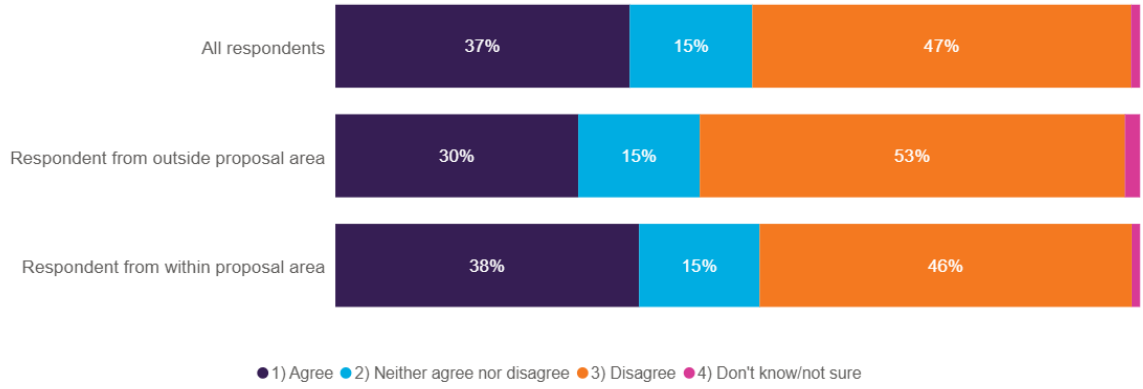
Bases: All respondents – 801; Respondents from outside proposal area – 107; Respondents within proposal area – 680

Qd To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish should have a parish council in the style of town council



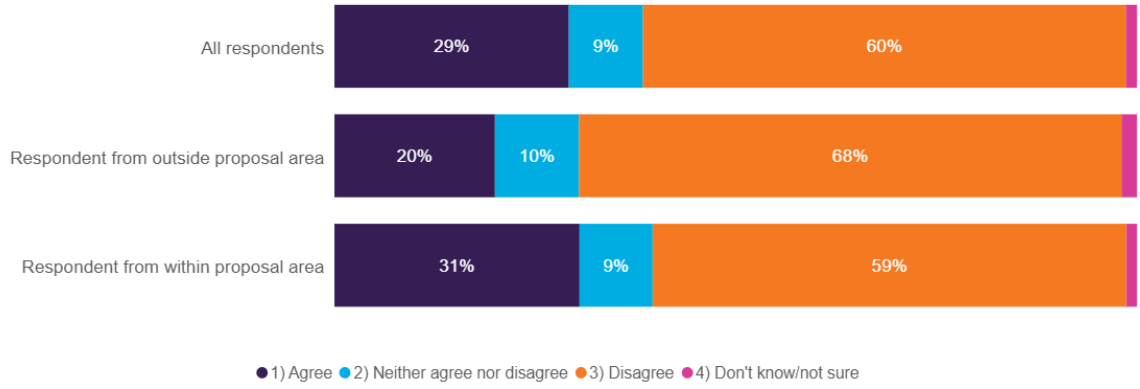
Bases: All respondents – 802; Respondents from outside proposal area – 107; Respondents within proposal area – 682

Qe To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the town council should be Poole Town Council



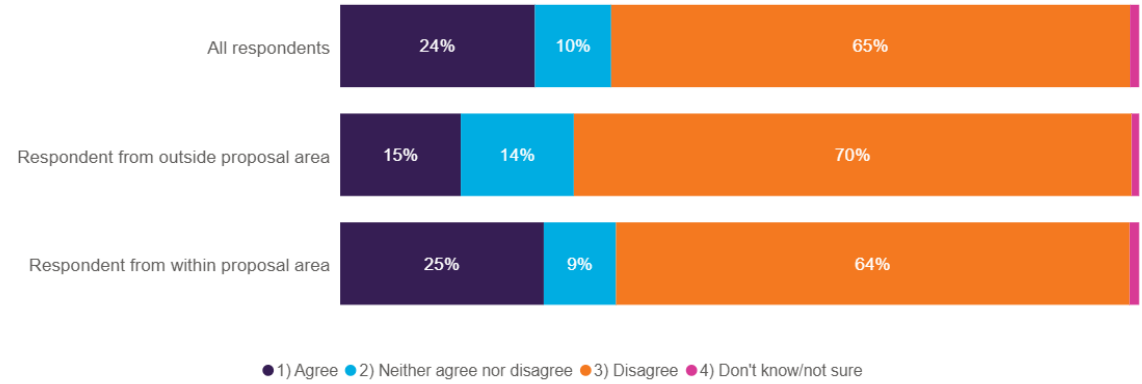
Bases: All respondents – 801; Respondents from outside proposal area – 106; Respondents within proposal area – 681

Qf To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish of Poole be divided into seventeen parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map above, and named respectively: Alderney; Bearwood; Bourne Valley & Branksome East; Branksome West; Canford Cliffs; Canford Heath East; Canford Heath West; Creekmoor; Hamworthy East; Hamworthy West & Turlin Moor; Longfleet & Sterte; Merley; Newtown; Oakdale; Old Town & Baiter; Parkstone; Penn Hill



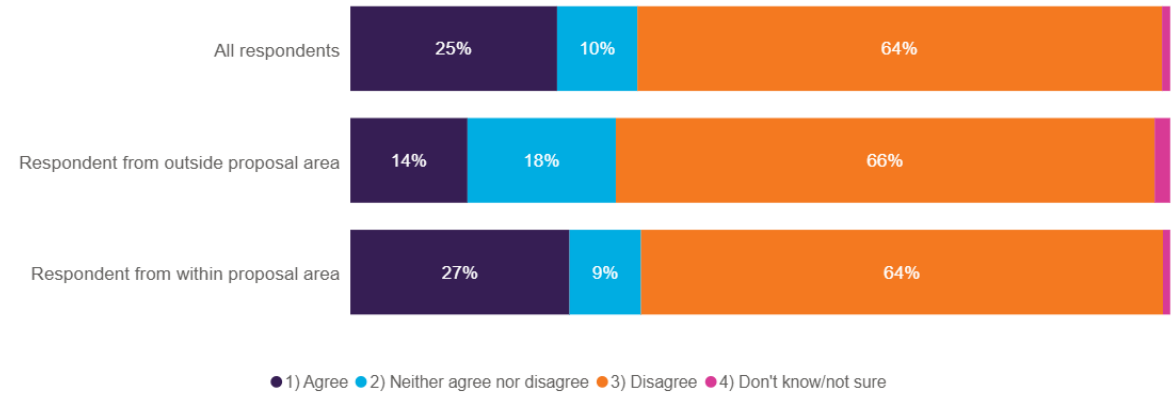
Bases: All respondents – 801; Respondents from outside proposal area – 105; Respondents within proposal area – 681

Qg To what extent do you agree or disagree the town council shall consist of 42 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 796; Respondents from outside proposal area – 106; Respondents within proposal area – 675

Qh To what extent do you agree or disagree the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Alderney – 2 councillors; Bearwood – 2 councillors; Bourne Valley & Branksome East – 3 councillors; Branksome West – 3 councillors; Canford Cliffs – 3 councillors; Canford Heath East – 2 councillors; Canford Heath West – 2 councillors; Creekmoor – 3 councillors; Hamworthy East – 2 councillors; Hamworthy West & Turlin Moor – 2 councillors; Longfleet & Sterte – 2 councillors; Merley – 2 councillors; Newtown – 3 councillors; Oakdale – 3 councillors; Old Town & Baiter – 2 councillors; Parkstone – 3 councillors; Penn Hill – 3 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 797; Respondents from outside proposal area – 105; Respondents within proposal area – 677

157. Finally, each respondent was asked to give reasons for their answers and provided an opportunity to add any other comments about the draft recommendations. There were a total of 1,175 comments in response and these are set out in full in Appendix 2(J1) to this report. A full analysis of these responses was undertaken and a report produced for the Task and Finish Group. A copy of the analysis report is set out in Appendix 2(J2) to this report.

158. Whilst there was a significant number of respondents from outside the proposed parish boundary that felt that a new town council for Poole should not be established, many of these respondents appeared to be against the principle of parish and town councils in general.

159. Arguments against the establishment of a new town council in Poole included views that it would create an unnecessary additional layer of governance, leading to increased bureaucracy and costs without providing significant benefits. They were concerned that the new Town Council would duplicate services already provided by the existing BCP Council, resulting in inefficiencies and potential confusion over responsibilities. Additionally, some felt that the proposed boundaries and the number of councillors were excessive and not reflective of the local community's needs, potentially leading to unequal representation and resource allocation. Overall, they believed that the current system was sufficient and that creating a new Town Council would not enhance local governance or community engagement.

160. Conversely, the respondents from within Poole who expressed agreement with the draft recommendations felt that it would help restore and maintain Poole's unique identity, which they believed had been lost since the creation of BCP Council. They felt that a local parish council would provide better representation and more effective decision-making tailored to the specific needs of Poole residents. Many believed that the new town council would enhance community engagement and involvement, allowing residents to have a greater say in local matters and services. They also felt that the new council would be better positioned to address local issues, organise community events, and manage local amenities, ultimately leading to improved quality of life for Poole residents. Overall, they saw the establishment of a new parish council as a way to ensure that Poole's historic and civic identity is preserved and that the town's unique needs are met more effectively.

161. Furthermore several respondents expressed concerns about the limited powers and effectiveness of the Charter Trustees, suggesting that a Poole Town Council would provide better local representation and governance. Some respondents felt that the Charter Trustees were not well understood and lacked the ability to administer services effectively at a local level. They believed that establishing a town council would offer a clearer identity for Poole, enhance community involvement, and ensure more local decision-making. Others mentioned that the current system of Charter Trustees was insufficient and that a town council would better represent Poole's historic and civic identity.

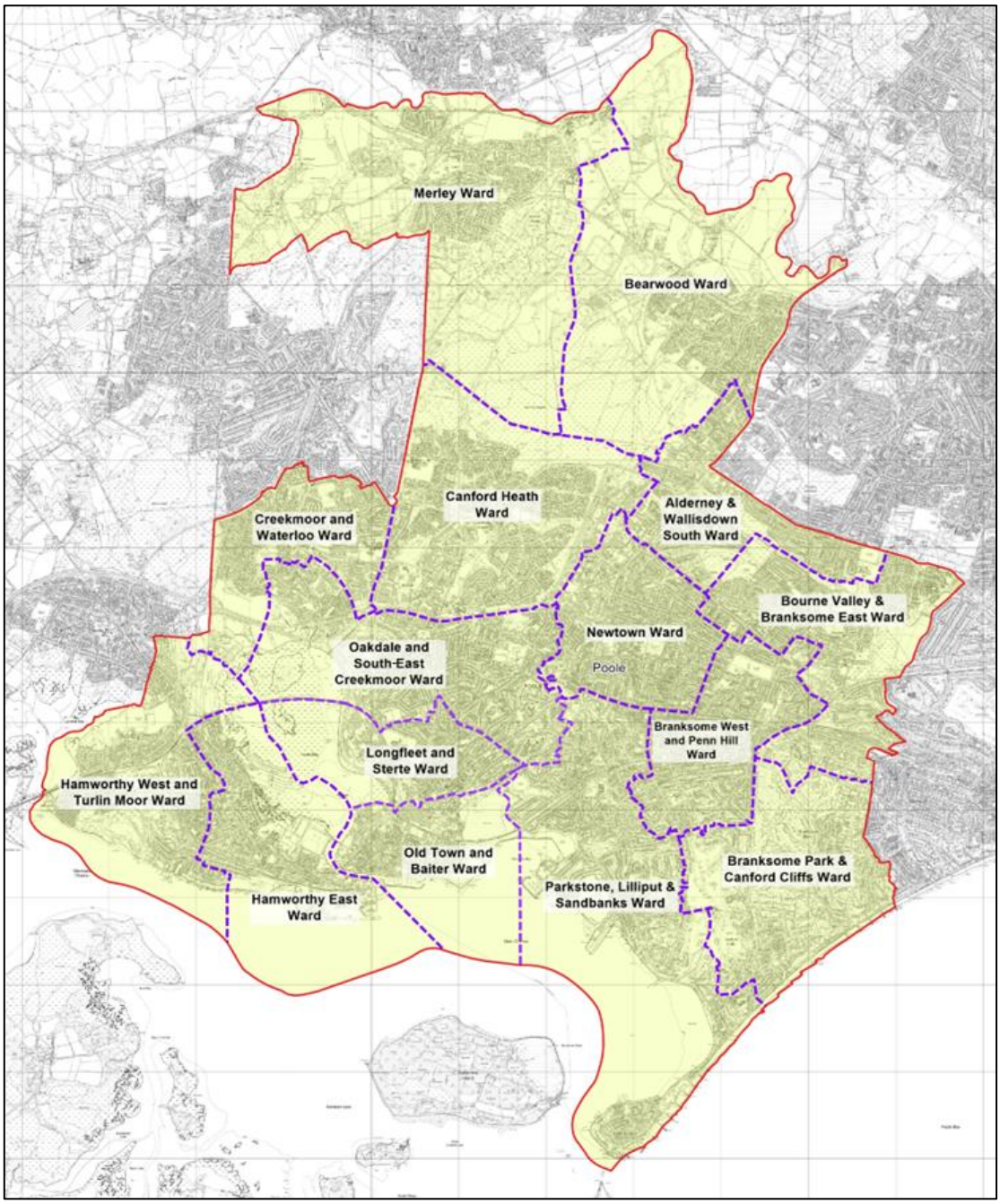
Task and Finish Group Conclusions

162. The Task and Finish Group considered the representations on the proposed council. Some respondents felt that the proposed number of 42 councillors was excessive and may lead to inefficiencies and difficulties in decision-making.

163. As a consequence of the feedback and views expressed, the Task and Finish Group reviewed the warding arrangements and the number of councillors seeking to address and mitigate many of the concerns raised. In doing so, the Task and Finish Group are now recommending dividing the parish into 15 wards with a total of 21 councillors. The table and map below show the proposed arrangements.

Parish ward	Electorate 2025	Projected Electorate 2030	Seats	Elector Ratio	Variance from average

Parish ward	Electorate 2025	Projected Electorate 2030	Seats	Elector Ratio	Variance from average
Alderney and Wallisdown South	5,796	5,819	1	5,819	+3.8%
Bearwood	5,108	5,850	1	5,850	+4.4%
Bourne Valley and Branksome East	9,806	9,948	2	5,032	-11.3%
Branksome Park and Canford Cliffs	5,176	5,380	1	5,380	-4.4%
Branksome West and Penn Hill	11,556	11,830	2	5,915	+5.5%
Canford Heath	10,748	10,832	2	5,416	-3.4%
Creekmoor and Waterloo	5,733	5,952	1	5,952	+6.2%
Hamworthy East	5,139	5,332	1	5,332	-4.9%
Hamworthy West and Turlin Moor	5,385	5,431	1	5,431	-3.1%
Longfleet and Sterte	5,268	6,153	1	6,153	+9.8%
Merley	4,787	5,453	1	5,453	-2.7%
Newtown	10,962	11,331	2	5,666	+1.1%
Oakdale and South-East Creekmoor	11,551	11,960	2	5,980	+6.7%
Old Town and Baiter	4,825	5,324	1	5,324	-5.0%
Parkstone, Lilliput and Sandbanks	10,708	11,103	2	5,552	-0.9%
Total	112,548	117,698	21		



164. As this proposal was seeking to establish a new council, it is important to ascertain whether there would be sufficient interest locally to fill the number of seats proposed and therefore support the viability of the council. Respondents were asked, without any obligation, if they would consider standing for election as a local councillor for Poole. 90 respondents who live within the proposal area said they would consider standing for election and as a consequence the Task and Finish Group were satisfied that the council would be viable in this regard.

165. The final recommendations below were not agreed unanimously at the Task and Finish Group but was supported by a vote of 6 in favour, 3 against and no abstentions. Councillors Beesley and Wright wished for their vote against to be noted.

Final Recommendations

166. It is RECOMMENDED that the following community governance and electoral arrangements for the parish of Poole be approved:-

(a) a parish of Poole be established

(b) the boundary of the parish of Poole be drawn to include the area as outlined in red on the map in paragraph 163 above

(c) the name of the established parish be Poole

(d) the style of the parish of Poole be set as a town

(e) the parish should have a parish council in the style of town council

(f) the name of the town council should be Poole Town Council

(g) the parish of Poole be divided into 15 parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map in paragraph 163 above, and named respectively:

- **(i) Alderney and Wallisdown South**
- **(ii) Bearwood**
- **(iii) Bourne Valley and Branksome East**
- **(iv) Branksome West and Penn Hill**
- **(v) Branksome Park and Canford Cliffs**
- **(vi) Canford Heath**
- **(vii) Creekmoor and Waterloo**
- **(viii) Hamworthy East**
- **(ix) Hamworthy West and Turlin Moor**
- **(x) Longfleet and Sterte**
- **(xi) Merley**
- **(xii) Newtown**
- **(xiii) Oakdale and South-East Creekmoor**
- **(xiv) Old Town and Baiter**
- **(xv) Parkstone, Lilliput and Sandbanks**

(h) the town council for Poole shall consist of 21 councillors

(i) the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows:

- **(i) Alderney and Wallisdown South – one councillor**
- **(ii) Bearwood – one councillor**
- **(iii) Bourne Valley and Branksome East – two councillors**
- **(iv) Branksome West and Penn Hill – two councillors**
- **(v) Branksome Park and Canford Cliffs – one councillor**
- **(vi) Canford Heath – two councillors**

(vii) Creekmoor and Waterloo – one councillor

(viii) Hamworthy East – one councillor

(ix) Hamworthy West and Turlin Moor – one councillor

(x) Longfleet and Sterte – one councillor

(xi) Merley – one councillor

(xii) Newtown – two councillors

(xiii) Oakdale and South-East Creekmoor – two councillors

(xiv) Old Town and Baiter – one councillor

(xv) Parkstone, Lilliput and Sandbanks – two councillors

(j) a Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order be prepared in accordance with the above recommendations and that the Order be effective from 1st April 2026 save for those recommendations relating to parish electoral arrangements which shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2026.

K – BOURNEMOUTH

Background

167. The background document advised that the area proposed is unparished, had a total projected electorate of 103,164 and falls largely within the area covered by the existing precepting body of The Charter Trustees for Bournemouth. Due to the historic nature of the former council boundaries, areas to the west of the proposed area fall within the area covered by the existing precepting body of the Charter Trustees for Poole.

Draft Recommendations

168. The draft recommendations approved by Council were:-

(a) To create a new parish of Bournemouth with a total of 38 councillors.

(b) For the parish to be divided into 11 wards: Bournemouth Central (4 councillors), East Cliff & Springbourne (4 councillors), Kinson (5 councillors), Littledown & Iford (3 councillors), Moordown (3 councillors), Muscliff & Strouden Park (4 councillors), Queen's Park (3 councillors), Talbot & Branksome Woods (3 councillors), Wallisdown & Winton West (3 councillors), Westbourne & West Cliff (3 councillors) and Winton East (3 councillors). The ratio for electoral equality being 2,715:1 on the projected electorate.

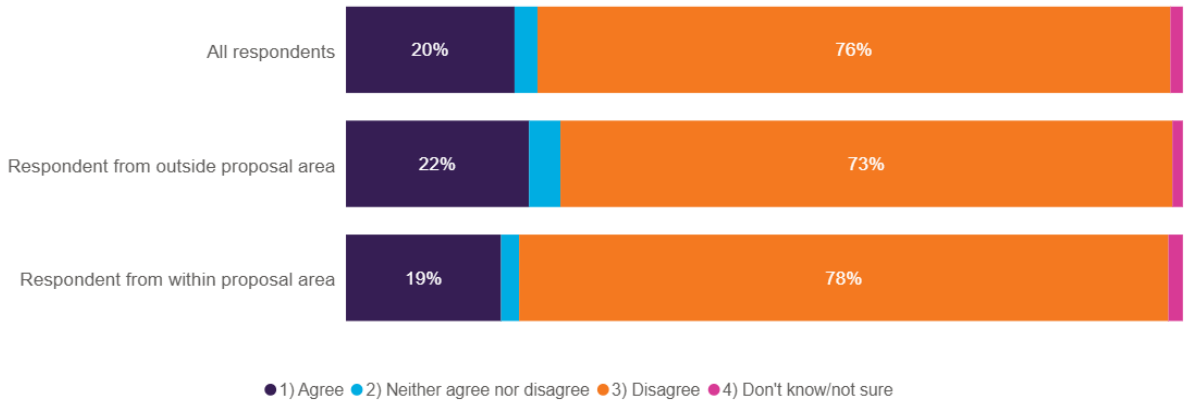
(c) For the style of the parish to be a Town Council.

Summary of Representations Received

169. There was a total of 413 responses received in relation to the proposed parish of Bournemouth, of which 235 were from respondents within the proposed parish boundary. The tables provided below show the responses to each question asked by all respondents, by BCP respondents but from outside the proposal area and by BCP respondents from within the proposal area.

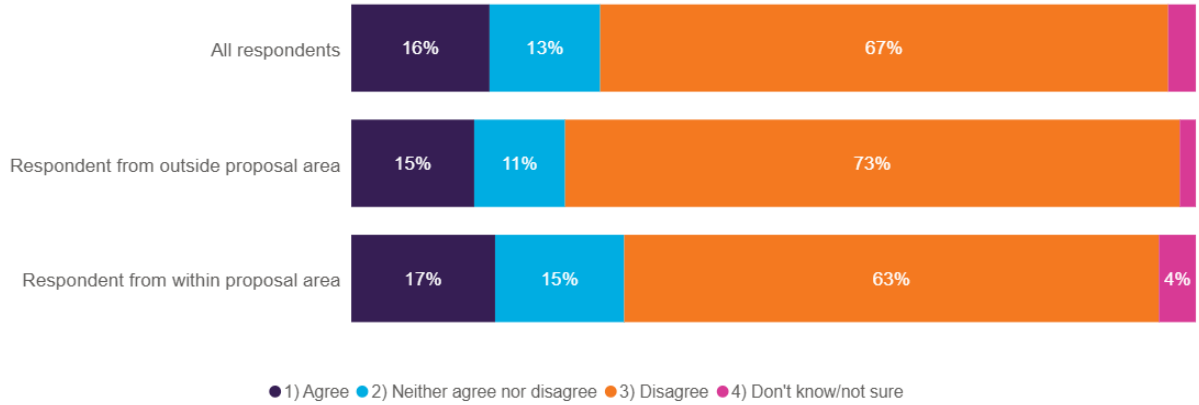
170. It can be seen from the data, that there only a small variance between the views of those commenting from outside the proposed parish boundary when compared to those living within the boundary.

Qa To what extent do you agree or disagree a parish of Bournemouth be established?



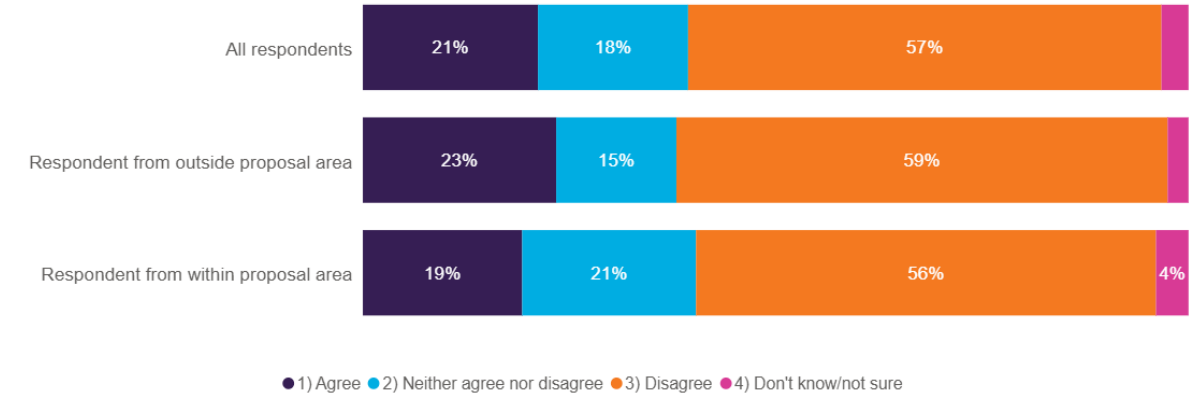
Bases: All respondents – 402; Respondents from outside proposal area – 160; Respondents within proposal area – 232

Qb To what extent do you agree or disagree the boundary of the parish of Bournemouth be drawn as outlined in red on the map above?



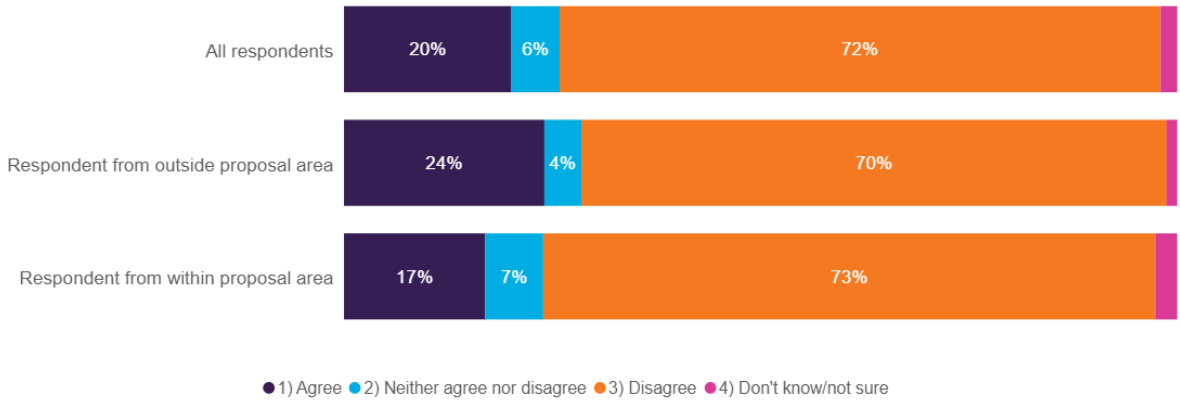
Bases: All respondents – 397; Respondents from outside proposal area – 158; Respondents within proposal area – 229

Qc To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the established parish be Bournemouth



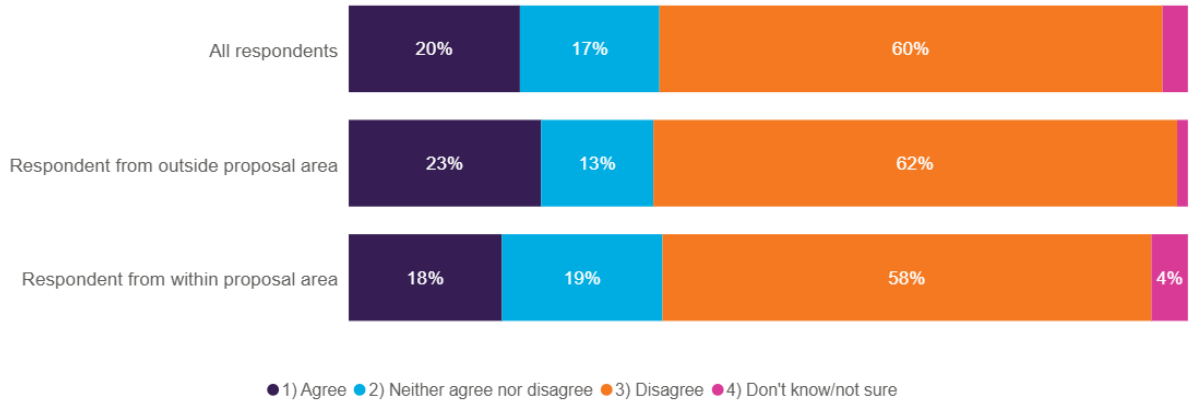
Bases: All respondents – 396; Respondents from outside proposal area – 158; Respondents within proposal area – 228

Qd To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish should have a parish council in the style of town council



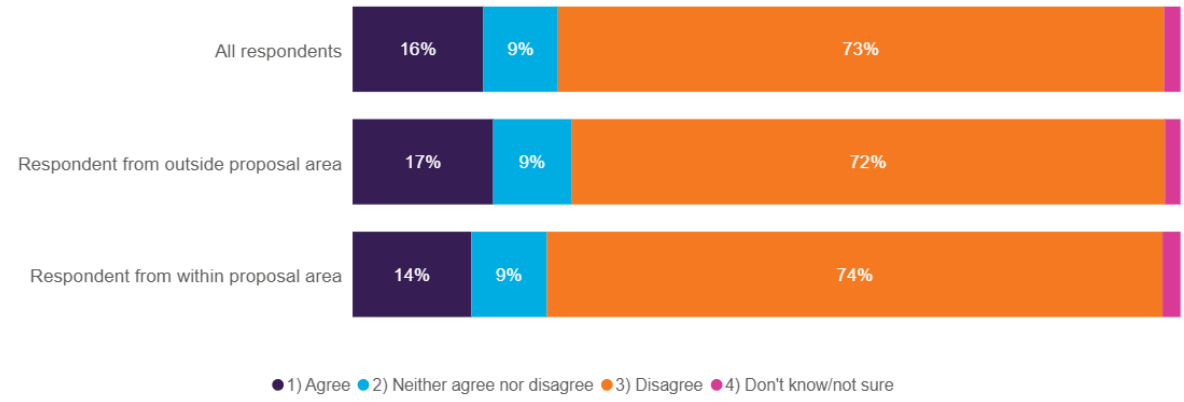
Bases: All respondents – 398; Respondents from outside proposal area – 158; Respondents within proposal area – 230

Qe To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the town council should be Bournemouth Town Council



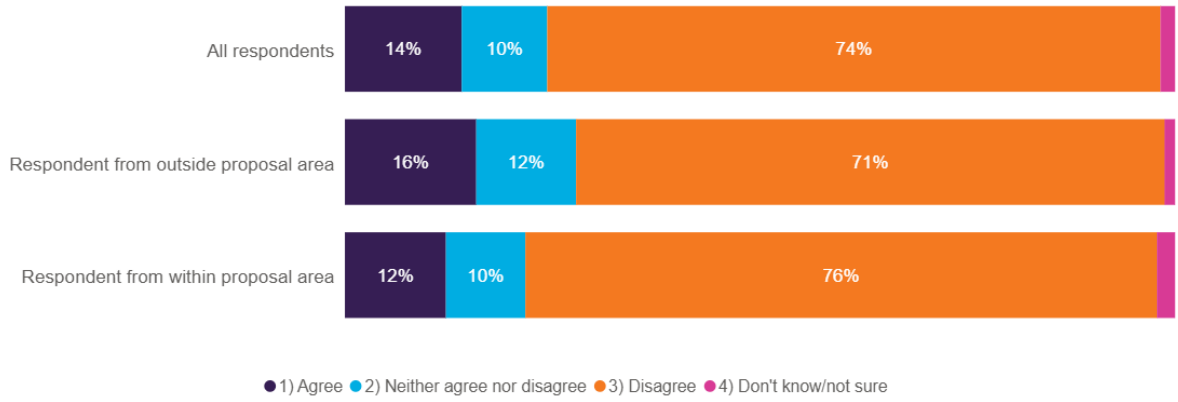
Bases: All respondents – 397; Respondents from outside proposal area – 157; Respondents within proposal area – 230

Qf To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish of Bournemouth be divided into 11 parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map above, and named respectively: Bournemouth Central; East Cliff & Springbourne; Kinson; Littledown & Iford; Moordown; Muscliff & Strouden Park; Queen's Park; Talbot & Branksome Woods; Wallisdown & Winton West; Westbourne & West Cliff; Winton East



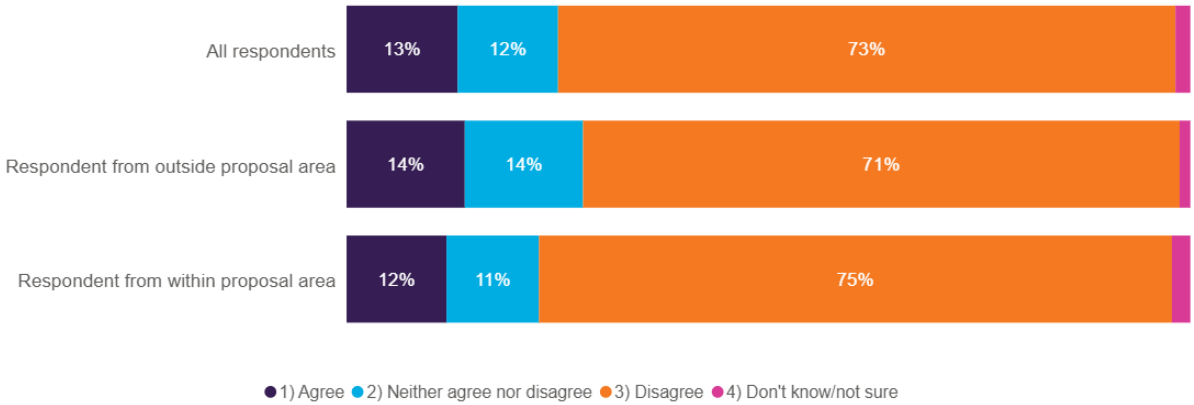
Bases: All respondents – 399; Respondents from outside proposal area – 159; Respondents within proposal area – 230

Qg To what extent do you agree or disagree the town council shall consist of 38 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 398; Respondents from outside proposal area – 158; Respondents within proposal area – 230

Qh To what extent do you agree or disagree the the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Bournemouth Central – four councillors; East Cliff & Springbourne – four councillors; Kinson – five councillors; Littledown & Iford – three councillors; Moordown – three councillors; Muscliff & Strouden Park – four councillors; Queen's Park – three councillors; Talbot & Branksome Woods – three councillors; Wallisdown & Winton West – three councillors; Westbourne & West Cliff – three councillors



Bases: All respondents – 395; Respondents from outside proposal area – 157; Respondents within proposal area – 228

171. Finally, each respondent was asked to give reasons for their answers and provided an opportunity to add any other comments about the draft recommendations. There were a total of 550 comments in response and these are set out in full in Appendix 2(K1) to this report. A full analysis of these responses was undertaken and a report produced for the Task and Finish Group. A copy of the analysis report is set out in Appendix 2(K2) to this report.

172. Whilst there was a significant number of respondents from outside the proposed parish boundary that felt that a new town council for Bournemouth should not be established, many of these respondents appeared to be against the principle of parish and town councils in general.

173. Arguments against the establishment of a new town council in Bournemouth included views that it would introduce unnecessary bureaucracy and additional costs without providing significant benefits. They argued that the recent

amalgamation into BCP was intended to create efficiencies and cost savings, and establishing a new council would contradict this goal. Concerns were also raised about the potential for increased council tax, the duplication of responsibilities, and the confusion over which council would handle specific issues. Additionally, some respondents felt that the proposed council would not adequately represent the diverse needs of different areas within Bournemouth and that the existing ward system already provided sufficient local representation. Overall, the sentiment was that the creation of a Town Council would complicate governance and impose financial burdens on residents without delivering clear advantages.

174. Although smaller in number, the respondents from within Bournemouth who expressed agreement with the draft recommendations felt that it would provide more localised and effective governance. They believed that a town council would allow for better representation of local interests and more direct accountability to residents. Supporters argued that a town council could focus on specific local issues, such as maintaining public amenities, improving community services, and addressing neighbourhood concerns more efficiently than the larger BCP Council. They also felt that having a dedicated local council would enhance community identity and cohesion, ensuring that the unique needs of different areas within Bournemouth Town were met. Overall, the sentiment was that a new town council would bring decision-making closer to the residents, leading to more responsive and tailored governance.

Task and Finish Group Conclusions

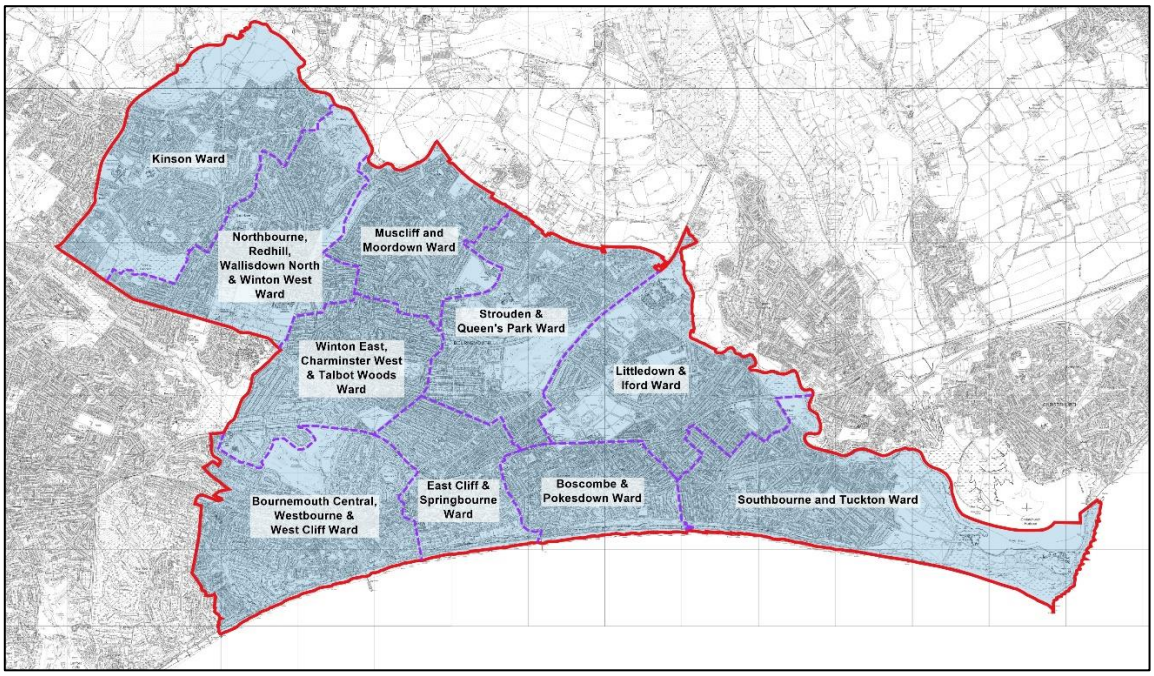
175. The Task and Finish Group considered the representations on the proposed council. Respondents felt that having 38 councillors would be excessive and lead to unnecessary costs, making it more difficult to reach decisions efficiently. They argued that the large number of councillors would complicate governance and increase expenses without providing significant benefits. Some suggested that reducing the number of councillors would save costs and make it easier to fill vacancies.

176. As outlined earlier in this report, whilst recognising the rationale expressed by some respondents, the Task and Finish Group are not recommending the establishment of new local community councils in Redhill & Northbourne, Boscombe & Pokesdown and Southbourne for the reasons stated. However, the thoughts of those members who supported the proposal were that it would be fair and equitable for all areas of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole to be served by local parish or town councils, and as a consequence are recommending the establishment of a town council for Bournemouth, including the areas of Redhill & Northbourne, Boscombe & Pokesdown and Southbourne.

177. The approval of the final recommendations in this report would abolish the existing Charter Trustees for Poole, allow the continuation of the historic civic and ceremonial traditions whilst providing potential scope for the town councils of Broadstone, Poole and Bournemouth to enhance community engagement and involvement, respond to local issues, organise community events, and manage local amenities, ultimately leading to improved quality of life for residents. These will be decisions for the respective town councils to determine.

178. As a consequence of the feedback and views expressed, the Task and Finish Group reviewed the warding arrangements and the number of councillors seeking to address and mitigate many of the concerns raised. In doing so, the Task and Finish Group are recommending dividing the parish into 10 wards but with fewer councillors. The proposed number of councillors is 21. The table and map below show the proposed arrangements.

Parish ward	Electorate 2025	Projected Electorate 2030	Seats	Elector Ratio	Variance from average
Boscombe & Pokesdown	13,396	13,771	2	6,886	+1.3%
Bournemouth Central, Westbourne and West Cliff	18,962	21,022	3	6,969	+3.1%
East Cliff & Springbourne	13,365	13,965	2	6,983	+2.8%
Kinson	12,880	13,011	2	6,506	-4.3%
Littledown & Iford	12,615	12,721	2	6,361	-6.4%
Muscliff and Moordown	13,168	13,305	2	6,653	-2.1%
Northbourne, Redhill, Wallisdown North & Winton West	13,782	13,946	2	6,973	+2.6%
Southbourne and Tuckton	12,607	12,822	2	6,411	-5.7%
Strouden & Queen's Park	14,219	14,388	2	7,194	+5.7%
Winton East, Charminster West & Talbot Woods	13,491	13,753	2	6,877	+1.2%
Total	138,485	142,704	21		



179. As this proposal was seeking to establish a new council, it is important to ascertain whether there would be sufficient interest locally to fill the number of seats proposed and therefore support the viability of the council. Respondents were asked, without any obligation, if they would consider standing for election as a local councillor for Bournemouth. 49 respondents who live within the proposal area said they would consider standing for election and as a consequence the Task and Finish Group were satisfied that the council would be viable in this regard.

180. The final recommendation to establish a town council for Bournemouth was not agreed unanimously at the Task and Finish Group, but was supported by a vote of 4 in favour, 4 against and the chair voted in favour using his casting vote.

Final Recommendations

181. It is RECOMMENDED that the following community governance and electoral arrangements for the parish of Bournemouth be approved:-

(a) a parish of Bournemouth be established

(b) the boundary of the parish of Bournemouth be drawn to include the area as outlined in red on the map in paragraph 178 above

(c) the name of the established parish be Bournemouth

(d) the style of the parish of Bournemouth be set as a town

(e) the parish should have a parish council in the style of town council

(f) the name of the town council should be Bournemouth Town Council

(g) the parish of Bournemouth be divided into 10 parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map in paragraph 178 above, and named respectively:

(i) Boscombe & Pokesdown

(ii) Bournemouth Central, Westbourne and West Cliff

(iii) East Cliff & Springbourne

(iv) Kinson

(v) Littledown & Iford

(vi) Muscliff and Moordown

(vii) Northbourne, Redhill, Wallisdown North & Winton West

(viii) Southbourne and Tuckton

(ix) Strouden & Queen's Park

(x) Winton East, Charminster West & Talbot Woods

(h) the town council for Bournemouth shall consist of 21 councillors

(i) the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows:

(i) Boscombe & Pokesdown – two councillors

(ii) Bournemouth Central, Westbourne and West Cliff – three councillors

(iii) East Cliff & Springbourne – two councillors

(iv) Kinson – two councillors

(v) Littledown & Iford – two councillors

(vi) Muscliff and Moordown – two councillors

(vii) Northbourne, Redhill, Wallisdown North & Winton West – two councillors

(viii) Southbourne and Tuckton – two councillors

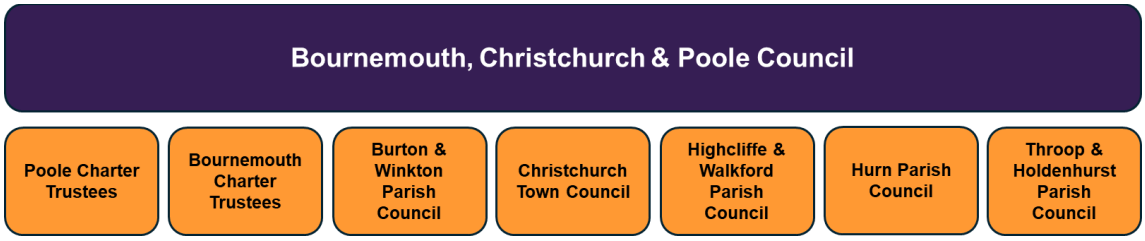
(ix) Strouden & Queen's Park – two councillors

(x) Winton East, Charminster West & Talbot Woods – two councillors

(j) a Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order be prepared in accordance with the above recommendations and that the Order be effective from 1st April 2026 save for those recommendations relating to parish electoral arrangements which shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2026.

Summary of Final Proposals

182. The existing arrangements are illustrated below, but in summary comprises two existing layers of local authority for the whole of the BCP Council area with Charter Trustees for Poole and Bournemouth and five existing parish and town councils acting as the second tier.



183. The outcome of the decisions in this report are reflected in the chart below, with the two Charter Trustee bodies being replaced with three town councils. This will result in the same number of tiers in all areas.

Functions and Precept Requirements

184. If the Council approves the establishment of the proposed new local councils, it will be necessary to determine the schedule of historic and ceremonial assets and statutory services (which is limited to allotments) to be transferred to the respective councils. It will also be necessary to determine the anticipated budget requirement for each of the new councils for the first year. There is a clear message from the consultation responses that this should be kept to a minimum. It is proposed that the Task and Finish Group continue to work with officers to discuss these issues and to bring a report be brought back to full Council in due course.

185. If Council approves the recommendations contained in this report and the whole of the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area is served by parish and town councils, the existing Charter Trustees for Bournemouth and Poole will be abolished on 31 March 2026. This will eliminate the risk of any double taxation which would apply if the Charter Trustees remain.

186. In the event that Poole is approved and either Bournemouth or Broadstone is not, or if Bournemouth is approved and Poole is not, it will be necessary to alter the boundary of the approved town council(s) to ensure the Charter Trustees for that area can be abolished.

187. For avoidance of doubt, if Broadstone Town Council is established and Poole Town Council is not, the Charter Trustees for Poole will continue to exist and the residents of Broadstone will be liable for two charges, one for Broadstone Town Council and one for Poole Charter Trustees.

188. Unless all areas are parished, there will be additional areas along the historic boundary between Bournemouth and Poole that will also be subject to a double council tax charge.

Options Appraisal

189. The Task and Finish Group have considered various options in developing these final recommendations. Ward councillors and representatives of the existing parish and town councils have been invited to submit written representations and to attend and address the group.

190. Council approved the terms of reference for the review which set out the timetable and included the whole of the BCP Council area within the scope of the review. Council must now consider the recommendations and may reject or approve the recommendations, with or without modification.

Summary of financial implications

191. A budget contingency has been set aside to undertake the community governance review process. The approval of these final recommendations will require system and service changes to recognise the new councils and will require internal organisational support to implement these changes. The budget underspend on this project to date is to be released. Any external costs required to support the implementation will need to be drawn down from the councils unearmarked reserves.

192. It will be necessary to determine the council tax precept requirements for each new town council by the end of January 2026 which will flow into the Council Tax calculations in February. It is envisaged that these requirements will be presented to Council at its meeting on 9 December 2025. If this is not possible, it may be necessary to convene an additional meeting of Council in January 2026.

Summary of legal implications

193. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (Part 4) devolved power from the Secretary of State to principal councils to carry out community governance reviews and put in place or make changes to local community governance arrangements. The Community Governance Review has be undertaken in accordance with this Act.

194. To implement the outcome of the Review, the Council will be required to draw up a series of Re-organisation Orders with accompanying maps, and widely publish these changes.

Summary of human resources implications

195. There are no direct human resource implications arising from this report, however, the outcome of the review will include the transfer of historic and ceremonial assets and allotment sites to new town councils. Depending upon the scale of any such changes, these may require the transfer of BCP Council staff under the TUPE regulations. If applicable, these will be considered in consultation with affected employees and will be conducted in accordance with applicable policies and procedures.

Summary of sustainability impact

196. There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

Summary of public health implications

197. There are no public health implications arising from this report.

Summary of equality implications

198. There are no direct equality implications arising from this report. The consultation and engagement processes included appropriate accessible channels to ensure all interested parties could respond.

Summary of risk assessment

199. It is vital that the Governance Review is undertaken in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the guidance

produced by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Failure to adhere to these could result in the Review being open to challenge and judicial review.

200. If any new parish or town councils are established all operational costs will be borne by the relevant parish or town council through an appropriate precept.

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Published works

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COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW CONSULTATION

31 March to 22 June 2025

Report July 2025

Research and Consultation Team

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1 Introduction

BCP Council ran a consultation on draft proposals to create new parish, town and community councils across Bournemouth and Poole and to make some small changes to the existing town/parish arrangements in Christchurch.

Bournemouth and Poole are the only places in Dorset without town and parish councils. There are four parish councils and a town council in our conurbation already that focus on local priorities, projects, and activities such as improving parks and greenspaces, managing car parks and community centres, providing street furniture, Christmas decorations and community events and entertainment.

We wanted to hear whether the public and key stakeholders:

- Wanted a town and parish council in the area they live in?
- Felt the proposed boundaries are right, or whether they would change them?
- Felt the community they live in is in the right parish or if they would prefer to be a part of another parish area?

Before any decisions were made, we wanted to hear their views on setting up a **new parish, town or community council** in the following areas:

- Boscombe and Pokesdown
- Bournemouth Town
- Broadstone
- Poole Town
- Redhill and Northbourne
- Southbourne.

And their views on **existing parish and town council** arrangements in the following areas:

- Burton and Winkton
- Christchurch Town
- Highcliffe and Walkford
- Hurn
- Throop and Holdenhurst.

The consultation ran from **31 March to 22 June 2025**.

2 Background

Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council is running a full Community Governance Review for the first time since it was formed on 1 April 2019, following Local Government Reorganisation.

This review is taking place following a decision made at Full Council on 15 October 2024. Government guidance advises that a review should be carried out every 10–15 years and there has been no full review of Bournemouth and Poole within this period.

Local councils are the first tier of local government and play a crucial role in providing local services and involving people in their local community. This could be at a town, community, neighbourhood, parish or village level.

The BCP Council area currently has five local councils with parish or town status (Burton & Winkton, Christchurch, Highcliffe & Walkford, Hurn, Throop & Holdenhurst), while the remainder of the area is unparished

2.1 Stage One Survey

For the first stage of the Community Governance Review we ran a survey from 25 November 2024 to 19 January 2025, where we invited existing parish and town councils, residents' groups, community associations, neighbourhood organisations and individual residents to put forward their suggestions for their area.

3 Methodology

The consultation used online and paper surveys to ensure broad participation from residents and key stakeholders.

It was hosted on the BCP Engagement HQ platform and was promoted through various channels including:

- Press releases
- Social media posts
- Videos
- E-newsletters
- Question & Answer sessions
- Radio bulletins
- Emails to key stakeholders
- Posters in libraries
- Leaflet delivered by door drop
- A full breakdown of the communications activity for this consultation can be found in the Communications Report

- Details of engagement rates can be found in the Engagement HQ Analytics section.

The main consultation page was hosted from the council's Engagement HQ Platform along with a brief description of the consultation and had all the relevant documents and support information.

The consultation was designed in Engagement HQ (engagement platform software). The online responses were downloaded from the sofware for analysis. The data was checked and verified in preparation for analysis and held in the Research and Consultation Team's secure area. The quantitative data was analysed by the in-house consultation and research team using Power-BI.

We wanted to ensure that councillors could see the views of people living in and outside each of the proposal areas. To do this it was important that respondents' postcodes were cleaned and checked for accuracy.

The validated postcode was then joined with the **ONSPD_MAY_2025_UK** reference table to enrich the dataset with geographic information. This included the **electoral ward**, **easting and northing coordinates**, and **latitude and longitude**.

The eastings and northing coordinates and latitude and longitude represent the centre-point of postcodes (postcode centroid) and are used instead of specific addresses to protect privacy.

Postcode centroids were mapped using Geographic Information System software (QGIS), and spatial joins were used to match each respondent's postcode to the proposal area it is situated in. This allowed us to determine whether a respondent was responding from inside/outside the proposal area for which they were answering questions and allowed filtering by respondents living inside/outside of the proposal areas.

The write in (qualitative) analysis was outsourced to a research company due to capacity within the in-house team. The comments were exported into Excel and sent to the research company who analysed them and coded them into theme based categories.

3.1 Participation

During the consultation period, paper copies of the strategies and surveys were available on request at any of BCP's libraries.

Respondents could give us their views by:

- Reading the Draft Recommendations document
- Completing the online survey
- Alternatively, by completing a paper survey for each of the eleven areas that the proposals related to, which could also be downloaded on the main consultation page or collected from any BCP library

- Paper surveys could also be dropped in the 'Have Your Say' boxes in any BCP library or posted to:

  Community Governance Review Consultation, Research and Consultation Team, BCP Council, Civic Centre, Bourne Avenue, Bournemouth, BH2 6DY.

3.2 Support

If any community groups wanted to meet a council officer to discuss the potential impacts of the draft recommendations, they could email us at the email address below with their details so we could arrange a suitable time with them.

If respondents had any questions, needed support or needed the documents/surveys in a different format, they could email cgr@bcpcouncil.gov.uk.

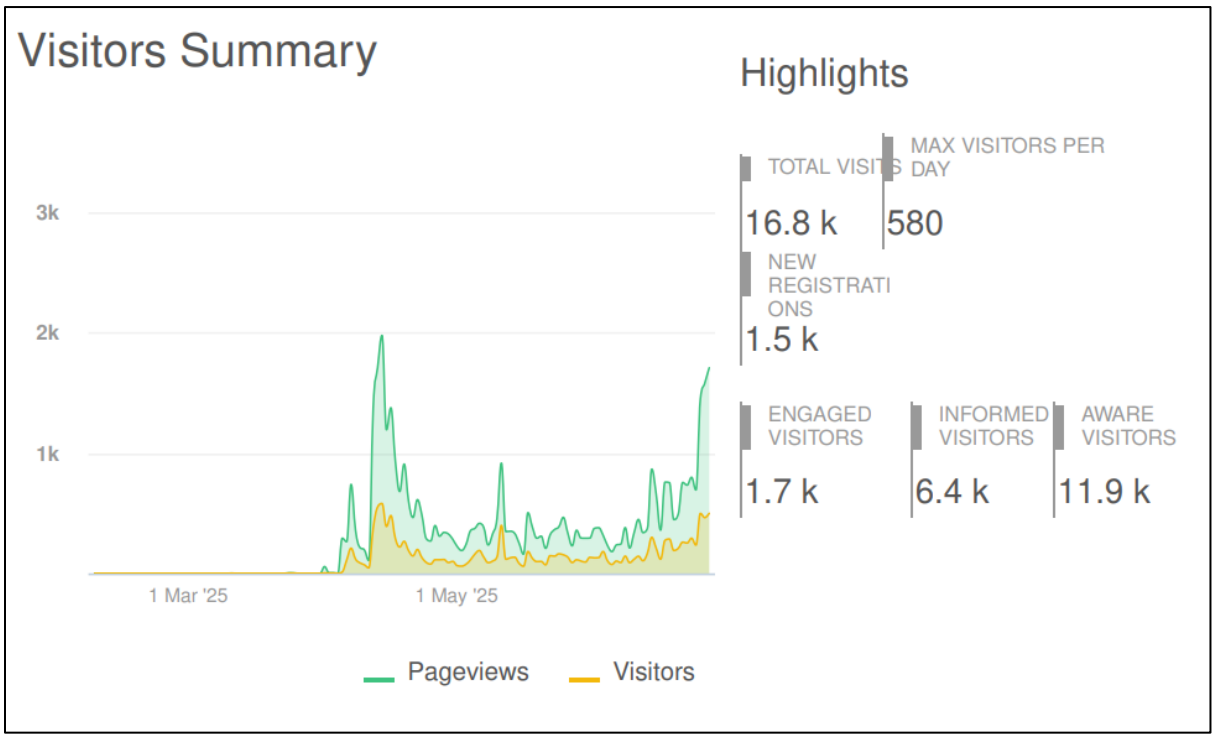
4 Engagement Figures

This section shows the engagement figures for each method used during the consultation.

4.1 Engagement HQ Analytics

The consultation was hosted on the council's engagement platform 'Engagement HQ'. There were 16,825 visits to the consultation page with 11,886 **aware visitors** (i.e. a visitor who has made at least one single visit to the webpage) and 6,422 **informed visitors** (i.e. a visitor who has taken the 'next step' from being aware and clicked on something).

Engagement HQ Measurement Figures



Visitors engaged with the content on the main consultation page as follows:

- 3144 visitors downloaded documents 4942 times, including:
    - 2904 downloads of the Draft Recommendations document
    - 264 downloads of the Poole Proposal
    - 174 downloads of the Poole Town paper survey
    - 162 downloads of the Broadstone Boundary Proposal
    - 115 downloads of the Broadstone paper survey
    - 108 downloads of the Bournemouth Proposal
    - 103 downloads of the Existing Parishes map
    - 72 downloads of the Bournemouth Town paper survey
    - 70 downloads of the Christchurch Town paper survey
    - 69 downloads of the Boscombe and Pokesdown Boundary Proposal
    - 64 downloads of the Southbourne boundary map
    - 62 downloads of the Boscombe and Pokesdown paper survey
    - 60 downloads of the Southbourne paper survey
    - 59 downloads of the Southbourne-Boscombe Boundary Proposal
    - 51 downloads of the Highcliffe and Walkford Parish map
    - 50 downloads of the Electorate Forecasts - Polling Districts document
    - 48 downloads of the Christchurch Parish map
    - 47 downloads of the Christchurch Internal Ward Change Proposal
    - 47 downloads of the Christchurch-Hurn Boundary Change Proposal
    - 43 downloads of the Redhill and Northbourne Boundary Proposal
    - 40 downloads of the Southbourne-Boscombe Boundary Proposal
    - 40 downloads of the Existing Charter Trustees map

- 39 downloads of the Highcliffe and Walkford paper survey
- 35 downloads of the Christchurch Harbour Boundary Proposal
- 30 downloads of the Burton and Winkton Parish map
- 28 downloads of the Burton and Winkton paper survey
- 25 downloads of the Throop and Holdenhurst Parish map
- 25 downloads of the Community Governance Review Consultation poster
- 25 downloads of the Electorate Forecasts - Proposed Parishes document
- 21 downloads of the Redhill and Northbourne paper survey
- 20 downloads of the Hurn Boundary Change Proposal
- 16 downloads of the Hurn Parish map
- 14 downloads of the Throop and Holdenhurst paper survey
- 12 downloads of the Hurn paper survey
- Visitors also viewed the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) 260 times.

The majority of visitors to the consultation page on Engagement HQ came via Facebook (2141 visits), Google (1422 visits) and BCP Council webpages (749 visits). A full breakdown of the site referrals can be seen below:

TRAFFIC SOURCES OVERVIEW

REFERRER URL	Visits
www.google.com	1225
m.facebook.com	1026
lm.facebook.com	781
www.bcpcouncil.gov.uk	618
l.facebook.com	297
www.google.co.uk	197
www.bing.com	193
android-app	178
bcpcouncil.sharepoint.com	131
duckduckgo.com	75
nextdoor.co.uk	45
t.co	40
www.facebook.com	37
uk.search.yahoo.com	31
bma06.r.ag.d.sendibm3.com	19

5 Communications Report

Below is a breakdown of the communications activity carried out by BCP Council to promote the Community Governance Review Consultation as widely as possible.

The council used a variety of methods to promote the consultations including press releases and social media posts on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, and Instagram along with posters in libraries.

5.1 Press releases

The council issued a series of press releases before, and during the consultation period. These are listed below:

- 26/02/2025 - Bournemouth and Poole residents one step closer to having greater influence on local issues | BCP
- 26/03/2025 - Councillors vote to consult Bournemouth and Poole residents on proposals to set up new parish and town councils in the area | BCP
- 01/04/2025 - Have your say on proposals to set up new parish and town councils in the area | BCP
- 11/06/2025 - Have your say on proposed changes to town and parish councils | BCP
- 11/06/2025 - Summer plans and community governance discussed in Leader Q&A Session | BCP

5.2 Social media posts

22 social media posts had a total reach[1] of 34,616 people, a total engagement[2] of 3,072 people and a total of 43,682 impressions[3]. Below are details of how people interacted with our social media posts during the consultation period:

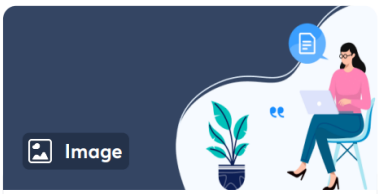
[1] The total number of people who see the posts.
[2] The number of unique people who engaged with the posts, i.e., commented or liked.
[3] The number of times people saw the posts.

Facebook	Total
Reactions	120
Clicks	292
Other clicks	1.9K
Comments	378
Shares	47

Instagram	Total
Likes	91
Saved	5
Comments	5

Linkedin	Total
Likes	12
Clicks	68
Comments	3
Shares	3

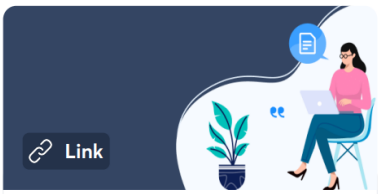
Below is the best performing social media posts based on **impressions**:



Feb. 28 2025

A new community governance review could give you m...

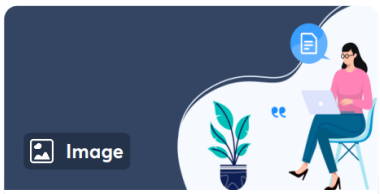
Reach	5.2K
Engagement	356
Impressions	5.4K



May. 19 2025

Have your say on how your local area is governed...

Reach	4.6K
Engagement	845
Impressions	5.3K



Apr. 2 2025

Have Your Say on Local Governance!

Reach	4.6K
Engagement	306
Impressions	5K

May. 29 2025

What costs less than a coffee a month?

Reach	1.9K
Views	2.7K
Engagement	19

May. 22 2025

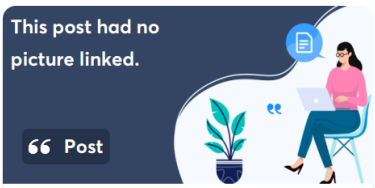
New Video Series

Reach	1.9K
Views	2.6K
Engagement	30

Jun. 9 2025

Have you had your say in the Community Governance...

Reach	1.8K
Views	2.6K
Engagement	19



Jun. 10 2025

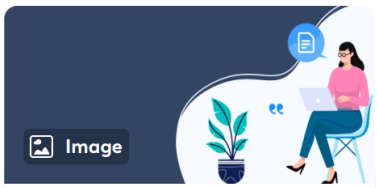
Join us for a Leader Live Q&A Session on social m...

Impressions	778
Engagement	17

Jun. 10 2025

Join us for a Leader Live Q&A Session on social m...

Impressions	552
Engagement	14



Feb. 28 2025

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Impressions	507
Engagement	24

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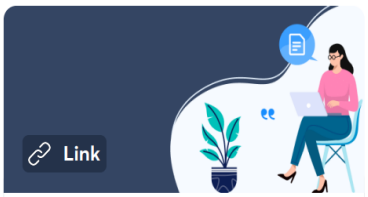


May. 19 2025

Have your say on how your local area is governed...

Reach	4.6K
Engagement	845
Impressions	5.3K

Jun. 10 2025

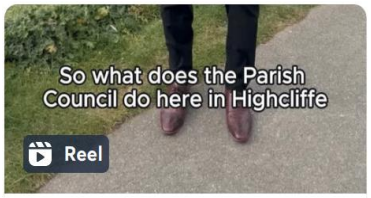
Join us for a Leader Live Q&A Session on social m...

Reach	2.6K
Engagement	366
Impressions	3K

Jun. 19 2025

The Community Governance Review Consultation is ...

Reach	4.4K
Engagement	358
Impressions	4.6K



May. 22 2025

New Video Series

Reach	1.9K
Views	2.6K
Engagement	30

Jun. 9 2025

Have you had your say in the Community Governance...

Reach	1.8K
Views	2.6K
Engagement	19

May. 29 2025

What costs less than a coffee a month?

Reach	1.9K
Views	2.7K
Engagement	19

Apr. 2 2025

Have Your Say on Local Governance!

Impressions	267
Engagement	28

Feb. 28 2025

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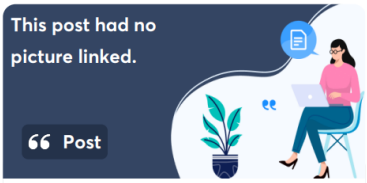

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Have your say on local governance! BCP Council is...

Engagement	36
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Reposts	0

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Engagement	27
Likes	1
Reposts	0

Below is the best performing social media posts based on **reach**:

Feb. 28 2025

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Reach	5.2K
Engagement	356
Impressions	5.4K

Apr. 2 2025

Have Your Say on Local Governance!

Reach	4.6K
Engagement	306
Impressions	5K

May. 19 2025

Have your say on how your local area is governed...

Reach	4.6K
Engagement	845
Impressions	5.3K

May. 29 2025

What costs less than a coffee a month?

Reach	1.9K
Views	2.7K
Engagement	19

May. 22 2025

New Video Series

Reach	1.9K
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Engagement	30

Jun. 9 2025

Have you had your say in the Community Governance...

Reach	1.8K
Views	2.6K
Engagement	19

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The Community Governance Review consultation close...

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Reposts	1

Jun. 19 2025

The Community Governance Review consultation close...

Engagement	13
Likes	0
Reposts	0

Jun. 10 2025

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Engagement	27
Likes	1
Reposts	0

5.3 Videos

During the consultation period, the council posted a variety of videos for promotional and information purposes. The videos summarised key information, tackled misinformation that had spread in the public domain during the consultation period, and clarified the more technical aspects about the proposals. These included:

- An information video added to the main consultation webpage on the 2nd May 2025. This video was viewed 1936 times.
- A four-part video series by Councillor Andy Martin posted on the main consultation webpage and on the council's Tiktok and Instagram pages:
    - Part 1 - 350 views and 13 likes; published on 29/05/2025
    - Part 2 - 530 views, 33 likes and 1 comment; published on 11/06/2025
    - Part 3 - 505 views, 18 likes, 1 comment and 1 save; published on 19/06/2025
    - Part 4 - 619 views, 10 likes, 1 comment and 1 save; published on 20/06/2025.

5.4 E-newsletters

The council also promoted the consultation through the following e-newsletters:

- 20/06/2025 - **BCP Weekly News newsletter**: Community Governance Review / Summer Streets
- 13/06/2025 - **BCP Weekly News newsletter**: Join us for a Leader Live Q&A Session/Have your say on proposed changes to town and parish councils
- 11/04/2025 - **BCP Weekly News newsletter**: What's on locally this Easter
- 02/04/2025 - **Need To Know newsletter**: Need To Know > 2 April 2025

5.5 Question & Answer (Q&A) Sessions

The council held a live Q&A with the Leader and Richard Jones on 17/06/2025 which amassed more than 207 people watching live as it was streamed across Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube.

5.6 Radio

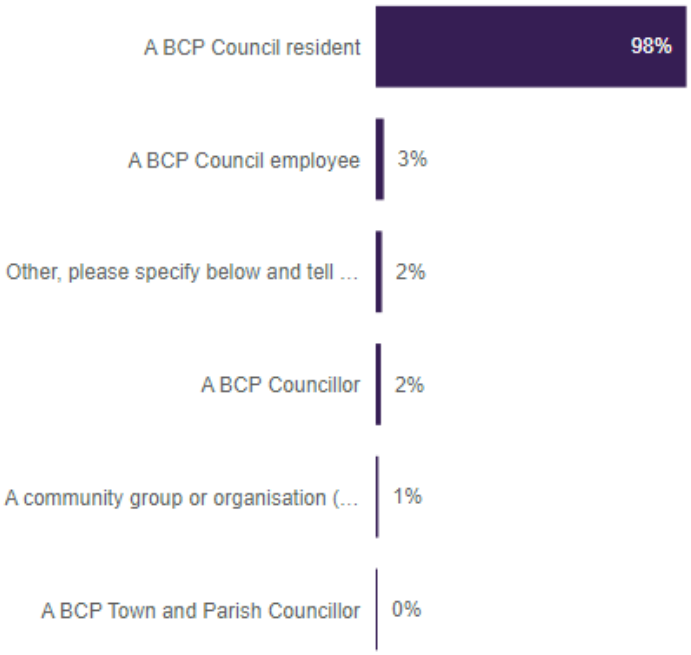
An audio clip recording with the BCP Council Leader, Councillor Millie Earl, was featured on the top of the hour local bulletin of Bournemouth One Radio, as well as on their website on 23rd of April 2025: https://news.bournemouthone.com/80221/.

6 Analysis and results

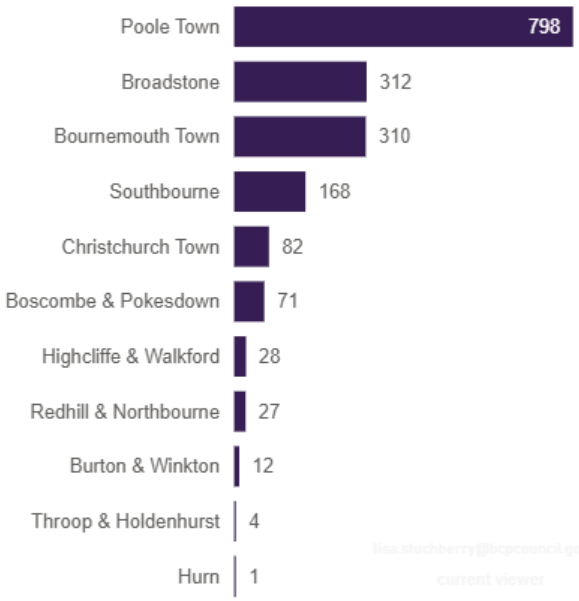
In total 1866 respondents replied to the Community Governance Review survey either online or in paper format.

6.1 Respondent Type

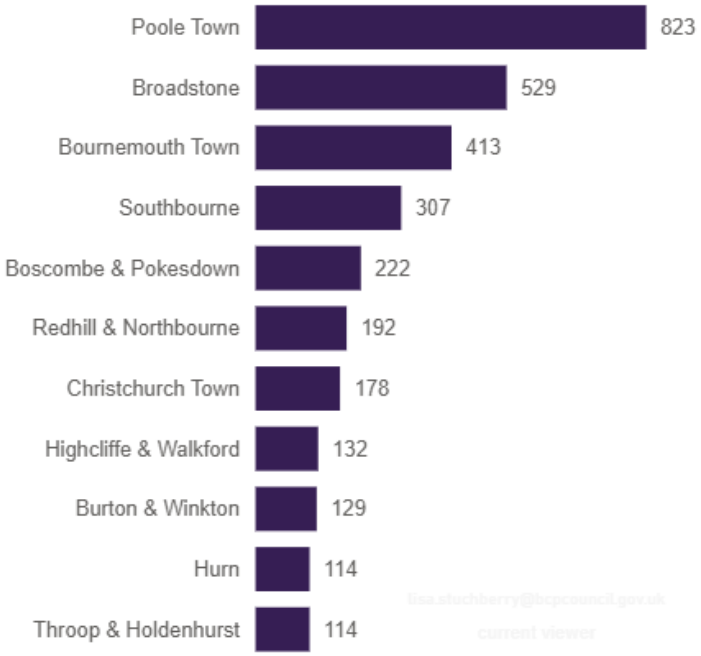
Q. Which of these best describes you?



The graph below shows which of the proposal areas respondents live in, for example 798 respondents who completed the survey lived within the Poole Town proposal area.



The graph below shows the number of respondents who chose to share their views on each of the proposal areas, for example 823 respondents shared their views on the Poole Town proposal.

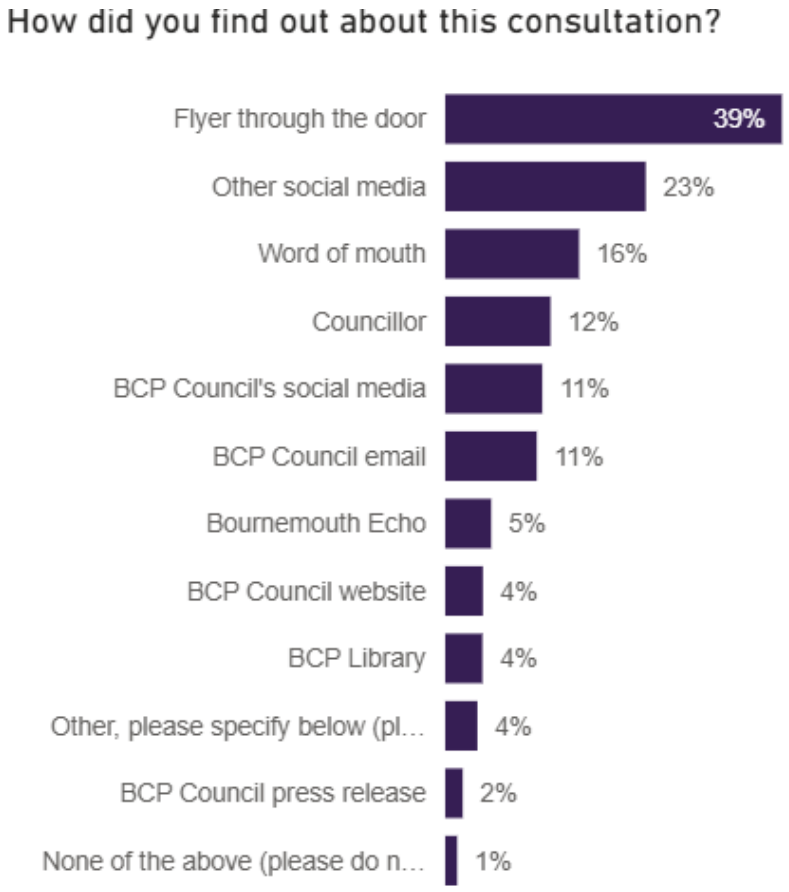


6.2 Consultation Awareness

Q. How did you find out about this consultation?

Please note respondents could select more than one option for this question.

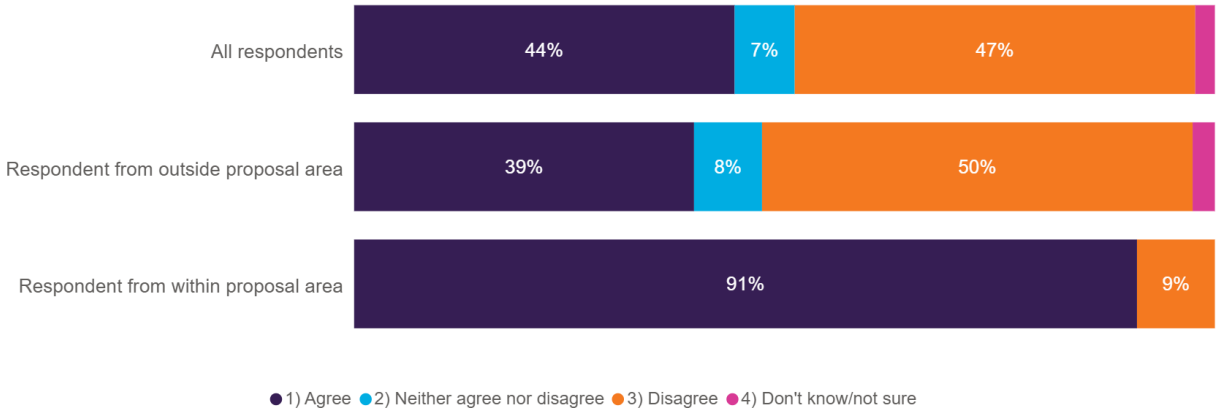
Almost 4 in 10 respondents received a flyer through their door, followed by almost one quarter finding out via other social media. 16% were informed by word of mouth and 12% from a councillor. 11% found out via BCP Council social media and BCP Council emails.



7 Burton and Winkton

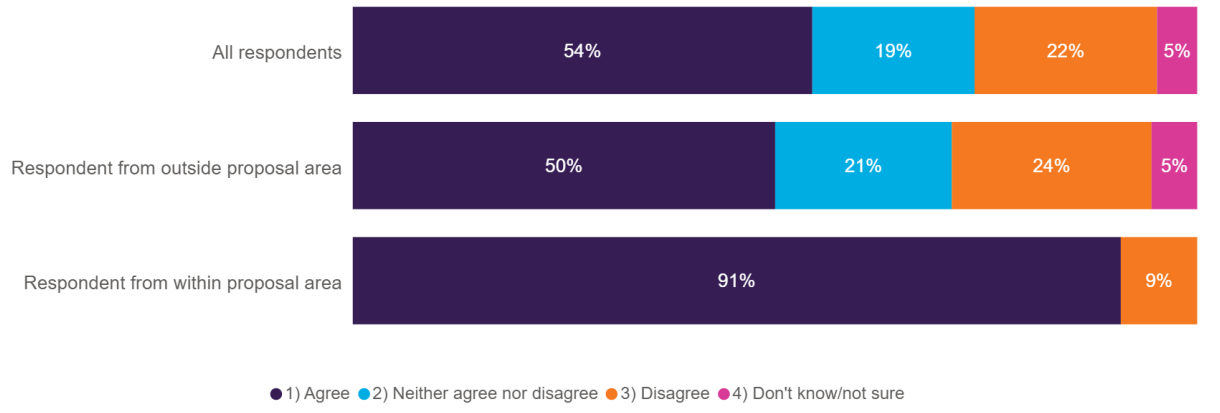
There was a total of 129 responses to this section of the survey.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish of Burton and Winkton should not be abolished?



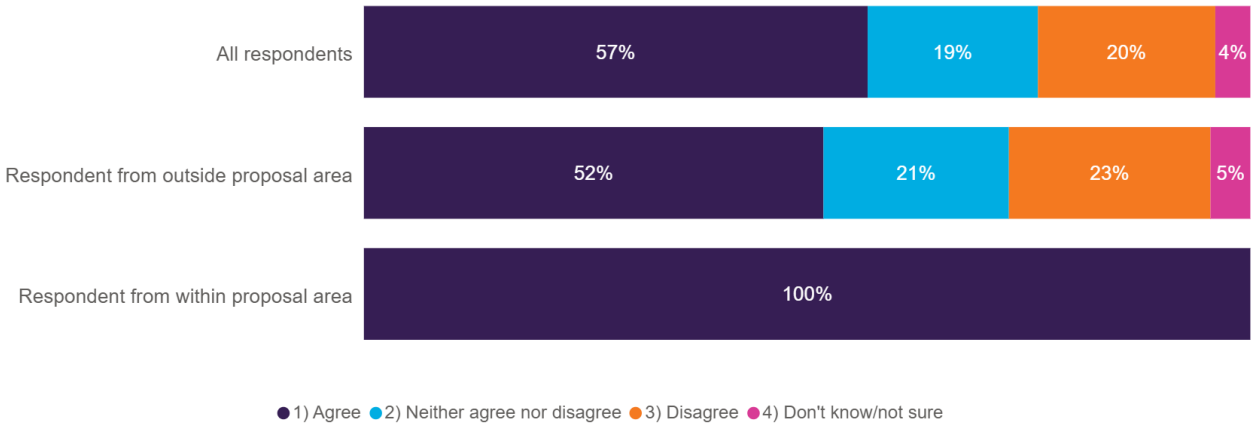
Bases: All respondents – 129; Respondents from outside proposal area – 114; Respondents within proposal area – 11.

Qb. To what extent do you agree or disagree that no change be made to the boundary of the existing parish of Burton and Winkton?



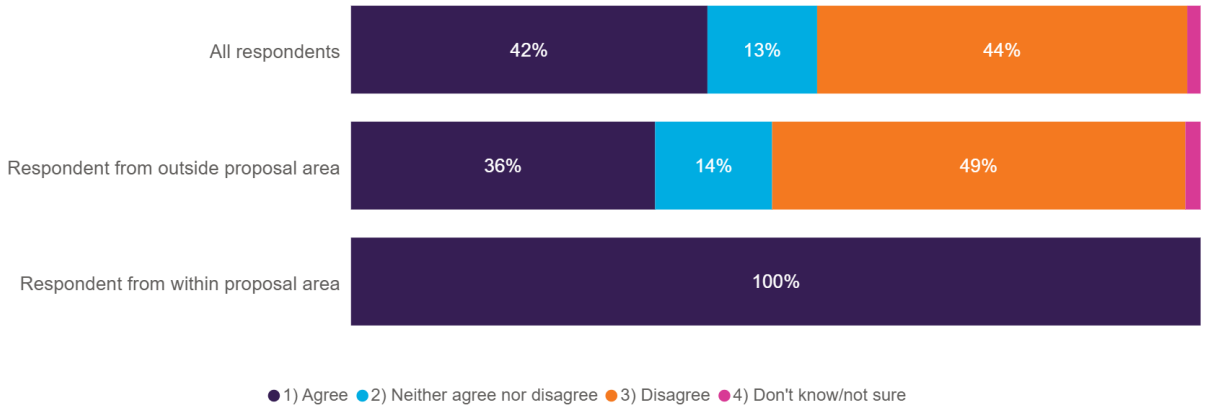
Bases: All respondents – 125; Respondents from outside proposal area – 110; Respondents within proposal area – 11.

Qc. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish of Burton and Winkton should not be altered?



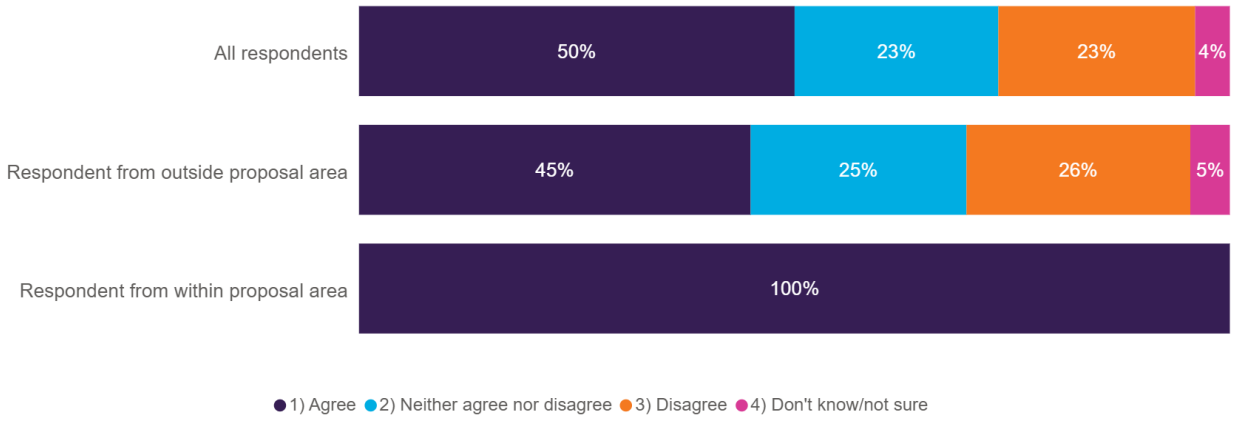
Bases: All respondents – 125; Respondents from outside proposal area – 110; Respondents within proposal area – 11.

Qd. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish of Burton and Winkton should continue to have a parish council?



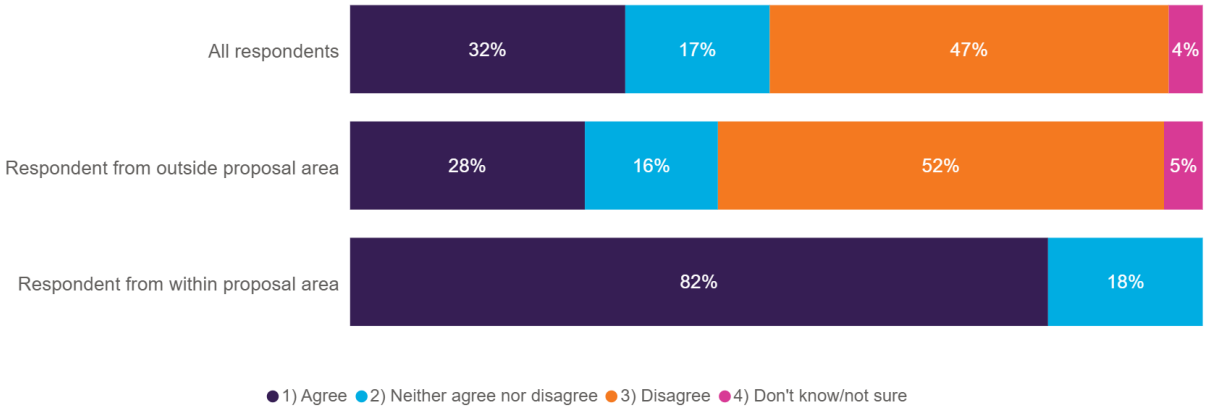
Bases: All respondents – 124; Respondents from outside proposal area – 109; Respondents within proposal area – 11.

Qe. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish council should not be altered?



Bases: All respondents – 124; Respondents from outside proposal area – 109; Respondents within proposal area – 11.

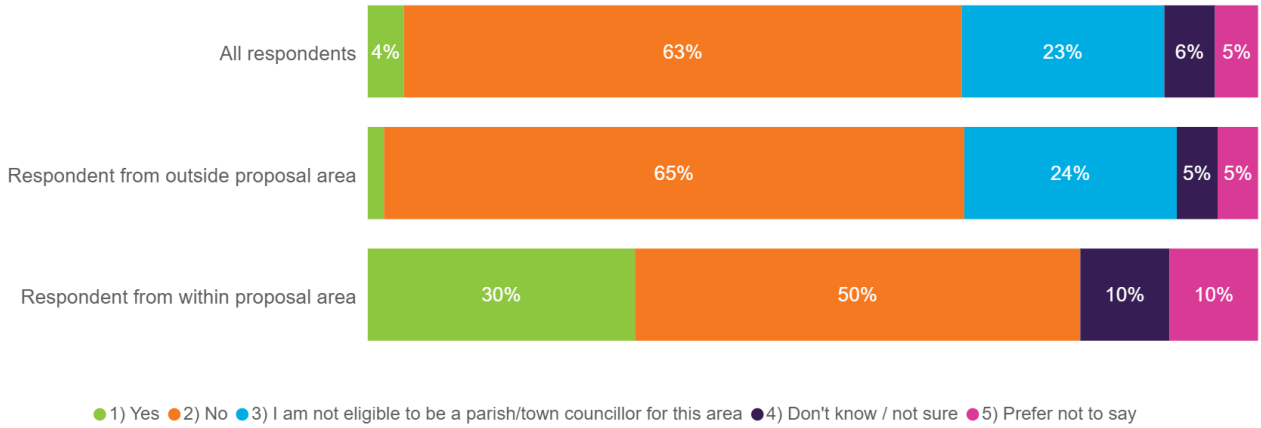
Qf. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish council for Burton and Winkton shall consist of 10 councillors?



Bases: All respondents – 124; Respondents from outside proposal area – 109; Respondents within proposal area – 11.

Q. Standing as a councillor. In order for a local council to operate it will need to have councillors. We would like to understand the level of potential interest of residents in standing as councillors. Without any obligation, please tell us if you or members of your organisation, would consider standing for election as a local councillor for Burton and Winkton?

Three people who lived in the Burton and Winkton area said they would consider standing as a councillor.

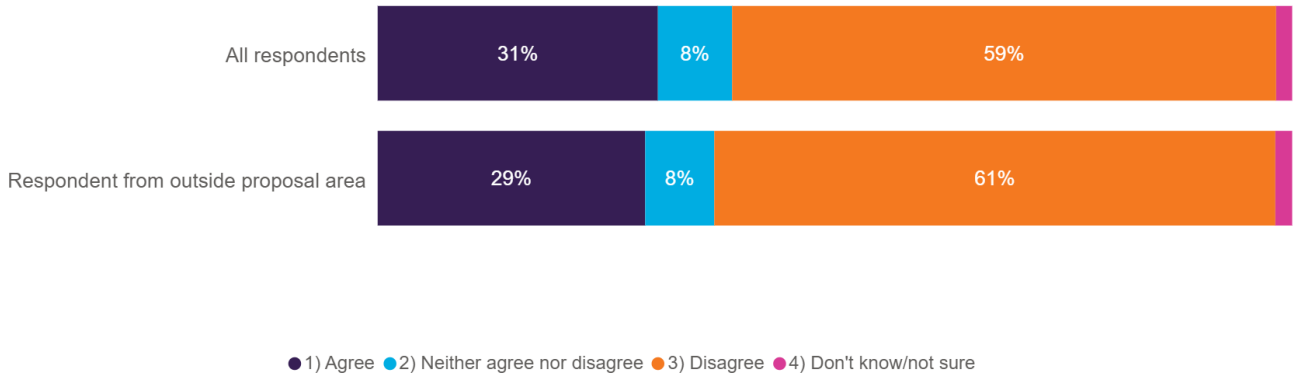


Bases: All respondents – 123; Respondents from outside proposal area – 109; Respondents within proposal area – 10.

8 Hurn

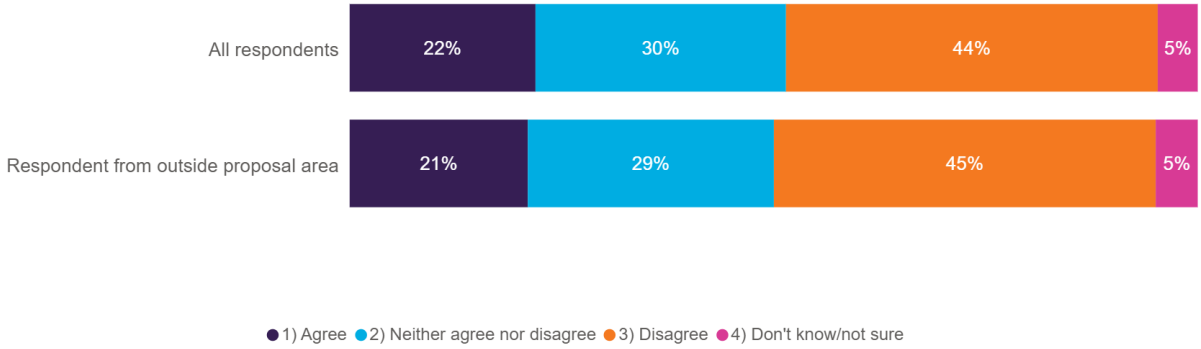
There was a total of 114 responses to this section of the survey.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish of Hurn should not be abolished?



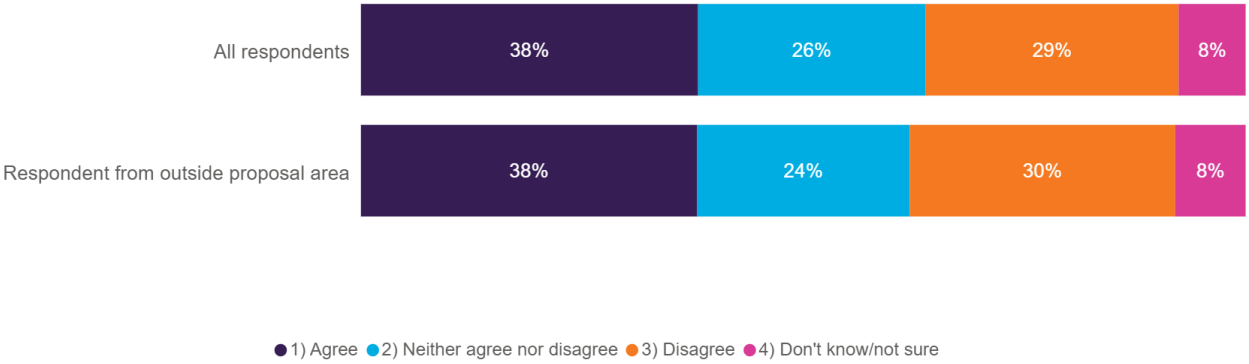
Bases: All respondents – 111; Respondents from outside proposal area – 106; Respondents within proposal area – 0.

Qb. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the boundary of the existing parish of Hurn be altered as shown on the plan above?



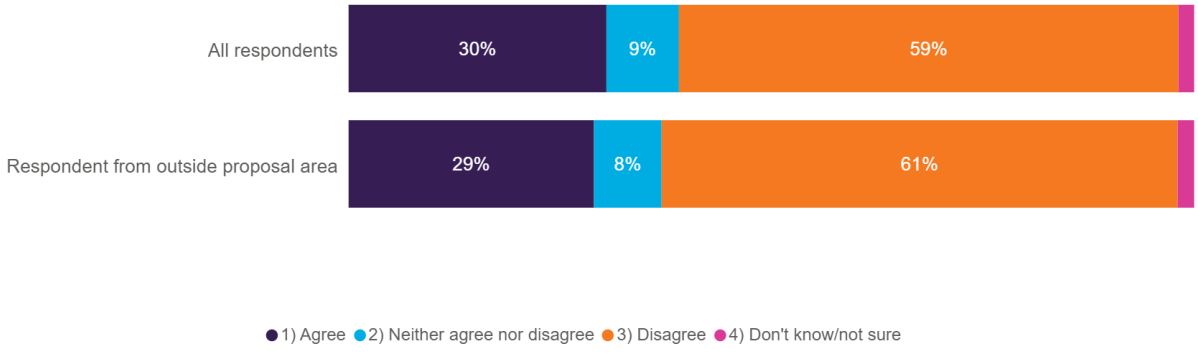
Bases: All respondents – 105; Respondents from outside proposal area – 100; Respondents within proposal area – 0.

Qc. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish of Hurn should not be altered?



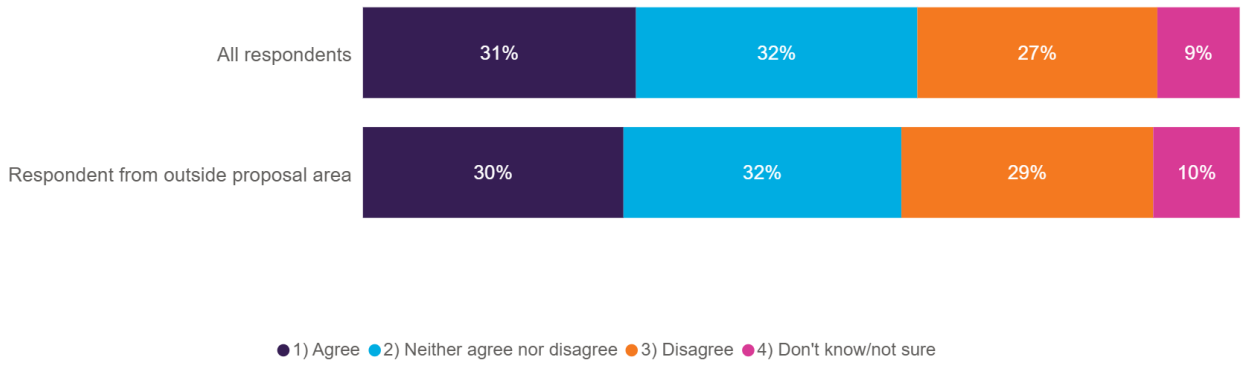
Bases: All respondents – 105; Respondents from outside proposal area – 100; Respondents within proposal area – 0.

Qd. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish of Hurn should continue to have a parish council?



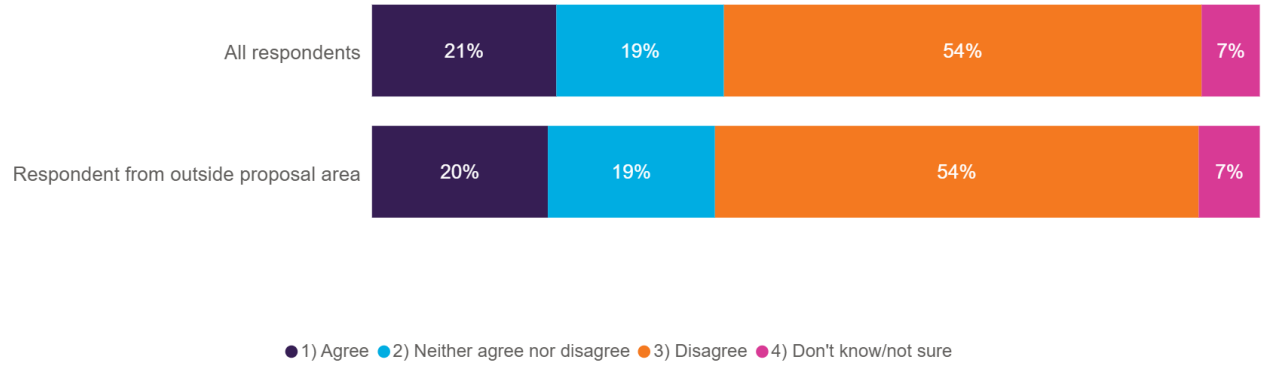
Bases: All respondents – 105; Respondents from outside proposal area – 100; Respondents within proposal area – 0.

Qe. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish council should not be altered?



Bases: All respondents – 106; Respondents from outside proposal area – 101; Respondents within proposal area – 0.

Qf. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish council for Hurn shall consist of six councillors?



Bases: All respondents – 106; Respondents from outside proposal area – 101; Respondents within proposal area – 0.

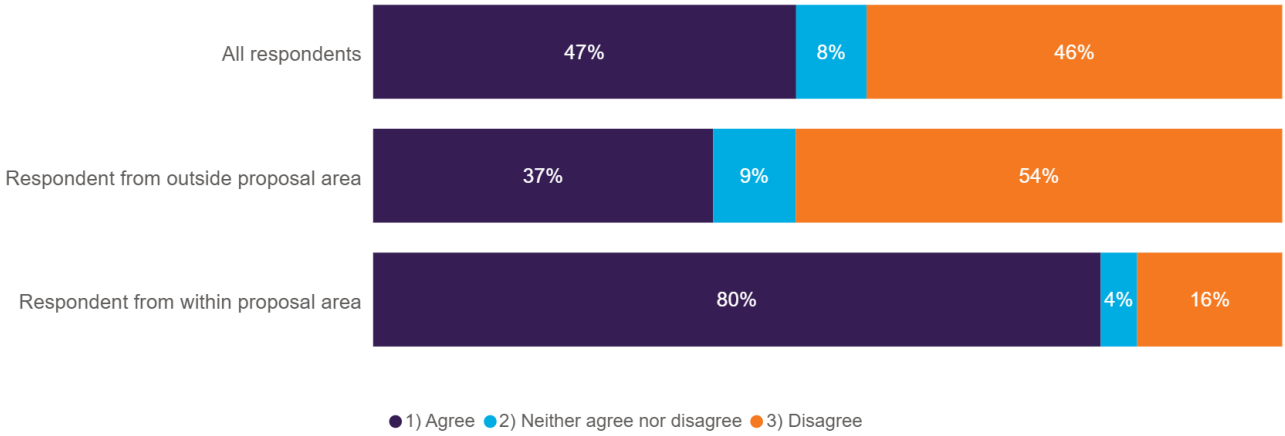
Q. Standing as a councillor. In order for a local council to operate it will need to have councillors. We would like to understand the level of potential interest of residents in standing as councillors. Without any obligation, please tell us if you or members of your organisation, would consider standing for election as a local councillor for Hurn?

There were no respondents from the Hurn area that answered this section of the consultation.

9 Highcliffe and Walkford

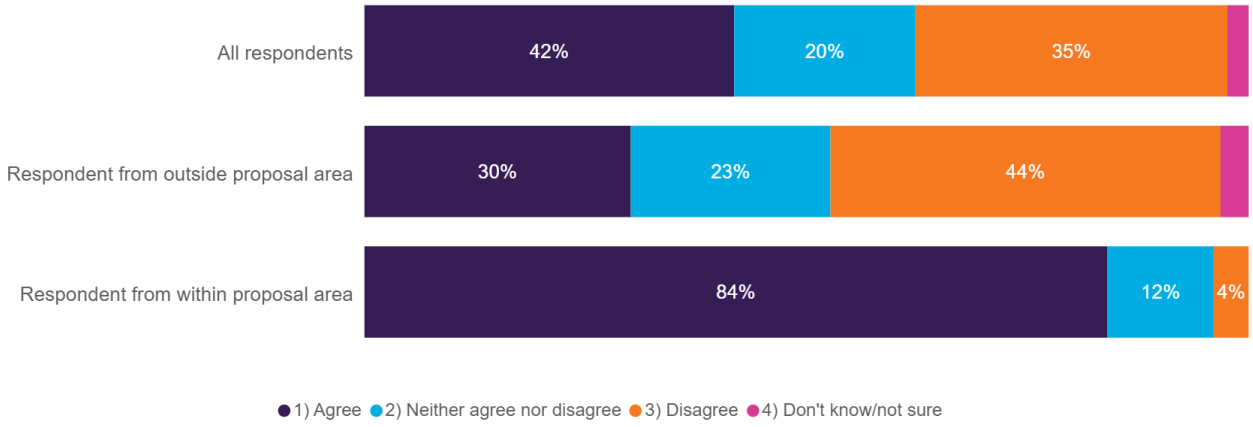
There was a total of 132 responses to this section of the survey.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford should not be abolished?



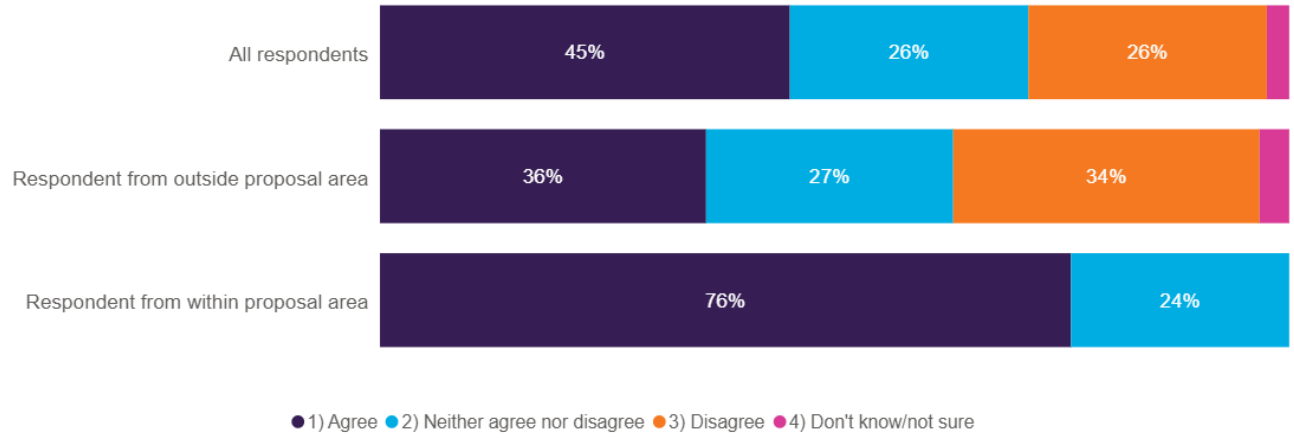
Bases: All respondents – 129; Respondents from outside proposal area – 99; Respondents within proposal area – 25.

Qb. To what extent do you agree or disagree that no change be made to the boundary of the existing parish of Highcliffe and Walkford?



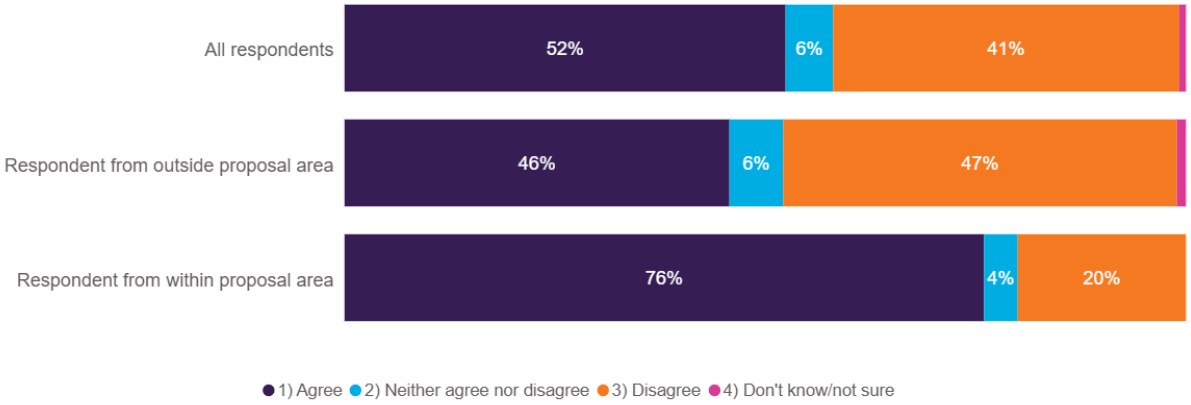
Bases: All respondents – 122; Respondents from outside proposal area – 93; Respondents within proposal area – 25.

Qc. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford should not be altered?



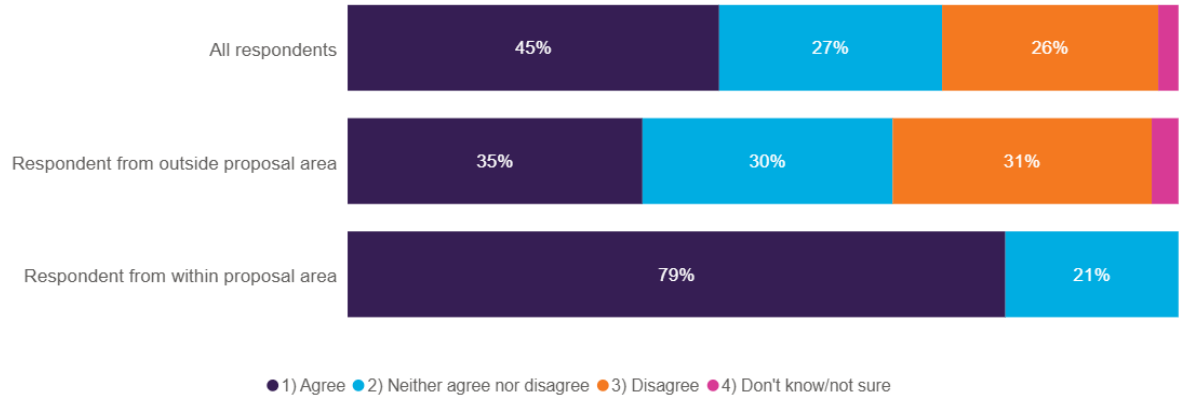
Bases: All respondents – 122; Respondents from outside proposal area – 92; Respondents within proposal area – 25.

Qd. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford should continue to have a parish council?



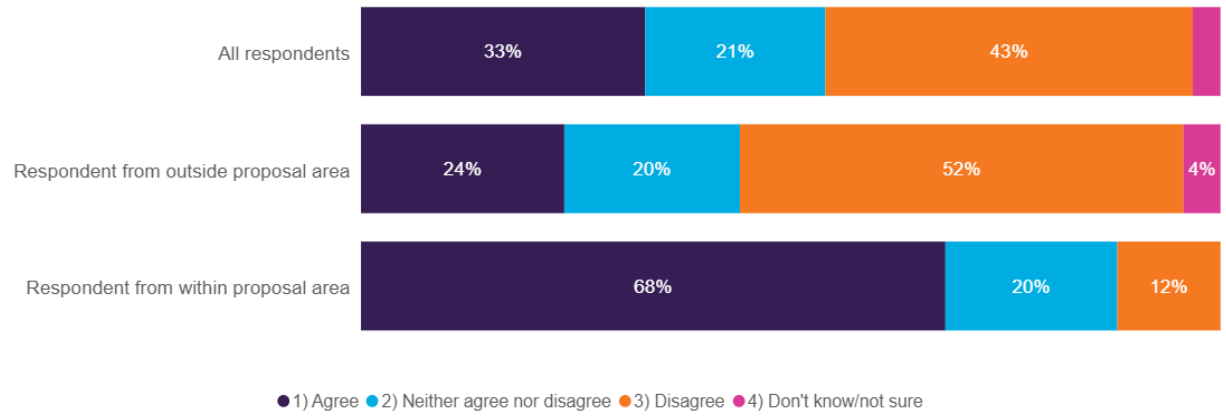
Bases: All respondents – 124; Respondents from outside proposal area – 94; Respondents within proposal area – 25.

Qe. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish council should not be altered?



Bases: All respondents – 123; Respondents from outside proposal area – 93; Respondents within proposal area – 24.

Qf. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish council for Highcliffe and Walkford consist of 11 councillors?



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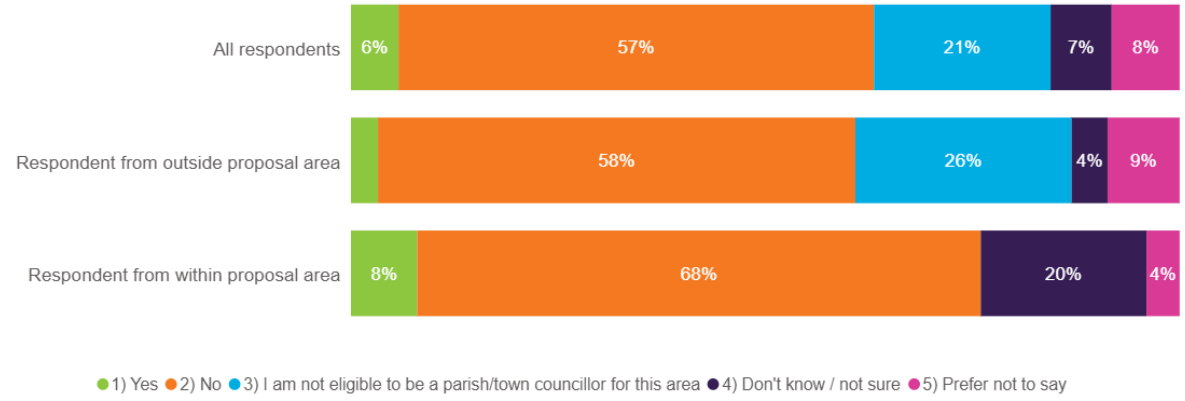
Q. Standing as a councillor in order for a local council to operate it will need to have councillors. We would like to understand the level of potential interest of residents in standing as councillors. Without any obligation, please tell us if you or members of your organisation, would consider standing for election as a local councillor for Highcliffe and Walkford?

Two respondents from the Highcliffe and Walkford area said that they would consider standing as a councillor.

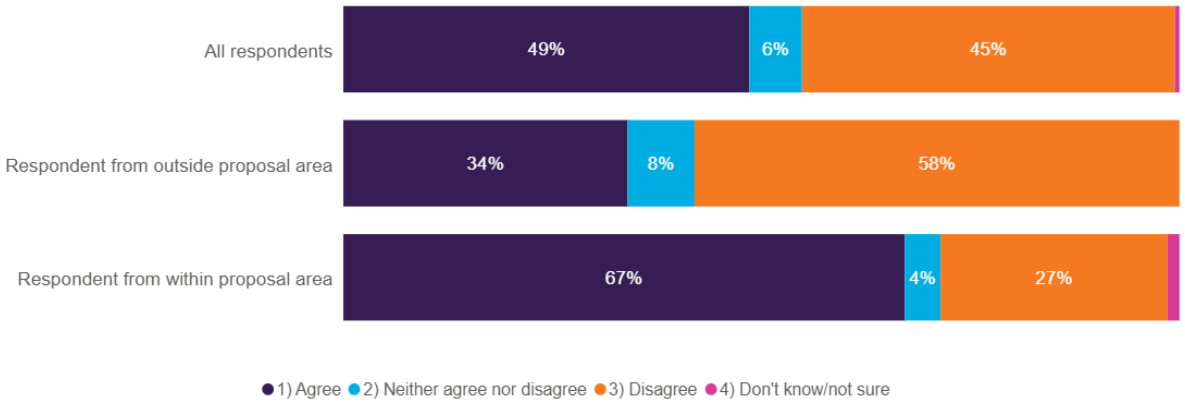


Bases: All respondents – 122; Respondents from outside proposal area – 92; Respondents within proposal area – 25.

10 Christchurch Town

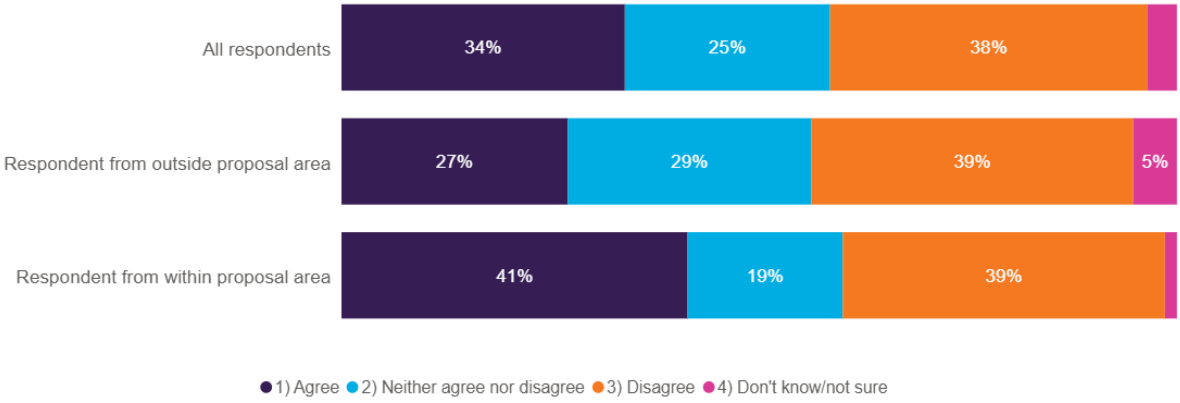
There was a total of 178 responses to this section of the survey.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish of Christchurch Town should not be abolished?



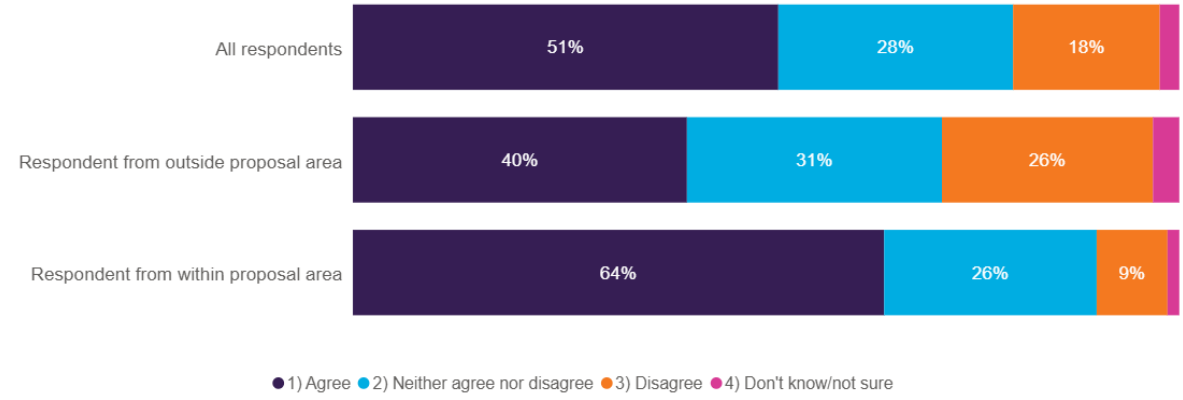
Bases: All respondents – 175; Respondents from outside proposal area – 100; Respondents within proposal area – 70.

Qb. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the boundary of the existing parish of Christchurch be altered as shown on the plans?



Bases: All respondents – 171; Respondents from outside proposal area – 96; Respondents within proposal area – 70.

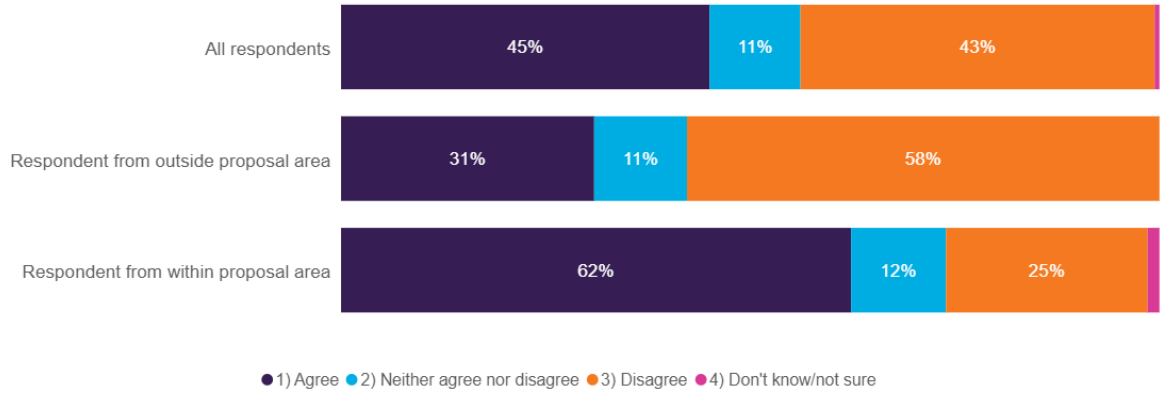
Qc. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish of Christchurch Town should not be altered?



Bases: All respondents – 169; Respondents from outside proposal area – 94; Respondents within proposal area – 70.

Qd. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish should continue to have a parish council in the style of a town council?

All respondents



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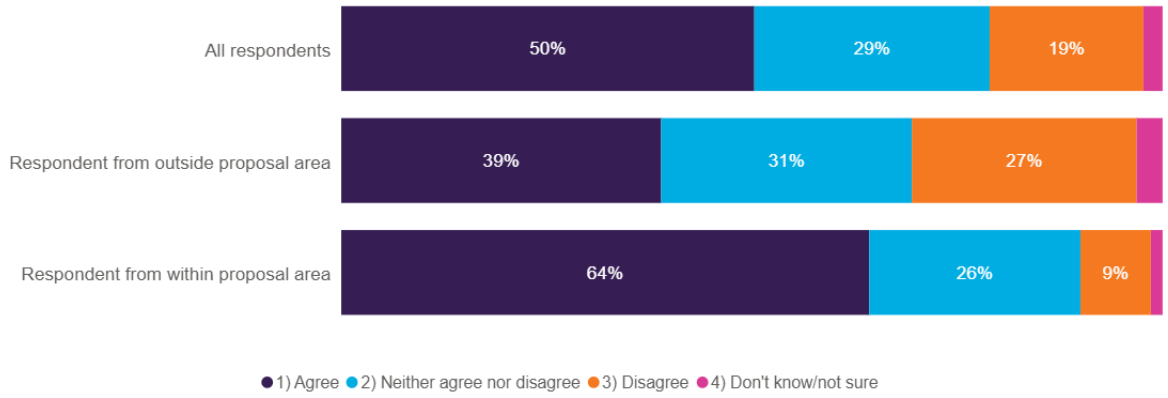
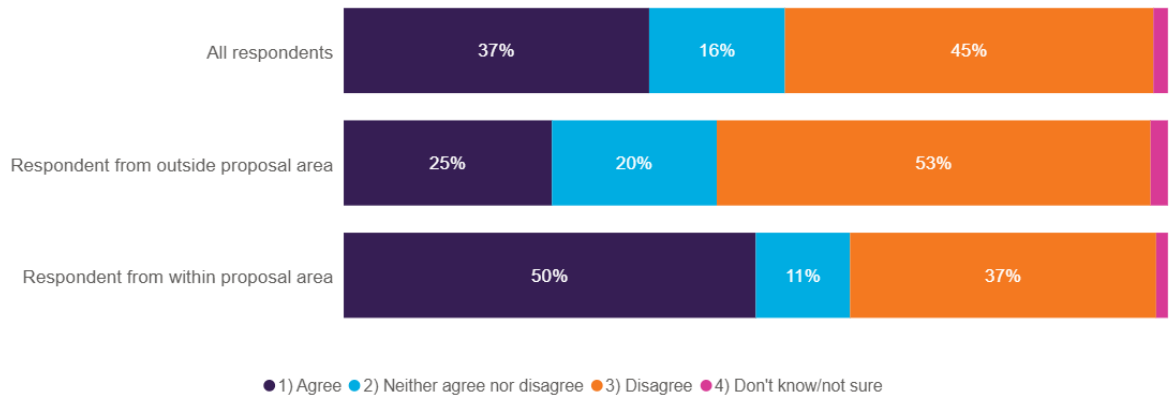
Qe. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the town council should not be altered?



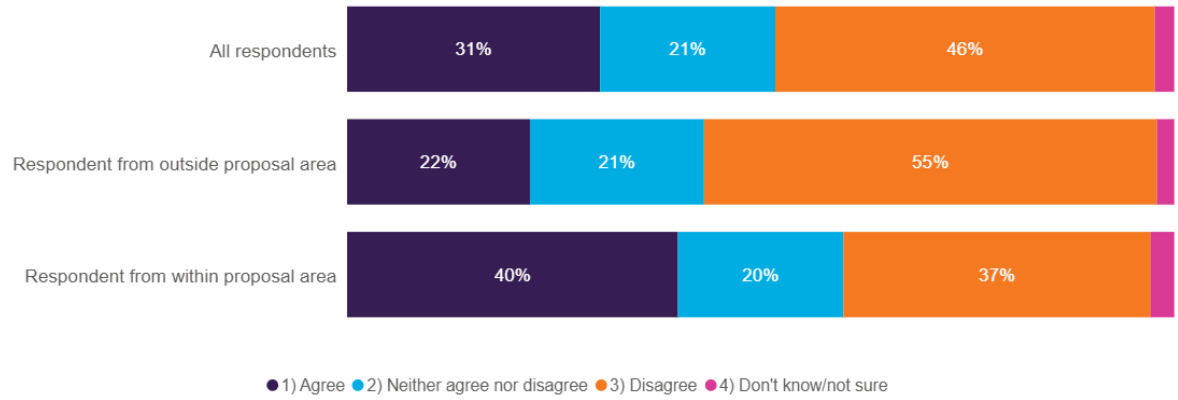
Bases: All respondents – 171; Respondents from outside proposal area – 95; Respondents within proposal area – 70.

Qf To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish of Christchurch Town continue to be divided into 5 parish wards.



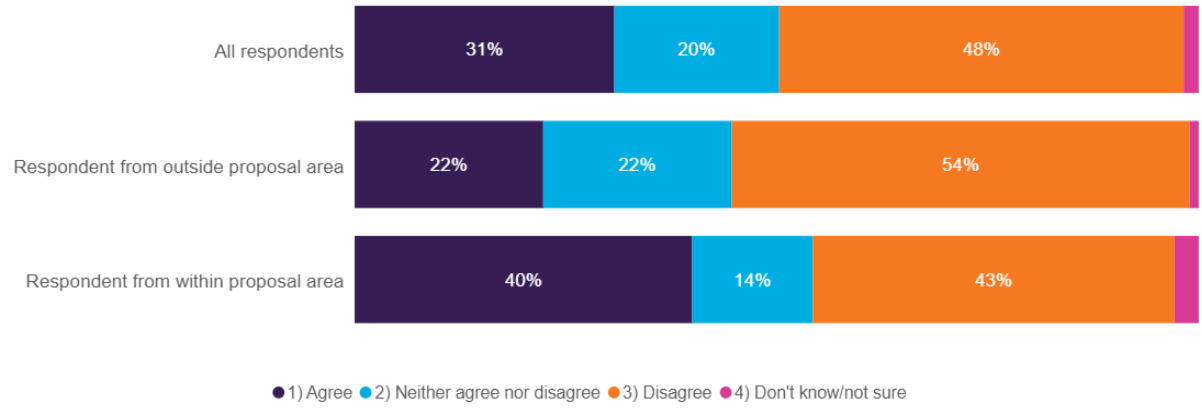
Bases: All respondents – 170; Respondents from outside proposal area – 95; Respondents within proposal area – 70.

Qg. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish council for Christchurch Town shall consist of 19 councillors?



Bases: All respondents – 170; Respondents from outside proposal area – 95; Respondents within proposal area – 70.

QH To what extent do you agree or disagree the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Friars Cliff - 2 councillors; Grange - 3 councillors; Jumpers & St. Catherine's - 6 councillors; Mudeford & Stanpit - 2 councillors; Priory - 6 councillors



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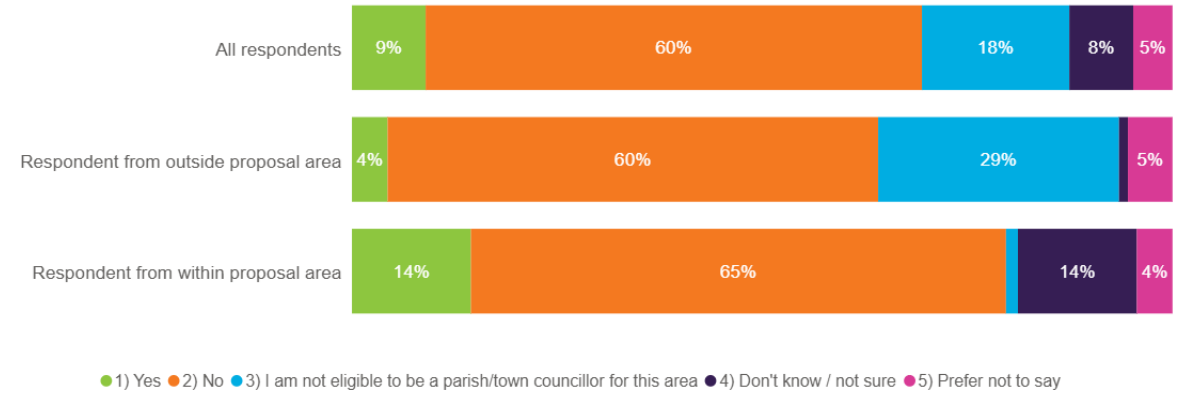
Q. Standing as a councillor. In order for a local council to operate it will need to have councillors. We would like to understand the level of potential interest of residents in standing as councillors. Without any obligation, please tell us if you or members of your organisation, would consider standing for election as a local councillor for Christchurch Town?

Ten respondents who live in the Christchurch Town area said that they would consider standing as a councillor.

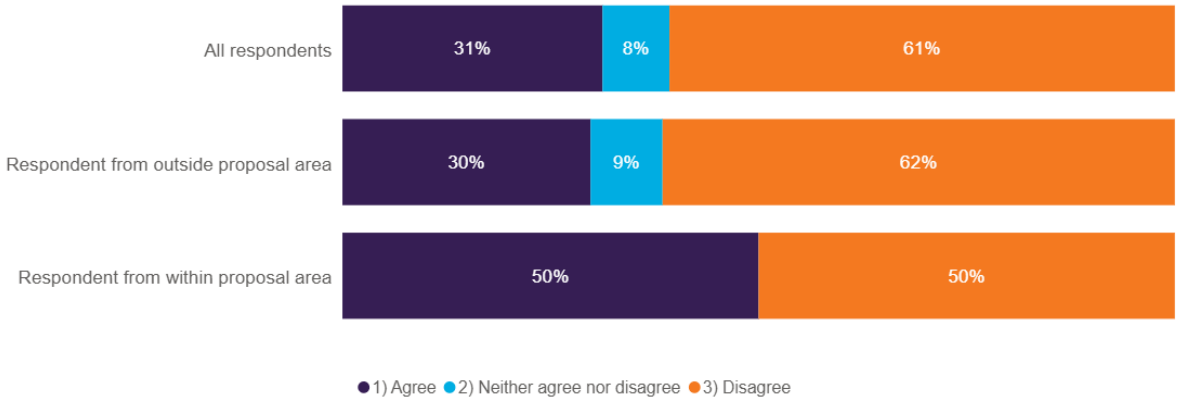


Bases: All respondents – 167; Respondents from outside proposal area – 92; Respondents within proposal area – 69.

11 Throop and Holdenhurst

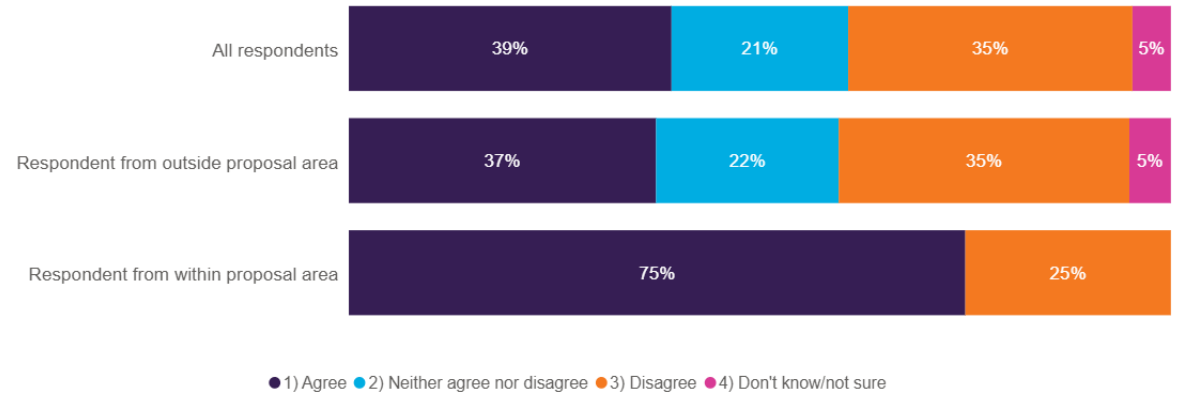
There was a total of 114 responses to this section of the survey. 104 respondents from outside the area responded and 4 respondents who live in the proposal area responded.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Throop and Holdenhurst the parish of Throop and Holdenhurst should not be abolished?



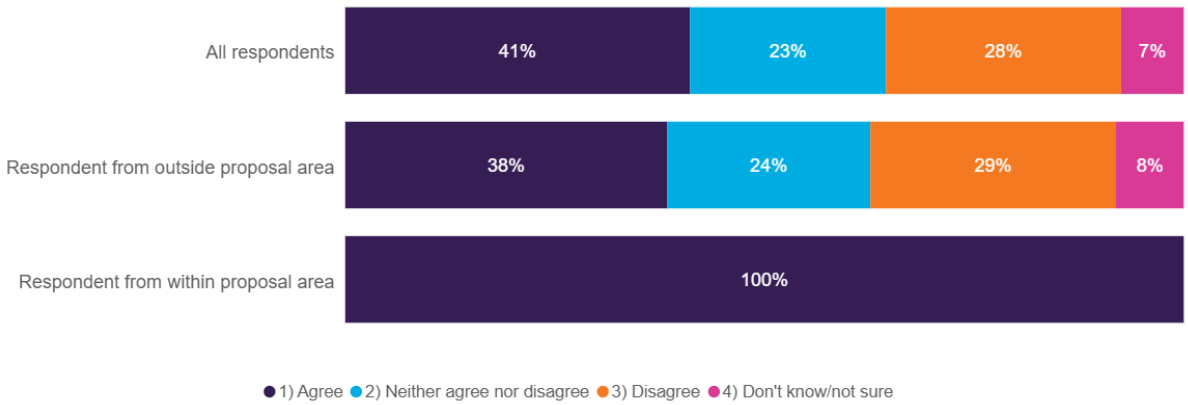
Bases: All respondents – 112; Respondents from outside proposal area – 104; Respondents within proposal area – 4

Qb. To what extent do you agree or disagree that no change be made to the boundary of the existing parish of Throop and Holdenhurst?



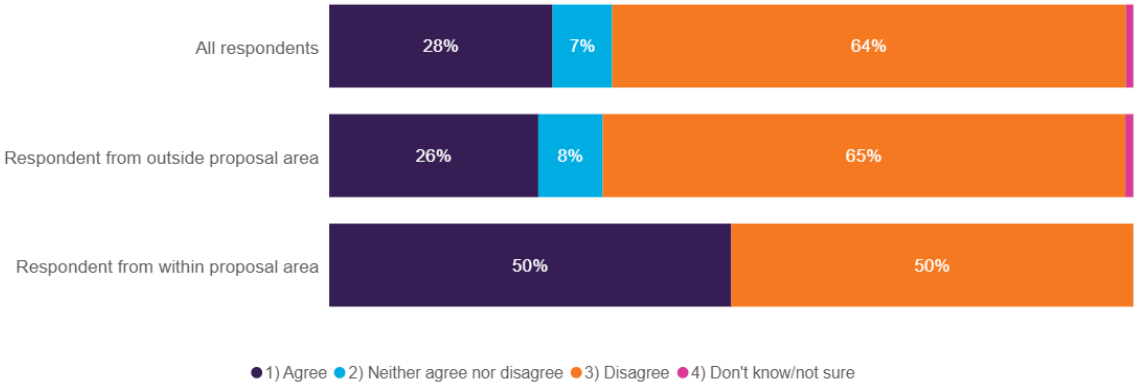
Bases: All respondents – 107; Respondents from outside proposal area – 99; Respondents within proposal area – 4.

Qc. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish of Throop and Holdenhurst should not be altered?



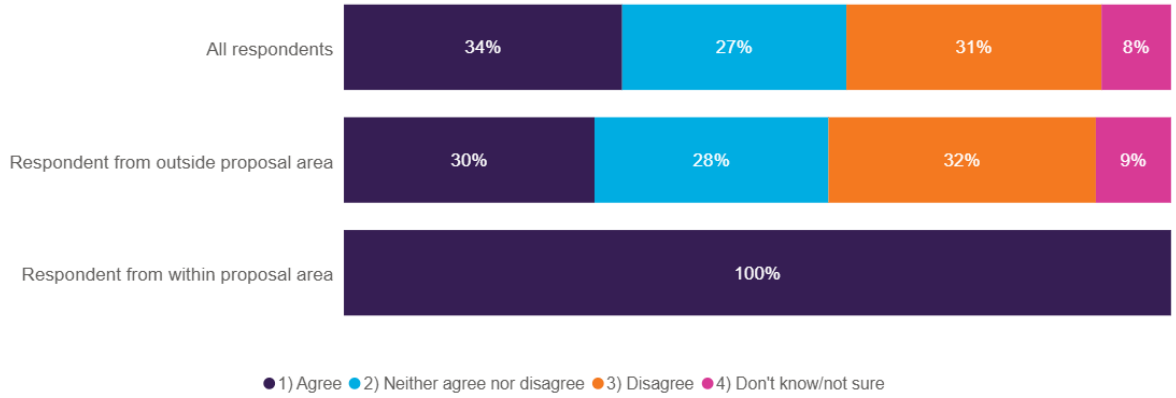
Bases: All respondents – 107; Respondents from outside proposal area – 99; Respondents within proposal area – 4.

Qd. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish should continue to have a parish council?



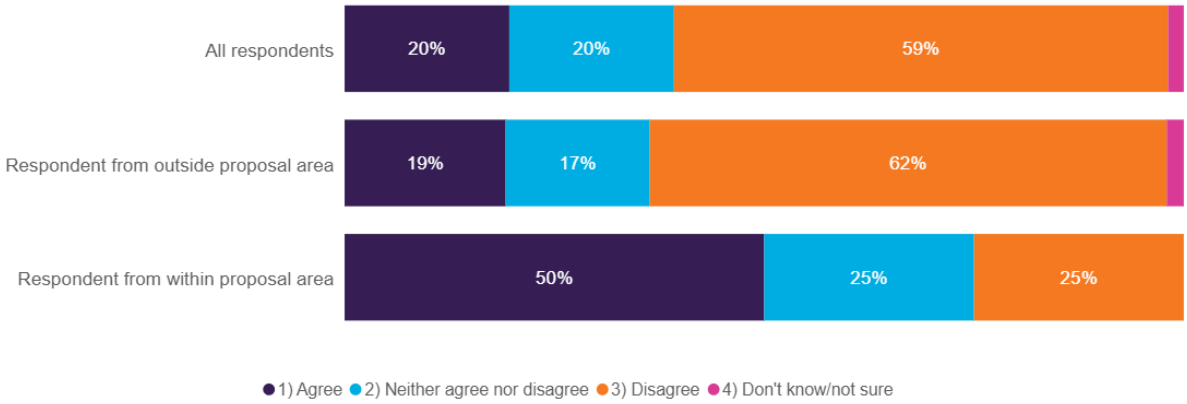
Bases: All respondents – 108; Respondents from outside proposal area – 100; Respondents within proposal area – 4.

Qe. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish council should not be altered?



Bases: All respondents – 107; Respondents from outside proposal area – 99; Respondents within proposal area – 4.

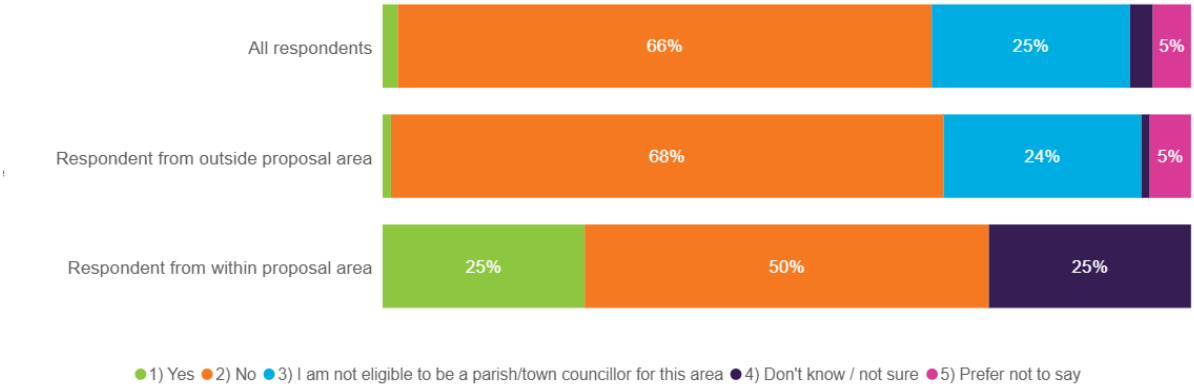
Qf. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish council for Throop and Holdenhurst shall consist of 7 councillors?



Bases: All respondents – 107; Respondents from outside proposal area – 99; Respondents within proposal area – 4.

Q. Standing as a councillor. In order for a local council to operate it will need to have councillors. We would like to understand the level of potential interest of residents in standing as councillors. Without any obligation, please tell us if you or members of your organisation, would consider standing for election as a local councillor for Throop and Holdenhurst?

One person who lives in Throop and Holdenhurst said they would stand as a councillor.

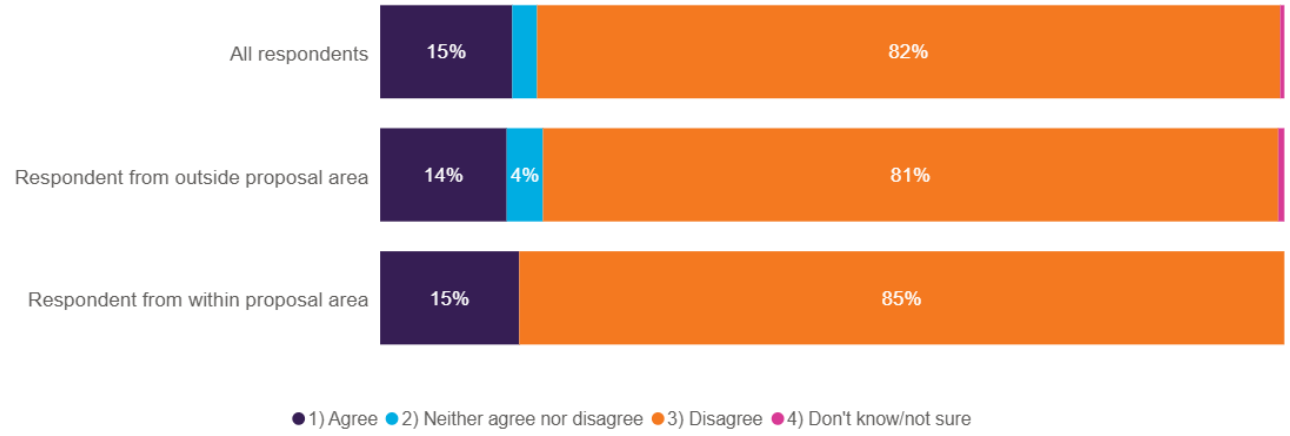


Bases: All respondents – 106; Respondents from outside proposal area – 98; Respondents within proposal area – 4.

12 Boscombe and Pokesdown

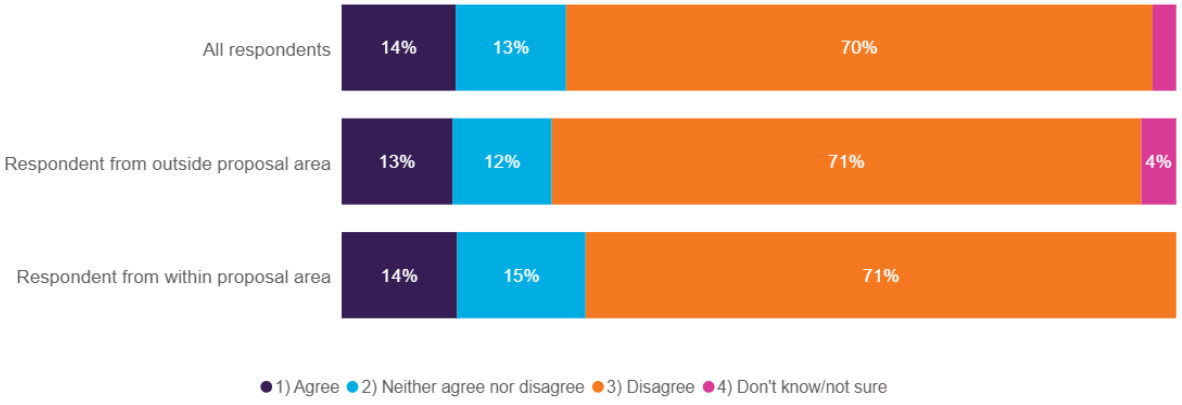
There was a total of 222 responses to this section of the survey.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree a parish of Boscombe and Pokesdown be established?



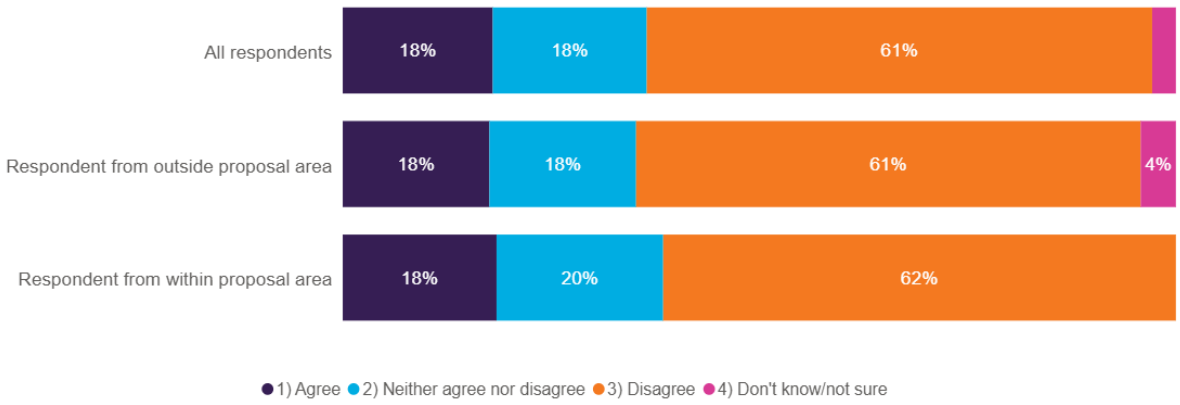
Bases: All respondents – 219; Respondents from outside proposal area – 150; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

Qb To what extent do you agree or disagree the boundary of the parish of Boscombe and Pokesdown be drawn as outlined in red on the map above?



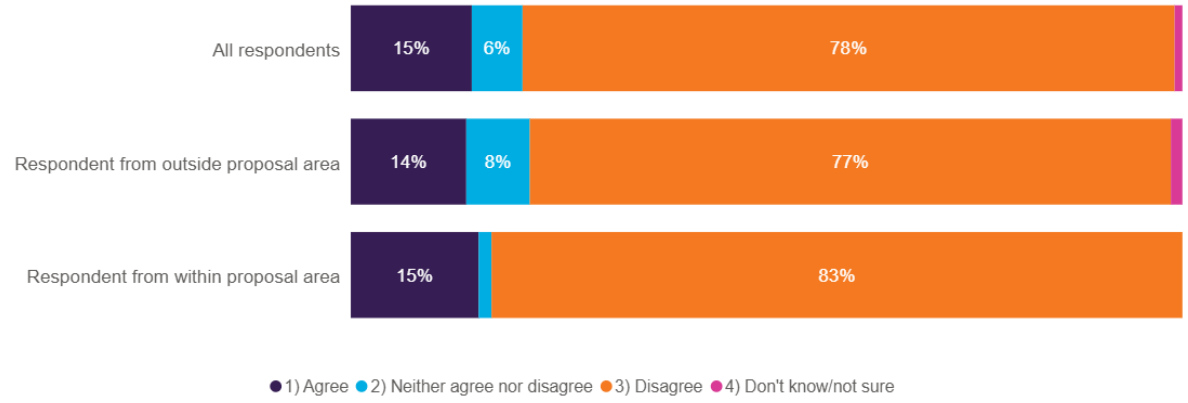
Bases: All respondents – 212; Respondents from outside proposal area – 143; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

Qc To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the established parish be Boscombe and Pokesdown



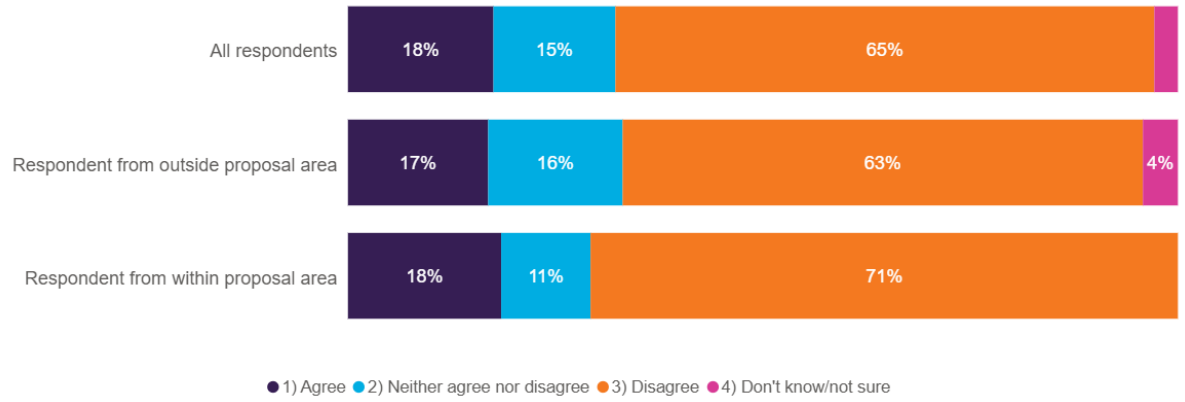
Bases: All respondents – 211; Respondents from outside proposal area – 142; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

Qd To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish should have a parish council in the style of community council



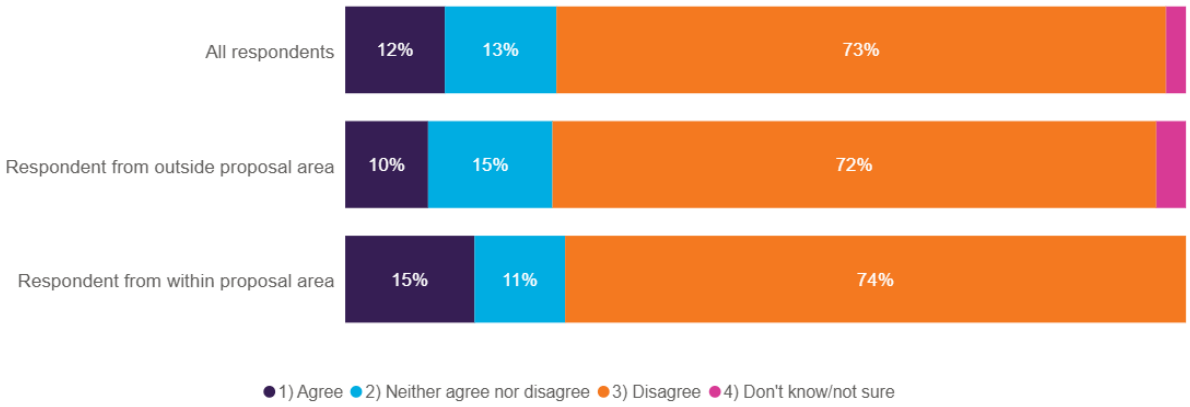
Bases: All respondents – 213; Respondents from outside proposal area – 144; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

Qe To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the community council should be Boscombe and Pokesdown Community Council



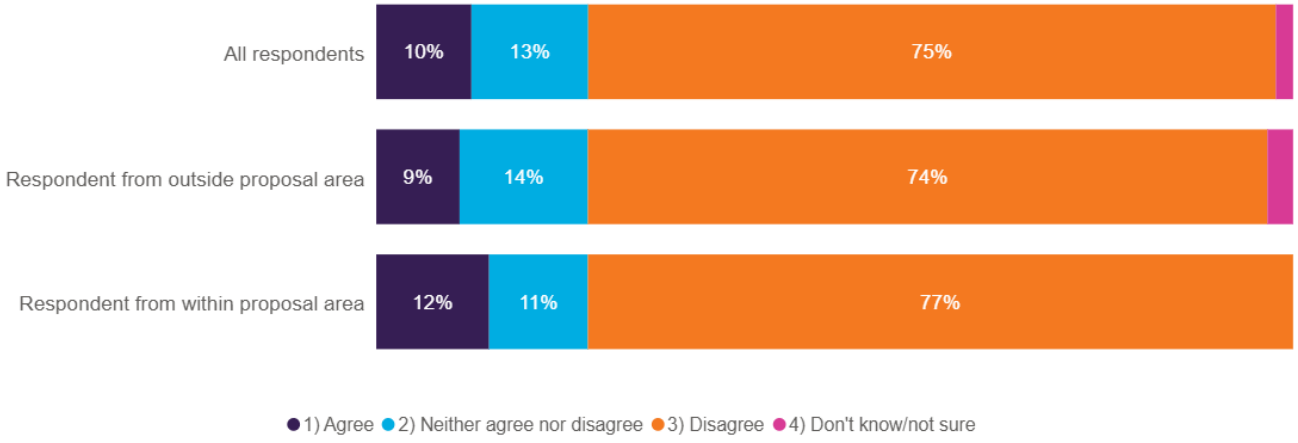
Bases: All respondents – 211; Respondents from outside proposal area – 142; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

Qf To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish of Boscombe & Pokesdown be divided into four parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map above, and named Boscombe Spa & Shelley Manor; St Clements & Boscombe Hospital; Portman Manor & Pokesdown Central; Boscombe North & Pokesdown Hill



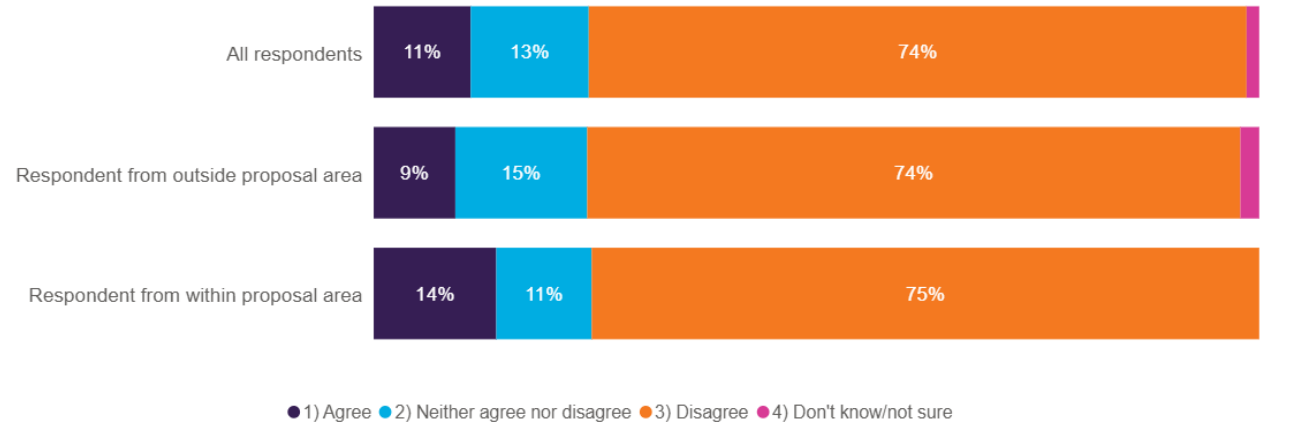
Bases: All respondents – 211; Respondents from outside proposal area – 142; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

Qg To what extent do you agree or disagree the community council shall consist of 14 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 212; Respondents from outside proposal area – 143; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

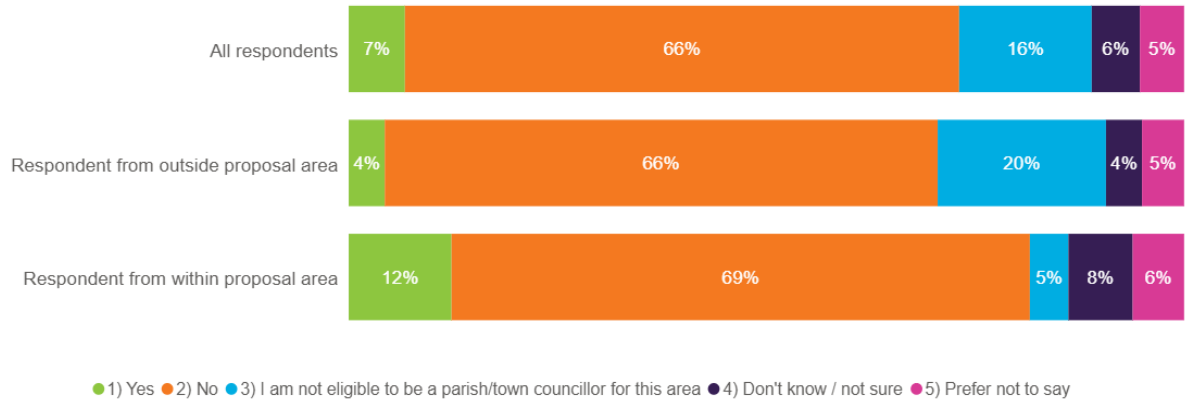
Qh To what extent do you agree or disagree the respective wards be as follows: Boscombe Spa & Shelley Manor – 4 councillors; St Clements & Boscombe Hospital – 3 councillors; Portman Manor & Pokesdown Central – 3 councillors; Boscombe North & Pokesdown Hill – 4 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 210; Respondents from outside proposal area – 141; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

Q. Standing as a councillor. In order for a local council to operate it will need to have councillors. We would like to understand the level of potential interest of residents in standing as councillors. Without any obligation, please tell us if you or members of your organisation, would consider standing for election as a local councillor for Boscombe and Pokesdown?

Eight people who said they lived in the Boscombe and Pokesdown area said that they would consider standing as a councillor.

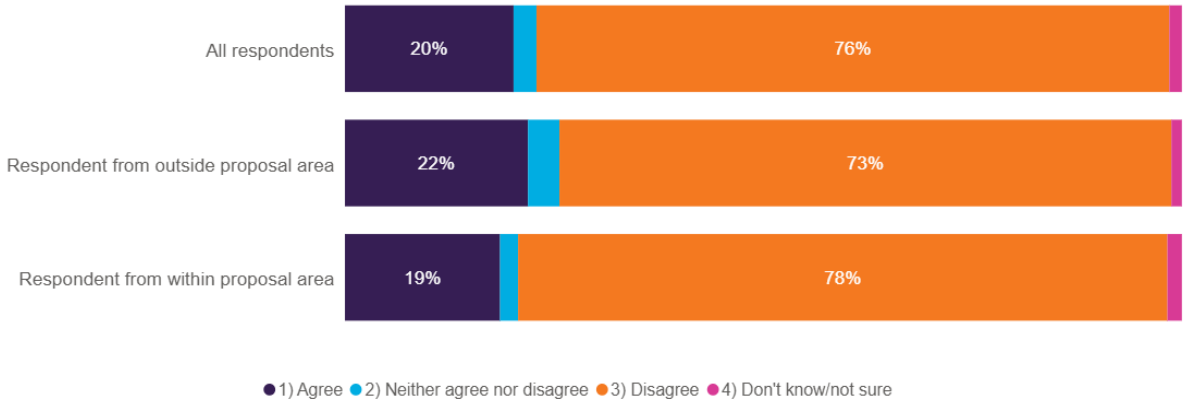


Bases: All respondents – 208; Respondents from outside proposal area – 139; Respondents within proposal area – 65

13 Bournemouth

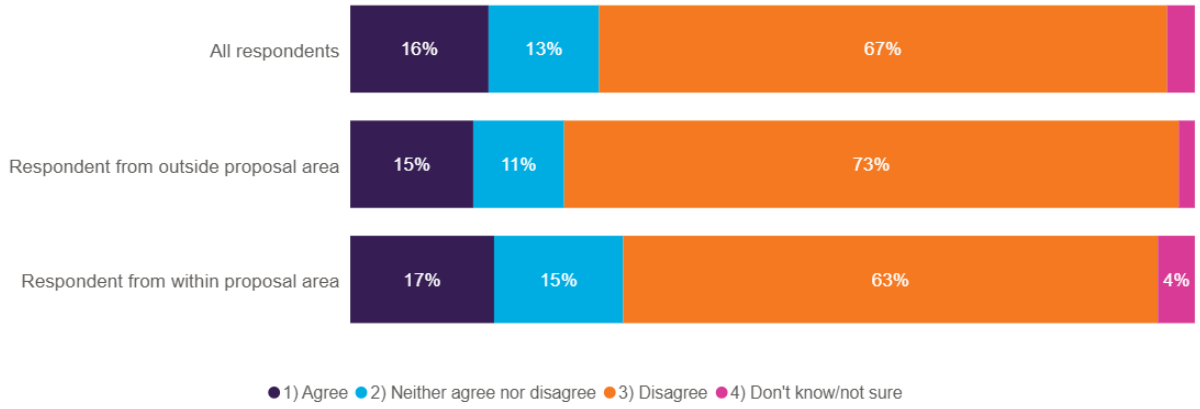
There was a total of 413 responses to this section of the survey.

Qa To what extent do you agree or disagree a parish of Bournemouth be established?



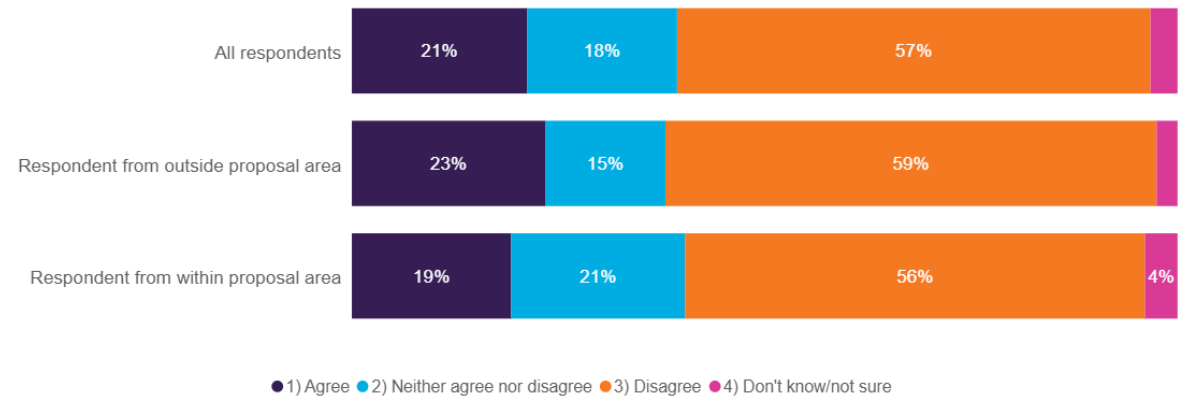
Bases: All respondents – 402; Respondents from outside proposal area – 160; Respondents within proposal area – 232

Qb To what extent do you agree or disagree the boundary of the parish of Bournemouth be drawn as outlined in red on the map above?



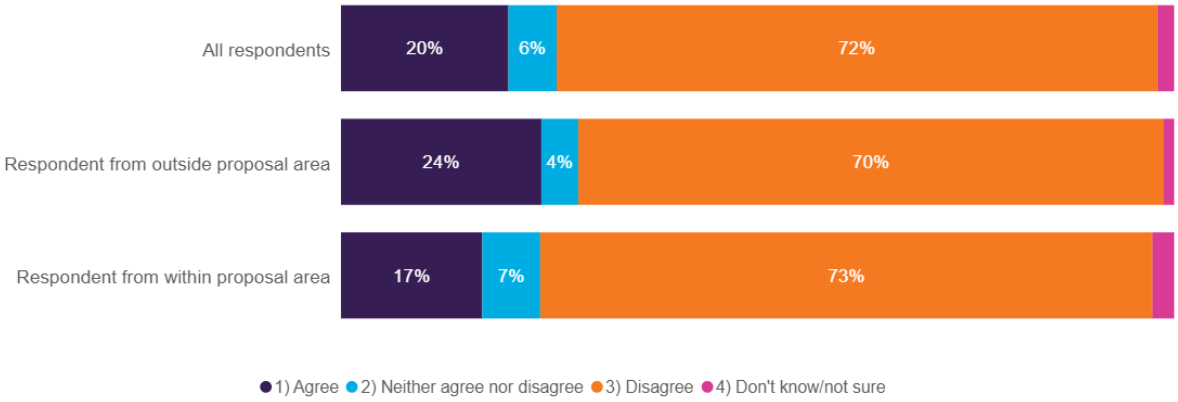
Bases: All respondents – 397; Respondents from outside proposal area – 158; Respondents within proposal area – 229

Qc To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the established parish be Bournemouth



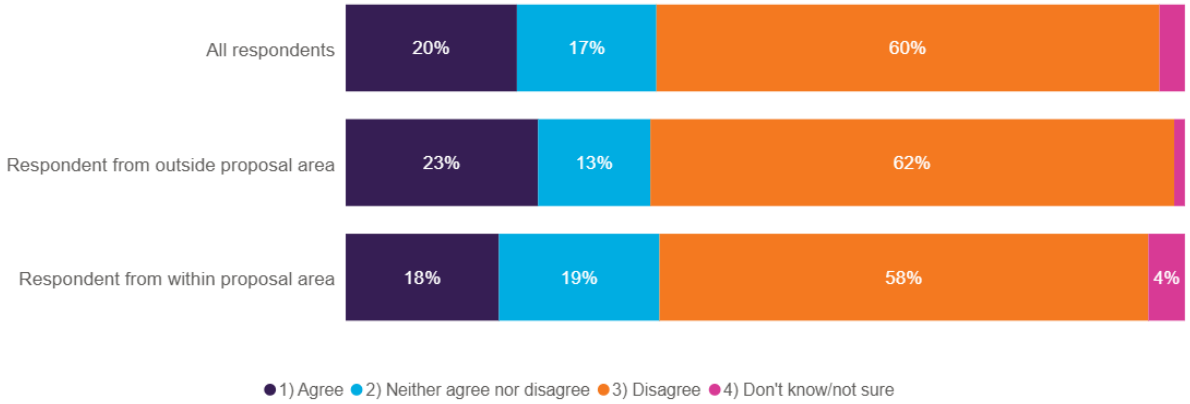
Bases: All respondents – 396; Respondents from outside proposal area – 158; Respondents within proposal area – 228

Qd To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish should have a parish council in the style of town council



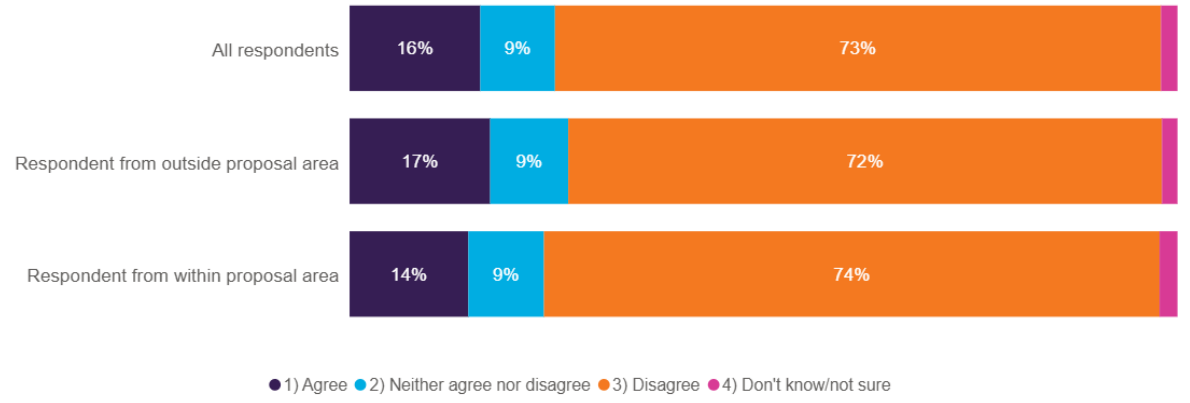
Bases: All respondents – 398; Respondents from outside proposal area – 158; Respondents within proposal area – 230

Qe To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the town council should be Bournemouth Town Council



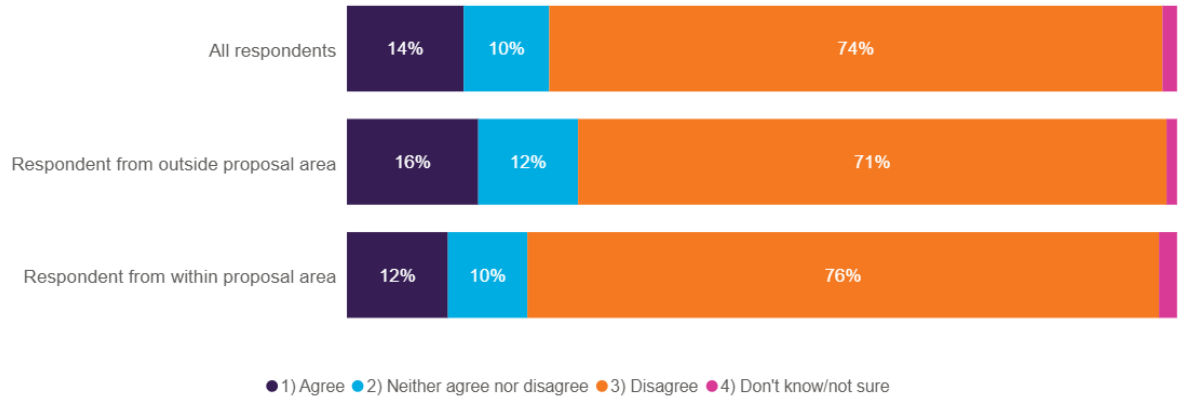
Bases: All respondents – 397; Respondents from outside proposal area – 157; Respondents within proposal area – 230

Qf To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish of Bournemouth be divided into 11 parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map above, and named respectively: Bournemouth Central; East Cliff & Springbourne; Kinson; Littledown & Iford; Moordown; Muscliff & Strouden Park; Queen's Park; Talbot & Branksome Woods; Wallisdown & Winton West; Westbourne & West Cliff; Winton East



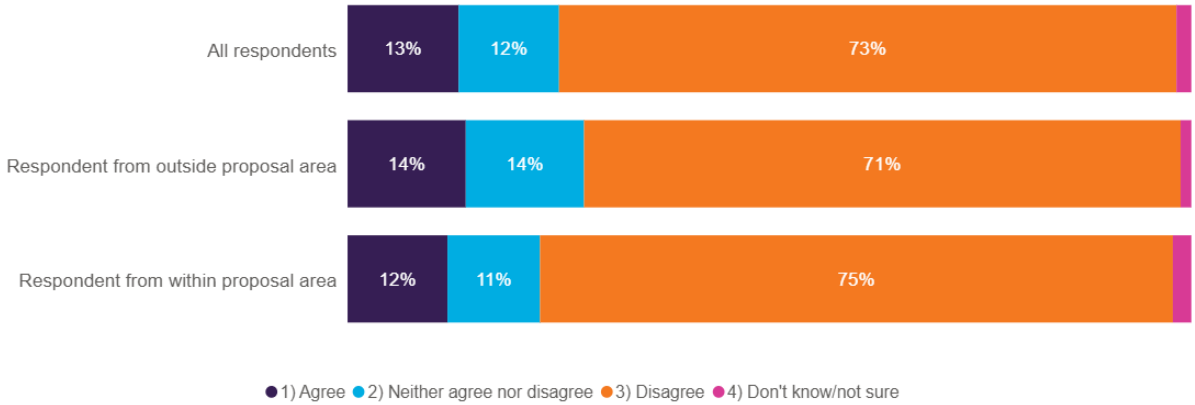
Bases: All respondents – 399; Respondents from outside proposal area – 159; Respondents within proposal area – 230

Qg To what extent do you agree or disagree the town council shall consist of 38 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 398; Respondents from outside proposal area – 158; Respondents within proposal area – 230

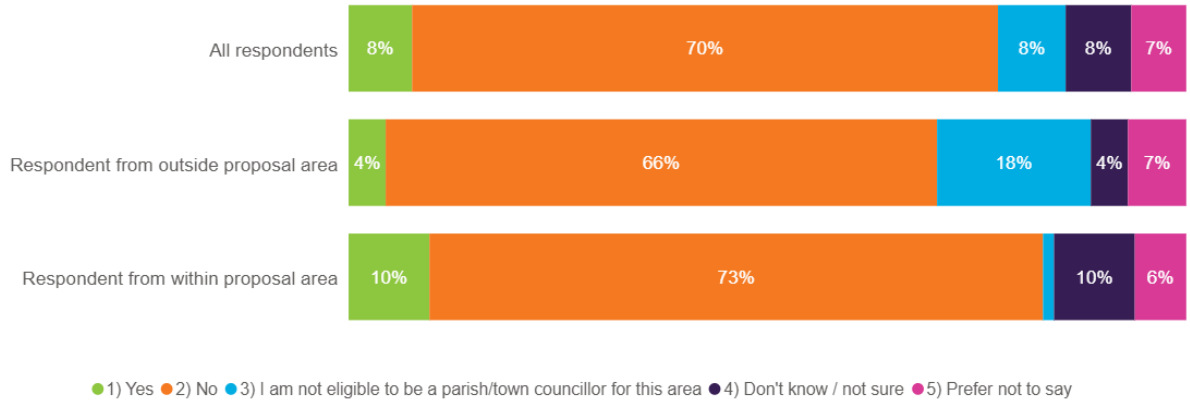
Qh To what extent do you agree or disagree the the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Bournemouth Central – four councillors; East Cliff & Springbourne – four councillors; Kinson – five councillors; Littledown & Iford – three councillors; Moordown – three councillors; Muscliff & Strouden Park – four councillors; Queen's Park – three councillors; Talbot & Branksome Woods – three councillors; Wallisdown & Winton West – three councillors; Westbourne & West Cliff – three councillors



Bases: All respondents – 395; Respondents from outside proposal area – 157; Respondents within proposal area – 228

Q. Standing as a councillor. In order for a local council to operate it will need to have councillors. We would like to understand the level of potential interest of residents in standing as councillors. Without any obligation, please tell us if you or members of your organisation, would consider standing for election as a local councillor for Bournemouth?

22 respondents who live in the proposal area said they would consider standing for election as a local councillor in Bournemouth.

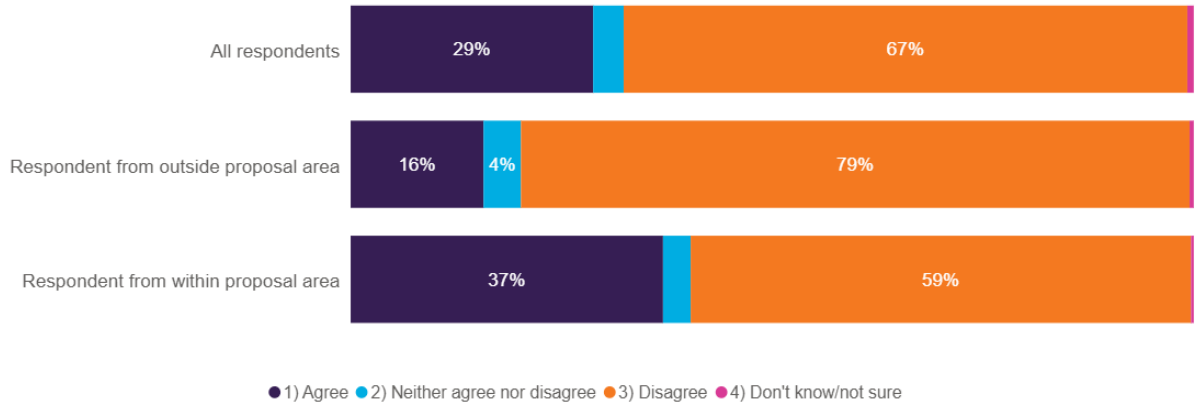


Bases: All respondents – 399; Respondents from outside proposal area – 159; Respondents within proposal area – 230

14 Broadstone

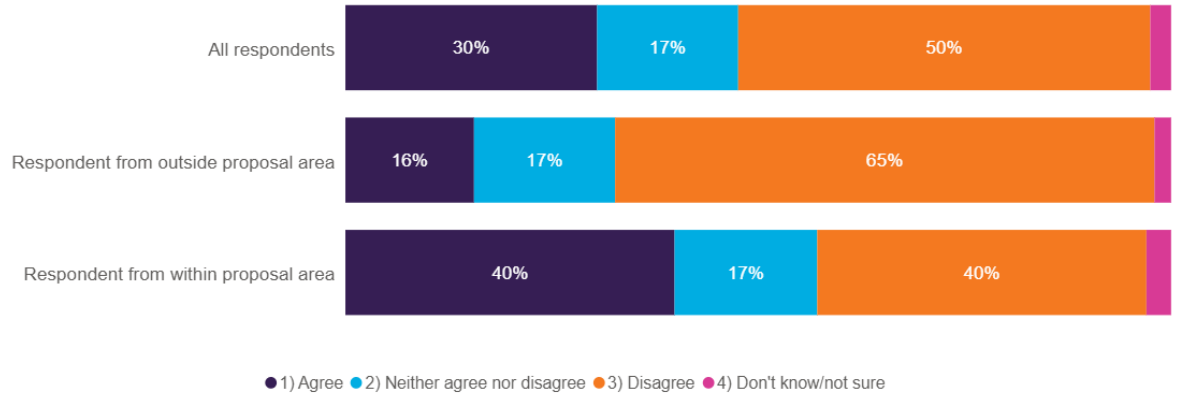
There was a total of 529 responses to this section of the survey.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree a parish of Broadstone be established?



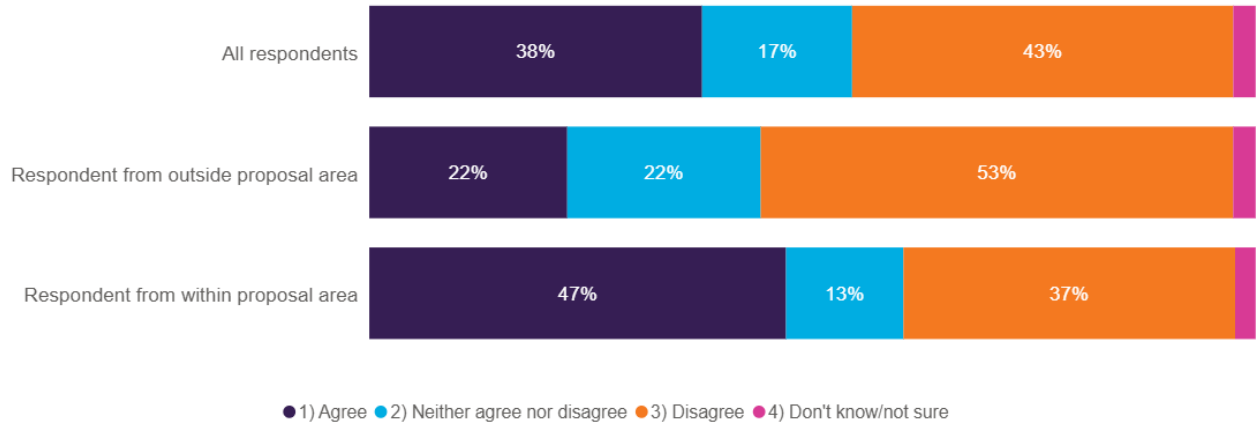
Bases: All respondents – 525; Respondents from outside proposal area – 203; Respondents within proposal area – 305.

Qb To what extent do you agree or disagree the boundary of the parish of Broadstone be drawn as outlined in red on the map above?



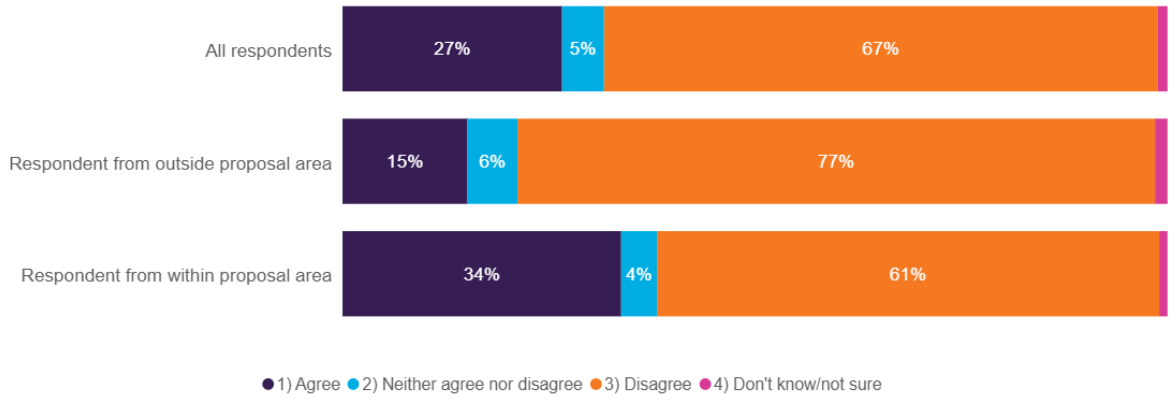
Bases: All respondents – 515; Respondents from outside proposal area – 199; Respondents within proposal area – 301.

Qc To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the established parish be Broadstone



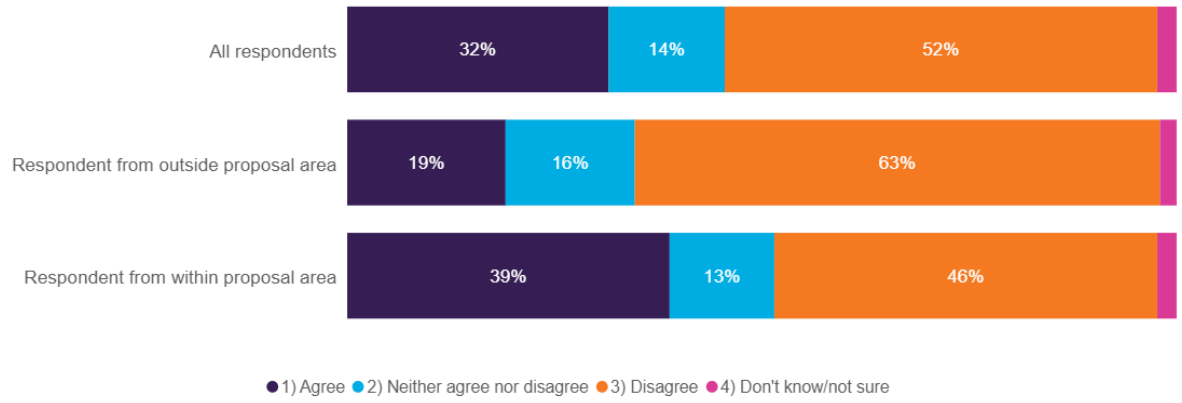
Bases: All respondents – 514; Respondents from outside proposal area – 197; Respondents within proposal area – 302.

Qd To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish should have a parish council in the style of town council



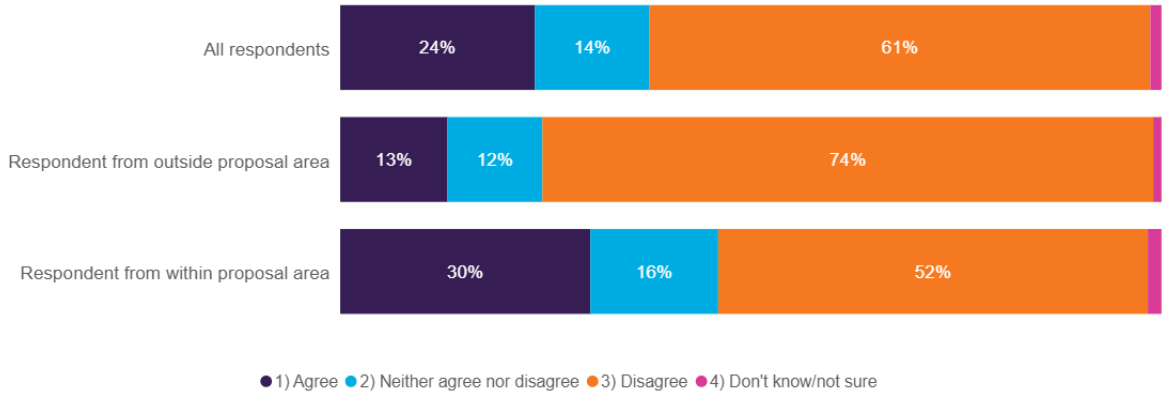
Bases: All respondents – 511; Respondents from outside proposal area – 198; Respondents within proposal area – 299.

Qe To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the town council should be Broadstone Town Council



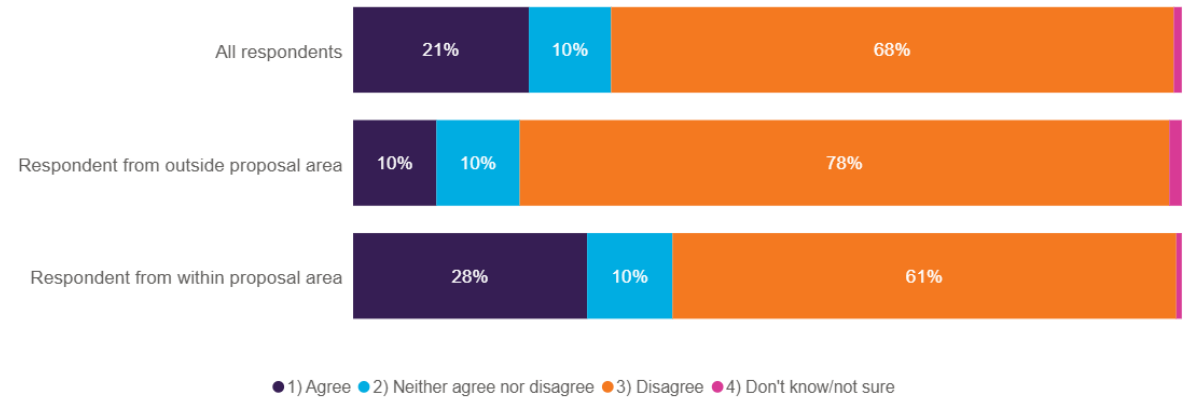
Bases: All respondents – 514; Respondents from outside proposal area – 199; Respondents within proposal area – 301.

Qf To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish of Broadstone be divided into four parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map above, and named respectively: Clump; Golf; Recreation; Spring



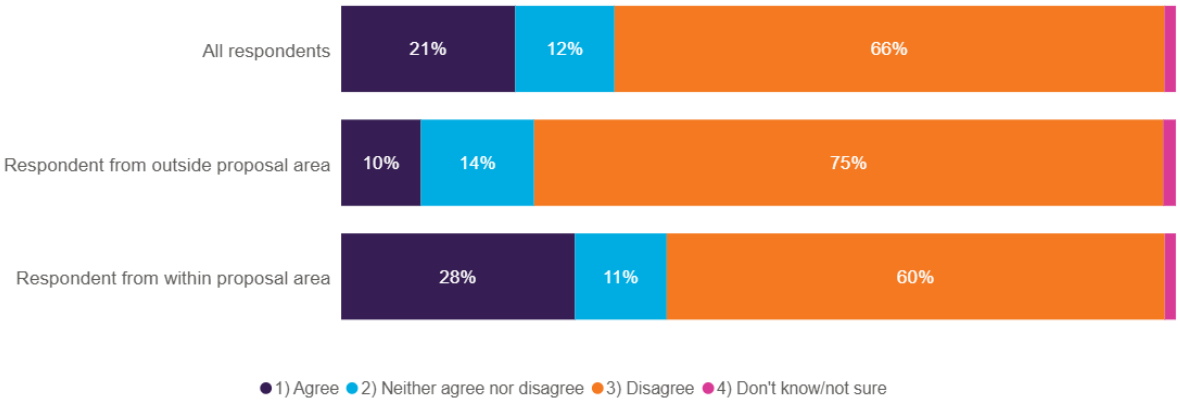
Bases: All respondents – 515; Respondents from outside proposal area – 199; Respondents within proposal area – 302.

Qg To what extent do you agree or disagree the town council shall consist of 14 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 514; Respondents from outside proposal area – 199; Respondents within proposal area – 301.

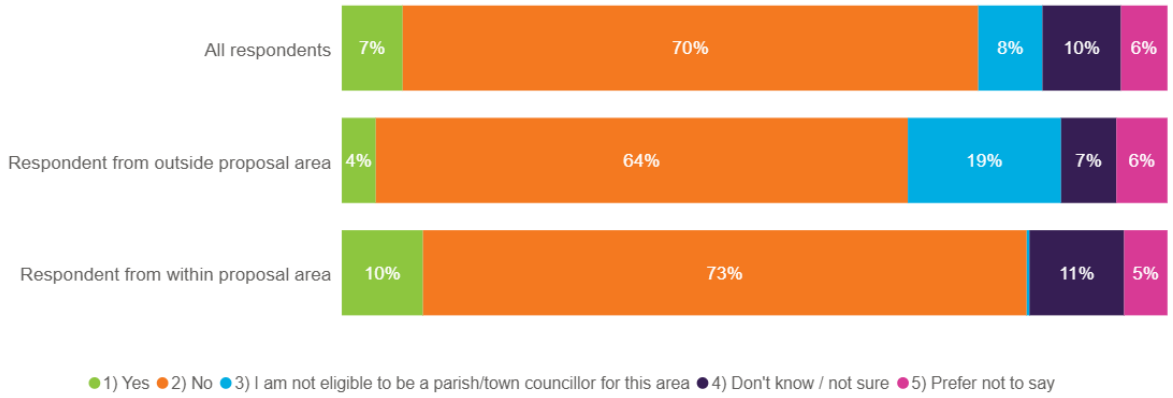
Qh To what extent do you agree or disagree the the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Clump - 4 councillors; Golf - 3 councillors; Recreation - 4 councillors; Spring - 3 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 513; Respondents from outside proposal area – 199; Respondents within proposal area – 300

Q. Standing as a councillor in order for a local council to operate it will need to have councillors. We would like to understand the level of potential interest of residents in standing as councillors. Without any obligation, please tell us if you or members of your organisation, would consider standing for election as a local councillor for Broadstone?

30 respondents who live in the proposal area said they would consider standing for election as a local councillor in Broadstone.

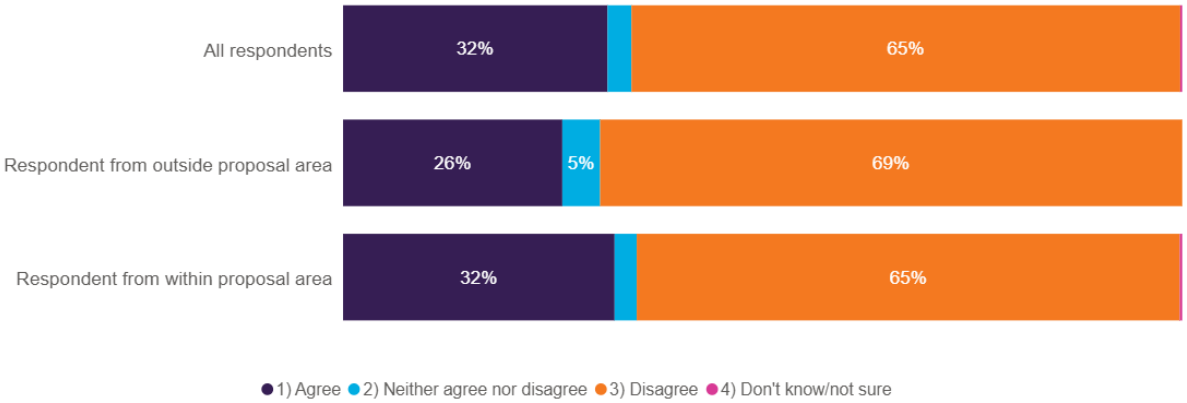


Bases: All respondents – 515; Respondents from outside proposal area – 194; Respondents within proposal area – 305

15 Poole Town

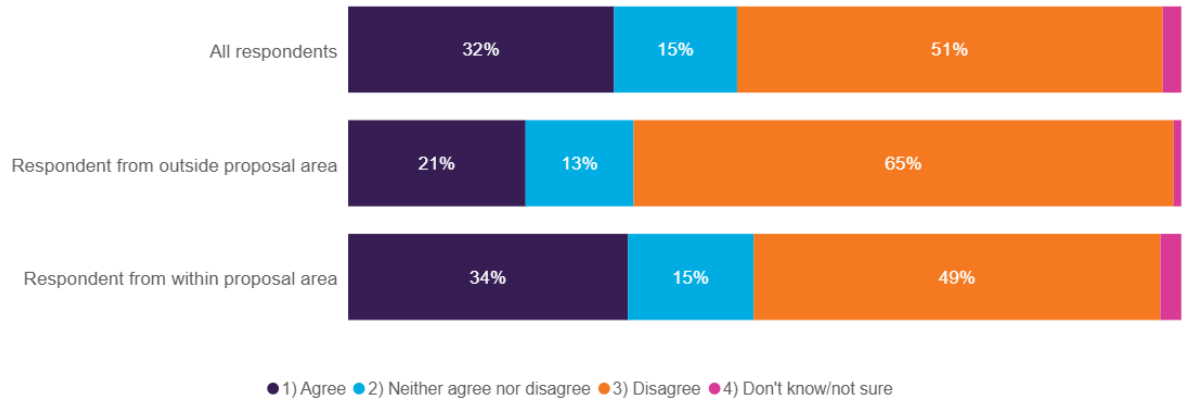
There was a total of 823 responses to this section of the survey.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree a parish of Poole be established?



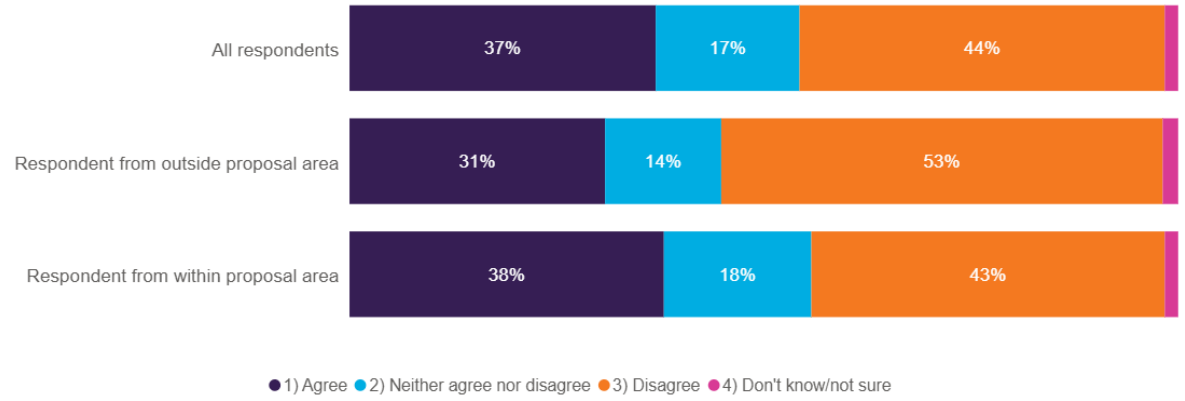
Bases: All respondents – 809; Respondents from outside proposal area – 111; Respondents within proposal area – 683

Qb To what extent do you agree or disagree the boundary of the parish of Poole be drawn as outlined in red on the map above?



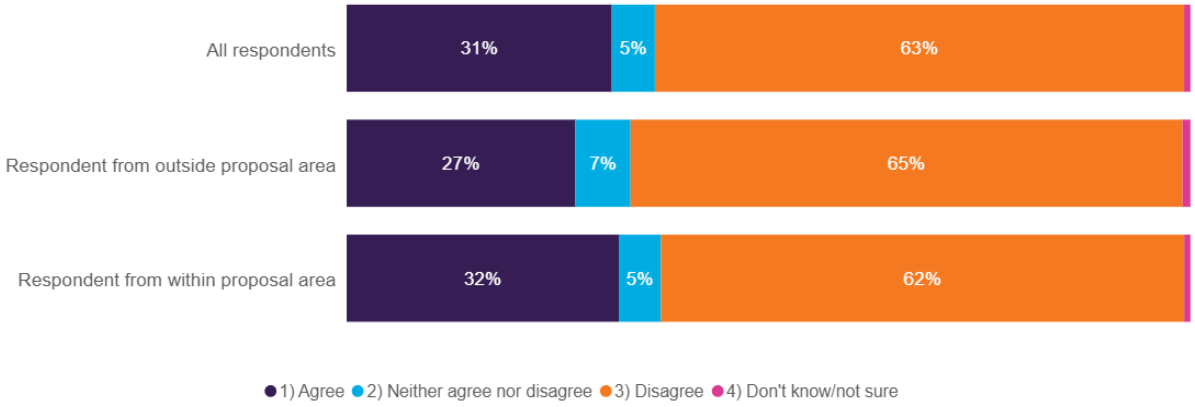
Bases: All respondents – 799; Respondents from outside proposal area – 108; Respondents within proposal area – 676

Qc To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the established parish be Poole



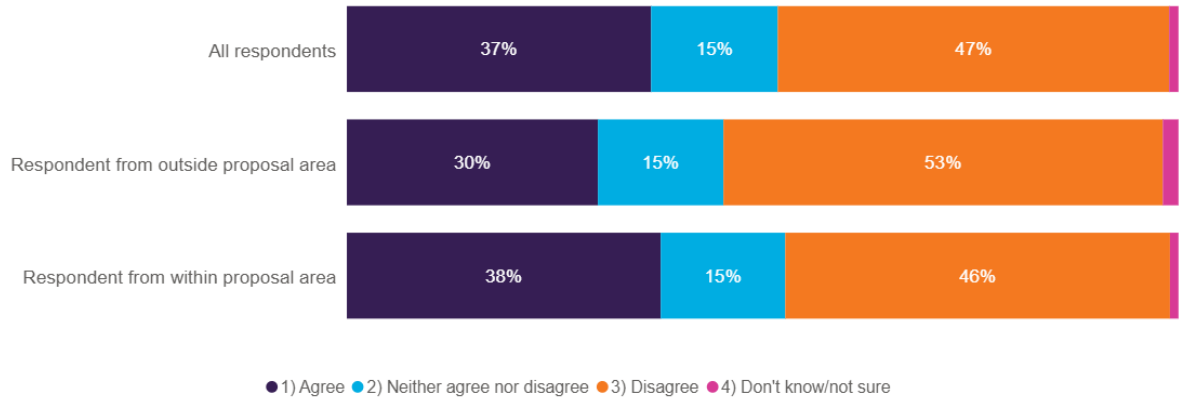
Bases: All respondents – 801; Respondents from outside proposal area – 107; Respondents within proposal area – 680

Qd To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish should have a parish council in the style of town council



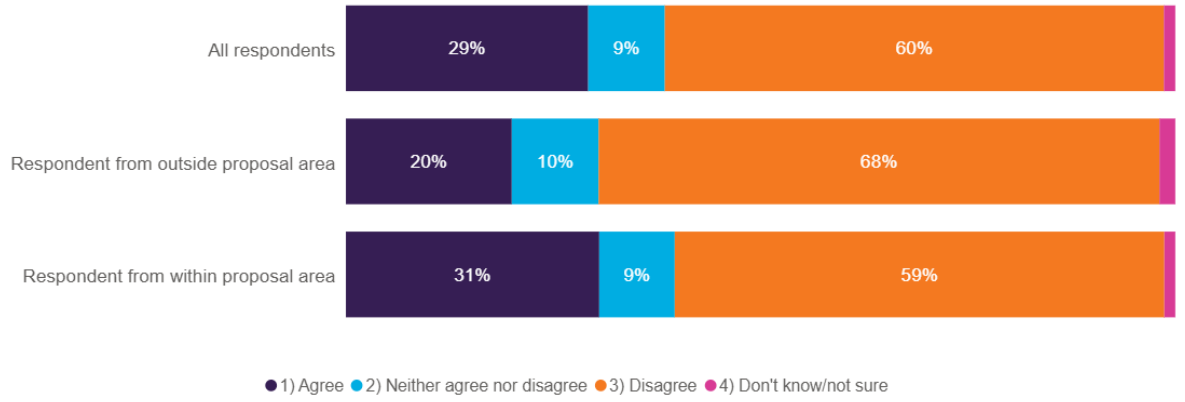
Bases: All respondents – 802; Respondents from outside proposal area – 107; Respondents within proposal area – 682

Qe To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the town council should be Poole Town Council



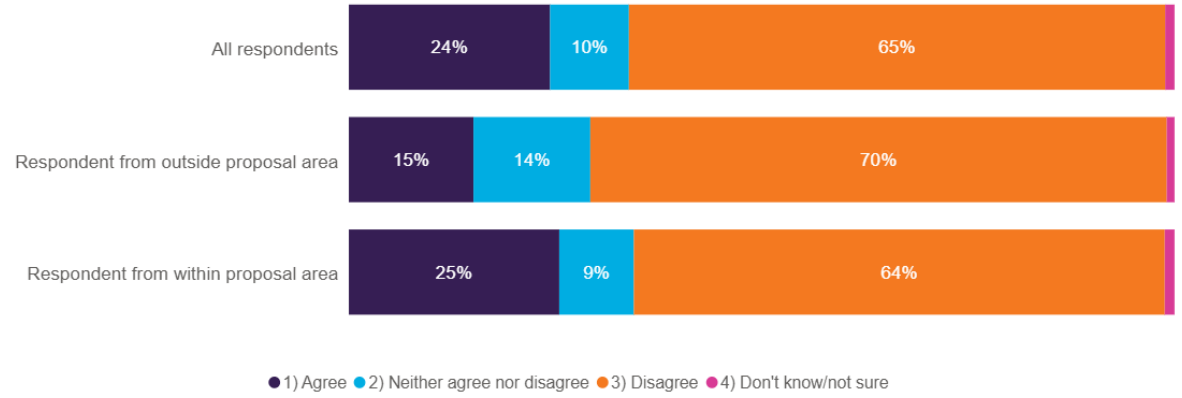
Bases: All respondents – 801; Respondents from outside proposal area – 106; Respondents within proposal area – 681

Qf To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish of Poole be divided into seventeen parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map above, and named respectively: Alderney; Bearwood; Bourne Valley & Branksome East; Branksome West; Canford Cliffs; Canford Heath East; Canford Heath West; Creekmoor; Hamworthy East; Hamworthy West & Turlin Moor; Longfleet & Sterte; Merley; Newtown; Oakdale; Old Town & Baiter; Parkstone; Penn Hill



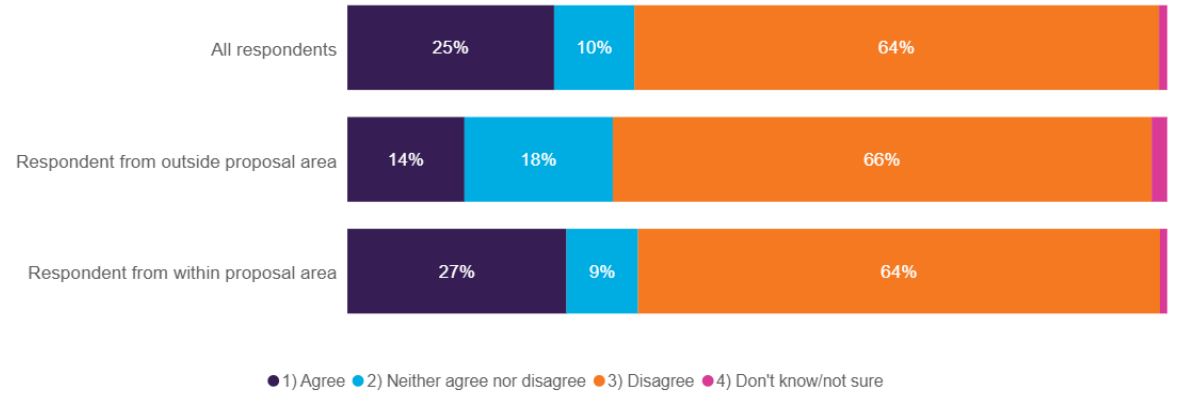
Bases: All respondents – 801; Respondents from outside proposal area – 105; Respondents within proposal area – 681

Qg To what extent do you agree or disagree the town council shall consist of 42 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 797; Respondents from outside proposal area – 105; Respondents within proposal area – 677

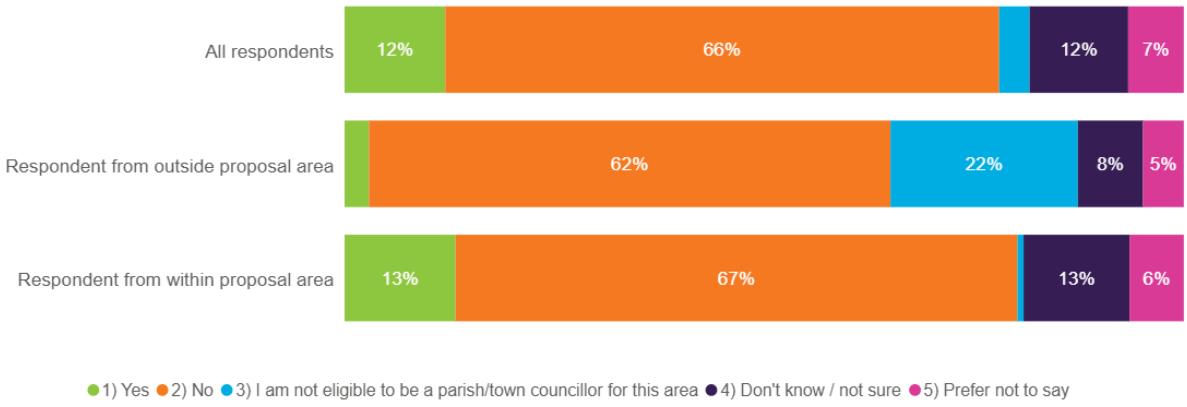
Qh To what extent do you agree or disagree the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Alderney – 2 councillors; Bearwood – 2 councillors; Bourne Valley & Branksome East – 3 councillors; Branksome West – 3 councillors; Canford Cliffs – 3 councillors; Canford Heath East – 2 councillors; Canford Heath West – 2 councillors; Creekmoor – 3 councillors; Hamworthy East – 2 councillors; Hamworthy West & Turlin Moor – 2 councillors; Longfleet & Sterte – 2 councillors;,Merley – 2 councillors; Newtown – 3 councillors; Oakdale – 3 councillors; Old Town & Baiter – 2 councillors; Parkstone – 3 councillors; Penn Hill – 3 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 797; Respondents from outside proposal area – 105; Respondents within proposal area – 677

Q. Standing as a councillor. In order for a local council to operate it will need to have councillors. We would like to understand the level of potential interest of residents in standing as councillors. Without any obligation, please tell us if you or members of your organisation, would consider standing for election as a local councillor for Poole?

90 respondents who live in the proposal area said they would consider standing for election as a local councillor for Poole Town.

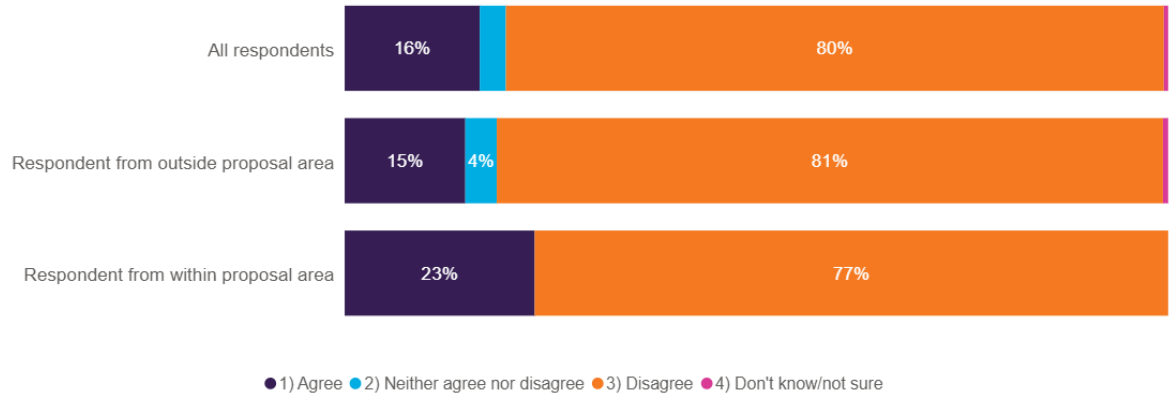


Bases: All respondents – 800; Respondents from outside proposal area – 103; Respondents within proposal area – 681

16 Redhill and Northbourne

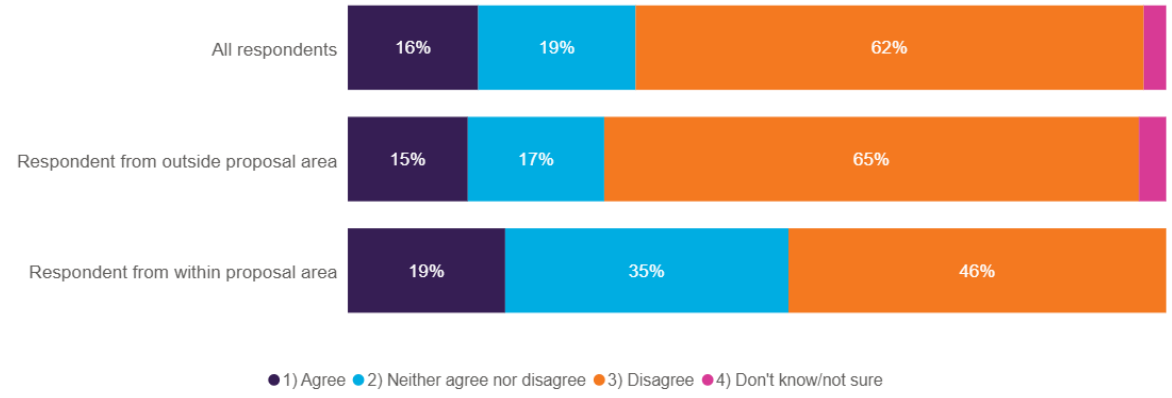
There was a total of 192 responses to this section of the survey.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree a parish of Redhill and Northbourne be established?



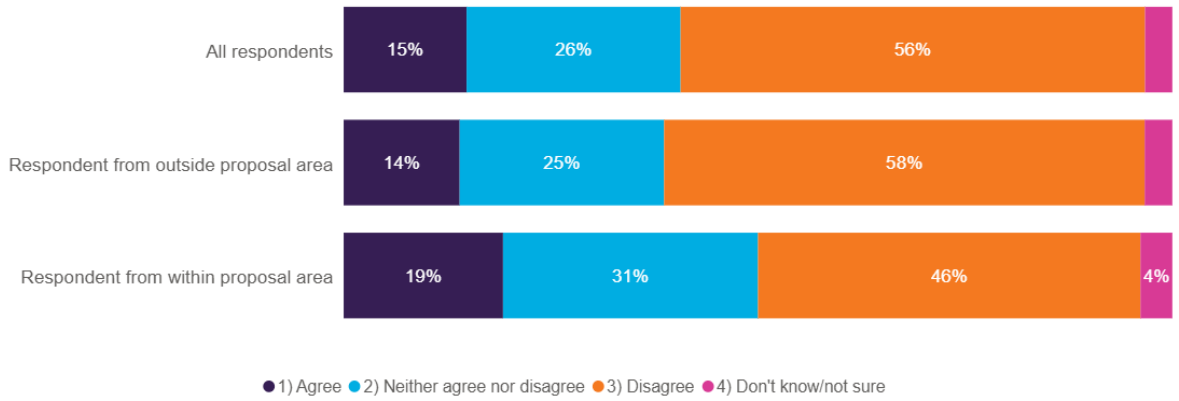
Bases: All respondents – 189; Respondents from outside proposal area – 157; Respondents within proposal area – 26

Qb To what extent do you agree or disagree the boundary of the parish of Redhill and Northbourne be drawn as outlined in red on the map above?



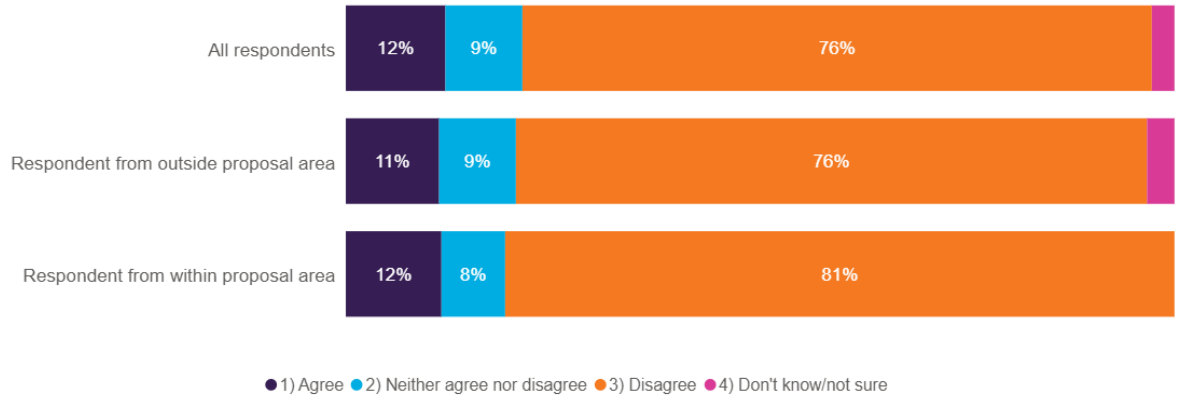
Bases: All respondents – 182; Respondents from outside proposal area – 150; Respondents within proposal area – 26

Qc To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the established parish be Redhill and Northbourne



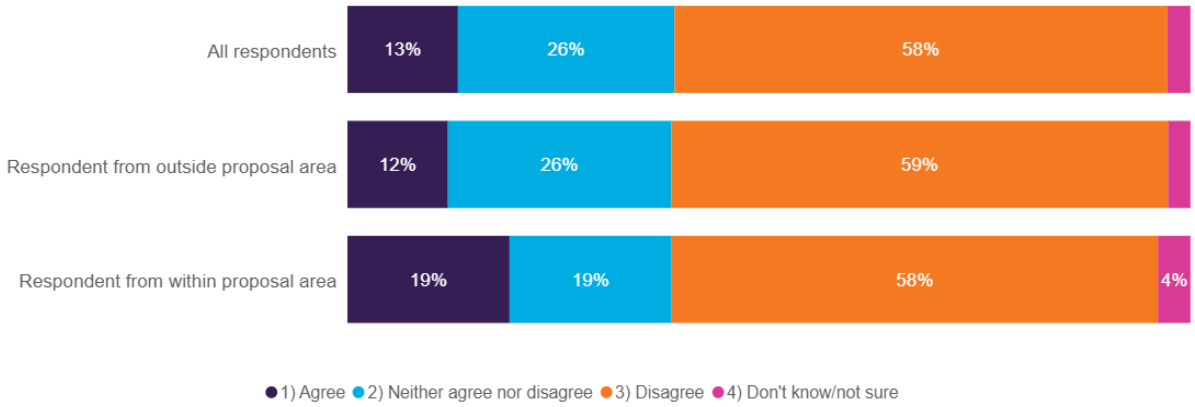
Bases: All respondents – 182; Respondents from outside proposal area – 150; Respondents within proposal area – 26

Qd To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish should have a parish council in the style of community council



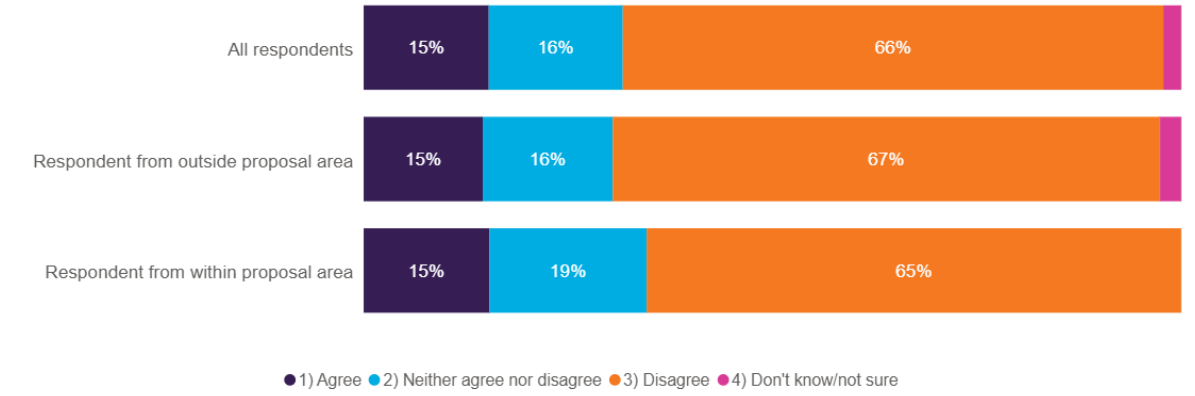
Bases: All respondents – 183; Respondents from outside proposal area – 151; Respondents within proposal area – 26

Qe To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the community council should be Redhill and Northbourne Community Council



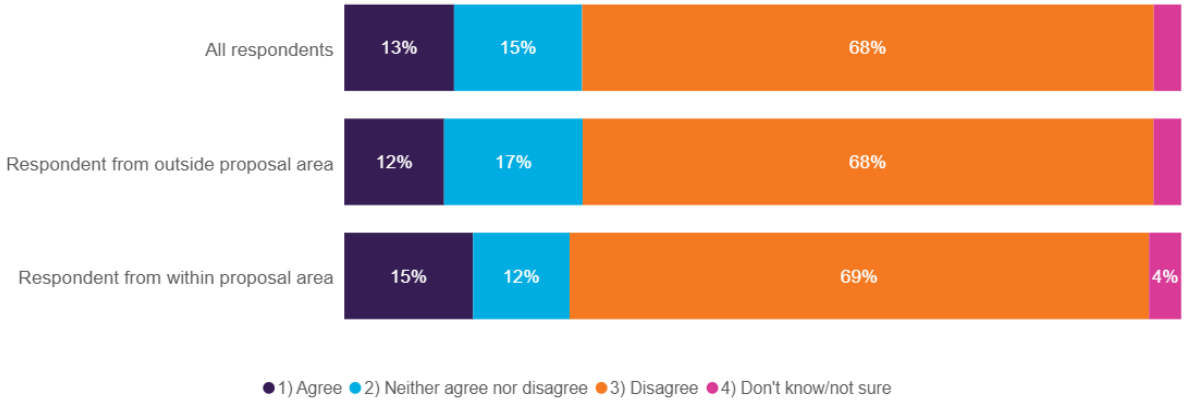
Bases: All respondents – 183; Respondents from outside proposal area – 151; Respondents within proposal area – 26

Qf To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish of Redhill and Northbourne be divided into three parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map above, and named respectively: Ensbury Park; Northbourne; Redhill Park



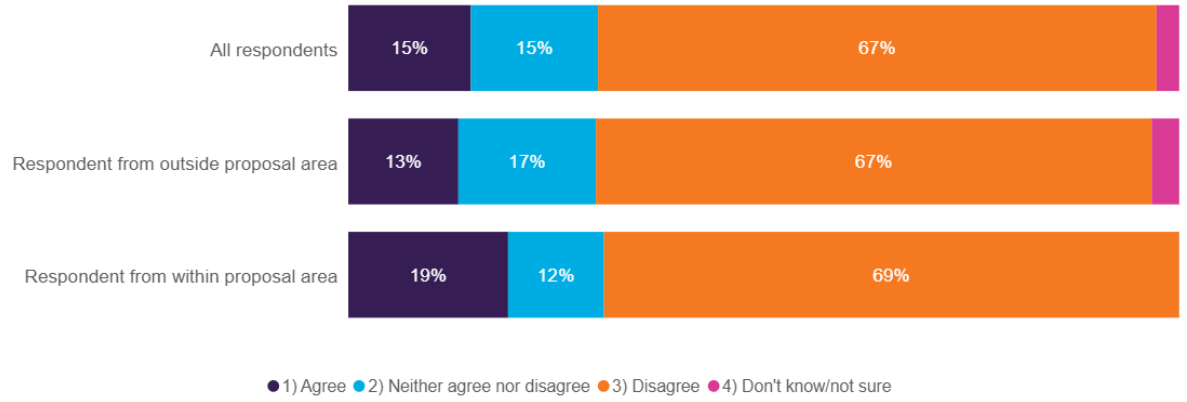
Bases: All respondents – 183; Respondents from outside proposal area – 151; Respondents within proposal area – 26

Qg To what extent do you agree or disagree the town council shall consist of 9 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 183; Respondents from outside proposal area – 151; Respondents within proposal area – 26

Qh To what extent do you agree or disagree the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Ensbury Park - 3 councillors; Northbourne - 3 councillors; Redhill Park - 3 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 183; Respondents from outside proposal area – 151; Respondents within proposal area – 26

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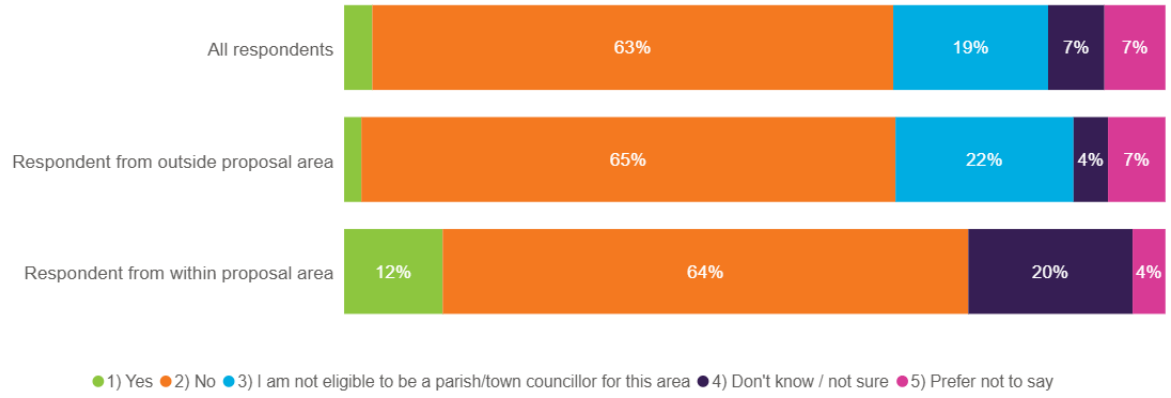
Three respondents who live in the proposal area said they would consider standing for election as a local councillor in Redhill and Northbourne.

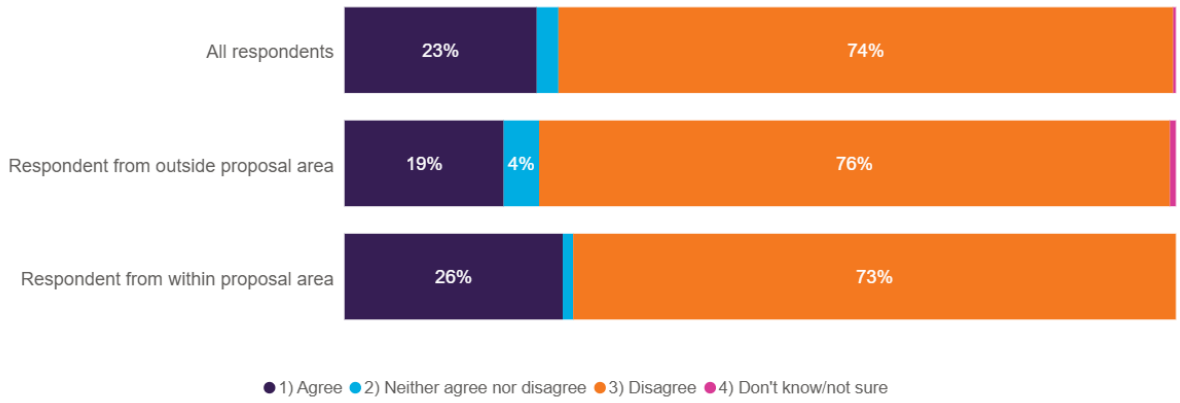


Bases: All respondents – 175; Respondents from outside proposal area – 143; Respondents within proposal area – 25

17 Southbourne

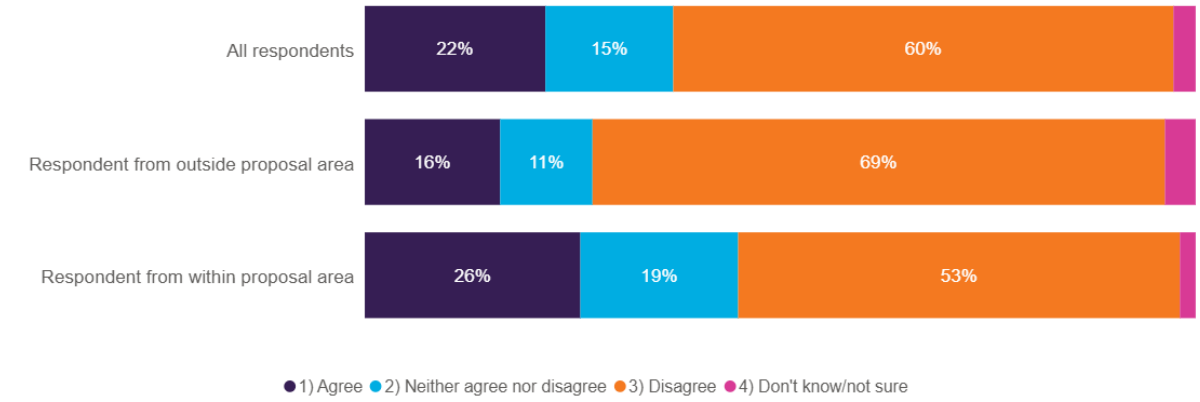
There was a total of 307 responses to this section of the survey.

Qa. To what extent do you agree or disagree a parish of Southbourne be established?



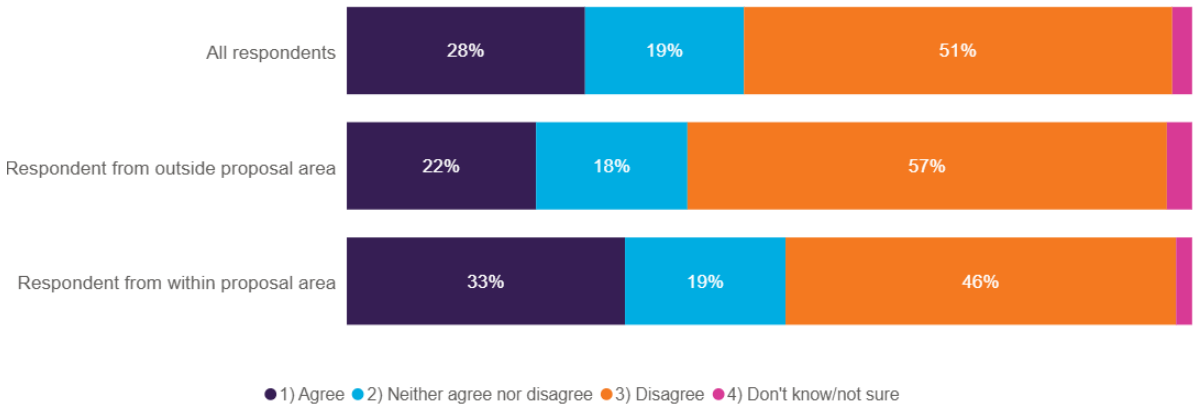
Bases: All respondents – 307; Respondents from outside proposal area – 141; Respondents within proposal area – 160

Qb To what extent do you agree or disagree the boundary of the parish of Southbourne be drawn as outlined in red on the map above?



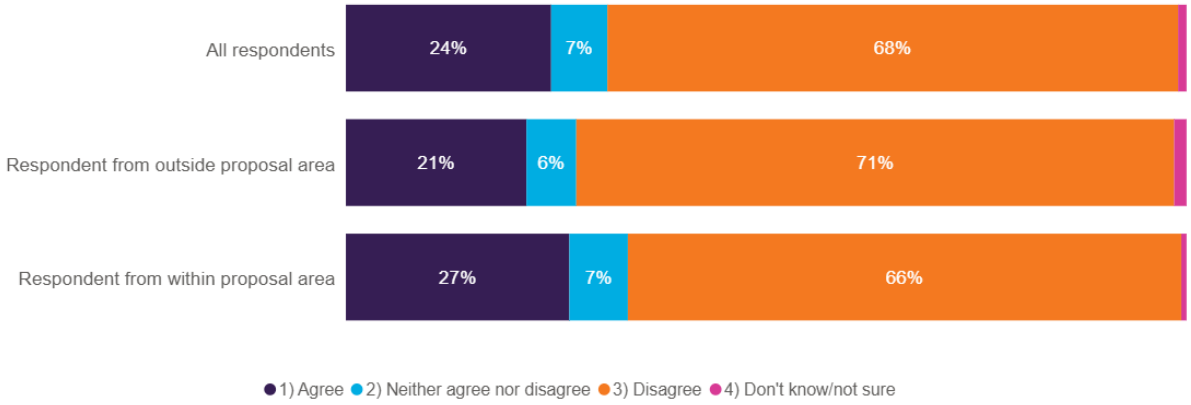
Bases: All respondents – 299; Respondents from outside proposal area – 135; Respondents within proposal area – 158

Qc To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the established parish be Southbourne



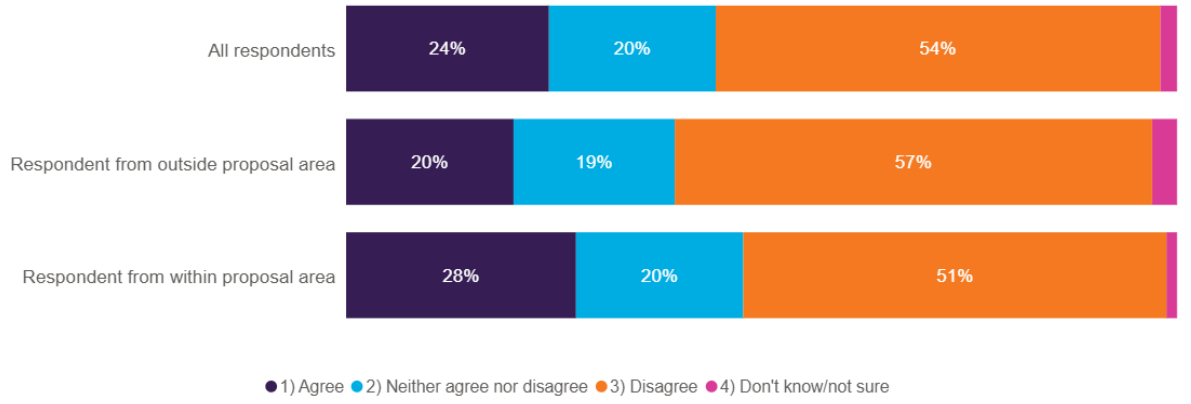
Bases: All respondents – 298; Respondents from outside proposal area – 134; Respondents within proposal area – 158

Qd To what extent do you agree or disagree the parish should have a parish council in the style of community council



Bases: All respondents – 299; Respondents from outside proposal area – 135; Respondents within proposal area – 158

Qe To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the community council should be Southbourne Community Council



Bases: All respondents – 299; Respondents from outside proposal area – 134; Respondents within proposal area – 159

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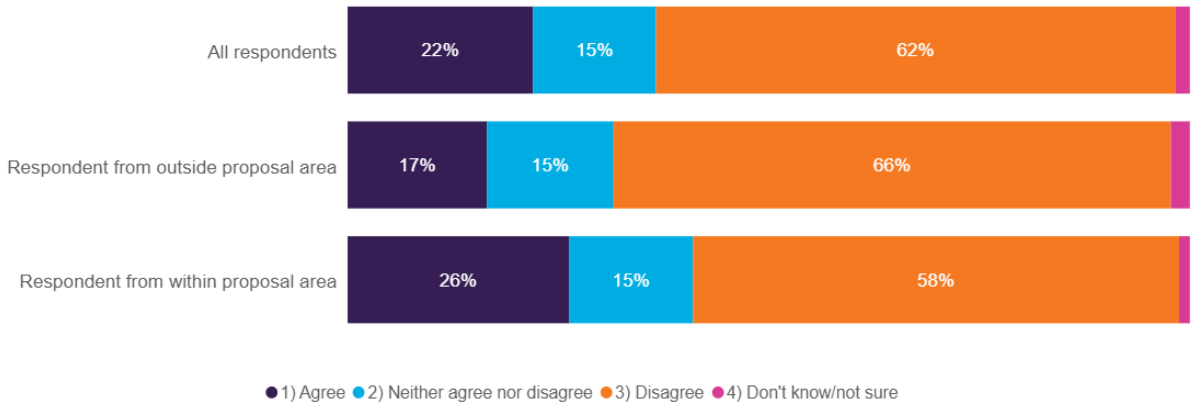
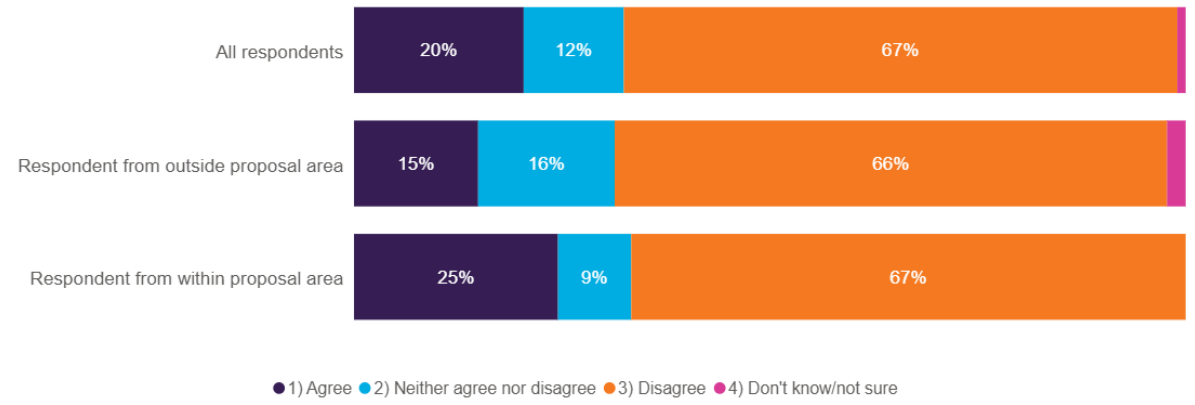


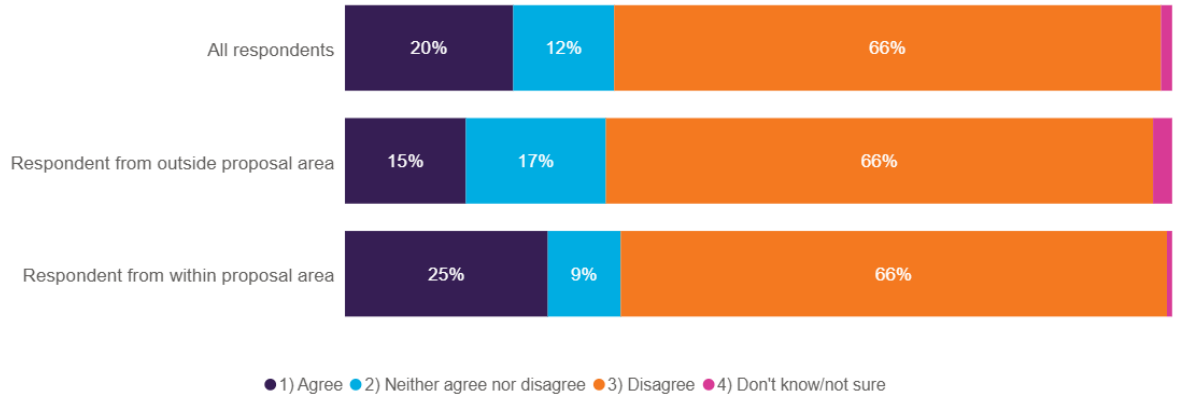
Bases: All respondents – 295; Respondents from outside proposal area – 133; Respondents within proposal area – 156

Qg To what extent do you agree or disagree the community council shall consist of 12 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 299; Respondents from outside proposal area – 134; Respondents within proposal area – 159

Qh To what extent do you agree or disagree the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Tuckton, Hengistbury Head and Wick – 4 councillors; Beaufort – 4 councillors; Southbourne Overcliff – 4 councillors



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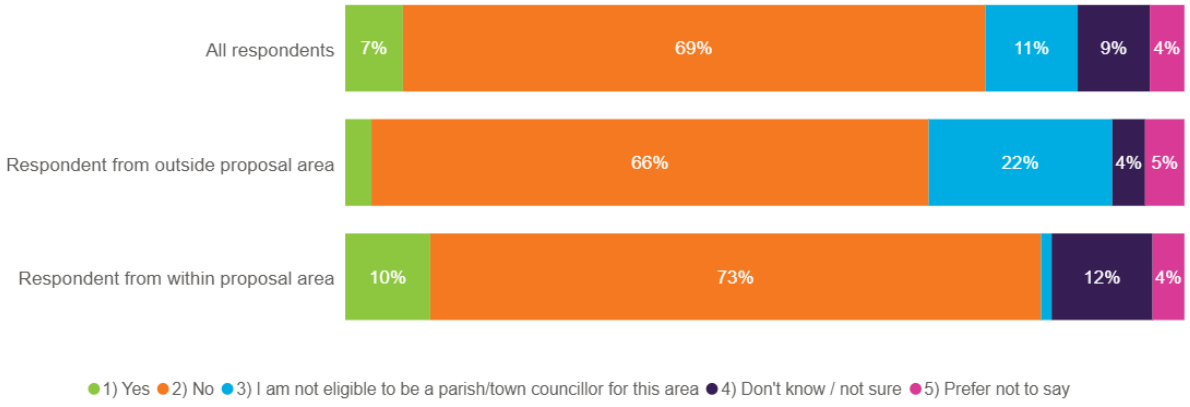
16 respondents who live in the proposal area said they would consider standing for election as a local councillor in Southbourne.



Bases: All respondents – 291; Respondents from outside proposal area – 128; Respondents within proposal area – 158

17.1.1 Respondent Profile

The equalities profile is shown below.

Equalities	Group	Number	%
Age	Under 16 years	1	<1%
	16 - 24 years	17	1%
	25 - 34 years	68	4%
	35 - 44 years	124	7%
	45 - 54 years	249	13%
	55 - 64 years	401	22%
	65 - 74 years	502	27%
	75 - 84 years	261	14%
	85+ years	30	2%
	Prefer not to say	194	11%
Gender	Female	684	37%
	Male	943	51%
	Prefer not to say	206	11%
Sexual orientation	Straight / Heterosexual	1,361	75%
	All other sexual orientations	95	5%
	Prefer not to say	362	20%
Disability	Yes - limited a little/a lot	278	15%
	No	1,286	70%
	Prefer not to say	264	14%
Disability Type	Hearing (e.g. deaf, partially deaf or hard of hearing)	93	32%
	Reduced physical capacity (e.g. inability to move everyday objects, debilitating pain etc)	114	39%
	Visual impairment (such as blind or fractional / partial sight)	14	5%
	Speech (impairments that cause communication problems)	2	1%
	Severe disfigurement	1	<1%
	Mobility (such as wheelchair user, need for walking aids etc)	85	29%
	Physical co-ordination (e.g. problems with muscular control, cerebral palsy)	12	4%
	Mental illness (e.g. severe depression or psychosis)	17	6%
	Long Term progressive condition (such as cancer, MS, HIV)	38	13%
	Other disability	63	21%
Ethnic Group	White English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	1,429	79%
	Other White	58	3%
	BME	50	3%

Equalities	Group	Number	%
	Prefer not to say	279	15%
Religion	No religion	682	38%
	Christian	766	42%
	Any other religion	49	3%
	Prefer not to say	317	17%
Respondent Type	A community group or organisation	15	1%
	A BCP Council resident	1,821	98%
	A BCP Council employee	47	3%
	A BCP Councillor	30	2%
	A BCP Town and Parish Councillor	8	<1%
	Other	36	2%

Appendix 3 - Consultation poster

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Q8 – Please tell us the reasons for your answer whether you agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Burton & Winkton

Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
A1	Burton & Winkton	a- the parish is a beautiful place and the village still has a great community feel about it and I don't see why anyone would want to change that . It's a beautiful place to live . I wouldn't want to have it merged into Christchurch it would lose the appeal.	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living in proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
A2	Burton & Winkton	A) I believe abolishing the Burton and Winkton parish would inevitably change the "feel" of the village B) Maintaining the current boundary would help to retain the "feel" of the village	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living in proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
A3	Burton & Winkton	Agree with the draft recommendations. The parish council does a good job, change is not needed. This would be change for the sake of change and would not lead to anything better.	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living in proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7

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A4	Burton & Winkton	D) Retaining our parish council is essential to preserving local democracy, community representation, and effective decision-making on issues that directly affect our residents. The parish council serves as the closest level of government to the community, offering a vital platform for residents to voice concerns, influence local priorities, and shape the future of our area. Without it, we risk losing a trusted body that understands the unique needs of our parish and works tirelessly to maintain services, protect local assets, and strengthen community cohesion.	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living in proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
A5	Burton & Winkton	I agree with the draft recommendations for Burton and Winkton. I don't believe the parish of Burton and Winkton should be demolished and no change should be made to the boundary of the existing parish. Having lived in Burton for the last 2 years I am happy with the councillors which are elected for Burton and Winkton.	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living in proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
A6	Burton & Winkton	I sm happy that Burton & Winkton continues to operate as it is.	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living in proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
A7	Burton & Winkton	I value our local focus and the efforts of our Parish Council to respond to local issues. It could be more effective but finding reliable and forward thinking councillors is not easy.	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living in proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7

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A8	Burton & Winkton	It works as it is.	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living in proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
A9	Burton & Winkton	Long running parish council with a successful record	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living in proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
A10	Burton & Winkton	We need complete local representation our needs will be different from say Muddeford	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living in proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
A11	Burton & Winkton	There is insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision on any of these draft recommendations. There is no indication of what services will be provided via the new parish/town councils. There is no indication of the total costs involved in setting up these parishes/councils, nor of the level of precept, nor of the possibility of precepts being increased well above the capped level of council tax. There is no indication of the need for a clerk to the parish/town council, nor of the salary that this would incur. Whilst the expectation is that parish/town councillors will be appointed on a voluntary basis, there is no means of preventing them from voting to make salary payments out of the precept. Divisions into parish/town councils across the conurbation is likely to increase differences in levels of provision.		Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3

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A12	Burton & Winkton	(a) - (e) As this parish is separated geographically from the main Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch conurbation, it seems important that the parish council continues to provide support to the local electorate. In relation to (f), 10 councillors seems to be disproportionate to the population of the parish. In general, if local government overheads were reduced then more funds could be available to improve declining public services in the BCP area.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
A13	Burton & Winkton	a b c d e f Because I am a,free thinking human.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
A14	Burton & Winkton	a to f. Don't try to fix something that is not broken	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
A15	Burton & Winkton	a,b,c The Parish should should be retained as it is if that is what the residents want - council should continue as it is if the residents want this, but there should not be new councils set up at extra cost, where there would be no benefit & possible increase in council tax	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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A16	Burton & Winkton	Additional costs should be avoided	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
A17	Burton & Winkton	Bi am born and raised in Christchurch and it is just going downhill as an area especially since we were forced to join the bcp council. Even though the vast majority of Christchurch voted against it it was made to happen by the conservative party to use Christchurchs money to pay off Bournemouth s dept and now we are in the bcp council are facing bankruptcy due to the poir decisions made by the council. And seein Christchurchs assetts being sold off by bcp even though they shouldn't have the right to do so as it really shouldn't be their choice.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
A18	Burton & Winkton	Burton and Winkton is clearly a sepatate semi-rural community within BCP and should be allowed to continue with their own parish council.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH2 6
A19	Burton & Winkton	e i agree because it has a council in it	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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A20	Burton & Winkton	F, 10 councillors are not necessary, 6 should suffice	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
A21	Burton & Winkton	I am much in favour of local Parish Councils.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
A22	Burton & Winkton	I used to go to school in that area and do not see any benefits to change	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
A23	Burton & Winkton	If button was merged with Stanpit/Mudeford it would lose its identity and sense of community	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 3

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A24	Burton & Winkton	important to have truly local representation when we have such a large BCP council area	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
A25	Burton & Winkton	Just another expense for residents will create more confusion with the increased number of councillors	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 3
A26	Burton & Winkton	Keep it as it is. You have so many other things to sort out in bcp but you are wasting time and effort on parish councils. We need to stop wasting money including this consultation when other things so much more important.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
A27	Burton & Winkton	leave thing alone or mess them up	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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A28	Burton & Winkton	No case has been made for any alterations to be made. Burton and Winkton have a strong historical and local identity and nothing should be done to harm these.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
A29	Burton & Winkton	No compelling evidence to the contrary. Regarding submission 52 in the initial consultation, I agree re the importance of community councils - but can't see the benefit of amalgamating Burton & Grange Ward with Mudeford & W Highcliffe; the condition of All Saints' Church, Mudeford (rightly lamented by the respondent) would have little relevance, I suspect, to most Burton & Grange residents.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 2
A30	Burton & Winkton	Parish Councils are an unnecessary extra level of burocracy costing additional precepts to local people when the parish council does not have skilledexpertise to carry out duties that should be carried out by competent and trained staff. The environment is a good example. E.g. A parish council could never afford to have skilled expertise in environmental matters - something which is a core responsibility of the Unitary Authority.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
A31	Burton & Winkton	Parish councils are an unnecessary level of governance as the services they will provide are already covered by BCP. If we need Parish councils to have our community listened to, then maybe BCP should be disbanded instead and go back to individual town councils.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4

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A32	Burton & Winkton	That's what I think is right. Nothing	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
A33	Burton & Winkton	There is no reason to change this historic council that appears to work well for its residents	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
A34	Burton & Winkton	This is an established Parish Council , presumably , so it makes no sense to change that There is enough change taking place in local governance without further unnecessary upheaval and cost Additionally , if other respondents could not articulate any good reason for change	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
A35	Burton & Winkton	we have enough council governance as a tri borough council (BCP) and do not need another level of governance.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5

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A36	Burton & Winkton	Why change for change's sake??	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
A37	Burton & Winkton	a and f I do not think we should have parish councils. Waste of money.	Disagree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living outside proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
A38	Burton & Winkton	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7
A39	Burton & Winkton	a) and d) I don't believe we need an extra layer of admin and bureaucracy. I don't see a benefit to residents in establishing parish councils but I do see that there will be additional costs to residents, and BCP councillors will be less accountable for maintaining the separate local areas, and will pass the buck to parish councils for issues it finds too expensive or too difficult to deal with. What was the point in amalgamating the town councils into BCP if only to create a new sub-layer of councillors? I thought the larger council was meant to benefit from economies of scale, better purchasing power and reduced admin and bureaucracy. The creation of parish councils undermines the arguments for the creation of BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6

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A40	Burton & Winkton	a) I think it unnecessary having the parish but it is not really for me to say if the residents want a parish then is up to then.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
A41	Burton & Winkton	A) The parish councils don't have any function or use, they are primarily used by career politicians as a stepping stone to become councillors. Powers are limited and constrained, thus they are unable to function in any decent capacity for the community.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
A42	Burton & Winkton	a) to f) (all) I strongly disagree with the need for parish councils when we already have an amalgamated Council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
A43	Burton & Winkton	a, d I disagree. Town and Parish councils should be removed as they add an unnecessary layer of councils for no added benefit. Equivalent roles and clear departmental structures already exist under BCP so these should be given the full remit to improve their own services, with existing precept payments being absorbed into these departmental budgets. Ward councillors already provide the representation to ensure community views and cohesion are considered in council decisions.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6

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A44	Burton & Winkton	'a', 'd' More layers, more bureaucracy, more delays to implementing any initiative. Why create BCP to remove duplication just to devolve responsibility?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
A45	Burton & Winkton	a,b,c,d,e,f :- The creation of parish councils is adding another layer of bureaucracy to the unitary authority of BCP which the bringing together of the 3 councils said it would avoid. We have local councillors that are elected to represent the views of the area they are elected too, and therefore this additional layer will add authority to those who are elected to represent our areas to the large unitary authority.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
A46	Burton & Winkton	a,b,c,d,e,f We Have a Town Council which has council representatives for each area. We do not need more levels of administration but for existing Councillors to do their job and represent their ward to the Council with diligence and hard work on behalf of their electors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
A47	Burton & Winkton	a/b/c There should be No parish council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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A48	Burton & Winkton	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
A49	Burton & Winkton	All - it is wrong for there to be any additional councils / councillors in any region. The current councillors of BCP have confidently put themselves forward to be voted in to run the local area based on the situation as it currently is / was, so now is the time to step up and put their money where your mouth is and solve the problems without causing more for the local residents. It would be highly inappropriate for this council to move the goalposts half way through their (massively underwhelming) term and create new entities. It's clear that given the appalling behaviour of the controlling alliance, that the move would purely be a vehicle to hack off the services that cannot currently be 'afforded' and all of these white elephants would be passed on to the new 'councils' at which point BCP would claim that they are in a great place whilst the new councils would be failing. I also have no doubt that the councillors and in particular the leader of BCP would constantly throw mud at the new entities and blame them for the inevitable shortcomings. The divisive nature of the Liberal Democrats in particular as well as the rest of the Three Towns Alliance means that nothing positive is ever achieved as they are too busy shirking accountability and blaming everybody else for their many failings. Any new council would also have the partisan issues that plague BCP Council and it isn't right at all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
A50	Burton & Winkton	BCP have more than enough people to not require any further parish employees to run what is a rather small town council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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A51	Burton & Winkton	Do not need parish councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
A52	Burton & Winkton	f) 10 councillors for such a small area and low resident is a nonsense that should be challenged. Save the administrative costs and re-invest properly.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
A53	Burton & Winkton	F) I do not want to see additional taxes being imposed.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
A54	Burton & Winkton	Have not read anything to suggest benefit of parish councils of any kind in current financial environment.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9

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A55	Burton & Winkton	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
A56	Burton & Winkton	I disagree with the continuation of current parish councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
A57	Burton & Winkton	I disagree with the need for parish and town councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
A58	Burton & Winkton	I do not agree that any area requires a parish council. I believe that all functions should be carried out by BCP council. Anything more is an unnecessary complication and a waste of money. How are people supposed to know who does what? How can you ensure that the various parish councils act with any consistency?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8

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A59	Burton & Winkton	I do not agree that we should have any town/parish councils. If BCP it too large, revert to 3 separate councils agin.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
A60	Burton & Winkton	I do not think that Parish Councils are necessary and just add another level of beaurocracy	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
A61	Burton & Winkton	I do not think that the constituents can afford to pay more than they already are for council tax. In the current economy people are already struggling to pay their overheads let alone fork out more, for what seems to be the same service they already receive, with no monetary cap on what can be charged. It's a terrible idea.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 9
A62	Burton & Winkton	I feel that town/parish councils are a complete waste of time,and are just another 'Talking Shop'adding to the excessive bureaucracy that we already have.What is wrong with the 'Area Forum'structure that we have as a means of consulting residents.We pay our council tax t B.C.P. and they should provide the services and not hive them off to other bodies.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2

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A63	Burton & Winkton	In my view this parish council should be abolished. It is a superfluous layer of local government. By the way the "Strongly disagree" option was not visible on the web page. Was this deliberate? BCP have a poor record when it comes to listening to local people. They are more concerned for from out of town and the illegal immigrants who are turning Bournemouth town centre into a no-go zone. They class these antisocial people as "the most vulnerable in our society".	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
A64	Burton & Winkton	Just an unnecessary extra cost to overpriced council bills.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
A65	Burton & Winkton	One councillor per 300 residemnts seems escessive	Disagree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
A66	Burton & Winkton	Our area doesn't need another level of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1

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A67	Burton & Winkton	Parish councils are an unnecessary administrative tier. They result in additional costs - without value for money - for council tax payers.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
A68	Burton & Winkton	Parish councils are superfluous	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
A69	Burton & Winkton	Parish Councils generally attract Narcissists and mini Hitlers, who love the power and control, this position gives them in the community. Control over decisions and people that live in these areas. Procedure and following the system is everything, the end result is irrelevant. They have fragile egos and hate criticism. They are in control and you little people must go through me first, in fact, this whole community is under my influence and control.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
A70	Burton & Winkton	Parish councils represent needless and unnecessary bureaucracy.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1

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A71	Burton & Winkton	Ratio of electors to councillors too low and therefore undemocratic. Unnecessary layer of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
A72	Burton & Winkton	Re a and d - the parish council should be abolished. It is a waste of tax payers money and adds unnecessary bureaucracy. Public funds are right enough and we should be reducing this bureaucracy not maintaining it.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
A73	Burton & Winkton	Re: paragraph f. There should not be a parish council. All functions and services should be deliver by BCP Council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
A74	Burton & Winkton	See comments under Broadstone.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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A75	Burton & Winkton	Should be part of an Independent Christchurch Council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
A76	Burton & Winkton	The bureaucracy and cost of additional layers of local government should be avoided wherever possible.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
A77	Burton & Winkton	The cost and the duplication of red tape	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH10 7
A78	Burton & Winkton	The creation of parish councils will be damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation and corruption, preventing the change the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4

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A79	Burton & Winkton	There is already Councillors at BCP so no need for more.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
A80	Burton & Winkton	This just adds another layer of burden of expenditure	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
A81	Burton & Winkton	Too many councillors already.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
A82	Burton & Winkton	Uncontested elections are deeply undemocratic. It might be more democratic for BCP Council to assume this parish council's functions and for the BCP Council councillors for the ward to represent their residents through BCP Council and its processes.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6

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A83	Burton & Winkton	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
A84	Burton & Winkton	We don't need Parish Councils	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
A85	Burton & Winkton	We don't need so many different levels all costing more money.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
A86	Burton & Winkton	What was the point of merging into BCP council if you are now looking to have Parish councils with more cost, expense and non accountability to the electorate. You should have never merged the three councils and if you put that to the local vote you know you would have lost because the people would have spoken and democracy would prevail. This is just another instance of top heavy beurocracy with elected officials hiding behind another layer of people. What a waste...	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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A87	Burton & Winkton	a) Disagree with an extra tier of Local Government having had reorgansiations in 1997 and 2019. b) Extra tiers of Authority results in additional bureaucracy, duplication and cost. c) This leads to residents effectively paying twice for the same services d) Changes should involve a whole authority referendum not rely on Councillor decisions e) The total cost of local government can be expected to be higher in authorities with the additional tier of Town/Parish Councils f) Having sought to delayer local authority provision in 1997 and 2019 within BCP localities, for economy and efficiency reasons, the logical approach is to delayerr not create additional layers of local authority	Don't know/not sure	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
A88	Burton & Winkton	Don't know how much value is added to the community by Parish councils	Don't know/not sure	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
A89	Burton & Winkton	I am not a resident there so they should decide	Don't know/not sure	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
A90	Burton & Winkton	A. I am puzzled by the variance in the elector ratios, which seem disproportionate and expensive.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8

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A91	Burton & Winkton	f, A ratio of 338:1, residents to councillors is wasteful. How does this compare to more populous regions? Less councillors, better efficiency	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
A92	Burton & Winkton	It is not for Electoral Services to comment on these questions	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
A93	Burton & Winkton	My experience from central government tells me that the more tiers of governance there are, the less money is available at the service delivery end. I fear the drivers for maintaining the status quo in this area are to keep money and power in the hands of a few. I do not object to this per se, but when it stops vital work being done it is wrong. By its very nature, only the educated few will comment on this. It is not inclusive. I am sure good work is being done, but more could be achieved by a re-focussing of effort	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
A94	Burton & Winkton	Seems to be no change	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8

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A95	Burton & Winkton	The problem with the Draft recommendations are their incredible inconsistency. Why should any comparably sized area be treated differently? Such a situation is inherently unfair and undemocratic. An argument might be made for treating 'rural' areas slightly differently if any can be reasonably defined within BCP but this seems unlikely.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3

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A96	Burton & Winkton	1. (a–c) Support for continuity with a vision for the future While retaining the existing parish structure, name, and boundaries provides welcome stability, the proposal could be strengthened by including a commitment to future community engagement initiatives, such as local planning input, support for sustainability projects, and youth engagement strategies. 2. (d) Enhanced role of the parish council The proposal to continue the parish council is essential, but it could go further by outlining an ambition for the council to take on more proactive responsibilities—such as acting as a stronger voice in regional planning matters, supporting local economic development, or improving community resilience. 3. (e) Preservation with purpose Retaining the name of the parish council maintains historical identity, but the proposal could also include a plan to promote local heritage and community identity more actively—through events, partnerships, or branding that celebrates Burton and Winkton's distinct character. 4. (f) Ensuring effective and inclusive representation Keeping the number of councillors at 10 is sensible, but the effectiveness of representation could be enhanced by committing to regular reviews of councillor diversity and engagement, encouraging wider participation from all community groups, and considering youth advisory roles or co-opted positions to broaden perspectives.	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living in proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
A97	Burton & Winkton	Do not change anything but work hard to ensure citizens needs are met	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living in proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
A98	Burton & Winkton	i believe there would be benefit to have the boundaries coterminous with Burton and Grange Ward,or to have a councillor specific to Burton and Winkton	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living in proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
A99	Burton & Winkton	I don't see any reason to change anything . The reason we live here is because it still has a great village feel even though we're close to town .	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living in proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7

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A100	Burton & Winkton	I support the proposals wholeheartedly.	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living in proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
A101	Burton & Winkton	The existing arrangements are fine - there is the feeling that more rural areas like ours will be seen as easy pickings for development and this must be resisted to keep Burton as a separate small village type community,	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living in proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
A102	Burton & Winkton	BCP unitary authority, amalgamating Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth, was supposed to improve transparency, costs and bureaucracy. Creating parish/town councils will be adding another level of unnecessary bureaucracy and cost with no tangible benefit and worse accountability. BCP has just appointed a new CEO; consideration should be given to allowing this person to attempt to improve the current running of the unitary authority before any changes are implemented. No decisions should be made before 2027 and then only following a referendum.		Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
A103	Burton & Winkton	I fully endorse all of the draft recommendations	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
A104	Burton & Winkton	It doesn't need altering, it works as it it	Agree	Respondent from outside BCP	respondent living outside proposal area	Bransgore, Burley, Sopley & Ringwood East	BH23 8
A105	Burton & Winkton	No	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0

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A106	Burton & Winkton	No	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
A107	Burton & Winkton	No	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
A108	Burton & Winkton	No.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
A109	Burton & Winkton	Scrap all Parish councils in favour of properly funded unitary authority which has the finance to employ skilled staff.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
A110	Burton & Winkton	stop all the changes it cost money for no effect	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
A111	Burton & Winkton	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7

Q9 – Is there anything else you would like to say about the draft recommendations for Burton & Winkton?

Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
A112	Burton & Winkton	Abolish it	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
A113	Burton & Winkton	As above	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
A114	Burton & Winkton	Believe parish councils should be scrapped, simply another layer of cost and bureaucracy which be served better by centralised service. Also for this local parish representation to head of population is disproportionate to size and other BCP areas	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
A115	Burton & Winkton	Do not need parish councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
A116	Burton & Winkton	Don't do it	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
A117	Burton & Winkton	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
A118	Burton & Winkton	I disagree with the continuation of current parish councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
A119	Burton & Winkton	I think 10 Parish Councillors is way over the top . The cost in time and money would be too much.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH10 7
A120	Burton & Winkton	Is it just me but why does the boundary look like a face.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
A121	Burton & Winkton	It should have zero cllrs	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
A122	Burton & Winkton	It's part of a BCP electoral ward. There is no need for a parish council. I do not have a Penn Hill council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
A123	Burton & Winkton	Leave things as they are as despite the hollow words from BCP council, this is clearly going to end up costing residents money that simply cannot be afforded in a cost of living crisis. If the current incumbents are unable to work within the constraints as they currently exist, then they should resign en masse and make way for competent people who can. This is nothing but a transparent vehicle to screw the local residents. You say that there will not be any additional cost, but that is a blatant lie. You will bring in a precept to begin with and that will go up and up and up year on year , totally unchecked and the people of the BCP region will be the ones to pay for it. It's unacceptable that you would do something like this without a referendum (which you clearly won't as you already know what the outcome would be and you don't like listening to people who disagree with you). BCP Council is a repugnant organisation, badly run by incompetent councillors with no honesty, integrity or decency. You are an embarrassment to the local people and you should be totally and utterly ashamed of yourselves (but I doubt you have the decency to feel that way either). Shame on you all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
A124	Burton & Winkton	less bureaucracy more action from those already elected	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
A125	Burton & Winkton	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
A126	Burton & Winkton	No	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
A127	Burton & Winkton	People are trying to ignore the elected system & insert yet another level in the hope it'll reflect their own politics	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
A128	Burton & Winkton	Remove the people responsible for all this work which is not protuctive.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
A129	Burton & Winkton	Scrap it.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 9
A130	Burton & Winkton	Show the true costs of this pointless exercise and let the people decide.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
A131	Burton & Winkton	Stop wasting money!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
A132	Burton & Winkton	The boundaries of “Poole” council are clear – however the town will be disadvantaged and overwhelmed, if the whole of the town is 1x parish – when the town of Bournemouth is “represented” as 4x separate parishes. Resources for “Poole” (as well as Christchurch) will instead be routed (diverted/stolen) for projects elsewhere. The number of parishes need to be equivalent across the “Three Towns”, based on population, rate-payers, and geography –the cultural and historic value across the towns should be valued for this as well. The Parish boundaries need to be reviewed and corrected, for equal representation for everyone.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
A133	Burton & Winkton	The creation of parish councils will be damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation and corruption, preventing the change the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4

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A134	Burton & Winkton	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
A135	Burton & Winkton	We do not need a parish council as well as BCP. It will be costly as well as unnecessary and certain matters will get missed between the two.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
A136	Burton & Winkton	We don't need Parish Councils	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
A137	Burton & Winkton	We either need a parish council or BCP. We do not need both.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
A138	Burton & Winkton	What I have said above.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
A139	Burton & Winkton	Whichever changes are introduced should cost the residents less council tax or no extra council tax as the council tax is seriously over-exaggerated as it is	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
A140	Burton & Winkton	Why the 2 tier system with double the admin costs???	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
A141	Burton & Winkton	Disagree with Parish Councils operating in BCP area	Don't know/not sure	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
A142	Burton & Winkton	No	Don't know/not sure	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
A143	Burton & Winkton	Electoral Services have no comments or issues with the proposals in Burton & Winkton.	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

Community Governance Consultation

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Burton & Winkton

Research and Consultation Team

Qualitative Analysis and Report by Darmax Research

Executive Summary

BCP Council are consulting on draft proposals to create new parish, town and community councils across Bournemouth and Poole and to make some small changes to the existing town/parish arrangements in Christchurch.

Before any decisions are made, the council sought the views of local residents on the existing parish and town council arrangements in Burton and Winkton.

This report summarises the free-text responses to the consultation.

Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Results

Reasons for agreement/disagreement

Respondents were asked to provide their reasons for why they agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Burton and Winkton. 93 respondents provided feedback to this question. 10 of these respondents live in Burton and Winkton, while 83 of these respondents live outside of Burton and Winkton.

Burton and Winkton residents expressed strong support for maintaining the existing parish arrangements, citing the long history of the parish, the importance of preserving its identity, and the value of local representation. Respondents also expressed satisfaction with the current councillors, while another highlighted potential difficulties in recruiting suitable candidates to fill all 10 proposed councillor roles.

The remaining 83 respondents lived outside the proposal area. While these respondents also expressed support for maintaining the parish of Burton and Winkton, a number of comments expressed opposition to the proposal. These non-residents objected to the concept of parish councils in general, considering them unnecessary, ineffective, and a poor use of public resources. These respondents also raised affordability concerns about increased council tax as a result of the proposal.

A number of respondents who do not live in Burton and Winkton expressed concerns that creating or retaining parish councils would add unnecessary bureaucracy, reduce efficiency, and fragment service delivery across the conurbation. Many felt decision-making should remain with BCP Council, and some saw the proposals as passing costs and responsibilities away from the unitary authority. Some respondents questioned the motives of the process, with some calling for a referendum before any changes are implemented.

Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were next asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Burton and Winkton. 38 respondents provided feedback to this question. 6 of these respondents live in Burton and Winkton, while 32 of these respondents live outside of Burton and Winkton.

Feedback received from Burton and Winkton residents was entirely supportive of retaining the current parish structure, referring to the village's character and sense of community. Residents also suggested enhancing the parish council's role to act as a stronger voice in regional planning, support local economic development, and improve community resilience. Residents also suggested regular reviews to ensure councillor diversity and engagement, as well as the need to encourage broader participation.

Feedback from those who do not live in Burton and Winkton showed a mix of limited support and significant opposition. A number of these respondents opposed retaining any parish councils, seeing them as unnecessary and a waste of resources. These respondents again raised concerns about the financial impact, including potential increases in council tax during a cost-of-living crisis, with opposition to any new precepts. Comments also highlighted concerns about duplication of roles, increased bureaucracy, and reduced clarity for residents over responsibilities. Respondents felt that BCP Council should retain service delivery responsibilities, while some expressed concern over fragmentation of services and inequity in provision across the conurbation. Respondents also called for a referendum in 2027 to align with local elections before any changes are made.

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1 Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Qualitative responses (write in text) to questions were exported into Excel and were thematically analysed. The most common themes are reported on in this report. Anonymised quotes from participants have been used to illustrate the themes identified.

Please note that while the purpose of qualitative data is to provide deeper insights into reasoning and impact rather than to quantify data, the numbers of respondents who mentioned the most prevalent themes are provided in this report to give an indication of the magnitude of response. However, given the nature of qualitative data, it should be noted that this does not provide an indication of significance in relation to the question asked.

In addition, where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories. Where a response makes several different points, only the relevant part to the discussed theme is shown in the report.

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2 Analysis and results

2.1 Reasons for agreement/disagreement

Respondents were asked to provide their reasons for why they agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Burton and Winkton.

93 respondents provided feedback to this question. 10 of these respondents live in Burton and Winkton, while 83 of these respondents live outside of Burton and Winkton.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	10	17	27
General opposition	0	35	35
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	0	2	2
Administration/management of decisions	2	45	47
Cost of delivery	0	21	21
Consultation/decision process	0	7	7
Other	0	3	3

2.1.1 Respondents living in proposal area

All 10 respondents who live in Burton and Winkton were in general support of the proposals. Comments referred to the parish being **long established**, there being **no reason to change** and it is important to keep its identity and have local representation.

"Long running parish council with a successful record."

"We need complete local representation. Our needs will be different from say Mudeford."

2 respondents commented on the administration and management of the proposed parish. 1 respondent commented that they are **happy with the councillors** that are currently elected for the existing parish, while 1 respondent commented that it may be **difficult to find appropriate candidates** to fill all of the 10 councillor roles.

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"Having lived in Burton for the last 2 years I am happy with the councillors which are elected for Burton and Winkton."

"I value our local focus and the efforts of our Parish Council to respond to local issues. It could be more effective but finding reliable and forward thinking councillors is not easy."

2.1.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

17 respondents who live outside of Burton and Winkton commented that they were in **general support** of the proposals. Comments again referred to the parish being long established and there being no reason to change, while it is important to keep its identity and have local representation.

"There is no reason to change this historic council that appears to work well for its residents."

"Burton and Winkton is clearly a separate semi-rural community within BCP and should be allowed to continue with their own parish council."

35 respondents who live outside of Burton and Winkton commented general opposition of the proposal. The majority of these respondents were **opposed to parish councils in general**, they are not needed and won't improve things, while some respondents commented that both the consultation and proposed changes are a **waste of money**.

"Have not read anything to suggest benefit of parish councils of any kind in current financial environment."

"I do not think we should have parish councils. Waste of money."

There were 21 respondents who live outside of Burton and Winkton whose comments related to potential **additional council tax costs** to residents as a result of the proposals, with concerns about the affordability, especially in the current economic climate.

"I do not think that the constituents can afford to pay more than they already are for council tax. In the current economy people are already struggling to pay their overheads let alone fork out more, for what seems to be the same service they already receive, with no monetary cap on what can be charged."

45 respondents who live outside of Burton and Winkton commented about the administration and management of decisions. A number of these related to the added tier of government would result in **additional bureaucracy and red tape**, which would slow down decision-making. Respondents felt that parish councils have **limited authority**, while others felt that it would result in a **fragmented approach**

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with inequity of service delivery across the conurbation. Respondents also commented that **BCP Council should be responsible** for decision-making and service delivery, particularly given the merger of Bournemouth Borough Council, Christchurch Borough Council and Borough of Poole Council. However, some respondents commented that BCP Council should **revert to three separate town councils**. Respondents also thought that the proposals **pass the buck** of service delivery and associated costs to parish and town councils. Respondents also commented that the area **already has councillors**, while the proposed 10 councillors was too many.

"The bureaucracy and cost of additional layers of local government should be avoided wherever possible."

"The creation of parish councils is adding another layer of bureaucracy to the unitary authority of BCP which the bringing together of the 3 councils said it would avoid."

"Ratio of electors to councillors too low and therefore undemocratic."

"The parish councils don't have any function or use; they are primarily used by career politicians as a stepping stone to become councillors."

"Divisions into parish/town councils across the conurbation is likely to increase differences in levels of provision."

"BCP councillors will be less accountable for maintaining the separate local areas and will pass the buck to parish councils for issues it finds too expensive or too difficult to deal with."

"What was the point of merging into BCP council if you are now looking to have parish councils with more cost, expense and non-accountability to the electorate."

2 respondents commented on the boundary and allocations to different parishes and towns. Comments related to **inconsistencies in the draft recommendations** and variance in the elector ratios.

"I am puzzled by the variance in the elector ratios."

"The problem with the Draft recommendations are their incredible inconsistency. Why should any comparably sized area be treated differently? Such a situation is inherently unfair and undemocratic."

7 respondents commented on the consultation and decision process. Respondents questioned the **motive behind the proposed changes** as well as a concern that the views of **residents would not be listened to**. The proposed changes **lacked detail**, while any changes should be **voted on before being implemented**.

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“BCP have a poor record when it comes to listening to local people.”

“Changes should involve a whole authority referendum, not rely on councillor decisions.”

“I fear the drivers for maintaining the status quo in this area are to keep money and power in the hands of a few.”

2 respondents commented that as they **do not live in the area** they were not in a position to offer an opinion on the proposal, while 1 respondent commented that the council are **more concerned about non-residents** than the local population.

“I am not a resident there so they should decide.”

“They are more concerned for [those] from out of town and the illegal immigrants who are turning Bournemouth town centre into a no-go zone. They class these antisocial people as "the most vulnerable in our society".”

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2.2 Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Burton and Winkton.

38 respondents provided feedback to this question. 6 of these respondents live in Burton and Winkton, while 32 of these respondents live outside of Burton and Winkton.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	6	3	9
General opposition	0	18	18
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	0	1	1
Administration/management of decisions	1	12	13
Cost of delivery	0	6	6
Consultation/decision process	0	5	5
Other	1	1	2

2.2.1 Respondents living in proposal area

All 6 residents who live in Burton and Winkton were in **general support** with the continuation of the current structure of the parish. 1 respondent commented that the parish council could take on an **enhanced role** and **stronger voice** on regional matters, while they also suggested that regular reviews should be undertaken in terms of the **representativeness of councillors** of the local area. 1 respondent was concerned about **potential housing developments** in rural areas in the future.

"I don't see any reason to change anything. The reason we live here is because it still has a great village feel even though we're close to town."

"The proposal to continue the parish council is essential, but it could go further by outlining an ambition for the council to take on more proactive responsibilities - such as acting as a stronger voice in regional planning matters, supporting local economic development, or improving community resilience."

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"Keeping the number of councillors at 10 is sensible, but the effectiveness of representation could be enhanced by committing to regular reviews of councillor diversity and engagement, encouraging wider participation from all community groups, and considering youth advisory roles or co-opted positions to broaden perspectives."

"The existing arrangements are fine - there is the feeling that more rural areas like ours will be seen as easy pickings for development and this must be resisted to keep Burton as a separate small village type community."

2.2.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

3 respondents who live outside Burton and Winkton were in **general support** with the continuation of the current structure of the parish. However, 18 respondents were in general opposition of the proposal. These respondents commented that they are **not in favour of retaining any parish councils**, there is **not a need** for any parish councils and the proposals are a **waste of money**.

"It doesn't need altering, it works as it is."

"I disagree with the continuation of current parish councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish councils in BCP."

"A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services."

6 respondents commented on and questioned the **cost implications** of the proposals to local residents.

"No council tax precepts should be put in place."

"This is clearly going to end up costing residents money that simply cannot be afforded in a cost of living crisis."

12 respondents who live outside Burton and Winkton made comments that related to the administration and management of the town and parish councils. These respondents commented that they create an **additional layer of bureaucracy** and red tape and **duplicate roles, responsibilities and service delivery**. In addition, they commented that due to the formation of BCP Council through the merger of Bournemouth Borough Council, Christchurch Borough Council and Borough of Poole Council, the **unitary authority should be responsible** for service provision and delivery. Respondents also commented that the two-tier approach would create **confusion** amongst residents with regards to who was responsible for different services, as well as expressing concern for BCP Council **passing responsibility** of service delivery and subsequent costs to parish councils. Respondents also commented that the proposed **10 councillors for the parish was too many** and

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that the town/parish council approach would result in **fragmentation** of service provision across the conurbation.

"BCP unitary authority, amalgamating Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth, was supposed to improve transparency, costs and bureaucracy. Creating parish/town councils will be adding another level of unnecessary bureaucracy and cost with no tangible benefit and worse accountability."

"The creation of parish councils will be damaging for BCP Council, enabling greater fragmentation and corruption, preventing the change the area needs."

"I think 10 parish councillors is way over the top. The cost in time and money would be too much."

One respondent commented that they felt the proposed three town councils were **not fairly distributed** in terms of representation, while they also felt that the parish boundaries need to **ensure equal representation**.

"The boundaries of "Poole" council are clear - however the town will be disadvantaged and overwhelmed, if the whole of the town is 1x parish - when the town of Bournemouth is "represented" as 4 separate parishes. Resources for "Poole" (as well as "Christchurch") will instead be routed (diverted/stolen) for projects elsewhere. The number of parishes need to be equivalent across the "Three Towns", based on population, ratepayers, and geography - the cultural and historic value across the towns should be valued for this as well."

"The parish boundaries need to be reviewed and corrected, for equal representation for everyone."

5 respondents commented on the consultation process, including that no changes should be made without a **referendum**, which should take place at the same time as local elections in 2027. Respondents also commented that the proposals were being **made by people to suit their own agenda** and that these people should be removed from post.

"No decisions should be made before 2027 and then only following a referendum."

"People are trying to ignore the elected system and insert yet another level in the hope it'll reflect their own politics."

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Q13 – Please tell us the reasons for your answer whether you agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Hurn

Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
B1	Hurn	Again too many councillors. The BCP amalgamation was supposed to cut waste.		Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
B2	Hurn	Parish Councils are an unnecessary extra level of burocracy costing additional precepts to local people when the parish council does not have skilledexpertise to carry out duties that should be carried out by competent and trained staff. The environment is a good example. E.g. A parish council could never afford to have skilled expertise in environmental matters - something which is a core responsibility of the Unitary Authority.		Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
B3	Hurn	(a), (c) to (f): present arrangement works exceptionally well. Well-attended meetings. Hurn Neighbourhood Plan a recent success	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 2
B4	Hurn	a	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
B5	Hurn	a,b,c Hurn parish council should continue as it is if the residents want this, but there should not be new councils set up at extra cost, where there would be no benefit & possible increase in council tax	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
B6	Hurn	Agree with the recomendations. This is change for change's sake. The 5 anonymous residents don't live in this and I fail to see why the views of 5 should override those of the majority in these boroughs. The future of Hurn area is at risk - the dreadful housing development at Parley Cross is evidence of that.	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living outside proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
B7	Hurn	As this parish includes the airport as well as more rural areas, having a parish council seems to make sense. In relation to (b), provided the land is publicly owned, the change also makes sense. In relation to (f), the number of councillors seems high in proportion to the population. In general, if local government overheads could be reduced then the funds could be directed towards improving the declining public services in the BCP area.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
B8	Hurn	Do not need lots of levels of local government, waste of money	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
B9	Hurn	f Seems rather a lot of councillors for the population.	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
B10	Hurn	Hurn area has grown in population and Boundaries expanded	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
B11	Hurn	Hurn is clearly a sepatate semi-rural community within BCP and should be allowed to continue with their own parish council.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH2 6
B12	Hurn	I am very much infavour of Parish Councils and would favour more being created.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
B13	Hurn	No case has been made to make any changes. Hurn has a strong local and historical identity and nothing should be done to harm these.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
B14	Hurn	No comment	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
B15	Hurn	No need to expand or move any boundaries	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
B16	Hurn	This is a Parish council already in place - it seems overkill for just 594 residents , but I dont think it should be abolished just because of that. The boundary changes make soem logical sense , especially as it does not affect any residents of either parish	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
B17	Hurn	This is an area where historically the residents have been served well by the council and there's no need for change	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
B18	Hurn	truly local representation is essential, particularly with the airport being in Hurn and local people need to have their say on its expansion and public transport	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
B19	Hurn	we have enough council governance as a tri borough council (BCP) and do not need another level of governance.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5
B20	Hurn	Why change for change's sake??	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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B21	Hurn	6 parish councillors for 99 people each - really is ridiculous	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
B22	Hurn	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7
B23	Hurn	a) and d) I don't believe we need an extra layer of admin and bureaucracy. I don't see a benefit to residents in establishing parish councils but I do see that there will be additional costs to residents, and BCP councillors will be less accountable for maintaining the separate local areas, and will pass the buck to parish councils for issues it finds too expensive or too difficult to deal with. What was the point in amalgamating the town councils into BCP if only to create a new sub-layer of councillors? I thought the larger council was meant to benefit from economies of scale, better purchasing power and reduced admin and bureaucracy. The creation of parish councils undermines the arguments for the creation of BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
B24	Hurn	a) Disagree with an extra tier of Local Government having had reorgansiations in 1997 and 2019. b) Extra tiers of Authority results in additional bureaucracy, duplication and cost. c) This leads to residents effectively paying twice for the same services d) Changes should involve a whole authority referendum not rely on Councillor decisions e) The total cost of local government can be expected to be higher in authorities with the additional tier of Town/Parish Councils f) Having sought to delayer local authority provision in 1997 and 2019 within BCP localities, for economy and efficiency reasons, the logical approach is to delayerr not create additional layers of local authority	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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B25	Hurn	a) I think it unnecessary having the parish but it is not really for me to say if the residents want a parish then is up to then.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
B26	Hurn	a) it's insane that an area with barely any population requires it's own parish. f) the ratio of electors to councillors is ridiculous compared to almost any other parish	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 9

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B27	Hurn	a) The parish of Hurn should not be abolished I disagree with this recommendation. Given the extremely small population and limited geographic area, maintaining a separate parish structure for Hurn does not represent good value for money. The administrative and financial overheads of sustaining a parish council for such a small area cannot be justified when the same local representation and services could be more efficiently managed through integration with a neighbouring parish. b) The boundary of the existing parish of Hurn be altered as shown above I disagree with altering the boundary. Rather than redrawing boundaries to preserve the parish, it would be more appropriate to consider a full integration of Hurn into an adjacent parish, which would allow for better resource use and more efficient governance across a broader area. c) The name of the parish of Hurn should not be altered I disagree with retaining the name, as this implies continued independence of the parish. If the parish were merged or restructured as part of a larger entity, the name should reflect the new, more inclusive governance structure, which would better represent the broader community. d) The parish should continue to have a parish council I strongly disagree. A separate parish council for Hurn is not proportionate to the size and needs of the community. It results in duplication of effort, unnecessary administrative costs, and a fragmented approach to local governance. A merger with a nearby parish council would lead to improved representation, more robust service delivery, and reduced costs. e) The name of the parish council should not be altered I disagree with this recommendation. Retaining the existing name suggests ongoing independence and separation. If the parish were to be dissolved or merged, the name should be reconsidered to reflect any new structure. f) The parish council for Hurn shall consist of six councillors I strongly disagree. Appointing six councillors to represent such a small population is disproportionate and does not reflect an efficient or necessary use of public resources. This structure lacks scalability and contributes to the cost inefficiency of maintaining a standalone council.	Disagree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living outside proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
B28	Hurn	a) to f) (all) We do not need parish councils as well as BCP. That is unnecessary, costly and would lead to certain matters not being considered by either.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7

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B29	Hurn	a, d I disagree. Town and Parish councils should be removed as they add an unnecessary layer of councils for no added benefit. Equivalent roles and clear departmental structures already exist under BCP so these should be given the full remit to improve their own services, with existing precept payments being absorbed into these departmental budgets. Ward councillors already provide the representation to ensure community views and cohesion are considered in council decisions.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
B30	Hurn	'a', 'd' More layers, more bureaucracy, more delays to implementing any initiative. Why create BCP to remove duplication just to devolve responsibility?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
B31	Hurn	a,b,c, We Have a Town Council which has council representatives for each area. We do not need more levels of administration but for existing Councillors to do their job and represent their ward to the Council with diligence and hard work on behalf of their electors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
B32	Hurn	a,b,c,d,e,f :- The creation of parish councils is adding another layer of bureaucracy to the unitary authority of BCP which the bringing together of the 3 councils said it would avoid. We have local councillors that are elected to represent the views of the area they are elected too, and therefore this additional layer will add authority to those who are elected to represent our areas to the large unitary authority.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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B33	Hurn	a,b,c,d,e,f, with the figure of 6 councillors at a ratio of 99:1 that would indicate a population of 600. This parish is not needed at all. It would be very interesting to reveal the work done by these councillors in the past year and what that has cost	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
B34	Hurn	a. This parish council serves no useful purpose.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
B35	Hurn	a/b/c the Parish Council should be abolished	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
B36	Hurn	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8

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B37	Hurn	abolish the council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
B38	Hurn	All - it is wrong for there to be any additional councils / councillors in any region. The current councillors of BCP have confidently put themselves forward to be voted in to run the local area based on the situation as it currently is / was, so now is the time to step up and put their money where your mouth is and solve the problems without causing more for the local residents. It would be highly inappropriate for this council to move the goalposts half way through their (massively underwhelming) term and create new entities. It's clear that given the appalling behaviour of the controlling alliance, that the move would purely be a vehicle to hack off the services that cannot currently be 'afforded' and all of these white elephants would be passed on to the new 'councils' at which point BCP would claim that they are in a great place whilst the new councils would be failing. I also have no doubt that the councillors and in particular the leader of BCP would constantly throw mud at the new entities and blame them for the inevitable shortcomings. The divisive nature of the Liberal Democrats in particular as well as the rest of the Three Towns Alliance means that nothing positive is ever achieved as they are too busy shirking accountability and blaming everybody else for their many failings. Any new council would also have the partisan issues that plague BCP Council and it isn't right at all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
B39	Hurn	BCP have more than enough people to not require any further parish employees to run what is a rather small town council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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B40	Hurn	By getting rid of hurn you are trying to erase the local history, it shouldn't even be Bournemouth airport as it is in hurn which is part of Christchurch.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
B41	Hurn	Do not need parish councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
B42	Hurn	D-too many layers of governance and increasing cost F - too many for the population	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
B43	Hurn	F) it is cheaper to run with the minimum number of-5	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1

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B44	Hurn	Have not read anything to suggest benefit of parish councils of any kind in current financial environment.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
B45	Hurn	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
B46	Hurn	I disagree with the continuation of current parish councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
B47	Hurn	I disagree with the need for parish and town councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1

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B48	Hurn	I do not agree that any area requires a parish council. I believe that all functions should be carried out by BCP council. Anything more is an unnecessary complication and a waste of money. How are people supposed to know who does what? How can you ensure that the various parish councils act with any consistency?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
B49	Hurn	I do not agree that we should have any town/parish councils. If BCP it too large, revert to 3 separate councils agin.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
B50	Hurn	I do not see the need for tiers of councillors	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
B51	Hurn	I do not think that Parish Councils are necessary	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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B52	Hurn	I do not think that the constituents can afford to pay more than they already are for council tax. In the current economy people are already struggling to pay their overheads let alone fork out more, for what seems to be the same service they already receive, with no monetary cap on what can be charged. It's a terrible idea.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 9
B53	Hurn	I think parely cross road should be within BCP area or at least Christchurch or Bournemouth	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
B54	Hurn	It is patently ridiculous that a district of less than 600 people has a parish council. What next, a parish council for my street?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
B55	Hurn	It’s adds an additional unnecessary cost	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4

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B56	Hurn	None	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 9
B57	Hurn	Our area doesn't need another level of bureaucracy	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
B58	Hurn	Parish councils are an unnecessary level of governance as the services they will provide are already covered by BCP. If we need Parish councils to have our community listened to, then maybe BCP should be disbanded instead and go back to individual town councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
B59	Hurn	Parish councils are pointless money spending, council tax raising entities	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2

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B60	Hurn	Parish councils are superfluous	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
B61	Hurn	Parish Councils generally attract Narcissists and mini Hitlers, who love the power and control, this position gives them in the community. Control over decisions and people that live in these areas. Procedure and following the system is everything, the end result is irrelevant. They have fragile egos and hate criticism. They are in control and you little people must go through me first, in fact, this whole community is under my influence and control.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
B62	Hurn	Parish councils represent needless and unnecessary bureaucracy.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
B63	Hurn	Pointless waste of money and time	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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B64	Hurn	Ratio of electors to councillors too low and therefore undemocratic. Unnecessary layer of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
B65	Hurn	Re a and d - the parish council should be abolished. It is a waste of tax payers money and adds unnecessary bureaucracy. Public funds are right enough and we should be reducing this bureaucracy not maintaining it.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
B66	Hurn	Re: paragraph h), there should be zero cllrs.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
B67	Hurn	See comments under Broadstone.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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B68	Hurn	Should be part of an Independent Christchurch Council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
B69	Hurn	The bureaucracy and cost of additional layers of local government should be avoided wherever possible.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
B70	Hurn	The creation of parish councils will be damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation and corruption, preventing the change the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
B71	Hurn	There is already Councillors at BCP.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4

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B72	Hurn	Too many councillors as it is.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
B73	Hurn	Uncontested elections are deeply undemocratic. It might be more democratic for BCP Council to assume this parish council's functions and for the BCP Council councillors for the ward to represent their residents through BCP Council and its processes.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
B74	Hurn	Waste id time and money, this is purely an exercise for people whi are not qualified for managing	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
B75	Hurn	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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B76	Hurn	We don't need a Parish Council.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
B77	Hurn	Don't know how much value is added to the community by Parish councils	Don't know/not sure	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
B78	Hurn	I am not resident there	Don't know/not sure	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
B79	Hurn	It doesn't say how many it has now	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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B80	Hurn	It is not for Electoral Services to comment on these questions	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
B81	Hurn	Parish councils are an unnecessary administrative tier. They result in additional costs - without value for money - for council tax payers.	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
B82	Hurn	The problem with the Draft recommendations are their incredible inconsistency. Why should any comparably sized area be treated differently? Such a situation is inherently unfair and undemocratic. An argument might be made for treating 'rural' areas slightly differently if any can be reasonably defined within BCP but this seems unlikely.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
B83	Hurn	There is insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision on any of these draft recommendations. There is no indication of what services will be provided via the new parish/town councils. There is no indication of the total costs involved in setting up these parishes/councils, nor of the level of precept, nor of the possibility of precepts being increased well above the capped level of council tax. There is no indication of the need for a clerk to the parish/town council, nor of the salary that this would incur. Whilst the expectation is that parish/town councillors will be appointed on a voluntary basis, there is no means of preventing them from voting to make salary payments out of the precept. Divisions into parish/town councils across the conurbation is likely to increase differences in levels of provision.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3

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B84	Hurn	Hurn open spaces need full protection from development - the dreadful development at Parley Cross - ugly boxes that no one wants - should be warning enough of what can happen.	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living outside proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
B85	Hurn	I fully endorse all of the recommendations.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
B86	Hurn	If the name was changed it would denote that in 2025 it is no longer a village area but part of a wider place	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
B87	Hurn	j	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
B88	Hurn	No	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
B89	Hurn	No	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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B90	Hurn	No	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
B91	Hurn	The western part of Hurn is now becoming more developed and residents there may relate more to being part of the Parley area instead of Hurn.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH2 6
B92	Hurn	Things should remain the same	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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B93	Hurn	1. Merge Hurn Parish with a Neighbouring Parish Council Integrating Hurn into a neighbouring parish (e.g., Jumpers or Christchurch Town) would eliminate the need for a standalone parish structure, significantly reducing administrative and governance costs while ensuring residents still have access to local representation. 2. Create a Joint Parish Committee If full merger is not immediately feasible, establish a shared governance arrangement—a joint parish committee—with neighbouring areas to manage services collaboratively. This would retain some local voice while pooling resources and cutting down duplication. 3. Reduce the Number of Councillors The proposal for six councillors is disproportionate for such a small area. Reducing this to a more appropriate number (e.g., two or three) would lower governance costs and better reflect the scale of representation needed. 4. Appoint a Shared Parish Clerk and Administrative Support Rather than employing or contracting separate administrative staff for Hurn, share parish clerical and finance functions with another parish council. This approach would cut employment costs and improve consistency in administration. 5. Review Local Service Responsibilities Conduct a review of what services (if any) are being uniquely delivered by the Hurn parish council and assess whether these could be delivered more effectively by the unitary authority or through a larger parish structure. This may include things like grounds maintenance, signage, or small grants. 6. Introduce a Local Advisory Panel Instead of a Formal Council Replace the formal parish council with an informal advisory group of local residents who could feed community views into a larger neighbouring parish council or the unitary authority. This would retain community input without the overhead of formal governance structures. 7. Digital-First Engagement and Operations Encourage use of shared digital platforms for communication, record-keeping, and decision-making. This would reduce paper use, postage, and meeting space hire costs, especially if paired with shared clerk functions. 8. Rationalise Precept Funding Merging the precept with a larger parish would create economies of scale and allow for better use of funds—ensuring money is spent on tangible community benefits rather than sustaining a minimal governance framework.	Disagree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living outside proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
B94	Hurn	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7
B95	Hurn	Abolish it	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4

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B96	Hurn	As above	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
B97	Hurn	Believe parish councils should be scrapped, simply another layer of cost and bureaucracy which be served better by centralised service. Also for this local parish representation to head of population is disproportionate to size and other BCP areas	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
B98	Hurn	Disagree with the concept of parish Councils in the BCP area	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
B99	Hurn	Do not need parish councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
B100	Hurn	Don't do it	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
B101	Hurn	Hurn should consider cutting back on council tax so as to benefit the residents	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1

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B102	Hurn	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
B103	Hurn	I disagree with the continuation of current parish councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
B104	Hurn	I note that elections were contested in 2019 but then not in 2023. this seems to have been the same in other councils: Burton andWinkton, Highcliffe and Walkford, all but one of the Christchurch Wards. I feel strongly that the premise of setting up councils made up from self-proposing volunteers is deeply flawed. Where is the governance and vetting of these probably well meaning but possibly not capable individuals? Alarm bells ring when the initial enthusiasm for putting themselves up to contest an election has disappeared and the council continues with no possible change of personnel? People who put themselves forward may have particular pet interests and may make short term decisions with unforeseen consequences down the line. The whole premise seems to be a way to off load some responsibilities from the council but the approach of getting some members of the community, whose only qualification may be the location of their house, to take these responsibilities on seems very risky.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
B105	Hurn	I think throop should go to Bournemouth instead but Christchurch is still a good option for it	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7

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B106	Hurn	Leave things as they are as despite the hollow words from BCP council, this is clearly going to end up costing residents money that simply cannot be afforded in a cost of living crisis. If the current incumbents are unable to work within the constraints as they currently exist, then they should resign en masse and make way for competent people who can. This is nothing but a transparent vehicle to screw the local residents. You say that there will not be any additional cost, but that is a blatant lie. You will bring in a precept to begin with and that will go up and up and up year on year , totally unchecked and the people of the BCP region will be the ones to pay for it. It's unacceptable that you would do something like this without a referendum (which you clearly won't as you already know what the outcome would be and you don't like listening to people who disagree with you). BCP Council is a repugnant organisation, badly run by incompetent councillors with no honesty, integrity or decency. You are an embarrassment to the local people and you should be totally and utterly ashamed of yourselves (but I doubt you have the decency to feel that way either). Shame on you all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
B107	Hurn	less bureaucracy more action from those already elected	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
B108	Hurn	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
B109	Hurn	No	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
B110	Hurn	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 9

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
B111	Hurn	Parish councils totally unnecessary as we already have an amalgamated council with BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
B112	Hurn	People are trying to circumvent the elected authorities to suit their own ends	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
B113	Hurn	Please stop	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
B114	Hurn	Scrap it	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 9
B115	Hurn	Scrap it.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
B116	Hurn	The boundaries of “Poole” council are clear – however the town will be disadvantaged and overwhelmed, if the whole of the town is 1x parish – when the town of Bournemouth is “represented” as 4x separate parishes. Resources for “Poole” (as well as Christchurch) will instead be routed (diverted/stolen) for projects elsewhere. The number of parishes need to be equivalent across the “Three Towns”, based on population, rate-payers, and geography –the cultural and historic value across the towns should be valued for this as well. The Parish boundaries need to be reviewed and corrected, for equal representation for everyone.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
B117	Hurn	The creation of parish councils will be damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation and corruption, preventing the change the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
B118	Hurn	There should be no Parish Councils	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
B119	Hurn	There should be no separate organization outside of BCP Council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
B120	Hurn	Too many councillors for the size of the parish	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
B121	Hurn	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
B122	Hurn	We either need parish councils or we need BCP. We do not need both.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
B123	Hurn	We need a bus to Hurn Airport, NOT a Parish Council.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
B124	Hurn	No	Don't know/not sure	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
B125	Hurn	1. Amending the boundary between polling districts CM1 and CM3/Hurn Parish Council and Christchurch Town Council does not cause any concerns and is supported. There are currently no properties, and the areas are within the same BCP Council ward. 2. Amending the boundary to include Wood Farm in the Muscliff and Strouden Park Ward instead of the Commons Ward is supported as it will make administering local and parish elections more straightforward. Whilst the property will still be in a different parliamentary constituency to the rest of the (proposed) ward, there is always going to be a difference at one level of governance. The proposal creates a preferred scenario as local and parish elections are usually scheduled on the same date, and this change will potentially allow the remaining anomaly to be addressed at a future parliamentary boundary review.	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
B126	Hurn	BCP unitary authority, amalgamating Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth, was supposed to improve transparency, costs and bureaucracy. Creating parish/town councils will be adding another level of unnecessary bureaucracy and cost with no tangible benefit and worse accountability. BCP has just appointed a new CEO; consideration should be given to allowing this person to attempt to improve the current running of the unitary authority before any changes are implemented. No decisions should be made before 2027 and then only following a referendum.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
B127	Hurn	It is not clear where the drivers for this change are. I have read and understand what it proposed but it seems to be that this is not rationalising the status quo, just complicating it further.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9

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Community Governance Consultation

August 2025

Hurn

Research and Consultation Team

Qualitative Analysis and Report by Darmax Research

Executive Summary

BCP Council are consulting on draft proposals to create new parish, town and community councils across Bournemouth and Poole and to make some small changes to the existing town/parish arrangements in Christchurch.

Before any decisions are made, the council sought the views of local residents on the existing parish and town council arrangements in Hurn.

This report summarises the free-text responses to the consultation.

Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Results

Reasons for agreement/disagreement

A total of 78 respondents provided feedback to this question. No responses were received from residents living within the Hurn proposal area; all respondents lived outside the area.

Some respondents expressed general support, citing Hurn's distinct identity and the benefits of retaining its current council to represent local interests. However, respondents expressed general opposition, considering such councils unnecessary, ineffective, and a waste of resources.

Some respondents suggested the parish is too small to justify its own council and should be merged with a neighbouring area. Conversely, others felt retaining the current council arrangement was logical despite the small population.

Respondents commented on increased bureaucracy, potential duplication and confusion over service responsibility. Several respondents felt the number of councillors was disproportionate to the population and that there are existing councillors to represent the local population.

Cost concerns were also raised by respondents, focused on the affordability of increased council tax. Some respondents criticised the consultation process, citing limited information and questioning the motivations behind the proposals.

Any other comments about the draft recommendations

A total of 35 respondents provided feedback to this question. No responses were received from residents living within the Hurn proposal area; all respondents lived outside the area.

Respondents reiterated that parish councils are unnecessary and a waste of resources. Boundary issues were raised by respondents, with suggestions to merge Hurn into Christchurch Town Council or neighbouring parishes, and that parts of Hurn might identify more closely with other communities.

Increased bureaucracy, duplication, fragmentation, and reduced accountability for BCP Council was also mentioned.

Respondents also opposed any additional precept and suggested reductions in BCP council tax if responsibilities were devolved.

Respondents criticised the consultation process, citing a lack of transparency and recommending that changes be subject to a public referendum.

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1 Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Qualitative responses (write in text) to questions were exported into Excel and were thematically analysed. The most common themes are reported on in this report. Anonymised quotes from participants have been used to illustrate the themes identified.

Please note that while the purpose of qualitative data is to provide deeper insights into reasoning and impact rather than to quantify data, the numbers of respondents who mentioned the most prevalent themes are provided in this report to give an indication of the magnitude of response. However, given the nature of qualitative data, it should be noted that this does not provide an indication of significance in relation to the question asked.

In addition, where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories. Where a response makes several different points, only the relevant part to the discussed theme is shown in the report.

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2 Analysis and results

2.1 Reasons for agreement/disagreement

Respondents were asked to provide their reasons for why they agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Hurn.

A total of 78 respondents provided feedback to this question. No responses were received from residents living within the Hurn proposal area. All 78 respondents live outside of the Hurn proposal area.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	-	11	11
General opposition	-	32	32
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	-	12	12
Administration/management of decisions	-	43	43
Cost of delivery	-	14	14
Consultation/decision process	-	4	4
Other	-	3	3

2.1.1 Respondents living in proposal area

No responses were received from residents living within the Hurn proposal area for this question.

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2.1.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

11 respondents who live outside of the proposed area for Hurn expressed support for the draft recommendations. They commented that Hurn has its **own historical identity** and should be allowed to continue with its own parish council. Respondents noted that a dedicated council represents the area's interests more effectively.

"This is an area where historically the residents have been served well by the council and there's no need for change."

"Hurn is clearly a separate semi-rural community within BCP and should be allowed to continue with their own parish council."

32 respondents expressed opposition to the parish and town councils in general. Respondents described parish and town councils as **unnecessary**, ineffective, and a **waste of resources**.

"I disagree with the continuation of current parish councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish councils in BCP."

"I do not agree that any area requires a parish council."

12 respondents commented on the proposed boundaries and allocation. Some respondents commented that the **area was too small**, both geographically and in terms of population, and should be merged with a neighbouring parish or incorporated into Christchurch Town Council. However, others felt that it did not matter there was a small population and that the **boundaries made sense**.

"Should be part of an Independent Christchurch Council."

"It is patently ridiculous that a district of less than 600 people has a parish council."

"This is a Parish council already in place - it seems overkill for just 594 residents, but I don't think it should be abolished just because of that. The boundary changes make some logical sense, especially as it does not affect any residents of either parish."

43 respondents opposed the creation of another layer of governance, warning it would increase **bureaucracy** and cause **duplication of services**. Respondents commented that the **formation of BCP Council** was to reduce bureaucracy and duplication and that responsibilities should remain with BCP Council to ensure consistency and efficiency. The added layer of governance would create **confusion** amongst residents in terms of responsibilities and who to contact, while it would also result in fragmentation and **service inconsistency** across the conurbation. Respondents also commented that the proposed **number of councillors** was too many for the population size and there is **already councillor representation** for the

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area. Respondents were also concerned if candidates would have the **required expertise** as well as concern if the seats were **uncontested**.

"I don't believe we need an extra layer of admin and bureaucracy."

"How are people supposed to know who does what? How can you ensure that the various parish councils act with any consistency?"

"6 parish councillors for 99 people each - really is ridiculous."

"Uncontested elections are deeply undemocratic. It might be more democratic for BCP Council to assume this parish council's functions and for the BCP Council councillors for the ward to represent their residents through BCP Council and its processes."

14 respondents raised concerns about the associated cost, particularly the impact on council tax and the associated **affordability** for local residents.

"I do not think that the constituents can afford to pay more than they already are for council tax."

4 respondents criticised the consultation process, commenting on **limited information within the recommendations**. Respondents also questioned the motivations behind the proposals and that the changes should go to **referendum**.

"There is insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision on any of these draft recommendations. There is no indication of what services will be provided via the new parish/town councils."

"Changes should involve a whole authority referendum and not rely on Councillor decisions."

3 respondents made other comments, including that the **decision should not be made by people who do not live in the area**, as well as concern for **housing developments**.

"The 5 anonymous residents don't live in this and I fail to see why the views of 5 should override those of the majority in these boroughs. The future of Hurn area is at risk - the dreadful housing development at Parley Cross is evidence of that."

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2.2 Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Hurn.

A total of 35 respondents provided feedback to this question. No responses were received from residents living within the Hurn proposal area. All 35 respondents live outside of the Hurn proposal area.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	-	3	3
General opposition	-	18	18
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	-	5	5
Administration/management of decisions	-	12	12
Cost of delivery	-	5	5
Consultation/decision process	-	4	4
Other	-	2	2

2.2.1 Respondents living in proposal area

No responses were received from residents living within the Hurn proposal area for this question.

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2.2.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

3 respondents expressed **general support** for the proposals.

"I fully endorse all of the recommendations."

18 respondents expressed opposition for parish councils generally and consider them to be **unnecessary**.

"Parish councils totally unnecessary as we already have an amalgamated council with BCP."

5 respondents commented on boundaries. 1 of these respondents commented that Hurn should be **integrated into a neighbouring parish** or Christchurch Town Council, while another respondent commented that residents in the western part of Hurn may **relate more to being part of Parley**. Respondents also commented on **other draft recommendations**, including that Throop should be aligned with Bournemouth and that there is inconsistency in the number of parishes/town councils across Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch.

"The western part of Hurn is now becoming more developed and residents there may relate more to being part of the Parley area instead of Hurn."

"Merge Hurn Parish with a Neighbouring Parish Council. Integrating Hurn into a neighbouring parish (e.g. Jumpers or Christchurch Town)."

"The number of parishes need to be equivalent across the "Three Towns", based on population, ratepayers, and geography - the cultural and historic value across the towns should be valued for this as well. The Parish boundaries need to be reviewed and corrected, for equal representation for everyone."

"I think Throop should go to Bournemouth instead but Christchurch is still a good option for it."

12 respondents expressed concern about additional **bureaucracy**, duplication of responsibilities, and **fragmentation of service delivery** across the conurbation. **BCP Council should be responsible** for service delivery and decisions across the conurbation and parish and town councils would result in **reduced accountability** for BCP Council.

"There should be no separate organisation outside of BCP Council."

"The creation of parish councils will be damaging for BCP Council, enabling greater fragmentation and corruption, preventing the change the area needs."

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5 respondents raised concerns about **increased costs to residents** without clear benefit, as well as calling for reductions in BCP council tax.

"All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no council tax precepts should be put in place."

"Hurn should consider cutting back on council tax so as to benefit the residents."

4 respondents criticised the consultation process, highlighting a **lack of transparency and detail** in the proposals, and suggesting a **public vote** before implementation.

"People are trying to circumvent the elected authorities to suit their own ends."

"No decisions should be made before 2027 and then only following a referendum."

2 respondents mentioned **unrelated local issues**, including public transport access and opposition to housing developments.

"We need a bus to Hurn Airport, NOT a Parish Council."

"Hurn open spaces need full protection from development - the dreadful development at Parley Cross - ugly boxes that no one wants - should be warning enough of what can happen."

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Q18 – Please tell us the reasons for your answer whether you agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Highcliffe & Walkford

Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C1	Highcliffe & Walkford	a to h. The parish council is working well so no need for change	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C2	Highcliffe & Walkford	a. Must be Kept.b. existing boundary should be kept. c. title should not be altered due to importance of history. d. Parish council must become stronger. e. Keep parish name. f. do not modify.g. Appoint proper and trust worthy councillors that are qualified and do what the residents want!!! h. adequate numbers to allow for deputy's. h. not too many please.	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
C3	Highcliffe & Walkford	d) The parish has been run very well so far	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C4	Highcliffe & Walkford	Disagree to changes keeping option 'a'	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
C5	Highcliffe & Walkford	Divide councillors to have equal representation so no one area can have more voting power	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
C6	Highcliffe & Walkford	Don’t fix what isn’t broken.	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
C7	Highcliffe & Walkford	F - parish wards. As HWPC councillors, we find the division into 3 wards unwieldly and unnecessary. I would like to see 2 wards, split down the centre of the parish. The natural internal boundary would be Hinton Wood Avenue, Castle Lane and Rothesay Drive. H - councillor distribution. Under the 2-ward proposal, the distribution would be 6 west and 5 east.	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C8	Highcliffe & Walkford	f Do not see the need for 3 Wards	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C9	Highcliffe & Walkford	I agree with all the recommendations as since we have had a PC in Highcliffe and Walkford, local involvement in issues affecting the local community has been increased. Our PC councillors are able to listen to local views and can react to local issues specifically, e.g. the clifftop paths, public toilets, and can bring these to the attention of BCP so something gets done. Cllrs are held more directly to account as local people are more likely to attend a local PC meeting than go to Bournemouth. Also, the PC has taken on responsibility for local amenities, such as Nea Meadows, the Recreation Ground and can spend money on those things important to local people. It can spend money in partnership with BC to get a better local result, rather than no money be spent at all if BCP had its way.	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C10	Highcliffe & Walkford	I am very happy with the current situation and do not wish it to be changed.	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C11	Highcliffe & Walkford	I seem to recall that Christchurch Bournemouth and Poole were merged to save money. Then the parish councils pop up because no one in Bournemouth of Poole cares two farthings for anything that happens in Christchurch:- we are just there to provide lots of lovely council tax for B-P to squander on other parts of the borough. Christchurch council was by no means perfect but if you live in the last outpost of B-P AND Dorset, ie Highcliffe, it is the forgotten land. We need one strong council to fight our causes, not dozens of little groups who simply add to the expenses of the borough without achieving anything. As an example let's take the lake on Bea meadows that was to be dredged before Christchurch was submerged into B-P. Somehow it has remained an eyesore, and now a health and safety risk. It was known that the environment agency would have to be involved, but that knowledge fell through the cracks of the merger. What is left if the lake, and its two remaining ducks is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, and if a child should ever stumble into the sludge, the tragedy that results will have everyone asking questions. If previous councillors spent all the available money on vanity projects and electric barbecues that no one cleans (who on earth thought users would bring cleaning supplies, suitable for cleaning hot grills, along with their meat and potatoes really does need a reality check), sue them to get the money back. This action would also prevent future councillors from contemplating similar projects in the future.	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 4
C12	Highcliffe & Walkford	Local democracy should be retained. BCP is too big.	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C13	Highcliffe & Walkford	No change so happy with existing	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C14	Highcliffe & Walkford	Strongly agree with a - h no issues have been caused in the last few years. I feel that we are properly represented at a local level, with councillors that understand our requirements as they are local.	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
C15	Highcliffe & Walkford	The current governance structure seems to be fit for purpose.	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C16	Highcliffe & Walkford	The existing councillors and areas work extremely well and I would like our representation to stay the same	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 4
C17	Highcliffe & Walkford	a d f g h I do not think we need parish councils. Waste of council tax money.	Disagree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C18	Highcliffe & Walkford	a- I think better decisions can be taken at council level ie BCP with the benefit of greater officer involvement and advice having regard to the council's priorities as a whole and reflective of the administration's objectives. The costs involved in administering the council could be spent elsewhere without undermining localism or local needs.	Disagree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 4
C19	Highcliffe & Walkford	The area of Mudeford included within this Parish Council should be moved into the Mudeford area of the adjacent Town Council. As it stands this Parish Council is only concerned with matters associated with "Highcliffe Village" as they constantly refer to. They have no.interest in Mudeford. Don't forget the area voted not to have a Parish Council in a referendum before it was established. The referendum result was simply ignored.	Disagree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C20	Highcliffe & Walkford	d. It is another unnecessary level of bureaucracy which has very limited powers.	Neither agree nor disagree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
C21	Highcliffe & Walkford	a		Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C22	Highcliffe & Walkford	(a) - (f) This parish is somewhat separated from the main BCP conurbation and therefore it seems sensible to retain the parish council so that local interests are adequately represented. In relation to (f) - (g), the number of councillors seems high. Generally, if local government overheads could be reduced then the funds could be redirected to improving declining public services in the BCP area.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
C23	Highcliffe & Walkford	(a) Strongly agree – The parish of Highcliffe and Walkford has developed a clear and functional identity since its establishment in 2019, with community-level representation and accountability that has strengthened local civic engagement. Abolition would contradict the principles of subsidiarity and localism. (b) Agree – While no change is currently proposed, future minor boundary reviews may become appropriate as development in the Mudeford/West Highcliffe area evolves. At present, however, the boundaries remain logical and coterminous with electoral divisions. (c) Agree – The existing name appropriately reflects both historical settlements and community identity. There is no compelling evidence to support renaming. (d) Strongly agree – The parish council remains an essential mechanism for local representation and community-focused service delivery. It acts as a conduit for local views to be heard at principal authority level. (e) Agree – As with (c), the council's name has become established and changing it would risk unnecessary confusion. (f) Agree – The warding arrangements offer a fair distribution of representation based on electorate projections, with all variances remaining within the +/-10% guidance threshold. (g) Agree – Eleven Councillors strikes an appropriate balance for a parish of this size, ensuring adequate representation while maintaining operational efficiency. (h) Agree – The ward-based allocation of Councillors aligns with current and projected population distributions and reflects geographical and community identity divisions within the parish.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C24	Highcliffe & Walkford	(a) to (h) - as with Hurn PC, present arrangement works well. Exceptionally well-run parish with well-attended meetings and good community engagement by councillors.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 2
C25	Highcliffe & Walkford	(B) Friars Ward should be included in Highcliffe & Walkford as our characteristics are aligned with Highcliffe by way of being on the sea front, our gardens back onto the Golf Course and being built in Highcliffe Castle grounds. We also back onto the Nature Reserve. Located only one mile from Highcliffe Town Centre as opposed to 3 miles from Christchurch Town Centre. Schools, Doctors & Dentist surgery located in Highcliffe not Christchurch. Transport links such as Hinton Admiral station is our nearest rail link not Christchurch. Having lived here for 40 years I always thought I was living in Highcliffe but postal address of Christchurch and pay my council tax to CTC.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C26	Highcliffe & Walkford	a to h. It appears to be working OK so no need for change	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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C27	Highcliffe & Walkford	a) No need to change b) Friars Cliff should be included in Highcliffe and Walkford parish c) No need for change d) No need for change e) No need for change f) Friars Cliff should be included in Highcliffe and Walkford parish. It is a much more similar area to Highcliffe and Walkford than Christchurch Town e.g. (i) beach and coastal areas in common; Steamer Point Nature Reserve in common (ii) nearest shops and medical facilities are in Highcliffe (iii) similar concerns about sea water quality, preservation of the beach; protection of the cliffs along the coast (iv) more like a village than large town (v) we would have a fairer share of voice as part of Highcliffe and Walkford g) This should be increased by 3 councillors to 14, to accommodate Friars Cliff ward h) Friars Cliff ward to have 3 elected councillors	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C28	Highcliffe & Walkford	a) The parish of Highcliffe and Walkford should not be abolished Agree. Retaining the parish is appropriate given the size of the community, and it ensures continued local representation and decision-making on matters of community interest. b) No change be made to the boundary of the existing parish of Highcliffe and Walkford Agree. Maintaining the current boundary supports community identity and reflects the natural geographic and social connections within the area. c) The name of the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford should not be altered Agree. The current name is well-established and recognisable to residents, preserving continuity and community cohesion. d) The parish should continue to have a parish council Agree. A parish council is appropriate for an area of this size, ensuring residents continue to have local representation and input into decisions affecting their community. e) The name of the parish council should not be altered Agree. There is no need for a name change, which would only incur unnecessary administrative costs and create confusion. f) The parish of Highcliffe and Walkford continue to be divided into three parish wards without modification and those wards named respectively: – Highcliffe – North Highcliffe and Walkford – West Highcliffe Disagree. Dividing the parish into three separate wards increases bureaucratic complexity and administrative overheads, ultimately driving up costs for taxpayers. A more unified structure would support cohesive decision-making and reduce duplication of effort, particularly in a community where many local issues affect the parish as a whole rather than just individual wards.	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living outside proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7

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		g) The parish council for Highcliffe and Walkford shall consist of 11 councillors Disagree. While representation is important, 11 councillors may be excessive and could contribute to inefficiencies and increased governance costs. A slightly smaller number of councillors—elected at-large across the whole parish rather than by ward—could achieve the same level of representation with fewer overheads. h) The number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: – Highcliffe – three councillors – North Highcliffe and Walkford – three councillors – West Highcliffe – five councillors Disagree. Ward-specific representation entrenches unnecessary divisions within the parish and adds to electoral and administrative costs. Electing councillors from a single, unified parish area would be simpler, more flexible, and more cost-effective, enabling the council to function more cohesively and respond more efficiently to community-wide concerns.					
C29	Highcliffe & Walkford	a,b,c Highcliffe and Walkford parish council should continue as it is if the residents want this, but there should not be new councils set up at extra cost, where there would be no benefit & possible increase in council tax	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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C30	Highcliffe & Walkford	B. I live in Friars Cliff and strongly believe that culturally, Friars Cliff has far more in common with Highcliffe/Walkford than it does with Christchurch Town. As such, I propose that the area of Friars Cliff from BURE LANE, south to the beach, should transfer from CTC to HWPC. There is far more alignment with this in terms of properties and people, when considering that both Highcliffe and Friars Cliff are traditional beach-side communities. Also, the general shops and services of Highcliffe are nearer to Friars Cliff than Christchurch, so there is more synergy. Thank you.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C31	Highcliffe & Walkford	C Friars Cliff should be moved to Highcliffe and Walkford because residents are more likely to use services based there eg GP	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C32	Highcliffe & Walkford	'F' - I strongly disagree with any changes to the parish boundaries, especially when areas that have been considered Mudeford will not be Mudeford any more. And similarly for any other areas that will end up changing. The existing boundaries have been there for years. Why change something that isn't broken. There is no justification for this and will impact people's homes (and potentially house prices if boundaries change). Will the council compensate for any lost value on homes?!? There is absolutely no need for any change. And you will lose supportive residents who will feel like this goes against their rights.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C33	Highcliffe & Walkford	Friars Cliff area should move from CTC to Highcliffe and Walkdord, increasing number of councillors and name should include Friars Cliff.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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C34	Highcliffe & Walkford	Friars Cliff should be included in this council and not Christchurch	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C35	Highcliffe & Walkford	Friars Cliff ward should be incorporated in to the Highcliffe and Walkford parish Council area	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C36	Highcliffe & Walkford	From what i have heard the council in this area is doing a great job, so no need to change.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
C37	Highcliffe & Walkford	Highcliffe and Walkford has been a long established part of Christchurch. Although the area is urban, residents are likely to consider themselves separate from Bournemouth and Poole and deserve some local control over minor issues and be allowed to continue with their own parish council.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH2 6

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C38	Highcliffe & Walkford	I am in favour of Parish Councils.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
C39	Highcliffe & Walkford	I believe Friars Cliff should be added to the parish, so changing the boundaries and increasing the number of councillors	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C40	Highcliffe & Walkford	I live in friars Cliff. We have much affinity with Highcliffe and Walkford - proximity to the village of Highcliffe, its shops, dentist, doctors, estate agents etc. We do not feel closely linked to Christchurch. We have beach frontage and therefore share similar beach issues with Highcliffe. From the map it is clear we are simpy an outlier to Christchurch whereas we belong in the Highcliffe and Walkford area.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C41	Highcliffe & Walkford	I would like to see Friars Cliff as a part of this , it has more in common with these areas	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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C42	Highcliffe & Walkford	It works well as it is	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
C43	Highcliffe & Walkford	No case has been made to make any changes. Highhcliffe and Walkford have strong local and historical identities and nothing should be done to harm these.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
C44	Highcliffe & Walkford	Thanks here to be near some parts parties to define the goals choice berween the rulls ans ways for the best profiler at this time	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
C45	Highcliffe & Walkford	The area had been served well by this historic system	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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C46	Highcliffe & Walkford	The people of Highcliffe strongly support the proposals. It's shocking that views of respondents from Ashley Cross, Broadstone, Canford Heath, Jumpers Common and Oakdale were even mentioned in the report,.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C47	Highcliffe & Walkford	things seem to work well at the moment so doesn't need to be changed	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
C48	Highcliffe & Walkford	Why change for change's sake??	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
C49	Highcliffe & Walkford	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7

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C50	Highcliffe & Walkford	a) and d) I don't believe we need an extra layer of admin and bureaucracy. I don't see a benefit to residents in establishing parish councils but I do see that there will be additional costs to residents, and BCP councillors will be less accountable for maintaining the separate local areas, and will pass the buck to parish councils for issues it finds too expensive or too difficult to deal with. What was the point in amalgamating the town councils into BCP if only to create a new sub-layer of councillors? I thought the larger council was meant to benefit from economies of scale, better purchasing power and reduced admin and bureaucracy. The creation of parish councils undermines the arguments for the creation of BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
C51	Highcliffe & Walkford	a) Disagree with an extra tier of Local Government having had reorgansiations in 1997 and 2019. b) Extra tiers of Authority results in additional bureaucracy, duplication and cost. c) This leads to residents effectively paying twice for the same services d) Changes should involve a whole authority referendum not rely on Councillor decisions e) The total cost of local government can be expected to be higher in authorities with the additional tier of Town/Parish Councils f) Having sought to delayer local authority provision in 1997 and 2019 within BCP localities, for economy and efficiency reasons, the logical approach is to delayerr not create additional layers of local authority	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
C52	Highcliffe & Walkford	a) I think it unnecessary having the parish but it is not really for me to say if the residents want a parish then is up to then.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
C53	Highcliffe & Walkford	a) to h) (all) I strongly disagree with the need for parish councils when we already have an amalgamated Council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7

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C54	Highcliffe & Walkford	a, d I disagree. Town and Parish councils should be removed as they add an unnecessary layer of councils for no added benefit. Equivalent roles and clear departmental structures already exist under BCP so these should be given the full remit to improve their own services, with existing precept payments being absorbed into these departmental budgets. Ward councillors already provide the representation to ensure community views and cohesion are considered in council decisions.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
C55	Highcliffe & Walkford	'a', 'd' More layers, more bureaucracy, more delays to implementing any initiative. Why create BCP to remove duplication just to devolve responsibility?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
C56	Highcliffe & Walkford	a,b,c,d,e,f :- The creation of parish councils is adding another layer of bureaucracy to the unitary authority of BCP which the bringing together of the 3 councils said it would avoid. We have local councillors that are elected to represent the views of the area they are elected too, and therefore this additional layer will add authority to those who are elected to represent our areas to the large unitary authority.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
C57	Highcliffe & Walkford	a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h We have a Town Council which has council representatives for each area. We do not need more levels of administration but for existing Councillors to do their job and represent their ward to the Council with diligence and hard work on behalf of their electors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3

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C58	Highcliffe & Walkford	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
C59	Highcliffe & Walkford	A-h) cut backs to existing council tax should be considered, the area does not need more councillors	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
C60	Highcliffe & Walkford	All - it is wrong for there to be any additional councils / councillors in any region. The current councillors of BCP have confidently put themselves forward to be voted in to run the local area based on the situation as it currently is / was, so now is the time to step up and put their money where your mouth is and solve the problems without causing more for the local residents. It would be highly inappropriate for this council to move the goalposts half way through their (massively underwhelming) term and create new entities. It's clear that given the appalling behaviour of the controlling alliance, that the move would purely be a vehicle to hack off the services that cannot currently be 'afforded' and all of these white elephants would be passed on to the new 'councils' at which point BCP would claim that they are in a great place whilst the new councils would be failing. I also have no doubt that the councillors and in particular the leader of BCP would constantly throw mud at the new entities and blame them for the inevitable shortcomings. The divisive nature of the Liberal Democrats in particular as well as the rest of the Three Towns Alliance means that nothing positive is ever achieved as they are too busy shirking accountability and blaming everybody else for their many failings. Any new council would also have the partisan issues that plague BCP Council and it isn't right at all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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C61	Highcliffe & Walkford	All of these parish councils should be scrapped now that we are all part of BCP. What is the point of increasing the costs and complication of the politics of administration by further devolution. We have in recent years suffered major change by setting up BCP. Let's all just live with that now and get BCP to take the action local residents need rather than just adding costs tinkering around the edges	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 3
C62	Highcliffe & Walkford	All sections: HWPC should remain roughly as it does, but with the inclusion of Friars Cliff ward (currently in CTC). Therefore another ward needs to be created and number of councillors increased to cover the number of residents (1 councillor for this ward). The name should therefore be Highcliffe, Friars cliff, and Walkford Parish Council (HFWPC)	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C63	Highcliffe & Walkford	'b': I would like to see the Christchurch Town ward Friar's Cliff included within the Highcliffe and Walkford Parish boundary and removed from the neighbouring Christchurch Town Council. Such a change would unite areas with similar coastal issues that can be more efficiently addressed together.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C64	Highcliffe & Walkford	BCP have more than enough people to not require any further parish employees to run what is a rather small town council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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C65	Highcliffe & Walkford	Do not need parish councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
C66	Highcliffe & Walkford	Have not read anything to suggest benefit of parish councils of any kind in current financial environment.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
C67	Highcliffe & Walkford	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
C68	Highcliffe & Walkford	I disagree with the continuation of current parish councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4

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C69	Highcliffe & Walkford	I disagree with the need for parish and town councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
C70	Highcliffe & Walkford	I do not agree that any area requires a parish council. I believe that all functions should be carried out by BCP council. Anything more is an unnecessary complication and a waste of money. How are people supposed to know who does what? How can you ensure that the various parish councils act with any consistency?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
C71	Highcliffe & Walkford	I do not agree that we should have any town/parish councils. If BCP it too large, revert to 3 separate councils agin.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
C72	Highcliffe & Walkford	I would like to see Friar's Cliff included in the Highcliffe and Walkford as we identify with Highcliffe more than Christchurch. We live within a mile of Highcliffe and do our shopping there rather than Christchurch which is 3 miles away and has very little parking. The map of our wards, showing FC would be better aligned to HWPC and both beachside communities are facing similar issues and I feel we would have a bigger voice in this ward. Lower precept. (Band G: CTC £120.58/HCWPC £54.77)	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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C73	Highcliffe & Walkford	Ido not think that Parish Councils are necessary	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
C74	Highcliffe & Walkford	Our area doesn't need another level of bureaucracy	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
C75	Highcliffe & Walkford	Parish councils are an unnecessary level of governance as the services they will provide are already covered by BCP. If we need Parish councils to have our community listened to, then maybe BCP should be disbanded instead and go back to individual town councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
C76	Highcliffe & Walkford	Parish councils are superfluous	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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C77	Highcliffe & Walkford	Parish Councils generally attract Narcissists and mini Hitlers, who love the power and control, this position gives them in the community. Control over decisions and people that live in these areas. Procedure and following the system is everything, the end result is irrelevant. They have fragile egos and hate criticism. They are in control and you little people must go through me first, in fact, this whole community is under my influence and control.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
C78	Highcliffe & Walkford	Parish councils represent needless and unnecessary bureaucracy.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
C79	Highcliffe & Walkford	Re a and d - the parish council should be abolished. It is a waste of tax payers money and adds unnecessary bureaucracy. Public funds are right enough and we should be reducing this bureaucracy not maintaining it. I do not think these areas get good value for the extra money they pay.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
C80	Highcliffe & Walkford	Regarding paragraph h) there should be no cllrs whatsoever.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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C81	Highcliffe & Walkford	Rename it Castle, have one councillor elected to BCP, plus a mayor will perform daily at Highcliffe Castle	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
C82	Highcliffe & Walkford	See comments under Broadstone.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
C83	Highcliffe & Walkford	Should be part of an Independent Christchurch Council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
C84	Highcliffe & Walkford	The bureaucracy and cost of additional layers of local government should be avoided wherever possible.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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C85	Highcliffe & Walkford	The creation of parish councils will be damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation and corruption, preventing the change the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
C86	Highcliffe & Walkford	This adds additional unnecessary cost to us all	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
C87	Highcliffe & Walkford	Too many councillors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
C88	Highcliffe & Walkford	Uncontested elections are deeply undemocratic. It might be more democratic for BCP Council to assume this parish council's functions and for the BCP Council councillors for the wards to represent their residents through BCP Council and its processes.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6

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C89	Highcliffe & Walkford	Unnecessary layer of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
C90	Highcliffe & Walkford	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
C91	Highcliffe & Walkford	We don't need a Parish Council.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
C92	Highcliffe & Walkford	We shouldn't be having extra layers of local government. The council is BCP council. If local government bodies should be covering smaller areas, then BCP should be split up. Indeed, it should never have been created in the first place. Here in Poole many people feel that we have lost local democracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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C93	Highcliffe & Walkford	b - The boundary for the parishes of Highcliffe and Walkford should be realigned to include Friars Cliff. Both Highcliffe and Friars Cliff are beachside communities which face similar issues. In addition, Friars Cliff community predominantly utilise the community facilities of Highcliffe including GP, dentist and shopping.	Neither agree nor disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C94	Highcliffe & Walkford	It is not for Electoral Services to comment on these questions	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
C95	Highcliffe & Walkford	Parish councils are an unnecessary administrative tier. They result in additional costs - without value for money - for council tax payers.	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
C96	Highcliffe & Walkford	The problem with the Draft recommendations are their incredible inconsistency. Why should any comparably sized area be treated differently? Such a situation is inherently unfair and undemocratic. An argument might be made for treating 'rural' areas slightly differently if any can be reasonably defined within BCP but this seems unlikely.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3

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C97	Highcliffe & Walkford	There is insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision on any of these draft recommendations. There is no indication of what services will be provided via the new parish/town councils. There is no indication of the total costs involved in setting up these parishes/councils, nor of the level of precept, nor of the possibility of precepts being increased well above the capped level of council tax. There is no indication of the need for a clerk to the parish/town council, nor of the salary that this would incur. Whilst the expectation is that parish/town councillors will be appointed on a voluntary basis, there is no means of preventing them from voting to make salary payments out of the precept. Divisions into parish/town councils across the conurbation is likely to increase differences in levels of provision.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3

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C98	Highcliffe & Walkford	Considering road speeds around schools in the area	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
C99	Highcliffe & Walkford	I have a general comment. Why is there no explanation of cost to implement the overall recommendations? It's hard to comment on other areas that have changes without understanding the cost benefit calculation.	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C100	Highcliffe & Walkford	It would be nice to have a bus that runs past 7pm at night, and trains that stop more than once an hour at the station. Use the main stations, you say, but then we would need a bus that runs past 7pm at night! B-P are making it more and more difficult to drive anywhere in the borough but don't seem to be prepared to ensure there is public transport. I walk miles but I am not getting any younger and I never learnt to cycle, and don't think now is the time to obtain a tricycle to learn. I have considered standing as a councillor, but the behaviour of Drew Mellor led me to believe that it would be a very difficult job with a great deal of stress for anyone that did not support the council leader	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 4
C101	Highcliffe & Walkford	More cycle lanes	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
C102	Highcliffe & Walkford	No	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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C103	Highcliffe & Walkford	No	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
C104	Highcliffe & Walkford	Reduce all the bench racing meetings and listen to the important issues raised by the rate paying residents.	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
C105	Highcliffe & Walkford	Stop wasting our money on this scheme.	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
C106	Highcliffe & Walkford	Waste of time. Should be abolished.	Disagree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
C107	Highcliffe & Walkford	We have lived in the Mudeford wood area for over 30 years and don’t want to be known as West Highcliffe. Also why spend funds on this now instead of concentrating on more pressing issues. It’s a total waste of money	Disagree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

Q19 – Is there anything else you would like to say about the draft recommendations for Highcliffe & Walkford?

Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C108	Highcliffe & Walkford	b		Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
C109	Highcliffe & Walkford	Everything should remain the same	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
C110	Highcliffe & Walkford	Friars Cliff is closer to and has more affinity with Highcliffe than it does with the more remote Christchurch area.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C111	Highcliffe & Walkford	Highcliffe and Friars cliff share the same coastline, are 1 mile apart and have a similar community. Christchurch is further away and is a town.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C112	Highcliffe & Walkford	I don't understand why this is even a consideration.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C113	Highcliffe & Walkford	I fully endorse all of the draft recommendations.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
C114	Highcliffe & Walkford	It is worth recognising that the stability and maturity of Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council's governance arrangements are a strength of the existing framework. While support for status quo is justified, BCP Council may wish to consider enhancing support for parishes through improved devolution of minor service delivery functions and more consistent engagement on planning matters.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
C115	Highcliffe & Walkford	Move Friars Cliff from the Town Council to join with Highcliffe and Walkford.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C116	Highcliffe & Walkford	No	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
C117	Highcliffe & Walkford	No	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C118	Highcliffe & Walkford	No	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
C119	Highcliffe & Walkford	No.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C120	Highcliffe & Walkford	No.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
C121	Highcliffe & Walkford	No.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
C122	Highcliffe & Walkford	Nothings thanks	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C123	Highcliffe & Walkford	there should be a requirement for all parish councils to work more closely together especially where they are next to each other	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
C124	Highcliffe & Walkford	We attended our local Friars Cliff residents association meeting, 80 residents attended the debate re CGR. A show of hands in this sample, only 5 wishes to stay in CTC, a few abstained with the vast majority of the opinion that Friars Cliff had common issues with HWPC and would be better served by that Parish Council.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C125	Highcliffe & Walkford	While I support the retention of the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford, I believe the current draft recommendations miss an important opportunity to streamline governance and reduce unnecessary costs. The division of the parish into three separate wards increases bureaucracy, adds complexity to elections, and results in higher administrative overheads—none of which provide clear additional value to residents. I would strongly recommend removing the ward divisions and instead electing all parish councillors at-large. This would reduce electoral costs, simplify governance, and allow the council to operate in a more unified and flexible way—focusing on the needs of the entire parish rather than managing artificial internal boundaries. In addition, I suggest reviewing the total number of councillors with a view to modest reduction. A slightly smaller, more agile council could still offer effective representation while reducing operational costs related to meetings, allowances, and support services. Ultimately, these changes would promote a more cohesive, cost-effective, and modern model of local governance—better aligned to the expectations of residents and the need for prudent use of public funds.	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living outside proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C126	Highcliffe & Walkford	Yes, BCP council should be dismantled replaced with a single tier structure for each town. The merger of Christchurch and Poole into Bournemouth was made against the wishes of local residents and bco council has no democratic legitimacy.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C127	Highcliffe & Walkford	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7
C128	Highcliffe & Walkford	As above	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
C129	Highcliffe & Walkford	As above, I would like to see Friar's Cliff included in Highcliffe and Walkford - we idenity with Highcliffe more than Christchurch.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C130	Highcliffe & Walkford	Cut backs to council tax and a more effective governance should be introduced. Money from council tax should be carefully allocated to improving the local services	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C131	Highcliffe & Walkford	Disagree with the concept of Parish Councils in the BCP area for reasons given in previous question response	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
C132	Highcliffe & Walkford	Do nor need parish councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
C133	Highcliffe & Walkford	Don't do it	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
C134	Highcliffe & Walkford	Highcliff and Waljford should be abolished. Everything should be delivered by BCP Council itself.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
C135	Highcliffe & Walkford	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C136	Highcliffe & Walkford	I disagree with the continuation of current parish councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
C137	Highcliffe & Walkford	I note that elections were contested in 2019 but then not in 2023. this seems to have been the same in other councils: Hurn, Burton and Winkton, all but one of the Christchurch Wards. I feel strongly that the premise of setting up councils made up from self-proposing volunteers is deeply flawed. Where is the governance and vetting of these probably well meaning but possibly not capable individuals? Alarm bells ring when the initial enthusiasm for putting themselves up to contest an election has disappeared and the council continues with no possible change of personnel? People who put themselves forward may have particular pet interests and may make short term decisions with unforeseen consequences down the line. The whole premise seems to be a way to off load some responsibilities from the council but the approach of getting some members of the community, whose only qualification may be the location of their house, to take these responsibilities on seems very risky.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
C138	Highcliffe & Walkford	Leave things as they are as despite the hollow words from BCP council, this is clearly going to end up costing residents money that simply cannot be afforded in a cost of living crisis. If the current incumbents are unable to work within the constraints as they currently exist, then they should resign en masse and make way for competent people who can. This is nothing but a transparent vehicle to screw the local residents. You say that there will not be any additional cost, but that is a blatant lie. You will bring in a precept to begin with and that will go up and up and up year on year , totally unchecked and the people of the BCP region will be the ones to pay for it. It's unacceptable that you would do something like this without a referendum (which you clearly won't as you already know what the outcome would be and you don't like listening to people who disagree with you). BCP Council is a repugnant organisation, badly run by incompetent councillors with no honesty, integrity or decency. You are an embarrassment to the local people and you should be totally and utterly ashamed of yourselves (but I doubt you have the decency to feel that way either). Shame on you all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C139	Highcliffe & Walkford	less bureaucracy more action from those already elected	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
C140	Highcliffe & Walkford	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
C141	Highcliffe & Walkford	No	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
C142	Highcliffe & Walkford	People are trying to circumvent the elected authority to suit their own politics	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
C143	Highcliffe & Walkford	Reasons for this change is that Friars Cliff and Highcliffe have similar issues, being on the coast/beach, Highcliffe is the nearest shops/GP/Dentists to Friars Cliff. Currently Friars Cliff is relatively ignored by CTC and being on their Eastern extremity has nothing in common with the Town Centre. Geographically, looking at the map, it would make sense to "straighten" the dog leg shape of HWPC to include Friars Cliff	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C144	Highcliffe & Walkford	Scrap the council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
C145	Highcliffe & Walkford	Scrap this parish cuoncil	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
C146	Highcliffe & Walkford	The boundaries of “Poole” council are clear – however the town will be disadvantaged and overwhelmed, if the whole of the town is 1x parish – when the town of Bournemouth is “represented” as 4x separate parishes. Resources for “Poole” (as well as Christchurch) will instead be routed (diverted/stolen) for projects elsewhere. The number of parishes need to be equivalent across the “Three Towns”, based on population, rate-payers, and geography –the cultural and historic value across the towns should be valued for this as well. The Parish boundaries need to be reviewed and corrected, for equal representation for everyone.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
C147	Highcliffe & Walkford	The creation of parish councils will be damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation and corruption, preventing the change the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
C148	Highcliffe & Walkford	They are a waste of money without a focus on a spiritual regeneration and protection of zigzags	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C149	Highcliffe & Walkford	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
C150	Highcliffe & Walkford	We do not need 2 layers of admin and bureaucracy. Either abolish parish councils or abolish BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
C151	Highcliffe & Walkford	We do not need a parish council as well as BCP. It will be costly as well as unnecessary and certain matters will get missed between the two.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
C152	Highcliffe & Walkford	We don't need a Parish Council.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
C153	Highcliffe & Walkford	BCP unitary authority, amalgamating Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth, was supposed to improve transparency, costs and bureaucracy. Creating parish/town councils will be adding another level of unnecessary bureaucracy and cost with no tangible benefit and worse accountability. BCP has just appointed a new CEO; consideration should be given to allowing this person to attempt to improve the current running of the unitary authority before any changes are implemented. No decisions should be made before 2027 and then only following a referendum.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
C154	Highcliffe & Walkford	Electoral Services have no comments or issues with the proposals in Highcliffe and Walkford	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
C155	Highcliffe & Walkford	Friarscliff should be added to H&W as we are more aligned with them from a community prospective.	Neither agree nor disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C156	Highcliffe & Walkford	Realigning the boundaries of Highcliffe, Walkford and Friars Cliff would strengthen and reinforce the already existing community of the three areas.	Neither agree nor disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C157	Highcliffe & Walkford	This is ridiculously complicated. Are you reducing councillors from 11 to 9? It is not clear.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9

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Community Governance Consultation

August 2025

Highcliffe & Walkford

Research and Consultation Team

Qualitative Analysis and Report by Darmax Research

Executive Summary

BCP Council are consulting on draft proposals to create new parish, town and community councils across Bournemouth and Poole and to make some small changes to the existing town/parish arrangements in Christchurch.

Before any decisions are made, the council sought the views of local residents on the existing parish and town council arrangements in Highcliffe and Walkford.

This report summarises the free-text responses to the consultation.

Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Results

Reasons for agreement/disagreement

Respondents were asked to provide their reasons for why they agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Highcliffe and Walkford.

93 respondents provided feedback to this question. 20 of these respondents live in Highcliffe and Walkford, while 73 live outside of the area.

Feedback from Highcliffe and Walkford residents was mixed. Those in favour of retaining the parish council valued its established role, local identity, and representation. Those who were opposed to the existing parish council argued that parish councils were unnecessary and a waste of council tax.

Respondents suggested boundary adjustments, such as moving Friars Cliff into Highcliffe and Walkford and moving parts of Mudeford into Christchurch Town Council. Concerns were also raised over councillor numbers, cost, and the effectiveness of the consultation.

Those living outside the proposal area also expressed a combination of support and opposition. Those who supported the proposal recognised the parish council as effective and valued the preservation of local identity. Conversely, those opposed to it saw parish councils as an unnecessary extra layer of governance and were in favour of BCP Council-led services. Other concerns centred on additional bureaucracy, service fragmentation, cost increases during a cost-of-living crisis, and scepticism about the consultation process.

Many also suggested including Friars Cliff within Highcliffe and Walkford and renaming the parish to reflect this.

Any other comments about the draft recommendations

46 respondents provided further comments. 8 of these live within Highcliffe and Walkford and 38 live outside the proposed area.

Local residents who opposed the proposals reiterated that parish councils were a waste of money and criticised the lack of cost detail. Boundary concerns included rejecting the inclusion of Mudeford Wood within ‘West Highcliffe’, while administrative concerns ranged from the pressures of being a councillor to a desire for BCP Council to focus on more pressing issues. Additional feedback included transport-related suggestions, such as improved bus services, road safety measures, and cycling infrastructure.

Those who live outside the proposed area gave mixed views. Some praised the stability of the parish’s governance, while others opposed its continuation or the creation of new parish councils altogether.

Many supported incorporating Friars Cliff into the parish on the basis of shared geography and issues.

Wider opposition focused on the added bureaucracy, duplication of services, and cost implications. Respondents suggested a referendum to decide, clearer information before implementation, while some questioned political motives behind the proposals.

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1 Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Qualitative responses (write in text) to questions were exported into Excel and were thematically analysed. The most common themes are reported on in this report. Anonymised quotes from participants have been used to illustrate the themes identified.

Please note that while the purpose of qualitative data is to provide deeper insights into reasoning and impact rather than to quantify data, the numbers of respondents who mentioned the most prevalent themes are provided in this report to give an indication of the magnitude of response. However, given the nature of qualitative data, it should be noted that this does not provide an indication of significance in relation to the question asked.

In addition, where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories. Where a response makes several different points, only the relevant part to the discussed theme is shown in the report.

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2 Analysis and results

2.1 Reasons for agreement/disagreement

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Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	11	15	26
General opposition	2	22	24
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	4	19	23
Administration/management of decisions	5	37	42
Cost of delivery	1	11	12
Consultation/decision process	1	4	5
Other	0	1	1

2.1.1 Respondents living in proposal area

11 residents of Highcliffe & Walkford expressed general support for the proposals, referring to the **established** nature of the parish, the importance of retaining its identity, and the benefits of having local representation. Comments also suggested that the current arrangements serve the community well and that there was no clear need for change.

"I agree with all the recommendations as since we have had a Parish Council in Highcliffe and Walkford, local involvement in issues affecting the local community has been increased."

"Local democracy should be retained. BCP is too big."

2 respondents were generally opposed, feeling that parish councils are an **unnecessary use of council tax money**.

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"I do not think we need parish councils. Waste of council tax money."

4 respondents made comments relating to parish and town boundaries. While respondents felt that the proposed **parish area was appropriate**, some respondents felt that splitting the parish into **3 wards was not needed**. In addition, 1 respondent felt that the area of **Mudeford** should be moved into the Mudeford area of Christchurch Town Council due to a lack of incorporating it into local matters by the current parish council.

"We find the division into 3 wards unwieldly and unnecessary. I would like to see 2 wards, split down the centre of the parish. The natural internal boundary would be Hinton Wood Avenue, Castle Lane and Rothesay Drive."

"The area of Mudeford included within this Parish Council should be moved into the Mudeford area of the adjacent Town Council."

5 respondents commented on the administration and management of the proposed arrangements. Respondents questioned the need for **so many councillors** and that they should be **equally distributed** between the three wards, while BCP Council should be responsible for decisions regarding the entire conurbation.

"Divide councillors to have equal representation so no one area can have more voting power."

"I think better decisions can be taken at council level i.e. BCP with the benefit of greater officer involvement and advice having regard to the council's priorities as a whole and reflective of the administration's objectives."

One respondent raised cost concerns, noting that the costs involved could be **spent better elsewhere**. One respondent commented on the consultation process and that the **views of residents** were unlikely to be taken into consideration.

"The costs involved in administering the council could be spent elsewhere without undermining localism or local needs."

"Don't forget the area voted not to have a Parish Council in a referendum before it was established. The referendum result was simply ignored."

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2.1.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

15 respondents living outside proposal area of Highcliffe & Walkford expressed general support for the proposals, commenting that the **existing parish works well** and the value of local identity and representation.

"From what I have heard the council in this area is doing a great job, so no need to change."

"The area has been served well by this historic system."

22 respondents commented that they were generally opposed to retaining the existing parish, with many expressing the view that **parish councils in general are unnecessary** and do not justify their cost.

"Town and parish councils should be removed as they add an unnecessary layer of councils for no added benefit."

"The parish council should be abolished. It is a waste of tax payers money and adds unnecessary bureaucracy."

19 respondents commented on boundaries and parish/town allocation, with the majority of these suggesting that it would be more appropriate for **Friars Cliff to be incorporated** into Highcliffe and Walkford rather than within Christchurch Town Council. Following this the name of the **parish should be renamed** to reflect its inclusion.

"HWPC should remain roughly as it is, but with the inclusion of Friars Cliff ward (currently in CTC). Therefore another ward needs to be created and number of councillors increased to cover the number of residents (1 councillor for this ward). The name should therefore be Highcliffe, Friars Cliff and Walkford Parish Council (HFWPC)."

37 respondents commented on the administration and management of decisions. Concerns included an **additional layer of governance** slowing decision-making, and the fragmentation of service delivery. Respondents also felt that parish councils have limited benefit. Some argued that **BCP Council should retain sole responsibility** for local services, especially as the previous merger was meant to reduce bureaucracy and costs. Some respondents were in favour of **reverting back to the previous three town councils** if this has not been the case. Respondents also commented that there are **already enough councillors** without the need for additional roles being created.

"Unnecessary layer of bureaucracy."

"All of these parish councils should be scrapped now that we are all part of BCP. What is the point of increasing the costs and complication of the

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politics of administration by further devolution. We have in recent years suffered major change by setting up BCP. Let's all just live with that now and get BCP to take the action local residents need rather than just adding costs tinkering around the edges."

"Why create BCP to remove duplication just to devolve responsibility?"

"If local government bodies should be covering smaller areas, then BCP should be split up. Indeed, it should never have been created in the first place."

"We have a Town Council which has council representatives for each area. We do not need more levels of administration but for existing Councillors to do their job and represent their ward to the council with diligence and hard work on behalf of their electors."

11 respondents commented on **costs** of setting up new parish and town councils, the current cost-of-living pressures and opposing any increase in council tax.

"There should not be new councils set up at extra cost, where there would be no benefit & possible increase in council tax."

"This adds additional unnecessary cost to us all."

4 respondents commented on the consultation process, commenting that the plans had been developed with **little evidence**, there was insufficient information provided, a whole conurbation **referendum** should take place, as well as questioning the motives behind the proposals.

"It's shocking that views of respondents from Ashley Cross, Broadstone, Canford Heath, Jumpers Common and Oakdale were even mentioned in the report."

"There is insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision on any of these draft recommendations."

1 respondent commented that while they feel parish councils are unnecessary, they **do not live locally** to the proposed area and it should be the decision of residents.

"I think it is unnecessary having the parish but it is not really for me to say if the residents want a parish then is up to them."

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2.2 Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Highcliffe and Walkford.

46 respondents provided feedback to this question. 8 of these respondents live in Highcliffe and Walkford, while 38 of these respondents live outside of Highcliffe and Walkford.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	0	4	4
General opposition	3	13	16
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	1	10	11
Administration/management of decisions	2	14	16
Cost of delivery	1	4	5
Consultation/decision process	1	4	5
Other	4	0	4

2.2.1 Respondents living in proposal area

3 respondents expressed general opposition, stating that creating parish councils were a **waste of money**.

"Also why spend funds on this now instead of concentrating on more pressing issues. It's a total waste of money."

1 respondent commented on **boundaries**, stating that they live in the Mudeford Wood area and do not want to be known as West Highcliffe. 2 respondents commented on the **administration and running** of the parishes. One of these commented that BCP Council should focus on more pressing issues, while the other respondent commented that being a councillor would be a stressful job. 1 respondent raised concerns about the **lack of details relating to the cost** to residents, while 1 respondent commented that it was important to **listen to the views of local residents**.

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"We have lived in the Mudeford Wood area for over 30 years and don't want to be known as West Highcliffe."

"Why is there no explanation of cost to implement the overall recommendations? It's hard to comment on other areas that have changes without understanding the cost benefit calculation."

"Listen to the important issues raised by the rate paying residents."

4 respondents provided other feedback relating to **transport concerns**. Respondents commented that the council should address car racing meetings, consider speed limits on roads near schools, provide evening public transport services and more cycle lanes.

"It would be nice to have a bus that runs past 7pm at night, and trains that stop more than once an hour at the station."

"Considering road speeds around schools in the area."

2.2.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

4 respondents who live outside the proposed area expressed general support for retaining the parish because it is an **established** and stable element of the existing governance framework.

"It is worth recognising that the stability and maturity of Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council's governance arrangements are a strength of the existing framework."

However, 13 respondents expressed general opposition, often reiterating that parish councils were an **unnecessary use of public funds** and that both the existing parishes and proposed new councils should be scrapped.

"We do not need a parish council as well as BCP."

"I disagree with the continuation of current parish councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish councils in BCP."

10 respondents commented about boundaries and parish/town allocation, with the majority of these suggesting that **Friars Cliff should be included** in the Highcliffe and Walkford parish due to sharing the same coastline and having similar issues.

"Highcliffe and Friars Cliff share the same coastline, are 1 mile apart and have a similar community. Christchurch is further away and is a town."

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"Reasons for this change is that Friars Cliff and Highcliffe have similar issues, being on the coast/beach, Highcliffe is the nearest shops/GP/Dentists to Friars Cliff. Currently Friars Cliff is relatively ignored by Christchurch Town Council and being on their eastern extremity has nothing in common with the Town Centre."

Administration and management of decisions was mentioned by 14 respondents, with concerns about added **bureaucracy**, duplication and **fragmentation of services**. Respondents also commented that **BCP Council should be responsible** for service provision, especially given the recent merging of the three town councils.

"BCP unitary authority, amalgamating Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth, was supposed to improve transparency, costs and bureaucracy. Creating parish/town councils will be adding another level of unnecessary bureaucracy and cost with no tangible benefit and worse accountability."

"The creation of parish councils will be damaging for BCP Council, enabling greater fragmentation and corruption, preventing the change the area needs."

"Highcliffe and Walkford should be abolished. Everything should be delivered by BCP Council itself."

4 respondents commented on the potential cost implications, linking these to **affordability concerns** during a cost-of-living crisis. 4 respondents commented on the **consultation process**, suggesting the need for a referendum, easier to understand information about the proposals, and questioning the political motives behind the proposals.

"Leave things as they are as despite the hollow words from BCP council, this is clearly going to end up costing residents money that simply cannot be afforded in a cost of living crisis."

"It's unacceptable that you would do something like this without a referendum (which you clearly won't as you already know what the outcome would be and you don't like listening to people who disagree with you)."

"People are trying to circumvent the elected authority to suit their own politics."

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D1	Christchurch Town	"b" is it necessary?	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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D2	Christchurch Town	(a) Strongly agree – Christchurch Town Council remains a vital democratic structure in preserving local identity, civic heritage, and accountability. Abolition would leave a significant gap in representation and contradict the localist principles underpinning the 2007 Act. (b) Agree – The proposed changes to boundaries, particularly around the harbour entrance and Hurn River, are technically sound and provide coterminous with electoral boundaries. The pragmatic correction of these minor anomalies is welcomed. (c & e) Agree – The name of the parish and its council reflects civic history and identity. Any alteration would dilute this well-established recognition both within the community and externally. (d) Agree – The council's continued existence is supported in principle, though its governance has been undermined by persistent behavioral issues among some Councillors. These internal matters do not invalidate the structure itself but underscore the need for a parallel investment in Councillor training and stricter adherence to the Nolan Principles. (f) Agree – The ward structure remains logical and electorally proportionate, with the revised ward boundaries addressing representational imbalances without disrupting community cohesion. (g & h) Agree – The number of Councillors in some areas are not proportionate in other when compared to the electorate (granted that all variances well within acceptable thresholds). The even distribution of representation should, however, be paired with strengthened governance standards and more robust enforcement of codes of conduct.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
D3	Christchurch Town	(B) will change because of (F) internal ward change - Friars Ward should be included in Highcliffe & Walkford Parish Council as our characteristics are aligned with Highcliffe by way of being on the sea front, our gardens back onto the Golf Course and being built in Highcliffe Castle grounds. We also back onto the Nature Reserve. Located only one mile from Highcliffe Town Centre as opposed to 3 miles from Christchurch Town Centre. Schools, Doctors & Dentist surgery located in Highcliffe not Christchurch. Transport links such as Hinton Admiral station is our nearest rail link not Christchurch. Having lived here for 40 years I always thought I was living in Highcliffe but postal address of Christchurch and pay my council tax to CTC.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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D4	Christchurch Town	(b), (c), (e) to (h) - this council is unwieldy, expensive, and would be more effectively run as a Central Christchurch Parish Council with the part north of the railway boxed off to form a separate West Christchurch Parish Council. This was the proposal put forward as submission 41 in the initial consultation and I am absolutely amazed that it doesn't appear to have been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board's cross-party working group. The two areas north and south of the railway line have completely different topographies with the exception of the shops and housing along Barrack Road. Consequently there is little sense of community cohesion evinced at town council meetings (which are notoriously fractious). The division of the two areas would have the additional advantage (one hopes) of reducing the Christchurch Town Council precept, something that was seized upon by opponents of CGR in this, the second phase of the consultation. I see nothing in law that would prevent the belated consideration of these proposals (i.e. a split between West Christchurch and Central Christchurch); indeed, such consideration would be entirely compatible with the law, i.e. Section 93(6) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 2
D5	Christchurch Town	(e) It is unfortunate that the inclusion of the word 'Town' is necessitated by virtue of the definition between town council and ward council. This conveys a council solely working for the 'town', whereas 'Christchurch Parishes Council' might convey a stronger message of a council working for the parishes/wards. Perhaps a communication issue for CTC.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D6	Christchurch Town	[unknown] in Fairmile [unknown] ever [unknown] Railway Bridge - I am very pleased to be melinded in the [unknown] ward of Christchurch Town Council. It makes sense and align us and BCP council and councillors. I found the present situation very [unknown]	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 2

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D7	Christchurch Town	a - h I agree with all recommendations.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D8	Christchurch Town	A thank no that the parish town council should be abolished. It seems to cost residents a lot of money for little or no return	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 3
D9	Christchurch Town	a) I believe the parish is important for Christchurch, hence strongly agree b) The change of boundary seems logical, hence somewhat agree - I don't have especially strong feelings however c) I see no need to change the name, hence somewhat agree - no especially strong feelings d) I see no need to change, hence somewhat agree - no strong feelings e) As above f) Again, see no need to change, hence somewhat agree/no strong feelings g and h) Again, see no need to change	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1

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D10	Christchurch Town	a) No need to change b) Friars Cliff should not be included in Christchurch Town parish c) No need for change d) No need for change e) No need for change f) Friars Cliff should not be included in Christchurch Town parish. It is a much more similar area to Highcliffe and Walkford than Christchurch Town e.g. (i) beach and coastal areas in common; Steamer Point Nature Reserve in common (ii) nearest shops and medical facilities are in Highcliffe (iii) similar concerns about sea water quality; preservation of the beach; protection of the cliffs along the coast (iv) more like a village than large town (v) we would have a fairer share of voice as part of Highcliffe and Walkford g) Number of councillors to reduce by 2 to 17 to exclude Friars Cliff h) Friars Cliff should not be part of Christchurch Town	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D11	Christchurch Town	a. I believe Christchurch, as the oldest town in the BCP area, should continue to be represented by its Town Council. c, d, e. The council's name should be unchanged. f, h. Five parishes should continue with the existing number of councillors.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
D12	Christchurch Town	ACDEFGH I SUPPORT THE IDEA OF THE CHRISTCHURCH TOWN COUNCIL AND SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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D13	Christchurch Town	a-h) all seem [unknown] sasible and the status quo warks well	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
D14	Christchurch Town	All sections: CTC should continue with the draft recommendations BUT with the proviso that Friars Cliff as a ward is moved to Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council as per my previous comments. This would need a reduction in councillors in CTC	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D15	Christchurch Town	All works well and delivers to the community	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D16	Christchurch Town	Answers to ABC is.. we want to keep our own council and it must not be abolished. Christchurch voted in the referendum to stay independent but we were overruled by the government. So leave Christchurch alone and don't [unknown] it down [unknown] you are doing in Bournemouth and Poole	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 2

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D17	Christchurch Town	As usual the survey questions are presented in a misleading way. I support the measures over less independence for Christchurch, but the survey did not include an option to get rid of BCP Council and just leave Christchurch. You will recall that 83% of Christchurch residents voted against the merger.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D18	Christchurch Town	'b' : The whole of the Christchurch Town ward Friar's Cliff should be moved into the Parish of Highcliffe & Walkford in order to enable more efficient management of areas with common issues, particularly coastal issues and locality.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D19	Christchurch Town	B and D. The area of Friars Cliff from BURE LANE and south to the beach should transfer from CTC to HWPC. The reasons for this is that Highcliffe and Friars Cliff are both beach-side communities with very similar properties and cultures. From this, the existing Friars Cliff ward should be redefined and then renamed, as it is no longer part of the core, traditionally termed Friars Cliff, which historically I can prove back to 1927 comprises the land area from Bure Lane to the beach as described above. Friars Cliff is NOT, and never has been, the area inland north of Bure Lane shown on the Ward map. Thank you.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D20	Christchurch Town	b, f, g and h - don't understand enough to make an informed comment.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1

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D21	Christchurch Town	b: Friars Cliff is an outlier to the rest of the Town Council area. We shgould be linked to Highcliffe and Walkford.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D22	Christchurch Town	Christchurch and all areas need to have control of the functions, services and facilities, as well as the plans for the local residents. The residents pay, and the residents and their elected representatives should determine local decisions.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
D23	Christchurch Town	d & e. I think since Christchurch was amalgamated under the BCP umbrella, we have a very small voice in what happens, at least having a town council does give us a voice.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
D24	Christchurch Town	'f' Why was Mudeford Wood Community Centre not brought back into Christchurch, by the Town Council when it drafted its recommended changes to the current boundary. Although the plans are not easy to read, it looks like the playing fields are in Friars Cliff but the Community Centre is in West Highcliffe. It seems odd not to take the opportunity to correct this issue, when this has no impact on electoral numbers for the wards in Christchurch or Highcliffe and CTC has until recently been using it to hold Council meetings.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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D25	Christchurch Town	Friars Cliff gets no effective representation in CTC. With only two councillors, and a very different make up to the other town centre areas, our interests would be better served by joining Highcliffe	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D26	Christchurch Town	Friars Cliff in my view is better represented by being a part of Highcliffe Walkford Parish , and should be moved to be a part of that	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D27	Christchurch Town	I agree with all recommendations because they are common sense! There is nothing wrong with the current arrangement apart from the boundaries on Jumpers/Priory which confuses councillors, let alone residents.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
D28	Christchurch Town	I do not want to see any boundary charges, it is unecessary and does not not matter which side of the river it is on.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2

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D29	Christchurch Town	I don't feel my area of Friar's Cliff should be included in the Christchurch ward - we identify with Highcliffe which is less than 1 mile away. We work, shop and have our doctor, dentist and church in that direction rather than Christchurch which is 3 miles away and is difficult to park in. We need to be included in the Highcliffe and Walkford ward as this is the most natural alignment. We face the same issues as we are both beachside communities and would have a greater and more appropriate say in local decisions - Christchurch has its own issues.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D30	Christchurch Town	I found the survey problematic with the mix of positive and negative statements. I think the Town Councils are unnecessary and the resources used could be put to better use. I would prefer a reduction in Council Tax.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
D31	Christchurch Town	I have no idea about how effective the local councillors are at influencing decisions in the town for positive impact	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
D32	Christchurch Town	I think keeping the arrangements at present a good idea, we have recently become a very large council BCP. At present we are dealing with matters relating to a very large council; Christchurch is a small market town.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1

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D33	Christchurch Town	It is important to have local representation on local issues.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
D34	Christchurch Town	It's important that there is a sense of community identity in order to support one another and create a culture of kindness and cooperation.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
D35	Christchurch Town	The boundary changes make sense, and the town council works well for the town	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
D36	Christchurch Town	The proposals for a to f are good and I agree to them	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2

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D37	Christchurch Town	The proposed allocation of representation and boundary/internal changes make a lot of sense.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
D38	Christchurch Town	The ratio of councillors to population is out of kilter.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D39	Christchurch Town	things seem to work well at the moment so no need to change need to continue to have truly local representation as BCP council covers such a large area and smaller local priorities get lost councillors should not sit on both BCP and Christchurch councils but should be required to work together along with other parish councils	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
D40	Christchurch Town	(a) Christchurch town Council should be abolished. It is only costing us money and is yet another layer of authority. It should never have been agreed. The Maoyral system could've been kept in the same way as Poole and Bournemouth with the trustee system.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 3

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D41	Christchurch Town	a - h Parish Councils are archaic in this day and age. In the end they appear to cost more money than is necessary. Also with the plans of the current government to challenge all planning applications they are an unecessary and delaying form of administration. Anything that speeds up local authority decisions is to be welcomed.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D42	Christchurch Town	a) d) An unnecessary additional layer of local government and costs, resulting from continued under-funding of local services by central government b) Makes practical sense g) h) Too many councillors (even so they often struggle to be quorate) - over-staffed	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 3
D43	Christchurch Town	a) Should absolutely be abolished. This Town Council was created in a very underhand way without proper consultation. The precept residents pay is not optional while there is little evidence of effective spending except for ugly unsustainable annual flowers planted. Why the 2 tier system with neither knowing who does what?? How can councillors be on both councils? h) why so many councillors for so few residents? I never hear or see them do anything.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
D44	Christchurch Town	a. This council serves no useful purpose, is expensive, and undertakes works that are already largely done by BCP.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2

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D45	Christchurch Town	a. I do not agree that the parish of Christchurch Town should not be abolished. I believe that a Town Council or parish arrangement adds a layer of bureaucracy to local government and expense for local tax payers. The premise for Local Government Review in 2019 was to enable a new BCP Council to coordinate services and make economies of scale in a small (albeit densely populated) geographic area. Local representation and access to democracy can be achieved through BCP Council Elected Members liaising closely with community groups and local agencies. Town and Parish Councils are not essential.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 2
D46	Christchurch Town	Another expense, to many councillors that will claim expenses, yet another change,	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 3
D47	Christchurch Town	B) Remote Christchurch should not include Friars Cliff. Friars Cliff is much close and has more affinity with Highcliffe and walkford. F) Christchurch should be reduced to four parish wards, losing Friars Cliff G) the councillors should be reduced by two to reflect Friars Cliff being moved to Highcliffe and Walkford	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D48	Christchurch Town	Christchurch town council is an expensive folly, foisted on us by self serving councillors	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2

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D49	Christchurch Town	Friars cliff should be included in Highcliffe and not Christchurch	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D50	Christchurch Town	Friars Cliff should move to Highcliffe and Walkford, reducing number of CTC councillors.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D51	Christchurch Town	G) that is not cost effective for the residents. Council tax should be reduced and services improved	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
D52	Christchurch Town	I consider that the parish/town level of governance is a costly and an unaffordable luxury. The parish councils in Christchurch were only ever established as a political sop for superannuated councillors who were losing their seats in the new BCP arrangement. There is no sign that the parish council has made a value added difference to the governance of Christchurch and it has earned a reputation for opposing most change in the town, however necessary. Rather than throwing good money after bad, it would be better to abolish this tier of government and provide the money saved to BCP Council.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2

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D53	Christchurch Town	Point A. All of the smaller councils should be abolished to save costs and to keep the whole area under the BCP council. What is the point of all of the extra cost and administration in having a series of smaller councils. Christchurch was quite happy having its own Borough Council, but it was forced to join BCP. So now having suffered all of the pain of this merger why does the council want to now set up a series of smaller parishes? Let's put all of the effort into getting BCP to do what we want	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 3
D54	Christchurch Town	The town council and councillors are an expense that is not needed	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D55	Christchurch Town	This seems to me to be an exercise that is a waste of money & change just for the sake of it. This money could be spent on many things rhat need improvement. This is a jobswoeth excersize.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
D56	Christchurch Town	Waste of money don't do anything meaningful. Just ust make BCP more efficient	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 3

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D57	Christchurch Town	Don't know how much value is added to the community by Parish councils	Don't know/not sure	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
D58	Christchurch Town	f. I believe that the Friars Cliff ward should be merged with Highcliffe and Walkford because our interests as a coastal community are more closely aligned with our Highcliffe neighbours than Christchurch town. For instance, our beach is in desperate need of refurbishment, and since the formation of BCP, we are the poor relation in this respect. Such money that is available to Christchurch appears to have been spent on Christchurch town centre projects, such as bus stops.	Neither agree nor disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D59	Christchurch Town	Mudford is under represented with Councillors, it is the area that gets the majority of visitors and this should be factored in. I am not convinced that the parish/Town council has any useful function to change anything so would be unconvinced about it continuing.	Neither agree nor disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D60	Christchurch Town	b		Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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D61	Christchurch Town	5 parish council's be merged into 1 and councillors reduced by half at least	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
D62	Christchurch Town	a	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
D63	Christchurch Town	a) Christchurch town tourist and historical interest area so keep name	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
D64	Christchurch Town	a to h. Having read all these recommendations so far I am wondering why we have so many tiers of Council. I thought there was one Council and that is BCP. I have to ask why we need so many tiers.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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D65	Christchurch Town	a) the bureaucracy changes make sense to equalize the areas	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
D66	Christchurch Town	a, I am satisfied the current parish/town council fairly represents the electorate. The current policies of the council are benefitting the local community, far better than BCP.	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D67	Christchurch Town	a,b,c Christchurch Town council should continue as it is if the residents want this, but there should not be new councils set up at extra cost, where there would be no benefit & possible increase in council tax	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
D68	Christchurch Town	a,c, e, I fully believe that Christchurch must not lose it's identity. It has suffered by being brought into the BCP fold. Christchurch is a separate town going back many hundreds of years and it needs to continue that way.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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D69	Christchurch Town	All of the draft proposals are pragmatic and rational.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
D70	Christchurch Town	b) It makes sense to simplify boundaries particularly where there are natural boundaries such as rivers. c) & e) The public is already familiar with the name Christchurch and I am sure would not support any proposed alterations or additions. g) & h) Numbers of councillors allocated are broadly proportional so meet the requirements of democratic representation.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
D71	Christchurch Town	B)I see no need to change the current boundary.	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living outside proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
D72	Christchurch Town	Christchurch has been a long established as an independent town. Although incorporating Chrischurch into BCP was the correct choice, Christchurch town centre area including the quay has a character of its own and a certain degree of local control would be appropriate.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH2 6

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D73	Christchurch Town	Christchurch has shown itself to be independent and self governing; 19 councillors should if possible be as follows - minimum of 2 / not more than 4. The more councillors elected, the more expense id incurred by council tax payers.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
D74	Christchurch Town	Do not need extra areas added or extra councillors.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
D75	Christchurch Town	Good to return to 3 councils as before merger	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
D76	Christchurch Town	I think that the proposed information given is acceptable and appropriate.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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D77	Christchurch Town	I think the size of the wards should be evened up and the number of overall Councillors reduced	Agree	Hurn	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 6
D78	Christchurch Town	None	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 9
D79	Christchurch Town	See comments on Burton. What is the justification for Christchurch Town's precept? 3.5 X higher than Burton and Winkton I believe you would get better value for money if Burton and Winkton was combined with Grange ward to be coterminous with the BCP ward	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living outside proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
D80	Christchurch Town	Thanks here to be near to some parts parties to define the goals choice near proch time for the best profiler at this time	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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D81	Christchurch Town	This historic arrangement serves the residents of Christchurch well and should continue unchanged. By losing the local councils christchurch would be swallowed completely by the needs of the larger conurbation and residents views completely disregarded	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
D82	Christchurch Town	we have enough council governance as a tri borough council (BCP) and do not need another level of governance.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5
D83	Christchurch Town	Why change for change's sake??	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
D84	Christchurch Town	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7

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D85	Christchurch Town	a) and d) I don't believe we need an extra layer of admin and bureaucracy. I don't see a benefit to residents in establishing parish councils but I do see that there will be additional costs to residents, and BCP councillors will be less accountable for maintaining the separate local areas, and will pass the buck to parish councils for issues it finds too expensive or too difficult to deal with. What was the point in amalgamating the town councils into BCP if only to create a new sub-layer of councillors? I thought the larger council was meant to benefit from economies of scale, better purchasing power and reduced admin and bureaucracy. The creation of parish councils undermines the arguments for the creation of BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
D86	Christchurch Town	a) Disagree with an extra tier of Local Government having had reorgansiations in 1997 and 2019. b) Extra tiers of Authority results in additional bureaucracy, duplication and cost. c) This leads to residents effectively paying twice for the same services d) Changes should involve a whole authority referendum not rely on Councillor decisions e) The total cost of local government can be expected to be higher in authorities with the additional tier of Town/Parish Councils f) Having sought to delayer local authority provision in 1997 and 2019 within BCP localities, for economy and efficiency reasons, the logical approach is to delayer not create additional layers of local authority. g) Proposals for Christchurch create too large a body creating too much additional cost and bureaucracy and avoidable duplication	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
D87	Christchurch Town	a) I think it unnecessary having the parish but it is not really for me to say if the residents want a parish then is up to then.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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D88	Christchurch Town	a) The parish of Christchurch Town should not be abolished Disagree. While local representation is important, retaining Christchurch Town Council as a distinct entity while adjacent areas are governed by separate parish councils creates a two-tier system. This hybrid approach undermines fairness and consistency in governance across the wider Christchurch area and contributes to a duplication of administrative functions. b) The boundary of the existing parish of Christchurch Town be altered as shown on the plans above Disagree. These minor boundary adjustments may tidy up technical anomalies, but they fail to address the larger structural problem: a fragmented governance model in which Christchurch Town Council has disproportionate representation compared to neighbouring parish councils. Boundary changes should be part of a broader governance simplification rather than reinforce existing imbalance. c) The name of the parish of Christchurch Town should not be altered Neutral. While the name is established, any future governance reform may necessitate a name change to reflect a more unified or appropriately restructured model. d) The parish should continue to have a parish council in the style of a town council Disagree. The 'Town Council' style reinforces an imbalance in representation and influence when compared to neighbouring areas governed as standard parish councils. Either all communities in the Christchurch area should be under a single, unified town council—ensuring equal representation and influence—or each area should operate its own individual parish council. The current arrangement favours Christchurch Town residents and risks undermining local cohesion. e) The name of the town council should not be altered Disagree. The current name reinforces a governance distinction not enjoyed by other local parishes. A change in structure—such as forming a unified Christchurch-wide town council—would require a revised name to reflect the whole community and address perceived disparities in representation. f) The parish of Christchurch Town continue to be divided into five parish wards, with those areas remaining unchanged except for the changes arising from the boundary changes referred to above Disagree. While some balance has been achieved in elector-to-councillor ratios, retaining five separate wards within a single parish creates additional electoral and administrative complexity. Simpler at-large representation or a restructured governance model could deliver more cost-effective local democracy. g) The parish council for Christchurch Town shall consist of 19 councillors Disagree. A council of 19 members is disproportionately large, particularly when compared to surrounding parishes with fewer councillors and less complex structures. This contributes to unnecessary overheads and inconsistent representation across the area. h) The number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: – Friars Cliff - two councillors – Grange – three councillors – Jumpers & St. Catherine's – six councillors	Disagree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living outside proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7

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		– Mudeford & Stanpit – two councillors – Priory – six councillors Disagree. While the ratios are within guidance limits, the overall number and ward-specific allocations further reinforce the complex and unequal governance structure. A move towards either consolidated town-wide representation or a simplified parish model would ensure fairer and more cost-effective local democracy.					
D89	Christchurch Town	a)to h) (all) We do not need parish councils as well as BCP. That is unnecessary, costly and would lead to certain matters not being considered by either.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7

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D90	Christchurch Town	a, d I disagree. Town and Parish councils should be removed as they add an unnecessary layer of councils for no added benefit. Equivalent roles and clear departmental structures already exist under BCP so these should be given the full remit to improve their own services, with existing precept payments being absorbed into these departmental budgets. Ward councillors already provide the representation to ensure community views and cohesion are considered in council decisions.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
D91	Christchurch Town	'a', 'd' More layers, more bureaucracy, more delays to implementing any initiative. Why create BCP to remove duplication just to devolve responsibility?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
D92	Christchurch Town	a,b,c,d,e The creation of the parish has not been effective. The creation of parish councils is adding another layer of bureaucracy to the unitary authority of BCP which the bringing together of the 3 councils said it would avoid. We have local councillors that are elected to represent the views of the area they are elected too, and therefore this additional layer will add authority to those who are elected to represent our areas to the large unitary authority. So this should be abolished	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
D93	Christchurch Town	a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h We have a Town Council which has council representatives for each area. We do not need more levels of administration but for existing Councillors to do their job and represent their ward to the Council with diligence and hard work on behalf of their electors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3

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D94	Christchurch Town	a/b/c The Council should be abolished	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
D95	Christchurch Town	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
D96	Christchurch Town	Abolish Christchurch Council	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
D97	Christchurch Town	abolish the council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4

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D98	Christchurch Town	abolish the council in its entirity	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
D99	Christchurch Town	All - it is wrong for there to be any additional councils / councillors in any region. The current councillors of BCP have confidently put themselves forward to be voted in to run the local area based on the situation as it currently is / was, so now is the time to step up and put their money where your mouth is and solve the problems without causing more for the local residents. It would be highly inappropriate for this council to move the goalposts half way through their (massively underwhelming) term and create new entities. It's clear that given the appalling behaviour of the controlling alliance, that the move would purely be a vehicle to hack off the services that cannot currently be 'afforded' and all of these white elephants would be passed on to the new 'councils' at which point BCP would claim that they are in a great place whilst the new councils would be failing. I also have no doubt that the councillors and in particular the leader of BCP would constantly throw mud at the new entities and blame them for the inevitable shortcomings. The divisive nature of the Liberal Democrats in particular as well as the rest of the Three Towns Alliance means that nothing positive is ever achieved as they are too busy shirking accountability and blaming everybody else for their many failings. Any new council would also have the partisan issues that plague BCP Council and it isn't right at all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
D100	Christchurch Town	All parish councils need to be disbanded immediately	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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D101	Christchurch Town	Christchurch Town Council is an ineffective local authority that has achieved very little material difference for the people of Christchurch.. The Council has a demonstrably broken member culture which refuses to engage in the principles of town and parish councils.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8
D102	Christchurch Town	D - there is already a BCP council, there should be no need for parish or town councils if BCP council are doing their job properly	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
D103	Christchurch Town	Do not need parish councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
D104	Christchurch Town	Have not read anything to suggest benefit of parish councils of any kind in current financial environment.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9

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D105	Christchurch Town	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
D106	Christchurch Town	I disagree with the continuation of current parish and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish or town councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
D107	Christchurch Town	I disagree with the need for parish and town councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
D108	Christchurch Town	I disagree, because the council is BCP council. Other subsidiary councils are superfluous. and fulfil no useful function.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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D109	Christchurch Town	I do not agree that any area requires a parish council. I believe that all functions should be carried out by BCP council. Anything more is an unnecessary complication and a waste of money. How are people supposed to know who does what? How can you ensure that the various parish councils act with any consistency?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
D110	Christchurch Town	I do not agree with Parish councils. Waste of money should be abolished	Disagree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living outside proposal area	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
D111	Christchurch Town	It seems that the creation of the BCP council has resulted in equalities for councillors and residents. Ideally, to reduce overheads, I would supprt one council for the main BCP conurbation and only outlying areas having a parish council. Generally, if local government overheads could be reduced, more funds could be directed towards improving the declining public services in the BCP area.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
D112	Christchurch Town	Our area doesn't need another level of bureaucracy	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1

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D113	Christchurch Town	Parish councils are an unnecessary administrative tier. They result in additional costs - without value for money - for council tax payers.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
D114	Christchurch Town	Parish Councils are an unnecessary extra level of burocracy costing additional precepts to local people when the parish council does not have skilledexpertise to carry out duties that should be carried out by competent and trained staff. The environment is a good example. E.g. A parish council could never afford to have skilled expertise in environmental matters - something which is a core responsibility of the Unitary Authority.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
D115	Christchurch Town	Parish councils are an unnecessary level of governance as the services they will provide are already covered by BCP. If we need Parish councils to have our community listened to, then maybe BCP should be disbanded instead and go back to individual town councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
D116	Christchurch Town	Parish councils are superfluous	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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D117	Christchurch Town	Parish Councils generally attract Narcissists and mini Hitlers, who love the power and control, this position gives them in the community. Control over decisions and people that live in these areas. Procedure and following the system is everything, the end result is irrelevant. They have fragile egos and hate criticism. They are in control and you little people must go through me first, in fact, this whole community is under my influence and control.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
D118	Christchurch Town	Parish councils represent needless and unnecessary bureaucracy and are a waste of money.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
D119	Christchurch Town	Please see comments on the wider (Bournemouth/Poole) issues concerning the need for consistency, co-ordination and planning across the entire conurbation plus the benefits of minimising liaison and consultation impacts.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
D120	Christchurch Town	Re a and d - the parish council should be abolished. It is a waste of tax payers money and adds unnecessary bureaucracy. Public funds are right enough and we should be reducing this bureaucracy not maintaining it. I do not think these areas get good value for the extra money they pay.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2

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D121	Christchurch Town	Regarding paragraph H) there should be a maximum of six parish cllrs.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
D122	Christchurch Town	Should be an Independent Council not part of a joint council with Bournemouth and Poole	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
D123	Christchurch Town	The bureaucracy and cost of additional layers of local government should be avoided wherever possible.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
D124	Christchurch Town	The creation of parish councils will be damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation and corruption, preventing the change the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4

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D125	Christchurch Town	Too many councillors and the main council is sufficient.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
D126	Christchurch Town	Uncontested elections are deeply undemocratic. It might be more democratic for BCP Council to assume this parish council's functions and for the BCP Council councillors for the wards to represent their residents through BCP Council and its processes.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
D127	Christchurch Town	Unnecessary layer of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
D128	Christchurch Town	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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D129	Christchurch Town	As one of your respondents says, this needs to be looked at afresh. The ratio of councillors to residents needs to vary depending on the needs of the residents. Here in NIMBY land we are only interested in trees, litter and asbos. But if you are homeless, criminal, a refugee, with special needs, needing social care you need more councillors to look after your interests. And have no voice. I don't believe this exercise addresses change and at this time we can't afford the indulgence of tinkering with a system which is nearly broken	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
D130	Christchurch Town	b, the boundary should be expanded to include the existing Hurn parish and the 600 residents within. Hen should be abolished and the money saved out to better use	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
D131	Christchurch Town	It is not for Electoral Services to comment on these questions	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
D132	Christchurch Town	Not enough information to have an opinion.	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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D133	Christchurch Town	The problem with the Draft recommendations are their incredible inconsistency. Why should any comparably sized area be treated differently? Such a situation is inherently unfair and undemocratic. An argument might be made for treating 'rural' areas slightly differently if any can be reasonably defined within BCP but this seems unlikely.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
D134	Christchurch Town	There is insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision on any of these draft recommendations. There is no indication of what services will be provided via the new parish/town councils. There is no indication of the total costs involved in setting up these parishes/councils, nor of the level of precept, nor of the possibility of precepts being increased well above the capped level of council tax. There is no indication of the need for a clerk to the parish/town council, nor of the salary that this would incur. Whilst the expectation is that parish/town councillors will be appointed on a voluntary basis, there is no means of preventing them from voting to make salary payments out of the precept. Divisions into parish/town councils across the conurbation is likely to increase differences in levels of provision.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3

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D135	Christchurch Town	(a) Abolition of Christchurch Town Council: The CTC website states it is the 'democratic organisation for local people'. Sadly, this aspiration has not been consistently matched by its performance and transparency of decision making. Given the upheaval in recent years in the formation of BCP, one has to question why a Corporate Governance Review was deemed essential at this juncture before relevant local bodies have had time to settle.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D136	Christchurch Town	All sounds quite reasonable.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
D137	Christchurch Town	Christchurch town council is a lot more expensive than others. Where does the money go and am I getting value?	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
D138	Christchurch Town	Christchurch Town should acquire responsibility for matters that affect it and separate from Poole and Bournemouth. One example is Christchurch Harbour water quality, testing, notifying the residents of results and liaising with statutory water authorities.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
D139	Christchurch Town	Don't want change for the sake of changing as regards of cost and additional administration time and cots	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D140	Christchurch Town	I am concerned as a resident in Friars Ward of Christchurch Town Council will not benefit at all from this CGR whilst Bournemouth and Poole will spend a lot of money creating their wards and councillors and funding them. We have already felt the governance under Bournemouth & Poole, we have lost our assets, become very congested and extremely concerned at loss of services, incorrect funding for infrastructure and lack of investment. No capital investment in the area by BCP. We are residents not holiday makers.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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D141	Christchurch Town	I feel that the proposed alterations are in the interests of the residents of Christchurch and that it makes sense to realign the boundaries so that there are no areas that jut out.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
D142	Christchurch Town	I would like to have more information about the parish of Christchurch Town - who our six councillors were and when may meet etc and how accessible they are?!	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 2
D143	Christchurch Town	If we were a democratic country we would still be independent	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 2
D144	Christchurch Town	If you are going to add areas to the west of Christchurch, then please lose the Friar's Cliff area to balance this to the east. Lower precept - more appropriate to us. (Band G: CTC £120.58/HCWPC £54.77)	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D145	Christchurch Town	No	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
D146	Christchurch Town	NO CHANGES I AM FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE CHRISTCHURCH COUNCIL	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
D147	Christchurch Town	No, am happy with things as they are	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
D148	Christchurch Town	No.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
D149	Christchurch Town	That more functions, and associated budget, should be delegated to the local elected town council.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2

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D150	Christchurch Town	The draft recommendations are broadly appropriate and well-considered. However, structural soundness must be matched by effective governance in practice. Christchurch Town Council has, regrettably, seen instances where the actions of individual councillors have undermined the functioning of the council and public confidence in it. The council has been subject to formal complaints, so given the recent governance challenges, it would be advisable for Christchurch Town Council to ensure it appoints a suitably qualified and experienced Clerk to support councillors and restore public confidence in its operations. For these recommendations to have lasting value, BCP Council should consider: Strengthening training requirements for all Councillors post-election. Introducing a localised protocol on standards of behavior, attendance, and respect for staff. Supporting a governance improvement plan for Christchurch Town Council to ensure effective leadership. Without these safeguards, the structural reforms proposed will not achieve their full potential in restoring trust and improving local democracy.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
D151	Christchurch Town	Yes, remove BCP council and establish a single tier independent council of christchurch.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D152	Christchurch Town	Abolish it.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Commons	BH23 2

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
D153	Christchurch Town	Apart from abolishing all of the small councils, no other comment.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 3
D154	Christchurch Town	Christchurch town Council should be abolished. There is no need for it. It is another layer within local democracy. The councillors can represent the town on the main BCP council. Christchurch Town Council are not performing well for the electorate, especially for those who are disabled.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 3
D155	Christchurch Town	Council tax should be reduced and services improved	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
D156	Christchurch Town	Friarscliff should be part of H&W as stated earlier	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D157	Christchurch Town	Highcliffe and Friars Cliff share the same coastline, are 1 mile apart and have a similar community and identity. Christchurch is further away and is the town, and is totally different to Friars Cliff and Highcliffe.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D158	Christchurch Town	I doubt very much that BCP Council will take any notice of the views of residents.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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D159	Christchurch Town	No	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D160	Christchurch Town	Please stop this waste of money and use the budget more wisely.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
D161	Christchurch Town	The existing Christchurch Town Council has its heart in the right place but is not an effective way to meet the huge financial challenges facing Local Government or to deliver meaningful services.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 2
D162	Christchurch Town	More cycle lanes or mixed use pavements	Neither agree nor disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D163	Christchurch Town	No	Neither agree nor disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D164	Christchurch Town	a		Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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D165	Christchurch Town	I note that elections were contested in 2019 but then not in 2023 in all but one ward. this seems to have been the same in other councils: Hurn, Highcliffe and Walkford, Burton and Winkton. I feel strongly that the premise of setting up councils made up from self-proposing volunteers is deeply flawed. Where is the governance and vetting of these probably well meaning but possibly not capable individuals? Alarm bells ring when the initial enthusiasm for putting themselves up to contest an election has disappeared and the council continues with no possible change of personnel? People who put themselves forward may have particular pet interests and may make short term decisions with unforeseen consequences down the line. The whole premise seems to be a way to off load some responsibilities from the council but the approach of getting some members of the community, whose only qualification may be the location of their house, to take these responsibilities on seems very risky.		Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
D166	Christchurch Town	An active police presence to deter aggressive begging , drug dealing and anti social behaviour.A reduction in council red tape and bureaucracy to ensure that funds are spent appropriately to the benefit of Christchurch residents and visitors.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
D167	Christchurch Town	d, Where practicable the Town Council provides a stronger voice for the parish residents than the representation on the BCP council.	Agree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D168	Christchurch Town	I fully endorse all of the draft proposals.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
D169	Christchurch Town	No	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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D170	Christchurch Town	No	Agree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living outside proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
D171	Christchurch Town	No	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
D172	Christchurch Town	No	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
D173	Christchurch Town	No	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 9
D174	Christchurch Town	Nothing to add	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
D175	Christchurch Town	Nothings thanks	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
D176	Christchurch Town	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7
D177	Christchurch Town	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
D178	Christchurch Town	As above	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
D179	Christchurch Town	Cost savings for a much reduced parish council should be published	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
D180	Christchurch Town	Disagree with the concept of an additional layer of local authority administration below Unitary level for the reasons given in the previous question	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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D181	Christchurch Town	Do not need parish councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
D182	Christchurch Town	Don't do it !	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
D183	Christchurch Town	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
D184	Christchurch Town	I disagree with the continuation of current parish and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish or town councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
D185	Christchurch Town	It is an unnecessary expense	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
D186	Christchurch Town	Leave things as they are as despite the hollow words from BCP council, this is clearly going to end up costing residents money that simply cannot be afforded in a cost of living crisis. If the current incumbents are unable to work within the constraints as they currently exist, then they should resign en masse and make way for competent people who can. This is nothing but a transparent vehicle to screw the local residents. You say that there will not be any additional cost, but that is a blatant lie. You will bring in a precept to begin with and that will go up and up and up year on year , totally unchecked and the people of the BCP region will be the ones to pay for it. It's unacceptable that you would do something like this without a referendum (which you clearly won't as you already know what the outcome would be and you don't like listening to people who disagree with you). BCP Council is a repugnant organisation, badly run by incompetent councillors with no honesty, integrity or decency. You are an embarrassment to the local people and you should be totally and utterly ashamed of yourselves (but I doubt you have the decency to feel that way either). Shame on you all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
D187	Christchurch Town	Less bureaucracy is required from BCP with more action from those already elected, not more!	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
D188	Christchurch Town	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
D189	Christchurch Town	One Council (BCP) is quite enougfh.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
D190	Christchurch Town	Parish councils are totally unnecessary as we already have an amalgamated council with BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7

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D191	Christchurch Town	People are trying to circumvent the elected authority to suit their own politics	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
D192	Christchurch Town	Scrap it.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
D193	Christchurch Town	The boundaries of “Poole” council are clear – however the town will be disadvantaged and overwhelmed, if the whole of the town is 1x parish – when the town of Bournemouth is “represented” as 4x separate parishes. Resources for “Poole” (as well as Christchurch) will instead be routed (diverted/stolen) for projects elsewhere. The number of parishes need to be equivalent across the “Three Towns”, based on population, rate-payers, and geography –the cultural and historic value across the towns should be valued for this as well. The Parish boundaries need to be reviewed and corrected, for equal representation for everyone.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
D194	Christchurch Town	The creation of parish councils will be damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation and corruption, preventing the change the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
D195	Christchurch Town	The current hybrid governance model across the Christchurch area—where some communities are served by a town council and others by parish councils—creates an unnecessary layer of complexity, duplication, and cost. This fragmented approach does not deliver value for money and undermines the principles of fairness and consistent representation. To increase efficiency and reduce overheads, I would strongly recommend a review of the governance structure with a view to either: 1. Creating a Single Christchurch-Wide Town Council: Unifying all local parish areas under one town council would streamline decision-making, reduce administrative costs, and ensure all residents who use the facilities and services of Christchurch Town have a fair and equal voice in how they are managed. This would also eliminate the inefficiencies associated with multiple clerks, meetings, and duplicated governance structures. 2. Restructuring Christchurch Town Council into Smaller Parish Councils: Alternatively, dissolving the town council and forming smaller parish councils across the area—on equal footing with Burton & Winkton, Hurn, and Highcliffe & Walkford—would remove the imbalance in representation and potentially reduce the overall number of councillors and associated administrative costs. In addition, the number of councillors on Christchurch Town Council should be reviewed and reduced. A 19-member council is excessive, especially when compared to the governance structures of similarly sized or larger areas. A leaner, more agile council structure would be more cost-effective and still adequately represent the local electorate. Finally, electoral arrangements could be simplified by removing excessive warding within the town council, opting instead for councillors elected at-large or through fewer, consolidated wards. This would reduce election costs, promote unity across the area, and ensure all councillors work in the interests of the whole community, not just narrowly defined localities. These changes would lead to a more equitable, efficient, and modern governance model—one that delivers real value to residents and reflects how communities actually live, work, and interact across the wider Christchurch area.	Disagree	Burton & Winkton	respondent living outside proposal area	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
D196	Christchurch Town	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
D197	Christchurch Town	We do not need 2 layers of admin and bureaucracy.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
D198	Christchurch Town	1. Amending the boundary between polling districts CM1 and CM3/Hurn Parish Council and Christchurch Town Council does not cause any concerns and is supported. There are currently no properties, and the areas are within the same BCP Council ward. 2. Extending the boundary at the harbour to be coterminous with the BCP Council ward boundary does not cause any concerns and is supported as it resolves an anomaly. • In due course the Parliamentary boundary running through the harbour would then be aligned at the next review. 3. Amending the parish ward boundaries in polling districts CM7 and CM8 is supported as it would make administering local and parish elections more straightforward – ensuring parish wards contain electors from the same BCP Council ward.	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
D199	Christchurch Town	A further level of inconsistency exists in the recommendations by the inclusion of Town Parishes. In many cases smaller parishes are recommended within the historic towns of BCP. The recommended Town Parishes seem to be a mopping up of areas which are not recommended for smaller parishes, with absolutely no logical basis. While most particularly evident in Bournemouth, this applies to Christchurch as well.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
D200	Christchurch Town	BCP unitary authority, amalgamating Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth, was supposed to improve transparency, costs and bureaucracy. Creating parish/town councils will be adding another level of unnecessary bureaucracy and cost with no tangible benefit and worse accountability. BCP has just appointed a new CEO; consideration should be given to allowing this person to attempt to improve the current running of the unitary authority before any changes are implemented. No decisions should be made before 2027 and then only following a referendum.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
D201	Christchurch Town	Why is the precept for Christchurch Town Council so much more than the other parish councils?	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

Community Governance Consultation

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Christchurch Town

Research and Consultation Team

Qualitative Analysis and Report by Darmax Research

Executive Summary

BCP Council are consulting on draft proposals to create new parish, town and community councils across Bournemouth and Poole and to make some small changes to the existing town/parish arrangements in Christchurch.

Before any decisions are made, the council sought the views of local residents on the existing parish and town council arrangements in Christchurch Town.

This report summarises the free-text responses to the consultation.

Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Results

Reasons for agreement/disagreement

Respondents were asked to provide their reasons for why they agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Christchurch Town.

129 respondents provided feedback to this question. 59 of these respondents live in Christchurch Town, while 70 live outside of Christchurch Town.

Feedback from Christchurch residents was mixed, with both support and opposition expressed. Respondents who supported the proposals commented on the value of retaining Christchurch Town Council, its role in representing local people, and the sense that current arrangements were working well. Those who opposed the proposals felt that parish and town councils were generally unnecessary and costly.

While some Christchurch residents welcomed the amendments to the boundary, others felt that areas such as Friars Cliff would be better served by being part of the Highcliffe and Walkford Parish.

Administrative concerns were also common. Many opposed the additional tier of governance, describing it as unnecessary duplication and an inefficient use of resources, particularly given the creation of BCP Council. Others suggested reverting to the former system of three separate councils. Some respondents supported the allocation of councillors as broadly appropriate, while others felt that the ratio of councillors to population was inconsistent. Dual roles for councillors serving on both BCP and Christchurch Town Councils were also questioned.

Concerns about cost were frequently raised, with respondents noting that town councils add financial burdens on residents through higher precepts. Some pointed out that Christchurch's precept was already considerably higher than other parish areas, without clear justification.

Respondents also commented on the consultation process, expressing frustration over a lack of detail about the role of town councils, insufficient supporting evidence, and concerns about political motivations behind the proposals.

Those who live outside Christchurch were generally more critical than residents. While some supported Christchurch's distinct identity and independence, more felt parish councils were unnecessary, inconsistent across the conurbation, and added avoidable bureaucracy. Many highlighted equity concerns, inconsistency in boundary sizes, and questioned whether smaller parishes should exist alongside much larger town councils.

Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Christchurch Town.

53 respondents provided additional comments, 25 from Christchurch and 28 from outside the area.

Christchurch residents who supported the proposals were generally satisfied with current arrangements and wished to see Christchurch Town Council retained. Those opposed suggested abolishing it entirely and that parish and town councils were generally unnecessary. Boundary concerns again focused on Friars Cliff; with suggestions it should be incorporated into Highcliffe and Walkford.

Administrative concerns included the need for clearer separation of responsibilities between parish/town councils and BCP Council. Some called for disbanding BCP Council altogether and returning to the previous system of three independent councils.

Cost concerns were also reiterated, with residents highlighting that Christchurch Town Council remains more expensive than neighbouring parish councils.

Comments on the consultation itself reflected scepticism over whether resident views would be considered and calls for any changes to be determined by public referendum at the next local elections.

Respondents outside Christchurch also questioned the value of parish councils, raising similar concerns about administration, duplication of services, and costs. They criticised inconsistencies across the proposals and the inequity of precepts. Some felt that the changes risked fragmentation and reduced accountability for BCP Council. Others again called for a referendum before any decisions are finalised.

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1 Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Qualitative responses (write in text) to questions were exported into Excel and were thematically analysed. The most common themes are reported on in this report. Anonymised quotes from participants have been used to illustrate the themes identified.

Please note that while the purpose of qualitative data is to provide deeper insights into reasoning and impact rather than to quantify data, the numbers of respondents who mentioned the most prevalent themes are provided in this report to give an indication of the magnitude of response. However, given the nature of qualitative data, it should be noted that this does not provide an indication of significance in relation to the question asked.

In addition, where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories. Where a response makes several different points, only the relevant part to the discussed theme is shown in the report.

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2 Analysis and results

2.1 Reasons for agreement/disagreement

Respondents were asked to provide their reasons for why they agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Christchurch Town.

129 respondents provided feedback to this question. 59 of these respondents live in Christchurch Town, while 70 of these respondents live outside of Christchurch Town.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	19	10	29
General opposition	10	25	35
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	25	10	35
Administration/management of decisions	21	42	63
Cost of delivery	8	10	18
Consultation/decision process	8	5	13
Other	0	2	2

2.1.1 Respondents living in proposal area

19 respondents expressed support for the proposals. Respondents felt that it is a **good idea to retain Christchurch Town Council**, which works well and represents the voice of local residents.

"It is important to have local representation on local issues."

"Things seem to work well at the moment so no need to change."

10 respondents opposed retaining Christchurch Town Council and that **parish councils in general are an unnecessary expense** and waste of resources.

"The town council and councillors are an expense that is not needed."

"Parish Councils are archaic in this day and age. In the end they appear to cost more money than is necessary."

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25 respondents commented on boundaries. Respondents commented that the proposed **amendments to boundaries made sense** and that the **name of the council** should remain the same. However, a number of respondents suggested that it would be more appropriate for **Friars Cliff** to be part of the Highcliffe and Walkford parish.

"The proposed changes to boundaries, particularly around the harbour entrance and Hurn River, are technically sound and provide coterminous with electoral boundaries. The pragmatic correction of these minor anomalies is welcomed."

"The council's name should be unchanged."

"Friars Cliff gets no effective representation in Christchurch Town Council. With only two councillors, and a very different make up to the other town centre areas, our interests would be better served by joining Highcliffe."

21 respondents raised administrative issues. A number of respondents commented that the **council serves no purpose**, is an unnecessary additional layer of local governance and does not do anything meaningful that is not already undertaken by BCP Council. However, respondents also commented that Christchurch was **better served prior to the amalgamation** of the town council into BCP Council and that they support it reverting back to the previous separate three councils. While some respondents commented that the allocation and **number of councillors** was appropriate, others felt that the ratio of councillors to population was not consistent. Respondents also questioned whether it was appropriate for **councillors to be on both BCP Council as well as Christchurch Town Council**.

"This council serves no useful purpose, is expensive, and undertakes works that are already largely done by BCP."

"An unnecessary additional layer of local government and costs."

"I support the measures over less independence for Christchurch, but the survey did not include an option to get rid of BCP Council and just leave Christchurch. You will recall that 83% of Christchurch residents voted against the merger."

"The ratio of councillors to population is out of kilter."

"Councillors should not sit on both BCP and Christchurch councils but should be required to work together along with other parish councils."

8 respondents expressed concerns about **cost**. Respondents felt that town councils are costly and the expense should not be placed on local residents.

"It is only costing us money and is yet another layer of authority."

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8 respondents commented on the **consultation** itself. Respondents commented on a lack of detail relating to the role of town councils and it had been imposed on residents as a result of political motivation.

"I have no idea about how effective the local councillors are at influencing decisions in the town for positive impact."

"The parish councils in Christchurch were only ever established as a political sop for superannuated councillors who were losing their seats in the new BCP arrangement."

2.1.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

10 respondents supported the proposals, the town has a strong identity and should continue to have its own council with **no reason to change**.

"Christchurch has shown itself to be independent and self-governing."

"Christchurch has been a long established as an independent town."

25 respondents opposed retaining Christchurch Town Council and that **parish councils in general are an unnecessary expense** and waste of resources.

"Have not read anything to suggest benefit of parish councils of any kind in current financial environment."

"I disagree with the need for parish and town councils."

10 respondents commented on boundaries. Respondents commented that there were **inconsistencies across the proposals** and that it would be better if the size of wards and councillor numbers were evenly distributed. Respondents suggested that **other parishes should be combined** and incorporated into the town councils.

"The problem with the draft recommendations are their incredible inconsistency. Why should any comparably sized area be treated differently? Such a situation is inherently unfair and undemocratic."

"The boundary should be expanded to include the existing Hurn parish and the 600 residents within. Hurn should be abolished and the money saved out to better use."

42 respondents raised administrative issues. Respondents felt that the additional tier of councils were an **unnecessary level of administration and bureaucracy** that should have been solved by the formation of BCP Council. Respondents commented that service delivery should be the responsibility of BCP Council and that the additional level of governance would result in **inequity across the conurbation**,

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while residents would be unsure of the functions performed by the different councils. Respondents also felt that there are **sufficient number of councillors** to support local communities. Respondents were also concerned by the personality types that parish and town councils might attract as well as concern if seats were uncontested.

"We have enough council governance as a tri borough council (BCP) and do not need another level of governance."

"There is already a BCP council, there should be no need for parish or town councils if BCP council are doing their job properly."

"Issues concerning the need for consistency, coordination and planning across the entire conurbation."

"How are people supposed to know who does what? How can you ensure that the various parish councils act with any consistency?"

"Too many councillors and the main council is sufficient."

"Uncontested elections are deeply undemocratic."

10 respondents expressed concerns about cost. Respondents questioned the justification for the precept in Christchurch being **more expensive than other areas** and that the additional tier of governance is an unnecessary cost to tax payers.

"What is the justification for Christchurch Town's precept? 3.5 times higher than Burton and Winkton."

"Parish councils are an unnecessary administrative tier. They result in additional costs - without value for money - for council tax payers."

5 respondents criticised the **consultation process**. Respondents commented that there was insufficient evidence to support the draft recommendations and that the proposals lacked sufficient detail to offer an informed opinion.

"There is insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision on any of these draft recommendations."

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2.2 Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Christchurch Town.

53 respondents provided feedback to this question. 25 of these respondents live in Christchurch Town, while 28 of these respondents live outside of Christchurch Town.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	7	4	11
General opposition	4	12	16
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	3	4	7
Administration/management of decisions	9	12	21
Cost of delivery	4	5	9
Consultation/decision process	3	3	6
Other	1	1	2

2.2.1 Respondents living in proposal area

7 respondents expressed support for the proposals, are **happy with the way things are** and that functions and responsibility should sit with the town council as it currently is.

"No changes I am fully supportive of the Christchurch Council."

4 respondents opposed the recommendations, arguing that the council and other **parish councils should be abolished**.

"Christchurch Town Council should be abolished. There is no need for it."

3 respondents commented on boundaries and that **Friars Cliff** should be part of the Highcliffe and Walkford parish.

"If you are going to add areas to the west of Christchurch, then please lose the Friars Cliff area to balance this to the east."

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9 respondents raised administrative issues. Respondents felt that the additional tier of councils were an **unnecessary level of administration and bureaucracy**. Respondents commented that BCP Council should be **disbanded** and revert back to the previous three town council governance structure. Respondents also commented that BCP Council should be the **only level of governance** and should focus on delivering services. Respondents commented that a town clerk should provide support to councillors who receive appropriate training.

"Remove BCP Council and establish a single tier independent council of Christchurch."

"Council tax should be reduced and services improved."

"It would be advisable for Christchurch Town Council to ensure it appoints a suitably qualified and experienced Clerk to support councillors and restore public confidence in its operations. For these recommendations to have lasting value, BCP Council should consider strengthening training requirements for all councillors post-election."

4 respondents expressed concerns about cost. Respondents commented that Christchurch Town Council costs are **more expensive than other areas** and that the precept should not be as high as proposed.

"Christchurch town council is a lot more expensive than others. Where does the money go and am I getting value?"

"Lower precept - more appropriate to us."

3 respondents commented on the consultation overall and the decision-making process. Respondents were concerned as to whether the **views of residents would actually be considered** and there is a **lack of information** with regards to the town council.

"I doubt very much that BCP Council will take any notice of the views of residents."

"I would like to have more information about the parish of Christchurch Town - who our six councillors were and when may meet etc and how accessible they are?!"

1 respondent commented that there should be more **cycle lanes** and mixed use pavements.

"More cycle lanes or mixed use pavements."

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2.2.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

4 respondents who live outside the proposed area supported the proposals, providing local residents with a **stronger voice** than representation in BCP Council.

"Where practicable the Town Council provides a stronger voice for the parish residents than the representation on the BCP Council."

12 respondents opposed the draft recommendations. These respondents felt **parish councils were unnecessary** and represent poor value for money.

"A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services."

4 respondents commented on boundaries. Respondents felt that the various proposals **lacked consistency**, with a lack of justification for smaller parishes in some areas while others were much larger and part of a town council. Respondents did comment that the boundary amendments to Christchurch Town Council made sense and would make future elections easier to administer.

"A further level of inconsistency exists in the recommendations by the inclusion of Town Parishes. In many cases smaller parishes are recommended within the historic towns of BCP. The recommended Town Parishes seem to be a mopping up of areas which are not recommended for smaller parishes, with absolutely no logical basis. While most particularly evident in Bournemouth, this applies to Christchurch as well."

"Amending the parish ward boundaries in polling districts CM7 and CM8 is supported as it would make administering local and parish elections more straightforward - ensuring parish wards contain electors from the same BCP Council ward."

12 respondents expressed concerns about administration. Respondents commented on added level of **administration and bureaucracy**, while BCP Council should be responsible for service delivery rather than pass responsibilities on to the smaller councils. Respondents commented that **existing councillors** should take on more responsibility than creating more roles, which candidates may not be suitably qualified for. The proposals would also result in **inequity of service delivery** across the conurbation.

"The whole premise seems to be a way to offload some responsibilities from the council but the approach of getting some members of the community, whose only qualification may be the location of their house, to take these responsibilities on seems very risky."

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"The creation of parish councils will be damaging for BCP Council, enabling greater fragmentation and corruption, preventing the change the area needs."

5 respondents highlighted **cost concerns**. These included fears of rising council tax and insufficient detail about financial implications.

"Why is the precept for Christchurch Town Council so much more than the other parish councils?"

"This is clearly going to end up costing residents money that simply cannot be afforded in a cost of living crisis."

3 respondents criticised the **consultation process**. Respondents questioned the motives behind the proposals and no decision should be made without a referendum.

"No decisions should be made before 2027 and then only following a referendum."

"People are trying to circumvent the elected authority to suit their own politics."

1 respondent made other comments, requesting an **active police presence** to address various anti-social behaviours.

"An active police presence to deter aggressive begging, drug dealing and anti-social behaviour."

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E1	Throop & Holdenhurst	(a) The Parish Council has a good relationship with its Parishioners and is active in promoting the good of the Parish	Agree	Throop & Holdenhurst	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
E2	Throop & Holdenhurst	Throop is a lovely quiet village please let it be that	Agree	Throop & Holdenhurst	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
E3	Throop & Holdenhurst	Our current Parish Council achieves nothing. I does not communicate with the community, and most people i meet ask the same question … what do they do ? They do not review any local planning applications, have not supported any projects in the last 12 months, and due to their meeting schedule of every two months, seem incapable of taking decisions or taking any action. Requests to the parish clerk have to be constantly followed up, as he takes responsibility for following up issues raised himself. Basically, they are a waste of money. This is a real shame, as it could be good, but previous chairman and councillors have alienated a large part of the population due to their views being dismissed out of hand.	Disagree	Throop & Holdenhurst	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0

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E4	Throop & Holdenhurst	The existing parish council is a waste of time and money - it seems to make no difference existing costing us more money	Disagree	Throop & Holdenhurst	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
E5	Throop & Holdenhurst	(d) (e) (f) I feel there is no need for any parish councils. Why have extra expense, an extra level of administration. The existing BCP councillers should be suffiecient.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
E6	Throop & Holdenhurst	(a) - (e) It seems sensible to retain the parish council as it has only relatively recently been created. In relation to (f), the number of councillors seems disproportionate. Generally, if local government overheads were reduced then more funds could be directed to improving declining public services across the BCP area.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
E7	Throop & Holdenhurst	a,b,c	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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E8	Throop & Holdenhurst	a,b,c Throop & Holdenhurst parish council should continue as it is if the residents want this, but there should not be new councils set up at extra cost, where there would be no benefit & possible increase in council tax	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
E9	Throop & Holdenhurst	All of them. I was brought up in the area and go there often.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
E10	Throop & Holdenhurst	Do not need multi level local government, wasted money.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
E11	Throop & Holdenhurst	f This seems a lot of councillors for the population.	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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E12	Throop & Holdenhurst	I do not think that the constituents can afford to pay more than they already are for council tax. In the current economy people are already struggling to pay their overheads let alone fork out more, for what seems to be the same service they already receive, with no monetary cap on what can be charged. It's a terrible idea.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 9
E13	Throop & Holdenhurst	I don't see the need for Parish Councils, I feel it adds another layer of expense	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 9
E14	Throop & Holdenhurst	No case has been made to make any changes.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
E15	Throop & Holdenhurst	The Parish and its name has historic significance to the local electorate.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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E16	Throop & Holdenhurst	This is a historic arrangement that serves residents well and doesn't need changing	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
E17	Throop & Holdenhurst	Throop and Holdenhurst is clearly a sepatate semi-rural community within BCP and should be allowed to continue with their own parish council.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH2 6
E18	Throop & Holdenhurst	we have enough council governance as a tri borough council (BCP) and do not need another level of governance.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5
E19	Throop & Holdenhurst	Well known and respected area needing its own representation.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8

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E20	Throop & Holdenhurst	Why change for change's sake??	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
E21	Throop & Holdenhurst	[unknown] wasting more money and get on with the town centre, making it more family friendly, like it used to be!! [unknown] in the [unknown]	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
E22	Throop & Holdenhurst	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7
E23	Throop & Holdenhurst	A- it is too small to have separate representation D - as above not cost effective F - too many councillors for the size	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6

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E24	Throop & Holdenhurst	A- it should be abolished and adds no value to the local community.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
E25	Throop & Holdenhurst	a) and d) I don't believe we need an extra layer of admin and bureaucracy. I don't see a benefit to residents in establishing parish councils but I do see that there will be additional costs to residents, and BCP councillors will be less accountable for maintaining the separate local areas, and will pass the buck to parish councils for issues it finds too expensive or too difficult to deal with. What was the point in amalgamating the town councils into BCP if only to create a new sub-layer of councillors? I thought the larger council was meant to benefit from economies of scale, better purchasing power and reduced admin and bureaucracy. The creation of parish councils undermines the arguments for the creation of BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
E26	Throop & Holdenhurst	a) Disagree with an extra tier of Local Government having had reorgansiations in 1997 and 2019. b) Extra tiers of Authority results in additional bureaucracy, duplication and cost. c) This leads to residents effectively paying twice for the same services d) Changes should involve a whole authority referendum not rely on Councillor decisions e) The total cost of local government can be expected to be higher in authorities with the additional tier of Town/Parish Councils f) Having sought to delayer local authority provision in 1997 and 2019 within BCP localities, for economy and efficiency reasons, the logical approach is to delayer not create additional layers of local authority	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
E27	Throop & Holdenhurst	a) I think it unnecessary having the parish but it is not really for me to say if the residents want a parish then is up to then.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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E28	Throop & Holdenhurst	a) Same as hutn, why does this area require it's own parish council when it's barely a neighbourhood f) Again insane levels of over representation	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 9
E29	Throop & Holdenhurst	a) to f) (all) I strongly disagree with the need for parish councils when we already have an amalgamated Council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
E30	Throop & Holdenhurst	a, d I disagree. Town and Parish councils should be removed as they add an unnecessary layer of councils for no added benefit. Equivalent roles and clear departmental structures already exist under BCP so these should be given the full remit to improve their own services, with existing precept payments being absorbed into these departmental budgets. Ward councillors already provide the representation to ensure community views and cohesion are considered in council decisions.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
E31	Throop & Holdenhurst	'a', 'd' More layers, more bureaucracy, more delays to implementing any initiative. Why create BCP to remove duplication just to devolve responsibility?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5

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E32	Throop & Holdenhurst	a,b, d, and f: The elector ratio at 85 is ridiculously low. Surely this tells us the something should be done to change the arrangements. Either by boundary change, abolition, or change in the number of councillors	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 1
E33	Throop & Holdenhurst	a,b,c,d,e,f :- The creation of parish councils is adding another layer of bureaucracy to the unitary authority of BCP which the bringing together of the 3 councils said it would avoid. We have local councillors that are elected to represent the views of the area they are elected too, and therefore this additional layer will add authority to those who are elected to represent our areas to the large unitary authority.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
E34	Throop & Holdenhurst	a,b,c,d,e,f We Have a Town Council which has council representatives for each area. We do not need more levels of administration but for existing Councillors to do their job and represent their ward to the Council with diligence and hard work on behalf of their electors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
E35	Throop & Holdenhurst	a,b,c,d,e,f, 88 residents to each councillor is a ridiculous ratio.. Just a waste of money. Abolish this parish and merge	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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E36	Throop & Holdenhurst	a,b,d and f. I believe with the governments current proposals on local government we should not be considering any further changes in local government until the governments decisions on merging councils has been completed and we should take a lead from central government. We have no need for additional councillors and by introducing an additional council we will lengthen the time made for decisions, increase costs and will not provide any material benefit. This parish council is not having any material influence and should be abolished.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
E37	Throop & Holdenhurst	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
E38	Throop & Holdenhurst	abolish the council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
E39	Throop & Holdenhurst	Abolish this council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4

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E40	Throop & Holdenhurst	A-f) Council tax should be reduced and services improved	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
E41	Throop & Holdenhurst	All - it is wrong for there to be any additional councils / councillors in any region. The current councillors of BCP have confidently put themselves forward to be voted in to run the local area based on the situation as it currently is / was, so now is the time to step up and put their money where your mouth is and solve the problems without causing more for the local residents. It would be highly inappropriate for this council to move the goalposts half way through their (massively underwhelming) term and create new entities. It's clear that given the appalling behaviour of the controlling alliance, that the move would purely be a vehicle to hack off the services that cannot currently be 'afforded' and all of these white elephants would be passed on to the new 'councils' at which point BCP would claim that they are in a great place whilst the new councils would be failing. I also have no doubt that the councillors and in particular the leader of BCP would constantly throw mud at the new entities and blame them for the inevitable shortcomings. The divisive nature of the Liberal Democrats in particular as well as the rest of the Three Towns Alliance means that nothing positive is ever achieved as they are too busy shirking accountability and blaming everybody else for their many failings. Any new council would also have the partisan issues that plague BCP Council and it isn't right at all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
E42	Throop & Holdenhurst	B - that consideration being given to Muscliff joining the area - is in close proximity to it, children from Troop use local schools, area has more in common with Troop than Bournemouth	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3

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E43	Throop & Holdenhurst	Bournemouth should have a single parish council covering the exact boundaries of the former Bournemouth Borough Council.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
E44	Throop & Holdenhurst	Commenting on all recommendations. BCP council and all associated with it have a horrendous reputation for charging more whilst providing less. Until such time that BCP council start providing value for the ever increasing council tax fees, no additional charges to residents, regardless of how that is spent should ever be considered. Any existing fees should be abolished immediately. If BCP council were a private company, that company would have folded years ago. No business acumen, no competition, leading to no progressive thinking with a staff that wouldn't last a probation period in the private sector.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
E45	Throop & Holdenhurst	d. Not effective.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
E46	Throop & Holdenhurst	Do not need parish councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1

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E47	Throop & Holdenhurst	Have not read anything to suggest benefit of parish councils of any kind in current financial environment.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
E48	Throop & Holdenhurst	Having read all these recommendations so far I am wondering why we have so many tiers of Council. I thought there was one Council and that is BCP. I have to ask why we need so many tiers.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
E49	Throop & Holdenhurst	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
E50	Throop & Holdenhurst	I disagree with the continuation of current parish and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish or town councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4

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E51	Throop & Holdenhurst	I do not agree that any area requires a parish council. I believe that all functions should be carried out by BCP council. Anything more is an unnecessary complication and a waste of money. How are people supposed to know who does what? How can you ensure that the various parish councils act with any consistency?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
E52	Throop & Holdenhurst	I do not agree that we should have any town/parish councils. If BCP it too large, revert to 3 separate councils agin.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
E53	Throop & Holdenhurst	I do not agree with another layer of local beaurocracy costing local tax payers more money so do not agree with any draft proposal. I'd rather pay more council tax to go towards school place provision rather than pointless parish councils which serve little purpose	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
E54	Throop & Holdenhurst	I don't see the need for as many as 7 councillors for this area. I also don't see any need for a parish council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7

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E55	Throop & Holdenhurst	It's ridiculous that a district of less than 600 people has its own council. Whatever next, a council for every street?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
E56	Throop & Holdenhurst	Massively over the top number do seats for little population and some of the morons who,live in the area have already had too much of a say in local matters such as complete refusal and objection to creation of junctions into Wessex Fields. 595 people allowed to screw up access for a major hospital and courts for literally everyone else in BCP	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
E57	Throop & Holdenhurst	None	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 9
E58	Throop & Holdenhurst	Our area doesn't need another level of bureaucracy	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1

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E59	Throop & Holdenhurst	Parish Council NOT needed.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
E60	Throop & Holdenhurst	Parish Councils are an unnecessary extra level of burocracy costing additional precepts to local people when the parish council does not have skilledexpertise to carry out duties that should be carried out by competent and trained staff. The environment is a good example. E.g. A parish council could never afford to have skilled expertise in environmental matters - something which is a core responsibility of the Unitary Authority.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
E61	Throop & Holdenhurst	Parish councils are an unnecessary level of governance as the services they will provide are already covered by BCP. If we need Parish councils to have our community listened to, then maybe BCP should be disbanded instead and go back to individual town councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
E62	Throop & Holdenhurst	Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation and corruption, preventing the change the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4

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E63	Throop & Holdenhurst	Parish councils are superfluous	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
E64	Throop & Holdenhurst	Parish Councils generally attract Narcissists and mini Hitlers, who love the power and control, this position gives them in the community. Control over decisions and people that live in these areas. Procedure and following the system is everything, the end result is irrelevant. They have fragile egos and hate criticism. They are in control and you little people must go through me first, in fact, this whole community is under my influence and control.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
E65	Throop & Holdenhurst	Parish councils represent unnecessary bureaucracy and are a waste of money.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
E66	Throop & Holdenhurst	Ratio of electors to councillors too low and therefore undemocratic. Unnecessary extra layer of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

Q28 – Please tell us the reasons for your answer whether you agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Throop & Holdenhurst

Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
E67	Throop & Holdenhurst	Re a and d - the parish council should be abolished. It is a waste of tax payers money and adds unnecessary bureaucracy. Public funds are right enough and we should be reducing this bureaucracy not maintaining it. I do not think these areas get good value for the extra money they pay.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
E68	Throop & Holdenhurst	Should be merged with other parishes	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
E69	Throop & Holdenhurst	Should be part of an Independent Christchurch Council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
E70	Throop & Holdenhurst	the area is the less urban part of Muscliffe and any parish should cover the entirety of the area up to Castle Lane West.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9

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E71	Throop & Holdenhurst	The bureaucracy and cost of additional layers of local government should be avoided wherever possible.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
E72	Throop & Holdenhurst	The Throop NIMBIES are too insular. There is no need for another tier of administration to pamper to their ideology.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
E73	Throop & Holdenhurst	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
E74	Throop & Holdenhurst	Waste of time please stop.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

Q28 – Please tell us the reasons for your answer whether you agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Throop & Holdenhurst

Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
E75	Throop & Holdenhurst	Additional costs	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
E76	Throop & Holdenhurst	It is not for Electoral Services to comment on these questions	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
E77	Throop & Holdenhurst	Parish councils are an unnecessary administrative tier. They result in additional costs - without value for money - for council tax payers.	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
E78	Throop & Holdenhurst	The problem with the Draft recommendations are their incredible inconsistency. Why should any comparably sized area be treated differently? Such a situation is inherently unfair and undemocratic. An argument might be made for treating 'rural' areas slightly differently if any can be reasonably defined within BCP but this seems unlikely.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3

Q28 – Please tell us the reasons for your answer whether you agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Throop & Holdenhurst

Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
E79	Throop & Holdenhurst	There is insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision on any of these draft recommendations. There is no indication of what services will be provided via the new parish/town councils. There is no indication of the total costs involved in setting up these parishes/councils, nor of the level of precept, nor of the possibility of precepts being increased well above the capped level of council tax. There is no indication of the need for a clerk to the parish/town council, nor of the salary that this would incur. Whilst the expectation is that parish/town councillors will be appointed on a voluntary basis, there is no means of preventing them from voting to make salary payments out of the precept. Divisions into parish/town councils across the conurbation is likely to increase differences in levels of provision.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3

Q29 – Is there anything else you would like to say about the draft recommendations for Throop & Holdenhurst?

Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
E80	Throop & Holdenhurst	We need a bus here lots of older people finding it hard to walk to nearest bus stop	Agree	Throop & Holdenhurst	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
E81	Throop & Holdenhurst	Abolish them now	Disagree	Throop & Holdenhurst	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
E82	Throop & Holdenhurst	Along with all the other parish councils they should be abolished.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
E83	Throop & Holdenhurst	No	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
E84	Throop & Holdenhurst	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7

Q29 – Is there anything else you would like to say about the draft recommendations for Throop & Holdenhurst?

Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
E85	Throop & Holdenhurst	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
E86	Throop & Holdenhurst	Amalgamation into a larger body.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
E87	Throop & Holdenhurst	As above	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
E88	Throop & Holdenhurst	As above, parish councils are a waste of our money, get the [unknown] [unknown] to a place where families can feel safe and everyday make the [unknown] in the centre of town more colourful like they used to be better play places for children.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
E89	Throop & Holdenhurst	Believe parish councils should be scrapped, simply another layer of cost and bureaucracy which be served better by centralised service. Also for this local parish representation to head of population is disproportionate to size and other BCP areas	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

Q29 – Is there anything else you would like to say about the draft recommendations for Throop & Holdenhurst?

Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
E90	Throop & Holdenhurst	Council tax should be reduced and services improved	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
E91	Throop & Holdenhurst	Disagree with the concept of having an additional unnecessary tier of local authority administration below Unitary level for reasons given in previous question	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
E92	Throop & Holdenhurst	Do not need parish councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
E93	Throop & Holdenhurst	Don't do it.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
E94	Throop & Holdenhurst	For all that is good and holy, just abolish everything that requires additional fees to residents and focus on the basics, providing a value for money service to residents.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0

Q29 – Is there anything else you would like to say about the draft recommendations for Throop & Holdenhurst?

Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
E95	Throop & Holdenhurst	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
E96	Throop & Holdenhurst	I disagree with the continuation of current parish and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish or town councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
E97	Throop & Holdenhurst	I disagree with the need for parish and town councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
E98	Throop & Holdenhurst	It is an unnecessary expense	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
E99	Throop & Holdenhurst	Leave things as they are as despite the hollow words from BCP council, this is clearly going to end up costing residents money that simply cannot be afforded in a cost of living crisis. If the current incumbents are unable to work within the constraints as they currently exist, then they should resign en masse and make way for competent people who can. This is nothing but a transparent vehicle to screw the local residents. You say that there will not be any additional cost, but that is a blatant lie. You will bring in a precept to begin with and that will go up and up and up year on year , totally unchecked and the people of the BCP region will be the ones to pay for it. It's unacceptable that you would do something like this without a referendum (which you clearly won't as you already know what the outcome would be and you don't like listening to people who disagree with you). BCP Council is a repugnant organisation, badly run by incompetent councillors with no honesty, integrity or decency. You are an embarrassment to the local people and you should be totally and utterly ashamed of yourselves (but I doubt you have the decency to feel that way either). Shame on you all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
E100	Throop & Holdenhurst	Less bureaucracy and transparency is required from BCP with more action from those already elected, not more!	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
E101	Throop & Holdenhurst	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
E102	Throop & Holdenhurst	No	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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E103	Throop & Holdenhurst	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 9
E104	Throop & Holdenhurst	No need for any additional Council the concept of BCP was to reduce costs and administration.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
E105	Throop & Holdenhurst	No.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
E106	Throop & Holdenhurst	Once the government has completed it's latest round of local government reorganisation then this should be revisited particularly as we do not know whether the national government as part of the efficiency reorganisation my abolish them nationally	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
E107	Throop & Holdenhurst	Parish Council NOT needed.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
E108	Throop & Holdenhurst	Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, and corruption, preventing the change the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
E109	Throop & Holdenhurst	People are trying to circumvent the elected authority to suit their own politics	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
E110	Throop & Holdenhurst	Scrap it	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
E111	Throop & Holdenhurst	The boundaries of “Poole” council are clear – however the town will be disadvantaged and overwhelmed, if the whole of the town is 1x parish – when the town of Bournemouth is “represented” as 4x separate parishes. Resources for “Poole” (as well as Christchurch) will instead be routed (diverted/stolen) for projects elsewhere. The number of parishes need to be equivalent across the “Three Towns”, based on population, rate-payers, and geography –the cultural and historic value across the towns should be valued for this as well. The Parish boundaries need to be reviewed and corrected, for equal representation for everyone.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
E112	Throop & Holdenhurst	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
E113	Throop & Holdenhurst	We do not need a parish council as well as BCP. It will be costly as well as unnecessary and certain matters will get missed between the two.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
E114	Throop & Holdenhurst	We should either have BCP or parish councils, not both.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
E115	Throop & Holdenhurst	Additional costs from where?	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
E116	Throop & Holdenhurst	Amending the boundary to include Wood Farm in the Muscliff and Strouden Park Ward instead of the Commons Ward is supported as it will make administering local and parish elections more straightforward. Whilst the property will still be in a different parliamentary constituency to the rest of the (proposed) ward, there is always going to be a difference at one level of governance. The proposal creates a preferred scenario as local and parish elections are usually scheduled on the same date, and this change will potentially allow the anomaly to be addressed at a future parliamentary boundary review.	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
E117	Throop & Holdenhurst	BCP unitary authority, amalgamating Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth, was supposed to improve transparency, costs and bureaucracy. Creating parish/town councils will be adding another level of unnecessary bureaucracy and cost with no tangible benefit and worse accountability. BCP has just appointed a new CEO; consideration should be given to allowing this person to attempt to improve the current running of the unitary authority before any changes are implemented. No decisions should be made before 2027 and then only following a referendum.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
E118	Throop & Holdenhurst	I note that elections in councils set up in 2019 were contested then but then not in 2023 (apart from one Christchurch ward). Throop and Holdenhurst elections are due in 2027. I wonder if the same lack of interest and therefore continuance of sitting members would also occur there . I feel strongly that the premise of setting up councils made up from self-proposing volunteers is deeply flawed. Where is the governance and vetting of these probably well meaning but possibly not capable individuals? Alarm bells ring when the initial enthusiasm for putting themselves up to contest an election has disappeared and the council continues with no possible change of personnel? People who put themselves forward may have particular pet interests and may make short term decisions with unforeseen consequences down the line. The whole premise seems to be a way to off load some responsibilities from the council but the approach of getting some members of the community, whose only qualification may be the location of their house, to take these responsibilities on seems very risky.	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3

Community Governance Consultation

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Throop & Holdenhurst

Research and Consultation Team

Qualitative Analysis and Report by Darmax Research

Executive Summary

BCP Council are consulting on draft proposals to create new parish, town and community councils across Bournemouth and Poole and to make some small changes to the existing town/parish arrangements in Christchurch.

Before any decisions are made, the council sought the views of local residents on the existing parish and town council arrangements in Throop and Holdenhurst.

This report summarises the free-text responses to the consultation.

Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Results

Reasons for agreement/disagreement

76 respondents provided feedback to this question. 4 of these respondents live in Throop and Holdenhurst, while 72 live outside of the area.

While there were not many responses from local residents, some expressed satisfaction with the current parish council, highlighting its positive relationship with the community and its role in promoting local interests. Others felt parish councils were unnecessary, a waste of money, and too limited in their influence.

While some respondents who live outside the proposal area supported the continuation of Throop and Holdenhurst's parish council due to its historic identity and perceived value to residents, opposition was stronger overall. Respondents commented that parish councils are an unnecessary tier of government, duplicating services and adding bureaucracy. Many believed responsibilities should remain with BCP Council to ensure consistency, or that the area should revert to the pre-BCP three-council structure.

Some respondents felt the parish area was too small to warrant its own council and should merge with neighbouring areas, while others suggested adjusting boundaries to reflect community links with Muscliff.

Concerns also focused on duplication of services, reduced accountability for BCP Council, potential inequities in service provision across the conurbation, and the proposed number of councillors being too high for the population.

Respondents also opposed any increase in council tax to fund an additional governance layer, highlighting affordability concerns. In addition, some respondents criticised the lack of detail in the draft recommendations, questioned political motivations, and called for a public referendum.

Any other comments about the draft recommendations

33 respondents provided feedback to this question. 2 of these respondents live in Throop and Holdenhurst, while 31 live outside the area.

One resident called for the parish council to be abolished, while another raised a separate local need for improved bus services.

Feedback from respondents who live outside the proposal area reiterated opposition to parish councils, describing them as wasteful and unnecessary. Concerns were again raised over additional bureaucracy, fragmentation of services, and loss of accountability from BCP Council.

A small number of respondents noted inconsistencies in parish and town council distribution across BCP. Objections were again raised with regards to potential council tax increases without clear benefit.

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1 Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Qualitative responses (write in text) to questions were exported into Excel and were thematically analysed. The most common themes are reported on in this report. Anonymised quotes from participants have been used to illustrate the themes identified.

Please note that while the purpose of qualitative data is to provide deeper insights into reasoning and impact rather than to quantify data, the numbers of respondents who mentioned the most prevalent themes are provided in this report to give an indication of the magnitude of response. However, given the nature of qualitative data, it should be noted that this does not provide an indication of significance in relation to the question asked.

In addition, where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories. Where a response makes several different points, only the relevant part to the discussed theme is shown in the report.

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2 Analysis and results

2.1 Reasons for agreement/disagreement

Respondents were asked to provide their reasons for why they agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Throop and Holdenhurst.

76 respondents provided feedback to this question. 4 of these respondents live in Throop and Holdenhurst, while 72 of these respondents live outside of Throop and Holdenhurst.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	2	9	11
General opposition	2	31	33
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	0	10	10
Administration/management of decisions	2	43	45
Cost of delivery	1	17	18
Consultation/decision process	0	5	5
Other	0	2	2

2.1.1 Respondents living in proposal area

2 respondents who live in the proposed area commented that **Throop should be left as it is** and that the current parish council has a good relationship with its residents and acts in their interests.

"The Parish Council has a good relationship with its Parishioners and is active in promoting the good of the Parish."

"Throop is a lovely quiet village please let it be that."

However, 2 respondents commented that parish councils are **unnecessary** and a waste of time and money, while they also commented that parish councils have limited scope to have an influence.

"The existing parish council is a waste of time and money."

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"Most people I meet ask the same question… what do they do? They do not review any local planning applications, have not supported any projects in the last 12 months, and due to their meeting schedule of every two months, seem incapable of taking decisions or taking any action."

2.1.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

9 respondents who live outside of the proposed area for Throop and Holdenhurst expressed support for the draft recommendations, commenting that the area has its own **historical identity** and should be allowed to continue with its own parish council.

"The Parish and its name has historic significance to the local electorate."

"This is a historic arrangement that serves residents well and doesn't need changing."

33 respondents expressed opposition to the parish and town councils in general. Respondents described parish and town councils as **unnecessary**, ineffective, and a waste of resources.

"Parish councils are an unnecessary administrative tier. They result in additional costs - without value for money - for council tax payers."

"I disagree with the continuation of current parish and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish or town councils in BCP."

10 respondents commented on boundary and parish allocations. Some felt there should be **equal distribution of areas** and that this **area was too small** to warrant its own council and should merge with neighbouring areas. Other respondents suggested **boundary adjustments** to better reflect community connections with Muscliff.

"The problem with the draft recommendations are their incredible inconsistency. Why should any comparably sized area be treated differently? Such a situation is inherently unfair and undemocratic."

"It is too small to have separate representation."

"Should be merged with other parishes."

"Consideration being given to Muscliff joining the area - is in close proximity to it, children from Throop use local schools, area has more in common with Throop than Bournemouth."

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45 respondents opposed the creation of another layer of governance, warning it would increase **bureaucracy** and cause **duplication of services**. Respondents commented that the reason for the **formation of BCP Council** was to reduce bureaucracy and duplication and that responsibilities should remain with BCP Council to ensure consistency and efficiency. Respondents also commented that **BCP Council should manage and deliver services** locally. If the previous merger has not proven to be beneficial the area should **revert to the previous three town councils**. The creation of new and continuation of existing parish councils will result in **inequity of services** being delivered across the conurbation. Respondents also commented that the proposed **number of councillors** was too many for the population size and there is **already councillor representation** for the area. Respondents were also concerned if candidates would have the **required expertise** and be representative of the local demographic.

"Our area doesn't need another level of bureaucracy."

"Disagree with an extra tier of Local Government having had reorganisations in 1997 and 2019. Extra tiers of authority results in additional bureaucracy, duplication and cost."

"If we need parish councils to have our community listened to, then maybe BCP should be disbanded instead and go back to individual town councils."

"Ratio of electors to councillors too low and therefore undemocratic."

"Divisions into parish/town councils across the conurbation is likely to increase differences in levels of provision."

18 respondents raised concerns about the **financial impact** of parish councils, commenting that the additional level of governance increases costs for local residents and increases council tax that they cannot afford.

"I do not think that the constituents can afford to pay more than they already are for council tax."

"I do not agree with another layer of local bureaucracy costing local tax payers more money."

5 respondents criticised the consultation process, commenting on **limited information within the recommendations**. Respondents also questioned the motivations behind the proposals and that the changes should go to **referendum**.

"There is insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision on any of these draft recommendations."

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Two respondents made **other comments**. One respondent commented that the decision should be made by local residents, while the other respondent commented that BCP Council should invest in the town centre.

"I think it is unnecessary having the parish but it is not really for me to say. If the residents want a parish then is up to them."

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2.2 Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Throop and Holdenhurst.

33 respondents provided feedback to this question. 2 of these respondents live in Throop and Holdenhurst, while 31 of these respondents live outside of Throop and Holdenhurst.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	0	0	0
General opposition	1	18	19
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	0	2	2
Administration/management of decisions	0	16	16
Cost of delivery	0	7	7
Consultation/decision process	0	4	4
Other	1	0	1

2.2.1 Respondents living in proposal area

One respondent who lives in Throop and Holdenhurst commented that the parish council **should be abolished**, while the other respondent commented that there needs to be a **bus route** in the area.

"Abolish them now."

"We need a bus here lots of older people finding it hard to walk to nearest bus stop."

2.2.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

18 respondents opposed the proposals, many of them restating that parish councils are **unnecessary and represent a waste of money**.

"A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services."

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"Abolish all parish councils across BCP and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required."

2 respondents commented on boundaries. One respondent commented that there is **inconsistency in the distribution of parish and town councils** across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, while the other respondent suggested that the proposals **make local elections easier** to administer.

"The boundaries of "Poole" council are clear – however the town will be disadvantaged and overwhelmed, if the whole of the town is 1x parish – when the town of Bournemouth is "represented" as 4x separate parishes."

"Amending the boundary to include Wood Farm in the Muscliff and Strouden Park Ward instead of the Commons Ward is supported as it will make administering local and parish elections more straightforward."

16 respondents were concerned about extra **bureaucracy**, **fragmentation** of services, and lack of **accountability** and **responsibility** for BCP Council who should focus on efficient service delivery.

"Parish councils are damaging for BCP Council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, and corruption, preventing the change the area needs."

"No need for any additional council the concept of BCP was to reduce costs and administration."

"We should either have BCP or parish councils, not both."

7 respondents criticised the potential cost, noting that **council tax is already high** and should not be increased.

"For all that is good and holy, just abolish everything that requires additional fees to residents and focus on the basics, providing a value for money service to residents."

4 respondents commented on the consultation process. Respondents felt the consultation **lacked sufficient details** and questioned the **motives** behind the proposals. In addition, respondents suggested that the consultation be paused until **after central government reorganisations** and that there should be a **public vote** before any change.

"Once the government has completed its latest round of local government reorganisation then this should be revisited particularly as we do not know whether the national government as part of the efficiency reorganisation may abolish them nationally."

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F1	Broadstone	"Draft F" I agree that the introduction of a town council in Broadstone would benefit the area and the people standing already do good things, however, I do have serious concerns over the running costs of a Town Council and feel they have been significantly under estimated and will have to increase after the first year of governance. It is said that services for the community may be transferred to the Town Council, however, BCP would not transfer the proportional amount from the budget for the said service whatever it may be resulting in additional charges for services that we already pay for to BCP. 14 councilors seems high for such a small area, whilst councilors are voluntary they do claim expenses. A lot of people are struggling financially with the forced increases from central government along with local authorities and if the bubble is continually expanding with these costs eventually it will burst and we will all be in a mess. A serious overall of what really matters not just locally but nationally needs to take place and as a country we need to get back to basics and stop throwing billions into fanciful causes before it's to late.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F2	Broadstone	(B)The proposals cement the existing boundaries such that my postcode (BH18 9QZ) remains within 'Broadstone'.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F3	Broadstone	10. Why so many councillors?	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F4	Broadstone	14 is too many councillors.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F5	Broadstone	a Agree because the identity of Broadstone needs to be reinforced. c Broadstone is now a well-established name. g.h. Agree with numbers and assume that these can be amended to meet requirements as the area and council develop.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F6	Broadstone	a I just believe a parish council would be beneficial to Broadstone residents	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F7	Broadstone	'a' This will give residents of Broadstone more say in decisions.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F8	Broadstone	'a' Broadstone has always had it's own unique identity, known to many residents as a village . I am aware that much of the council tax paid to BCP must go to meeting the increasing costs of adult social care and children's SEND. A town council, elected by the residents of Broadstone, would be able to provide additional services uniquely tailored to our lovely village. This work has already been started by our wonderful Neighbourhood Forum, but their funding has almost dried up.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F9	Broadstone	a) - To address issues directly relevant to and impacting upon the residents of our village, which has its own distinct identity d) + e) - I strongly favour the recognition of our community as a village rather than a town.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F10	Broadstone	a) Broadstone has a strong community based around the central retail area, with numerous community facilities. I believe a parish/town council would help to retain these in the face of potential financial [unknown] in services by BCP council. The precept would enable the community to invest in the physical facilities eg play parks, community [unknown], your centre, etc as well as support the many community groups that exist within Broadstone. Thus it would help resolve the democratic difficulties that currently exists in the decisive [ruling?] process, giving Broadstone residents a say in those things that affect them at the very [unknown] level.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F11	Broadstone	A) Broadstone residents need a greater say in what happens to their local area. F-H) Not sure that 14 is the right number for Councillors I would have thought 10 would be sufficient.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F12	Broadstone	a) I strongly believe that Broadstone should have a parish or town council. It is a natural progression from having a successful neighbourhood forum so that these can be even more local input from the community and enhance the quality of life further. d) I would support either a parish or a town council g) h) I am not sure whether 12 councillors would be better and hence the division would be different between the wards.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F13	Broadstone	a) It seems to me a sensible idea for local areas to have some autonomy over what is happening in that local area. Therefore, the creation of a town council seems like a good route to this. b) The boundary shown falls within my expectation of Broadstone. c) Broadstone is the most sensible name. d) I agree that that it should be inthe style of a town council. e) The name is sensible. f) Again, the division of the area is a logical one. g) I assume the number of councillors is based of other like areas and town councils, although 14 does seem quite a lot, but I have no real issue with the number of councillors. h) The division of councillors also seems logical.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F14	Broadstone	A. A Town Council is a great idea. B. Do we need 14 councillors ? Seems an awful lot. Peter Sidaway said it would be 4 at a recent meeting.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F15	Broadstone	a. Broadstone deserves a stronger voice in local decisions. Establishing a parish gives residents more control over services, community spaces, and the area's future. b. The proposed boundary makes sense—it reflects Broadstone's identity and keeps the community whole. It avoids arbitrary splits and includes areas people naturally associate with Broadstone. c. "Broadstone" is the obvious and only name that fits. It's well recognised and reflects the area's history and character. d. A town council gives Broadstone parity with places like Wimborne and Verwood. It shows confidence in the community and allows for proper civic representation. e. "Broadstone Town Council" sounds right—it gives clarity, matches the area's scale, and avoids confusion with other parish councils. f. The four wards (Clump, Golf, Recreation, Spring) are sensibly drawn. They reflect real parts of Broadstone and help ensure councillors represent distinct parts of the community. g. Fourteen councillors seems balanced—it's enough to reflect different views and workload, without being excessive. h. The split across the wards is proportionate. It helps ensure each area gets fair representation and prevents one part of Broadstone from dominating the council.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F16	Broadstone	Agree	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F17	Broadstone	Agree with recommendations already submitted.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F18	Broadstone	Agree with the proposal in principal except for the southern boundary. Historically, The whole area around Northbook Road, and Stoborough Drive, Whitby Avenue, Keighley Avenue and York Road would always have been considered as part of Broadstone. And perhaps to a slightly lesser extent the whole of Hillbourne, bounded bounded by Broadstone Way and Cabot Lane would also have associated with Broadstone rather than Creekmoor. The Broadstone way imposes a physical boundary between Creekmoor and Broadstone and this should be set as the southern boundary of the new Broadstone Town Council area.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F19	Broadstone	a-h) Provided it is clearly drawn up exactly what addition to council tax will be and a sealing put on this, I believe it is a good idea for Broadstone to have its own town council.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F20	Broadstone	a-h) if (a) is to happen, then (b-h) seem logical decisions to take	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F21	Broadstone	All recommendations a to h inclusive will improve governance and services in Broadstone	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F22	Broadstone	all recommendations a,b,3,d,e - our Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum has worked hard to understand what they believe would work for Broadstone residents and Businesses and I support their work here.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F23	Broadstone	An unnecessary additional layer of bureaucracy	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F24	Broadstone	As a retired resident of many years (Over 35 Years) I am unable to perceive any benefits this extra layer of beaurocracy would provide for me. I cannot afford an extra £5 or more per month on my pension.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F25	Broadstone	b the boundary lines seem more logical	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH17 7
F26	Broadstone	Broadstone does need another political quango in the grip of a select and elite group of powerful politicians who already run Broadstone like a cabal. More council tax increases being charged to hard pressed local residents for more bureaucracy that will deliver only what they personally wish from not want actual residents want. See BCP 3 Town Alliance !	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F27	Broadstone	Broadstone has a large population and yet is not a designated town, whereas Corfe Mullen has a simalar population and is a town.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F28	Broadstone	Broadstone is a clearly defined community with a strong identity and a desire for self-determination. However, as a more affluent part of BCP it is generally unable to access funds directed towards deprivation and so some of the services that are important to the people who live there have been impacted by austerity and then by the wider cuts. We have lost out public toilets, our library hours have been cut and there are threats to the maintenance of our playing fields, investment in our football club and the retention of our youth club, Our public realm is tired and the council can rarely support the community in its desire to uplift it. We have good community events but they are hamstrung by a council that stands in its way, when it has the local expertise to take on more for itself. We see the success of Corfe Mullen, Wimborne and Upton in driving their community forward from a central focus through a town council and want to bring the same to Broadstone. Residents want to see improved maintenance (repaired bins, benches and clean signs), tidier areas with better planting, weeding and grass cutting and stronger events. We might choose to invest in our public toilets or tennis courts, improve community transport, hold more events and provide grants to our organisations. We might even choose to fund a community officer to deal with anti-social behaviour or low level crime issues. We cannot even get our popular and extremely important remembrance parade properly funded under the current arrangements. Perhaps we could even twin with another similar community.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F29	Broadstone	Broadstone should be governed by locsls	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F30	Broadstone	Broadstone, along with the rest of Poole, was dragged into BCP when it was formed a few years ago without consultation by the Conservatives. Creating a town council would bring some decision-making back to a more local level. I have no view as to whether dividing Broadstone into four wards is necessarily the best way to structure this.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F31	Broadstone	c, No particular reason, just I believe that there should be parish councils to deal with local matters from local people who are local.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F32	Broadstone	d - Broadstone should have a town council to own its own destiny	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F33	Broadstone	d and e - I don't understand the significant of the style of Town over that of Parish. h - judging by the ratio of other parishes, I think we could do well with one less councillor per ward, i.e. 10 instead of 14.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F34	Broadstone	Despite reassurances it is obvious this will add further costs to our already high Council Tax. It seems obvious BCP want to offload responsibilities to others while still increasing their own take from the population. This is just a form of retreat to the individual councils we once had but in a more expensive form.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F35	Broadstone	Due to very poor communication and advertising of this proposal, I only new that this was happening last week when a random flyer mixed in with lots of other junk flyers dropped through my door, the reason I am hesitant is my lack of knowledge and available time to research in depth issues about the procedure and the very short time to respond due to going away on sunday and returning after the closure date. If you going to advertise make it stand out from other posters stuck on walls in libraries	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F36	Broadstone	f) I don't understand why there needs to be 4 separate wards. Doesn't that just smack of yet more bureaucracy and unnecessary duplication?	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F37	Broadstone	F. Always known and Broadstone	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH21 3

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F38	Broadstone	f. No one should ever have to say they live in an area called 'Clump'.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F39	Broadstone	g - I think finding 14 councillors will be difficult so in order to try to have contested elections, 12 would be better. I realise that 2 wards would be slightly bigger but I think that is manageable.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F40	Broadstone	g 14 councillors seems excessive, lower population per councillor than other proposals	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F41	Broadstone	g) need 14 diverse councillors. Male/female young/old	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F42	Broadstone	g) the elected council members for each area should be equal ie. 4 wards - 4 members 16 in total h) the number of residents should be roughly equal in each ward and if not, a fifth ward should be formed	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F43	Broadstone	H - too many councillors.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F44	Broadstone	h) fair considering population in each area	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F45	Broadstone	Having considered the recommendations, I fully support all options as being the most suitable for Broadstone. I have discussed this with other residents in Broadstone.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F46	Broadstone	Having had time to digest and read through the recommendations, I strongly feel that recommendations a-I (inclusive) will all facilitate the creation of an effective Broadstone Town Council which will be of benefit to all in the four parish wards.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F47	Broadstone	I agree in principle to the formation of a council for Broadstone but have apprehension about two areas: 1) the transfer of services must have the correct amount of funding 2) a control mechanism for precept funding in line with general BCP rules for community changes.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F48	Broadstone	I agree with a Broadstone council but do not like to see it divided up into 4 parts as worry things will deviate away into one council and cut another out.As w'e're close to Creekmoor, I always worry the 'Clump' which is a poor name is sidelined and pushed out of the 'Broadstone' fold at some point. Therefore having a combined view with councillors from all parts would be sufficient.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F49	Broadstone	I agree with all of the recommendations, I think having a town council just for Broadstone will allow us to invest in our own community.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F50	Broadstone	I agree with all of these recommendations and think that it will be a good thing for the area and for the residents.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F51	Broadstone	I agree with all the draft recommendations - I believe that Broadstone would benefit hugely from having its own Town Council so that Broadstone residents have a local input into the way that funds are spent in their local community, for the benefit of the local community.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F52	Broadstone	I agree with the draft recommendation - I would like to know why a town council is better than a parish council though.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F53	Broadstone	I am not sure there is a need for 4 distinct areas, Broadstone is not that large, the areas don't have any particular distinguishing features that differ to each other, a parish council for Broadstone as a whole as defined on the map seems sufficient. I don't have a view as to whether 14 councillors are needed or jot unless there are clear descriptions for each role. The more you separate the areas and have separate councillors the more thee will be disagreements.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F54	Broadstone	I consider that having a town council for Broadstone will give greater control on expenditure and decision making by those who know the area best and creates a better opportunity for engagement and involvement within the community.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F55	Broadstone	I consider that the draft recommendations provide the most secure future for Broad stone and it's residents.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F56	Broadstone	I feel that Broadstone would benefit on been able to focus money on local issues and ensure money is spent within the local area as we are on the edge of BCP	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F57	Broadstone	I guess certain projects / facilities may [unknown] which would not [unknown]	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F58	Broadstone	I have chosen to 'somewhat agree' as I feel that town councils in the BCP area will go ahead and I don't want Broadstone lumped together with Poole. I feel that the original Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch town councils should not have merged in the first place in 2019 - such a waste of money and time as we are now splitting into different councils.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F59	Broadstone	I think Broadstone should have a town council. It has a strong identity and wonderfully motivated volunteer community. So much good will come from local decisions being made by local people funded directly by the local community. I agree with the recommendations.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F60	Broadstone	I think it will benefit the area, having more local people looking after it	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F61	Broadstone	I think of Broadstone as more of a village than a town as the town is Poole.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F62	Broadstone	I think the idea is good and locals for local decisions is the way it should be	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F63	Broadstone	I would like Broadstone to have it's own Town Council to ensure local issues and concerns are looked at locally rather than part of a larger area.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F64	Broadstone	I would rather have a say in what happens in Broadstone than to be placed under the control of another town council	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F65	Broadstone	I'm against the creation of the town/parish councils for the following reasons - introduces unnecessary bureaucracy - lack of local support for the initiative - discussion of this is already dividing Broadstone - Broadstone is supported by a volunteers who already support many of the services - Costs to residents - not all of Broadstone is affluent - Precepts will introduce disparity in total council tax's across the BCP area driving inequality - Unlike the Council Tax there is no cap on the precept meaning overtime the disparity across the BCP area will widen - Don't we previously have town councils which were disbanded due to the cost? - Broadstone discussions are already political with existing Lib Dem councillor looking to stand as a town councillor - they will just be an expansion of the council and push political agendas and likely not independently representing the local community	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F66	Broadstone	It is difficult to tell from the map whether Creekmoor has been included. It is important that Broadstone consists only of the BH18 Post Code. Do not include Creekmoor within Broadstone. Leave the name of Broadstone as it is, do not add Town Council to it.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F67	Broadstone	It seems to be a lot of councillors	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F68	Broadstone	It will be nice to make independent decisions for what services are supported in Broadstone such as playgrounds toilets etc	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F69	Broadstone	It would be good to have a council that is more focused on local issues.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F70	Broadstone	Local idea generation and ownership Strong sphere of personal influence	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F71	Broadstone	NA	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F72	Broadstone	Not that it affects me, I don't particularly like the name Clump. One limitation may be having sufficient capable town councillors. The town council will need to deliver good value for money and there should be noticeable improvements.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F73	Broadstone	Recommendations c, d and e: There is a strong community spirit within Broadstone and so I support the creation of a Town Council for Broadstone.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F74	Broadstone	Recreation seems to include to part of Hilborne - I would include that in Poole. Clump includes Pinesprings which I would include with Creekmoor	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F75	Broadstone	The area requires local decision making by people who live here. There are a range of issues facing the community, and we require local involvement, and local control of the area's development.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F76	Broadstone	The idea of a more local Council is appealing but you haven't really explained how it will operate or be funded or staffed. Why does it cost more if councillors won't be paid? What kind of autonomy in relation to BCP? Makes me nervous	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F77	Broadstone	The map shown on this printout was so poor I couldn't properly see where the boundaries lay! However, on closer inspection online they appear fair enough when you consider population size	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F78	Broadstone	The proposal is sound and important to extend local control	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F79	Broadstone	These local councils work well in France and lead to greater community engagement, better facilities within the community and an improveds quality of life. They also serve to engender local civic pride. Also I couldn't believe it a few years back when a previous administration at BCP closed all public toilets to save a negligible sum of money. Local Town Councils will act to protect us from such idiocy in the future.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F80	Broadstone	This seems to me to be another organisation with a hidden agenda, yet another tax on top of our already high council taxes. These services are already provided by BCP, i assume that mismanagement of monies lead the drive to establish Parish Council's …. more tax can be extracted from hard pressed families. If we are to have an additional 14 councillors foisted on us all claiming expenses I cannot see the precept staying at a sensible level, in fact we should be getting a reduction as BCP will opt out of provision of some services, maybe some BCP councillors who show such disdain for residents could be dispensed with.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F81	Broadstone	Very keen to have more local control. Broadstone is the right size for this	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F82	Broadstone	Very supportive for Broadstone having its own council to focus attention and expenditure on our village, and supplement what BCP does (and does not). My only challenge is why establish Broadstone with a town council versus a parish council? Apart from the name, I believe the only real difference is that a town council can have a mayor. I don't believe that Broadstone is large enough or would require a mayor.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F83	Broadstone	We need to have more control over the spending	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F84	Broadstone	I do not feel at this time with the constraints of family finances a further tier of administration is a benefit to the area. It has raised concerns as to the decision taken by some individuals to apply for a town Council without transparency	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F85	Broadstone	"a" strongly disagree as I do not believe that we need yet another layer of local bureaucracy. "b" agree as the map does appear to reflect the boundaries of Broadstone. "c" agree that IF a parish is established it should be called after Broadstone. "d" disagree as I do not believe there will be any benefit in creating unneccessary layers to local government. "e" disagree as I do not believe a town council is needed. "f" disagree as it is unneccessary to divide Broadstone because it will not help community cohesion to divide the town. "g" disagree as our ward already has enough BCP councillors to represent Broadstone and a town council will just add unneccessary layers for no benefit. "h" disagree as the current number of councillors already elected are sufficient to represent the Broadstone residents.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F86	Broadstone	(a) A town council for Broadstone will simply add another layer of bureaucracy to our local government and it is not clear how this would benefit the residents of Broadstone. It is more likely to cause confusion and argument over which council is responsible for which services, delay decision-making due to the extra people and consultation involved and therefore reduce efficiency. The BCP flyer suggests that a Broadstone Town Council would be able to 'plug service gaps left by BCP', 'run projects to improve the area' and 'enable community events'. Surely these are matters that we would reasonably expect to be the responsibility of BCP? Introducing parish or town councils suggests that BCP has lost the ability to deal effectively with local issues and should perhaps improve its own efficiency rather than creating yet more layers of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F87	Broadstone	(a) disagree – I do not see the need for the overhead of a new town council when BCP has recently been formed to benefit from economies of scale. (b) disagree – as above (c) disagree – as above (d) disagree – as above (e) disagree – as above (f) disagree – as above (g) disagree – what is the significance of the name “Clump”? (h) disagree – even if I agreed with the proposal, 14 Councillors seems excessive based on the proposed services (i) disagree – as above	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F88	Broadstone	(a) I am totally opposed to the creation of a town council for Broadstone as it creates an unnecessary extra level of bureaucracy which we will have to pay for through an additional community charge which we cannot afford	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F89	Broadstone	(a) I strongly disagree with the establishment of a town or parish council anywhere in the borough including Broadstone. Another layer of councillors will contribute nothing but bureaucracy and delay in any endeavour whether developments or planning. The creation of an unnecessary parish or town council can only serve to make BCP councillors jobs & the representation of residents more difficult	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F90	Broadstone	(A) There is no need for a town council to be established in Broadstone. The needs of Broadstone residents can and should be met by BCP council. We do notneed an extra layer of bureaucracy. (B) This is not necessary. We are now part of BCP council. (C) Unnecessary. (D) I do not want a Town Council in my area because I feel it is not needed by the majority of local residents. (E) As above (F) There is no need to divide Broadstone into separate areas. (G) I do not want 14 councillors in my area making decisions that could be self serving and not necessarily impartial.This is unnecessary. (H) As above.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F91	Broadstone	(a)-(h) I do not want a parish town council for Broadstone which will incur further Council Tax charges which are already too high. I don't see that this new Town Council will benefit me in any way, shape or form and strongly oppose it.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F92	Broadstone	(a). Why on earth do we need another layer of management? Why aren't the BCP ward councillors doing this job? I feel very strongly that we need to reduce, rather than increase head count. You should be working to reduce the ever increasing Council Tax , not adding another cost!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F93	Broadstone	10a - I strongly disagree unless there is a strict 5 year mandate, explaining exactly what will be done to DEMONSTRATE EVERYDAY IMPROVEMENTS TO EVERYONE living in the area, including VISIBLY enhancing the area. With a CAP on additional charges along with a secondary review in 5 years time to RENEW the mandate. Secondly there far too many councillors (assume unpaid) and I question the need to split the town into 4 random areas WHY.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F94	Broadstone	10a I strongly disagree with the proposal. It's only a few years ago that the the three town councils were amalgamated into BCP ostensibly to save money despite strong opposition. Now you want to turn the clock back at least for some services but this time not even with the intention of saving money. We will have yet more bureaucracy and more jobsworthy councillors, no doubt duplicating overlapping services. Is each town council going to purchase it's own grass cutter for example and pay the operator? There will have to be remunerated office staff and auditors. Are the number of employed BCP staff going to be reduced to adjust for the fact that there will be less work for them? The whole scheme is ill thought through and will achieve nothing of benefit for BCP residents who elected you into office to serve them.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F95	Broadstone	A - F This is totally unnecessary, just another layer of expensive self important bureaucrats. The Council should be working on more important issues, for example, stop spending money on useless projects. Cycle paths are hardly used and have taken over much of the BCP roads. Another layer of government is not in the public interest and I vehemently oppose the whole project I understand from the flyer I received through the post that citing the increase costs of such a project to residents is not a valid reason for objection. I disagree!! It is probably THE most important consideration! We are all suffering the incompetence of the present UK government and its treatment of its retired population. Any additional financial burden on residents should only be considered IF there is no alternative. In this case the alternative is to maintain the status quo. We are all heartily sick of more spending on idiotic cycle paths and the abysmal potholed road surfaces. Your residents are not Cash Cows to be milked whenever some financing is required on harebrained useless schemes. G What ridiculous names! Were they chosen by a group of 6 year olds?? H&I - totally unnecessary!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F96	Broadstone	A - i am not wholly convinced a town council is needed and i do not believe the figures outlined in the charter are achievable based on other similarly sized town councils - i feel a precept closer to £150 (the same as Corfe Mullen) will be required. I also don't feel it has been fully explained to residents that the town council pays for its own elections. B, C, D, E - I am content with the name and the boundary etc so agree with all of those should it be established - I'm just not convinced of the need - hence why I don't feel it needs to be run as a town council! But if it goes ahead the name is fine. F - the name clump is ridiculous! Please consider an alternative as it just sounds vile (I don't even live in clump!). All the other wards sound pleasant but clump just sounds awful. G, H - all wards should have the same number of councillors so whether it be 12 and four wards of 3 or 16 and 4 wards of 4 I think that would be better	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F97	Broadstone	'a' I don't feel the need for any extra governance in the services provided to broadstone area	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F98	Broadstone	a - I strongly disagree with the recommendation to implement a Broadstone Parish council. I feel it is unnecessary to have another level of administration in Broadstone with the additional expense involved. Paid for by Council tax payers	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F99	Broadstone	A - I strongly disagree. A Broadstone Parish council does not need to be established. We already have a council full of busy bodies (Vicki Slade, Andy Hadley just to name a few…) who are overpaid and on a power trip without adding in another 14 to the parish. B - I somewhat disagree… I feel the area should cover Waterloo & Sopers Lane as contrary to popular belief, they've always been considered Broadstone and not Creekmoor. G - I think it's a ridiculous idea, which I massively disagree on. There is no need for a parish council for Broadstone, let alone a parish council with 14 MEMBERS!! Which will ultimately lead to a unwarranted and unlimited rise in council tax	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F100	Broadstone	A and D. The recent merger creating BCP was to gain economies of scale and reduce bureaucracy. The establishment of another layer of council defeats the object. In addition I pay council tax which increases by the maximum possible rate annually. I do not need or want to pay twice. It is a ridiculous suggestion.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F101	Broadstone	A B I strongly disagree... The reason being is that it seems to be illegal. Not all the residents have had notification of this absurd proposal.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F102	Broadstone	a d e f g h Broadstone is a suburb of Poole and always will be. Layers of government should be reduced in number not increased. The cost of a local council prohibits its formation. BCP Council already exists. An exercise which burdens residents with extra costs	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F103	Broadstone	a I do not want to see a town council for Broadstone as this will cost more money, BCP charge enough as it is.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F104	Broadstone	a I strongly feel that this is another taxation which will only go up each year and is in effect paying twice for the same fascilities.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F105	Broadstone	a very unessential bureaucracy no thank you	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F106	Broadstone	A waste of money. BCP needs to get its act together to improve our area.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F107	Broadstone	A waste of time and money.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F108	Broadstone	A) Broadstone is a superb of Poole, which should keep it's own council like it did before BCP was invented.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH17 7
F109	Broadstone	a) I consider the formation of a town Council in Broadstone to be an unnecessary level of bureaucracy and over representation. g) The election of 14 councillors is ridiculous. What are they going to do? How many councillors does it take to look after the few allotments in Broadstone?	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F110	Broadstone	a) I disagree with the formation of a Broadstone Town Council. I believe the process for it's formation is not democratic and believe there are questionable conflicts of interest involved.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F111	Broadstone	a) I disagree with the proposal. Putting an added financial burden on families in a volatile monetary climate with many utility bills rising	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F112	Broadstone	A) I do not believe that we need another level of governance. I cannot see any tangible benefits for the additional cost. We would be relying on voluntary councillors which is makes us vulnerable.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F113	Broadstone	a) I don't feel that my interests would be better served by a more local body in addition to BCP. There is no indication of the powers and responsibilities that are likely to be taken on by the town council. There is no indication of how the BCP council tax will change (drop) as a result of some responsibilities being devolved to a town council. There is no justification of why formation of town and parish councils will result in better services. b) Seems sensible. c) No other name makes any sense. d) I don't understand the difference between town and parish councils apart from the name. e) See c) f), g), h) Seems reasonable, but I haven't been convinced by the arguments to establish the extra layer.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F114	Broadstone	a) I don't understand what benefits this has. I thought that combining Bournemouth, Christchurch ands Poole into one council was for the administration to be more effective	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F115	Broadstone	A) I strongly object to an additional disparate layer of bureaucracy being added. If the current system is failing then fix that. The line of sight and control is diluted with every additional layer. We should keep it simple but make it effective. Quality not quantity of decision makers. The other questions are irrelevant in light of my opinion on A).	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F116	Broadstone	a) I strongly object to the forming of a Broadstone Town Council and the process that would be followed if it were to proceed. The process is not democratic and questionable conflicts of interest are involved.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F117	Broadstone	a) I strongly oppose the introduction of another layer of council introducing more overhead and inefficiency. The current BCP council is sufficient to serve my needs. If established I for see my tax burden increasing with fewer controls to limit this by central government.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F118	Broadstone	a) It is not clear how adding another layer of bureaucracy will benefit the residents of Broadstone. Although it will give the appearance of allowing a more “local” say in council services, it will introduce confusion over who is responsible for which services, delay decision-making, decrease efficiency, and reduce community cohesion by splitting us away from other parts of the BCP area. Not many years ago, we were sold the idea of merging Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole councils into one council as a way to improve efficiency; now, the suggestion is to introduce another layer of councils, effectively splitting BCP into even smaller components than before. That is hardly a consistent approach to local government! I have seen mention of a Broadstone Town Council being able to “plug service gaps left by BCP”; “run projects to improve the area”; and “enable community events” as the main benefits. Surely these are all things we would reasonably expect BCP to be doing? Rather than try to offload some of its work onto a new body, BCP should step up to its responsibilities and provide the services we expect of them.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F119	Broadstone	a) on reflection I am against the idea. with 14 councillors it would become a talking shop. I am quite happy with how Boradstone is at present. apart from the lunatic closure of public toilets. The % cost is too great and undemocratic; eg. if all votes are choosing rightly, as equal then so should be the cost. not as a % of BCP council tax bands. We are already within BCP area enough money is wasted and this proposal would only add to this.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F120	Broadstone	a) There is no essential need for it or a Broadstone parish or Broadstone Town Council. b) There is no essential need for it or a Broadstone parish or Broadstone Town Council. c) There is no essential need for it or a Broadstone parish or Broadstone Town Council. d) There is no essential need for it or a Broadstone parish or Broadstone Town Council. e) There is no essential need for it or a Broadstone parish or Broadstone Town Council. f) There is no essential need for it or a Broadstone parish or Broadstone Town Council. g) There is no essential need for it or a Broadstone parish or Broadstone Town Council. Furthermore, it is unreasonable and unnecessary to incur costs to constituents of three or more councillors salaries per ward area before any other costs given that many of the potential benefits are not essential. h) There is no essential need for it or a Broadstone parish or Broadstone Town Council. Furthermore, it is unreasonable and unnecessary to incur costs to constituents of three or more councillors salaries per ward area before any other costs given that many of the potential benefits are not essential.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH17 7
F121	Broadstone	a) I am assuming that the last check circle was for “strongly disagree” and that is how I have used it, but it had no title. a) we do not need yet another level of bureaucracy with more amateur politicians interfering with our lives, promoting their own agendas, bombarding us with their political views and a main focus on forging a political career. c) we don’t need another council so the name is irrelevant. d) Town councils are for TOWNS, not a small "village" community. We used to have 3 councils for the area, now we have one and you want to introduce many more. BCP and councillors should do the job they were elected for and represent their citizens, not rely on others; or is this an admission that they are incapable of doing the job they assured us they were fit for g) Just ridiculous to add more people of doubtful ability and potentially inflated egos constantly finding causes to campaign about to show us how important they are. A major distraction for people just wanting to get on with their lives without more political campaigning, publicity campaigns and elections	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F122	Broadstone	a) See no need for an extra layer of bureaucracy doing a job which should already be covered. Creating extra divisions can only add to the possibility of something falling between the lines	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F123	Broadstone	a)To form any type of Parish or Town Council is totally unnecessary and will only add confusion with BCP as to who is doing what and risk of duplication. There will be no worthwhile benefit to the constituents to form this extra layer of Local Government. Keep things simple and leave BCP as it is. h)The number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards is far too many. To have an Elector to Councillor ratio of less than 1000 to 1 is totally unnecessary. I would also be very concerned that with low engagement at elections for Town Councils, unopposed seats would limit democratic legitimacy.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F124	Broadstone	a, d, e, f, g, h This extra layer of governance will only exist to do what BHP council should be doing in the first place and is likely just to be another inflation busting expense to residents.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F125	Broadstone	a, disagree as do not believe a parish council is required for Broadstone	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F126	Broadstone	A, I this a duplication of activities that we already pay to BCP	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F127	Broadstone	a,b,c ect I do not feel that we need another level of governance	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F128	Broadstone	A,B,C Strongly disagree	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F129	Broadstone	A,b,c,d It will be another on cost to an already overpriced council bill that will become more expensive every year. We already waste millions of pounds on pointless 20mph speed limits and cycle lanes that are barely used.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F130	Broadstone	a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h I strongly disagree with your proposal to change our Village of Broadstone to a Town Council with 4 parishes. 14 Councillors is far too many and could cause issues. Too many cooks spoil the broth comes to mind. We are currently paying Council Tax for the Services you listed that will be passed on to each Town Council, why charge us extra? People cannot afford the cost of living in this economic economy and it's going to get worse with forthcoming budgets. These Town Councils will still need BCP Aproval. You're just passing the buck! Clump Parish! Dividing a village into parishes I foresee issues, how are you going to make sure money is spent fairly for each Parish? Will Residents be kept informed of financials?	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F131	Broadstone	A,B,C,E,F,G,H. I do not agree with forming another level of bureaucracy in forming a parish or town, I want our existing council to step up and do what they were elected to do. That is to serve the whole of the council area as one and let the local elected councillors represent their area. The council is in desperate need of funds and further expense in forming these parishes and towns is a total waste of funds and a further cost to the the residents. The cost of this consultation alone could be spent on a number of other things. Council please wake up and get the existing system in order, increase productivity in all departments, sort out the mess of bringing the three councils together to include the pay structure of the differing departments, ensuring those staff that have to work at home do actually work efficiently and effectively and are valued. Stop going to consultations to the residents who when comment, you the council disagree with the residents comments and apply the changes you want, ie closing the entrance to Poole Park to and from Whitecliff. There is no need in my view to introduce parishes or towns. Please realise as a council you cannot milk the ratepayers under the heading of precept to fund these proposals.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F132	Broadstone	a,d,g & h We already have councillor representation and adding another tier is simply going to be to use the precept to raise funds to subsidise the BCP c£455m debt.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F133	Broadstone	A. I am opposed to creating a parish of Broadstone. My main objection is that you will be setting up another quango department adding extra bureaucracy.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F134	Broadstone	a. I cannot see the benefit of an additional layer of local government at the residents expenses. Why merge BCP and for more efficiency and presumably lower cost only to put in a further layer of local government at an additional cost.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F135	Broadstone	A. We have enough town councillors as it stands. B. There is no need for anymore to be established as in the recommendations - it's just more money for very little effect and we already pay enough council tax as it is. C. There is no real benefit to being a Parish that I can see from the recommendations.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F136	Broadstone	A. Broadstone is already highly political. I believe a town council will bring more politics locally, move services away from BCP that they should already be providing and passing the extra costs onto residents. F. Having seen all the ward names for the various formed or proposed town/parish councils, I have to question why Broadstone is suggesting rather odd ward names like Clump and Golf? They sound made up and un professional.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F137	Broadstone	a. A parish council is just another level of bureaucracy, we have gone through LGR on the basis of cost savings and centralisation and then you have the audacity to suggest we need to bring back more levels of bureaucracy which will come at a cost to the council tax payer which your table in the consultation does it best to understate and play down. VERY misleading. This is huge smoke and mirrors exercise put off getting the three councils properly aligned, and to transfer costs to the council tax payer under another guise. I have not seen in this consultation that you are making people aware of the business support that this Parish/Town Council will require and once again the cost that will be involved in that just so you can transfer services which are costing BCP money out the the Parish. f. Dividing Broadstone into 4 will just create local NIMBYisum. g. the local neigbourhood watch struggles to get volunteers to deliver a news paper and you honestly believe you are going to get 14 Councillors, who are independant of each other. It took over 2 years for the neighbourhood watch to get someone to take on the Chairmanship because Vicky wanted to stand side. I can't believe you are honestly suggesting that we need one Council per 500 people, madness this will end up with either in constant grid lock or with a few power hunger individuals making all the decision to suit themselves and associates. The residence association can continue to do its excellent work it doesn't need to be a parish/town council with associated buar	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F138	Broadstone	a. Another layer of local governance will add to council tax bills, cause confusion over responsibilities for local services, cause tensions and confusion for interactions between all the different new towns/parishes of the bcp area. Spend the council tax on improving currrent services and communications with the council tax payers rather than setting up more local government layers which will in itself cause tensions between elected authorities. b. irrelevant for my opposing view c. irrelevant for my opposing view d. additional costs for council tax payers e. irrelevant for my opposing view f. irrelevant for my opposing view g. 14 councillors each with expense claims against the council tax payers - no thanks h. irrelevant for my opposing view	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F139	Broadstone	a. Broadstone already has a Neighbourhood Forum which was set up at considerable effort and expense and is currently doing a very good job. If a town/parish council was set up there would be no need for the Forum. It currently controls the spending of the C.I.L, this would be handed over to the Town/Parish councillors. f. by dividing Broadstone into 4 wards, some wards may be better represented than others due to the efforts or lack of effort of individual councillors.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F140	Broadstone	A. I live in POOLE, NOT BROADSTONE, and I like living in Poole. I completely loathe the people from Broadstone and do not ever wish to be associated with anything to do with Broadstone because I LIVE HAPPILY IN POOLE!!!!!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH17 7
F141	Broadstone	a: This will just create another level of management and another set of costs along with it.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F142	Broadstone	Adds yet another layer of bureaucracy like to be inefficient, made up of those with few skills sets appropriate to the post. We have enough of those as it is.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F143	Broadstone	A-H I strongly oppose an additional layer that is unnecessary and will create more bureaucracy and division. It becomes confusing to know who to go to and who to talk with. I feel what we have works well and we do not need an additional layer. I strongly believe creating different wards divides the community having one identity which it currently has. I would rather see BCP increase their resources and improve their services rather than create another layer.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F144	Broadstone	a-h Adding a further layer within BCP will increase bureaucracy, reduce accountability	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F145	Broadstone	a-h Complete waste of money setting up a parish council. I do not want a parish council.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F146	Broadstone	a-h) an additional level of local government would achieve absolutely nothing to the benefit of the Broadstone community	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F147	Broadstone	a-h. This is just a further layer of bureaucracy. Having spoken to friends and acquaintances who live in areas which already have town councils, they find no benefit from the additional expense. It appears residents would have no say regarding where this money would be spent, this being decided by the handful of councillors. There is no cap on this amount so once a council is established it can be raised by as much as it wants with residents having no option but to pay. Whilst the councillors themselves may not take a fee for their services, they will be employing clerks, renting office space and purchasing office equipment and supplies, all to come out of the amount raised from residents' contributions.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F148	Broadstone	All - More expense!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F149	Broadstone	All - there is no need for this - adding an extra tier of councillors is not necessary.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F150	Broadstone	All draft recommendations, this will just be another layer of local government which is not necessary. The whole idea of merging Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth was to save money now you are proposing creating more councillors which will be more cost and will be paid for by our council tax . Totally disagree with this proposal altogether, and should be put to a vote of the residents of Broadstone.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F151	Broadstone	All proposals are unnecessary layers for zero benefit for the local residents.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F152	Broadstone	All recommendations: This should not be proposed, the existing BCP Council management and performance should be reviewed and measures taken to get back on track and to focus on what the majority of tax payers want, get back to basics.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F153	Broadstone	All- We do not need more bureaucracy with no one taking responsibility for decisions.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F154	Broadstone	All. The proposal is for another tier of bureaucracy which will achieve nothing of substance whilst costing significantly more money.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F155	Broadstone	Another layer of bureaucracy that serves no purpose. 10 a.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F156	Broadstone	Another layer of governing will have minimal benefit to the community compared to the financial cost to the community	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F157	Broadstone	B we don’t need a stupid councillor we have enough wasting our money	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F158	Broadstone	bcp council exist to look after the whole area.We do not need another level of beaurocracy in the area.What is needed is the council staff to be more productive and the council to operate like a private business.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F159	Broadstone	BCP council was formed out of a perceived need to create single authority and streamline decisions across the conurbation to reduce costs. As a Poole resident I strongly believe this has been to the detriment of Poole. Council tax has risen (to ensure parity across the new authority) and Poole's services and urban environment has suffered. Whilst I do not support these proposals I would personally support the break-up of BCP council to ensure local targeted services can be returned to Poole. I do not see how parish councils with no powers can improve services and I can only see costs (council tax) rising because of these proposals.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F160	Broadstone	BCP has just gone through the process of combining Poole, Bournemouth & Christchurch councils - WHY. And now your proposal is to create more multiple layers. The current status of 'Broadstone' works well and should remain. The plans will add confusion over which council does which job. The existing scheme is simple. Local council (e.g. BCP council for local issues) and UK Government for National and England issues). BCP should improve their own services, through the existing local councillors, and not introduce further multiple layers of Councils.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F161	Broadstone	BCP should already be servicing our needs as a council and therefore do not see the need to be charged extra for unknown services of which will almost certainly be of no benefit to us. The proposed precept appears to be uncapped therefore giving the residents financial uncertainty regarding annual council tax.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F162	Broadstone	Broadstone BS1, BS2, BS3, BS4, BS4A This proposal will create an added layer of bureaucracy that is not necessary, not good use of money and not wanted. The Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum is sufficient to deal with local needs, and the creation of a Town Council will only serve their self interest - they are the only ones that asked for a TC, this was not a publicly accessible consultation and does not in any way represent the views of the residents - only perhaps a handful of people who may have attended a meeting at some point. Broadstone is a small area and 14 (fourteen???!!!) unelected people making decisions on our behalf is frankly unacceptable. I *wholeheartedly object* to the creation of a Broadstone Town Council and believe that it would be detrimental to local residents in terms of costs, and there is no discernible benefit to having one, as there is no definition of what a TC would even do. In fact, I fail to see how a draft proposal can even exist at this stage, when nobody knows the role, powers, cost and remit of a Town Council would be yet.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F163	Broadstone	Broadstone is part of the former county, town and borough of Poole. It should remain within the area of the Charter of Poole. Areas such as Waterloo and Hillbourne look towards Broadstone for many of their amenities. To spin Broadstone off will be hugely detrimental to those neighbouring areas as well as the wider Poole. One only has to look at the map to see that taking a huge bite out of Poole is totally meaningless and is simply pandering to a minority of individuals to serve there own interest.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F164	Broadstone	Commenting on all. I do not believe there should be a new parish of broadstone. I think it should all remain as it is as part of BCP council as I believe this extra council will only add to residents cost because of increased bureaucracy and some services that were handled by BCP will be with them too. And our BCP council tax won't go down to compensate.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F165	Broadstone	Costly to the parish with no benefits? Why would i pay for more people to be a town clerk? another beaurocrat who does nothing for me or my family, council tax is already high enough, house prices are rocketing - it's another expense	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F166	Broadstone	d. I am unconvinced of the benefits that this extra level of bureaucracy, and the resulting cost, would give Broadstone residents over the current activities and services provided by BCP council.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F167	Broadstone	Disagree to another unnecessary level of Council authority the costs of which will far outweigh decisions made.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F168	Broadstone	Disagree with A and D. This is something BCP council should already be doing. We do not need yet another tier of bureaucracy at even greater cost to the community	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F169	Broadstone	Disagree, my council tax is at an almost unaffordable level already.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F170	Broadstone	d-need more information before this can be agreed f-Silly names g-too many	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F171	Broadstone	Do not understand a,b,c where is this information.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F172	Broadstone	Don’t agree that a local town council and BPC should be fulfilling this role.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F173	Broadstone	For all recommendations - I don't agree with Broadstone splitting off from Poole. The people putting this proposal forward are in my opinion in 'cloud cuckoo land' about how much they can achieve with the finances they will have (without putting council tax up to a unreasonable and unliveable level) and how they will go about it. I feel it is much healthier to be overseen by a bigger body rather a few individuals who like the idea of power but don't have the capabilities or specialist knowledge to carry it through.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F174	Broadstone	I do not want another layer of local government.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F175	Broadstone	I am not convinced that there should be another level of local government. The existing BCP Council should be doing the work already. In addition there is no detailed financial information eg total income, cost per household, breakdown of anticipated expenditure and administration costs. Will there be a reduction in the BCP council tax if they no longer provide certain local services. What authority will new councilors have. How appointed and costs involved!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F176	Broadstone	I believe this is an unnecessary additional cost and will add nothing to the area. We already have enough politicians spending our money and don't need another layer on top. The main council can adequately represent our area as they were elected to do. Creating more politicians is not going to get any more done but will add to the enormous burden of cost that we residents already have to deal with. Strongly against.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F177	Broadstone	I cannot see the point of yet more bureaucratic councils and cost	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F178	Broadstone	I completely disagree with the draft recommendations on all 9 points a - i. These plans will create confusion and add an unnecessary layer on who to contact to get a response or support. There are no benefits for locals for this to happen and focus should instead be directed to improve the current services provided rather than creating new councils. It is almost like BCP want to offload work for others to do. I object completely to these plans.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F179	Broadstone	I disagree 100% with the forming of a town or parish council for Broadstone!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F180	Broadstone	I disagree on the proposals and don't want another level of council.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F181	Broadstone	I do disagree with the whole process, this is not for the better of Broadstone and all of its residents, this will just be a money pit for another layer of councillors meaning we pay BCP Council tax, the a further Town Council Tax on top which will have no cap, and we, the tax payer will have no say.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F182	Broadstone	I do not agree with any of the recommendations. Whilst I recognise the good work the Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum have done in deploying CIL funding within in Broadstone, I do not think the establishment of an additioanl layer of governance (and associated cost) is the right thing in the current economic context. Engagement rates in Town Council business is typically very low and I think greater effort should be made by local communities and politicians to increase engagement at the BCP level rather than creating a new level of governance. I fundamentally dont think that a new Town Council will deliver any real benefit to Broadstone residents.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F183	Broadstone	I do not agree with the proposal to form a town council in Broadstone as costs of running it are additional to what we already pay. Also Broadstone is not a town it is supposed to be a village. There nothing protecting the residents from huge increases.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F184	Broadstone	I do not believe a town council at further cost to council tax payers is justified	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F185	Broadstone	I do not understand why we need an additional level of bureaucracy in council planning etc. if we are to include this extra layer will we reduce the number of councillors and amount spent at the higher level or are these just additional costs.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F186	Broadstone	I do not want more councils, more people having meetings and more of my money being spent on them making decisions that they think is best. It is a definite NO from me.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F187	Broadstone	I do not wish to see a Parish Council for Broadstone as there will be too much wasted time on bureaucracy	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F188	Broadstone	I don’t want the cost of a Town Coumcil and struggle to see what it would do that BCP should not already be doing	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F189	Broadstone	I don't think it is possible in the year/era of 2025: 1. To achieve a quota of 14 councillors as most people are too busy to be involved. You might get some retirees but they may not be representative of everyone locally. 2. To achieve any agreement between the councillors, and between councillors and the local population. Due to social media, people with negative views are very outspoken and people with positive contributions back down and keep quiet. This is a very worrying situation for a local population. ALSO - I don't understand why this is happening at all. The list of influences a councillor will have is very small so why complicate the current arrangements. Surely small changes at the edges would be better. To me this seems like a cheap way to offload some of the work that BCP should do. Too much change like this is unlikely to be successful.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F190	Broadstone	I don't want any Town Council. It will spend my money without any clear benefit to me. It could end up as an unnecessary talking shop.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F191	Broadstone	I don't want to be charged more council tax for services which are already provided or for others (outdoor gyms etc) which no body wants. If you want an outdoor gym just go to one of the many existing unused ones.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F192	Broadstone	I feel we do not need more bureaucracy and wasting of money on things we don't need. I have friends in areas that have parish councils they say they develop into unpleasant cliques that bully anyone they view as outside their clique and don't want to toe their line. Many people end up resigning because of that We have enough trouble recruiting people to stand for election now without adding 14 more. It will add more money to peoples council tax bills for little return, people are already struggling with the high percentage increase year on year and at the moment you say a town council will only add 1% but we all know that will rise as central government continues to tighten purse strings. And to some people a 1% increase on top of the amount they already pay will cause even more hardship.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F193	Broadstone	I have not been convinced of the need for another tier of local government. BCP was created in 2019 apparently to create savings of scale, and cohesion across the conurbation. Broadstone is a community based around the Broadway. There are many community groups, run by volunteers, who publicise their activities in Broadstone link. This seems to be a way to increase council tax as central government is pushing more expenditures down to local authorities eg cost of policing.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F194	Broadstone	I have strongly disagreed to all questions as a parish council for our village, is nit required. It will cost money that we don't have and will simply be a power trip for a few. Please don't waste any money on this vanity project.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F195	Broadstone	I pay enough council tax now I strongly disagree paying more for what we should be getting already not 14 more councillors	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F196	Broadstone	I pay far too much already and the establishment of unnecessary layers will just add to the burden with services being devolved.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F197	Broadstone	I strongly disagree with all of the recommendations. How long ago was it that we reduced the number of councils Dorset? And why? For goodness sake leave things alone. Every reorganisation fails to meet the objectives. Every reorganisation costs the tax payers money.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F198	Broadstone	I strongly disagree with all the draft recommendations.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F199	Broadstone	I strongly oppose having any additional layers of governance or administration	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F200	Broadstone	I think that all it will add is add bureaucracy and cost. The whole proposal is a waste of money.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F201	Broadstone	I truly believe this will bring zero value to the community as there is already a council in place which should cover the scope of work/residents requirements adequately	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F202	Broadstone	I understood the whole purpose of the creation of BCP unitary authority was to maximise efficiency and reduce costs. Creation of another "council" seems to be totally counter productive, creating an additional layer of bureaucracy and raising costs	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F203	Broadstone	I would not like a Town Council set up within Broadstone	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F204	Broadstone	I'm against the creation of the town/parish councils for the following reasons - introduces unnecessary bureaucracy - lack of local support for the initiative - discussion of this is already dividing Broadstone - Broadstone is supported by a volunteers who already support many of the services - Costs to residents - not all of Broadstone is affluent - Precepts will introduce disparity in total council tax's across the BCP area driving inequality - Unlike the Council Tax there is no cap on the precept meaning overtime the disparity across the BCP area will widen - Don't we previously have town councils which were disbanded due to the cost? - Broadstone discussions are already political with existing Lib Dem councillor looking to stand as a town councillor - they will just be an expansion of the council and push political agendas and likely not independently representing the local community	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F205	Broadstone	It is clear that the very vast majority of residents don’t want this. It is clearly just a way of increasing council tax. In the current climate of increased cost of living it is completely against the public mood to increase costs in this way. It may be true that BCP Council is doing a very poor job but I don’t believe this will make things better and, by pushing ahead with this further you are alienating your residents even more.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F206	Broadstone	It's an unnecessary level of beauracracy which will lead to increased costs for residents with Broadstone residents paying twice for the same services. 14 additional councillors for Broadstone, with all the additional administration costs involved is ludicrous.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F207	Broadstone	It's not necessary and will simply be more bureaucracy and expense.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F208	Broadstone	Looking at the video it seems bizarre to have a seperate arrangement for Broadstone to the arrange,ment for the rest of Poole. It is an unecessary luxury...and the same goes for all the seperate parish/town councils around Christchurch. These I feel are there simply due to the reluctance of Christchurch to accept that they are part of BCP	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F209	Broadstone	More of our money wasted on this ludicrous idea! Another layer of bureaucracy. The whole thing is just ridiculous and pure greeted from the people proposing this. Money grabbing idiots that have no idea.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F210	Broadstone	My comments relate to all items in the draft recommendation. I can see no reason for a Broadstone Parish/Town Council. In recent years the separate councils of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole were abolished and the new combined BCP Authority was established, for reasons of efficiency and effectiveness across what is a single conurbation. To reverse that positive step with the establishment of junior Town Councils would undermine efficiency and effectiveness in the conurbation, by leading to a confusion of responsibilities, both at council level and amongst the residents.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F211	Broadstone	No need for more layers of complexity What exists is fine	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F212	Broadstone	Not required and serves no purpose or benefit	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F213	Broadstone	PLEASE DO NOT ADD MORE COMPLEXITY TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE AREA. There is zero need to add this in to the area, especially after the joining of council areas of Poole, Bournemouth etc. was MEANT TO SAVE MONEY! and yet i haven't been offered a reduction in my council bills and this will only add to something that is difficult enough to afford.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F214	Broadstone	Proposal A & D: I strongly disagree that Broadstone requires a parish/town council. It was only a short time ago that BCP council was formed, with one of the aims being reducing overall council costs and increasing efficiency. This proposal would add additional councillors, and therefore additional costs (eg council offices, councillor allowance/expenses etc). The town council would add additional bureaucracy at a local level. It would increase inefficiency and increase duplication. I believe that the aim of this proposal is too increase council tax charges within BCP through the town council levy.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F215	Broadstone	Strongly disagree with all the recommendations.There is no need for another layer of council,Poole has had it's rates raised so that we are level with the other two councils in this cobbled together BCP.For the Small amount that the town council would do,the present council should be able to do.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F216	Broadstone	The entire idea is nuts completely idiotic Bcp trying to get paid more money for less work raise council tax again. If only bcp was run properly still I can dream	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F217	Broadstone	The entire scheme and proposal is completely unnecessary, it adds unreasonable levels of bureacracy and tax burden on residents and businesses.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F218	Broadstone	The last thing tax payers need is another costly layer of bureaucracy. I do not consent to the imposition of these recommendations.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F219	Broadstone	The questions are ambiguous, if I strongly disagree with the concept of a town council called Broadstone, what is the reason for me doing anything but disagreeing with the remain questions e.g name of town council, number of councillors. Surely that then implies I am agreeing with the principle	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F220	Broadstone	The recommendations are seeking to bring in unnecessary layers of governance for no benefit other than BCP Council seeking to get others to do the job that they are paid to deliver	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F221	Broadstone	There are already too many councillors and more adds confusion You are already voted in to make decisions such as above so get on with it and stop asking more people to do your jobs. There is no benefit in extra people and if it goes wrong you will still be responsible	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F222	Broadstone	There is absolutely no need to add another layer of bureaucracy when that was the idea of creating a unitary authority.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F223	Broadstone	There is already more than enough people representing. This is just a further layer of ‘management’ with self interest rather than for the good of all at the forefront	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F224	Broadstone	There is insufficient transparency on the value of the parish town council vs existing arrangements that will improve (or not) the quality of services provided. Without this clarity of data for a resident of Broadstone I am unable to support this proposal.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F225	Broadstone	There was a check box for "Somewhat Disagree" but none titled "Strongly Disagree". I had to widen the page to fill the screen to see "Strongly Disagree" and "Don't Know". They then appeared when I shrank the screen but diappeared again when I widened it. This is RUBBISH. If the programming for the survey is this bad, how bad is the process over all? a)don't see the need for yet more bureaucracy or party politics ,rather than providing us with the services we believed we were going to have when we elected BCP councellors.b) , c) as I don't agree with a) I don't see the point in commenting on the boundaries or the names.. d) I have always thought of Broadstone as a village so why should it be modelled on town councils.e) previous comment on naming applies.f) can't see any benefit in splitting Broadstone into 4 wards. g) h) find it astonishing that BCP who already have too many councillors are suggesting we need even more amateurs to still not provide the services we expect. Why did you combine 3 councils into 1 in the first place. There have been too many "pet projects" which have been a total disaster and a waste of money eg park and ride at Creekmoor and Surf Reef at Boscombe. I wonder how many similar " projects" Broadstone would be subjected to if your proposal is ratified?	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F226	Broadstone	There will obviously be an expense to creating Broadstone Town Council together with the expense of additional councillors. It has taken years to try to integrate Bournemouth and Poole Councils into BCP (and we are not still fully integrated at the moment). How long with it take to form these new Parish/Town Councils? If the creation of Broadstone Town Council goes ahead then we will be paying two sets of council taxes. If Broadstone Town Council goes ahead will the amount that is paid to the Town Council be deducted from the BCP Council Tax Payment?	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F227	Broadstone	These plans will add confusion as to which council does which job. Community cohesion will be lost.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F228	Broadstone	Thin end of the wedge. The justification for more bureaucracy is that, as an affluent area, we don't get our fair share of the BCP funding and so we are asked to pay again. 'No' as things stand but would be more palatable if tax deductible for a start! Then to hear that approx 40% of funds generated would be consumed or held in reserve just suggests more inefficiency and that local politicians are looking after their best interests and not ours. Find a way that the extra local money is spent on local initiatives almost in it's entirety and attitudes may change.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F229	Broadstone	This appears to be another way of extracting money. We already pay BCP a considerable amount of money each year (in our household, by far our largest monthly outgoing). The flyer promised it would only add an extra £5 per month. However that was caveated as "in year one", and for band D homes. Even that figure of £5 per month is another £60 per year.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F230	Broadstone	This creates another layer of governance which should be done by BCP. By merging the 3 councils we are now going backwards.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F231	Broadstone	This goes against every argument that was use to justify BCP. There is no evidence for the justification for these changes. They will cost more than is currently being suggested and deliver less than promised.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F232	Broadstone	This is an extra layer of beauracracy that has very little added benefit. The plans also lack a clear financial plan with no protection against future cost increases. This is effectively a stealth tax to navigate around the 5% cap in council tax annual increases to pay for services that should already be covered with current council tax charges.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F233	Broadstone	This is just another layer of bureaucracy. It will involve additional costs on tax payers with little benefit. The costs are specified and can be arbitrary increased year on year with NO safeguards for residents. There is NO reduction specified as to BCP council tax even though they are responsible for providing the services Broadstone needs. No one should be expected to sign up to a change with no information as to what it will cost them now and in the future. We do not need another 14 councillors to administer this area and the additional support cost involved. People are already taxed to the hilt	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F234	Broadstone	This is just another layer of ineffective bureaucracy providing services that very few actually support and that quite frankly should be provided by BCP. Simply put, this is an example of a quango that is brought into being to fulfil a role that is created, just to justify its existence.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F235	Broadstone	This is just another way to increase council tax. It will create extra admin costs for the same services that are provided already by BCP council. Poole council, Bournemouth council and Chrischurch council mearged a few years ago to save on costs. If you now create a number of town councils you will just increase costs. We do not need another 12 counsellors	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F236	Broadstone	This process is a waste of time and more important money	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F237	Broadstone	This represents another layer of bureaucracy throughout the area with additional costs. We have only just got rid of the ‘original’ layers of local government at considerable cost (although it was sold as a cost saving). Now you intend to set up all these additional layers. It implies the original decision was wrong - we end up paying for your mistakes!!!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F238	Broadstone	This will come at a cost to the residents. We will pay more for the same service. Already high council tax will increase for no additional increase in services.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F239	Broadstone	Totally disagree with this whole parish/town council debacle! Yet more waste of tax payers money with a never ending rise in costs no doubt!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F240	Broadstone	Unessessry level of governance	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F241	Broadstone	Unnecessary layers of governance for little benefit. Increased costs for little benefit. Creating unnecessary confusion as who to contact for different issues within area. I totally oppose the parish plan	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F242	Broadstone	Waste of money. Extra coat of something that doesn't need messing around with.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F243	Broadstone	We are pensioners and are already under financial pressure from the affects of the appalling current national government. We are also most unhappy with the BCP and their inability to manage anything, just keep taking from us and providing nothing, but always ready to squander tax payers money on their own wages and advancement.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F244	Broadstone	We currently live on pensions and pay BCP a lot of money each year and in return receive less and less every year. It seems they care little for the population and waste thousands on stupid projects including paying themselves well. We simply find it increasingly difficult to afford the cost of living under the current nation government, let alone this latest scheme to add another layer of administration which again will not benefit us anymore than the current status. we will find it difficult to afford it. On the face of it despite the suggested £5 a month initial cost, we all know it will escalate year on year just like the BCP , with nothing in return	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F245	Broadstone	We disagree with the implementation of a Town Council for Broadstone. Broadstone is a village. Will be not be agreeing to paying an additional charge for services that should be provided (at an already huge expense to households) by BCP. Promoting the reintroduction of public toilets, for example, is an outrageous use of residents' money and will create a dangerous environment in our community. The flyer received this week is extremely biased and provides no indication of costs following year one.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F246	Broadstone	We do not need more layers of bureaucracy. We have enough councillors. They need to organise the existing council better. All the local services would be better organised under one umbrella instead of multiple people doing the same thing. We were told that Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch needed to be amalgamated into one Council to provide better services now you're saying we need more. It's ridiculous. Will you actually listen?.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F247	Broadstone	We do NOT need another 14 people on the payroll. We simply can't afford it	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F248	Broadstone	We do not need another tier of local bureaucracy	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F249	Broadstone	We don’t need another layer(s) of bureaucracy, especially at a time when government is trying to reduce red tape. Furthermore, what are the existing councillors doing as our elected representatives. This is only additional cost for negative benefit, especially given the consistently poor performance of most parish and town councils.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F250	Broadstone	We don’t need more councils which would cost more money in local taxes	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F251	Broadstone	We don't need another layer of bureaucracy, with all the added costs this entails. I also fundamentally disagree with the idea that the amount people pay and the annual increase has no limit. That is open to abuse and wasting money. Having worked as a public servant for 30 years, I'm fully aware how politics and vanity projects in this area have already cost us.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F252	Broadstone	We don't need or want a parish council. Bcp need to get on with the job in hand not add more councillors that never listen.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F253	Broadstone	We have a local forum which does most of the suggest task likely to be done by a town council.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F254	Broadstone	why are we spending money and time on things that will bring no or little benefit. I do not want to be paying for the same service twice. My councillors of BCP should be doing their job rather than getting in more people to ‘do’ the same job. We are in a cost of living crisis I cannot afford more money to go towards the council, I need it to actually live and survive in this county. Just leave things alone that work and stop spending money on new proposals!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F255	Broadstone	Why create another layer of councillors - more cost for no benefit. Confusion will occur as to which council is responsible for which bit. More bureacracy. Why not improve own services rather than creating another layer. I have recently moved into the area and 3 months later still waiting for my council tax bill. How inefficient is this!!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F256	Broadstone	Why have this? Only to take more money off people, another bunch of never has beens trying to act all big as if they know what they’re doing. The incompetent bunches that have run the main council are unworthy. Let’s face Clarendon Road only got resurfaced, if you can call it that, because the MP lives on there	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F257	Broadstone	Will result in an increase in council tax for services which should be provided bu BCP	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F258	Broadstone	a to g. I am band F, so what would we pay. This community tax should be an individual tax, not a house tax	Don't know/not sure	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F259	Broadstone	a) I don't think there is enough information as to what the new councillors will actually do and what they would cost. For example are they just advisory to the BCP council or do they have a real say in BCP council decisions. Do they have a budget to spend? It is not clear to me why Broadstone would be considered different from the other parts of Poole although I do quite like it.	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F260	Broadstone	BCP's focus is not on suburbs such as Broadstone. I believe a Broadstone Town Council would firmly work in the interests of Broadstone.	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F261	Broadstone	D) Added bureaucracy. Unknown cost. Unknown control of increase in costs. No published scale of costs. No legal restriction/cap on increasing costs. Unpiblished remuneration of councillors	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F262	Broadstone	D. I think the concept of a town council is a good one, especially for Broadstone BUT without a cap on future precept increase I cannot support the creation of town counciil.	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F263	Broadstone	I cannot understand why there needs to be 14 people and why Broadstone needs to be divided into four areas. Surely there is going to be duplication in terms of admin and general tasks. One team only is needed. We have local MPs to deal with the more serious matters. The local areas are going to be repititons across all four areas	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F264	Broadstone	I don’t feel I have enough information about the exact powers this new parish council will have or how much it will cost. Exactly which decisions will this council be responsible for?	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F265	Broadstone	I think the names could be better clump!!	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F266	Broadstone	This is madness and will cost the taxpayer a fortune so we will have councillors for BCP and Broadstone why ? you say it will cost £5 in the first year but you are very careful not to say how much it we cost in the 2nd and beyond don't you think the council tax is already expensive enough for most people just stop at looking at ways to spend our money.	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH17 7
F267	Broadstone	abolish council		Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
F268	Broadstone	As with all areas, in trying to work out the cost verses return element here. I don't find a satisfactory improvement. When separated Poole and Christchurch both had successful councils, Bournemouth not so much, I've seen nothing but a down turn in service and value for money since the 3 were combined, now to create the spare parishes and town councils seems fine IF we didn't them have to also pay for BCP, this exercise of creating separate versions is going to provide extra funding to those behind BCP council at the cost of the residence. And the quantities involved are huge for the an area like Broadstone, I haven't looked at the others but now I'm worried to do so. Where will the money come from to pay for all those extra staff, where will they work, who pays for that. What is the vision for the area that BCP area, does this decision really reflect it. Is the best idea to 'employ a load more people to do our job' the more people the more compromises the worse the outcome.		Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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F269	Broadstone	I think this should be expanded to include Merley as well as Broadstone	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 8
F270	Broadstone	(a) Strongly agree – Broadstone has a clear and vibrant local identity, I know the area well as i have family who live there. A town council provides the formal mechanism to consolidate and extend this community leadership. (b) Agree – The use of polling districts BS1–BS4 and BS4-A as a basis for the new parish ensures coterminous electoral and administrative boundaries, simplifying governance and elections. (c & f) Strongly agree – The name 'Broadstone' is widely recognised and embedded in the identity of the area. The branding of the new local council should be clear, simple, and consistent with community sentiment. (d & e) Agree – The style of 'town' is appropriate given the size, history, and profile of the Broadstone area. A town council structure supports appropriate civic functions and community-facing services. (g, h & i) Agree – The proposed warding and seat distribution achieve excellent electoral equality (all variances within +/-10%) and respect the neighbourhood structure of the area. The four-ward system allows for nuanced local representation.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
F271	Broadstone	B) I believe that Broadstone should be expanded to include Waterloo. Waterloo is currently classed as Creekmoor and part of Poole however it feels more closely related to Broadstone, especially considering the fact that it is within the Broadstone way and clearly divided from Creekmoor. G) I don’t see the need to split it into four areas. Perhaps North and South (of the Broadway) would be logical instead but even then I think it isn’t needed. I also don’t think the names are a good reflection of each area and the name ‘clump’ I don’t think is very flattering.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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F272	Broadstone	a - Broadstone has always had its own identity.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
F273	Broadstone	b - there was a document produced with the area at the bottom of York Road shown as being a consultation area and possibly being part of Broadstone. Also, Waterloo Estate, a large relatively densly packed population area are major users of the Broadstone facilities and should be consulted/included. h - Golf Ward only requires 2 councillors due to the numbers involved	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH18 8
F274	Broadstone	b Council should cover larger area e.g. Creekmoor, Canford Heath & Merley	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
F275	Broadstone	Broadstone has its own identity and should be able to make its own decisions for its residents in so far as the amenities, and as consultees for planning etc.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
F276	Broadstone	G and H. This number of councillors is excessive and these changes are going to cost residents thousands in additional council tax.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F277	Broadstone	Just that Broadstone needs a town council	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F278	Broadstone	a-h) Broadstone needs local input into maintaining roads, hedges and footpaths which is lacking at the moment	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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F279	Broadstone	a-h) I strongly agree because our area needs to change. We are in our 80s and have actually cut back hedges and grass that is growing over onto the pavement, even though we have reported work that needs to be done to BCP. I think we are all entitled to use the footpaths and not have to step onto the road to access our home. These problems have only escalated under BCP. I welcome local input into decisions and maintenance affecting Broadstone.	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
F280	Broadstone	G - the more the merrier!	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
F281	Broadstone	Without clear information on the power and responsibilities of such a council [unknown] are in the level and in common with such consultations insufficient information on which to make a sensible judgement.	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
F282	Broadstone	I agree with all the draft recommendations. Broadstone is a very clearly defined community in it's own right, on the edge of BCP. It is excellently placed to establish a new Town Council which would be of great benefit to all it's residents. The proposal is well judged in terms of the potential TC's size and ambition to serve it's community. A Town Council would enhance the standard of the community in terms of democratic representation, advocating for planning applications and creating new and exciting projects to put Broadstone on the "map" in the future.	Agree	Respondent from outside BCP	respondent living outside proposal area	Corfe Mullen	BH21 3
F283	Broadstone	With just 14 councillors there is no need for any of them to be anything other than Broadstone TC Councillors. No need for Wards.	Agree	Respondent from outside BCP	respondent living outside proposal area	Corfe Mullen	BH18 9
F284	Broadstone	I am happy for the existing parish councils to continue but disagree with the creation of any further parish councils being created within the BCP Area. The whole point of having a unitary authority was to have economies of scale with fewer staff and less costs. Why spend more money on a local government tier that has very limited power? It’s just another layer of bureaucracy and cost.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1

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F285	Broadstone	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
F286	Broadstone	Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, corruption and prevention the integrated transformation that the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
F287	Broadstone	Poole should have a single parish council covering the exact boundaries of the former Poole Borough Council.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
F288	Broadstone	a) and d) I don't believe we need an extra layer of admin and bureaucracy. I don't see a benefit to residents in establishing parish councils but I do see that there will be additional costs to residents, and BCP councillors will be less accountable for maintaining the separate local areas, and will pass the buck to parish councils for issues it finds too expensive or too difficult to deal with. What was the point in amalgamating the town councils into BCP if only to create a new sub-layer of councillors? I thought the larger council was meant to benefit from economies of scale, better purchasing power and reduced admin and bureaucracy. The creation of parish councils undermines the arguments for the creation of BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
F289	Broadstone	a) to h) (all) I strongly disagree with the need for parish councils when we already have an amalgamated Council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
F290	Broadstone	a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h We have a Town Council which has council representatives for each area. We do not need more levels of administration but for existing Councillors to do their job and represent their ward to the Council with diligence and hard work on behalf of their electors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3

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F291	Broadstone	An un-necessary expence	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
F292	Broadstone	As Broadstone is already a parish, it does not need to be established	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH8 8
F293	Broadstone	Do not need parish councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
F294	Broadstone	Have not read anything to suggest benefit of parish councils of any kind in current financial environment.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
F295	Broadstone	Having gone through the merger of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole councils, I don't think we need the extra cost and bureaucracy of new Town/Parish Councils.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
F296	Broadstone	I disagree with all of the above statements. It is an increase in bureaucracy that is not needed.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
F297	Broadstone	I disagree with the need for parish and town councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1

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F298	Broadstone	I do not agree that any area requires a parish council. I believe that all functions should be carried out by BCP council. Anything more is an unnecessary complication and a waste of money. How are people supposed to know who does what? How can you ensure that the various parish councils act with any consistency?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
F299	Broadstone	More councils in this area represent unnecessary bureaucracy and are a waste of money.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
F300	Broadstone	Nothing wrong with it as it is	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 9
F301	Broadstone	Our area doesn't need another level of bureaucracy	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
F302	Broadstone	Parish Councils generally attract Narcissists and mini Hitlers, who love the power and control, this position gives them in the community. Control over decisions and people that live in these areas. Procedure and following the system is everything, the end result is irrelevant. They have fragile egos and hate criticism. They are in control and you little people must go through me first, in fact, this whole community is under my influence and control.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
F303	Broadstone	Re a and d - the parish council should not be created. It is a waste of tax payers money and adds unnecessary bureaucracy. Public funds are right enough and we should be reducing this bureaucracy not increasing it. I do not think the areas that do have these already get good value for the extra money they pay.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
F304	Broadstone	The bureaucracy and cost of additional layers of local government should be avoided wherever possible.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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F305	Broadstone	The Lib Lem mafia have swamped Broadstone no need to pamper to their ego trip. The area is well served within BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
F306	Broadstone	This is an absurdly small area to have its own authority and an inordinate amount of councillors, duplication of duties and inevitable double taxation.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8
F307	Broadstone	we have enough council governance as a tri borough council (BCP) and do not need another level of governance.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5
F308	Broadstone	Why change for change's sake?? Too many councillors	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
F309	Broadstone	A-h) Council tax should be reduced and services improved	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
F310	Broadstone	a - disagree with whole concept, extra cost and bureaucracy	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
F311	Broadstone	'a' - I don't see why there has to be a separate town council for Broadstone. I couldn't find any justification for this move, or a assessment of any negative impacts in might have on the rest of Poole. 'b' to 'h' - my answers to these questions are as a result of my answer to 'a'.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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F312	Broadstone	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7
F313	Broadstone	a I do not think Broadstone which is a suburb of Poole should be made into a town in its own right. d It is part of Poole and should remain part of the larger town. There is no need to create a new parish. e strongly disagree. There is no need to create another layer of bureaucracy. g there is no need to elect more councillors. This is an unnecessary expense for residents.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
F314	Broadstone	a) Disagree with an extra tier of Local Government having had reorgansiations in 1997 and 2019. b) Extra tiers of Authority results in additional bureaucracy, duplication and cost. c) This leads to residents effectively paying twice for the same services d) Changes should involve a whole authority referendum not rely on Councillor decisions e) The total cost of local government can be expected to be higher in authorities with the additional tier of Town/Parish Councils f) Having sought to delayer local authority provision in 1997 and 2019 within BCP localities, for economy and efficiency reasons, the logical approach is to delayer not create additional layers of local authority g) Inconsistent and wasteful to create an additional tier of administration for Broadstone and not neighbouring areas	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F315	Broadstone	a) do not think we need another layer of bureaucracy b) Broadstone is lovely as it is please leave it alone c) d) e) f) g) h) all of the above I disagree with we just need one good council to represent all residents.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F316	Broadstone	a) I am fundamentally opposed to the additional layer of bureaucracy that is being proposed, particularly as you are unable to quantify the additional cost that would be passed on to BCP residents. Council costs continue to rise whilst service delivery is declining. Please can the Council quantify the projected savings with formation of BCP Council and what savings have been achieved?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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F317	Broadstone	a) I somewhat disagree because if they're going to create a Poole Town Council, Broadstone should be part of it and not it's own entity.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
F318	Broadstone	a) we were not allowed a vote when BCP merged and this was forced upon us. I cannot see why they need 14 councillors and living on a fisc income I pay enough council tax (5% extra each year) and do not want to pay more for what? We already have councillors representing Broadstone.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH18 8
F319	Broadstone	'a', 'd' More layers, more bureaucracy, more delays to implementing any initiative. Why create BCP to remove duplication just to devolve responsibility?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
F320	Broadstone	a,b,c,d and any other. Another layer of bureaucracy is not required in the BCP area. There is no rush to make a decision today or next year. If any party has reason to believe Community Governance is needed that subject can be part of the manifesto at the next local elections in May 2027.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
F321	Broadstone	a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h There is no need for further levels of administration. You haven't shown how this would benefit the local population or BCP as a whole. It just seems to be a way of diverting work from the existing council, making their lives easier at the expense of everyone else. The number of councillors proposed is way to many. We need a breakdown of cost benefits before something like this is proposed	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F322	Broadstone	a,b,c,d,e.f,g.h, Do not need another level of bureaucracy with associated costs to to community/residents	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F323	Broadstone	a. You are unable or more likely unwilling to provide any idea of costs to the council tax payers, as such you should not push this plan forward. I do not trust the current administration of BCP to fully fund any areas of responsibility that they divest to these local councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1

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F324	Broadstone	a/b/c I strongly disagree that Broadstone should have its own Council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F325	Broadstone	a: lower border line is uneven. Suggest that a straight line along Sopers Lane or Cabot Lane would be a more logical dividing line. g &h: Feel that having a town council within the existing borough of BCP is creating another layer of unnecessary and probably expensive bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F326	Broadstone	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
F327	Broadstone	Abolish this council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
F328	Broadstone	a-h) All proposals are logical, proportionate and fair and meet the requirements of democratic representation, BUT Broadstone should be part of an overall Poole Town Council, not a separately designated town council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F329	Broadstone	a-h) 1) increase in bureaucracy 2) increase in taxation. Levels at public responding totally grotesque already - we do not need more. [unknown] and function already supplied by BCP. We need fewer politicians and public officials, not more	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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F330	Broadstone	a-h) all of the above we already have 76 councillors. Surely that should be more than enough to get the job done. Totally unnecessary in my opinion.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F331	Broadstone	All - it is wrong for there to be any additional councils / councillors in any region. The current councillors of BCP have confidently put themselves forward to be voted in to run the local area based on the situation as it currently is / was, so now is the time to step up and put their money where your mouth is and solve the problems without causing more for the local residents. It would be highly inappropriate for this council to move the goalposts half way through their (massively underwhelming) term and create new entities. It's clear that given the appalling behaviour of the controlling alliance, that the move would purely be a vehicle to hack off the services that cannot currently be 'afforded' and all of these white elephants would be passed on to the new 'councils' at which point BCP would claim that they are in a great place whilst the new councils would be failing. I also have no doubt that the councillors and in particular the leader of BCP would constantly throw mud at the new entities and blame them for the inevitable shortcomings. The divisive nature of the Liberal Democrats in particular as well as the rest of the Three Towns Alliance means that nothing positive is ever achieved as they are too busy shirking accountability and blaming everybody else for their many failings. Any new council would also have the partisan issues that plague BCP Council and it isn't right at all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
F332	Broadstone	All . We do not need another layer of council run interference into our affairs. We already pay far too much council tax and adding another layer for no good reason is tantamount to lunacy. BCP is enough.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F333	Broadstone	All these parishes will add yet further costs in local tax which over stretched tax payers will have to pick up. Need to be cutting admin costs in current economic climate not adding to them.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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F334	Broadstone	All, feel it is unnecessary layers for zero benefit	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
F335	Broadstone	All. Creates general confusion as to who is responsible for all services. Does not help community cohesion. Improve your own performance before creating additional beaurocracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
F336	Broadstone	Another layer of bureaucracy makes it harder to get things done. Another bu ch of people voted in with no experience, shouting about how they are going to change the world, taking staff time away from things that already need doing. More in community nastiness. More Council bashing and apparent failings. Things dragging back and forth at a micro level between differing views. Rest of the BCP area not within a parish left as the poor relation. Only thise with the energy to shout are listened to and profess to represent the majority. It doesn't take away from the fact that there aren't e ough Council staff nor maintenance budget funding. It just bri us in another layer of unrealistic, poorly managed expectations that stops the jobs getting done.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
F337	Broadstone	Another layer of expense... BCP can do this.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
F338	Broadstone	Another level of bureaucracy. We went to a unitary authority to save money, we went to the three town councils. Stop wasting our money!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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F339	Broadstone	As a retired parish clerk of over 23 years service I believe I have a very knowledgeable background to respond. Parish Councils are an excellent way for providing local services in a community however the proposal published just seems a way to increase council tax in an underhand way. It is not long since the merger of the 3 councils or the disolvement of district councils all of which was sold to us as being more efficient and a cost saving measure. This reorganisation cost huge sums and now you wish to go back bringing in more levels of government. I do not dispute that a parish or town council would perhaps give more localised and direct benefits but giving allowances to councillors, paying for more staff, accommodation etc is increasing costs which will ultimately increase our council tax with little reward to the tax payer. As for the additional costs associated with electing a mayor this seem to be a complete waste of money.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH18 8
F340	Broadstone	BCP fought to gain unilateral control over all areas within the Borough, to add another layer of governance will lead to indecision, time wasting and disappointment with the whole process. BCP would ultimately be cast as the culprit of this and face the consequences for this, come the next election	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
F341	Broadstone	Believe everyone in Broadstone (including my elderly parents) pay enough Council tax and there should be no devolution. BCP council wastes money on cycle lanes, causing ridiculous traffic build up while failing to keep the existing roads in a decent state of repair. Sort out your priorities. This town is dying.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F342	Broadstone	Bournemouth council took over Poole and Christchurch councils to supposidly save money because Bournemouth council was mismanaged financially. Hundreds of thousands was wasted on redundancies, consultations and re-hiring. Now BCP wants to add more councillors back into the mix at the expense of tax payers. Stick with one plan please and stop wasting money.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
F343	Broadstone	Broadstone does not need a parish council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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F344	Broadstone	Broadstone is already fully represented by an elected member on the BCP Council so additional levels of authority is not required.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F345	Broadstone	Broadstone is part of Poole and shouldn't be separated	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH14 8
F346	Broadstone	Broadstone is part of the BCP council area. BCP was formed by the amalgamation of other councils. It is utterly pointless to amalgamate councils and then create subsidiary councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
F347	Broadstone	Broadstone should be included in Poole town	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
F348	Broadstone	Broadstone should not have a town council. It is no more distinct than any other area in poole. Vikky slade should not be allowed her own little kingdom.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
F349	Broadstone	Broadstone was part of the Borough of Poole and should remain a ward of this entity. It is not a separate parish and is currently covered by the Poole Charter trustees as represented by its BCP ward councillors.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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F350	Broadstone	Comments apply to all recommendations. This whole plan is just adding another layer of needless local government, BCP council (which no one in Poole wanted anyway) was meant to bring in efficiencies and save money by merging the services of the three councils so why are you now adding another layer and adding more cost on to local council tax payers? The number of councillors recommended is also absolutely ridiculous, this really stinks of 'jobs for the boys', getting your mates that weren't elected to BCP Council a nice cushy position at the local tax payers expense. Strongly object to this plan!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F351	Broadstone	DISAGREE	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F352	Broadstone	Do not need another layer of bureaucracy	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
F353	Broadstone	Do not see a benefit just another tax	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F354	Broadstone	How much is this going to cost the tax payers? Why is this necessary? What help would the government give these town councils if established?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F355	Broadstone	I am perplexed as to why Broadstone, with an electorate of around 8,000 according to the data provided, has been deemed to require the establishment of a Town, Council with 14 councillors, while the rest of the Poole area, with a combined electorate in excess of 100,000, is `lumped together` into just one Town council. This does not seem representative of the Poole area, and appears to give some preferential treatment of the Broadstone area. No explanation is provided for why this area of Poole requires its own Town Council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1

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F356	Broadstone	I beleive that our council tax along with other tax is too much as it is, we do not need to spend more of our income on another wasted council. BCP is a joke and we dont need another bunch if clowns getting payed to do nothing for the people!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F357	Broadstone	I believe Broadstone will not benefit from the new changes. This is why I disagree.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
F358	Broadstone	I disagree with all of these as I don't agree with Broadstone being made into a Town Council on its own. If town councils were to go ahead then Broadstone should be a part of Poole. If it is allowed to be on its own then all the wards of Poole and Bournemouth should also be separate.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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F359	Broadstone	I disagree with all Parish and Town councils as I feel it is yet another level of bureaucratic people using money that should be spent on the people and not on a empire building load of people. I have seen what has happened around Dorset. First you had a small parish council that would just sit in a small room and make decisions about the area. Then as time has gone on we have town council's in villages employing large amounts of people. Town clerks earning far to much money (£50.000.00 to £70.000.00 per year) and far to many people doing nothing for money, that could be spent on the villages and areas. Not very far up the road in Corfe Mullen their wages per year are approx. £287.700.00 for a population of 10.250 people and that is only the wages. Then you have a large office to run, vehicles, to run, lap tops to buy for councillors all there expenses they take. It is endless I have seen 3 people in a van arriving at a places to cut a few weeds. This is what I call a total waste of Council Tax payers money and this goes on all around Dorset it is a huge amount of money that is a total waste. The council tax payers have to pay extra on their council tax and I certainly do not wish to pay this. So glad when I moved out of Dorset area and did not have to pay it on my council tax. Adopt a system like they have in France They have a certain amount of money to spend in each area. They have suggestions put forward of how to spend the Money then the people who live in the area vote on each suggestions and it goes down in order. A small amount of people deal with this not large amount of people sat in offices especially built for purpose plenty of area's they could rent small offices. (Not empire building) Far to much money spent of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F360	Broadstone	I disagree with the continuation of current parish and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish or town councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
F361	Broadstone	I disagree with the proposals mainly as it will involve more costs for residents when council tax and household bills are already crippling families - we cannot afford more outgoing that aren't necessary	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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F362	Broadstone	I do not agree that we should have any town/parish councils. If BCP it too large, revert to 3 separate councils agin.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
F363	Broadstone	I do not believe that adding in extra layers of cost is beneficialt to the community	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
F364	Broadstone	I do not understand why Broadstone is the only “parish” within the historic Borough of Poole to have its own council, whilst the rest of Poole is left as Poole town. It is my belief that either all of Poole should be one town council, or each area is permitted it’s own parish council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
F365	Broadstone	I don not want an extra layer of bureaucracy or another layer if taxation	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH18 8
F366	Broadstone	I don't see any need for this 'layer' 'bureaucracy' and cost to be added. It seems that Broadstone is being treated separately to the rest of Poole.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F367	Broadstone	I don't think we need another council, we already have bcp	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F368	Broadstone	I really do not see the benefit of having an extra tier of councils. The decision was taken to simplify governance for Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch and combine them into BCP. This has now been done, and I have not seen any arguments to suggest that it would be more efficient or provide better services if an additional tier of governance was to be established. On the contrary, I would expect that there would be additional costs and the risk of disputes between the "town" councils and the overall BCP council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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F369	Broadstone	I strongly disagree with the draft recommendations for Broadstone because it is not needed and would give extra levels of bureaucracy and red tape !!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
F370	Broadstone	I Think that the Broadstone and Poole areas should be combined into a single area	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
F371	Broadstone	I was under the impression that creating the BCP council was to reduce the overheads in local government. Introducing a new town council would seem to be an increase in costs and involve additional council tax for residents. At a time when council tax is at an all time high but public services are declining in the BCP area, this doesn't seem an appropriate move.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F372	Broadstone	It is clear from the number of people voting in existing council elections that any Parish Councillors could not gender enough votes to properly represent residents in this area. An added level of bureaucracy is both wasteful of recourses and will add to delays in decision making.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
F373	Broadstone	It is totally unnecessary	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
F374	Broadstone	It's an unnecessary beaurocracy and waste of money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
F375	Broadstone	It's not right to alter the boundaries of the historic Borough of Poole. Broadstone has 'always' been a part of POole and there is absolutley no reason to decide that it shold be atown on its own.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2

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F376	Broadstone	Leave alone cut cost is your priority	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F377	Broadstone	Leave it as it was	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
F378	Broadstone	Let's not waste money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F379	Broadstone	No need for four areas in Broadstone, meaning significant additional costs. One town council would be enough, but only if NCP relinquish many responsibilities, and provide grants to run the council. No additional costs should be paid by residents.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F380	Broadstone	Parish councils are an unnecessary level of governance as the services they will provide are already covered by BCP. If we need Parish councils to have our community listened to, then maybe BCP should be disbanded instead and go back to individual town councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
F381	Broadstone	Parish councils are superfluous	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
F382	Broadstone	The area does not need another level of government. Wasted tax payers money, when in a time if economic crisis. Use the money for better child and social services. The money wasted on all these proposals is wrong. Never should have happened.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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F383	Broadstone	the area should not be singled out as a separate area - to be treated as other areas not a parish	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F384	Broadstone	The benefit of Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch merging into one body is to reduce costs and bureaucracy. The benefit of the old Broadstone parish merging into the original Poole Borough was to reduce costs and bureaucracy. Re-creating a Broadstone parish will just duplicate administration and result in tax payers paying more council tax.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
F385	Broadstone	The council are battling a shortfall in funds at the moment and yet it wants to introduce up to 110 more councillors across the BCP area. This will only lead to more money coming out of the pockets of the council tax payers as well as extra cost to them. I strongly oppose the introduction of wards where I see no benefit and more cost.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F386	Broadstone	The draft recommendation fail to explain any benefit whatsoever to the residents, workers or visitors to the area, just duplication and additional bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
F387	Broadstone	The whole idea of establishing parish councils is ridiculous and unnecessary. It will increase costs with no benefit. Decisions would be short term at best, particularly planning ones which would be overturned on appeal, especially as a parish council could not afford to fight the appeal. This is clearly an idea to let more people feel that they have some power, when in reality they have none.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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F388	Broadstone	There is insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision on any of these draft recommendations. There is no indication of what services will be provided via the new parish/town councils. There is no indication of the total costs involved in setting up these parishes/councils, nor of the level of precept, nor of the possibility of precepts being increased well above the capped level of council tax. There is no indication of the need for a clerk to the parish/town council, nor of the salary that this would incur. Whilst the expectation is that parish/town councillors will be appointed on a voluntary basis, there is no means of preventing them from voting to make salary payments out of the precept. Divisions into parish/town councils across the conurbation is likely to increase differences in levels of provision.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
F389	Broadstone	There is no need for a separate Broadstone town council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F390	Broadstone	There is no need for any town or parish councils in the BCP area. This is a ridiculous idea in a time when funds are short and the costs will be passed on to already cash strapped households. WE DO NOT WANT THIS pushed on the people living in BCP who have not voted for it.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F391	Broadstone	There is no special needs for another layer of governance.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F392	Broadstone	This is an absolute farce!! Why do we have to pay more???? There is a cost of living crisis and this is poor at very best!! DO NOT start parishes and start sorting BCP out and start providing a positive impact. You are alienating the residents when they don't want all of these cycle lanes…… they want better infrastructure to actually drive around, get a cheap bus or use an affordable train. What a joke!!!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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F393	Broadstone	unnecessary unwanted vanity project	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH15 2
F394	Broadstone	Waste of money no reason to gave parish council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
F395	Broadstone	Waste of money. Another layer. If bcp doesn't work, revert back to 3 towns separately	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
F396	Broadstone	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
F397	Broadstone	Waste of time, work should be covered by BCP	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
F398	Broadstone	We do not need another layer if council to ge paid for bybus but where wf xannot gaveca say in where the mkney is spent	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F399	Broadstone	We do not require a town council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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F400	Broadstone	We have a council already, I see no need for another one	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
F401	Broadstone	We need a more efficient and competent council, not rebranding that will increase spending but not improved anything.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 3
F402	Broadstone	We should not be adding extra layers of governance and bureaucracy. However, if we are going to have a town council for Poole then it should include Broadstone. Also, if Broadstone is to be parished because it has a Neighbourhood Forum, then the same should apply elsewhere in Poole.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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F403	Broadstone	(a) This is just turning a BCP Council Ward into a Parish. This delivers little except to the selected Electorate ratio. (b) Little regard has been made to identify the actual area of Broadstone to call it the Parish of Broadstone. No reference to maps, Royal Mail, or the Land as registered. (c) Establishing a BCP Council Ward as a Parish and mapping as such would show indifference to those left out. (d) It is presuming that someone wants to be Mayor. It should be a Parish Council until resolved by the Council itself. (e) as (d). (f) Four Wards is excessive in a BCP One Ward area with 2 Councillors who would represent 99%+ of delivered services. (g) 14 Councillors would be excessive against (f). (h) 7 Councillors over 3 Wards with simple names North (2), East (2), West (3) Broadstone would suffice. The Ward names - Clump is slang for Clout, Golf advertises a commercial operation, Recreation has a meaning in itself - not as an area, Spring - it has a spring? - but not as an area.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
F404	Broadstone	a) in my dictionary parish means a district or area served by its own church and priest or minister! How does this quate to community governance? Just another level of administration	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
F405	Broadstone	a) It an unnecessary level of beauracy and an informal council parish council could be created under the existing charter system	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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F406	Broadstone	a-h) I do not agree we need a Town Council for Broadstone village. The majority of the services, projects and community events are the responsibility of our ELECTED council with current voluntary organisations covering the rest. We do not need more BUREACRACY	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
F407	Broadstone	a-h) I strongly disagree that a small village (Broadstone) should need a 'town' council or a parish. BCP is covered by the elected council. More levels of bureaucracy are not needed or required. Please keep it simple.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
F408	Broadstone	I am against a further layer of administration, seeing it as unnecessary and a burden on the resources of the council. As a resident, council ta is too high, and thus anything that increases this should be avoided. We need to reduce council tax, not increase it!	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
F409	Broadstone	This is being proposed and pushed by friends of councilors and local MPs.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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F410	Broadstone	This whole thing is wrong! I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils There have been no costings whatsoever as to how much this will cost so how can anyone agree when no information given on exactly 1) what the new town and parish councils will do and 2) how much tax with NO ceiling increase will cost. The timing of this consultation is so wrong costing in excess of £100k when money could have been better spent. I strongly believe it's just a matter of creating 'jobs for the boys' . . . Or should I say girls in this instance! This survey and completing it is so very onerous. That too is disgusting and it's obviously relying on people to not bother giving their views as it's too difficult DISAGREE	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
F411	Broadstone	a, d I disagree. Town and Parish councils should be removed as they add an unnecessary layer of councils for no added benefit. Equivalent roles and clear departmental structures already exist under BCP so these should be given the full remit to improve their own services, with existing precept payments being absorbed into these departmental budgets. Ward councillors already provide the representation to ensure community views and cohesion are considered in council decisions.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6

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F412	Broadstone	Adding the excessive number of local parish councillors across the BCP area and within just the Broadstone area will simply add horrendous costs to the council tax, it also adds additional layers of bureaucracy which will add to delays and complexity to getting decisions made. BCP should be looking to simplify structure, if local councillors are to be introduced then cuts should be made to the BCP council staff and structure to cover the additional costs, the additional costs should not be passed on through council tax payments. It is also my view that employing 14 councillors for a small area is also excessive, it is clear that BCP are simply not in control of there expenditure and this will lead to cuts in other areas. If the plans are to be introduced there should only be 1 (one) councillor per ward. If BCP were being run as a business you would not employ this number of people to carry out the same role, this clearly shows that BCP have not got a clue how to manage a council.	Disagree	Respondent from outside BCP	respondent living outside proposal area	Corfe Mullen	BH18 9
F413	Broadstone	what is the point of this proposal - why is it needed? No argument of substance provided in my view	Disagree	Respondent from outside BCP	respondent living outside proposal area	Corfe Mullen	BH18 9
F414	Broadstone	a to h. If there hasn't been a Parish Council for this area why do we need one now? Another tier of confusion. BCP Council should be enough.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
F415	Broadstone	a,b,c Broadstone should not have a new parish council - there should not be new councils set up at extra cost, where there would be no benefit & possible increase in council tax	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
F416	Broadstone	a,b,c,d,e,f :- The creation of parish councils is adding another layer of bureaucracy to the unitary authority of BCP which the bringing together of the 3 councils said it would avoid. We have local councillors that are elected to represent the views of the area they are elected too, and therefore this additional layer will add authority to those who are elected to represent our areas to the large unitary authority.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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F417	Broadstone	Parish Council NOT needed.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
F418	Broadstone	Parish councils are an unnecessary administrative tier. They result in additional costs - without value for money - for council tax payers.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
F419	Broadstone	Unnecessary layer of bureaucracy. Too few members of the electorate required to elect a councillor therefore undemocratic.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
F420	Broadstone	We do NOT need more councillors in the BCP area! The existing councillors should be trained to do a better job & not waste our taxes! They should control their funds instead of going into huge debt & asking schools to subsidise their debt. The system needs to be simplified NOT further complicated. Further councillors means more expensive council tax for NO PURPOSEFUL REASON- just more people doing a bad job. This is an unnecessary cost for zero benefit.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
F421	Broadstone	f) I don't like the names 'clump' g) how will we pay for 14 more councillors? How will these be elected? Why do we need this when we already have BCP? h) due to not agreeing with g	Don't know/not sure	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
F422	Broadstone	The problem with the Draft recommendations are their incredible inconsistency. Why should any comparably sized area be treated differently? Such a situation is inherently unfair and undemocratic. An argument might be made for treating 'rural' areas slightly differently if any can be reasonably defined within BCP but this seems unlikely.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
F423	Broadstone	14 counsellors for a town this size is nuts.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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F424	Broadstone	Currently it looks as if the Broadstone boundary has been created out of 'snobbery' or to meet the desires of Vicky Slade. To get a more balanced social diversity it should therefore include creekmore or be part of poole overall.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F425	Broadstone	e) Broadstone isn't a town and has never been considered one, but is an area within the town of Poole. It wouldn't make sense for it to be called Broadstone Town Council and should instead be styled as a Community or Parish Council. f) The map puts part of Northbrook road and York road in Clump ward, despite it being completely separated from the rest of it by Broadstone Way. This area should instead be part of Recreation ward, with the boundary following Broadstone Way	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
F426	Broadstone	F. The names of the wards are not indicative of the actual areas. Better names are needed.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH18 8
F427	Broadstone	G .....do we need so many councillors	Neither agree nor disagree	Respondent from outside BCP	respondent living outside proposal area	Corfe Mullen	BH21 3
F428	Broadstone	It is not for Electoral Services to comment on these questions	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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F429	Broadstone	A lot of the 'benefits' a town council are alleged to bring to Broadstone are already taking place yearly such as Xmas Parade, Fun Day, new play park etc - what happens to the volunteer groups who already undertake these tasks?	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F430	Broadstone	Agree 0 need a council to support bus services and the needs of elderly users in local area ie. shelters and seats.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F431	Broadstone	Broadstone has always stood apart from the rest of Poole. it is its own post-town and regardless of whether Poole or Bournemouth decide to parish I would like to see Broadstone determine itself. It would be important that Broadstone's share of the Charter Trustee balance (by population) is transferred to Broadstone Town Council which could then be used for our own civic development. I also feel that BCP Council should allocate funds, or support grant funding for costs as a town council will require a clerk and access to offices and until a precept is being collected this would not be possible.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F432	Broadstone	Broadstone has neighbourhood forum and neighbourhood plan which would be taken over by the parish/town council, which would also have responsibility for managing C.I.L. The boundary of the neighbourhood area is continuous with the [unknown] ward boundary and would be [unknown] the parish/town council boundary. This should not change.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F433	Broadstone	busses need from Broadstone to Bournemouth Hospital	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F434	Broadstone	Cant think of any at moment	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F435	Broadstone	How do we control the level of the precept? How do we know that BCP won't withdraw from funding certain activities because the town council will pick it up and we end up no better off?	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F436	Broadstone	How much will it cost?	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F437	Broadstone	I am in strong favour of the Broadstone Town Council submission as we are a large enough area with a unique identity within the current Poole structure Our current Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum work very hard in our area and I would like to see their endeavours continue with a Broadstone focused Town Council My family and are are active within the Broadstone community and enjoy the varied activities in our village and would like to see these continue for out future generations to enjoy	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F438	Broadstone	I am not a fan of the name 'clump' ward, it has negative connotations. I also think 14 councillors is too many and too ambitious.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F439	Broadstone	I have always felt that Broadstone has been seen to be isolated from the main decision making processes within the BCP. This proposal is more of a step towards addressing this lack of real involvement.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F440	Broadstone	I hope we are being told the truth	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F441	Broadstone	I like to see Broadstone smart and clean. The verges mowed regularly, pavements and roads cleared of debris and dog mess, also the children’s play area in the recreation ground needs some new groundwork as the ground under the swings and slides is treacherous when wet or icy	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F442	Broadstone	I rather like the names of the four proposed parish wards!	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F443	Broadstone	I would definitely like to see a mix of ages and genders. I would not feel very well represented if the council was exclusively made up of white retired people.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F444	Broadstone	I would like to see more power given to Broadstone users themselves.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F445	Broadstone	I would like to see this happen, as ever since the hostile take over of the borough of Poole by Bournemouth that was not wanted by the residents of the town, everything seems to be Bournemouth centric, and as a Poole resident I feel we have been forgotten about. The merger should never have been allowed to happen and if this is a way we can have some autonomy them I am all for it.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F446	Broadstone	I would prefer for the wards to be more equal and therefore have an equal number of councillors for each ward - mainly for the reason of fairness, the current proposal means south Broadstone will have a majority over north Broadstone and I'm not particularly comfortable with that.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F447	Broadstone	If this Broadstone Town Council does not go ahead as a stand alone council, I would NOT agree to it being merged with the much larger Poole Town Council, I think that proposed council is already too large and diverse. I don't believe they will be able to achieve much as the infighting will be decisive and unproductive	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F448	Broadstone	I'm looking forward to hearing the outcome and hope thah the recommendations are allowed to proceed.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F449	Broadstone	It needs to be a clear principle of the parish council that BCP council be constantly reminded of those items BCP are being paid for by the resident, which BCP should be doing, thus reducing the future Broadstone Council of the need and us the cost.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F450	Broadstone	It would be good to ensure that the new council starts off with clear goals and responsibilities so residents know what to expect from day one. A phased introduction of responsibilities might help it find its feet without being overwhelmed. Also, strong communication is vital—many residents still don't know what a town council actually does. There should be a clear plan to inform, engage, and involve local people throughout the setup process and beyond.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F451	Broadstone	It's a good idea - I support more autonomy for the local governance.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F452	Broadstone	Locally elected councillors can address issues such as parking and the need for traffic control in the form of a roundabout or traffic lights at the junction of Beechbank Ave and Broadstone Way	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F453	Broadstone	maybe have more say in the type of shops available in the parade, really getting very boring with all the nail bars and Turkish Barbers that have taken over. We use to have many diverse shops which proved a welcome shopping area. When BCP was created I could see immediately that Poole ad surrounding areas would become the poor relations. Please keep the beautiful Town Hall exactly what it was built for. Bournemouth Town Hall is a mess and not fit for purpose	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH21 3
F454	Broadstone	More local decision making should be achievable within the existing framework without introducing extra layers of governance and extra costs. A private company would never do this.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F455	Broadstone	NA	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F456	Broadstone	Need to see changes with this council - toilets reopen, better parking charges, reinvigoration of shops and surrounding area to attract better variety in shops and restrictions on similar shops (no more hair and beauty, charity shops, pharmacies) bring in hospitality.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F457	Broadstone	No	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F458	Broadstone	No	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F459	Broadstone	No, this all seems good to me	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F460	Broadstone	No.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F461	Broadstone	Note my observations re: transfer of services and precept funding.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F462	Broadstone	Our local Councillors are trying to sell this to the local population by suggesting such things as we could have our public toilets reopened, I'm not sure anyone would risk using them, additionally our councillor Sidaway is very rude and vociferous in Facebook supported in his rudeness by his wife who I think oversteps the mark. He has also been very rude to Jude Butt and I think his manner needs addressing.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F463	Broadstone	Recommendation b: Consideration should be given to including the Waterloo area in the Broadstone Town Council	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F464	Broadstone	Reduce the number of councilors in each area by 1, 4 less overall helping to control costs. If services that are transferred from BCP control to the Town Council a proportion of the budget should be transferred also. Full transparency of budgets and annual audited accounts including detailed breakdown of departmental costs and councilor expenses.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F465	Broadstone	Reducecouncillors to 8.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F466	Broadstone	The councillors should not be elected by the undemocratic and widely-discredited first-past-the post system, but by a proportional electoral system such as STV, to ensure that those elected genuinely reflect the views of the people of Broadstone.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F467	Broadstone	They are essential for Broadstone in the future.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F468	Broadstone	This costly bureaucratic structure is not needed.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F469	Broadstone	This is a very good idea.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F470	Broadstone	Totally unnecessary. BCP do not listen to the residents views at present so I cannot believe that this extra layer will make any difference.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F471	Broadstone	We do not want it.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F472	Broadstone	We have been living in Broadstone for more than 30 years moving here with my parents in the late 1980s We really enjoy the varied community activities that are held in Broadstone. They form strong community bonds and it's something that I would very much like to carry on. I understand the pressures the larger BCP council are under in terms of funding and feel a local community town council is the best solution in order for the residence of Broadstone to maintain the community spirit we currently benefit from.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F473	Broadstone	You really need to address the traffic problem as the 20mph speed limit does not work especially along the Ridgeway where I live. There needs to be a road calming scheme as it is quite dangerous	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F474	Broadstone	A Broadstone town council would not benefit council tax payers,only themselves.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F475	Broadstone	A waste of money and should not go ahead.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F476	Broadstone	A whole load of trash. God help us all. This does not have my backing and I will stand in court not to pay for more incompetence	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F477	Broadstone	Absolutely no to the formation of the new Town Council. Before this can be approved, it should go to an official vote in the respective Town council Areas.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F478	Broadstone	Add more officers who are recruited for the skills and abilities, not their ability to ignore constituents.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F479	Broadstone	A-H The proposals only create unnecessary layers and more importantly takes away the current unified identity of Broadstone. We do not need separate councillors we need one voice which I believe we have. Additional layers and people only increases confusion of who to talk to and potentially may create inequalities as this may create stronger voices in some areas than others depending on who are appointed. Leaving it as it is ensures we are all identifying and have one Broadstone voice. I would rather see our current BCP councillors get the resources and support they need to engage more with us and improve our local services rather than create another layer.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F480	Broadstone	As above	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F481	Broadstone	As per 11 but residents do not want an additional unregulated layer of vague costs, that have the potential to creep up to cover the services that we might expect from the council tax we already pay for ie a stealth tax that we'll not see any benefit from	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F482	Broadstone	At a time when the cost of living crisis is affecting people, increasing council tax to pay more for some newer Christmas lights is ridiculous.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F483	Broadstone	BCP is already full of overpaid, overhyped con artists who pose as councillors, have no clue of the real world, con the residents with their council tax charges. How about the council start doing something regarding crimes, road quality, car park charges instead of hacking off loyal, hard working residents.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F484	Broadstone	BPC is already horrendously in debt from poor decisions, creating another layer of bureaucracy will only add to it.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F485	Broadstone	Broadstone has been portrayed to residents and visitors alike as a 'village'. Now it wants to be a town! It will never be a town but it will remain a suburb of Poole and that is how it should stay.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F486	Broadstone	Council taxes area already high this whole exercise is a waste of my money	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F487	Broadstone	Cut the grass Clean the streets	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F488	Broadstone	Decision making should be for the good of the area and its residents not the political lead from out of touch Westminster bases	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F489	Broadstone	Disband BCP and revert back to the older system of separate councils for Poole Christchurch and Bournemouth. The economies of scale promised for BCP have not happened and this is the consequence. No wonder BCO is known as the rotten borough.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F490	Broadstone	DO NOT DO THIS	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F491	Broadstone	Don’t bother implementing this and get the exciting councillors to do their job.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F492	Broadstone	Don’t do it.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F493	Broadstone	Drop this ridiculous idea and get on with doing what you were elected for. Trim the fat from council, not increase the bureacracy, administrative burden and costly set up	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F494	Broadstone	Existing BCP structure do its job	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F495	Broadstone	For all recommendations - I don't agree with Broadstone splitting off from Poole. The people putting this proposal forward are in my opinion in 'cloud cuckoo land' about how much they can achieve with the finances they will have (without putting council tax up to a unreasonable and unliveable level) and how they will go about it. I feel it is much healthier to be overseen by a bigger body rather a few individuals who like the idea of power but don't have the capabilities or specialist knowledge to carry it through.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F496	Broadstone	Happy as it is.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F497	Broadstone	Happy with current structure.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F498	Broadstone	I am not convinced the town council is required as I feel that the issue the town council is trying to fill in terms of community cohesion/ volunteers etc will exist with or without the town council. People have less free time so finding candidates will be difficult and therefore I fear many elections will be uncontested and therefore the town council won't be truly representative. I also don't feel the true costs are being shared - BCP recharges for town council elections so the £5 per household figure being quoted will practically be usurped purely through paying for the election.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F499	Broadstone	I appreciate the Councillors from BCP have made it as awkward as possible for the older 'non-digital' population to have their say because they, like me, have no doubt got frazzled by the awkwardness of digital life.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH17 7
F500	Broadstone	I believe the elected councillors are doing their best to serve broadstone residents, and already aware of residents needs/wishes.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F501	Broadstone	I believe these changes are being forced on us by vocal, political locals under a disguise of non political for the residents. It's offering services that should be covered by BCP and does not take into account any locals who are struggling financially. It is just BCP passing more costs onto the residents for no extra benefit and with no legal restrictions on the future costs.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F502	Broadstone	I do not understand why Broadstone has been separated from Poole? We currently pay a council tax precept for Poole, but were told there was no money to fund a VE Day in Poole; a town that during WW2 built ships for the Royal Navy and was a key part of D Day embarkations and mulberry harbour. The display in the Dolphin Centre was again delivered by volunteers and a charity not BCP.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F503	Broadstone	I do not want an extra layer of bureaucracy and addiction costs	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F504	Broadstone	I don’t think the consultation has been circulated in a manner to inform and capture all residents, I have only seen any information on social media and as a result attended a couple of face to face presentations. These were attended by the same few people. I’m unaware of an option to engage elderly people not on social media or housebound unable to access the main Broadstone retail area, no easy read option, and even accessing the survey requires a level of competence in IT literacy. Also representations via social media have been one sided making it a venture only for the brave to risk voicing an opinion in opposition. The consultation hasn’t come across as democratic in any sense of the word.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F505	Broadstone	I don't like the name Clump.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F506	Broadstone	I feel the funding for Broadstone should come from funds already paid in the council tax paid to BCP	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F507	Broadstone	I hope we as Broadstone residents get a vote on this	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F508	Broadstone	I like the Village of Broadstone as it is. Not sure adding another Council would be of any benefit and would only cost the residents extra money.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F509	Broadstone	I note that one option being considered is a Poole Town Council, but Broadstone is omitted from the list of its Wards. It is not clear what would happen to Broadstone if that option is chosen as a result of feedback from the residents of other areas. We were part of the old Poole Council.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F510	Broadstone	I oppose the proposed parish council plan. Increased red tape,too many extra ‘councillors’ , increased expense for too little gain. Not in the public interest.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F511	Broadstone	I pay £272 per month to live in Broadstone. Why should I pay more? I don't get much for my Council Charge as it is. Just so a handful of local people can be elected to be a Town Council. Absolute nonsense. Take us back to belonging to Poole Town council, have nothing to do with Bournemouth and that's fine, I'll vote for that. But not for a small district of Poole to be called a Town Council.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F512	Broadstone	I strongly oppose having any additional layers of governance or administration	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F513	Broadstone	I won't be paying for it.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F514	Broadstone	I would like BCP to do the work we already pay for, like maintaining the roads and ensuring the work that is carried has been completed to a national standard	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F515	Broadstone	I would like Broadstone to remain as it is, no one in charge and allow the community to do their own thing like they do now. The wonderful volunteers look after Broadstone and we know who to go to ie. BCP, local Councilor or MP if we have a problem. You are now making it 4 layers of councillors by adding Town Councilors. Oh not to forget A Mayor to finance too. Why make it more difficult with extra layers and extra finances. BCP in my opinion needs to take a look at how they can improve their outgoing finances, I suggest an Independent Financial Buisness IT Consultant Team would help tremendously.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F516	Broadstone	I would like the idea scraped	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F517	Broadstone	I would like to see Broadstone as a more inclusive area, it is full of people who think they are better than others. If they happen to be on the BH18 side of things.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH17 7
F518	Broadstone	I would like to see some common sense in local government. I have worked with parish and town councillors for many years and they are superfluous to requirements, most of them revelling in their new found importance and titles. NO!!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F519	Broadstone	I would like to see the draft recommendations for Broadstone abolished as I regard there is no essential need for a Broadstone parish or Broadstone Town Council.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH17 7
F520	Broadstone	I would like to see the proposal held back until such time as there is enough information about what the role, powers, cost and remit of a Town Council would be, so that informed choices could be made. I would like the decision on whether to create a town council to be made by way of voting, so that the decision is democratic. I would like the 'councillor' role to be entirely unpaid, with no entitlement to expenses or allowances so as not to create an additional cost burden to residents, being as they are already paying councillors to do this work in BCP.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F521	Broadstone	I would like to see well managed services by BCP for the benefit of the population of BCP as a whole.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F522	Broadstone	I would say that the way this process has been conducted is very poor, to only be made aware of such a significant change to the governance of the area at this final stage suggests the council are not actually interested in what the residents actually wish to happen. This process has been conducted behind closed doors and it is wrong that only now are you engaging with the people that are actually effected. I would suggest that the first order of business should have been an initial consultation with the residents to understand as to whether this change was actually supported. It appears Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum have made the initial recommendations, but again there was no consultation with the residents as to whether this was supported. I suspect that the objection lodged by the two residents that found out about the proposals will be typical of the feeling of the other residents, if anyone have taken the trouble to ask the opinion of those effected.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F523	Broadstone	If the elected councilors cannot represent Broadstone adequately they should resign to allow somebody to be on the council that can.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F524	Broadstone	If you go ahead with this don't expect to be re-elected for the next term. Reform who are commited to reducing costs and unnecessary bureaucracy will win every seat.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F525	Broadstone	Instead of establishing Parish/Town Councils, BCP Council should concentrate on continuing to rationalize its services across the whole BCP Council area.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F526	Broadstone	It doesn’t feel like anyone wants to listen to the survey and this has already been decided. You are treating the residents with comtempt.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F527	Broadstone	It seems like another way of forcing us to pay more money which we find difficult to afford, and we see no more benefit than the little we receive now	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F528	Broadstone	It should not proceed	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F529	Broadstone	It should only go ahead if over 50% if the electorate agree	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F530	Broadstone	It's unnecessary	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F531	Broadstone	I've said it already, but it's worth saying again - I do not consent to the imposition of these recommendations.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F532	Broadstone	Just don't do it.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F533	Broadstone	Keep Broadstone within the Town of Poole	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F534	Broadstone	Keep things as they are	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F535	Broadstone	Leave it alone	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F536	Broadstone	Maybe current services conducted by bcp council be improved upon.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F537	Broadstone	No	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F538	Broadstone	No additional 20mph streets in Broadstone. You are already causing traffic chaos by bad planning for road usage ie down grading A &E at Poole hospital fills the Wimborne by pass with more ambulances and police cars	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F539	Broadstone	No change required.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F540	Broadstone	No changes as the almagamation of the three councils has been a disaster in handling finances!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F541	Broadstone	No changes needed. It works well as it is.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F542	Broadstone	No go ahead no required	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F543	Broadstone	None	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F544	Broadstone	Not required	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F545	Broadstone	Not required , BCP do a more than satisfactory job of running the village of Broadstone .	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F546	Broadstone	Our existing councillors should do the job they were elected for and not try to abdicate their responsibility to another bunch of like minded enthusiastic spenders of other people's money	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F547	Broadstone	Please don't add extra financial burden to tax payers without assessing if this work cannot be done within the existing governing arrangement	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F548	Broadstone	Please keep the Council simple. Or revert to the Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch Councils, which worked efficiently with local representation.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F549	Broadstone	Proposal G & H: Should the proposal go ahead, the number of councillors must be reduced, Broadstone as a ward currently has 2 councillors as part of BCP, the number proposed is exponentially increased without any just reason.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F550	Broadstone	Put in prospectus for next BCP elections and let the people speak.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F551	Broadstone	Rather than creating new town councils to do the job they should be doing anyway, I believe that BCP should be concentrating on improving their own services. Further layers will just add confusion over which council does which job. Please keep things simple and give BCP a chance to improve efficiency and services that we need.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F552	Broadstone	Rather than having 14 councillors why don't we just have one as normal and ensure that they do not have a dual role as there is clearly a conflict of interest if one of the councillors is an MP. If there are more councillors there is likely to be confusion and more people to actually have to agree together to get anything done. There will be no benefit if this plan is approved.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F553	Broadstone	Scrap the idea	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F554	Broadstone	Scrap the idea!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F555	Broadstone	Scrap them!!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F556	Broadstone	See above.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F557	Broadstone	Should not have a Parish Council. All the proposals should already be carried out by BCP	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F558	Broadstone	Small changes at the edges of the current arrangements woudl be better.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F559	Broadstone	Stop fiddling about	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F560	Broadstone	Stop lying to people about the fact this will cost us money where we will be forced to give money for services which will be exactly the same.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F561	Broadstone	Stop this farce now - you can’t even run a council let alone adding another layer into the mix and don’t even get me started on the lack of respect for people’s opinions and views and the sheer scale of monies wasted throughout the conurbation just to fill your own agendas and beliefs!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F562	Broadstone	Stop waisting time and money when you never listen anyway.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F563	Broadstone	Stop wasting money	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F564	Broadstone	The addition of further levels of local management and operations defeat the objects of the original amalgamation of the three councils into BCP Council. The recommendation proposal should be the reinstatement of the three individual Councils instead of creating more bureaucratic and cumbersome levels into a system that already needs reform.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F565	Broadstone	The draft recommendations do not make a sufficiently strong case to persuade me that the formation of town councils is necessary only a few years after BCP was established in the pursuit of efficiency. The draft recommendations do not include relevant details regarding the responsibilities and services of each council and will lead to a wide variation, complexity and additional bureaucracy in delivery of services across the conurbation. It is unclear how much this will cost as it specifically says it is not possible to provide an indication as the majority services are discretionary (5.7). Based on 4.3 I am also concerned that this is an irreversible decision and once established it will not be possible to dissolve the town councils. I am also concerned that there has not been enough publicity regarding the draft recommendations. Speaking to neighbours, most were unaware of the proposal unless active on community social media groups and had no demand for additional layers of local government.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F566	Broadstone	The entire scheme and proposal is completely unnecessary, it adds unreasonable levels of bureacracy and tax burden on residents and businesses.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F567	Broadstone	The flyer that came through the door mentions specifically Christmas Parade and Remembrance Parade. These events have run for many years successfully without a Town Council.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F568	Broadstone	The important criteria for making this decision are first the likely effect on services and secondly how the cost will change (precepts and council tax). No information is available on either of these criteria so my only option is to reject the proposal .	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F569	Broadstone	The only changes I would like to see.Bring back PBC and let the residents of Poole have a good local council	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F570	Broadstone	The residents of Broadstone have a contract with BCP and in exchange for paying our council tax the council is required to provide services. I understand from our 2 elected councillors that the provision of some of these services will be transferred to the town council. Instead of ensuring that we get what we pay for they happily agree to the proposals	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F571	Broadstone	The survey starts with a question that asks should we do it and all further questions assumes that we answer as if it's a done deal.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F572	Broadstone	The three councils should never have been merged; we are three totally different demographics and it has not been to the advantage of the residents. If changes are to be made then give us back Poole Borough Council.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F573	Broadstone	The title and other arrangemnets are satisfactory should the Parish Council go ahead	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F574	Broadstone	The wording of this survey is not conducive to open feedback. There is an inbuilt assumption that the recommendations will be accepted.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F575	Broadstone	There is no need to add something in, that isn't currently needed and will add another layer of management or processes that doesn't reduce the need to spend more on people and waste time, otherwise there would have been no point in merging the 3 councils in the first place to reduce the complexity and costs.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F576	Broadstone	there seems to be enough confusion about who does what without adding to it	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F577	Broadstone	They appear uncosted as presented here.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F578	Broadstone	They should be shelved, if I am reading the report correctly you only had 3 responses and 2 of those negative so I can't understand why you are even doing this stage, gross waste of money and avoidance of what BCP council should be concentrating on.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F579	Broadstone	This is a cynical ploy to increase council tax, Unless the existing councillors elected to represent the ward are giving up their roles.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F580	Broadstone	This is not the right time to introduce another level of town council as the extra cost to me and my family . delay the proposal till 2027 and then only if the economic situation has improved	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F581	Broadstone	This should be carried out by the councillors on BCP	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F582	Broadstone	This will add Congo to the broadstone public around who is responsible for what. BCO should mange the work more efficiently and improve their own services	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F583	Broadstone	This will detract from the single point of contact for issues to be resolved and add confusion to who is responsible for what which will inevitably lead to inaction as different organisations will point to each other for responsibility to deliver	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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F584	Broadstone	This would be a duplication of what BCP council is already responsible for, and what our current councillors are being paid for.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F585	Broadstone	Totally unnecessary for 12 councillors to be required to represent less than 9000 people on purely local issues.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F586	Broadstone	Town councils have very limited powers, therefore the return on investment in terms of actual services delivered under a Town Council would be minimal. It would be far more cost effective for BCP to improve their own services. I am totally against the above proposal.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F587	Broadstone	Unnecessary	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F588	Broadstone	Unnecessary waste of time and money. There is no demand for a council at this level (see turn out for BCP council elections of less than 40%). It will add to council tax (in the form of a precept) to pay for councillors, premises, auditing and bureaucracy and give residents nothing that they don't already have except a degree of confusion as to who is responsible for the services which are failing to be delivered. BCP will no longer have to fund some services, having "devolved" responsibility, the new councils will then charge again for delivering these same services. Until they decide to cut them because they can't afford them.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F589	Broadstone	Use Wimborne as an example. Riven by petty politics (even though it is not supposed to be political) and totally ineffective. Not to say corrupt. Just look at the cemetery farce.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F590	Broadstone	while all this is being debated I hope that BCP will get on with the job they were elected for.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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F591	Broadstone	Who organises and pays for another election of more councillors? This is just for the benefit of those who although well meaning like to direct the running of the parish area.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F592	Broadstone	Will we get a reduction in our council tax I think not so what will the shambles that is BCP be doing with our council tax?	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F593	Broadstone	Yes stop wasting tax pays money with stupid scams like this If bcp can promise that no council tax revenue will fall in to their grubby hands I would be all for it.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F594	Broadstone	You should do better with the existing structure not invent a new one to fail	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F595	Broadstone	As above	Don't know/not sure	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F596	Broadstone	I would like to see new town councillors have a say on highway maintenance as I find many of the BCP decisions odd.	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F597	Broadstone	I would support creation of a Town council (even though we effectively be paying twice for services) if it was clear what the precept would be and there was some sort of cap placed on future increases.	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F598	Broadstone	Lack of published material of proposal.. General ignorance of the effects, costs, powers	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
F599	Broadstone	Leave it as it is	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH17 7

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F600	Broadstone	The idea is great, however BCP are offering less services for more money. We are now being asked to pay another tax to just cover the shortfall	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F601	Broadstone	Too many councillors	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living in proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
F602	Broadstone	Broadstone is well-placed to benefit from formal parish-level governance. Local residents already demonstrate high levels of civic pride and participation—through community groups, events, and neighbourhood planning. A town council can act as a unifying and coordinating body to expand this impact, particularly in managing local amenities, green spaces, and minor infrastructure. It would be beneficial if BCP Council supports a robust transition period—offering advisory and logistical support to the emerging council. This will help ensure early successes and avoid common pitfalls seen when new councils lack institutional knowledge or clarity on delegated powers. The newly formed council should also prioritise transparency and inclusivity in its early stages to ensure buy-in from all sections of the community - I recent leaflet has guaranteed that no allowance will be paid to Councillors and this can not be promised at this stage.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
F603	Broadstone	it's a con	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
F604	Broadstone	Will the 'Town' council have any real powers supported by proper funding or just a talking shop that adds another layer of bureaucracy that has to be paid for.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH18 8

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F605	Broadstone	I would like to see any changes that enhance the appearance of Broadstone. Since BCP took over it is looking uncared for and 'seedy' in places. Hopefully Broadstone town council would have the authority to intervene when private residential gardens encroach into public spaces.	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
F606	Broadstone	not at this point	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
F607	Broadstone	A proposal like this is long overdue for Broadstone. It does not sit in the centre of an urban conurbation in BCP, and therefore misses out on some of the targeted projects in Poole or Bournemouth. A TC would allow the community flexibility and be an instrument of community diversity and imagination.	Agree	Respondent from outside BCP	respondent living outside proposal area	Corfe Mullen	BH21 3
F608	Broadstone	No	Agree	Respondent from outside BCP	respondent living outside proposal area	Corfe Mullen	BH18 9
F609	Broadstone	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
F610	Broadstone	No.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
F611	Broadstone	Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, corruption and prevention the integrated transformation that the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
F612	Broadstone	Broadstone is part of Poole and as such BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4

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F613	Broadstone	Broadstone should not have a separate parish council.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
F614	Broadstone	Do not need parish councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
F615	Broadstone	Don't do it.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
F616	Broadstone	Don't waste money on another tier of administration that will just be a Lib Lem ego talking shop/	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
F617	Broadstone	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
F618	Broadstone	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
F619	Broadstone	Over the [unknown] I have lived in Broadstone, the community has developed naturally. As well as the rich covering of interest groups. An active residents association has cared for aspects of village life eg oversight of planning applications, liaison with local chamber of commerce group, educational development. The two ward councillors are a backstop for emergencies. Two proposals do nothing to improve our quality of life, which had developed organically and is good and without interfering [regulation?]	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH8 8
F620	Broadstone	People are trying to circumvent the elected authority to suit their own politics	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1

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F621	Broadstone	We do not need a parish council as well as BCP. It will be costly as well as unnecessary and certain matters will get missed between the two.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
F622	Broadstone	We need either parish councils or BCP, not both.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
F623	Broadstone	Why waste public money	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 9
F624	Broadstone	Council tax should be reduced and services improved	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
F625	Broadstone	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7
F626	Broadstone	A total waste of money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F627	Broadstone	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8

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F628	Broadstone	Absolutely ludicrous situation and one that will cost us taxpayers an extortionate amount of money on top of what we already can ill afford.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F629	Broadstone	Again relating to the southern border line. I live near Darby's Corner, and it seems to me that Broadstone is attempting to exclude 'riff raff' from Hillborne and surrounding areas. For many people living below the southern border line, the Broadstone shops etc are nearer than those at Creekmoor.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F630	Broadstone	All. Creates general confusion as to who is responsible for all services. Does not help community cohesion. Improve your own performance before creating additional beaurocracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
F631	Broadstone	As above.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F632	Broadstone	As above. The costs of this far outweighs any benefits oh which there are none.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F633	Broadstone	BCP are required to manage their area, that’s who I pay my council tax to.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH18 8
F634	Broadstone	BCP unitary authority, amalgamating Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth, was supposed to improve transparency, costs and bureaucracy. Creating parish/town councils will be adding another level of unnecessary bureaucracy and cost with no tangible benefit and worse accountability. BCP has just appointed a new CEO; consideration should be given to allowing this person to attempt to improve the current running of the unitary authority before any changes are implemented. No decisions should be made before 2027 and then only following a referendum.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3

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F635	Broadstone	Broadstone has been a part of Poole since at least 1950 and I (and others) would like to see the continued integration of Broadstone into new a Poole Town council that comprises the whole of the pre-2019 Borough of Poole.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F636	Broadstone	Broadstone has for a long time decided it is a superior part of Poole and this isolation of them from the rest of Poole will only underline this more.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
F637	Broadstone	Broadstone is no more a separate community than several other areas in Poole.It should either be included as part of Poole Town or other areas should have separate parish councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F638	Broadstone	Broadstone should remain either a ward of a reformed Poole council (independent of BCP) or a ward of BCP council and not be separated.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
F639	Broadstone	Confirmation of the costs involved. How can this be proposed without?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F640	Broadstone	Disagree with the proposal for reasons given above. Would not want the creation of an additional tier in some parts of BCP that complicates provision, creates inconsistency and can be expected to lead to extra avoidable costs. A whole BCP referendum should apply if this concept is pursued before a final decision is taken	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F641	Broadstone	Do not see what is to be gained from a parish council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F642	Broadstone	Don't waste are hard earned money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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F643	Broadstone	Even if there's a strong preference to establish a town/parish council, Broadstone should not be separate.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
F644	Broadstone	I believe the local residence should be made to vote on this big change	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
F645	Broadstone	I disagree with the continuation of current parish and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish or town councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
F646	Broadstone	I recommend the plans be delayed until after the next election in 2027 and all decisions should be taken with a democratic vote and not just with a consultation which the council generally ignores the results of.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F647	Broadstone	If a "town" council is created for Broadstone, I think the parish should be named Broadstone. However, the 4 ward names seem entirely frivolous - I am sure there could be better names.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F648	Broadstone	If you do go ahead with this stupid plan reduce the number of councillors, there is simply no need for the numbers that you are proposing!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F649	Broadstone	In no way does the planned map cover Broadstone.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F650	Broadstone	It is an unnecessary cost and just adds another layer of Bureaucracy that we don’t need	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
F651	Broadstone	It will increase council tax and achieve nothing	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1

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F652	Broadstone	Leave things as they are as despite the hollow words from BCP council, this is clearly going to end up costing residents money that simply cannot be afforded in a cost of living crisis. If the current incumbents are unable to work within the constraints as they currently exist, then they should resign en masse and make way for competent people who can. This is nothing but a transparent vehicle to screw the local residents. You say that there will not be any additional cost, but that is a blatant lie. You will bring in a precept to begin with and that will go up and up and up year on year , totally unchecked and the people of the BCP region will be the ones to pay for it. It's unacceptable that you would do something like this without a referendum (which you clearly won't as you already know what the outcome would be and you don't like listening to people who disagree with you). BCP Council is a repugnant organisation, badly run by incompetent councillors with no honesty, integrity or decency. You are an embarrassment to the local people and you should be totally and utterly ashamed of yourselves (but I doubt you have the decency to feel that way either). Shame on you all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
F653	Broadstone	Local trading associations and residential groups can help guide future needs under the direction of BCP, they would be better suited to the people of Broadstone and any other area being considered for administrative restructuring	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
F654	Broadstone	No	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
F655	Broadstone	Not needed	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
F656	Broadstone	Please get rid of the whole plan	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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F657	Broadstone	Scrap it. If you want to reform something, scrap BCP council and put the borough councils back.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
F658	Broadstone	Should definitely NOT be proceeded with. see comments above.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F659	Broadstone	Stop wasting public money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F660	Broadstone	The boundaries of “Poole” and "Broadstone" councils are clear – however the town will be disadvantaged and overwhelmed, if the whole of the town is 1x parish – when the town of Bournemouth is “represented” as 4x separate parishes. Resources for “Poole” (as well as Christchurch) will instead be routed (diverted/stolen) for projects elsewhere. The number of parishes need to be equivalent across the “Three Towns”, based on population, rate-payers, and geography –the cultural and historic value across the towns should be valued for this as well. The Parish boundaries need to be reviewed and corrected, for equal representation for everyone.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
F661	Broadstone	The boundary between Broadstone and Creekmoor appears to have been drawn in a very arbitrary way, with some house in streets being in one and others in the other with no rhyme or reason.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F662	Broadstone	The need for a mid level council is not required in BCP, simply because the incompetent BCP that is in place will push the blame out to the Parish council. We do not need yet another voice to run local area, creating more disinformation and more to the point the burden of extra costs to "rule" and provide no benefit.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F663	Broadstone	The people of broadston do not want a extra layer of government. Its a wast of resources. It will only do things that should already be being done by BCP	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2

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F664	Broadstone	The person who came up with this idea is behind the times and out of touch with reality. Their hubristic approach to local governance is not appropriate given current challenges and constraints, There is obviously a disjoint between what BCP should be doing with its limited funds and what it wants to do. Cut out the waste and things might get better.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F665	Broadstone	This is an awful idea to charge more!!! Poor poor effort!!!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F666	Broadstone	This is an unnecessary cost for very little benefit	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH18 8
F667	Broadstone	This will add more cost to taxpayers.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F668	Broadstone	Totally unnecessary	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F669	Broadstone	unnecessary unwanted vanity project	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH15 2
F670	Broadstone	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
F671	Broadstone	We need to simplify local government as the number of people with the management and organisational experience needed to be effective in this role is getting smaller.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4

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F672	Broadstone	Why four areas? Why do we need 14 councillors? We need a referendum NOT being forced upon us! Broadstone is Broadstone leave it as it is!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH18 8
F673	Broadstone	Yes, stop wasting money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
F674	Broadstone	Yes, this proposal will be too costly and wasteful.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
F675	Broadstone	In the distant past voluntary organisations could apply for a grant from the council (possibly the LEA) for equipment and events on a yearly basis. Could small council that increase administered by BCP be used in this way. Avoiding the need for an unelected unaccountable body.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
F676	Broadstone	These are not good and are politically motivated to the extent of getting this into place in 2026 prior to the main BCP election in 2027. The Liberal Democrats have signalled strongly how this Council would be run at the cost of £5 per month. They have made it clear that they would be running this Council. This is not a good foundation for a Parish Council which to normal extent are apolitical. If the necessary, research and proper mapping should be taken into consideration, this would not match the Ward but the area of Broadstone. This could then be aptly called the Parish of Broadstone. The wish for a Parish Council Poll could take place in 2027 added to the main BCP Election. That cost would be minimal. The voice of the people heard through the ballot box.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
F677	Broadstone	This whole thing is wrong! I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils There have been no costings whatsoever as to how much this will cost so how can anyone agree when no information given on exactly 1) what the new town and parish councils will do and 2) how much tax with NO ceiling increase will cost. The timing of this consultation is so wrong costing in excess of £100k when money could have been better spent. I strongly believe it's just a matter of creating 'jobs for the boys' . . . Or should I say girls in this instance! This survey and completing it is so very onerous. That too is disgusting and it's obviously relying on people to not bother giving their views as it's too difficult	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
F678	Broadstone	Cuts should be made to the central BCP staff or expenditure to pay for the proposed additional councillors should the decision be made to introduce the proposed new wards	Disagree	Respondent from outside BCP	respondent living outside proposal area	Corfe Mullen	BH18 9
F679	Broadstone	why why why what isvthe value for money of the proposal	Disagree	Respondent from outside BCP	respondent living outside proposal area	Corfe Mullen	BH18 9
F680	Broadstone	Believe parish councils should be scrapped, simply another layer of cost and bureaucracy which be served better by centralised service. Also for this local parish representation to head of population is disproportionate to size and other BCP areas	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
F681	Broadstone	Less bureaucracy and transparency is required from BCP with more action from those already elected, not more!	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
F682	Broadstone	No	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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F683	Broadstone	Parish Council NOT needed.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
F684	Broadstone	We do NOT need more councillors in the BCP area! The existing councillors should be trained to do a better job & not waste our taxes! They should control their funds instead of going into huge debt & asking schools to subsidise their debt. The system needs to be simplified NOT further complicated. Further councillors means more expensive council tax for NO PURPOSEFUL REASON- just more people doing a bad job. This is an unnecessary cost for zero benefit.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
F685	Broadstone	I would like to know how this is going to be funded? Will our council tax be reduced to pay for it? As it will take on more responsibility from BCP?	Don't know/not sure	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
F686	Broadstone	Consideration should be given to whether the southern boundary of the council area dissects the Hillbourne area, which isn't included in the list of local community areas.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
F687	Broadstone	I am not either agreeing or disagreeing with this proposal, but just wishing to comment that a separate parish for Broadstone would make better sense if Broadstone and Merley were also becoming separate parishes. I think it is therefore important only to establish Broadstone as a separate parish if there is very strong support from residents, otherwise it should be included in Poole Town.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
F688	Broadstone	No	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
F689	Broadstone	Would like to see stricter controls on what establishments are allowed on Broadway	Neither agree nor disagree	Respondent from outside BCP	respondent living outside proposal area	Corfe Mullen	BH21 3

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F690	Broadstone	The proposal to combine polling district BS4-A with BS1 to form a parish ward raises concerns as it would not be coterminous with the BCP Council ward boundary. Combining BS4-A with BS4 instead would align with the existing BCP Council polling district (BS4-A has been amalgamated into BS4 following resolution of a parliamentary boundary issue). BS4-A sits better with BS4 for effective and convenient governance and for cohesion purposes, there is a natural boundary of the main road - Broadstone Way – any electors from BS4-A would need to travel up to the roundabout and back down into BS1 if the proposal was implemented. By combining BS4-A with BS4 instead, the figures would be within the allowed variance: NW BS2 2046 3 682 +6.6% NE BS3 1762 3 587 -8.2% SE BS4 and BS4-A 2675 4 669 +4.5% SW BS1 2477 4 619 -6.7% 8960 14 Combining BS4-A with BS4 would resolve any concerns.	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

Community Governance Consultation

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Broadstone

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Qualitative Analysis and Report by Darmax Research

Executive Summary

BCP Council are consulting on draft proposals to create new parish, town and community councils across Bournemouth and Poole and to make some small changes to the existing town/parish arrangements in Christchurch.

Before any decisions are made, the council sought the views of local residents on setting up a new parish council in Broadstone.

This report summarises the free-text responses to the consultation.

Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Results

Reasons for agreement/disagreement

Respondents were asked to provide their reasons for why they agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Broadstone.

426 respondents provided feedback to this question. 265 of these respondents live in Broadstone, while 161 of these respondents live outside of Broadstone.

Feedback from Broadstone residents was mixed, with both support and opposition expressed. Respondents who supported the draft recommendations commented on Broadstone's distinct identity and the benefits of governance by local representatives focused on local priorities. Those who opposed the creation of a town council reported it as unnecessary and a waste of money.

Broadstone residents also raised boundary issues. Suggestions included avoiding splitting the area into four wards, keeping Broadstone linked with Poole, revising or rejecting proposed ward names (particularly 'Clump'), and amending boundaries to include or exclude certain neighbourhoods for logical alignment.

A number of Broadstone residents expressed concern that creating a new town council would add bureaucracy, duplicate services, and reverse the efficiencies expected from the formation of BCP Council. Respondents also noted that Broadstone already has a Neighbourhood Forum carrying out many proposed functions, questioned the need for 14 councillors, and raised doubts over finding suitable candidates.

Broadstone residents were also concerned about increased council tax, the affordability for residents (particularly pensioners), the lack of a cap on future rises, and paying twice for similar services.

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Some respondents commented on the consultation and decision process, criticising the lack of clarity, transparency, and awareness of the consultation process, as well as perceived political motivations behind the proposals.

While some respondents who live outside the proposal area supported the recommendations, recognising Broadstone as a distinct community that could benefit from its own governance, they were more critical of the proposals overall. Respondents rejected the idea of parish or town councils, describing them as wasteful, unnecessary, and ineffective.

Respondents who live outside of the proposed area objected to separating Broadstone from Poole and questioned the fairness of its proposed designation as a town. Others suggested alternative boundary arrangements, extensions to include surrounding areas, or scrapping the four-ward division. The naming of the wards, particularly ‘Clump’, also drew criticism.

A number of non-Broadstone residents opposed the additional tier of governance, commenting on duplication of roles, loss of cohesion, and reduced accountability for BCP Council. Some respondents commented that if BCP is failing, it should revert to three separate councils rather than adding parishes. Concerns also included excessive councillor numbers and a lack of diversity among likely candidates.

These respondents also raised affordability issues with increased council tax, a lack of clarity regarding costs, and the perception that residents would be paying twice for the same services.

Some respondents also criticised the transparency and information provided as part of the consultation, questioning political motives and calling for a public referendum before changes are implemented.

Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Broadstone.

243 respondents provided feedback to this question. 163 of these respondents live in Broadstone, while 80 of these respondents live outside of Broadstone.

Feedback from those who live in the proposed area ranged from strong support to firm opposition. Those who welcomed the proposal commented on Broadstone’s unique identity and the value of giving local people more control over decisions affecting their area. Those who opposed the proposal view it as unnecessary, wasteful, and without justification.

Broadstone residents also commented on the proposed boundaries, with some insisting Broadstone should remain part of Poole, while others opposed its merger into the proposed Poole Town Council should the recommendations not be adopted. Other respondents commented on areas it should include, such as the Waterloo Estate.

A number of residents criticised the proposed additional tier of governance as bureaucratic and contrary to the efficiencies sought through the creation of BCP Council. Some suggested reverting to the pre-BCP council structure, while others noted the Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum already performs many proposed functions. Concerns also included excessive councillor numbers, unequal representation between wards, conflicts of interest for dual-role councillors, and the need for greater diversity amongst candidates.

Respondents also expressed concern about increased council tax and insufficient cost detail, with some calling for capped precepts, unpaid councillor roles, or savings from existing council operations to offset costs.

Broadstone residents also criticised the lack of detailed information provided as well as supporting evidence and do not trust that consultation feedback would be considered. Respondents also called for a public vote at the next local elections. Concerns were also raised about perceived political motives and poor public awareness of the consultation.

Feedback received from those who do not live in Broadstone was generally more critical than that received from residents. Non-residents opposed the proposals, viewing parish councils as unnecessary, costly, and of limited value. They also criticised the proposed area for excluding parts of Broadstone and misaligning with polling districts. Some argued Broadstone should be included in Poole Town Council or that other areas of similar size should also gain parish status. Concerns were also raised about perceived exclusion of certain neighbourhoods from the Broadstone area.

Respondents raised concerns over bureaucracy and reduced accountability from BCP Council. Some suggested that BCP should either be retained in its current form or replaced with the previous three councils, but without the addition of parish councils. The requirement for additional councillors as well as the numbers proposed were also questioned.

Respondents objected to additional costs without clear benefit, noting a lack of financial detail and suggesting cuts elsewhere in BCP operations or reductions in council tax if responsibilities were passed to parish or town councils.

Respondents also expressed concerns over political motivations behind the draft recommendations and called for decisions to be deferred until the next elections and determined by public vote.

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1 Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Qualitative responses (write in text) to questions were exported into Excel and were thematically analysed. The most common themes are reported on in this report. Anonymised quotes from participants have been used to illustrate the themes identified.

Please note that while the purpose of qualitative data is to provide deeper insights into reasoning and impact rather than to quantify data, the numbers of respondents who mentioned the most prevalent themes are provided in this report to give an indication of the magnitude of response. However, given the nature of qualitative data, it should be noted that this does not provide an indication of significance in relation to the question asked.

In addition, where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories. Where a response makes several different points, only the relevant part to the discussed theme is shown in the report.

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2 Analysis and results

2.1 Reasons for agreement/disagreement

Respondents were asked to provide their reasons for why they agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Broadstone.

426 respondents provided feedback to this question. 265 of these respondents live in Broadstone, while 161 of these respondents live outside of Broadstone.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	50	8	58
General opposition	54	57	111
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	47	31	78
Administration/management of decisions	161	92	253
Cost of delivery	104	50	154
Consultation/decision process	40	20	60
Other	1	0	1

2.1.1 Respondents living in proposal area

50 respondents who live in Broadstone commented that they were in general support of the draft recommendations for Broadstone. These respondents commented that it was a good idea because **Broadstone has its own identity** and that it will benefit the area to be **governed by local people** who will focus on local issues.

"Broadstone should have a town council to own its own destiny."

"I think having a town council just for Broadstone will allow us to invest in our own community."

In contrast, 54 respondents who live in Broadstone were in general opposition to the draft recommendations. These respondents commented that they **do not want a town council**, they are **not necessary** and it would be a **waste of money**.

"Broadstone does not need a parish council."

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"Complete waste of money setting up a parish council. I do not want a parish council."

47 respondents who live in Broadstone commented on the boundaries and allocation of areas to parishes and towns. 10 of these respondents commented that the area **should not be separated into four wards**, while 6 respondents commented that **Broadstone is part of Poole** and should not be separated from it. While some respondents commented that naming the proposed area 'Broadstone' was appropriate, other respondents commented that they **do not like the proposed names** for the four wards, particularly the area named 'Clump'. Respondents also questioned why Broadstone was proposed to be a town council and feel that **the area is a village**. Respondents also commented that the proposed area **felt logical**, while some felt that the **boundaries could be amended**. Amendments to the boundary included ensuring that Creekmoor is separate from Broadstone, Hillbourne should be aligned with Poole, while areas of Pinesprings should be aligned with Creekmoor. Other respondents felt the proposed area should be extended to include surrounding roads.

"I don't understand why there needs to be 4 separate wards. Doesn't that just smack of yet more bureaucracy and unnecessary duplication?"

"Broadstone is part of the former county, town and borough of Poole. It should remain within the area of the Charter of Poole."

"Broadstone is the obvious and only name that fits. It's well recognised and reflects the area's history and character."

"No one should ever have to say they live in an area called 'Clump'."

"I think of Broadstone as more of a village than a town as the town is Poole."

"I feel the area should cover Waterloo & Sopers Lane as contrary to popular belief, they've always been considered Broadstone and not Creekmoor."

161 respondents who live in Broadstone commented on the administration and management of the area. The majority of these respondents are opposed to the added level of government and the **additional layer of bureaucracy** that will result. Respondents also commented that the conurbation has **only recently merged** to form BCP Council which was meant to gain economies of scale and reduce bureaucracy, with the current proposals being seen as a **retrograde step**. Respondents commented that the proposals mean that BCP Council **pass responsibility** of service delivery to local areas and that it is the responsibility of BCP Council to provide a high level of service in the area. The proposals would also result in **duplication of roles** and services and would result in **confusion** amongst residents as to which council is responsible for different services. Respondents also commented that the **Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum** already performs many of

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the tasks proposed, while the proposed council would have limited powers and responsibility.

"Another layer of bureaucracy that serves no purpose."

"I understood the whole purpose of the creation of BCP unitary authority was to maximise efficiency and reduce costs. Creation of another "council" seems to be totally counterproductive, creating an additional layer of bureaucracy and raising costs."

"BCP Council exist to look after the whole area. We do not need another level of bureaucracy in the area."

"The recommendations are seeking to bring in unnecessary layers of governance for no benefit other than BCP Council seeking to get others to do the job that they are paid to deliver."

"Broadstone already has a Neighbourhood Forum which was set up at considerable effort and expense and is currently doing a very good job."

While the general views of respondents was that the **number of councillors within the proposal is excessive** and that there are **already elected councillors** who should be responsible for serving the area, some respondents commented that the number of councillors seemed appropriate for the size of the area. Respondents commented that it was important that a **diverse mix of councillors** were elected, while there were concerns that there would not be enough suitably qualified candidates to fill the roles and be democratically elected.

"14 councillors seems excessive, lower population per councillor than other proposals."

"There is already more than enough people representing."

"Fourteen councillors seems balanced - it's enough to reflect different views and workload, without being excessive."

"To achieve a quota of 14 councillors as most people are too busy to be involved. You might get some retirees but they may not be representative of everyone locally."

104 respondents commented on the cost of delivering the recommendations. The majority of these respondents opposed the proposal due to it resulting in an **increase in council tax** which people cannot afford, particularly those on a pension. Respondents also commented that the proposals only mention the additional cost for the first year and expressed concern that there was **no limit** on how much it may increase in future years. Respondents also commented that the increase in costs meant they would essentially be **paying for the same service twice**, while some respondents questioned whether there would be a reduction in council tax paid to BCP Council if they no longer provide certain services.

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"The flyer promised it would only add an extra £5 per month. However that was caveated as "in year one", and for band D homes. Even that figure of £5 per month is another £60 per year."

"Will there be a reduction in the BCP council tax if they no longer provide certain local services?"

40 respondents commented on the consultation and decision process. These respondents commented that they do not understand what is being proposed and there is a **lack of detail and transparency** in the draft recommendations. Respondents also questioned the **motives of the proposals** and how they may benefit different political agendas. Respondents also commented on the **consultation process** and that there was a lack of awareness of it amongst residents, potentially skewing the response.

"I don't feel I have enough information about the exact powers this new parish council will have or how much it will cost. Exactly which decisions will this council be responsible for?"

"They will just be an expansion of the council and push political agendas and likely not independently representing the local community."

"The process is not democratic and questionable conflicts of interest are involved."

"Due to very poor communication and advertising of this proposal, I only knew that this was happening last week when a random flyer mixed in with lots of other junk flyers dropped through my door."

2.1.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

8 respondents who do not live in Broadstone commented that they were in general support of the draft recommendations and that **Broadstone has its own identity** and should be able to make decisions for its residents.

"Broadstone is a very clearly defined community in its own right, on the edge of BCP. It is excellently placed to establish a new Town Council which would be of great benefit to all its residents."

Conversely, 57 respondents who do not live in Broadstone were in general opposition to the draft recommendations. Respondents commented that they are **opposed to parish councils** and they are an unnecessary waste of time, resources and money.

"I disagree with the need for parish and town councils."

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"Waste of time and tax payers money."

31 respondents who do not live in Broadstone commented on the boundaries and allocation of areas to parishes and towns. Respondents commented that **Broadstone is part of Poole** and should not be separated from it. Respondents also **queried the designation of Broadstone** as a town, given its population, and if Broadstone is deemed appropriate to have its own council, other areas of Poole should be designated as separate parishes or towns. However, some respondents felt that the **proposed area was appropriate** for a separate town council, while others proposed it be extended to **include neighbouring areas** such as Waterloo Estate, Creekmoor, Canford Heath and Merley. Extensions to the proposed boundaries were also suggested. Some respondents suggested that there is **no need for four separate wards** in Broadstone. Respondents also commented that they **do not like the names** proposed for the four wards, particularly the area named 'Clump'.

"It's not right to alter the boundaries of the historic Borough of Poole. Broadstone has 'always' been a part of Poole and there is absolutely no reason to decide that it should be a town on its own."

"I am perplexed as to why Broadstone, with an electorate of around 8,000 according to the data provided, has been deemed to require the establishment of a Town Council with 14 councillors, while the rest of the Poole area, with a combined electorate in excess of 100,000, is `lumped together` into just one Town Council."

"The proposal is well judged in terms of the potential Town Councils size and ambition to serve it's community."

"Waterloo Estate, a large relatively densely packed population area are major users of the Broadstone facilities and should be consulted/included."

"Lower border line is uneven. Suggest that a straight line along Sopers Lane or Cabot Lane would be a more logical dividing line."

"No need for four areas in Broadstone, meaning significant additional costs."

"The names of the wards are not indicative of the actual areas. Better names are needed."

92 respondents who do not live in Broadstone commented on the administration and management of the area. The majority of these respondents are opposed to the added level of government and the **additional layer of bureaucracy** that will result. Respondents also commented on the **recently merged BCP Council** and that it was meant to simplify governance and reduce bureaucracy. Respondents commented that if BCP Council is failing it should **revert back** to the previous three separate councils instead. It is the **responsibility of BCP Council** to provide a high

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level of service in the area and the proposals mean that BCP Council pass the responsibility of service delivery to local areas and reduce their accountability. The proposals would also result in **confusion** amongst residents as to which council is responsible for different services, while the proposed council would have **limited powers** and responsibility. Respondents were also concerned that it would result in fragmentation and **inequity of service delivery**.

"Our area doesn't need another level of bureaucracy."

"The benefit of Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch merging into one body is to reduce costs and bureaucracy."

"If BCP doesn't work, revert back to 3 towns separately."

"Why create BCP to remove duplication just to devolve responsibility?"

"Creates general confusion as to who is responsible for all services. Does not help community cohesion. Improve your own performance before creating additional bureaucracy."

"Parish councils are damaging for BCP Council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, corruption and prevention the integrated transformation that the area needs."

The general views of respondents was that there are **too many councillors** proposed and that there are already elected councillors. Respondents commented that it was important that a diverse mix of councillors were elected.

"We do NOT need more councillors in the BCP area! The existing councillors should be trained to do a better job & not waste our taxes!"

"14 counsellors for a town this size is nuts."

"Parish councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area."

50 respondents commented on the cost implications of the draft recommendations. These respondents commented that the proposal involve **further costs to residents**, who would be paying for the same level of service delivery twice, there is a lack of detail on the cost implications and there is **no ceiling to future tax increases**. Some respondents commented that there should be a reduction in the BCP council tax and that cost savings should be made elsewhere.

"All these parishes will add yet further costs in local tax which overstretched tax payers will have to pick up."

"Council tax should be reduced and services improved."

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"There have been no costings whatsoever as to how much this will cost so how can anyone agree when no information given on exactly 1) what the new town and parish councils will do and 2) how much tax with NO ceiling increase will cost."

"Need to be cutting admin costs in current economic climate not adding to them."

20 respondents commented on the consultation and decision process. These respondents commented that there is a **lack of detail and transparency** in the draft recommendations and how they were decided. Respondents also questioned the **motives of the proposals** and how they may benefit different political agendas. Respondents also commented that a **public vote** was required to decide if the recommendations are implemented.

"This is being proposed and pushed by friends of councillors and local MPs."

"There is insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision on any of these draft recommendations. There is no indication of what services will be provided via the new parish/town councils. There is no indication of the total costs involved in setting up these parishes/councils, nor of the level of precept, nor of the possibility of precepts being increased well above the capped level of council tax."

"Changes should involve a whole authority referendum - not rely on councillor decisions."

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2.2 Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Broadstone.

243 respondents provided feedback to this question. 163 of these respondents live in Broadstone, while 80 of these respondents live outside of Broadstone.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	17	4	21
General opposition	44	37	81
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	14	13	27
Administration/management of decisions	71	28	99
Cost of delivery	37	21	58
Consultation/decision process	33	12	45
Other	8	2	10

2.2.1 Respondents living in proposal area

17 respondents who live in Broadstone commented on general support for the draft recommendations. Respondents commented that they felt it was a good idea, the **area has its own identity** and **gives more power to the local population** to address local concerns.

"It's a good idea - I support more autonomy for the local governance."

"I would like to see more power given to Broadstone users themselves."

In contrast, 44 Broadstone residents expressed general opposition to the draft recommendations. These respondents commented that **no changes are required** and that they were a **waste of time and money**.

"I would like to see the draft recommendations for Broadstone abolished as I regard there is no essential need for a Broadstone parish or Broadstone Town Council."

"A waste of money and should not go ahead."

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14 respondents commented on the proposed boundaries and allocation of parish/town council status. While these respondents commented that **Broadstone should be part of Poole**, one respondent commented that if it is not adopted it should not be subsequently merged with the proposed Poole Town Council. Other respondents commented that the **boundary should not change** from the current neighbourhood plan and should also **include Waterloo Estate**.

"I do not understand why Broadstone has been separated from Poole?"

"If this Broadstone Town Council does not go ahead as a standalone council, I would NOT agree to it being merged with the much larger Poole Town Council, I think that proposed council is already too large and diverse."

"Consideration should be given to including the Waterloo area in the Broadstone Town Council."

71 respondents who live in Broadstone commented on the administration and management of the area. These respondents are opposed to the added level of government and the **additional layer of bureaucracy** that will result. Respondents commented that it is the **responsibility of BCP Council** to provide a high level of service in the area and that they should not pass responsibility and accountability of service delivery to local areas. The proposals would also result in **confusion amongst residents** as to which council is responsible for different services. Respondents also commented that the draft recommendations defeat the object of the original **amalgamation of the three councils** into BCP Council. Some respondents commented that if change was to take place then the structure should **revert back to the original three councils**. Respondents also commented that the recommendations are unnecessary because the **Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum** already performs many of the tasks that the town council would perform.

"I strongly oppose having any additional layers of governance or administration."

"I would like BCP to do the work we already pay for, like maintaining the roads and ensuring the work that is carried has been completed to a national standard."

"This will detract from the single point of contact for issues to be resolved and add confusion to who is responsible for what which will inevitably lead to inaction as different organisations will point to each other for responsibility to deliver."

"The draft recommendations do not make a sufficiently strong case to persuade me that the formation of town councils is necessary only a few years after BCP was established in the pursuit of efficiency."

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"Disband BCP and revert back to the older system of separate councils for Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth. The economies of scale promised for BCP have not happened and this is the consequence."

"A lot of the 'benefits' a town council are alleged to bring to Broadstone are already taking place yearly such as Xmas Parade, Fun Day, new play park etc - what happens to the volunteer groups who already undertake these tasks?"

Respondents commented that the **number of councillors** within the proposal is excessive and that there are already elected councillors who should be responsible for serving the area. Respondents commented that it was important that a **diverse mix of councillors** were elected, while there were concerns that there would not be enough suitably qualified candidates to fill the roles. **Councillors should not hold dual roles** to ensure there is no conflict of interest. Some respondents expressed concern that the different number of councillors in each ward may create **inequalities** with some areas having a stronger voice and representation in decision-making.

"Our existing councillors should do the job they were elected for and not try to abdicate their responsibility to another bunch of likeminded enthusiastic spenders of other people's money."

"I would definitely like to see a mix of ages and genders. I would not feel very well represented if the council was exclusively made up of white retired people."

"Rather than having 14 councillors why don't we just have one as normal and ensure that they do not have a dual role as there is clearly a conflict of interest if one of the councillors is an MP."

"I would prefer for the wards to be more equal and therefore have an equal number of councillors for each ward - mainly for the reason of fairness, the current proposal means south Broadstone will have a majority over north Broadstone and I'm not particularly comfortable with that."

37 Broadstone residents commented on the cost of delivering the draft recommendations. Respondents commented that the changes appeared to be a way to increase council tax, adding **financial burden to local residents** who cannot afford it. These respondents expressed concern for a **lack of detail** with regards to the cost of the proposal and uncertainty of future precept and council tax increases. These respondents also commented that it was not clear how the additional councillors would be funded. Some respondents commented that savings should be made from **cuts elsewhere** within the existing council structure, there should be a reduction in council tax to reflect services being delivered through the town council and that the newly appointed councillors should be unpaid roles.

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"It seems like another way of forcing us to pay more money which we find difficult to afford."

"Who organises and pays for another election of more councillors?"

"I would support creation of a town council (even though we would effectively be paying twice for services) if it was clear what the precept would be and there was some sort of cap placed on future increases."

"I would like the 'councillor' role to be entirely unpaid, with no entitlement to expenses or allowances so as not to create an additional cost burden to residents, being as they are already paying councillors to do this work in BCP."

"Trim the fat from council, not increase the bureaucracy, administrative burden and costly set up."

33 respondents commented on the consultation and decision-making process. Respondents commented that the recommendations **lack sufficient detail** to make an informed decision, while the proposal was developed with a **lack of supporting evidence**. Respondents also felt that the council would not listen to the views of expressed in response to the consultation and the decision **should be voted for** at the next local elections. Respondents also commented that the changes are being forced on them by vocal political leads for their own gain. The consultation had **not been widely circulated** to residents and there is a view that the wording of the survey is not conducive to open feedback with an inbuilt assumption that the recommendations will be accepted. Respondents also felt that those putting the proposals forward should step aside or would be voted out at the next election.

"I would like to see the proposal held back until such time as there is enough information about what the role, powers, cost and remit of a Town Council would be, so that informed choices could be made."

"They should be shelved, if I am reading the report correctly you only had 3 responses and 2 of those negative so I can't understand why you are even doing this stage."

"It doesn't feel like anyone wants to listen to the survey and this has already been decided. You are treating the residents with contempt."

"Put in prospectus for next BCP elections and let the people speak."

"I believe these changes are being forced on us by vocal, political locals under a disguise of non-political for the residents."

"If you go ahead with this don't expect to be re-elected for the next term."

"The survey starts with a question that asks should we do it and all further questions assumes that we answer as if it's a done deal."

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8 respondents commented on **other local issues affecting Broadstone**, including the need for buses in the local area, addressing traffic issues, keeping Broadstone clean and tidy, reopening of public toilets and reinvigoration of the shops in Broadstone.

"I like to see Broadstone smart and clean. The verges mowed regularly, pavements and roads cleared of debris and dog mess, also the children's play area in the recreation ground needs some new groundwork as the ground under the swings and slides is treacherous when wet or icy."

"Maybe have more say in the type of shops available in the parade, really getting very boring with all the nail bars and Turkish barbers that have taken over. We used to have many diverse shops which proved a welcome shopping area."

"No additional 20mph streets in Broadstone. You are already causing traffic chaos by bad planning for road usage."

2.2.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

4 respondents who live outside of the proposed area commented their general support for the draft recommendations due to **existing civic pride and participation**.

"A proposal like this is long overdue for Broadstone. It does not sit in the centre of an urban conurbation in BCP and therefore misses out on some of the targeted projects in Poole or Bournemouth. A Town Council would allow the community flexibility and be an instrument of community diversity and imagination."

Conversely, 37 respondents commented that they were in opposition to the draft recommendations in general. These respondents felt that parish councils are **unnecessary and a waste of money**.

"Do not see what is to be gained from a parish council."

"A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services."

13 respondents commented on the boundary and allocation of areas to parish/town councils. These respondents felt that the **proposed area does not cover all of Broadstone** and does not align with existing polling districts, with areas such as Hillbourne and Creekmoor excluded when they should be incorporated within this proposal. Respondents also commented that Broadstone should either be included in the Poole Town Council area, or other similarly sized areas such as Merley and Creekmoor should be given parish council status as well.

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"Again relating to the southern border line. I live near Darby's Corner, and it seems to me that Broadstone is attempting to exclude 'riff raff' from Hillbourne and surrounding areas. For many people living below the southern border line, the Broadstone shops etc are nearer than those at Creekmoor."

"The proposal to combine polling district BS4-A with BS1 to form a parish ward raises concerns as it would not be coterminous with the BCP Council ward boundary."

"A separate parish for Broadstone would make better sense if Broadstone and Merley were also becoming separate parishes."

28 respondents commented on the administration and management of the draft recommendation. These respondents expressed opposition to the added level of government and the **additional layer of bureaucracy** that the merging of the three councils to form BCP Council was supposed to solve. Respondents also commented that it is the **responsibility of BCP Council** to provide a high level of service in the area and the proposals mean that BCP Council pass the responsibility of service delivery to local areas and reduce their accountability. The proposals would also result in **confusion** amongst residents as to which council is responsible for different services. Respondents were also concerned that it would result in fragmentation and **inequity of service delivery**.

"Would not want the creation of an additional tier in some parts of BCP that complicates provision, creates inconsistency and can be expected to lead to extra avoidable costs."

"BCP unitary authority, amalgamating Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth, was supposed to improve transparency, costs and bureaucracy. Creating parish/town councils will be adding another level of unnecessary bureaucracy and cost with no tangible benefit and worse accountability."

"BCP are required to manage their area, that's who I pay my council tax to."

"The need for a mid-level council is not required in BCP, simply because the incompetent BCP that is in place will push the blame out to the parish council."

"Creates general confusion as to who is responsible for all services."

"Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, corruption and prevention of the integrated transformation that the area needs."

"We need either parish councils or BCP, not both."

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The general view of respondents was that there are **too many councillors** proposed and that there are already elected councillors. Respondents also commented that it was important that a diverse mix of councillors were elected.

"We do NOT need more councillors in the BCP area! The existing councillors should be trained to do a better job & not waste our taxes!"

21 respondents who do not live in Broadstone commented on the cost of delivering the draft recommendations. Respondents commented that the changes add **more costs to residents** who cannot afford it with little or no benefit. These respondents also commented that there is a **lack of detail** with regards to the cost of the proposal. Some respondents commented that savings should be made from cuts elsewhere within the existing council structure and there should be a reduction in council tax to reflect services being delivered through a town council.

"This is an unnecessary cost for very little benefit."

"I would like to know how this is going to be funded. Will our council tax be reduced to pay for it? As it will take on more responsibility from BCP?"

"Cuts should be made to the central BCP staff or expenditure to pay for the proposed additional councillors should the decision be made to introduce the proposed new wards."

12 respondents commented on the consultation and decision-making process. Respondents commented that the draft recommendations were **politically motivated** to suit the needs of individuals, while respondents also commented that the options should be put to public vote at the next local elections.

"People are trying to circumvent the elected authority to suit their own politics."

"I recommend the plans be delayed until after the next election in 2027 and all decisions should be taken with a democratic vote and not just with a consultation which the council generally ignores the results of."

2 respondents made **other suggestions** for the area of Broadstone, including the maintenance of the local area and controls on the types of businesses that set up on the Broadway.

"I would like to see any changes that enhance the appearance of Broadstone. Since BCP took over it is looking uncared for and 'seedy' in places. Hopefully Broadstone town council would have the authority to intervene when private residential gardens encroach into public spaces."

"Would like to see stricter controls on what establishments are allowed on Broadway."

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Q38 – Please tell us the reasons for your answer whether you agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Redhill & Northbourne

Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
G1	Redhill & Northbourne	covers a smaller area with 3 councillors for same area. would like tot see more community activities in area that other areas have (not free)	Agree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
G2	Redhill & Northbourne	e, the should be greater detail explaining the difference between "community Style" council and other options.	Agree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
G3	Redhill & Northbourne	I don't think Ensbury Park should be included (g) and I think 3 councillors is excessive (i).	Agree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
G4	Redhill & Northbourne	I strongly agree with all the points put forward. It would give local area people more say in the future of their particular community .	Agree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
G5	Redhill & Northbourne	a - Council tax is already not value for money so I don't want to pay any more. All these things should already be convered as part of what we currently pay so I would be for it if there was no increase	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
G6	Redhill & Northbourne	'a' - Extra councillors would provide no benefit to the residents in my area. At a time when central government is seeking to amalgamate town and parish councils into larger entities I strongly disagree with BCP going in the opposite direction	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
G7	Redhill & Northbourne	A- There is no need for a parish council, councillors as this just weighs down the current system with more levels of beurocracy	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6

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G8	Redhill & Northbourne	a, d I disagree. Town and Parish councils should be removed as they add an unnecessary layer of councils for no added benefit. Equivalent roles and clear departmental structures already exist under BCP so these should be given the full remit to improve their own services, with existing precept payments being absorbed into these departmental budgets. Ward councillors already provide the representation to ensure community views and cohesion are considered in council decisions.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
G9	Redhill & Northbourne	a,d,e,g,h. These plans will add an extra layer to local governance that will bring no benefit. These plans will add confusion as to who is responsible. You should keep local governance simple, not make it more complicated. These plans will not improve services, they will make them more complicated.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5

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G10	Redhill & Northbourne	a. Disagree. Reasons: 1.Highly divisive action across BCP, promoting different levels of service throughout the conurbation. 2. Unnecessary additional level of bureaucracy 3. Resident confusion as to which councillor to contact, i.e one of the two BCP councillors, or one of the 9 proposed parish councillors. 4. Confusion as to who is responsible for services. 5. Confusion as to who is accountable for services. 6. Additional cost to residents without any clear advantages 7. Overall lack of resident support for the proposal which is considered to be unnecessary. 8. Contrary to the aims of Local Government Reform objectives to produce savings and efficiencies via consolidation of area services and organisations. b. Disagree Reasons: 1. The eastern boundary should remain co-terminus with the existing ward and parliamentary constituency boundary, i.e. along Redhill Avenue. The proposal to include Redhill Common with Redhill Park is not supported because the areas are distinctly different, i.e the Park is a public park and is maintained as such, but the land to the east of Redhill Avenue is a common, is not maintained as a public park, and the areas are clearly bisected by the Redhill Avenue Road. There are no valid reasons for changing the ward boundary at this location.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
G11	Redhill & Northbourne	a. I disagree with the general principle of adding more layers of local government. More councillors, more elections, Highcliffe parish and Christchurch Town councils serve no discernible purpose beyond adding another line to the council tax bill, and being a sop to those who believe that Christchurch should never have joined BCP in the first place and making a few people feel important. I don't want to be paying for one here the same.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5

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G12	Redhill & Northbourne	As BCP will eventually become part of a larger authority, ie BCP, Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire - it is irresponsible to have 3 tiers of council. This is all about raising money from the hard pressed council taxpayers. BCP cllrs need to be more honest about those reasons behind this ill-thought out move. We already have 76 cllrs to look after the 3 towns - we don't need more.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
G13	Redhill & Northbourne	BCP Council is already the democratically elected local authority responsible for this area, with two ward councillors who are directly accountable to residents. This structure ensures that local issues are represented without creating additional layers of bureaucracy or confusion. The current system works and already provides residents with accessible representation and a route to influence local decision-making. Introducing a parish council would duplicate responsibilities, add unnecessary complexity, and risk creating confusion about who is accountable for what. It would fragment governance and dilute the clarity of local democracy at a time when we should be aiming for more coherence and transparency, not less. Moreover, parish councils bring with them additional financial burdens. While not required to raise a precept, in practice they often do, as they can do little without one. This would result in higher council tax bills for residents in Redhill and Northbourne at a time when the cost of living is already a serious concern. Council tax is a regressive tax, and adding further charges would disproportionately impact those least able to pay. Establishing a parish council also risks entrenching inequality. More affluent areas may be able to raise higher precepts to fund better local services, while less affluent areas would struggle to keep up, undermining fairness across the wider community. BCP was created to unify our area, deliver services efficiently, and speak with one voice. Fragmenting that structure through new parish councils runs directly counter to its founding purpose. Redhill and Northbourne does not need a parish council—it needs to remain part of a strong, unified Bournemouth working together with the wider BCP community to build a fairer, more cohesive future.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6

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G14	Redhill & Northbourne	Disagree with the whole ideas	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
G15	Redhill & Northbourne	Don't need another layer. You stated at the point of the three councils merging was to stop waste and here we are trying to increase the costs to the taxpayers yet again.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
G16	Redhill & Northbourne	I strongly disagree that we need further bureaucracy within BCP area which would inevitably increase costs for the residents	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
G17	Redhill & Northbourne	I thought the whole idea of forming Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole into one council was to reduce bureaucracy and this proposal is a backwards step and is only going to cost more to the already struggling council tax payers.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6

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G18	Redhill & Northbourne	If it ain't broke don't fix it. Historically estimated extra costs are widely miscalculated. Think HS2!	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
G19	Redhill & Northbourne	Just another layer of bureaucracy that's not required, invest the money in Redhill Park	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
G20	Redhill & Northbourne	Just another level of Government!	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6

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G21	Redhill & Northbourne	POINT A. And all other related points. This is utterly unacceptable. BCP was founded with the promise of streamlining services and saving money — not inflating bureaucracy and expanding the number of councillors at further expense to already overburdened taxpayers. Time and again, the council overlooks obvious revenue opportunities — such as properly staffing the parking enforcement team to penalise illegal parking. This not only generates income but improves safety and order across the borough. While I fully appreciate the challenging financial landscape, it's unacceptable to keep turning to residents — who are already receiving poor value for their council tax — to plug the gaps. Proposals like this only deepen the public's frustration and erode trust in local leadership. It's time for the council to lead with efficiency and innovation, not continue down the well-trodden path of asking ratepayers to do more for less.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
G22	Redhill & Northbourne	There is absolutely no need for a Redhill and Northbourne Community Council. BCP Council is the local authority responsible for the ward, with two directly-elected ward councillors. This system works, and there is no need for a duplication of personnel and responsibilities.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
G23	Redhill & Northbourne	We used to come under Bournemouth Coucil which was changed to BCP council on the argument that combining Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole councils would be more efficient. We residents had no say in this. Now it seems new layers are to be added which undoubtably will make the council less efficient!!!! Why?	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6

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G24	Redhill & Northbourne	(a) Strongly agree – The Redhill and Northbourne area has a coherent sense of place, supported by distinct neighbourhood character and shared community assets. The establishment of a parish council would empower residents to shape local priorities and act as a representative body on issues such as parks, youth provision, planning, and community safety. (b) Agree – The inclusion of RN1–RN4 and a portion of MN1 is logical and balances practicality with local identity. The specific adjustment to include all of Redhill Park strengthens the sense of unity and corrects the current anomaly. (c) Agree – The proposed name accurately reflects the local geography and neighbourhood recognition. (d & e) Agree – A 'community' council style reflects the inclusive and grassroots nature of the proposal and sets an appropriate civic tone, particularly within the Bournemouth context where many residents may be less familiar with traditional 'parish' terminology. (f) Agree – The proposed name is practical, recognisable, and appropriate. (g, h & i) Agree – The three-ward structure, with equal representation (three councillors per ward), achieves strong electoral equality (with variances within -1.6% to +2.2%) and offers balanced representation for neighbourhoods with shared characteristics.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
G25	Redhill & Northbourne	(c) and (e) - I can't understand why Ensbury Park is being excluded from the proposed name for this parish, given that it's the most built-up and well-known/frequented of the three areas.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 2

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G26	Redhill & Northbourne	(e) The council should be named Redhill & Northbourne Parish Council in keeping with other parish councils and because that's what its function will be.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
G27	Redhill & Northbourne	[unknown]	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
G28	Redhill & Northbourne	1) Northbourne Ave is split one side of road Northbourne parish other side Kinson parish 2) It is wrong o split a road [unknown] 3) as the north implies 'Northbourne [unknown] shows but in Northbourne Parish - not Kinson. 4) The boundary line is easily [unknown] to enclose both sides of Northbourne ave. rearrange the area totally the boundary line.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 6
G29	Redhill & Northbourne	Agree	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4

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G30	Redhill & Northbourne	b - Council area should be larger e.g. include Kinson & Bearwood	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
G31	Redhill & Northbourne	B. See below - If the suggestion is taken up, then a new name would be needed.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
G32	Redhill & Northbourne	good sense of local community	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
G33	Redhill & Northbourne	I like devolved powers	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1

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G34	Redhill & Northbourne	I live in the area. I want local areas to have more say but unsure if it will make any difference in the long run	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
G35	Redhill & Northbourne	I think 2 Councillors per area should be enough	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
G36	Redhill & Northbourne	It should include keeble road/new road since bus are kinda of link to it up to ensbury bridge	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
G37	Redhill & Northbourne	This seems an unnecessary and potentially costly development which we really do not need. I am strongly against the changes	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 6

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G38	Redhill & Northbourne	Why change for change's sake?? Just to tick boxes??	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
G39	Redhill & Northbourne	(a) another tier of local government is not necessary	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
G40	Redhill & Northbourne	(a) I do not believe that there is a "community" of Redhill and Northbourne. There is just an arbitrary boundary drawn for election purposes. The community extends far beyond the polling districts specified. There is no centre to this proposed parish - no shops, no community buildings, just a beautiful park that is used by residents from this and neighbouring wards. I was a Parish Councillor for 25 years in another area and am in favour of Parish Councils but I do not think this proposal makes any sense. It will only cause problems for future residents if they are expected to pay for play facilities that are mostly used by people from outside the ward.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
G41	Redhill & Northbourne	(a) The current arrangements should remain in place and it should be left to the residents to instigate local parish councils if and when they feel the need. This will better reflect what residentials in the various areas want enabling them to define what they consider to be the identified boundaries of their community as well as identifying the issues that are specific to their areas – rather than having it imposed upon them.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0

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G42	Redhill & Northbourne	a - disagree with whole concept, extra cost and bureaucracy	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
G43	Redhill & Northbourne	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7
G44	Redhill & Northbourne	a to h. If there was not a Parish Council before, why do we need one now? Surely the area comes under BCP Council. There is no need for another tier of local Government it only confuses the local population.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
G45	Redhill & Northbourne	A waste of time	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 5

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G46	Redhill & Northbourne	a) and d) I don't believe we need an extra layer of admin and bureaucracy. I don't see a benefit to residents in establishing parish councils but I do see that there will be additional costs to residents, and BCP councillors will be less accountable for maintaining the separate local areas, and will pass the buck to parish councils for issues it finds too expensive or too difficult to deal with. What was the point in amalgamating the town councils into BCP if only to create a new sub-layer of councillors? I thought the larger council was meant to benefit from economies of scale, better purchasing power and reduced admin and bureaucracy. The creation of parish councils undermines the arguments for the creation of BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
G47	Redhill & Northbourne	a) Disagree with an extra tier of Local Government having had reorgansiations in 1997 and 2019. b) Extra tiers of Authority results in additional bureaucracy, duplication and cost. c) This leads to residents effectively paying twice for the same services d) Changes should involve a whole authority referendum not rely on Councillor decisions e) The total cost of local government can be expected to be higher in authorities with the additional tier of Town/Parish Councils f) Having sought to delayer local authority provision in 1997 and 2019 within BCP localities, for economy and efficiency reasons, the logical approach is to delayer not create additional layers of local authority	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
G48	Redhill & Northbourne	A) Disagree. An unnecessary extra expense for residents during a trying time. Unsure why this specific area needs it own council. What problems/needs does it have that Alderney for example does not? Why this area?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
G49	Redhill & Northbourne	a) I understand the states purpose of having a parish council for a part of town but splitting things down again after merging into BCP seems like a waste of time, it's feels like not that many people compared to the total population have actually expressed any interest and this is being done to appease individuals with nothing better to do.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 9

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G50	Redhill & Northbourne	a) It an unnecessary level of beauracy and an informal council parish council could be created under the existing charter system g)-h) The number of councilors should be less than present BCP councilors supprting the area	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
G51	Redhill & Northbourne	a) Merge it with Bournemouth Town Council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
G52	Redhill & Northbourne	a) My belief is there is not an appetite for a Parish or Community Council in Bournemouth as a whole and this CGR has generated a consultation to choose one or another. Instead I am of the opinion if to 'do nothing at all' was an option in the consultation then the majority of the consultation responses would be in favor of a 'change is unnecessary' response.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
G53	Redhill & Northbourne	a) to h) (all) I strongly disagree with the need for parish councils when we already have an amalgamated Council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7

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G54	Redhill & Northbourne	'a', 'd' More layers, more bureaucracy, more delays to implementing any initiative. Why create BCP to remove duplication just to devolve responsibility?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
G55	Redhill & Northbourne	A, I feel it a completely unnecessary burden of extra cost on existing bcp council tax payers when are services are already incredibly poor. D, would serve no benefit to local residents and will only further fund the demise of bournemouth and feed the greed of the local government and Council. G, further demonstrating the level greed mentioned above. More workers at inflated costs serving the same little purpose as those we already pay.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 2
G56	Redhill & Northbourne	a,b,c Redhill and Northbourne should not have a new parish council - there should not be new councils set up at extra cost, where there would be no benefit & possible increase in council tax	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
G57	Redhill & Northbourne	a,b,c,d and any other. Another layer of bureaucracy is not required in the BCP area. There is no rush to make a decision today or next year. If any party has reason to believe Community Governance is needed that subject can be part of the manifesto at the next local elections in May 2027.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8

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G58	Redhill & Northbourne	a,b,c,d,e,f :- The creation of parish councils is adding another layer of bureaucracy to the unitary authority of BCP which the bringing together of the 3 councils said it would avoid. We have local councillors that are elected to represent the views of the area they are elected too, and therefore this additional layer will add authority to those who are elected to represent our areas to the large unitary authority.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
G59	Redhill & Northbourne	a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h There is no need for further levels of administration. You haven't shown how this would benefit the local population or BCP as a whole. It just seems to be a way of diverting work from the existing council, making their lives easier at the expense of everyone else. We need a breakdown of cost benefits before something like this is proposed	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
G60	Redhill & Northbourne	a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h We have a Town Council which has council representatives for each area. We do not need more levels of administration but for existing Councillors to do their job and represent their ward to the Council with diligence and hard work on behalf of their electors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
G61	Redhill & Northbourne	a,b,d and f. I believe with the governments current proposals on local government we should not be considering any further changes in local government until the governments decisions on merging councils has been completed and we should take a lead from central government. We have no need for additional councillors and by introducing an additional council we will lengthen the time made for decisions, increase costs and will not provide any material benefit.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1

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G62	Redhill & Northbourne	a,b,d I don't think there should be a parish in this area as the council tax bill would increase far more than now with little benefit. If a parish was to be set up I think this one should include the Winton west area.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
G63	Redhill & Northbourne	A. Do not want this recommit to proceed as it is adding additional layers of bureaucracy and expenditure to achieve nothing.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
G64	Redhill & Northbourne	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
G65	Redhill & Northbourne	abolish the council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6

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G66	Redhill & Northbourne	Advise why BCP council are incapable of looking after the communities they were elected to represent without creating another layer of bureaucracy for residents to contend with. Instead of creating another system would it not be better for BCP to just get the job done. BCP was created to be more efficient and cost effective, If we are to have town and parish councils then BCP council should be disbanded and we should go back to just 3 separate town councils.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 2
G67	Redhill & Northbourne	Again this is a preposterously small area to have a parish council with no demonstrable sense of identity, as opposed to being a part of Bournemouth as a whole. If these Town/Parish councils were to exist, this should simply be a part of Bournemouth town council. It is a ludicrous suggestion that you'd have a "Chairman of Redhill & Northbourne" and unprecedented in all other urban areas of England & Wales.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8
G68	Redhill & Northbourne	Again. Just not needed.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
G69	Redhill & Northbourne	A-h) Council tax should be reduced and services improved	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1

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G70	Redhill & Northbourne	All - disagree with proposals	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
G71	Redhill & Northbourne	All - it is wrong for there to be any additional councils / councillors in any region. The current councillors of BCP have confidently put themselves forward to be voted in to run the local area based on the situation as it currently is / was, so now is the time to step up and put their money where your mouth is and solve the problems without causing more for the local residents. It would be highly inappropriate for this council to move the goalposts half way through their (massively underwhelming) term and create new entities. It's clear that given the appalling behaviour of the controlling alliance, that the move would purely be a vehicle to hack off the services that cannot currently be 'afforded' and all of these white elephants would be passed on to the new 'councils' at which point BCP would claim that they are in a great place whilst the new councils would be failing. I also have no doubt that the councillors and in particular the leader of BCP would constantly throw mud at the new entities and blame them for the inevitable shortcomings. The divisive nature of the Liberal Democrats in particular as well as the rest of the Three Towns Alliance means that nothing positive is ever achieved as they are too busy shirking accountability and blaming everybody else for their many failings. Any new council would also have the partisan issues that plague BCP Council and it isn't right at all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
G72	Redhill & Northbourne	All - why waste money on extra councillers, we have enough BCP members already. Also why can this area not be included in Bournemouth, if there has to be a parish council? Total waste of money.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3

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G73	Redhill & Northbourne	All of the above how much will it cost tax payers we can't afford another council tax rise	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 5
G74	Redhill & Northbourne	An un-necessary expense	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
G75	Redhill & Northbourne	Another layer of beauocracy paid for by the public purse	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 9
G76	Redhill & Northbourne	As someone who live in the outskirts of the area, but travels through and has a child who goes to school in the area, why? What benefits would there be? The red hill park is not going to be magically made better, the roads won't suddenly become better. In fact the opposite! Who do I report it too? The parish, the local "town" or bpc? Just no!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 5

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G77	Redhill & Northbourne	Bournemouth should have a single parish council covering the exact boundaries of the former Bournemouth Borough Council.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
G78	Redhill & Northbourne	Disagree with a,d,g and h. I do not believe there should be another layer of councils in Bournemouth. We went unitary as we were told it would be a more efficient way of government.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
G79	Redhill & Northbourne	Dissolve this council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
G80	Redhill & Northbourne	Do not need	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1

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G81	Redhill & Northbourne	Doesn’t need a parish council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
G82	Redhill & Northbourne	Don't see the need for another level of council at unjustified extra expense	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH11 8
G83	Redhill & Northbourne	h - far too many councillors	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
G84	Redhill & Northbourne	Have not read anything to suggest benefit of parish councils of any kind in current financial environment.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9

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G85	Redhill & Northbourne	I am against insofar as the reasons detailed in the Bournemouth Town response.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
G86	Redhill & Northbourne	I am happy for the existing parish councils to continue but disagree with the creation of any further parish councils being created within the BCP Area. The whole point of having a unitary authority was to have economies of scale with fewer staff and less costs. Why spend more money on a local government tier that has very limited power? It's just another layer of bureaucracy and cost.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
G87	Redhill & Northbourne	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
G88	Redhill & Northbourne	I disagree with all of these as I don't agree with Redhill and Northbourne being made into a Parish Council on its own. If town councils were to go ahead then Redhill and Northbourne should be a part of Bournemouth. If it is allowed to be on its own then all the wards of Poole and Bournemouth should also be separate.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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G89	Redhill & Northbourne	I disagree with all statements above. It is a further layer of Bureaucracy and funding.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
G90	Redhill & Northbourne	I disagree with the continuation of current parish and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish or town councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
G91	Redhill & Northbourne	I disagree with the parishing of Bournemouth as an idea. I think the division of communities is unhelpful and will not serve the interests of the people of Bournemouth well. I can see why people think it will, but without additional money via a precept, we will simply be adding a layer of bureaucracy. The precept adds an extra cost that people do not need. Our responsibility is to make BCP work, not hand parts of it over to someone else. Parishes are the least democratic form of local government, with a huge proportion of elections uncontested.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
G92	Redhill & Northbourne	I disagree with this extra layer of local government. It will be costly, and it will be a waste of time space and money.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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G93	Redhill & Northbourne	I disagree. I don't feel this is needed and I don't want to pay any further council tax than I already pay.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 6
G94	Redhill & Northbourne	I do not agree that any area requires a parish council. I believe that all functions should be carried out by BCP council. Anything more is an unnecessary complication and a waste of money. How are people supposed to know who does what? How can you ensure that the various parish councils act with any consistency?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
G95	Redhill & Northbourne	I do not agree that we should have any town/parish councils. If BCP it too large, revert to 3 separate councils agin.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
G96	Redhill & Northbourne	I do not see any benefits to the changes	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3

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G97	Redhill & Northbourne	I do not think parish councils would benefit anyone. It is just another layer of administration.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
G98	Redhill & Northbourne	I do not think that the constituents can afford to pay more than they already are for council tax. In the current economy people are already struggling to pay their overheads let alone fork out more, for what seems to be the same service they already receive, with no monetary cap on what can be charged. It's a terrible idea.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 9
G99	Redhill & Northbourne	I do not think that this should happen. The cost of this is extortionate and we have enough red tape as it is. most of the questions on this consultation indicate that it is going ahead no matter what.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH10 7
G100	Redhill & Northbourne	I don't think Bournemouth should have parish councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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G101	Redhill & Northbourne	I don't see the reason for a council separate from Bournemouth Town Council, as the area is too small for its own council.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
G102	Redhill & Northbourne	I don't understand why this area has been nominated for a parish/town council but Kinson which is a much more established and defined town area hasn't	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 8
G103	Redhill & Northbourne	I strongly disagree with a) and b) that a council with these boundaries be established within Bournemouth. I disagree with splitting up Bournemouth into smaller town councils. Bournemouth has long been made up of many communities all with a shared identity of being part of Bournemouth. We use green spaces, parks, the beach and shopping districts across Bournemouth, not only those closes to us. People in my area use and care about the whole stretch of seafront, transport networks, schools/colleges, green spaces, shops and the town centre, not just the bits closest to us. Creating new local government boundaries drawing lines between our areas will formalise and over time reinforce differences between communities and reduce community cohesion.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
G104	Redhill & Northbourne	I strongly disagree with the whole draft since the 3 councils have become BCP it is a complete mess when people say that you are going to get a much better service this is not true the council building in Bournemouth is a joke with a lot of people working from home. I would like to know what benefit would be to me as a resident having more councillors changing the borders no benefit what so ever the old saying is if it’s not broken don’t fix it.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7

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G105	Redhill & Northbourne	I think the whole proposal is utterly ridiculous. It would create three layers of government and dozens more councillors, all claiming thousands in expenses, yet with no real statutory powers. It won't replace BCP, so what's the point? Just hundreds more in council tax for absolutely nothing of value.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 6
G106	Redhill & Northbourne	I was under the impression that creating the BCP council was to reduce the overheads in local government. Introducing a new town council would seem to be an increase in costs and involve additional council tax for residents. At a time when council tax is at an all time high but public services are declining in the BCP area, this doesn't seem an appropriate move.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
G107	Redhill & Northbourne	Merge with Bournemouth	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
G108	Redhill & Northbourne	No convincing case has been to create a new and separate parish and parish Council.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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G109	Redhill & Northbourne	No need for parish or town councils - it’s just extra cost!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 2
G110	Redhill & Northbourne	Our area doesn't need another level of bureaucracy	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
G111	Redhill & Northbourne	Parish councils and, especially, parish councillors are NOT needed.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 8
G112	Redhill & Northbourne	Parish councils are an unnecessary administrative tier. They result in additional costs - without value for money - for council tax payers.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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G113	Redhill & Northbourne	Parish Councils are an unnecessary extra level of burocracy costing additional precepts to local people when the parish council does not have skilledexpertise to carry out duties that should be carried out by competent and trained staff. The environment is a good example. E.g. A parish council could never afford to have skilled expertise in environmental matters - something which is a core responsibility of the Unitary Authority.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
G114	Redhill & Northbourne	Parish councils are an unnecessary level of governance as the services they will provide are already covered by BCP. If we need Parish councils to have our community listened to, then maybe BCP should be disbanded instead and go back to individual town councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
G115	Redhill & Northbourne	Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, corruption and prevention the integrated transformation that the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
G116	Redhill & Northbourne	Parish councils are superfluous	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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G117	Redhill & Northbourne	Parish Councils generally attract Narcissists and mini Hitlers, who love the power and control, this position gives them in the community. Control over decisions and people that live in these areas. Procedure and following the system is everything, the end result is irrelevant. They have fragile egos and hate criticism. They are in control and you little people must go through me first, in fact, this whole community is under my influence and control.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
G118	Redhill & Northbourne	Parish councils represent unnecessary bureaucracy and are a waste of money.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
G119	Redhill & Northbourne	Please see comments on the wider issues (Bournemouth, Poole) re benefits of co-ordination, consistency and liaison across the conurbation plus the efficiency gains (to council(s) and residents) from having a single body address issues.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
G120	Redhill & Northbourne	Re a and d - the parish council should not be created. It is a waste of tax payers money and adds unnecessary bureaucracy. Public funds are right enough and we should be reducing this bureaucracy not increasing it. I do not think the areas that do have these already get good value for the extra money they pay.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2

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G121	Redhill & Northbourne	Red Hill will not benefit from these changes as there will be too much red tape to get any decisions made	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
G122	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill and Northbourne is already well served by pro active Councillors no need to waste money on another tier of administration.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
G123	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill and Northbourne would be too small and is not a contgious community. It should be a part of a North Bournemouth- or Bournemouth Town Hall	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
G124	Redhill & Northbourne	Should be part of an Independent Bournemouth Council or a ward of BCP	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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G125	Redhill & Northbourne	Strongly disagree against any and all town and/or parish councils. If the central Local Authroity cannot function in its current format, then you must disband BCP and hand responsibility back to the separate localities. We are facing a cost of living crisis, and forcing more cost onto the rate payer, especially at a time where BCP has swindled and wasted millions, is a recipe for disaster. I will personally see that if this is forced through that you will see similar to the Poll Tax. Do not do this.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
G126	Redhill & Northbourne	Strongly oppose Redhill being carved out of the rest of Bournemouth as a separate council.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
G127	Redhill & Northbourne	The area is too small to warrant a parish coucil of its own. Additionally , it is almost entirely residential , with no focus point or commercial sites , meaning it has little "community" relevance.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
G128	Redhill & Northbourne	The area is too small, and there is no established community.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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G129	Redhill & Northbourne	The bureaucracy and cost of additional layers of local government should be avoided wherever possible.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
G130	Redhill & Northbourne	There is insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision on any of these draft recommendations. There is no indication of what services will be provided via the new parish/town councils. There is no indication of the total costs involved in setting up these parishes/councils, nor of the level of precept, nor of the possibility of precepts being increased well above the capped level of council tax. There is no indication of the need for a clerk to the parish/town council, nor of the salary that this would incur. Whilst the expectation is that parish/town councillors will be appointed on a voluntary basis, there is no means of preventing them from voting to make salary payments out of the precept. Divisions into parish/town councils across the conurbation is likely to increase differences in levels of provision.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
G131	Redhill & Northbourne	There is no need for this further layer of government.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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G132	Redhill & Northbourne	These draft proposals will not improve Governance but will increase costs of Governance,	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 2
G133	Redhill & Northbourne	This adds additional layers which is inefficient and adds no added value. Responsibilities and accountability between council will become blurred. Creates new jobs, more councillors, more beauracy with zero benefit to local people. Over complicates.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 2
G134	Redhill & Northbourne	This represents another layer of bureaucracy throughout the area with additional costs. We have only just got rid of the ‘original’ layers of local government at considerable cost (although it was sold as a cost saving). Now you intend to set up all these additional layers. It implies the original decision was wrong - we end up paying for your mistakes!!!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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G135	Redhill & Northbourne	This whole thing is wrong! I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils There have been no costings whatsoever as to how much this will cost so how can anyone agree when no information given on exactly 1) what the new town and parish councils will do and 2) how much tax with NO ceiling increase will cost. The timing of this consultation is so wrong costing in excess of £100k when money could have been better spent. I strongly believe it's just a matter of creating 'jobs for the boys' . . . Or should I say girls in this instance! This survey and completing it is so very onerous. That too is disgusting and it's obviously relying on people to not bother giving their views as it's too difficult DISAGREE	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
G136	Redhill & Northbourne	Throop and Holdenhurst should be amalgamated with this with less than your recommended amount of councillors to stop you charging the rate payers extortionate council tax rises to pay over the odds pay	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
G137	Redhill & Northbourne	Unnecessary additional costs	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1

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G138	Redhill & Northbourne	Unnecessary layer of bureaucracy	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
G139	Redhill & Northbourne	unnecessary unwanted vanity project	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH15 2
G140	Redhill & Northbourne	Waste of Money, should be covered under by BCP	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
G141	Redhill & Northbourne	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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G142	Redhill & Northbourne	We do NOT need more councillors in the BCP area! The existing councillors should be trained to do a better job & not waste our taxes! They should control their funds instead of going into huge debt & asking schools to subsidise their debt. The system needs to be simplified NOT further complicated. Further councillors means more expensive council tax for NO PURPOSEFUL REASON- just more people doing a bad job. This is an unnecessary cost for zero benefit.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
G143	Redhill & Northbourne	We don't need Parish Councils.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
G144	Redhill & Northbourne	we have enough council governance as a tri borough council (BCP) and do not need another level of governance.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5
G145	Redhill & Northbourne	This is an additional level of bureaucracy which will add additional costs which are completely unaffordable	Don't know/not sure	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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G146	Redhill & Northbourne	G,H I think 9 councillors is too many you will never get anything done (too many cooks in the kitchen)	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 2
G147	Redhill & Northbourne	I am concerned that neighbourhoods such as Charminster will once again be left behind if other neighbourhoods get this status.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8
G148	Redhill & Northbourne	It is not for Electoral Services to comment on these questions	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
G149	Redhill & Northbourne	The problem with the Draft recommendations are their incredible inconsistency. Why should any comparably sized area be treated differently? Such a situation is inherently unfair and undemocratic. An argument might be made for treating 'rural' areas slightly differently if any can be reasonably defined within BCP but this seems unlikely.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3

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G150	Redhill & Northbourne	A very good idea	Agree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
G151	Redhill & Northbourne	BCP – please stop trying to reinvent the wheel. We already have councillors and we don't need anymore.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
G152	Redhill & Northbourne	BCP has recently and very effectively, in my opinion, combined three areas into one. I'm at a loss as to why the council are now looking to break it down into even smaller entities than it originally had. Redhill and Northbourne have sufficient councillors for the residents needs.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
G153	Redhill & Northbourne	Don't do it, we don't need it. And these comments apply equally to all areas.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
G154	Redhill & Northbourne	Parish councila are unnecessary and will add further costd to the councils budget and council taxes will rise.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6

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G155	Redhill & Northbourne	The residents of Redhill should not have the whole burden of the cost of maintaining the paddling pool. It is used by children from a minimum of 4 other wards who must share the cost. It cannot be called a community council. There is NO community here - there is Redhill, Ensbury Park, Northbourne and East House - all separate entities.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
G156	Redhill & Northbourne	The Ward Northern boundary should be extended westward along Wimborne Road to the East Howe Lane junction, then southward along East Howe Lane to join the existing boundary at the junction of East Howe Lane and Leybourne Avenue. This action would encompass a small area of Northbourne currently part of Kinson Ward, but where residents identify as being part of the Northbourne Ward. This anomaly has existed for many years and was created when the electoral boundary was created to balance the electoral numbers, but did not account for the fact that all residents in this area identify with living in Northbourne. Geographically the area is not in the Kinson area as reflected by the name of The Northbourne Shopping Parade, Northbourne Church, Northbourne Day Centre (now demolished), Northbourne Carvery, Northbourne Surgery, etc. Should the proposals for creating a Redhill and Northbourne Parish go ahead, it would be wrong to exclude residents who are part of the Northbourne Community, from the newly formed parish. This change was presented to the O&S Board but was rejected by the Kinson Ward Councillors on the Board on the basis that hey did not agree with any Parishes being created, as opposed to the basis of the rationale presented here.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
G157	Redhill & Northbourne	These plans will bring no benefit to the residents, so should be scrapped.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
G158	Redhill & Northbourne	This sems to be a complete waste of money!!	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5

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G159	Redhill & Northbourne	We already pay our council tax. So as far as I am concerned why should I pay TWICE for services that should be supplied by YOU THE COUNCIL.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
G160	Redhill & Northbourne	Yes just revert back to Bournemouth Council.The merging of the 3 councils has obviously not worked	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
G161	Redhill & Northbourne	Yes. Don't do it.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
G162	Redhill & Northbourne	You have to be joking with this proposal, but unfortunately I do not find it funny.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living in proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
G163	Redhill & Northbourne	Both sides of Northbourne Ave showed but in the Nourthbourne Parish NOT one side of the [unknown] in Northbourne parish that other in Kinson Parish.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 6

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G164	Redhill & Northbourne	Include keeble road and new road up to ensbury bridge to boundary for northbourne as bus are kinda of link to it	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
G165	Redhill & Northbourne	Looking at the map, the Kinson area should be moved from the Bournemouth area to this area. This is because local issues to the Kinson area are very likely to affect the Redhill & Northbourne areas as well.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
G166	Redhill & Northbourne	No	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
G167	Redhill & Northbourne	No	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
G168	Redhill & Northbourne	No	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1

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G169	Redhill & Northbourne	No	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
G170	Redhill & Northbourne	Perhaps the area should include a slice of Northbourne off East Howe Lane to form a better parish boundary. They consider themselves Northbourne	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
G171	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill and Northbourne residents have consistently demonstrated strong levels of community involvement, from Friends groups to schools, churches, and local campaigns. A community council would provide democratic legitimacy and coordination to that energy. To ensure early success, BCP Council should commit to providing structured onboarding and induction support to new councillors—particularly in governance, budgeting, and project management. Additionally, as with other emerging councils, a clear framework for asset transfer, service delegation, or partnership working should be made available well in advance of the first meeting of the new council. If implemented carefully, the Redhill and Northbourne Community Council could serve as a model of active local democracy in an urban setting.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
G172	Redhill & Northbourne	Yes - the best course of action is to send them to the recycling centre.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 6

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G173	Redhill & Northbourne	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7
G174	Redhill & Northbourne	a) Merge it with Bournemouth Town Council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
G175	Redhill & Northbourne	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
G176	Redhill & Northbourne	All of the draft proposals should be rejected	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
G177	Redhill & Northbourne	All services should be provided by existing BCP Council. Existing Councillor representation is adequate	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH11 8

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G178	Redhill & Northbourne	As above	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
G179	Redhill & Northbourne	BCP or parish councils, not both	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
G180	Redhill & Northbourne	BCP unitary authority, amalgamating Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth, was supposed to improve transparency, costs and bureaucracy. Creating parish/town councils will be adding another level of unnecessary bureaucracy and cost with no tangible benefit and worse accountability. BCP has just appointed a new CEO; consideration should be given to allowing this person to attempt to improve the current running of the unitary authority before any changes are implemented. No decisions should be made before 2027 and then only following a referendum.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
G181	Redhill & Northbourne	Council tax should be reduced and services improved	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
G182	Redhill & Northbourne	Disagree with proposals	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
G183	Redhill & Northbourne	Disagree with the concept of creating an additional tier of local authority administration, having sought to delayer the Council in 1997 and 2019 for economy and efficiency reasons. Any change should involve a referendum Disagree for reasons given in previous question	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
G184	Redhill & Northbourne	Disband BCP Council and go back to just having Bournemouth Council who looked after Bournemouth a lot better than BCP have ever done	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 2
G185	Redhill & Northbourne	Do not need	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
G186	Redhill & Northbourne	Doesn’t need a parish council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
G187	Redhill & Northbourne	Don't do it.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
G188	Redhill & Northbourne	Existing councillors could be given small budgets and officer help to pursue projects useful for their wards.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
G189	Redhill & Northbourne	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
G190	Redhill & Northbourne	I disagree with the continuation of current parish and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish or town councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
G191	Redhill & Northbourne	I disagree with the need for parish and town councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
G192	Redhill & Northbourne	I lived in this area for 60 years, why does it need an extra level of administration. I suspect this is a way of BCP council ofloading respoonsibilities which they say they can't afford.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
G193	Redhill & Northbourne	I will confess to being furious when I received the leaflet about these new proposals. It hasn't been long since we saw a significant hike in council tax because the council couldn't afford to properly fund essential services like schools and social care — and now you're proposing to waste even more public money on paying expenses to extra councillors we simply do not need. I would strongly suggest scrapping this proposal and instead focusing on the far more urgent and pressing issues affecting the town. The council is already under severe financial strain, anticipating further cost increases due to the rising National Living Wage and National Insurance contributions. It has admitted struggling to meet the growing demand for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) support, leading to a worrying deficit. On top of that, there are real concerns about potential cuts to school budgets — described by many as 'terrifying'. This proposal is ill-timed, unnecessary, and unaffordable. Residents deserve solutions to existing problems, not another layer of costly bureaucracy.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 6
G194	Redhill & Northbourne	I would like to leave it as it is.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
G195	Redhill & Northbourne	If it ain't broke don't fix it	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 5
G196	Redhill & Northbourne	If this area is to be "parished" it would make more sense if it was part of a larger parish, perhaps including Wallisdown and Winton West as well as Moordown, although I can see that it will be difficult to establish boundaries.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
G197	Redhill & Northbourne	It is an unnecessary cost and just adds another layer of Bureaucracy	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
G198	Redhill & Northbourne	It would be better for the area to come under a Bournemouth Town Council.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
G199	Redhill & Northbourne	Leave things as they are as despite the hollow words from BCP council, this is clearly going to end up costing residents money that simply cannot be afforded in a cost of living crisis. If the current incumbents are unable to work within the constraints as they currently exist, then they should resign en masse and make way for competent people who can. This is nothing but a transparent vehicle to screw the local residents. You say that there will not be any additional cost, but that is a blatant lie. You will bring in a precept to begin with and that will go up and up and up year on year , totally unchecked and the people of the BCP region will be the ones to pay for it. It's unacceptable that you would do something like this without a referendum (which you clearly won't as you already know what the outcome would be and you don't like listening to people who disagree with you). BCP Council is a repugnant organisation, badly run by incompetent councillors with no honesty, integrity or decency. You are an embarrassment to the local people and you should be totally and utterly ashamed of yourselves (but I doubt you have the decency to feel that way either). Shame on you all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
G200	Redhill & Northbourne	Less bureaucracy and transparency is required from BCP with more action from those already elected, not more	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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G201	Redhill & Northbourne	Local people cannot afford any more council tax and will not be valued for money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
G202	Redhill & Northbourne	Merge with Bournemouth	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
G203	Redhill & Northbourne	NA	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
G204	Redhill & Northbourne	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
G205	Redhill & Northbourne	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7

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G206	Redhill & Northbourne	No	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
G207	Redhill & Northbourne	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
G208	Redhill & Northbourne	No community demand for a separate council in Redhill & Northbourne	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
G209	Redhill & Northbourne	No.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
G210	Redhill & Northbourne	Once the government has completed it's latest round of local government reorganisation then this should be revisited particularly as we do not know whether the national government as part of the efficiency reorganisation my abolish them nationally	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
G211	Redhill & Northbourne	Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, corruption and prevention the integrated transformation that the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
G212	Redhill & Northbourne	People are trying to circumvent the elected authority to suit their own politics	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
G213	Redhill & Northbourne	Proposals,are,ridiculous,	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 2
G214	Redhill & Northbourne	Scrap it.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
G215	Redhill & Northbourne	Stop creating more layers of inefficiencies and concentrate on fixing existing issues within BCP. Start withe the basics and not deflect by creating a new element which will increase existing issues. Go back to basics.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 2

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
G216	Redhill & Northbourne	Strongly disagree against any and all town and/or parish councils. If the central Local Authroity cannot function in its current format, then you must disband BCP and hand responsibility back to the separate localities. We are facing a cost of living crisis, and forcing more cost onto the rate payer, especially at a time where BCP has swindled and wasted millions, is a recipe for disaster. I will personally see that if this is forced through that you will see similar to the Poll Tax. Do not do this.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
G217	Redhill & Northbourne	The Council has no money to waste	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 5
G218	Redhill & Northbourne	The draft recommendation fail to explain any benefit whatsoever to the residents, workers or visitors to the area, just duplication and additional bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
G219	Redhill & Northbourne	the recommendations are driven by a small response of the 7625 electorate. ie if a proposal/delegation/submission to CGR was less than 76 individuals it would be less than 1% of the electorate. in no way is this representative of the communities and would be dismissed if it were a referendum on such a change for either of in this CGR	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
G220	Redhill & Northbourne	These proposals hack off the "nice areas" and leave the less affluent/ less beautiful areas all lumped together. It feels like I am being "partitioned"! d together.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4

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G221	Redhill & Northbourne	This area should not be separated from the rest of Bournemouth. The division with Kinson is entirely artificial.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
G222	Redhill & Northbourne	This is something we just don’t have a big need for.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 6
G223	Redhill & Northbourne	This isn't a town it's just a random selection of wards	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 8
G224	Redhill & Northbourne	This whole thing is wrong! I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils There have been no costings whatsoever as to how much this will cost so how can anyone agree when no information given on exactly 1) what the new town and parish councils will do and 2) how much tax with NO ceiling increase will cost. The timing of this consultation is so wrong costing in excess of £100k when money could have been better spent. I strongly believe it's just a matter of creating 'jobs for the boys' . . . Or should I say girls in this instance! This survey and completing it is so very onerous. That too is disgusting and it's obviously relying on people to not bother giving their views as it's too difficult	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
G225	Redhill & Northbourne	Total waste of time and , OUR, taxes. If adopted will create a gaggle of overbearing, jumped up little.....I won't write the noun, but you get my meaning don't you?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 8
G226	Redhill & Northbourne	Town councils have very limited powers, therefore the return on investment in terms of actual services delivered under a Town Council would be minimal. It would be far more cost effective for BCP to improve their own services. I am totally against the above proposal.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
G227	Redhill & Northbourne	Town or Parish Councils are not required as it/they will only introduce another layer of bureacracy which will add to increased taxes at a time of hardship for many. Leave things alone until at least the next Local Elections	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
G228	Redhill & Northbourne	unnecessary unwanted vanity project	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH15 2
G229	Redhill & Northbourne	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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G230	Redhill & Northbourne	We do NOT need more councillors in the BCP area! The existing councillors should be trained to do a better job & not waste our taxes! They should control their funds instead of going into huge debt & asking schools to subsidise their debt. The system needs to be simplified NOT further complicated. Further councillors means more expensive council tax for NO PURPOSEFUL REASON- just more people doing a bad job. This is an unnecessary cost for zero benefit.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
G231	Redhill & Northbourne	We do not need parish councils as well as BCP. That is unnecessary, costly and would lead to certain matters not being considered by either.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
G232	Redhill & Northbourne	We don't need Parish Councils.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
G233	Redhill & Northbourne	Yes, it's utter monesense and unnecessary and an exorbitant waste of funds. Try not miss managing the funding you currently get from extortionate high illegal council tax payments. Fund the local community properly by showing an jbterest in families in the community.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 2
G234	Redhill & Northbourne	I am concerned that neighbourhoods such as Charminster will once again be left behind if other neighbourhoods get this status.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
G235	Redhill & Northbourne	I am not either agreeing or disagreeing with this proposal, but just wishing to comment that I feel a separate parish for Redhill and Northbourne detracts from the creation of an effective and convenient boundary for a Bournemouth Town Council, either now or in the future. I agree it is worth consulting on but I believe we should not create this parish unless there is very strong support from local residents.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
G236	Redhill & Northbourne	The proposal to include part of Moordown Ward in this parish to encompass the whole of Redhill Park raises concerns. Whilst there are currently no properties in the area, if there were in future, electors would be voting for different BCP Council and parliamentary areas. This would increase the margin for error in polling stations and make administering the elections more complex. This could be resolved by requesting a related alteration from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to the boundary between the Redhill and Northbourne and Moordown BCP Council wards to make this coterminous with the proposed parish boundary. If a related alteration cannot be approved, then part of MN1 should not be included in the proposed parish.	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
G237	Redhill & Northbourne	This is probably the most obvious example of the arbitrary nature of the recommendations. The is absolutely no reason for Redhill & Northbourne to be a parish that could not be applied to Winton, Moordown, Kinson or any other area of BCP. Indeed it could be equally argued that this could be two parishes. The recommendations are ridiculous as proposed.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3

Community Governance Consultation

August 2025

Redhill & Northbourne

Research and Consultation Team

Qualitative Analysis and Report by Darmax Research

Executive Summary

BCP Council are consulting on draft proposals to create new parish, town and community councils across Bournemouth and Poole and to make some small changes to the existing town/parish arrangements in Christchurch.

Before any decisions are made, the council sought the views of local residents on setting up a new parish council in Redhill and Northbourne.

This report summarises the free-text responses to the consultation.

Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Results

Reasons for agreement/disagreement

Respondents were asked to provide their reasons for why they agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Redhill and Northbourne.

147 respondents provided feedback to this question. 23 of these respondents live in Redhill and Northbourne, while 124 live outside of the proposal area.

Feedback from residents of Redhill and Northbourne was mixed but generally more negative than positive. A small number welcomed the proposal, citing the opportunity for residents to have a greater say in shaping their community. However, most opposed the creation of a parish council, arguing it was unnecessary and provide little benefit.

Respondents raised a number of administrative concerns. Respondents argued that BCP Council had only recently been formed to reduce bureaucracy, and that introducing further layers of governance so soon was a backward step. Parish councils were likely to create inequalities between communities, while the number of proposed councillors was also seen as excessive, with existing representatives already considered sufficient.

Residents expressed opposition to paying higher council tax or precepts, while some respondents also criticised the consultation process, describing it as lacking detail and clarity. They felt insufficient explanation was given for the proposals, particularly when central government is encouraging councils to consolidate rather than fragment.

Feedback from non-residents was broadly more critical. While a small number supported the proposals on the grounds of community identity and stronger local

representation, the majority opposed them. Non-residents felt the proposals were unnecessary and costly.

Concerns from non-residents also centred on boundaries, with many arguing that Redhill and Northbourne were too small to warrant their own parish and should instead fall within Bournemouth Town Council or be merged with surrounding areas such as Throop, Holdenhurst, or Kinson. Others questioned why some areas had been selected for parish status while others were not.

As with residents, administrative issues dominated. Respondents felt the proposals would confuse accountability, duplicate services, and undermine the purpose of creating BCP Council. Many suggested that if the current structure was failing, the solution should be to revert to the three former councils rather than creating numerous small parish councils. Cost concerns were again raised, particularly around increased precepts without clear ceilings on future rises.

The consultation process was also criticised by non-residents for lacking detail, with some doubting whether feedback would meaningfully influence decisions.

Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Redhill and Northbourne.

77 respondents provided further comments, including 13 from within Redhill and Northbourne and 64 from outside the area.

A very small number of residents living in the proposed area expressed support, describing the proposals as a good idea. The majority, however, opposed the draft recommendations, viewing them as unnecessary, costly, and unlikely to bring benefit.

Administrative concerns included unfair cost burdens on local residents (such as maintaining shared facilities like the Redhill paddling pool). Boundary changes were also suggested, including extending the parish to cover areas more closely identified with Northbourne.

Cost was again a recurring issue. Residents argued that they already pay council tax and should not be asked to pay twice for the same services.

A small number of respondents living outside the proposal area expressed support, citing Redhill and Northbourne’s active community identity. Most, however, were opposed to the draft recommendation. Respondents criticised the proposals as wasteful and unnecessary.

Respondents argued that parish councils create bureaucracy, confusion, and inequality between areas, while BCP Council should remain fully responsible for services. Many felt existing councillor representation was already adequate.

Cost concerns were again common, with respondents highlighting that many local residents could not afford additional council tax increases.

Boundary concerns were also raised, with suggestions that Redhill and Northbourne should form part of Bournemouth Town Council, or alternatively be merged with nearby areas such as Winton, Wallisdown, or Kinson. Some questioned why Redhill and Northbourne had been recommended for parish status while similar areas had not.

The consultation process attracted criticism. Respondents described it as unrepresentative, lacking evidence, and politically driven. Respondents also called for the matter to be decided by public vote at the next local elections.

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1 Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Qualitative responses (write in text) to questions were exported into Excel and were thematically analysed. The most common themes are reported on in this report. Anonymised quotes from participants have been used to illustrate the themes identified.

Please note that while the purpose of qualitative data is to provide deeper insights into reasoning and impact rather than to quantify data, the numbers of respondents who mentioned the most prevalent themes are provided in this report to give an indication of the magnitude of response. However, given the nature of qualitative data, it should be noted that this does not provide an indication of significance in relation to the question asked.

In addition, where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories. Where a response makes several different points, only the relevant part to the discussed theme is shown in the report.

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2 Analysis and results

2.1 Reasons for agreement/disagreement

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Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	1	5	6
General opposition	6	54	60
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	1	26	27
Administration/management of decisions	18	68	86
Cost of delivery	6	31	37
Consultation/decision process	4	11	15
Other	0	0	0

2.1.1 Respondents living in proposal area

1 respondent expressed general support for the proposal, highlighting that a local council could give people **more say in the future of their community**. However, 6 respondents voiced opposition to the proposals, commenting that there was **no need for a parish council** here or elsewhere in the conurbation. 1 respondent commented that they did not think Ensbury Park should be included in the proposal.

"I strongly agree with all the points put forward. It would give local area people more say in the future of their particular community."

"There is absolutely no need for a Redhill and Northbourne Community Council."

18 respondents raised concerns about administration and decision-making. These respondents felt that creating another council would simply add an **extra layer of**

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governance and bureaucracy without tangible benefits, complicating responsibilities, add delays, and create inefficiency. Several argued that **BCP Council was only recently formed** and should be allowed to prove its effectiveness before further governance layers were introduced. Parish councils would also lead to **different levels of service** being provided throughout the conurbation. Respondents also commented that extra councillors would provide **no additional benefit** and that existing councillors already serve the local area.

"I thought the whole idea of forming Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole into one council was to reduce bureaucracy and this proposal is a backwards step."

"These plans will add confusion as to who is responsible. You should keep local governance simple, not make it more complicated."

"1. Highly divisive action across BCP, promoting different levels of service throughout the conurbation. 2. Unnecessary additional level of bureaucracy. 3. Resident confusion as to which councillor to contact, i.e. one of the two BCP councillors, or one of the 9 proposed parish councillors."

6 respondents commented on cost implications and that they did not want to have to pay **additional council tax** or precepts as a result of an additional layer of governance.

"I strongly disagree that we need further bureaucracy within BCP area which would inevitably increase costs for the residents."

"Council tax is already not value for money so I don't want to pay any more."

4 respondents criticised the consultation process, arguing that it **lacked detail** regarding the reasons behind the proposals and what the differences were between community, parish and town councils. Respondents also commented that the proposals were **ill-thought-out** considering central government is trying to streamline councils into larger entities.

"BCP Cllrs need to be more honest about those reasons behind this ill-thought out move."

"The should be greater detail explaining the difference between "community style" council and other options."

"At a time when central government is seeking to amalgamate town and parish councils into larger entities I strongly disagree with BCP going in the opposite direction."

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2.1.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

5 respondents expressed support, noting that the area has a **distinct sense of community** and local councils give residents a stronger say in local issues.

> *"The Redhill and Northbourne area has a coherent sense of place, supported by distinct neighbourhood character and shared community assets. The establishment of a parish council would empower residents to shape local priorities and act as a representative body on issues such as parks, youth provision, planning, and community safety."*

However, 54 respondents voiced opposition. They argued that the area **did not need a parish council**. Respondents were also opposed to parish councils in general and feel they are a waste of money.

> *"If there was not a Parish Council before, why do we need one now? Surely the area comes under BCP Council."*
>
> *"Parish councils and, especially, parish councillors are NOT needed."*

26 respondents raised boundaries concerns. Respondents felt that the **area was too small** to warrant its own parish, while respondents felt that it should **remain within the Bournemouth Town Council area**. It was also suggested that it could be **merged with other areas**, including Throop and Holdenhurst, Kinson and Bearwood. Other respondents questioned why it was deemed appropriate for a parish council when **other areas** such as Kinson and Charminster were not. Respondents also made suggestions for alternative names for the parish.

> *"I don't see the reason for a council separate from Bournemouth Town Council, as the area is too small for its own council."*
>
> *"I don't understand why this area has been nominated for a parish/town council but Kinson which is a much more established and defined town area hasn't."*
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> *"The council should be named Redhill & Northbourne Parish Council in keeping with other parish councils and because that's what its function will be."*
>
> *"I can't understand why Ensbury Park is being excluded from the proposed name for this parish, given that it's the most built-up and well-known/frequented of the three areas."*

68 respondents raised concerns about administration and decision-making. The most common view was that adding a **further layer of governance** and bureaucracy would confuse responsibilities between BCP and new councils, slow down delivery, and risk greater **inequality** across the conurbation. Others suggested that governance had **only recently been reorganised** with the creation of BCP

Council, and introducing further structures so soon would add unnecessary complexity. In contrast, other respondents argued that the solution was to **return to the former Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch councils**, rather than introducing multiple small-scale councils. Respondents felt that resources would be better used to improve existing services rather than funding additional councillor allowances and administration. Respondents also commented that the **number of proposed councillors** was too many, while the area is already well served by proactive councillors. Respondents were also concerned about the profile of parish councillors and that seats may be uncontested.

"I was under the impression that creating the BCP council was to reduce the overheads in local government. Introducing a new town council would seem to be an increase in costs and involve additional council tax for residents."

"Responsibilities and accountability between council will become blurred."

"I think 9 councillors is too many you will never get anything done."

"Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, corruption and prevention the integrated transformation that the area needs."

"Redhill and Northbourne is already well served by proactive councillors no need to waste money on another tier of administration."

31 respondents raised cost concerns, pointing to the **financial burden** of additional precepts without clear safeguards against future rises.

"An unnecessary extra expense for residents during a trying time."

"I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils. There have been no costings whatsoever as to how much this will cost so how can anyone agree when no information given on exactly 1) what the new town and parish councils will do and 2) how much tax with NO ceiling increase will cost."

11 respondents criticised the **consultation process**. They described it as poorly explained and questioned whether resident views would genuinely influence the outcome.

"There is insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision on any of these draft recommendations. There is no indication of what services will be provided via the new parish/town councils."

"I am of the opinion if to 'do nothing at all' was an option in the consultation then the majority of the consultation responses would be in favour of a 'change is unnecessary' response."

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2.2 Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Redhill and Northbourne.

77 respondents provided feedback to this question. 13 of these respondents live in Redhill and Northbourne, while 64 of these respondents live outside of Redhill and Northbourne.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	1	2	3
General opposition	7	32	39
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	1	13	14
Administration/management of decisions	4	25	29
Cost of delivery	3	10	13
Consultation/decision process	0	12	12
Other	0	0	0

2.2.1 Respondents living in proposal area

1 respondent expressed general support for the proposal, believing that it is a **good idea**. In contrast, 7 respondents voiced general opposition. These respondents felt that a parish council would add **little benefit** to local residents.

"These plans will bring no benefit to the residents, so should be scrapped."

4 respondents raised concerns about administration and decision-making. While 1 respondent commented that the **recent merger** to form BCP Council has been successful so the proposed was not required, a separate respondent felt that the council should revert back to its previous three town councils. 1 respondent felt that it was unfair that Redhill residents have the **sole burden of paying for the maintenance of the paddling pool** when it is used by people from across the entire conurbation. Respondents also commented that the area is **already served by councillors**.

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"BCP has recently and very effectively, in my opinion, combined three areas into one. I'm at a loss as to why the council are now looking to break it down into even smaller entities than it originally had. Redhill and Northbourne have sufficient councillors for the resident's needs."

"Just revert back to Bournemouth Council. The merging of the 3 councils has obviously not worked."

"The residents of Redhill should not have the whole burden of the cost of maintaining the paddling pool. It is used by children from a minimum of 4 other wards who must share the cost."

1 respondent suggested that the **boundary** should be extended to incorporate areas that are also considered part of Northbourne.

"The Ward Northern boundary should be extended westward along Wimborne Road to the East Howe Lane junction, then southward along East Howe Lane to join the existing boundary at the junction of East Howe Lane and Leybourne Avenue. This action would encompass a small area of Northbourne currently part of Kinson Ward, but where residents identify as being part of the Northbourne Ward… Geographically the area is not in the Kinson area as reflected by the name of The Northbourne Shopping Parade, Northbourne Church, Northbourne Day Centre (now demolished), Northbourne Carvery, Northbourne Surgery, etc."

3 respondents raised concerns about **costs**, commenting that they already pay council tax and these changes would result in them paying twice for the same service.

"We already pay our council tax. So as far as I am concerned why should I pay TWICE for services that should be supplied by YOU THE COUNCIL."

2.2.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

2 respondents expressed support, seeing the proposals as an opportunity to **continue the community involvement** that already exists in the area.

"Redhill and Northbourne residents have consistently demonstrated strong levels of community involvement, from Friends groups to schools, churches, and local campaigns. A community council would provide democratic legitimacy and coordination to that energy."

In contrast, 32 respondents voiced opposition. They described the proposals as **wasteful and unnecessary**. Respondents also felt that parish councils in general were not required and should be abolished.

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"This is something we just don't have a big need for."

"I disagree with the continuation of current parish and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish or town councils in BCP."

25 respondents raised concerns about administration and decision-making. The most common view was that adding a **further layer of governance** and bureaucracy would confuse responsibilities between BCP and new councils, slow down delivery, and risk greater **inequality** across the conurbation. Others suggested that an alternative solution was to **return to the former Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch councils**, rather than introducing multiple small-scale councils. BCP Council should be solely responsible for service delivery in the conurbation and resources would be better used on service delivery rather than creating unnecessary levels of governance. Respondents also commented that the **number of proposed councillors** was too many, while the area is already well served by proactive councillors.

"Less bureaucracy and transparency is required from BCP with more action from those already elected, not more."

"Disband BCP Council and go back to just having Bournemouth Council who looked after Bournemouth a lot better than BCP have ever done."

"Start with the basics and not deflect by creating a new element which will increase existing issues. Go back to basics."

"All services should be provided by existing BCP Council. Existing councillor representation is adequate."

13 respondents raised **boundary concerns**. Respondents commented that Redhill and Northbourne should be part of the Bournemouth Town Council area and made other suggestions for the designation of wards and parishes. These included creating a larger parish area, incorporating areas such as Wallisdown, Winton West and Kinson. However, respondents also questioned the inclusion of Moordown in this parish, as well as why Redhill and Northbourne were recommended parish council status when areas such as Charminster, Winton, Moordown and Kinson were not. Respondents also suggested adjustments to the parish boundary.

"This area should not be separated from the rest of Bournemouth. The division with Kinson is entirely artificial."

"If this area is to be "parished" it would make more sense if it was part of a larger parish, perhaps including Wallisdown and Winton West as well as Moordown, although I can see that it will be difficult to establish boundaries."

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"There is absolutely no reason for Redhill & Northbourne to be a parish that could not be applied to Winton, Moordown, Kinson or any other area of BCP. Indeed it could be equally argued that this could be two parishes."

"The proposal to include part of Moordown Ward in this parish to encompass the whole of Redhill Park raises concerns. Whilst there are currently no properties in the area, if there were in future, electors would be voting for different BCP Council and parliamentary areas."

"Include Keeble Road and New Road up to Ensbury Bridge to boundary for Northbourne."

"Perhaps the area should include a slice of Northbourne off East Howe Lane to form a better parish boundary. They consider themselves Northbourne."

10 respondents commented on **costs**, pointing to increases in council tax being unaffordable for many local residents and that precepts should not be put in place.

"Local people cannot afford any more council tax and will not be value for money."

12 respondents criticised the consultation process. They described it as **lacking detail** with no sound justification for the grouping of wards, driven by a small number of the electorate and politically motivated. The decision should go to **public vote** at the next local elections rather than decided following the consultation.

"The draft recommendation fail to explain any benefit whatsoever to the residents, workers or visitors to the area."

"The recommendations are driven by a small response of the 7625 electorate. i.e. if a proposal / delegation / submission to CGR was less than 76 individuals it would be less than 1% of the electorate. In no way is this representative of the communities and would be dismissed if it were a referendum on such a change for either of in this CGR."

"People are trying to circumvent the elected authority to suit their own politics."

"It's unacceptable that you would do something like this without a referendum (which you clearly won't as you already know what the outcome would be and you don't like listening to people who disagree with you)."

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H1	Boscombe & Pokesdown	(b) the boundary of Boscombe and Pokesdown should include Fishermans Walk and Portman parade as these are historically part of Pokesdown and not Southbourne.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H2	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a, I think having a community council in our area can only do good. With ringfenced funds, grant funding, the ability to create a neighbourhood plan and close links to BCP, i would hope despite the slight council tax increase we would see positive changes in the area. The community wants change, i have been actively speaking to local people through events run by the southbourne forum as well as local facebook groups and people love where they live but feel let down and have no trust for by BCP. Having the ability to manage our own area locally when bcp is so stretched can only be a positive thing.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H3	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a,c, I agree with the recommendations as they plainly say what the area is about. By splitting into 4 wards each area can be supported with their own problems.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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H4	Boscombe & Pokesdown	d: there is no definition given in the report of "Community Council" and legislation provides that they can be differently constituted. However If you really want people to have a say in governing their community the bodies created should be full parish councils with the statutory role, powers, and duties. If you create a Community Council that only has an advisory role their is little point and you will create a bureaucracy that has no real value as it can be disregarded by Councillors and the Council.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 1
H5	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I don't understand what you are talking about. This is not an easy survey to follow. Also I am quite well read and had to look up 'coterminus'. How do you expect ordinary local people to get involved?	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
H6	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I think the Portman and Central Pokesdown ward name needs to be changed. I live in the proposed Boscombe North and Pokesdown ward. Portman Road is in our patch. I just think it will be confusing. It ought to be called the Parkwood Ward because Parwood Road will be the main Road running through there.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6

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H7	Boscombe & Pokesdown	My main concern about having a separate area including boscombe is that as a deprived area I imagine council tax take is lower. What I don't know is would that mean the funding for this council would be lower than other areas - thus perpetuating the cycle of deprivation in boscombe and limiting the scope of the potential council compared to more affluent areas?	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H8	Boscombe & Pokesdown	There is a logic to the proposal.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H9	Boscombe & Pokesdown	These changes would be positive for Pokesdown & Boscombe .These changes would inspire and benefit Pokesdown & Boscombe because it would help maintain and regenerate both areas.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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H10	Boscombe & Pokesdown	(All drafts) The markings do not match with the constituencies. The names also dont match. We do not need more than one person for each area. The cost of funding these people when we already have elected members is not needed nor justified.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
H11	Boscombe & Pokesdown	A) I am unsure as to what value this proposal will add to local residents- it will only increase the council tax burden and deliver very little. Moreover, parish council election turnouts across the UK are often pitiful - I cannot understand why it has been deemed necessary to bring them to BCP. The promise of greater democracy falls short against the light of reality - this will be another group of individuals, often motivated by strong views on limited topics, making decisions that they are not qualified to do. Keep it in the hands of council officers/experts and save us money.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
H12	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a) My belief is there is not an appetite for a Parish or Community Council in Bournemouth as a whole and this CGR has generated a consultation to choose one or another. Instead I am of the opinion if to 'do nothing at all' was an option in the consultation then the majority of the consultation responses would be in favor of a 'change is unnecessary' response.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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H13	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a) to h) The Pokesdown area has been adequately served by the Bournemouth Council for many years until the BCP Council took over. We do not need another layer of expensive administrators.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H14	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, &h I do not agree with the creation of a parish council for this area. a. This proposal will create an additional layer of local government which undoes some of the streamlining/cost saving benefits of the council reorganisation that has taken place over recent years. It will inevitably increase council tax for residents. The ethos of creating small boroughs/parishes is inward-looking and exclusive - I prefer to belong to a town which is inclusive towards all residents and where facilities and opportunities are shared and open to all. b. through h. - I disagree with because all are irrelevant without the creation of proposed parish councils.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H15	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a. I do not want a parish council, i feel the benefit would be neglible	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6

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H16	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a. I don't believe that a parish needs to be set up in Southbourne. Parish councils are a waste of money, and also they won't have enough money to attend to jobs in a timely manner, they will therefore get contracted out, and not done properly. The environment will suffer the most as the effort won't be made to address the crisis facing nature, as money will be going on wages that do not need to be spent.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
H17	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a-h (all) unnecessary layer of bureaucracy and costs plus confusion over responsibilities of councils.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
H18	Boscombe & Pokesdown	All - a totally unnecessary and costly additional layer of bureaucracy in an urban area which my BCP councillors are more than capable of representing	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1

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H19	Boscombe & Pokesdown	All clauses. The whole thing is an absurd idea add will add an unnecessary level of beaurocracy and inequality to local town management. Additional expenses that many locals can ill afford, and variations from one designated district to another. This type of devolution can work for small parishes lying outside of cities and towns, but will not work here. I fear there is also the potential that people with businesses or property in the area may able to exert undue influence.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
H20	Boscombe & Pokesdown	b) I don't feel the boundary is right as it cuts through areas considered by most to be part of the general Southbourne area. I'd be concerned that 2 different community councils wouldn't work well together to ensure consistency of approach to all of the Southbourne Grove commercial area. As a resident, I consider I live in Southbourne and I regularly use and enjoy all Southbourne has to offer yet I'd sit in Boscombe North and Pokesdown Hill ward and the precept I'd pay wouldn't be contributing to the community I live in.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
H21	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Bournemouth should have a single parish council covering the exact boundaries of the former Bournemouth Borough Council.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1

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H22	Boscombe & Pokesdown	D - there shouldn't be any changes as its not needed	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H23	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Don’t agree there needs to be another layer of bureaucracy. Can see no benefit to local community. BCP needs to focus on Boscombe and Bournemouth town centre area. Drugs/alcohol and antisocial behaviour should be BCP’s focus. Also retail staff do not feel safe in certain shops due to crime levels. The BCP area is a in a poor state, the charm of Bournemouth has disappeared by poor decisions made by BCP councillors . So I will not be supporting another bad decision.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H24	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Don't like that you have moved us from Southbourne to Pokesdown / Boscombe. Southbourne is a much better area than Boscombe	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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H25	Boscombe & Pokesdown	H - this is a very large number of people to be councillors. I think it will cause confusion and they will also be frustrated a s their role will be limited F the name St Clements and Boscombe hospital - the hospital closed 30 years ago. these names are dividing in an unpleasant way - I do not lie to have this put upon my area.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
H26	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I am commenting on all the recommendations. Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole have only recently been amalgamated allegedly for simplification so why now introduce further layers of responsibility? More layers, more confusion as to who is responsible for what.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H27	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I am happy for the existing parish councils to continue but disagree with the creation of any further parish councils being created within the BCP Area. The whole point of having a unitary authority was to have economies of scale with fewer staff and less costs. Why spend more money on a local government tier that has very limited power? It's just another layer of bureaucracy and cost.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1

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H28	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
H29	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I disagree strongly about all the poposals	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 1
H30	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I disagree with all these proposals, it serves no purpose to add layers of authority/responsibility to what is not a particularly large area. Confusing for residents and just a recipe for obfuscation	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6

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H31	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I don't think that creating another layer of bureaucracy is effective use of time and funds. Instead the existing elected BcP cuncillors should continue with their work. There are issues within BCP, money seems to be the biggest worry. I don't think that creating parish councils will solve that. I can also see that the proposals are extremely detailed, someone must have spent a lot of time putting them together, but is this what the residents want?	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H32	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I have seen no evidence that developing a parish council system would bring any benefit to the area. At no point has their role been fully explained, what will they be responsible for? How much will it cost the residents, what benefit will it bring. It seems we will get another layer of costly councillors with no benefit, no clear role and no clear cost. My concil tax is already excessively high considering the poor state of BcP play parks, roads and current traffic situation I can't see how paying more people to make decisions will be in anyway helpful.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H33	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I object whole heartedly to the unnecessary layers of Local Government that you are proposing. Not only will they add to confusion over which council does which job, they will increase my council tax bill which I cannot afford.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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H34	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I see no reason for yet another layer of bureaucracy. This will be particularly confusing where the management of certain activities could fall between the parish council and BCP. I do not think that the cost of supporting parish councils is a valid expenditure when the cost of living is already causing significant problems for many families. If our existing elected BCP councillors represented their communities properly then there would be no need for this suggestion	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H35	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I think it makes much more sense for Pokesdown to be attached to Southbourne, given Pokesdown melds into Southbourne along Seaborne Road. Pokesdown itself is a small, contained, quiet place, which has its own unique character that is completely different from the demographics and urbane entertainment of Boscombe. Pokesdown is much more about families, schools and family recreation: the park, the beach, local shops in Southbourne. the local library and so on. It would help the community locally much more if Pokesdown's interests could be considered along with Southbourne's.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H36	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I think its a waste of money to create another layer of beaurocracy and another layer of councillors and costs. most people wil lnot gewt invovoed anyway. BCP is not that big an area that it needs splitting into little areas. The whole ideac of a Unitary authority is that its ONE level. Creating more levels again is going backwards.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4

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H37	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I'm worried that as soon as pokesdown becomes a parish, we will be charged more council tax. My son and his wife are buying their property and are finding it more and more difficult to keep up with bills. We have to pay so much council tax, with not alot in return. I'm seeing less and less and the council getting more and more, every time a house gets knocked down, flats get built, with more council tax for the council. Bournemouth is becoming an embarrassment apart from our beaches.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H38	Boscombe & Pokesdown	It seems this implementation could mean more cost for the citizen.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H39	Boscombe & Pokesdown	little contact by existing councillor since election. Expenses will create more debt on an already bankrupt council which couldn't even be prepared to finance a VE80 event!	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6

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H40	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Our current local councilors already do a great job, we don't need another level of bureaucracy at an additional cost to the local community	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H41	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, corruption and prevention the integrated transformation that the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
H42	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Pointless to have yet another council with additional costs. BCP already covers everything it should and adding another will only complicate and cost more	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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H43	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Recommendations a to g : I strongly object to the creation of parishes within BCP Council area and certainly do not wish for one to be created within the area in which I reside. This is an unnecessary additional layer of bureaucracy which will have to be paid for by residents and which will be a burden financially. We already have local Councillors for our area who work on our behalf, consult and initiate/ progress projects for the local area. Residents already have the opportunity to have their say, voice concerns and promote initiatives via multiple channels.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H44	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Strongly disagree - complete waste of time and money. Will lead to unnecessary layers of bureaucracy, which will confuse residents. We do not need more councillors, with the added cost this will bring. It will add an extra burden to the council tax payer when many people are struggling with the cost of living, to pay for service that BCP Council should already be delivering. Why should we pay twice for the same services. BCP was formed to bring legacy council together to make vital savings - this proposal is just going backwards and recreating a larger, more cumbersome service structure	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
H45	Boscombe & Pokesdown	The best way forward is through efficiency, adding more layers of Council in my opinion is just adding confusion and not needed wanted. The time and energy wasted on this could be put to better use such as improving existing governance	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5

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H46	Boscombe & Pokesdown	The local BCP council is already struggling to fund existing social programmes, the last thing needed is more councillors, drawing from the public purse to tell us that there is now even less money to spend on the community	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H47	Boscombe & Pokesdown	There is absolutely no need for change, I will create an unnecessary financial burden. First we were 3 boroughs, after consultation we decided to create BCP for reasons that were debated and agreed, created parishes are defeating the object! It will be an extra cost which is not warranted. My comments cover all the questions (a b c ….) let's stick to what we already have and pay our Council tax to one entity BCP Council	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
H48	Boscombe & Pokesdown	There is no need for an additional layer of politicians. It will add bureaucracy and cost to an already struggling council. The officers who work for the council do not need this additional input whne trying to improve and support residents.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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H49	Boscombe & Pokesdown	There is no need for Parish Councils; they will merely create inequity and division. There is no need for an extra layer of admin/beurocracy/red tape. The proposed responsibilities of the Parish councils will be negligible and, therefore, not worth the cost. There will be a risk of "buck-passing" and uncertainty re who is responsible for what. The proposed boundaries are arbitrary and potentially classist.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H50	Boscombe & Pokesdown	There is way too much bureaucracy in government as it is. Adding extra layers simply gives people a role that they feel compelled to justify by adding debate and challenge rather than just getting on with it and stop wasting time and money. The public sector is rife with time wasters. I actually feel the current BCP cabinet knows what it is doing. Adding semi-intelligent people on a further level will hinder progress. Leave well alone.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H51	Boscombe & Pokesdown	This in its entrity is a complete waste of time and money. This is a default response of the council to think "I know lets put up some new signs and rebrand something and that will make it all better." I shudder to think how much money has been spent on this already. This is beyond stupid. Maybe spend the council tax we pay you on more police officers, or cleaner streets, or better lighting, or more community support for vulnerable people, or shop watch schemes, or better CCTV. It appears to me that some councillors apply to be councillors but dont really have a clue what to do when they actually get into the council. I whole heartedly agree with Eleanor Connollys assessment...maybe listen to her - she seems to know what shes talking about.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5

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H52	Boscombe & Pokesdown	This seems a completely uneccessary complication and overhead of bureacracy. I fail to see any benefit to this.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
H53	Boscombe & Pokesdown	To all recommendations. We have enough bureaucracy in BCP as it is. Unitary authorities exist to eradicate layers of local government. This meritless proposal - which seems born out of an apparent desire from Southbourne to have a “town council” and a totally wrongheaded approach from the current administration that Southbourne should get a council simply because it wants one (which is anti-democratic in the wider BCP context). Boscombe & Pokesdown (and actually every other area being considered for this insanity) don’t need further strata of “government”. They need the existing administration to get on with something useful rather than these “jobs for our chums” vanity projects.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
H54	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Too much red tape	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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H55	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Totally unnecessary layer of bureaucracy! The area of BCP was created and so the councillors should knuckle done and do the job that they were elected for and for which they are paid. And not resort to creating and burden unpaid voluntary people with matters!	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H56	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Under 12(a) I strongly disagree that a parish of Boscombe and Pokesdown be established. This creates a whole extra level of unnecessary bureaucracy and confusion over which council is responsible for what. This will be extremely inefficient and it would be better if BCP Council could improve their own services rather than making it more complicated for residents to get things done. Under 12(b) it sets up artificial divisions between the communities of Pokesdown/Boscombe and Southbourne and may create competing priorities. Fisherman's Walk has been put into Southbourne Council even though these amenities are used by the surrounding streets which are in the Boscombe and Pokesdown Council, but those residents will have no say about the use and maintenance of this green space. The Woodside Road Car Park has also been put into the Southbourne Council area and this means that the businesses in Seabourne Road will have no say about the use and maintenance of this car park which is vital to them. The two Councils of Boscombe and Pokesdown, and Southbourne, may have competing priorities so things like maintenance along the clifftop, or along roads that run across the boundaries, may change dramatically as you cross the boundary. All this is divisive and unnecessary. Under 12(g) - an extra 14 councillors seems a completely unnecessary bureaucratic layer.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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H57	Boscombe & Pokesdown	We do mot need another layer of beaurocy	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
H58	Boscombe & Pokesdown	We don't need more expensive layers of government wasting money on pointless grand schemes. We need less government, not more	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H59	Boscombe & Pokesdown	We will not benefit from having little sun or parish councils.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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H60	Boscombe & Pokesdown	What on earth do we need yet another council for? I want more from bcp, not to pay more council tax for another council which has no power. What an absolute waste of money and time	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H61	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Worried about extra staff it would need, along with council tax rises which will happen in the end. The unnecessary bureaucracy . I just dont see any benefit to this what so ever.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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H62	Boscombe & Pokesdown	(a) Strongly agree – Boscombe and Pokesdown have a rich cultural heritage, distinct from surrounding areas, and deserve a formal local council to represent their unique character and needs. A community council will provide a platform to elevate resident voices and improve responsiveness to local issues. (b)Somewhat Disagree – The proposed boundary is coherent and based on existing polling districts, with careful consideration given to natural boundaries such as the railway and parkland. The inclusion of Boscombe Chine Gardens is a welcome correction, recognising its symbolic and practical value to the community. - See below for a recomendation to combine Boscombe, Pokesdown and Southbourne (c & f) Strongly agree – The combined naming reflects the identity and partnership of the two areas. Maintaining this recognition supports community cohesion and ensures clarity of representation. (d & e) Agree – The 'community' style is particularly apt given the area's diversity and grassroots activism. This sets an inclusive and modern tone, likely to resonate with residents and stakeholders alike. (g, h & i) Agree – The proposed warding ensures fair and balanced representation, with all councillor-to-elector ratios falling well within the ±10% benchmark. The ward names are locally meaningful and align with existing community geographies.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
H63	Boscombe & Pokesdown	(b) and (f) - based on my knowledge of the local population and its proclivities (I lived here for almost fifty years), plus the remarks of Cllr Connolly at the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting of 4 March 2025, it would be seriously unwise to designate any land north of Southbourne Road as part of "Boscombe and Pokesdown". It is true that the Pokesdown Urban District Council, which flourished between 1895 and 1901, included all of this area - it's northern boundary was Cranleigh Road while it's eastern boundary followed the line between Irving Road (laid out in 1893) and Watcombe Road (not laid out until 1911), then took an eastern swerve and ended up following the line of Clifton Road. A lot has changed since 1901 however, and the affluent residents of Castlemain Avenue (with their views overlooking the Stour Valley) have tended to identify as "West Southbourne" residents, or simply "Southbourne", throughout living memory. (g) and (h) - 14 councillors (and 4 for certain wards) sounds far too many, especially for an area that will have 9 unitary ward councillors (including 3 for the East Cliff & Springbourne land at Boscombe Chine).	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 2

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H64	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a) The Boscombe and Pokesdown Community Forum submitted the proposal for a community council on behalf of our residents. We believe that establishing a community council would strengthen local democratic voice, support grassroots engagement, and allow residents to take more ownership over decisions that affect the area — particularly around planning, public realm, and community priorities. It feels like a logical and timely progression following the successful development of the Boscombe and Pokesdown Neighbourhood Plan. A community council would provide a formal structure through which more local people might be encouraged to participate in shaping the future of their neighbourhood, offering a stronger and more consistent platform for community-led regeneration. Of course, we respect that it is ultimately for the people of Boscombe and Pokesdown to decide through this consultation whether they support the proposal. However, we strongly oppose any arrangement in which the area would be included in a larger town council by default if our proposal is not successful. The scale and geographic reach of the proposed Bournemouth-wide town council would be far too large to adequately represent the unique character, needs, and aspirations of our community. It would, in effect, replicate the old Bournemouth Borough Council in size and scope — contrary to the spirit and purpose of parish or community councils, which are typically smaller, more agile, and better able to reflect truly local voices. b) We disagree with the proposed boundary changes that would reassign a section of the eastern part of Boscombe and Pokesdown to Southbourne. These alterations were not requested in either the Boscombe and Pokesdown or Southbourne submissions, nor were they part of any formal community proposal. They appear to have been introduced unilaterally by a member of the Task and Finish Group and lack both community mandate and coherence. The proposed boundary around Fisherman's Walk is especially problematic. It encloses the green space but does not extend to include key associated facilities at the southern end — such as the toilets and amenities on the clifftop. Meanwhile, the car park to the north is awkwardly isolated: surrounded by residential housing that remains in Boscombe and Pokesdown, yet itself reassigned to Southbourne. The inclusion of a single block of shops also feels arbitrary and poorly justified. These boundary changes undermine the work of the Boscombe and Pokesdown Neighbourhood Plan, which was developed through years of consultation and community engagement. The affected areas were thoroughly researched and purposefully included within the plan. Reallocating them would disrupt the integrity of that plan, and given that Southbourne does not have an adopted Neighbourhood Plan — nor any certainty that one will be forthcoming — this	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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		risks leaving these areas without protection or policy guidance once the BAP NP is reviewed following the adoption of the new BCP Local Plan. Finally, it is important to note the historical significance of Fisherman's Walk. It is one of the traditional routes down to the beach dating back to the original formation of Boscombe from three landed estates: the Portman Estate, the Shelley Estate, and the estate of Sir Henry Drummond-Wolff. To reassign this site away from Boscombe and Pokesdown not only fragments the neighbourhood's historic identity, but also creates confusion over long-established associations and uses. We urge that these boundary changes be reconsidered in order to maintain the integrity of the neighbourhood plan, preserve historical and community identity, and ensure consistency with the principles of community-led governance.					
H65	Boscombe & Pokesdown	agree with recommendations as council area large enough to viable, but keeps the local areas well represented, including the vibrant mix that makes the Boscombe and Pokesdown area.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3

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H66	Boscombe & Pokesdown	b) I support Fisherman's Walk being part of Southbourne and would have thought that Portman Crescent and Montague Road also have strong links to Southbourne and should therefore be included in Southbourne, and not Boscombe and Pokesdown.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
H67	Boscombe & Pokesdown	B. As a southbourne resident it seems odd that fisherman’s walk is split currently so strongly agree that this should be amended in line with recommendations	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
H68	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe needs its own council due to the specific and enduring problems it has related to deprivation,crime, and drug use.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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H69	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I support the idea of a parish or town council for Boscombe and Pokesdown in principle, especially if it helps bring more local representation and investment into the area. I work in Boscombe regularly and feel strongly connected to its identity, particularly through my role as the artist behind Chaplin's Bar. It's a place with a lot of creativity, history, and potential — and I'd like to see that nurtured. However, I don't agree with some of the boundary changes being proposed. I live on Fisherman's Avenue facing Fisherman's Walk, which I've always known to be in Boscombe. I enjoy being on the border with Southbourne and feel it's important that this mix of character and connection between the two places is preserved. I also feel strongly that the block of buildings containing the Brewhouse & Kitchen, as well as the nearby car park, should remain in Pokesdown. That part of the high street has its own distinct feel — it's not Southbourne, and it shouldn't be absorbed into it. The car park in question serves more of the businesses closer to Pokesdown, where parking is tighter and the roads narrower, not the lower Southbourne High Street which already has more on-street parking. A&B Overall, I'm in favour of Boscombe's proposals — but I think the area around the old Boscombe train station and the hospital buildings at King's Park should definitely be included. I used to go to the nurseries there frequently and was really saddened when they closed. It's a part of Boscombe's history and daily life that shouldn't be forgotten or left out.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
H70	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Regarding recommendations (b), and (f). I disagree in that I believe that, culturally, polling districts LI2 and LI3 should either belong to this ward or the Southbourne ward over and above their current designation of Littledown & Iford. I believe a more fitting designation for these areas to be either "Boscombe East & Iford" or "Southbourne North & Iford".	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6

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H71	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Why change for change's sake?? Too many Councillors	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
H72	Boscombe & Pokesdown	(a) I do not think that a parish council is necessary but if it is decided that one is, then (b) it should be (b), as has been consulted on previously	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
H73	Boscombe & Pokesdown	(a) Please see comments on the wider issues (Bournemouth, Poole) re benefits of co-ordination, consistency and liaison across the conurbation plus the efficiency gains (to council(s) and residents) from having a single body address issues.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9

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H74	Boscombe & Pokesdown	(a) There is no need for another layer of governance, (b) If the council is established I think Fisherman's Walk, Portman Terrace and Beresford Road should be part of Southbourne, (g) The BCP Council wards of Boscombe West and Boscombe East & Pokesdown have 4 councillors in total. There is no need that the possible community council should have more than three times the representation of the main council. If the possible community council is established the number of councillors should not exceed the number of main councillors. Therefore one community councillor per proposed community ward would sufficient. A total of 4 councillors only. (h) If the possible community council is established one councillor per proposed ward is sufficient, See reply to (g) above	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
H75	Boscombe & Pokesdown	(a) The current arrangements should remain in place and it should be left to the residents to instigate local parish councils if and when they feel the need. This will better reflect what residentials in the various areas want enabling them to define what they consider to be the identified boundaries of their community as well as identifying the issues that are specific to their areas – rather than having it imposed upon them.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
H76	Boscombe & Pokesdown	1. This is likely to suffer from the same democratic deficit of existing parish councils - abysmally low turnouts and uncontested elections. Both are deeply undemocratic. It would be more democratic for BCP Council to continue to perform the functions that this proposed community council would perform and for the BCP Council ward councillors to represent their residents through BCP Council and its processes. 2. In addition to the democratic deficit, Boscombe and Pokesdown is an area that has significant deprivation. It would be unable to raise significant enough revenue to deliver real change, and if it attempted to do so, it would impose a significant additional tax burden upon residents that are already struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6

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H77	Boscombe & Pokesdown	'a' I think the system works well as it is, I think the proposed new system would introduce an additional level of bureaucracy that we don't need I also understand that if the new changes happen we will loose a dedicated allotment officer which as a keen allotment owner I think would have a negative impact	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
H78	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a and b. The BCP councillors elected for this area oppose the proposal because the boundary with Southbourne cuts across the local community. No-one appears to be able to find a good boundary that works. Creating a separate parish for Boscombe also detracts from the creation of a Bournemouth Town Council that makes sense, either now or in the future. I feel that Boscombe is clearly as much a part of Bournemouth as Westbourne is.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
H79	Boscombe & Pokesdown	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7

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H80	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a There is no benefit to social cohesion and community. The proposal will separate the wealthier area of Southbourne from the less affluent Boscombe. This will create division where there was none before. Cash strapped Boscombe will deteriorate while wealthier Southbourne will improve. The disparity between the areas will see Southbourne becoming far more expensive and the area of Southbourne Grove will suffer. Poorer families will be priced out of the area and the vibrant mixed use Grove will go the same way as Southbourne Crossroads.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
H81	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a) and d) I don't believe we need an extra layer of admin and bureaucracy. I don't see a benefit to residents in establishing parish councils but I do see that there will be additional costs to residents, and BCP councillors will be less accountable for maintaining the separate local areas, and will pass the buck to parish councils for issues it finds too expensive or too difficult to deal with. What was the point in amalgamating the town councils into BCP if only to create a new sub-layer of councillors? I thought the larger council was meant to benefit from economies of scale, better purchasing power and reduced admin and bureaucracy. The creation of parish councils undermines the arguments for the creation of BCP. b) This boundary means that Littledown residents don't have councillors representing their views on Kings Park, which backs onto our houses.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
H82	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a) Disagree with an extra tier of Local Government having had reorgansiations in 1997 and 2019. b) Extra tiers of Authority results in additional bureaucracy, duplication and cost. c) This leads to residents effectively paying twice for the same services d) Changes should involve a whole authority referendum not rely on Councillor decisions e) The total cost of local government can be expected to be higher in authorities with the additional tier of Town/Parish Councils f) Having sought to delayer local authority provision in 1997 and 2019 within BCP localities, for economy and efficiency reasons, the logical approach is to delayer not create additional layers of local authority	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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H83	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a) I am happy with the current system, we would benefit from improving current system. b)This new proposal will add unnecessary bureaucracy. c) New proposal will bring additional cost to council tax payers. d)New proposal will delay any work being completed in timely manor. e)This divide the community.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
H84	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a) I see no benefit in creating any new layers of government below BCP Council. I believe that the merger of the three councils (Bournemouth Poole Christchurch) has led to economies of scale which enable the efficient and cost-effective provision of services. To introduce additional local layers of service provision would not be an improvement as the fragmentation of control would lead to less efficiency and higher costs. Further, I find it convenient to have a single point of contact when dealing with 'the council'. I would find it more difficult to make contact with the appropriate service provider and would feel less able to hold them to account if service provision was split across BCP council and a local council.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5
H85	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a) It an unnecessary level of beauracy and an informal council parish council could be created under the existing charter system g)-h) The number of councilors should be less than present BCP councilors supprting the area	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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H86	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a) Merge it with Bournemouth Town Council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
H87	Boscombe & Pokesdown	A) there is no need for parish of Boscombe and Pokesdown B) Strongly disagree with the boundary change C) Strongly disagree F) this is a total waste of tax payers money wasted on unnecessary and stupid action by the council. G) The salaries for the 14 councillors will be huge expenses, who is paying for them .It will be a massive increase in our council tax.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
H88	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a) to h) (all) I strongly disagree with the need for parish councils when we already have an amalgamated Council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7

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H89	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a). b). & c) There is no need for an extra layer of government, we already have local council who generally do a good job. We are already facing an economic crisis and this will only add to our taxes with no benefit. It may add 1% to the bill but this will increase year on year as more staff are added.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
H90	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a)I think it is dispicable to introduce new layers of administration to an already underperforming council and to appoint people in addition to the present town councillors. Existing councillors should be able to continue representing their ward residents in the way they do at present. Residents have an entirely adequate communication line in effect directly to the town council. More layers of bureaucracy will destroy this. People will be pushed from one department to another. By creating another layer, residents will feel distanced from town council level and confused as to whom they should approach. Operations should be simplified, not made more complex. Parish/Local councillors will have no statutory powers and therefore nothing will get done without referring to BCP. There were good reasons for merging the three area councils. The proposal to create local councils flies in the face of many of the advantages of a centralised administration. Instead of spending all this time on setting up a more complex administration, BCP should concentrate on improving existing levels of service.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
H91	Boscombe & Pokesdown	A, b, c, d, e, f, g, h - I don't see any need for a parish council. It is unnecessary and will simply cost the residents more. There is no need for so many councillors either. The present council is ample.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7

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H92	Boscombe & Pokesdown	A, B, C, D, E, F, H BCP council was created on the basis that a bigger council would be better for residents. This was a rouse just to raise council tax, now there seems to be a push for smaller parish councils and guess what…..this will raise council tax bills. There is no need to increase costs, the council should concentrate on providing better services and provide value for money. This proposal will not do this in anyway.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
H93	Boscombe & Pokesdown	'a', 'b', 'd' More layers, more bureaucracy, more delays to implementing any initiative. Why create BCP to remove duplication just to devolve responsibility?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
H94	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a, d I disagree. Town and Parish councils should be removed as they add an unnecessary layer of councils for no added benefit. Equivalent roles and clear departmental structures already exist under BCP so these should be given the full remit to improve their own services, with existing precept payments being absorbed into these departmental budgets. Ward councillors already provide the representation to ensure community views and cohesion are considered in council decisions.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6

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H95	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a,b,c Boscombe and Pokesdown should not have a new parish council - there should not be new councils set up at extra cost, where there would be no benefit & possible increase in council tax	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
H96	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a,b,c,d and any other. Another layer of bureaucracy is not required in the BCP area. There is no rush to make a decision today or next year. If any party has reason to believe Community Governance is needed that subject can be part of the manifesto at the next local elections in May 2027.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
H97	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a,b,c,d,e,f :- The creation of parish councils is adding another layer of bureaucracy to the unitary authority of BCP which the bringing together of the 3 councils said it would avoid. We have local councillors that are elected to represent the views of the area they are elected too, and therefore this additional layer will add authority to those who are elected to represent our areas to the large unitary authority.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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H98	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h There is no need for further levels of administration. You haven't shown how this would benefit the local population or BCP as a whole. It just seems to be a way of diverting work from the existing council, making their lives easier at the expense of everyone else. We need a breakdown of cost benefits before something like this is proposed	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
H99	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h We have a Town Council which has council representatives for each area. We do not need more levels of administration but for existing Councillors to do their job and represent their ward to the Council with diligence and hard work on behalf of their electors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
H100	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a,b,d and f. I believe with the governments current proposals on local government we should not be considering any further changes in local government until the governments decisions on merging councils has been completed and we should take a lead from central government. We have no need for additional councillors and by introducing an additional council we will lengthen the time made for decisions, increase costs and will not provide any material benefit.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1

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H101	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a]I strongly disagree that there should be any new layers of administration or people appointed in addition to the existing town councillors. Existing councillors should be able to continue representing their ward residents in the way they do at present. Residents have an entirely adequate communication line in effect directly to the town council. By creating another layer, residents will feel distanced from town council level and confused as to whom they should approach. Using the proposed ratio of parish councillors to residents and applying that across the whole of BCP, over 330 would be needed to sit on parish councils. This is nearly 5 times the number of town councillors and will only complicate the general running of the BCP area. Operations should be simplified, not made more complex. There were good reasons for merging the three area councils. The proposal to create local councils flies in the face of many of the advantages of a centralised administration.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
H102	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
H103	Boscombe & Pokesdown	abolish the council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6

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H104	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Afghan all parish councils need to be disbanded immediately	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
H105	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Again just an absurdly small area to have its own authority - should be part of a Bournemouth Town Council if anything.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8
H106	Boscombe & Pokesdown	A-h) Council tax should be reduced and services improved	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1

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H107	Boscombe & Pokesdown	All - it is wrong for there to be any additional councils / councillors in any region. The current councillors of BCP have confidently put themselves forward to be voted in to run the local area based on the situation as it currently is / was, so now is the time to step up and put their money where your mouth is and solve the problems without causing more for the local residents. It would be highly inappropriate for this council to move the goalposts half way through their (massively underwhelming) term and create new entities. It's clear that given the appalling behaviour of the controlling alliance, that the move would purely be a vehicle to hack off the services that cannot currently be 'afforded' and all of these white elephants would be passed on to the new 'councils' at which point BCP would claim that they are in a great place whilst the new councils would be failing. I also have no doubt that the councillors and in particular the leader of BCP would constantly throw mud at the new entities and blame them for the inevitable shortcomings. The divisive nature of the Liberal Democrats in particular as well as the rest of the Three Towns Alliance means that nothing positive is ever achieved as they are too busy shirking accountability and blaming everybody else for their many failings. Any new council would also have the partisan issues that plague BCP Council and it isn't right at all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
H108	Boscombe & Pokesdown	All draft recommendations : I strongly disagree that there should be a new community council in this area for the following reasons a)The proposals have been put forward by a very small number of individuals. b) Most residents do not even know about these proposals. They have not been democratically chosen. c) Part of this proposal includes a part of EC&S, specifically Boscombe Chine Gardens. Residents in this ward of which I am a councillor have not been consulted. d) It will lead to artificial divisions between neighbourhoods depending on amount of precept charged. This will in turn lead to different levels of service, which will entrench difference and divisions instead of fostering collaboration within and between communities. e) It is not democratic, very few people have contributed to these proposals f) It will cost residents more in a time where many people can ill afford it. g) There are not likely to be many people who want to stand as councillors, leading to a deficit in democracy	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1

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H109	Boscombe & Pokesdown	All of them. After combining BC & P I cannot see the point of devolving even more.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
H110	Boscombe & Pokesdown	An un-necessary expence	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
H111	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe and Pokesdown are part of the larger urban area of BCP. There is not enough difference to warrent making the area a separate parish.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH2 6

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H112	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Dissolve this unnecessary council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
H113	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Do not need	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
H114	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Doesn’t need a parish council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9

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H115	Boscombe & Pokesdown	EC1 the area of Boscombe Gardens should not be included as it is in the Eastcliff and Springbourne Ward. I don't think the boundaries are right.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
H116	Boscombe & Pokesdown	H) The creation of another layer of committee makes a mockery of streamlining the area into BCP, thus creating confusion as to who is responsible for what	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
H117	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Have not read anything to suggest benefit of parish councils of any kind in current financial environment.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9

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H118	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I am against insofar as the reasons detailed in the Bournemouth Town response.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
H119	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I am commenting upon Draft A, the first consultation. BCP should improve their own services rather than creating new town, parish or community councils to do their work for them. Further councils would create confusion and unnecessary layers of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
H120	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I disagree entirely with the concept of an additional level of council activity. It is sufficient that we already have elected councillors who are elected to represent our ward. There is no need for any other representation. The addition of an extra layer will mean that matters will become much more subjective, particularly to the views of the 'parish' councillors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4

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H121	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I disagree with all of these as I don't agree with Boscombe and Pokesdown being made into a Parish Council on its own. If town councils were to go ahead then Boscombe and Pokesdown should be a part of Bournemouth. If it is allowed to be on its own then all the wards of Poole and Bournemouth should also be separate.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
H122	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I disagree with chopping up areas like this. We should not be going through this exercise at all	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH10 7
H123	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I disagree with the continuation of current parish, community and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish, community or town councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4

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H124	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I disagree with the need for parish and town councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
H125	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I disagree with the parishing of Bournemouth as an idea. I think the division of communities is unhelpful and will not serve the interests of the people of Bournemouth well. I can see why people think it will, but without additional money via a precept, we will simply be adding a layer of bureaucracy. The precept adds an extra cost that people do not need. Our responsibility is to make BCP work, not hand parts of it over to someone else. Parishes are the least democratic form of local government, with a huge proportion of elections uncontested.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
H126	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I disagree with the segregation of our community. It has the potential of causing harmful division.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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H127	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I disagree. BCP council will never permit a parish council to get rid of the junkies or do anything else that local people want. It will be a waste of money. Doubtless the desire to establish such parish councils is so that BCP can tax us more so they can give money to charities which encourage junkies to come here.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
H128	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I do not agree that any area requires a parish council. I believe that all functions should be carried out by BCP council. Anything more is an unnecessary complication and a waste of money. How are people supposed to know who does what? How can you ensure that the various parish councils act with any consistency?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
H129	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I do not agree that we should have any town/parish councils. If BCP it too large, revert to 3 separate councils agin.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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H130	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I don't want parish councils in Bournemouth	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
H131	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I strongly disagree to a Parish Council being formed and would like it kept as it is.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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H132	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I strongly disagree with proposals a) and b) that a council with these boundaries be established within Bournemouth. I disagree with splitting up Bournemouth into smaller town councils. Bournemouth has long been made up of many communities all with a shared identity of being part of Bournemouth. We use green spaces, shopping districts and facilities across all of Bournemouth, not just in a particular area. We care about, and are affected by, the whole of Bournemouth's beach & seafront, transport networks, schools & colleges, parks and our town centre, not just the bits closest to us. We should be able to have a voice in decisions affecting the whole area we live in, not be excluded from decisions that affect us. Creating new local government boundaries drawing lines between our areas will formalise and over time reinforce differences between communities, reducing community cohesion. Also, splitting us up into smaller councils with different levels of council tax precept will reinforce inequality within our community. I believe we should be lifting each other up rather than caring for just our own neighbourhood and not the rest of Bournemouth - this doesn't help the wealthier areas in the long run either. The future of Bournemouth Town Centre, or our seafront, matters to us all, wherever we live. We don't know how much they will cost, but I know that even a small council tax precept will be difficult for residents in my area on low incomes. If the area becomes a higher-tax area, certain demographics will be driven out the area which might change the character of the community for good. Finally, I disagree because I cannot see how the proposed boundary can be changed such that community cohesion is not seriously undermined. If the right boundary that accurately reflects our communities cannot be found, then we should not go ahead with a new council. I disagree with b) the proposed boundary between Boscombe & Pokesdown and Southbourne for the following reasons: 1. Divisive: a. The proposed boundary cuts right through a built-up area, drawing a line through a community between otherwise identical streets houses e.g. on Beaufort Road, Portman Crescent, or Southbourne Road. This is not in line with the Government Guidance on Community Governance Reviews which states: "83. As far as boundaries between parishes are concerned, these should reflect the “no-man’s land” between communities represented by areas of low population or barriers such as rivers, roads or railways. They need to be, and be likely to remain, easily identifiable." b. Residents in streets either side of the boundary use the same shops, library, green spaces and other amenities around Southbourne Grove. Otherwise	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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		identical residents would have different council tax precepts, different services and a different council to interface with. The proposed boundary creates a division between a community where there currently is none, which undermines community cohesion and the purpose of creating such councils. c. Many residents of the area are not on high incomes. A council tax precept will be difficult for many residents to accommodate. If residents of the area with little cash to spare are forced to move out, this will change the make-up of the customers and workers that make the commercial district thrive and risks changing the character of the community for good. 2. Inefficient: a. The proposed boundary goes down the middle of a beloved row of shops/cafes/restaurants bars that make up Southbourne Grove/Seabourne Road commercial district, which is the heart of the wider community. Establishments such as SoBo Fish, SoBo Sommelier, Renouf's, the Way Outback Brewing Company all would be in a different council to the Brewhouse & Kitchen and other establishments very close by. Community cohesion would be better served by considering the needs of the whole commercial district together, rather than making improvements to only one section of it. b. Any improvements made to the street - or even something like Christmas decorations - may have to stop abruptly at the council boundary midway down the street (because the two different councils would have different budgets and priorities). It doesn't benefit traders if improvements are made right outside their business but services are deteriorating right on their doorstep. Alternatively, traders or anyone wanting to do something positive along the stretch of road would have to interact with two separate councils as well as BCP. Splitting services halfway down a main road risks making them more disjointed and less cost-effective. c. Care for our shared seafront - clifftop, zig zag, beaches - should be joined-up, not split between two service providers. Under the proposed boundary, Fisherman's Walk would be in one council, the cliff lift in another, and otherwise identical clifftop green space cared for by two separate councils. The boundary would be right down the middle of the space used by residents and visitors to the area. I understand those in favour of these councils want to care for our maintenance and improvements to areas such as the clifftop. But the two councils will have different budgets and priorities. Maintenance, repairs and improvements might improve for one stretch of the clifftop but actually get worse for the other stretch. This does nothing to enhance a sense of community, community pride or the appeal of the area. 3. Undemocratic: a. The proposed boundary does not give local residents a voice in matters they care deeply about.					

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		People who live either side of the boundary care for plans for Southbourne Grove, the clifftop, and all the other facilities they share. It would not be right for many of these residents to not be the same council and not be able to have a voice. b. Under the proposals, many residents who use and volunteer to care for, Fisherman's Walk would be in a different council to it, and therefore not able to have input into decisions about its upkeep and use. This includes the streets right next to it, who are most affected by events happening there. c. The proposed boundary sees Woodside Road car park in a different council to the very shops/businesses that rely on it for their customers' parking. The properties surrounding and relying on the car park should have a voice in decisions relating to it.				
H133	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I was under the impression that creating the BCP council was to reduce the overheads in local government. Introducing a new town council would seem to be an increase in costs and involve additional council tax for residents. At a time when council tax is at an all time high but public services are declining in the BCP area, this doesn't seem an appropriate move.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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H134	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Its a waste of council tax money and i believe Councillors should be elected not volunteers who will likely have their own agendas.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
H135	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Looks as an extra layer for no benefit, no improvement would come out of it...	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
H136	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Merge with Bournemouth	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7

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H137	Boscombe & Pokesdown	More money wasted. How much have the recommendations cost?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
H138	Boscombe & Pokesdown	No benefits to change other than increased administration cost	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
H139	Boscombe & Pokesdown	No convincing case gas been made for the creation of a new parish and parish council.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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H140	Boscombe & Pokesdown	NO NEED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL LAYERS OF BUROCRACY.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
H141	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Our area doesn't need another level of bureaucracy	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
H142	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Parish councils are an unnecessary administrative tier. They result in additional costs - without value for money - for council tax payers.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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H143	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Parish Councils are an unnecessary extra level of burocracy costing additional precepts to local people when the parish council does not have skilledexpertise to carry out duties that should be carried out by competent and trained staff. The environment is a good example. E.g. A parish council could never afford to have skilled expertise in environmental matters - something which is a core responsibility of the Unitary Authority.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
H144	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Parish councils are an unnecessary level of governance as the services they will provide are already covered by BCP. If we need Parish councils to have our community listened to, then maybe BCP should be disbanded instead and go back to individual town councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
H145	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Parish councils are superfluous	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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H146	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Parish Councils generally attract Narcissists and mini Hitlers, who love the power and control, this position gives them in the community. Control over decisions and people that live in these areas. Procedure and following the system is everything, the end result is irrelevant. They have fragile egos and hate criticism. They are in control and you little people must go through me first, in fact, this whole community is under my influence and control.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
H147	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Parish councils represent unnecessary bureaucracy and are a waste of money.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
H148	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Re a and d - the parish council should not be created. It is a waste of tax payers money and adds unnecessary bureaucracy. Public funds are right enough and we should be reducing this bureaucracy not increasing it. I do not think the areas that do have these already get good value for the extra money they pay.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2

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H149	Boscombe & Pokesdown	See comments under Broadstone.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
H150	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Should be part of an Independent Bournemouth Council or a ward of BCP	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
H151	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Some of these areas include people that live/ shop in southbourne.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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H152	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Strongly disagree against any and all town and/or parish councils. If the central Local Authroity cannot function in its current format, then you must disband BCP and hand responsibility back to the separate localities. We are facing a cost of living crisis, and forcing more cost onto the rate payer, especially at a time where BCP has swindled and wasted millions, is a recipe for disaster. I will personally see that if this is forced through that you will see similar to the Poll Tax. Do not do this.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
H153	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Strongly disagree with Parish Council	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
H154	Boscombe & Pokesdown	The area is already well served under BCP no need to waste any further money.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0

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H155	Boscombe & Pokesdown	The bureaucracy and cost of additional layers of local government should be avoided wherever possible.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
H156	Boscombe & Pokesdown	The proposed boundary is not sustainable on it's own as the proposed wards contain areas of deprivation. The names and exact boundaries are not logical or consistent.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
H157	Boscombe & Pokesdown	There is absolutely no need for a separate Parish Council for Boscombe and Pokesdown. It all comes under the remit of BCP Council. Another tier of Government makes an unnecessary confusion for the local population	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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H158	Boscombe & Pokesdown	There is insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision on any of these draft recommendations. There is no indication of what services will be provided via the new parish/town councils. There is no indication of the total costs involved in setting up these parishes/councils, nor of the level of precept, nor of the possibility of precepts being increased well above the capped level of council tax. There is no indication of the need for a clerk to the parish/town council, nor of the salary that this would incur. Whilst the expectation is that parish/town councillors will be appointed on a voluntary basis, there is no means of preventing them from voting to make salary payments out of the precept. Divisions into parish/town councils across the conurbation is likely to increase differences in levels of provision.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
H159	Boscombe & Pokesdown	There is no need for a further layer of government.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
H160	Boscombe & Pokesdown	There should be no community council whatsoever (paragraph h), nor any cllrs beyond what is already within BCP Council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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H161	Boscombe & Pokesdown	This is a completely unnecessary level of bureaucracy	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
H162	Boscombe & Pokesdown	This represents another layer of bureaucracy throughout the area with additional costs. We have only just got rid of the ‘original’ layers of local government at considerable cost (although it was sold as a cost saving). Now you intend to set up all these additional layers. It implies the original decision was wrong - we end up paying for your mistakes!!!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
H163	Boscombe & Pokesdown	This whole thing is wrong! I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils There have been no costings whatsoever as to how much this will cost so how can anyone agree when no information given on exactly 1) what the new town and parish councils will do and 2) how much tax with NO ceiling increase will cost. The timing of this consultation is so wrong costing in excess of £100k when money could have been better spent. I strongly believe it's just a matter of creating 'jobs for the boys' . . . Or should I say girls in this instance! This survey and completing it is so very onerous. That too is disgusting and it's obviously relying on people to not bother giving their views as it's too difficult DISAGREE	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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H164	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Too much bureaucracy. We should have been given more say in the 2019 merger. We cant now go back.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
H165	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Unecessary layer of local governance	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
H166	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Unfortunately, looking at the benefits between Bcp and the parish Council is minimal for the extra cost so there’s no point doing a Paris Council there’ll be too much red tape	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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H167	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Unnecessary	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
H168	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Unnecessary layer of bureaucracy	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
H169	Boscombe & Pokesdown	unnecessary unwanted vanity project	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH15 2

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H170	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
H171	Boscombe & Pokesdown	We already have enough governance from central Government and an interfering BCP council. This will be just one more level, where no doubt we will have to fund more 'allowances' for these individuals. STOP wasting taxpayers money with these idiotic schemes!!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
H172	Boscombe & Pokesdown	We do NOT need more councillors in the BCP area! The existing councillors should be trained to do a better job & not waste our taxes! They should control their funds instead of going into huge debt & asking schools to subsidise their debt. The system needs to be simplified NOT further complicated. Further councillors means more expensive council tax for NO PURPOSEFUL REASON- just more people doing a bad job. This is an unnecessary cost for zero benefit.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3

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H173	Boscombe & Pokesdown	We do not need to split down and cause more bureaucracy and cost.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
H174	Boscombe & Pokesdown	We dont need any more money soent on extra management, people are already paying extra for mortgages, electricity and other utilities	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
H175	Boscombe & Pokesdown	We don't need Parish Councils.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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H176	Boscombe & Pokesdown	we have enough council governance as a tri borough council (BCP) and do not need another level of governance.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5
H177	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Yet another level of administration, which is unnecessary. Yet more talking shop Councilors, when what is needed is investment and action rather than a talks hop	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
H178	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Your just creating jobs for people that are not needed, which will push up local taxes. The region was run better in the 60s to 80s when it had far less. Now with so many unqualified council reps. The town region in general is a joke and sadly run	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4

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H179	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Waste of Money, should be covered under by BCP	Don't know/not sure	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
H180	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe Chine Gardens sits firmly in the East Cliff and Springbourne ward and is not part of Boscombe so should not be included in the proposed Boscombe and Pokesdown Council area	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH7 7
H181	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Do not need more burocratic levels	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6

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H182	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I am concerned that neighbourhoods such as Charminster will once again be left behind if other neighbourhoods get this status.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8
H183	Boscombe & Pokesdown	It is not for Electoral Services to comment on these questions	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
H184	Boscombe & Pokesdown	The area appears to split Southbourne 'high street' in two and doesn't feel naturally self identifying as pokesdown. The Boscombe part dominates the pokesdown part	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6

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H185	Boscombe & Pokesdown	The problem with the Draft recommendations are their incredible inconsistency. Why should any comparably sized area be treated differently? Such a situation is inherently unfair and undemocratic. An argument might be made for treating 'rural' areas slightly differently if any can be reasonably defined within BCP but this seems unlikely.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3

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H186	Boscombe & Pokesdown	How has an important decision regarding the boundary and Fisherman's Walk been made without being a formal decision taken to council. "However, the Task and Finish Group decided to make some minor changes at this stage including the redrawing of the boundary for inclusion in the draft recommendations. These minor changes relate to the area known as 'Fisherman's Walk' and the small shopping areas at Portman Terrace and Beresford Road. The area outlined in red below is therefore proposed to be included within the boundary of the Southbourne parish for the purposes of this consultation" If the task and finish group can take these sort of decisions without consultation and a formal recommendation for decision, what is the point of have a consultation about creating representative groups when it seems clear that Councilors can just make decisions without a formal process. In other areas boundary changes have been part of the consultation and will be part of the formal decisions. Why is this case has this been slipped in as a "minor change" ?	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 1
H187	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I feel that these changes would be proportionate and appropriate.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H188	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I have owned my house in Boscombe for 18 years. I first moved to BCP 38 years ago. It has been so depressing to see Boscombe go downhill. My road has never been cleaned since I have lived here. There is no decent play area for my grandchildren. We desperately need a Parish council because I will gladly pay a bit more on my Council Tax to get things done locally.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H189	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I would wish to look at the overlap with parts of Southbourne as well within this Parish as the same logic would seem to apply.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6

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H190	Boscombe & Pokesdown	My main concern is ensuring we get a range of councillors from different age groups & try and keep it politics free as far as possible	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H191	Boscombe & Pokesdown	No	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
H192	Boscombe & Pokesdown	(A) A parish council should not be established as this would lead to another layer of government and increased taxation at a time when record numbers of people are living in proverty and taxation is at the highest level since the second world war. Boscombe is one of the most deprived ares in the UK and the residents can ill afford more costs added to council tax.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 1
H193	Boscombe & Pokesdown	A total waste of time and money: a distraction from the real issues of our locality.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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H194	Boscombe & Pokesdown	As stated above, the whole thing is an absurd idea add will add an unnecessary level of beaurocracy and inequality to local town management. Additional expenses that many locals can ill afford, and variations from one designated district to another. This type of devolution can work for small parishes lying outside of cities and towns, but will not work here. I fear there is also the potential that people with businesses or property in the area may able to exert undue influence. I fully support the case as laid out by Councillors George Farqhuar and Eleanor Connolly. BCP should either devolve back into it's original constituent parts or start by addressing the poor state of the town centre which is a shadow of it's glory days and restoring some pride into the town with some forward thinking ideas. I support the ditching of the airshow, it has become the same year in year out with no innovation, it's had it's moment and in the light of conflicts around the world and climate concerns is not appropriate any more. The Wheels festival was far more interesting with scope for innovation. But in the light of the amazing AUB & BU on our doorstep lets have something celebrating arts and tech innovation - something dynamic, inclusive and exciting to draw people back into town and not just sat messing up the beach gawping at planes going backwards and forwards. Look at St Ives or Margate and welcome artists and galleries. Time to re-build and local 'parish' councils will just hinder any progress - think bigger - we're better together!	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
H195	Boscombe & Pokesdown	At risk of repeating the above, stop wasting time and energy on paper pushing. Let people do some real work to benefit the population rather than adding a layer of unnecessary debate	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H196	Boscombe & Pokesdown	BCP would be better to concentrate their efforts in improving their own services rather than creating other councils to do BCP's work for them.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6

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H197	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe North and Pokesdown Hill are very different areas, thus grouping them together seems arbitrary	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
H198	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Dont fix something that isn't broken. Change of the sake of change is a pointless endeavour.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
H199	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I agree with the natural feature boundary to the West should include Boscombe Chine Gardens as natural, distinct definitive feature boundary. Likewise I agree the railway should define the northern boundary ad a distinct landmark feature dividing communities. I do not agree that the Eastern Boundary should exclude Fisherman's Walk as a distinct natural feature. This green space has belonged to the ward boundaries for Pokesdown dating back to the Pokesdown Urban District Council of 1895 and the Pokesdown Parish Council one of the first to exist. this was long before Southbourne and the Grove existed as we know it today. This 'land grab' of this greenspace fully in the Boscombe East and Pokesdown ward, would remove the say of BCP, the ward Councillors and the residents a say to the management and amenity usage of this ward asset. Likewise the 'landgrab' of the Woodside Road Car Park would remove the potential for revenue or say on parking fees to the residents of Boscombe East and Pokesdown should they form their own Community Council or not if the Southbourne proposal succeeds. the recommendations are driven by a small response of the 16,032 electorate. ie if a proposal/delegation/submission to CGR was less than 160 individuals it would still be less than 1% of the electorate. in no way is this representative of the communities and would be dismissed if it were a referendum on such a change for 'either/or' that is recommended in this CGR	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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H200	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I am also concerned that the removal of the Charter Trustees will end decades of civic tradition associated with the Mayors of Poole and Bournemouth. It is unclear who will be responsible for upholding these traditions, and the regalia that goes with them, or whether the Mayoralities will continue. Bournemouth is a young town with limited history and traditions and it would be very sad to lose the existing traditions that we have. So I object to the introduction of Parish Councils in Bournemouth and Poole for this reason also. It might make more sense under submission 38 to create a Bournemouth Town Council but it is still an inefficient and unnecessary layer of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H201	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation. I was in attendance when the Head of Democratic Services of BCP Council presented the Parish Council initiative at the Boscombe & Pokesdown Towns Fund Meeting. The information presented by them seemed deliberately incomplete and in parts misleading. It required several interventions from knowledgeable members of the public in attendance to finally extract the accurate information. Should the Parish Council move forward, I would want to file a formal complaint against the presentation and the presenter.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
H202	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I believe these plans will add confusion over which council does which job. Just keep it simple. I don't think it helps community cohesion by having multiple layers of councils for each area. BCP council need to improve their own services rather than creating new Councils to do their job for them.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H203	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I completely oppose the entire idea of adding more layers of bureaucracy in local government. Council tax for the area is already a large enough proportion of my income for what I consider to be low value returns - bins only emptied half the time, congestion a nightmare, no parking, half the shops on the high street are empty, beaches covered in rubbish, I could go on. It's hard enough getting through to the right person as it is, an extra level of people that the public have to pay for is unacceptable, particularly with the cost of living as it is and stagnant wages. Additionally, there are only 'projected' costs, not real solid figures. No one knows how much this will cost but the likelihood is it'll be more than expected and the taxpayers will be left to foot the bill again, after years of misspending. BCP council could benefit from a restructuring and a redefining of responsibility, not more bureaucracy.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6

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H204	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I generally feel that the creation of parish and community councils will hinder decision making by adding extra layers / personalities. As a BCP Council employee, I'd also be concerned about the impact on staff and workloads if there are more councillors to respond to / groups to consult with / liaise with	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
H205	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I really don't understand the reasoning for this. Is it an attempt by bcp to do less work?	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H206	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I would prefer not to be inside the Boscombe parish area - living in st Clements rd - one third of the rd is not in the proposed st Clements area - this is muddling, id like the boundary moved so I am in the East cliff area - this makes a big difference to house prices and I am upset that the council is deciding to make these divisions	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
H207	Boscombe & Pokesdown	If it is not possible for Pokesdown and Southbourne to be one ward, how about a bigger ward made up of Pokesdown, Southbourne and Boscombe.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H208	Boscombe & Pokesdown	If the proposals for a parish council are adopted, they will presumably take some of the responsibilities currently carried out by BCP Council. Surely this should reduce the Council Tax.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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H209	Boscombe & Pokesdown	It is a really bad idea, and absolutely not needed at all!! We have enough councillors at the moment t, who already do not know enough about the issues facing the area and the country to support the needs of the council. Ease do not go ahead with this.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H210	Boscombe & Pokesdown	It's a wast of time and money, only putting more pressure on those who already suffer with low income. The council is running just fine as it currently is!	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H211	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Its not needed	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H212	Boscombe & Pokesdown	More red tape and expense which is unaffordable.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H213	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Multiple layers of council will not benefit anyone. BCP should be concentrating on improving their own services rather than creating new councils to do the job for them.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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H214	Boscombe & Pokesdown	No	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H215	Boscombe & Pokesdown	No.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
H216	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Parish councils are a bad idea for so many reasons but mainly as they will lead to inequity	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H217	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, corruption and prevention the integrated transformation that the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
H218	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Please don't waste our money on any parish councils in the BCP area.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5

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H219	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Really not right to redraw boundaries.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
H220	Boscombe & Pokesdown	scrap them!	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
H221	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Seems unneccesary	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H222	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Stop attempting to add more layers of governance, providing less value adding service to the area and instead, use that money to provide products and services to the tax payer.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H223	Boscombe & Pokesdown	stop wasting time and money on these pointless ideas	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6

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H224	Boscombe & Pokesdown	The lack of info easily available is shameful. Further information's and FULL costing should be issues so an informed decision can be made.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
H225	Boscombe & Pokesdown	The only change I would like to see is the complete scrapping of this lunacy and the money saved by not wasting any more being put into something which actually benefits local people, such as children's play spaces, which the council apparently doesn't have the money for.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
H226	Boscombe & Pokesdown	This is not the change that is needed for this area.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
H227	Boscombe & Pokesdown	This proposed additional layer of local government administration is unnecessary and will not add value for money benefit either. It will allow BCP (staff and Councillors) to abdicate responsibility for those areas taken up by Parish Councils. I would like to see the continuance of those involved in the current administration deal efficiently and in a timely manner with the responsibilities within their current remit.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H228	Boscombe & Pokesdown	We have enough layers of local government. There will be no benefit to residents. Some systems and services have yet to streamlined across BCP and this is years after its creation. Another layer complicates issues and risks ending in duplicating everything resulting in confusion and wasting our money.Drawing the arbitrary boundaries will not create a sense of cohesion community. My proposed ward would bring together areas that have nothing in common with each other. Now BCP has been. created the council should concentrate on improving there efficiency and not complicate issues	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 1

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H229	Boscombe & Pokesdown	WHy move us from Southbourne to Boscombe?	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
H230	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Yes abandon the idea! Stop creating more work, costing more burden to an already overtaxed population! It is a bit like paying for the UK parliament MPs and the MEP we voted to get out of that double expense!!	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living in proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
H231	Boscombe & Pokesdown	As Chair of the Boscombe and Pokesdown Community Forum, I would like to reiterate our strong support for a community council that reflects the unique identity, history, and ambitions of this area. The Forum has worked with residents over many years to deliver a democratically grounded Neighbourhood Plan, and we see the creation of a community council as a natural and necessary next step — enabling more transparent, accountable, and participatory local governance. We are concerned that if our proposal is not successful, the area may be absorbed by default into a larger Bournemouth-wide town council. This would risk diluting the local voice and reversing years of progress made towards devolved, community-led decision making. In terms of boundaries, we continue to oppose the reassignment of areas such as Fisherman's Walk, the adjacent car park, and a single block of shops. These proposals were not put forward by either neighbouring community and risk undermining the integrity and coherence of the Boscombe and Pokesdown Neighbourhood Plan. We also strongly urge the Council to revisit the northern boundary of the proposed area. While we recognise that the proposal to include the entirety of Kings Park may have been overreaching, we believe that a more modest but important adjustment should be made to include key sites north of the railway line that are historically, functionally, and strategically tied to Boscombe. This includes: Station Approach and the cluster of businesses surrounding Boscombe Railway Station Kings Park Academy, a school serving many families in Boscombe and Pokesdown The Kings Park Leisure and Learning Centre, which has received targeted investment from the Boscombe Towns Fund, including funding for new heating	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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		systems and a children's play area The former Kings Park Nursery, which has potential as a site for community use, schools partnerships or Boscombe-based enterprise Boscombe Cemetery, which has long been part of Boscombe's civic identity and public space network While the railway line is sometimes seen as a natural boundary, in reality it is easily passable via Ashley Road and Gloucester Road, and parts of Pokesdown already lie north of the line. These locations are well used by residents from Boscombe and Pokesdown, and several — such as the Leisure Centre — are already funded and administered as part of Boscombe. To exclude them from the proposed community council boundary would break those functional ties and weaken the ability to plan and govern the area cohesively. Importantly, the area around Boscombe Railway Station is of long-term strategic value. The station has long been subject to local aspirations for reopening, and should light rail, tram, or integrated transport schemes be introduced in the future, this area would form a critical part of Boscombe's infrastructure. Its exclusion now would be short-sighted. Ultimately, we want to see a governance model that strengthens local democracy, respects historical ties, and supports future regeneration. This review should not only address administrative convenience but also reflect the lived experience and identity of the people who live, work, and contribute to Boscombe and Pokesdown.					

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H232	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Can a Parish Be Too Small? While local identity is important, it must be balanced with sustainability. The law makes no concessions for the size of a parish council—statutory obligations remain the same regardless of whether a council serves 2,000 or 20,000 electors. Smaller councils still face requirements around AGAR submissions, audits, summonses, policy reviews, data protection, financial transparency, and staff management—with far fewer councillors and resources to deliver them. There is a strong argument that Boscombe & Pokesdown and Southbourne would benefit significantly from a combined governance model based on their location next to each other. While the two areas differ in character and demographic profile, a shared council could offer: Reduced administrative burden – One audit, one set of minutes, one AGAR return, one governance framework. Increased precept base – Greater flexibility to fund community services, events, and improvements. Larger pool of councillors – Strengthened resilience and broader representation. More volunteers and engaged residents – Higher turnout at public meetings and stronger public scrutiny. Improved service delivery – Some services (e.g. youth provision, play spaces, community halls) do not scale efficiently at a hyperlocal level; better outcomes often require critical mass. A merged community council could still respect and reflect local identities through ward-based representation, but with vastly improved governance efficiency and strategic capability.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
H233	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Manor Road and its problems are completely ignored 1. Speeding whilst there is parking on both sides of the road, 2 No weekend parking charges East of the roundabout by The Park Inn. 3. Anti-social behaviour in Manor Road with the result that trash and fly tipping is rife. 4. Inadequate police coverage leading to abandoned cars and abuse of parking timing. 5. Overgrown trees that are both ugly and dangerous and block many of the pavements because they are too tall and have been planted in the middle of said pavements etc. With a parish council the many residents who are concentrated in this area ,living in blocks.(Dunholme Manor/Albany/Keverstone etc. Would get a fair and proper hearing with regard to their problems. Just because most residents come out of their blocks by car and don't notice all these comments, IT'S NOT AN EXCUSE TO DO DO NOTHING ABOUT IT.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3

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H234	Boscombe & Pokesdown	No	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
H235	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Support the small boundary change	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
H236	Boscombe & Pokesdown	This would help to give Boscombe a distinct entity	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
H237	Boscombe & Pokesdown	(b) I think Seabourne Road shops restaurants flats and houses up to Ashbourne Road should be moved from 'Boscombe and Pokesdown' to 'Southbourne'. The current 'Welcome to Southbourne' sign is just east of Ashbourne Road.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
H238	Boscombe & Pokesdown	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7

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H239	Boscombe & Pokesdown	a) Merge it with Bournemouth Town Council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
H240	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
H241	Boscombe & Pokesdown	All of the draft proposals should be rejected	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
H242	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Any activity that dilutes the responsibility of the council is not acceptable.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
H243	Boscombe & Pokesdown	As above	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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H244	Boscombe & Pokesdown	BCP unitary authority, amalgamating Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth, was supposed to improve transparency, costs and bureaucracy. Creating parish/town councils will be adding another level of unnecessary bureaucracy and cost with no tangible benefit and worse accountability. BCP has just appointed a new CEO; consideration should be given to allowing this person to attempt to improve the current running of the unitary authority before any changes are implemented. No decisions should be made before 2027 and then only following a referendum.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
H245	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Council tax should be reduced and services improved	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
H246	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Disagree with the concept of creating an additional layer of local authority administration having decided to delayer and combine authorities in 1997 and 2019, for the reasons given in the previous question. A referendum should apply for the whole of BCP if this concept is pursued	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
H247	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Do not need	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
H248	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Don't try to fix something that is not broken.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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H249	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I am not sure this proposal is really wanted by the community.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
H250	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I disagree with the continuation of current parish, community and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish, community or town councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
H251	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I do not agree with the creation of parish councils within BCP, or if you want to have separate smaller councils, they should replace BCP, which would then be abolished.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
H252	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I do not want to see divisions between different areas of Bournemouth.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
H253	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I just feel that creating parish councils is a completely unnecessary and costly operation.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7

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H254	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I prefer my council tax to cover the cost of essential services, rather than more councillors trying to decide on the services they perceive to be required. Further layers of council also reduces accountability in local government.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
H255	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I think the Boscombe-Southbourne division that this and the Southbourne application envisages is particularly egregious, separating communities in surprising ways, dividing people who consider themselves neighbours. People can identify with an area but that doesn't mean they need or want to have that area delineated on a map. People and communities are fluid and this restricts and diminishes that.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
H256	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I would like to see more improvements on current system. Any work caried out should be audited properly. People in charge should be accountable for every decision they make and clearly documented.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
H257	Boscombe & Pokesdown	If the councils have to go ahead, the boundary should follow that of the Boscombe & Pokesdown Neighbourhood Plan for practicality. Woodside Road car park should be in the same council as the shops on Seabourne Road that rely on it. Fisherman's Walk should be in the same council as Cafe Riva and the cliff lift as the maintenance should be joined-up.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
H258	Boscombe & Pokesdown	It is solving a problem that doesn't exist. The only fair way forward, if you want to raise a precept, is to make all of Bournemouth a single Parish, like Poole and Christchurch. There are no villages inside Bournemouth. Not even Tucton is proposed as a parish, and that is probably the only genuine contender.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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H259	Boscombe & Pokesdown	It is too complex, lets keep it simple as one BCP Council.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
H260	Boscombe & Pokesdown	It will cost more for minimal benefits. The money would be better spent on the community than on more Counsellor who do not listen to the people.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
H261	Boscombe & Pokesdown	It's an unnecessary expense	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
H262	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Its an awful idea and the current council should be focusing its efforts on getting the simple things right like maintaining the roads and pavements and ensuring a good health service before meddling with the un important things	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
H263	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Leave the local taxpayers alone; Ms Earle and her band of misfits is enough for anyone!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
H264	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Leave things as they are as despite the hollow words from BCP council, this is clearly going to end up costing residents money that simply cannot be afforded in a cost of living crisis. If the current incumbents are unable to work within the constraints as they currently exist, then they should resign en masse and make way for competent people who can. This is nothing but a transparent vehicle to screw the local residents. You say that there will not be any additional cost, but that is a blatant lie. You will bring in a precept to begin with and that will go up and up and up year on year , totally unchecked and the people of the BCP region will be the ones to pay for it. It's unacceptable that you would do something like this without a referendum (which you clearly won't as you already know what the outcome would be and you don't like listening to people who disagree with you). BCP Council is a repugnant organisation, badly run by incompetent councillors with no honesty, integrity or decency. You are an embarrassment to the local people and you should be totally and utterly ashamed of yourselves (but I doubt you have the decency to feel that way either). Shame on you all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
H265	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Less bureaucracy and transparency is required from BCP with more action from those already elected, not more	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
H266	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Merge with Bournemouth	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
H267	Boscombe & Pokesdown	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3

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H268	Boscombe & Pokesdown	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH10 7
H269	Boscombe & Pokesdown	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
H270	Boscombe & Pokesdown	No changes please.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
H271	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Once the government has completed it's latest round of local government reorganisation then this should be revisited particularly as we do not know whether the national government as part of the efficiency reorganisation my abolish them nationally	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
H272	Boscombe & Pokesdown	People are trying to circumvent the elected authority to suit their own politics	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1

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H273	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Please just leave things as they are.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
H274	Boscombe & Pokesdown	PLEASE KEEP IT CENTRALISED AND SIMPLE.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
H275	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Please prioritise how money is spent. People are skint.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
H276	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Please remove them.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
H277	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Scrap it. This survey is getting tedious, especially since BCP council doesn't pay a blind bit of attention to what local people think. That's why you are all going to get voted out of office.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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H278	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Shit Idea. I would like to stand as a councillor, because I know it attracts narcissistic controlling self-important individuals.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
H279	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Spend the money dealing with drug dealing and crime in Boscombe instead of wasting it on a Parish Council.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
H280	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Stop looking for reasons to soend money , but save and invest back into community.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
H281	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Strongly disagree against any and all town and/or parish councils. If the central Local Authroity cannot function in its current format, then you must disband BCP and hand responsibility back to the separate localities. We are facing a cost of living crisis, and forcing more cost onto the rate payer, especially at a time where BCP has swindled and wasted millions, is a recipe for disaster. I will personally see that if this is forced through that you will see similar to the Poll Tax. Do not do this.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
H282	Boscombe & Pokesdown	That this proposal is dropped and the council concentrate on better services and not more councillors…..parish or otherwise it’s a complete waste of taxpayer money	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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H283	Boscombe & Pokesdown	The draft recommendation fail to explain any benefit whatsoever to the residents, workers or visitors to the area, just duplication and additional bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
H284	Boscombe & Pokesdown	There has been no democratic input in to these proposals.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
H285	Boscombe & Pokesdown	These proposals hack off the "nice areas" and leave the less affluent/ less beautiful areas all lumped together. Typical Lib Dems. It feels like I am being "partitioned"!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
H286	Boscombe & Pokesdown	This is a complete waste of Council Taxpayers money	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6

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H287	Boscombe & Pokesdown	This whole thing is wrong! I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils There have been no costings whatsoever as to how much this will cost so how can anyone agree when no information given on exactly 1) what the new town and parish councils will do and 2) how much tax with NO ceiling increase will cost. The timing of this consultation is so wrong costing in excess of £100k when money could have been better spent. I strongly believe it's just a matter of creating 'jobs for the boys' . . . Or should I say girls in this instance! This survey and completing it is so very onerous. That too is disgusting and it's obviously relying on people to not bother giving their views as it's too difficult	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
H288	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Town or Parish Councils are not required at this time. Any decision should be by vote at the Local Elections to be held during May 2027. It is clear the Leadership of BCP Council together with the councillors with the biggest majority have already made their decision so this 'consultation' is nothing but a farce.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
H289	Boscombe & Pokesdown	unnecessary unwanted vanity project	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH15 2
H290	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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H291	Boscombe & Pokesdown	We do not need more councillors	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
H292	Boscombe & Pokesdown	We do NOT need more councillors in the BCP area! The existing councillors should be trained to do a better job & not waste our taxes! They should control their funds instead of going into huge debt & asking schools to subsidise their debt. The system needs to be simplified NOT further complicated. Further councillors means more expensive council tax for NO PURPOSEFUL REASON- just more people doing a bad job. This is an unnecessary cost for zero benefit.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
H293	Boscombe & Pokesdown	We do not need parish councils as well as BCP. That is unnecessary, costly and would lead to certain matters not being considered by either.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7

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H294	Boscombe & Pokesdown	1. The proposal for part of polling districts BE2 and BE3 to be excluded from the parish and instead be part of the proposed Southbourne Parish raises concerns. This would create new very small polling districts containing electors voting for different BCP Council wards. This would increase the margin for error in polling stations and make administering the elections more complex. This could be resolved by requesting a related alteration from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to the boundary between the Boscombe East and West Southbourne BCP Council wards to make this coterminous with the proposed parish boundary. If a related alteration cannot be approved, then parts of BE2 and BE3 should not be excluded from the proposed parish. 2. The proposal to take in part of polling district EC1 raises concerns. This would create another small polling district with electors voting for different BCP Council wards. This would increase the margin for error in polling stations and make administering the elections more complex. This could be resolved by requesting a related alteration from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to the boundary between the East Cliff and Springbourne and Boscombe West BCP Council wards to make this coterminous with the proposed parish boundary. If a related alteration cannot be approved, then part of EC1 should not be included in the proposed parish.	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
H295	Boscombe & Pokesdown	I am concerned that neighbourhoods such as Charminster will once again be left behind if other neighbourhoods get this status.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8
H296	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Too many parish Councillors - Could be cut down by 4	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6

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H297	Boscombe & Pokesdown	utter waste of public money	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6

Community Governance Consultation

August 2025

Boscombe and Pokesdown

Research and Consultation Team

Qualitative Analysis and Report by Darmax Research

Executive Summary

BCP Council are consulting on draft proposals to create new parish, town and community councils across Bournemouth and Poole and to make some small changes to the existing town/parish arrangements in Christchurch.

Before any decisions are made, the council sought the views of local residents on setting up a new parish council in Boscombe and Pokesdown.

This report summarises the free-text responses to the consultation.

Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Results

Reasons for agreement/disagreement

Respondents were asked to provide their reasons for why they agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Boscombe and Pokesdown.

183 respondents provided feedback to this question. 61 of these respondents live in Boscombe and Pokesdown, while 122 live outside of the proposal area.

Feedback from Boscombe and Pokesdown residents was predominantly critical, though a small number expressed support. Some respondents felt the proposals could benefit the area by providing a stronger local voice and giving residents more control over neighbourhood priorities.

Those opposing the creation of a parish council argued it would be unnecessary, bureaucratic, and a waste of money. Respondents highlighted increased bureaucracy, questioned whether parish councils have power to influence change, and raised concerns about affordability in a community already facing deprivation.

Boundary issues were raised by residents, with suggestions that Pokesdown should be linked with Southbourne rather than Boscombe, and that areas such as Fisherman's Walk and Portman Parade should be part of Boscombe and Pokesdown.

Concerns were also raised about administration and management. Respondents commented that BCP Council was only recently created to reduce bureaucracy, and that adding another layer of governance would create confusion over responsibilities and perpetuate inequalities between affluent and deprived areas. Some noted that existing councillors already provide representation and that turnout for parish elections is often low.

Many respondents felt a parish council would increase council tax, while respondents were also critical of the consultation process itself.

Feedback from respondents living outside the proposal area was also mainly negative. While some recognised Boscombe and Pokesdown's distinct cultural identity and argued for more local representation, the majority opposed the recommendations. Non-residents argued that parish councils are wasteful, that boundaries cut through communities, and that Boscombe and Pokesdown should instead be included in Bournemouth Town Council or merged with Southbourne.

Similarly to residents, non-residents expressed concern about bureaucracy, reduced accountability for BCP Council, and inequity in service delivery. They also criticised the number of proposed councillors and raised affordability issues with increased council tax.

Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Boscombe and Pokesdown.

104 respondents provided further comments, including 42 from within Boscombe and Pokesdown and 62 from outside the area.

While a small number of respondents expressed support, stating that a parish council would allow more to be achieved locally, the majority opposed the proposals. They viewed the changes as unnecessary, costly, and unlikely to deliver meaningful benefits. Respondents felt that BCP Council should focus on delivering better services rather than creating additional layers of governance. Concerns included confusion about responsibilities, and the potential for inequity between different areas.

Boundary issues were also raised, with some suggesting that Pokesdown should be linked with Southbourne rather than Boscombe, while others felt Southbourne could be merged with Boscombe and Pokesdown to create a larger parish. Fisherman's Walk was mentioned as an area that should be included within the proposed boundaries.

Costs were another concern, with respondents feeling that council tax was already too high.

Some respondents also questioned the consultation process, expressing scepticism that resident views would be considered and noting that the information provided was limited and unclear.

A small number of respondents who live outside the proposal area expressed support, stating that the proposals recognised the distinct identity of Boscombe and Pokesdown and could strengthen local representation and decision-making. Most, however, opposed the draft recommendations. Respondents criticised the proposals as unnecessary, costly, and divisive. Concerns included additional layers of bureaucracy and reduced accountability for BCP Council. Some argued that BCP

should improve its current performance or revert to the previous council structure rather than creating new parishes.

Boundary issues were also mentioned. Suggestions included merging the area into Bournemouth Town Council or adjusting boundaries so that parts of the proposed area were included within Southbourne instead. Some felt the proposed divisions cut across existing communities and would create administrative complications.

Cost was again a key theme, with many stating that increased council tax would place an unfair burden on residents without delivering significant benefits.

The consultation process was also criticised. Respondents questioned the transparency and credibility of the exercise, with some believing the decision had already been made. Respondents also called for the issue to be put to a public vote.

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1 Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Qualitative responses (write in text) to questions were exported into Excel and were thematically analysed. The most common themes are reported on in this report. Anonymised quotes from participants have been used to illustrate the themes identified.

Please note that while the purpose of qualitative data is to provide deeper insights into reasoning and impact rather than to quantify data, the numbers of respondents who mentioned the most prevalent themes are provided in this report to give an indication of the magnitude of response. However, given the nature of qualitative data, it should be noted that this does not provide an indication of significance in relation to the question asked.

In addition, where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories. Where a response makes several different points, only the relevant part to the discussed theme is shown in the report.

2 Analysis and results

2.1 Reasons for agreement/disagreement

Respondents were asked to provide their reasons for why they agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Boscombe and Pokesdown.

183 respondents provided feedback to this question. 61 of these respondents live in Boscombe and Pokesdown, while 122 of these respondents live outside of Boscombe and Pokesdown.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	4	5	9
General opposition	22	48	70
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	11	25	36
Administration/management of decisions	43	72	115
Cost of delivery	20	28	48
Consultation/decision process	7	10	17
Other	0	0	0

2.1.1 Respondents living in proposal area

4 respondents commented general support for the draft recommendations. Respondents felt that the changes would **benefit Boscombe and Pokesdown** and enable the area to create a neighbourhood plan.

"There is a logic to the proposal."

"These changes would be positive for Pokesdown & Boscombe. These changes would inspire and benefit Pokesdown & Boscombe because it would help maintain and regenerate both areas."

22 respondents expressed general opposition to the proposals. These respondents felt there was **no need to change**, they do not want a parish council and the changes would be a waste of money.

"Pointless to have yet another council with additional costs."

"I am unsure as to what value this proposal will add to local residents."

11 respondents raised concerns about the proposed boundaries. Respondents commented that **Pokesdown aligns more with Southbourne** and so should be included within that proposal rather than linked with Boscombe and that the boundary cuts through areas considered to be part of Southbourne. In addition, respondents commented that **Fisherman's Walk** and Portman Parade should be included with the Boscombe and Pokesdown area. Respondents also felt that the conurbation was too large to warrant splitting it into separate parish and town councils. Respondents also questioned the appropriateness of the proposed **parish names**.

"I think it makes much more sense for Pokesdown to be attached to Southbourne, given Pokesdown melds into Southbourne along Seaborne Road. Pokesdown itself is a small, contained, quiet place, which has its own unique character that is completely different from the demographics and urbane entertainment of Boscombe."

"The boundary of Boscombe and Pokesdown should include Fisherman's Walk and Portman Parade as these are historically part of Pokesdown and not Southbourne."

"I think the Portman and Central Pokesdown ward name needs to be changed. I live in the proposed Boscombe North and Pokesdown ward. Portman Road is in our patch. I just think it will be confusing. It ought to be called the Parkwood Ward because Parkwood Road will be the main road running through there."

"BCP is not that big an area that it needs splitting into little areas. The whole idea of a unitary authority is that it's ONE level."

"The name St Clements and Boscombe hospital - the hospital closed 30 years ago. These names are dividing in an unpleasant way - I do not like to have this put upon my area."

43 respondents commented on administrative issues. The majority of these respondents commented that the proposals create too much **red tape and unnecessary bureaucracy** that the creation of BCP Council was meant to reduce. It would also cause unnecessary **confusion** with regards to the public knowing which each council was responsible for, while **councillors already represent** the local area. Parish and community councils will **not have sufficient powers** to influence change. In addition, the changes would result in **inequity of service** delivery between areas, with areas of higher deprivation such as Boscombe being **unable to afford** to provide services to its residents.

“We do not need another layer of bureaucracy.”

“Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole have only recently been amalgamated allegedly for simplification so why now introduce further layers of responsibility?”

“Confusing for residents and just a recipe for obfuscation.”

“My main concern about having a separate area including Boscombe is that as a deprived area I imagine council tax take is lower. What I don't know is would that mean the funding for this council would be lower than other areas - thus perpetuating the cycle of deprivation in Boscombe and limiting the scope of the potential council compared to more affluent areas?”

“Our current local councillors already do a great job.”

“If you create a Community Council that only has an advisory role there is little point and you will create a bureaucracy that has no real value as it can be disregarded by councillors and the council.”

“There will be a risk of "buck-passing" and uncertainty regarding who is responsible for what.”

20 respondents highlighted **affordability concerns** and were worried that a new parish council would increase council tax.

“I'm worried that as soon as Pokesdown becomes a parish, we will be charged more council tax.”

7 respondents criticised the **consultation process**. They felt the information provided was both insufficient and confusing.

“I don't understand what you are talking about. This is not an easy survey to follow. Also I am quite well read and had to look up 'coterminous'. How do you expect ordinary local people to get involved?”

2.1.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

5 respondents commented general support for the draft recommendations. Respondents felt that Boscombe and Pokesdown has a **rich cultural heritage** distinct from surrounding areas and it will help bring more **local representation** and ownership of decisions that impact the area.

"Boscombe and Pokesdown have a rich cultural heritage, distinct from surrounding areas, and deserve a formal local council to represent their unique character and needs."

"We believe that establishing a community council would strengthen local democratic voice, support grassroots engagement, and allow residents to take more ownership over decisions that affect the area - particularly around planning, public realm, and community priorities."

48 respondents expressed general opposition to the proposals. These respondents felt there both this parish council, as well as parish councils more generally, were **unnecessary**, unwanted and would be a waste of money.

"I don't see any need for a parish council. It is unnecessary and will simply cost the residents more."

"I strongly disagree to a Parish Council being formed and would like it kept as it is."

"I don't want parish councils in Bournemouth."

25 respondents raised concerns about the proposed boundaries. Respondents commented that the **boundary cuts through the middle of built up areas** with residents on the same street being divided. Respondents also commented that **areas identify as part of Southbourne** rather than linked with Boscombe. In addition, respondents commented that parts of **Littledown and Iford** should be included and that the area should be part of the **larger Bournemouth Town Council**. Respondents also questioned the appropriateness of the proposed parish names.

"The area appears to split Southbourne 'high street' in two and doesn't feel naturally self-identifying as Pokesdown. The Boscombe part dominates the Pokesdown part."

"The proposed boundary cuts right through a built-up area, drawing a line through a community between otherwise identical streets houses e.g. on Beaufort Road, Portman Crescent, or Southbourne Road. This is not in line with the Government Guidance on Community Governance Reviews which states: "83. As far as boundaries between parishes are concerned, these should reflect the "no-man's land" between communities represented by areas of low population or barriers such as rivers, roads or railways. They need to be, and be likely to remain, easily identifiable.""

"Should be part of an Independent Bournemouth Council or a ward of BCP."

"I believe that, culturally, polling districts LI2 and LI3 should either belong to this ward or the Southbourne ward over and above their current designation of Littledown & Iford."

"The proposed boundary is not sustainable on its own as the proposed wards contain areas of deprivation. The names and exact boundaries are not logical or consistent."

72 respondents commented on administrative issues. The majority of these respondents commented that the proposals create too much **red tape and unnecessary bureaucracy** that the creation of BCP Council was meant to reduce. BCP Council should **concentrate on providing improved services** rather than creating additional layers of governance. It would also cause unnecessary **confusion** with regards to the public knowing which each council was responsible for and unable to hold councils to account. Parish and community councils will **not have sufficient powers** to influence change. In addition, the changes would result in inequity of service delivery and division between areas. In addition, respondents commented on losing access to an **allotment officer**. Respondents also commented that there are **already elected councillors** to represent the area, while there was concern for **low election turnout**.

"I was under the impression that creating the BCP Council was to reduce the overheads in local government. Introducing a new town council would seem to be an increase in costs and involve additional council tax for residents."

"BCP should improve their own services rather than creating new town, parish or community councils to do their work for them."

"I would find it more difficult to make contact with the appropriate service provider and would feel less able to hold them to account if service provision was split across BCP Council and a local council."

"I disagree with the segregation of our community. It has the potential of causing harmful division."

"If the new changes happen we will lose a dedicated allotment officer which as a keen allotment owner I think would have a negative impact."

"We do NOT need more councillors in the BCP area! The existing councillors should be trained to do a better job & not waste our taxes!"

"This is likely to suffer from the same democratic deficit of existing parish councils - abysmally low turnouts and uncontested elections. Both are deeply undemocratic."

28 respondents commented on the **costs** of parish councils and that it is just creating expenses that will increase council tax.

“This whole thing is wrong! I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils.”

“Your just creating jobs for people that are not needed, which will push up local taxes.”

5 respondents criticised the **consultation process**. They felt the information provided lacked detail of how it would benefit the local area and the proposals had been drawn up with little supporting evidence. The decision should be made by a public vote rather than a consultation. Respondents also felt that there had not been enough publicity of the consultation.

“You haven't shown how this would benefit the local population or BCP as a whole.”

“The proposals have been put forward by a very small number of individuals.”

“There is no rush to make a decision today or next year. If any party has reason to believe Community Governance is needed that subject can be part of the manifesto at the next local elections in May 2027.”

2.2 Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Boscombe and Pokesdown.

104 respondents provided feedback to this question. 42 of these respondents live in Boscombe and Pokesdown, while 62 of these respondents live outside of Boscombe and Pokesdown.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	3	3	6
General opposition	18	31	49
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	7	9	16
Administration/management of decisions	22	28	50
Cost of delivery	7	10	17
Consultation/decision process	3	11	14
Other	0	1	1

2.2.1 Respondents living in proposal area

3 respondents commented general support for the draft recommendations. Respondents felt that the **changes were appropriate** and enable things to get done locally.

"I feel that these changes would be proportionate and appropriate."

"We desperately need a Parish council because I will gladly pay a bit more on my Council Tax to get things done locally."

18 respondents expressed general opposition to the proposals. These respondents felt the proposed changes were a bad idea and an **unnecessary waste of money**.

"Please don't waste our money on any parish councils in the BCP area."

"This is not the change that is needed for this area."

7 respondents raised concerns about the proposed boundaries. Respondents felt that **Pokesdown should be included within the Southbourne proposal** rather

than linked with Boscombe. In addition, respondents commented that **Fisherman's Walk** should be included with the Boscombe and Pokesdown area. One respondent suggested that if Pokesdown and Southbourne could not be combined then Southbourne should be merged with Boscombe and Pokesdown to create one larger parish.

"Boscombe North and Pokesdown Hill are very different areas, thus grouping them together seems arbitrary."

"If it is not possible for Pokesdown and Southbourne to be one ward, how about a bigger ward made up of Pokesdown, Southbourne and Boscombe."

22 respondents commented on administrative issues. The majority of these respondents commented that the proposals create too much **red tape and unnecessary bureaucracy**. Respondents felt that BCP Council should **concentrate on improving their own services** rather than creating new councils to do their job for them. It would also cause **unnecessary confusion** with regards to the public knowing which each council was responsible for. In addition, the changes would result in **inequity of service** delivery between areas.

"Multiple layers of council will not benefit anyone. BCP should be concentrating on improving their own services rather than creating new councils to do the job for them."

"I believe these plans will add confusion over which council does which job. Just keep it simple. I don't think it helps community cohesion by having multiple layers of councils for each area."

7 respondents commented about the associated **costs** of the proposal. While the majority of these were concerned about increased council tax and a lack of details provided about the costs, one respondent commented that they would be happy to pay more council tax if it meant the local area was improved.

"Council tax for the area is already a large enough proportion of my income for what I consider to be low value returns."

"The lack of info easily available is shameful. Further information and FULL costing should be issued so an informed decision can be made."

3 respondents criticised the **consultation process**. They felt the information provided was insufficient and were sceptical that the views of residents would be considered.

"If the task and finish group can take these sort of decisions without consultation and a formal recommendation for decision, what is the point

of having a consultation about creating representative groups when it seems clear that councillors can just make decisions without a formal process."

2.2.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

3 respondents commented general support for the draft recommendations. Respondents felt that Boscombe and Pokesdown has a **distinct identity** and the draft recommendations will help bring more **local representation** and ownership of decisions that impact the area.

"I would like to reiterate our strong support for a community council that reflects the unique identity, history, and ambitions of this area."

31 respondents expressed general opposition to the proposals. These respondents felt there both this parish council, as well as parish councils more generally, were **unnecessary**, unwanted and would be a waste of money.

"Please just leave things as they are."

"I just feel that creating parish councils is a completely unnecessary and costly operation."

9 respondents raised concerns about the proposed boundaries. Respondents commented that the area should be **part of the larger Bournemouth Town Council** and that the boundary should be moved so to include parts of the proposed area in **Southbourne** instead.

"Merge it with Bournemouth Town Council."

"I think Seabourne Road shops restaurants flats and houses up to Ashbourne Road should be moved from 'Boscombe and Pokesdown' to 'Southbourne'. The current 'Welcome to Southbourne' sign is just east of Ashbourne Road."

"The proposal for part of polling districts BE2 and BE3 to be excluded from the parish and instead be part of the proposed Southbourne Parish raises concerns. This would create new very small polling districts containing electors voting for different BCP Council wards. This would increase the margin for error in polling stations and make administering the elections more complex."

28 respondents commented on administrative issues. Respondents commented that the proposals create too much **red tape and unnecessary bureaucracy**. BCP Council should concentrate on providing **improved services** rather than creating additional layers of governance. If they are unable to do this then they should **hand**

responsibility back to the three town councils. In addition, the changes would result in **inequity of service delivery** and division between areas, with areas of higher deprivation segregated. Respondents also commented that the proposals include **too many councillors** for each ward and that there are already councillors elected to represent the area.

"Less bureaucracy and transparency is required from BCP with more action from those already elected, not more."

"If the central Local Authority cannot function in its current format, then you must disband BCP and hand responsibility back to the separate localities."

"These proposals hack off the "nice areas" and leave the less affluent/ less beautiful areas all lumped together."

"Spend the money dealing with drug dealing and crime in Boscombe instead of wasting it on a Parish Council."

"Too many parish Councillors - could be cut down by 4."

10 respondents commented on the **costs** of parish councils and that it will increase council tax for little benefit.

"It will cost more for minimal benefits."

11 respondents criticised the consultation process. They felt the information provided **lacked detail** of how it would benefit the local area and the proposals had been drawn up with little supporting evidence. The decision should be made by a **public vote** rather than a consultation. Respondents also felt that the **decision has already been made** regardless of the consultation response.

"There has been no democratic input in to these proposals."

"Any decision should be by vote at the Local Elections to be held during May 2027. It is clear the Leadership of BCP Council together with the councillors with the biggest majority have already made their decision so this 'consultation' is nothing but a farce."

Q48 – Please tell us the reasons for your answer whether you agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Southbourne

Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
I1	Southbourne	(a) If there is plan to increase council tax, the money could be much better spent on social care - a much greater need than employing a parish secretary.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I2	Southbourne	(f) agreeing on the basis of three wards not four as in the text general: I agree with the concept and find the proposals a reasonable practical implementation of the concept.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I3	Southbourne	a d and h Having been Council Leader when the Area Forums were established I feel that alongside elected Councillors there should be ex officio members representing active community groups in Southbourne so that discussions are well informed. It needs a bit of consideration but have in mind One rep from a youth group (they can sort choice),business group, elderly group, Church. Otherwise experience tells me that it can become a forum for what we don't want rather than what we do want!	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
I4	Southbourne	a I agree with the draft recommendation as I would like local people to have more say on local issues such as the local plan, planning permission, community safety, bus shelters, car parks, toilets, CCTV and so on.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I5	Southbourne	A strong sense of community and identification with the Southbourne area. Clear boundaries - sea, stour & harbour, and railway line. Whilst overlap with Boscombe and Pokesdown boundaries both community forums are supportive of each other and residents move between here (and Christchurch) without any issues. Whilst there are many vibrant local groups, having a community council would help them thrive, and provide a guardian for the local area.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I6	Southbourne	a) I believe that it will be a benefit to residents to have a more locally based council to look after local issues. After all, why should anyone in Poole, for example, care about Southbourne local issues. BCP has the remit to consider council-wide issues, but should allow locals to have a better say in their area.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I7	Southbourne	a) The area of Southbourne has over the last few years become a thriving community minded area to live, work and play in. A lively group of volunteers engage in all sorts of activities making Southbourne an even better place to live. With a community council in place the extra benefit will enhance and benefit all the residents for the better. Southbourne has been put on the national map as one of the best places to live. Let's make sure it is and go ahead with a community council to be run by the residents for the good of the area and who all live in it.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
I8	Southbourne	a)For more than a decade funding from Central Gov. to local Gov. has continued to decline this has resulted in local Gov.'s having to focus on statutory obligations over other community needs. A Parish Council would be able to identify community needs and raise money via the precept and other funding not available to the BCP Council to meet those needs. With Central Gov. funds being in a tenuous postion for nearly 20 years, and the growing difficulty to re-establish stable Central Gov. finances, I feel it is a far better that residents decide what they feel they need to protect and what they are willing to pay extra for.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5
I9	Southbourne	a)I support a new organisation that is funded and tasked to look after Southbourne and is responsive to local residents b) i would like to see the boundary extended to include more of the high street and Seabourne Road up to the Library, as these feel part of Southbourne too	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
I10	Southbourne	A. I agree with the idea of Southbourne having its own town or parish council in principle — it's a distinctive area with a strong identity and an active local community. However, I have some serious concerns that stop me from fully supporting the draft recommendations as they stand. The first is the potential cost to residents. I live just on the edge of Southbourne, on Fisherman's Avenue by Fisherman's Walk. I'm also an artist and work mostly in Boscombe. Like many people on lower incomes, I'm worried that a high levy could make it harder for me to afford to stay in the area. I'd support the proposal more fully if there were reassurances that charges will remain fair and proportionate. Secondly, I think some of the proposed boundary changes feel inappropriate and risk undermining the character of nearby areas. For example, the Brewhouse & Kitchen building and the nearby car park currently sit at the eastern end of Pokesdown and feel very much part of that community — not Southbourne. That stretch of shops and the character of the area align with Pokesdown, which has its own unique, creative and slightly more independent feel. The car park in question mainly serves businesses towards Pokesdown too, especially as that part of the high street has narrower roads and fewer on-street parking options. It doesn't make sense to reassign this area to Southbourne, which already has better parking further down its high street. Lastly, I'd like to see better consultation with residents who live right on the boundary — like myself. I face Fisherman's Walk, which I've always considered part of Boscombe. I enjoy being near both Southbourne and Boscombe, and I think it's important that this balance is maintained. I don't want to be forced into one area or another without local voices being properly heard.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I11	Southbourne	Agree 'a', 'b', 'c'	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
I12	Southbourne	agree with all	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I13	Southbourne	B I think the boundary for Southbourne may need looking at - many residents in Wentworth avenue and Beechwood Avenue plus the roads leading off to the cliff top regard themselves as Southbourne residents as opposed to Boscombe and Pokesdown	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I14	Southbourne	b) Again, Portman Crescent and Montague Road seem to have more links to Southbourne than Boscombe and therefore I would like them included within Southbourne parish, along with Fisherman's Walk. g) I believe there are three wards, not four as stated, but I broadly agree with the names and scope of the three wards.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
I15	Southbourne	B) The boundaries between Southbourne & Pokesdown/Boscombe are blurred, the inevitable consequence of this would be some injustice in precept charges, Southbourne does have its more depraved areas but perhaps not at the same level as places in Boscombe & Pokesdown, I do agree that the new red line is where it should be with the car park & the Brewhouse being in Southbourne despite it being in Boscombe's Neighbourhood plan. I do think that the line could have continued straighter down from the Brewhouse taking in more of the Beaufort estate so that any precept that was agreed in the wealthier parts of the community could channel monies into the area of Beaufort that is perceived to need it. I appreciate that this takes in part of an existing Councillors ward & as she has posted her responses around the boundaries particularly on the Beaufort Estate this is an area that needs to be looked at further. Some will also say the same about properties on the overcliff west of Cafe Riva, are perceived by the owners as being in Southbourne, but I see them firmly in Boscombe, so I think the border here is now right. The ward boundaries are unclear as it seems that the red line goes down the centre of The Grove, meaning some will be in one ward & the other side of the road in another, but if this is drawn right then it might help the appointed Councillors when it comes to comments around inequality. All other questions I agree with strongly & would do my best to support the establishment of a Community Council.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
I16	Southbourne	b. I disagree with the proposed inclusion of both Fisherman's Walk and the separate area comprising the car park and adjacent block of buildings currently in Boscombe East ward, into the new Southbourne area. These changes were not proposed by either of the neighbouring forums — Boscombe and Pokesdown or Southbourne — nor were they part of the original consultation material. They appear to have been introduced without wider engagement, possibly at Task and Finish Group level, and risk creating unnecessary confusion and conflict. As Chair of the Boscombe and Pokesdown Community Forum, I am particularly concerned that incorporating the car park and buildings into Southbourne would interfere with the boundary of the Boscombe and Pokesdown Neighbourhood Plan (BAP NP). These areas currently fall within the plan boundary, and removing them could undermine the protections and planning policies they enjoy. This is especially problematic given that Southbourne does not yet have an adopted neighbourhood plan, nor has it progressed one despite several years of discussion. Although I am a long-standing resident of Southbourne and appreciate that Fisherman's Walk holds strong local significance, it is also well-used and historically shared by residents from Pokesdown and Boscombe East. The green space has long been associated with both communities, and its reallocation risks severing those long-standing connections. The car park and block of buildings, meanwhile, are geographically and socially more aligned with Boscombe and Pokesdown. The car park, while near Southbourne Grove, also supports the businesses and services of Pokesdown and is completely surrounded by residential housing that falls within Boscombe and Pokesdown. Its reclassification feels incongruous. The adjacent block of buildings appears to have been included arbitrarily and without clear justification. In both cases, these boundary changes seem to be driven less by coherent planning principles and more by assumptions about present-day identity or market positioning. I urge the council to reconsider these aspects of the proposal in order to maintain community coherence, respect neighbourhood planning boundaries, and preserve the integrity of existing local identities.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I17	Southbourne	f} text states 4 parish wards but map and recommendation is for 3 wards. The recommendation to 3 wards is the acceptable version	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
I18	Southbourne	Give us a say in local 'low level' issues that matter to our everyday lives. Leaving BCP council to deal until the bigger issues - but alas, I assume, listening to the partial wards councillors and the people they serve. These local people dealing with local issues will have on 'ears to the ground' to support or not BCP decisions.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I19	Southbourne	How much will it cost. What do I get for it?	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I20	Southbourne	I am completely in support of a Southbourne, Tuckton, Wick and Hengistbury Head having a Community Council. My only reservation is the name of the council. We may find that residents would like it to be called Southbourne & Tuckton Community Council so I think this needs to be explored a little further.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I21	Southbourne	I am strongly against Southbourne having any kind of Parish council. I believe this will add further cost and bureaucracy and give BCP further excuses to under deliver to its residents. I am an active member in the community and feel we can better organise ourselves informally. Had a Parish council had more authority eg a true say on planning applications it might be different but there are seem to be no assets or powers in the Southbourne area that would make it worth having a council.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I22	Southbourne	I believe further local devolution of power will bring greater benefits.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I23	Southbourne	I feel that a parish council will enhance community spirit, will enable local engagement and social interaction within our community	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I24	Southbourne	I generally do not agree to the community council concept but it is my understanding that if we do not choose to have our own council with elected community councillors and surrounding areas go ahead with the plan,we will be incorporated in with Bournemouth community councillors, in which case, we will pay the precept but have no say on what happens in our area.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5
I25	Southbourne	I strongly agree with all of the recommendation.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3

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I26	Southbourne	It will allow targeted investment in Southbourne	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I27	Southbourne	It would be good to have far more local autonomy as Wick does not seem to exist in the eyes of BCP. A few years ago BCP put an article in the Echo saying that they had re-painted or updated every lamp post in the then area of Bournemouth. The lamp posts in Wick have never been painted, which is fine as I would rather the money was spent on social care.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I28	Southbourne	No further comment	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I29	Southbourne	Number of Councillors proposed seems high.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3

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I30	Southbourne	Southbourne has a strong community, BCP is too remote to meet its needs.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I31	Southbourne	The boundary for Beaufort should include the riverside park area that I think is called Iford Playing Fields. It's heavily used by that community and they should have the responsibility for it. The Hengistbury area has a lot of green space to maintain	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I32	Southbourne	Too many people involved wil just negate any change	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I33	Southbourne	Tuckton has it's own, very distinct identity, so it seems a shame that it's not included in the Southbourne council name.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I34	Southbourne	(a)A new level of bureaucracy. A higher council tax bill. Inequalities for the lower income communities. Pricing people out of areas that are up and coming.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I35	Southbourne	(A) 1. As a long time resident of Southbourne, I have never felt the need for Southbourne or the surrounding districts within Bournemouth to require more autonomy or representation from BCP Council than is already served through the Charter of Trustees of Bournemouth (made up of existing BCP Councillors). 2. This will add another layer of unnecessary bureaucracy as there will be 3 layers of responsibilities between BCP Council - Parish Council - Residents. Most people do not know or understand the differences between BCP Council or Parish Councils and will result in communication in the form of letters, emails, etc. being constantly lost or deferred between the layers (BCP vs Parish Council) to resolving issues. 3. This will require new and periodic elections for the Parish Council which costs money. Central Government grants to local councils are ever reducing yearly, so this will need to be funded by the local residents. Turnout to vote in most Parish Councils is very low (typically under 50%), so there is limited democratic legitimacy in Parish Councillors being truly elected by the majority of residents in their allocated ward. 4. Setting up a new Parish Council will require a Parish Clerk to be employed and salaried on behalf of the Council. This money as well as any increase in Council Tax could be better spent on increasing money spent on local parks and green spaces which are in dire need of increased funding. 5. Parish Councillors are likely to spend money on activities which the plurality, not the majority of residents want or are interested in. E.g. spending money on Christmas lights in Tuckton and Southbourne (which the local businesses should be paying for as they gain the most benefit through increased trade). Any raised money should be spent evenly and in smaller masses to everyone's benefit in the area, e.g. Seafield Gardens, Iford Playing Fields, Southbourne Beach and Hengistbury Head which can be enjoyed by all residents freely. (F) 1. The division of Southbourne into 3 wards: Tuckton, Hengistbury Head and Wick; Beaufort; Southbourne Overcliff has been purposefully chosen based on property values and social class rather than by geographic or connection to the immediate area. Out of the 3 wards, Beaufort is the least affluent compared to Southbourne Overcliff and Tuckton, Hengistbury Head and Wick. 2. Out of the 12 elected Councillors, only 4 will come from the Beaufort area whilst the remaining 8 will come from the other 2 wards. This means that all Councillors from the Beaufort area can be outvoted on any proposals and there is a risk that any funds raised through an increase in Council Tax will be pork barreled into the Southbourne Overcliff and Tuckton, Hengistbury Head and Wick wards.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I36	Southbourne	(a) By strongly disagreeing with the proposal to establish a community council, I clearly disagree with the other proposals (b) to (h). The formation of a community council would cause confusion as to which council people should make contact. Currently, people know that they can contact their ward councillors for help on any issue which is council related. I understand that the Council will ignore any responses on the grounds of cost (hardly democratic!) but this is clearly of concern to many residents who currently find it difficult with the rising cost of living. BCP Council has only been in existence since 2019 and already the Council is looking to transfer governance to smaller authorities. Rather than forming community or parish councils, it would be better to revert to the former local authorities of Christchurch, Poole and Bournemouth. I believe it would make more sense to have a community review after the 2027 elections and put to the electorate a suggestion that the previous councils are reinstated and BCP Council dissolved.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I37	Southbourne	(a) I believe that at this present time of financial hardship for many people the institution of parish councils,(very unnecessary in my opinion) with the extra taxation involved would be a big mistake. Southbourne is already catered for from existing council tax which I already pay. I think that pensioners like myself on falling incomes (in real terms),and struggling families would find the extra tax to pay for what seems like semi trivial things an imposition. I have previous experience of living with a parish council for many years and there was never anything to see for the extra annual cost. I have consulted with many friends within the W.I. who are all of pretty much the same opinion.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I38	Southbourne	(a) I do no believe the proposal for parish councils will be of any benefit in creating improvements in the locality. We already have Ward councillors whose purpose is to represent their wards. The concept of a parish is another layer of bureaucracy which will cost additional money	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3

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I39	Southbourne	(a) There is no need for another layer of governance, (b) If the council is established I think Fisherman's Walk, Portman Terrace and Beresford Road should be part of Southbourne, (f) There are only three proposed parish ward names, not four as stated in the draft recommendation. (g) The BCP Council wards of East Southbourne and Tuckton and West Southbourne have 4 councillors in total. There is no need that the possible community council should have three times the representation of the main council. If the possible community council is established the number of councillors should not exceed the number of main councillors. Therefore one community councillor per proposed community ward would sufficient. A total of 3 councillors only. (h) If the possible community council is established one councillor per proposed ward is sufficient, See reply to (g) above	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I40	Southbourne	(a) to (h) I strongly disagree with any proposal for the establishment of a parish/community council for the following reasons: 1. It is a duplication of existing responsibilities belonging to BCP Council for which I already pay council tax. 2. I firmly believe that this is another taxation scheme at local level to enable BCP Council to transfer its responsibilities to provide certain services which they will in time move over to the community council, instead of lobbying Government for the correct amount of grant and pursuing value for money. 3. It is an unacceptable layer of bureaucracy. The re-organisation of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Councils was supposed to save costs and streamline services. This serves as nothing more than an opportunity to raise further taxes. 4. The level of taxation for these new councils on residents will be uncapped, leading in time to unacceptable increases levels of taxation above and beyond what we would pay in regard to existing council tax year on year, which at the present moment in time is limited to 5% pa. (maximum). 5. BCP Council would be in a position to shift costs and responsibilities for non-delivery of services over to the community council. 6. The creation of a further tier of local government could lead to job losses of experienced and dedicated staff at BCP Council, resulting in redundancies, the costs of which will have to be met by further local taxation.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I41	Southbourne	(a) We have a system that works. This is just more costly red tape.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I42	Southbourne	[a] Southbourne is part of Bournemouth and has been for many years. I can see no reason to split Southbourne away, being excluded from and denied a say on Bournemouth town council, when comparable areas (such as Westbourne and Alum Chine) will be within Bournemouth Town, as will Kinson which is further away from the centre of Bournemouth. [b] The heart of Southbourne is Southbourne Grove. However, this is at the very western end of the proposed Southbourne parish. Homes which are just to the west of Southbourne Grove, such as Woodside Road and Portman Crescent, would not be part of Southbourne parish under these proposals despite Southbourne Grove being their local high street, just around the corner. Worse, roads including Beaufort Road, Herberton Road and Sunnyhill Road would be split between Southbourne and Boscombe & Pokesdown parishes even though there is no obvious natural boundary to divide them. [d] I see no reason to set up an additional tier of local government for Southbourne. At present, there is clarity as BCP is responsible for local services. With a separate community council, that clarity is lost as some services will still be provided by BCP Council while others may instead become the responsibility of the community council. [d] Southbourne is an affluent part of the BCP conurbation. Having a separate community council, able to raise funds for Southbourne, risks deepening inequality between affluent areas and those which are less well-off (such as parts of Boscombe or Springbourne) with uneven provision of services. [f] There is a neighbourly community feel on Seafield Road. However, the proposed ward boundary slices that community down the middle (as does the existing BCP ward boundary). This is also true of the wider Carbery Estate. Ward boundaries should not go down the middle of minor residential roads or divide communities. A better treatment of Seafield Road would respect this by: - keeping all properties on Seafield Road north of Cranleigh Road together in the same ward - keeping all properties on Seafield Road between Cranleigh Road and Carbery Avenue together in the same ward - keeping all properties on Seafield Road between Carbery Avenue and Tuckton Road together in the same ward Ideally all of Carbery Estate would be kept together in a single ward. Similar considerations should apply to other residential roads (Guildhill Road, Foxholes Road and Hengistbury Road are also divided down the middle). It is notable that a small number of properties in Polling Districts BE2 and BE3 would fall within Southbourne Community Council, so it clearly is possible for existing Poling Districts to be split.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3

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		Beaufort is not an appropriate name for the ward comprising Polling Districts WS2 and WS3, since it does not include the whole of Beaufort Road. [g], [h] It is unclear to me that people putting themselves forward to serve as community councillors would be truly representative of the Southbourne community in all its diversity. I see a strong risk that the people willing to stand as community councillors would be disproportionately older/retired and wealthy/middle-class.					

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I43	Southbourne	a - Dear BCP Council, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed creation of a town or parish council for Southbourne. 1. No Need for Additional Layers of Government Southbourne already receives services through BCP Council and its existing structures. Introducing another tier of government is unnecessary and inefficient. It risks duplicating responsibilities, confusing accountability, and adding further bureaucracy to a system that already struggles with responsiveness and clarity. 2. Increased Council Tax is Unjustified The introduction of a parish or town council would inevitably lead to higher council tax, regardless of promises that the precept may be small. The average charges in other areas (e.g. Christchurch Town at £70.23) show this can be a significant additional burden, especially during a time when households are already under financial pressure. Instead of introducing new costs, the council should be finding ways to reduce the overall tax burden on residents. 3. Focus on Efficiency, Not Expansion Local government should follow the same principles households are forced to apply: live within their means. Many residents are cutting costs and prioritising spending. The council should do the same. It is no longer acceptable to justify new spending or governance structures by citing reductions in central government funding. Like residents, the council must learn to prioritise, streamline services, and make responsible cuts instead of inflating the public sector at local expense. 4. Risks of Mission Creep and Redundancy Even if initial responsibilities of a parish or town council seem minor (e.g., Christmas lights or noticeboards), there is a clear risk of mission creep. These councils often begin to take on broader roles and spend more, without delivering proportionate value. Southbourne does not need another platform for token projects that come at real cost. 5. Representation Already Exists There are already elected councillors representing Southbourne through BCP Council. If residents are dissatisfied, the answer lies in holding those councillors accountable, not creating more politicians, more committees, or more meetings. In conclusion, I urge the Task and Finish Group and Full Council to reject the proposal to create a parish or town council for Southbourne. It would be a retrograde step, introducing unnecessary cost, complexity, and confusion, when what we really need is leaner, smarter, more accountable local governance.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3

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I44	Southbourne	a - I object to the costs that would be involved in setting up the community council (ie the initial balloting system - which I was told would cost £20,000) and the establishment of another layer of administration which will have its own on-going costs where the money could be spent on direct community projects rather than administration. I also object on the basis that the community council would have no statutory powers and would have no more influence on BCP Council decisions than the existing Hengistbury Head Residents Association which already have strong links to the ward councillors and does an effective job for the local community.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I45	Southbourne	a - the council tax we already pay should provide everything that is needed for Southbourne	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I46	Southbourne	a - what was the point in creating BCP if you now want to create more bureaucracy.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I47	Southbourne	a completely disagree with added cost and complexity. We do not need additional layers and I see no extra benefit coming from it. Current services need to be improved, not more layers added.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I48	Southbourne	a disagree. We don't need another layer.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I49	Southbourne	A leave things as they are. B leave things as they are. C Leave things as they are.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I50	Southbourne	a The proposals do not make the case for how the proposals will make governance more effective than what we have now. Secondly, because the costs are not set out it is not possible for us to measure the benefits against the costs. It may be that the increase effectiveness and convenience is worth the extra cost: I am not opposed to increased local taxes as such, but I want to know what the value is for the proposals.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I51	Southbourne	a This proposal only exists because the Liberal Democrats hope to maintain influence. There has never been a will to separate in my memory, and I have lived here since 1964. The people hoping to be the new councillors said that they didnt know anything about a Neighbourhood Plan. This demonstrates the fact that they are ill equipped to carry this forward and are exploiting the political situation. Several of the group advocating this proposal are recent arrivals with interests in rental properties. They have reason to make Southbourne better than Boiscombe. I think that is shameful for people aspiring to public office.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I52	Southbourne	A to G It's a waste of money. They joined everyone up now some not so bright spark with an 'ology' probably straight from college, comes up with a great idea! BCP will pass responsibility on to the individual parishes and then put the council tax up to pay for it. Why do they need 12 councillors, all claiming expenses, the 2 we already have don't do anything. The only thing people seem to care about are children's playgrounds, what about the rest of us who pay tax, not everyone has children. We already have Henra who have the voice for local folk and local interests, these people are volunteers, we don't need more councillors.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I53	Southbourne	a to h. There is absolutely no need for a separate Parish Council for Southbourne. It all comes under the remit of BCP Council. Another tier of Government makes an unnecessary confusion for the local population. Again we have the term Community Council as opposed to Parish Council. There does not seem to be any solid reason or benefit to create this "Community Council" and appears change for the sake of change. If this goes ahead will we see a reduction in the size of BCP Council?	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I54	Southbourne	A waste of taxpayers' money and adding more bureaucracy. Having merged B C and P, which cost a large amount of our money, you now want to break up into smaller units spending more of our money and adding more layers of administration. Stop reorganising and start delivering.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I55	Southbourne	A 1. Increased Administrative Costs • Setting up a new parish council involves costs such as elections, staffing, office space, and ongoing administration. • These costs will be passed on to residents through higher Council Tax precepts. • It is proposed to have three wards with 12 councillors in total for Southbourne alone. • It is impossible to provide an indication of the anticipated council tax for any new councils at this stage as all the functions except for allotments & neighbourhood plans, are discretionary, thus the true workload is unknown. • In order to do anything apart from pay for a part-time clerk, is estimated to cost around £240 per household per year, as opposed to the current average Band D council tax charge for parish level precepts within Dorset and BCP which in 2024/25 was £42.96 a year. • It is my understanding that we currently cannot afford to finance the services we already have, many of which seem to have been discarded such as road sweeping; park maintenance and plant nurseries to name but a few. • How is adding to this yet more administrative costs a benefit? • It is my belief that our taxes should be spent on actual services rather than paying for endless quangos. • I dread to think how much money has already been allocated to get this proposal to this stage. HS2 springs to mind. 2. Duplication of Services • A new parish council might very well duplicate efforts, leading to inefficiencies and confusion over responsibilities. • Most services provided by town and parish councils are discretionary. • The only compulsory responsibilities for a Parish Council would be allotments & Neighbourhood Plans. • Compulsory to BCP & discretionary to a Parish council would be Public Rights of Way. • All other responsibility which are currently undertaken by BCP, (Bus Shelters, Car Parks, CCTV, Cemeteries, Community Centres, Community Consultations, Memorials, Play Areas, Public Conveniences, Public Seating, Recreation Grounds, Skateparks, Tourist Information), would be shared thus potentially leading to inefficiencies and duplications. 3. Risk of Low Engagement • Smaller or newer parish councils may struggle to attract enough active, engaged members. • Voter turnout in parish council elections is often low, raising questions about democratic legitimacy and value for money. 4. Potential for Local Disputes • Proposals to form new councils can spark divisive debates within communities,	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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		especially where boundaries or funding are contested. • Fragmentation can weaken community cohesion rather than strengthen it. 5. Limited Powers • Parish councils have limited statutory authority and often rely on other tiers of government for major decisions and funding. • This can frustrate residents expecting greater influence or change from a new council. • BCP already has a Green Spaces Strategy and also a playgrounds strategy thus once again negating the need for added layers of bureaucracy. • Much is made of CIL funding (Community Infrastructure Levy) charged to developers but, in reality it's not that much, we wouldn't get it all and wards can already bid for it. 6. Complexity in Governance • More councils mean more layers of government, which may confuse residents and make it harder to coordinate services effectively. 7. Resource Allocation Challenges • Dividing a larger area into smaller parishes could lead to inequities in funding and services, especially if some areas are more affluent than others.					

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I56	Southbourne	a) BCP was created for sound reasons which I supported at the time and still do. I see no sensible reason for adding another layer of governance and bureaucracy. To be successful, such a council would cost the residents a sizeable additional precept, otherwise any activities would only be such that a community forum could organise. The only group that would definitely be adversely affected would be the members/tenants of Bournemouth East Allotment Society as the allotment sites would be handed over to the new parish council. b) The boundary excludes many residents who currently consider themselves to be Southbourne residents. c & e) The name should include Tuckton & Wick to reflect the areas the new council would serve. d) There is already a voice for the community through Southbourne Forum. f) These are artificial and very small areas with very different demographics. g & h) Concerned that these councillors will be very biased by their own interests/stakes in the community, inexperience and without the balance of skills to "govern" the area.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I57	Southbourne	A) I can see no good reason for adding another level of unnecessary bureaucracy and adding another level of delays into processes. This will only add cost the council tax payer.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I58	Southbourne	a) I did not think we need this as another tier in the overall structure. d) I do not see the need for a parish council - I am not convinced of the benefit. g) 12 Councillors for such a small area is disproportionate. h) 4 per ward is too many and unnecessary.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I59	Southbourne	a) I do not agree with the need for a community council. In particular it's proposed remit for control of Allotments, and the geographic restrictions that are likely to be imposed. Secondly, but equally important, I do not think a proposal which would necessitate an extra council tax supplement can be justified at the present time.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5
I60	Southbourne	A) I do not agree with the need to have a parish/community council ias well as BCP councillors. We already have local ward councillor who can listen to the local people and receive representation from groups who wish to propose local actions and projects. It seems like an expensive layer of bureaucracy that is not needed. Council budgets are notoriously tight at the moment and this feels like a distraction. Plus an extra precept on the rates will be difficult for many people. I am a pensioner on a fixed income and money is tight. I would prefer that it went to essential services.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I61	Southbourne	a) It's only a short while ago the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole were combined. We were told that this would make things more straightforward with less confusion about who to contact for any circumstance. It seems this proposal will make everything more complicated again, needing to clarify who is responsible for whatever problem. I'm not sure we need any more councillors but if they are really necessary they should be part of BCP Council.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I62	Southbourne	a), d) g) h) Disagree with principle of a new parish council for the area. Do not want another tier of local government. Do not want extra council tax. Not convinced it could achieve much. f) confused as the map seems to show 3 wards, but the question refers to 4 parish wards	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I63	Southbourne	a, b & c - I live in Southbourne and do not want a new parish council set up - there should not be new councils set up at extra cost, where there would be no benefit & possible increase in council tax	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I64	Southbourne	A, B, C, D, E, F, H BCP council was created on the basis that a bigger council would be better for residents. This was a rouse just to raise council tax, now there seems to be a push for smaller parish councils and guess what…..this will raise council tax bills. There is no need to increase costs, the council should concentrate on providing better services and provide value for money. This proposal will not do this in anyway	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I65	Southbourne	a,b,c,d,e,f :- The creation of parish councils is adding another layer of bureaucracy to the unitary authority of BCP which the bringing together of the 3 councils said it would avoid. We have local councillors that are elected to represent the views of the area they are elected too, and therefore this additional layer will add authority to those who are elected to represent our areas to the large unitary authority.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I66	Southbourne	A,b,c,d,e,f,g,h.all parish councils need to be abolished we do not need another group of overpaid amateurs spending our money on their pet project	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I67	Southbourne	a. I don't understand the benefits of segregation of areas within Bournemouth.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I68	Southbourne	Additional unnecessary layers. Complicates ownership and accountability. BCP should focus efforts and resources fixing things centrally	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3

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I69	Southbourne	A-H - I disagree with the creation of a parish council being made as this will likely lead to increased bureaucracy and unncessary costs which will negatively impact the local community within BCP council. There are also likely to be additional cost involved. In reagrds to any issues being raised there will also be increased confusion about where this should sit as lots of responsibilities are joint between Bcp and parish council D - A community council would create unnecessary bureacracy and too decentralised an approach to the local area. Parish councils have low engagement, perception of irrelevance, and internal issues that hinder their effectiveness. They are often know to lack diverse representation, financial mismanagement, and a bureaucratic culture that discourages new volunteers. G - the boundaries set are socially divisive and and could potentially disciminate against those from socially deprived backgrounds. The propsal to create a separate Beaufort ward (wherein the Beaufort Estate is contained which is a deprived/less affluent area) VS Southbourne Overcliffe and Hengistbury and Tuckton (more affluent areas) would create an inbalance in the voting. Hengistbury &Tuckton and southbourne overcliffe's 8 combined councillors would easily be able to out vote Beaufort's 4 in regards to use of any funds. G - Beaufort is not an appropriate name to represent the ward. If anything this should be west southbourne. Southbourne in itself is a community and has been referenced as one area for a huge amount of time. There is no logical need to divide this.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I70	Southbourne	All recommendations. We do not need another tier of bureaucracy, BCP council was created to do away with smaller councils, district, municipal etc, if the current BCP councillors are overworked by the workload then expand the number of councillors to that ward e.g two to three.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I71	Southbourne	ALL. This is an unnecessary additional layer of administration which will be at odds with BCP Council, will increase rates, and unlikely to result in any positive outcomes. The whole process should be scrapped to save the time and cost of this exercise. Our existing local Councillors should be doing all the tasks required at a local level already.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I72	Southbourne	Already too many busybodies and beaurocracy. this proposal will cost even more money, no area will agree,nothing will get done. You will all pass the buck	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I73	Southbourne	b) having attended several meetings to discuss the pro's & con's of a community council I believe one of the biggest issues is the boundary lines - where does Southbourne end & Boscombe & Pokesdown begin? Within the proposed parish wards of both Southbourne & Boscombe & Pokesdown there are more affluent areas & those areas which are more deprived. Will there be a greater need (or demand) to push the additional funds to the deprived areas. If I was to contribute additional funds by way of precept I would want the whole area to benefit - more policing/security for our high streets to stop the increased shop lifting & anti social behaviour, tackling the boy racing issue along the costal roads, keeping the green spaces, coastal paths & parks well looked after, address the lack of parking both in Southbourne Grove, Tuckton High Street & especially along the over cliff roads. When the carpark at Southbourne Crossroads was sold off what the councils plan & thinking for dealing with the need for additional parling during the summer months? The issue of day (& especially overnight) parking by large camper vans/mobile homes (generally towards to Boscombe over cliff area) needs to be addressed by BCP to a community council.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I74	Southbourne	BCP Council has only recently been established and has barely served a full term. Establishing Parish Councils at this stage will only cause confusion with the addition of added layers of management. There are also bound to be additional costs.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I75	Southbourne	Completely disagree with these proposals. I will always support value for money but these proposals do not offer it.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I76	Southbourne	Creating BPC gave everyone an equal standing to influence decisions however the proposed scheme just adds another level of bureaucracy to any consultation and as such is not efficient governance	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I77	Southbourne	d. a community council would add an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy; it is inappropriate to ask people to pay extra council tax at a time when people are struggling to pay their bills, deal with the cost of living - council tax is regressive as it hits lower income people harder; there is no guarantee that the precept won't be raised in future; it will give rise to inequality in provision across the BCP area, with more affluent areas having better local provision than those that are not so well off and undermines the strategic role and economies of scale of BCP council; there is nothing to stop a commnity council being taken over by a political party; a community council makes it easier for the council to off load services they no longer want to fund; there are already a number of thriving local groups working to raise funds and make improvements in the Southbourne area, a community council is not needed.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I78	Southbourne	Disagree with an extra layer of bureaucracy and cost, especially the increase in Council tax.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I79	Southbourne	Draft recommendations a - h inclusive. I consider that these plans will add further confusion by adding unnecessary layers for zero benefit. To have 12 councillors for Southbourne is ludicrous and completely unwarranted, and as for having 4 councillors for the small area of Beaufort beggars belief.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I80	Southbourne	Extra layer of bureaucracy which is totally unnecessary	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I81	Southbourne	f - the proposed boundary appears to run straight down my road, leaving 'my' side in one ward & the other side of the road in a different ward. How can that make any sense to anyone? We were sent to different polling stations last election which caused amusement among neighbours, but if we are to be governed by differing wards it'll turn into expensive chaos	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I82	Southbourne	g- limited need for this level of councillors/leadership for such a small community, when most of these needs are already met at a council level. Whilst I agree that local communities across the BCP area need a more accurate level of representation in the council as a whole (to ensure every area has fair investment), this is a task that could be achieved with 1-2 councillors per ward instead of 4. h- Similar to above comment. In a time where spending cuts play a significant part in British life, I cant see the justification in this number of councillors at a local scale. Whilst councillors themselves are likely to be of little expense to the public purse, consideration should be given to the time taken to debate and push through suggestions.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I83	Southbourne	h As Beaufort is an area of Deprivation, as quoted in local records and there are only 8 Councillors for the two more affluent areas it is possible that Beaufort may be provide for less.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I84	Southbourne	I am concerned that establishment of this, and other parish/community councils will dilute democratic engagement in GDP Council.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I85	Southbourne	I am extremely frustrated that having attended a meeting at all saints church. Richard Jones, Head of democratic services at bcp, was unable to advise or offer any alternative to the proposal. I feel there has been a lack of transparency on bcps part. We are being bullied into covering the councils shortfalls. With one of the highest council taxes in the country and an area rich with natural resources, how have our finances been run into the ground? We are making up the shortfalls with the local council precept, which unlike our council tax, has no cap on how much it can be increased.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I86	Southbourne	I can see no benefit in changing the system apart from creating more council jobs. I thought the merging of Christchurch Bournemouth and Poole was to reduce costs. Why change things that have worked for years. As an allotment plot holder we will lose our experienced allotment officer, and people will be denied allotment plots in areas which do not have these facilities	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I87	Southbourne	I disagree with the first recommendation A, this all others will automatically be disagreed with. The last think the area need are amateur politicians playing are running a parish council. Adding another layer of governance will only make matters more difficult to resolve.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I88	Southbourne	I do disagree with enabling more red tape, and to avoid possible arguments on who should have what on thier respective budgets, the BCP council has and is serving us all very well and I do not want to change something that's adding more cost to the tax payer.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5
I89	Southbourne	I do not accept the suggestion that a council made up of volunteers is the way to manage local community issues. At the meeting I attended it was stated that, if the number of people putting themselves forward for the role of councillor was the same as the number required they would simply form the council. I find this idea very worrying. Is there an assessment of their capabilities, their motivation, their skills and endurance? Elected and paid councillors for the ward do a great job within BCP. Volunteer parish councillors may well be great people but, equally, they may not. Too risky?	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I90	Southbourne	I do not agree with the need for any parish councils as BCP is very overstaffed according to the government audit and we have ward councillors who are all that is needed. Proposals are just another charge on residents and unnessary bureaucracy.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I91	Southbourne	I do not agree with the plan of creating a parish/community council at all.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3

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I92	Southbourne	I do not want to have another layer of governance introduced. I don't want yo psy any more than what I do now, even if it is 1p. The Council is responsible for the services that we pay tax for nk Nedd for another entity. Council needs to reduce their waste wighjn their departments to hzvd sufficient funds.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I93	Southbourne	I don’t believe we would benefit whatsoever by becoming a parish council. With another layer of councillors and increased council tax (it’s currently unaffordable to most as it is). I believe we have fantastic councillors who are more than capable of driving forward areas of improvement.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I94	Southbourne	I don't feel that a separate parish/community council is necessary. Whilst the area is divided into 3 sections to reflect the differing issues/needs across the area, I feel this is another layer of unwanted bureacracy. We are currently served by 2 very good councillors and an active residents association (HENRA) who deal with any local issues, and via the councillors have a direct connection to BCP . The proposed number of additional councillors for each section of Southbourne is far too many, and will only cost residents more in Council Tax percept	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I95	Southbourne	I don't see any benefit, only more cost and more options for things to be pushed from pillar to post so even less gets done at even more cost. Need to get the existing BCP council working efficiently as one first before embarking on more change	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I96	Southbourne	I have serious concerns about these proposals, particularly with regard to Inequality in local services in different parts of our town – some areas getting better services than others. Objections to new parish councils within BCP are further set out below 1. Higher council tax bills. 2. More layers of bureaucracy at a time when faith in politics is so low. 3. It being harder to hold elected officials to account, with abysmal turnouts at parish council elections. 4. A step backwards from the strategic, whole-conurbation vision that BCP Council needs to unlock its full growth potential 5. The only way town and parish councils could pay for the services they end up running, like parks, leisure centres, bin collections and libraries, is by pushing local people's council tax up even higher. 6. At a time when people are rightly concerned about inequality in local services and the harm inequality does to people's life chances, BCP Council should not be creating yet more inequality in local services	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I97	Southbourne	I see it as an additional layer of bureaucracy which comes with an additional cost as the precept to cover the costs will be an addition to the current council tax, WHICH WILL NOT BE DECREASED because the "Community Council" will have taken on a limited amount of its work.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I98	Southbourne	I see no benefit to the creation of a parish council. It will increase beaurocracy and costs. It increases the amount of council tax paid by residents, when costs are already very high.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I99	Southbourne	I strongly disagree with a Parish Council and a rise in council taxes. Would like it to be kept as it is.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I100	Southbourne	I strongly disagree with a) the creation of a parish council on Southbourne	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5

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I101	Southbourne	I strongly disagree with any proposal for the establishment of a parish/community council for the following reasons: 1. It is a duplication of existing responsibilities belonging to BCP Council for which I already pay council tax. 2. I firmly believe that this is another taxation scheme at local level to enable BCP Council to do away with its responsibilities to provide certain services which they will in time move over to the community council, instead of lobbying Government for the correct amount of grant. 3. It is an unacceptable layer of bureaucracy which I understood from the re-organisation of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Councils was to alleviate cost to residents and to streamline services. This serves as nothing more than an opportunity to tax local residents over and above their council tax. 4. Taking account of the above, the level of taxation for these new councils on residents will be uncapped, leading to further unacceptable increased levels of taxation above and beyond what we would pay in regard to existing council tax year on year, which I believe at the present moment in time is limited to 5% pa. (maximum). 5. BCP Council would be in a position to shift costs and responsibilities for non-delivery of services over to the community council. 6. The creation of a further tier of local government could lead to job losses of experienced and dedicated staff at BCP Council, resulting in redundancies, the costs of which will have to be met by further local taxation.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I102	Southbourne	I strongly disagree with proposals a) and b) that a council with these boundaries be established within Bournemouth. I disagree with splitting up Bournemouth into smaller town councils. Bournemouth has long been made up of many communities all with a shared identity of being part of Bournemouth. We use green spaces, shopping districts and facilities across all of Bournemouth, not just in a particular area. We care about, and are affected by, the whole of Bournemouth's beach & seafront, transport networks, schools & colleges, parks and our town centre, not just the bits closest to us. We should be able to have a voice in decisions affecting the whole area we live in, not be excluded from decisions that affect us. Creating new local government boundaries drawing lines between our areas will formalise and over time reinforce differences between areas, reducing community cohesion. Also, splitting us up into smaller councils with different levels of council tax precept will reinforce inequality within our community. I believe we should be lifting each other up rather than caring for just our own neighbourhood and not the rest of Bournemouth - this doesn't help the wealthier areas in the long run either. The future of Bournemouth Town Centre, or our seafront, matters to us all, wherever we live. We don't know how much they will cost, but I know that even a small council tax precept will be difficult for residents in my area on low incomes. If the area becomes a higher-tax area, certain demographics will be driven out the area which might change the character of the community for good. Finally, I disagree because I cannot see how the proposed boundary can be changed such that community cohesion is not seriously undermined. If the right boundary that accurately reflects our communities cannot be found, then we should not go ahead with a new council. The proposed Southbourne Council area is artificial and not reflective of a sense of community. The people of Southbourne have never had a shared identify with the people of Tuckton, Wick or Cranleigh, which have their own separate histories. There is no more reason to group these areas together than any other areas nearby, other than convenience for BCP ward boundaries. Southbourne Grove has more shared identity with Pokesdown and Boscombe Manor than with Tuckton or Wick. I disagree with b) the proposed boundary between Boscombe & Pokesdown and Southbourne for the following reasons: 1. Divisive: a. The proposed boundary cuts right through a built-up area, drawing a line through a community between otherwise identical streets houses e.g. on Beaufort Road, Portman Crescent, or Southbourne Road. This is not in line with the Government Guidance on Community Governance Reviews which states: "83. As far as boundaries between parishes are concerned, these should reflect the “no-man’s land” between communities represented by areas of low population or barriers such as rivers, roads or railways. They need to be, and be likely to remain, easily identifiable."	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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		b. Residents in streets either side of the boundary use the same shops, library, green spaces and other amenities around Southbourne Grove. Otherwise identical residents would have different council tax precepts, different services and a different council to interface with. The proposed boundary creates a division between a community where there currently is none, which undermines community cohesion and the purpose of creating such councils. c. Many residents of the area are not on high incomes. A council tax precept will be difficult for many residents to accommodate. If residents of the area with little cash to spare are forced to move out, this will change the make-up of the customers and workers that make the commercial district thrive and risks changing the character of the community for good. 2. Inefficient: a. The proposed boundary goes down the middle of a beloved row of shops/cafes/restaurants bars that make up Southbourne Grove/Seabourne Road commercial district, which is the heart of the wider community. Establishments such as SoBo Fish, SoBo Sommelier, Renouf's, the Way Outback Brewing Company all would be in a different council to the Brewhouse & Kitchen and other establishments very close by. Community cohesion would be better served by considering the needs of the whole commercial district together, rather than making improvements to only one section of it. b. Any improvements made to the street - or even something like Christmas decorations - may have to stop abruptly at the council boundary midway down the street (because the two different councils would have different budgets and priorities). It doesn't benefit traders if improvements are made right outside their business but services are deteriorating on their doorstep. Alternatively, traders or anyone wanting to do something positive along the stretch of road would have to interact with two separate councils as well as BCP. Splitting services halfway down a main road risks making them more disjointed and less cost-effective. c. Care for our shared seafront - clifftop, zig zag, beaches - should be joined-up, not split between two service providers. Under the proposed boundary, Fisherman's Walk would be in one council, the cliff lift in another, and otherwise identical clifftop green space cared for by two separate councils. The boundary would be right down the middle of the space used by residents and visitors to the area. I understand those in favour of these councils want to care for our maintenance and improvements to areas such as the clifftop. But the two councils will have different budgets and priorities. Maintenance, repairs and improvements might improve for one stretch of the clifftop but actually get worse for the other stretch. This does nothing to enhance a sense of community, community pride or the appeal of the area. 3. Undemocratic: a. The proposed boundary does not give local residents a voice in matters they care deeply about. People who live either side of the boundary care for plans for Southbourne Grove, the					

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		clifftop, and all the other facilities they share. It would not be right for many of these residents to not be the same council and not be able to have a voice. b. Under the proposals, many residents who use and volunteer to care for, Fisherman's Walk would be in a different council to it, and therefore not able to have input into decisions about its upkeep and use. This includes the streets right next to it, who are most affected by events happening there. c. The proposed boundary sees Woodside Road car park in a different council to the very shops/businesses that rely on it for their customers' parking. The properties surrounding and relying on the car park should have a voice in decisions relating to it.					
I103	Southbourne	I strongly disagree with the proposal for parish council(s). I am not a Conservative voter; my objections are not political. We vote for and have Local Councillors. If I have a local problem, I will contact my local Councillor. I do not need another tier of governance that costs money and is likely run by people with their own axe-to-grind to the detriment of the vast majority, locally. This is a bad idea. It does not increase democracy but simply forces more people to waste their time on day-to-day politics. If the current councillors don't know what is needed in their "parish", what on earth are they doing being councillors?	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I104	Southbourne	I strongly disagree with the whole proposal. I submitted several questions via email on 7th May to CGR and have not received a reply and therefore have not received any reason to be in favour of this proposal.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I105	Southbourne	I think most businesses that are thriving and successful are usually streamlined and more people only add to confusion and disputes over which area gets priority over another area. If all under BCP no arguments	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5
I106	Southbourne	I think this will over complicate the council process by adding extra layers. It will also increase costs which are already too high. I would like BCP to spend their time improving their own service provision not looking into adding extra layers of councils.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I107	Southbourne	I went to the meeting in the hall at our Lady Queen of Peace when it was explained what a Southbourne council would be, and I could not see that it would be of any real benefit to Southbourne. It would just add another layer of bureaucracy, confuse people as to who was responsible for what, and achieve nothing. It seems like a pointless waste of time and energy.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3

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I108	Southbourne	I) The creation of BCP was to streamline the decision making process. The recommendations will add another layer of committee to the mix and cause confusion as to who is responsible for what.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I109	Southbourne	If BCP are to go ahead with this then a fair representation should be available	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5
I110	Southbourne	Its a waste of council tax money and i believe councillors should be elected and not volunteers who will have their own personal agendas. Any increase in council tax should be used to improve/maintain the roads and streets and the health services. Get the basics right before wasting money on stupid ideas.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I111	Southbourne	More bureaucracy, more meetings, more on the payroll will just lead to more discussions and no action. Why isnt change happening already?	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5

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I112	Southbourne	More money, more councillors to pay more red tape	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I113	Southbourne	My response refers to all of the above a-h. Taking this proposal forward will inevitably result in even more layers of confusion about who does what, where and when and who is responsible for the various aspects of BCP services. As it is already often unclear and largely difficult to get any local issues resolved I can see the argument for a more localised situation but multiple layers will only make things more confusing and even worse than they currently are. I have experience of working with parish councils in other areas and my experience has been that they frequently disagree, end in petty arguments, eat into budgets and progress things either at snails pace or not at all, sometimes due to local personal interests rather than to benefit the wider population.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I114	Southbourne	No convincing case has been made for the creation of a new parish and parish Council.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I115	Southbourne	No to another layer of council, beurocracy and money wasted. All the responsibilities listed in the parish / bcp comparison chart should be the responsibility of bcp only, with any local rep working/representing within bcp, not as a part of a whole extra layer of council. KISS.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I116	Southbourne	none of this is needed the council that we have now can't get anything done or or spend the money wisely, so adding another layer of bureaucracy and wages is my council tax just being wasted, but you will charge me for the privilege by increasing the council tax which is ridiculous amount now. What I want to see is the office staff reduced by 50% and get them on the streets working and having a town to be proud of clean,tidy, beautiful like it was 50 year's ago. Sick of outsiders using us as stepping stone in there political career. Bournemouth needs a leader who wants to improve they're town not use it as a wage and councillor's who want better for Bournemouth	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I117	Southbourne	Parish councils are an unnecessary administrative tier. They result in additional costs - without value for money - for council tax payers. If the current councillors do not feel they are up to the job of representing their constituents then they should resign so other more committed individuals can take the positions.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I118	Southbourne	Parish Councils are an unnecessary extra level of burocracy costing additional precepts to local people when the parish council does not have skilledexpertise to carry out duties that should be carried out by competent and trained staff. The environment is a good example. E.g. A parish council could never afford to have skilled expertise in environmental matters - something which is a core responsibility of the Unitary Authority.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I119	Southbourne	Shouldn’t be changed, no need to become a parish, I am not happy to pay more in area of BCP that already costs a fortune	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3

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I120	Southbourne	Southbourne is a thriving community already, and making divisions has the potential to be incredibly harmful. We need to be unified not drawing lines between one another.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I121	Southbourne	Southbourne is already a thriviing community , and that community already seems to be spreading down to pokesdown without the need for extra councillors.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I122	Southbourne	Strongly disagree with formation of Parish Council	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I123	Southbourne	The current system of local government allows our local councillors to represent our views on kye issues and aids BCP council in directing the limited funds available. Any extra layer will only add duplication at an added cost. I strongly disagree with the proposals.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I124	Southbourne	The recommendations a - h for Southbourne are just another unnecessary layer of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I125	Southbourne	There is an element of gerrymandering in the definition of ward boundaries. Hengistbury Head is not an obvious part of Southbourne whereas areas off Seabourne Road have been excluded. The extension of the current West Southbourne ward to incorporate a small area around the Brewhouse and Kitchen looks arbitrary and "cherrypicking".	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I126	Southbourne	There is no point for separate wards; the whole point of the current constituency of BCP should be sufficient as is; if it isn't why delegate further and charge a precept for the process? This is simply costing electorate more and giving BCP more ability to delegate further whilst abdicating responsibility itself	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I127	Southbourne	These proposals will create another layer of government taking a salary for what exactly? overseeing allotments by the look of the draft plans! Whilst also claiming expenses no doubt. At present many of the people who want to be councillors do work for their local community through charities and volunteering. I believe that they see this as a way to get paid for what they were happy to do in their voluntary capacity. This whole review must have cost council tax payers money, which could have been used to oversee the allotments. Do we really need a dedicated team of councillors to do this? I honestly cannot see what the rationale for the proposed changes is.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3

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I128	Southbourne	This is an opportunity for more money to be taken from people living in this area, during a time of financial hardship. It is always the same power crazed people who want to in charge of how other people live their lives. One (overly)big council is plenty. I see no benefit to this.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I129	Southbourne	This is just an exercise to get more people on the gravy train. If the BCP councilors did their job we would need another layer of costly representatives.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I130	Southbourne	This layer of governance is absolutely not needed	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I131	Southbourne	This proposal just creates another level of bureaucracy. The debacle widely reported of the Handforth Parish Council meeting in 2021 highlighted the distain for another level of governance. The subsequent investigation into this fiasco cost the local council £85,000.. The areas these proposed Parish councils will focus on are issues that BCP local councillors already concentrate on. Another level of council is unnecessary expenditure, creates more bureaucracy and BCP will still be the overruling authority to investigate when errors inevitably occur. This will increase expenditure which will need to be funded by local council tax payers. This is totally unacceptable, when the level of service of existing council services has decreased, but the annual council tax bill has increased.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I132	Southbourne	Too much bureaucracy/cost for very little return.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I133	Southbourne	Totally nnecessary levels of cost and bureaucracy. The whole idea should be scrapped.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I134	Southbourne	Unnecessary layers for zero benefit. Add confusion over which council does which job. Just keep things simple. BCP should improve services rather than creating new Councils to do their job for them.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I135	Southbourne	We do not need a parish council that is what the BCP councillors are for, otherwise what will their role be? This is just another layer of bureaucracy that is not needed. Each one will blame the other and nothing will get done. It is bad enough as it is without adding more people for us to contact and then ignore our concerns.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3

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I136	Southbourne	We do not need an extra layer of democratic beaurocracy in our area. Our local councillors are doing a very good job within the current structure, and influencing BCP council policy and focussing effort & expenditure where needed. There is no need to create another layer - a layer that will cost more to do the same tasks.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I137	Southbourne	We do not need another layer of bureaucracy	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I138	Southbourne	We do not need another level of local governance	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I139	Southbourne	We do NOT need more councillors in the BCP area! The existing councillors should be trained to do a better job & not waste our taxes! They should control their funds instead of going into huge debt & asking schools to subsidise their debt. The system needs to be simplified NOT further complicated. Further councillors means more expensive council tax for NO PURPOSEFUL REASON- just more people doing a bad job. This is an unnecessary cost for zero benefit.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3

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I140	Southbourne	We don't need Parish Councils.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I141	Southbourne	We pay a large amount of council tax already, as tax band E residents, some services for which we do not personally benefit or we feel are poorly operated, e.g. Road sweepers very infrequent, refuse collectors leave rubbish, dropped by collectors from the bins, on the road, rubbish bins on the seafront often overflowing. We are reluctant to have an extra charge added to our council tax bill.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I142	Southbourne	We would like to object to the new proposed councils for our area as we do not need another layer as the present council cannot cope with issues at present. We have a very good residence association which deals with a lot of what a community council would do. There are enough councillors at present so why do we need more as this will not help the community cohesion. It will not help as residents will not know which council does certain jobs so causing more confusion. It could cause areas to be split as to which projects are done in certain areas. We have several community groups working in our area doing a very good job so do not rock the boat. One should not attempt to change or improve something that is already working well as such an effort could potentially cause new problems. So we both object strongly to these proposals.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I143	Southbourne	When we already have BCP council and ward councillors, do we really need 12 more people? Surely our MP and ward Councillors are quite enough. Keep this simple - there may be confusion over who does what if there are too many layers. I cannot see this will help foster a sense of community. I should think community is good already in Southbourne. It would be best if BCP improved its own services rather than an extra layer of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I144	Southbourne	(a) my concern with this and all of the other parish/community councils is making everything more complicated. Especially as there could be a Bournemouth wide council that doesn't include the areas, like Southbourne and others say, where they have their own council set up, but are still considered part of the wider Bournemouth area. You would have know and understand the various tiers in operation. It has the likelihood of becoming confusing for residents. Bordering councils would have to work with each other and not be in competition if and when there are local funding opportunities. You are reliant upon having the right people in post and they must be informed and work closely with BCP Council. Is this all creating a lot more work for the Council who are already short of money, (whilst I appreciate there is the precept to go someway towards funding) and residents who do not wish to have a local council will still have to fund this. There will be a significant number of additional councillors overall as a result of such a process, and is this another layer where decisions can get held up? It feels like this has just come out of the blue and the video that I watched to explain it, (made me feel queasy due to the rapid moving aerial footage in the background), didn't seem sufficiently convincing of any benefits. (d) the terminology between a parish and a community isn't really clear. It feels a bit arbitrary (f) need to be clear if it is 3 or 4, as the text says 4 and the map shows 3 (g) & (h) 12 councillors overall feels like too many	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I145	Southbourne	It is not for Electoral Services to comment on these questions	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I146	Southbourne	(a) Strongly agree – Southbourne has a distinct and vibrant identity and is sometimes referred to as Sobo. Its separation from central Bournemouth and the strength of local community organisations makes it ideally suited for parish-level governance. This would provide a more direct, accountable voice on local issues, particularly those affecting the coastal strip, open spaces, and public amenities. (b) Somewhat disagree – The proposed boundary appears well thought-out and coherent. Including Fisherman's Walk and parts of Portman Terrace is a sensible and pragmatic decision that reflects actual community use and identity - at a mininum an addition I would propose would be to include the play area by fishermans walk as this is regularly used by local residents and events - see below for a suggestion. (c & f) Strongly agree – The name “Southbourne” is clear, widely recognised, and appropriate. It supports geographic identity and provides clarity in communications and representation. (d & e) Strongly agree – The “community” style reflects a modern and inclusive culture and suits a coastal suburb with a dynamic population and strong resident involvement. It also aligns with emerging good practice in urban parishing. (g, h & i) Agree – The three-ward structure offers fair representation across distinct but interlinked neighbourhoods. The ratio of councillors to electors is appropriate and conforms to electoral guidance. The ward names and distributions are intuitive and community-focused.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2

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I147	Southbourne	abcdefgh I have relations and friends in Southbourne and I consider that a parish council would be of great benefit to them	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
I148	Southbourne	At f) above and at g) in the previous text the number of words is given as four. I presue this is an error, as onlly three wards are described.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
I149	Southbourne	Don't like you have moved us from Southbourne to Boscombe without us having any say	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
I150	Southbourne	I broadly agree with the proposals as long as the primary remit of the council are things like beautification and events and the councillors do not spend too much time on things like planning which are better dealt with by bcp generally in my opinion. G and h - I agree there needs to be more than 2 councillors per community council but 12 seems perhaps too many. 6 would be a better number to balance between precept cost and ability to pay for things.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5

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I151	Southbourne	I hope to be moving to Southbourne/Tuckton and a) feel strongly that it's good for Southbourne to have a parish b and c) The boundary and name are perfectly acceptable to me d and e) Having a community council and the name are again perfectly acceptable f and g) The wards and the number of councillors seem logical h) the split of councillors to wards seem logical	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
I152	Southbourne	I think a lot of people (myself included) who would form part of the boscombe and pokesdown council area, say, think and feel that we live in Southbourne.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
I153	Southbourne	I'm convinced that establishing a Community Council here would be a real game-changer. By ring-fencing dedicated funds, tapping into grant opportunities, and crafting our own neighbourhood plan all while maintaining strong, collaborative ties with BCP we can deliver the tangible improvements our area needs. Yes, it might mean a modest rise in council tax, but the payoff will be unmistakable: better-maintained public spaces, more targeted local services, and quicker responses to residents' concerns. I've spoken with dozens of neighbours at Southbourne Forum events and on local Facebook groups: everyone loves this community, but many feel overlooked and distrustful of an overstretched BCP. Empowering ourselves to manage local projects and priorities will rebuild that trust and demonstrate what grassroots action can achieve. Let's seize this opportunity to shape our own future our neighbourhood will thank us for it.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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I154	Southbourne	Keep it separate from Bournemouth. It has a unique character.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
I155	Southbourne	Regarding recommendations (b), and (f). I disagree in that I believe that, culturally, polling districts LI2 and LI3 should either belong to this ward or the Southbourne ward over and above their current designation of Littledown & Iford. I believe a more fitting designation for these areas to be either "Boscombe East & Iford" or "Southbourne North & Iford".	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
I156	Southbourne	Southbourne has become a very desirable and attractive place for residents and visitors.It really is about time that Southbourne was given the appropriate Parish council / recognition that it deserves.Southbourne has a very strong community feel about it .The changes would have a positive impact on Southbourne.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
I157	Southbourne	There is a clear logic although given the proposal for a Boscombe and Pokesdown Parish the parts taken from Boscombe and encapsulated in the proposal would equally fit within the Boscombe and Pokesdown proposal. I am not convinced by the logic here.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6

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I158	Southbourne	Very much agree with a community council for Southbourne - huge support for it on the ground, and I know this having many contacts in the area, having lived there for 40+ years, and working in the West Southbourne ward. (b) and (f) - it would be tidier (and more judicious politically) to include Sunnyhill Road, Alexandra Road and the top end of Castlemain Avenue within this proposed council area - i.e. all land north of Southbourne Road. This area has seen itself as part and parcel of West Southbourne (or simply Southbourne) since the abolition of the Pokesdown Urban District Council on 1 November 1901. (c) and (e) - although potentially preserved as ward names, the toponyms of Tuckton and Wick have been around since the thirteenth century if not before, and those two districts are very different from Southbourne - Tuckton being a discrete shopping precinct with river access, Wick a "rus in urbe". A greater sense of cohesion would therefore be bestowed by dubbing this the "Wick, Tuckton and Southbourne Parish Council [or Community Council]" - which also works euphonically. (f) - this potential ward straddles two venerable estates: the Stourfield Park Estate, including Beaufort Road, which was laid out in 1893 between Stourvale Road, Cranleigh Road and Irving Road; and the Carbery Estate, laid out in 1910 with Watcombe Road as its western boundary. The two estates are very different with residents of the leafy and affluent "Carbery Estate" very much valuing their status (indeed the term "Carbery Estate" is still used by estate agents). It might be more meaningful and inclusive therefore to dub the proposed western ward "the Beaufort and West Carbery Ward". (g) and (h) - 4 councillors per ward does sound excessive, especially in the proposed Southbourne Overcliffe ward where there have been no great dranas since the stabilisation of the cliffs in the 1970s.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 2
I159	Southbourne	(a) Please see comments on the wider issues (Bournemouth, Poole) re benefits of co-ordination, consistency and liaison across the conurbation plus the efficiency gains (to council(s) and residents) from having a single body address issues.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9

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I160	Southbourne	(a) The current arrangements should remain in place and it should be left to the residents to instigate local parish councils if and when they feel the need. This will better reflect what residentials in the various areas want enabling them to define what they consider to be the identified boundaries of their community as well as identifying the issues that are specific to their areas – rather than having it imposed upon them.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
I161	Southbourne	1. This is likely to suffer from the same democratic deficit of existing parish councils - abysmally low turnouts and uncontested elections. Both are deeply undemocratic. It would be more democratic for BCP Council to continue to perform the functions that this proposed community council would perform and for the BCP Council ward councillors to represent their residents through BCP Council and its processes. 2. In addition to the democratic deficit, Southbourne is a more affluent area than other parts of Bournemouth. It would be able to raise more revenue than less affluent areas, to provide a small number of additional services to Southbourne which would not be accessible to other parts of Bournemouth, because in reality they would not be able to afford it with the realistic precept level in their respective areas. This would create an inequality of local services - the more affluent areas would have more services, while the less affluent areas would have fewer services. That would be grossly unfair. Working through BCP Council ensures that resources are distributed more fairly.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
I162	Southbourne	a - h I really don't see any need or benefit to Southbourne West and/or East from having a parish council. It will simply cost the residents more without having any benefit. Most Bournemouth residents don't understand local government now and having unnecessary parish councils as well as the main council will really confuse people. There is also no need for all the extra councillors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7

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I163	Southbourne	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7
I164	Southbourne	a) and d) I don't believe we need an extra layer of admin and bureaucracy. I don't see a benefit to residents in establishing parish councils but I do see that there will be additional costs to residents, and BCP councillors will be less accountable for maintaining the separate local areas, and will pass the buck to parish councils for issues it finds too expensive or too difficult to deal with. What was the point in amalgamating the town councils into BCP if only to create a new sub-layer of councillors? I thought the larger council was meant to benefit from economies of scale, better purchasing power and reduced admin and bureaucracy. The creation of parish councils undermines the arguments for the creation of BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
I165	Southbourne	a) Disagree with an extra tier of Local Government having had reorgansiations in 1997 and 2019. b) Extra tiers of Authority results in additional bureaucracy, duplication and cost. c) This leads to residents effectively paying twice for the same services d) Changes should involve a whole authority referendum not rely on Councillor decisions e) The total cost of local government can be expected to be higher in authorities with the additional tier of Town/Parish Councils f) Having sought to delayer local authority provision in 1997 and 2019 within BCP localities, for economy and efficiency reasons, the logical approach is to delayer not create additional layers of local authority	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
I166	Southbourne	a) I see no benefit in creating any new layers of government below BCP Council. I believe that the merger of the three councils (Bournemouth Poole Christchurch) has led to economies of scale which enable the efficient and cost-effective provision of services. To introduce additional local layers of service provision would not be an improvement as the fragmentation of control would lead to less efficiency and higher costs. Further, I find it convenient to have a single point of contact when dealing with 'the council'. I would find it more difficult to make contact with the appropriate service provider and would feel less able to hold them to account if service provision was split across BCP council and a local council.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5

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I167	Southbourne	a) It an unnecessary level of beauracy and an informal council parish council could be created under the existing charter system g)-h) The number of councilors should be less than present BCP councilors supprting the area	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
I168	Southbourne	a) to h) (all) I strongly disagree with the need for parish councils when we already have an amalgamated Council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
I169	Southbourne	a) My belief is there is not an appetite for a Parish or Community Council in Bournemouth as a whole and this CGR has generated a consultation to choose one or another. Instead I am of the opinion if to 'do nothing at all' was an option in the consultation then the majority of the consultation responses would be in favor of a 'change is unnecessary' response.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
I170	Southbourne	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, & h I do not agree with the creation of a parish council for this area.This proposal will create an additional layer of local government which undoes some of the streamlining/cost saving benefits of the council reorganisation that has taken place over recent years. It will inevitably increase council tax for residents. The ethos of creating small boroughs/parishes is inward-looking and exclusive - I prefer to belong to a town which is inclusive towards all residents and where facilities and opportunities are shared and open to all. b. through h. - I disagree with because all are irrelevant without the creation of proposed parish councils.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6

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I171	Southbourne	a, d I disagree. Town and Parish councils should be removed as they add an unnecessary layer of councils for no added benefit. Equivalent roles and clear departmental structures already exist under BCP so these should be given the full remit to improve their own services, with existing precept payments being absorbed into these departmental budgets. Ward councillors already provide the representation to ensure community views and cohesion are considered in council decisions.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
I172	Southbourne	'a', 'd' More layers, more bureaucracy, more delays to implementing any initiative. Why create BCP to remove duplication just to devolve responsibility? 'b' What suits one will definitely not suit the other!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
I173	Southbourne	a,b,c,d and any other. Another layer of bureaucracy is not required in the BCP area. There is no rush to make a decision today or next year. If any party has reason to believe Community Governance is needed that subject can be part of the manifesto at the next local elections in May 2027.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
I174	Southbourne	a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h There is no need for further levels of administration. You haven't shown how this would benefit the local population or BCP as a whole. It just seems to be a way of diverting work from the existing council, making their lives easier at the expense of everyone else. We need a breakdown of cost benefits before something like this is proposed	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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I175	Southbourne	a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h We have a Town Council which has council representatives for each area. We do not need more levels of administration but for existing Councillors to do their job and represent their ward to the Council with diligence and hard work on behalf of their electors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
I176	Southbourne	a,b,d and f. I believe with the governments current proposals on local government we should not be considering any further changes in local government until the governments decisions on merging councils has been completed and we should take a lead from central government. We have no need for additional councillors and by introducing an additional council we will lengthen the time made for decisions, increase costs and will not provide any material benefit. Additionally introducing a parish council ward that cuts across two unitary authority wards adds confusion and no benefit	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
I177	Southbourne	a. I do not want Southbourne to be a parish. I do not agree with this statement "It was further noted that there should be no reason for the operation of the allotments to be negatively impacted by inclusion in the parish boundary." This is an opinion, not a fact. As an allotment holder, the new parish council would become our landlord. I am very concerned that ley people with no experience or knowledge of allotmenting (or possibly of even running a parish council!) would be making decisions which fundamentally affect the running of our society. We would lose the oversight of our very experienced allotment officer on BCP Council.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
I178	Southbourne	a. I don't believe that a parish needs to be set up in Southbourne. Parish councils are a waste of money, and also they won't have enough money to attend to jobs in a timely manner, they will therefore get contracted out, and not done properly. The environment will suffer the most as the effort won't be made to address the crisis facing nature, as money will be going on wages that do not need to be spent.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5

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I179	Southbourne	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
I180	Southbourne	abolish the council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
I181	Southbourne	Adding more layers to the council is neither helpful or efficient and most likely would not add any benefit to the local tax payer. The existing council should improve its efficiency and effectiveness rather than wasting time on the proposed idea.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
I182	Southbourne	A-h) Council tax should be reduced and services improved	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1

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I183	Southbourne	a-h. higher running costs and less efficiency b Fisherman's Walk historically is part of Pokesdown.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
I184	Southbourne	All - it is wrong for there to be any additional councils / councillors in any region. The current councillors of BCP have confidently put themselves forward to be voted in to run the local area based on the situation as it currently is / was, so now is the time to step up and put their money where your mouth is and solve the problems without causing more for the local residents. It would be highly inappropriate for this council to move the goalposts half way through their (massively underwhelming) term and create new entities. It's clear that given the appalling behaviour of the controlling alliance, that the move would purely be a vehicle to hack off the services that cannot currently be 'afforded' and all of these white elephants would be passed on to the new 'councils' at which point BCP would claim that they are in a great place whilst the new councils would be failing. I also have no doubt that the councillors and in particular the leader of BCP would constantly throw mud at the new entities and blame them for the inevitable shortcomings. The divisive nature of the Liberal Democrats in particular as well as the rest of the Three Towns Alliance means that nothing positive is ever achieved as they are too busy shirking accountability and blaming everybody else for their many failings. Any new council would also have the partisan issues that plague BCP Council and it isn't right at all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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I185	Southbourne	All draft recommendations : I strongly disagree that there should be a new community council on this area for the following reasons a)The proposals have been put forward by a small number of individuals and groups. b) Most residents do not even know about these proposals. They have not been democratically chosen. d) It will lead to artificial divisions between neighbourhoods depending on amount of precept charged between Southbourne and other areas surrounding it. This will in turn lead to different levels of service, which will entrench difference and divisions instead of fostering collaboration within and between communities. e) It is not democratic, very few people have contributed to these proposals f) It will cost residents more in a time where many people can ill afford it. g) There are not likely to be many people who want to stand as councillors, leading to a deficit in democracy	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
I186	Southbourne	All of the above	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
I187	Southbourne	All. Creates general confusion as to who is responsible for all services. Does not help community cohesion. Improve your own performance before creating additional beaurocracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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I188	Southbourne	An in-necessary expence	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
I189	Southbourne	b) I don't feel the boundary is right as it cuts through areas considered by most to be part of the general Southbourne area. I'd be concerned that 2 different community councils wouldn't work well together to ensure consistency of approach to all of the Southbourne Grove commercial area. As a resident, I consider I live in Southbourne and I regularly use and enjoy all Southbourne has to offer yet I'd sit in Boscombe North and Pokesdown Hill ward and the precept I'd pay wouldn't be contributing to the community and area I spend my time in.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5

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I190	Southbourne	BCP Council is already the democratically elected local authority responsible for this area, with four ward councillors who are directly accountable to residents. This structure ensures that local issues are represented without creating additional layers of bureaucracy or confusion. The current system works and already provides residents with accessible representation and a route to influence local decision-making. Introducing a parish council would duplicate responsibilities, add unnecessary complexity, and risk creating confusion about who is accountable for what. It would fragment governance and dilute the clarity of local democracy at a time when we should be aiming for more coherence and transparency, not less. Moreover, parish councils bring with them additional financial burdens. While not required to raise a precept, in practice they often do, as they can do little without one. This would result in higher council tax bills for residents in Southbourne at a time when the cost of living is already a serious concern. Council tax is a regressive tax, and adding further charges would disproportionately impact those least able to pay. Establishing a parish council also risks entrenching inequality. More affluent areas may be able to raise higher precepts to fund better local services, while less affluent areas would struggle to keep up, undermining fairness across the wider community. BCP was created to unify our area, deliver services efficiently, and speak with one voice. Fragmenting that structure through new parish councils runs directly counter to its founding purpose. Southbourne does not need a parish council—it needs to remain part of a strong, unified Bournemouth working together with the wider BCP community to build a fairer, more cohesive future.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
I191	Southbourne	Bournemouth should have a single parish council covering the exact boundaries of the former Bournemouth Borough Council.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1

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I192	Southbourne	Disagree. I don't want a parish council. Complete waste of time and money and I do not want to pay any additional council tax to fund this. I pay too much as it is. Why should the residents fund this? If the council want to do this they need to fund it themselves. Complete waste of money.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
I193	Southbourne	Do not need	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
I194	Southbourne	Doesn't need a parish council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
I195	Southbourne	e Southbourne Parish contains the BEAS allotments which would fall under their control as opposed to the BCP appointed allotment officer. Why wrest control from a well established expert and hand it to some unknown with little or no experience or expertise, at additional cost? Nothing has been proposed by those supporting the Parish Council other than spending money which can already be claimed on a one day festival on Fisherman's Walk.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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I196	Southbourne	Have not read anything to suggest benefit of parish councils of any kind in current financial environment.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
I197	Southbourne	Here, I feel that Southbourne Overcliffe should include Pokesdown as well, given that Pokesdown melds into Southbourne and that the community of Pokesdown is geographically and socially much more aligned to Southbourne.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
I198	Southbourne	I am against insofar as the reasons detailed in the Bournemouth Town response.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
I199	Southbourne	I am happy for the existing parish councils to continue but disagree with the creation of any further parish councils being created within the BCP Area. The whole point of having a unitary authority was to have economies of scale with fewer staff and less costs. Why spend more money on a local government tier that has very limited power? It's just another layer of bureaucracy and cost.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1

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I200	Southbourne	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
I201	Southbourne	I disagree in the same way as I disagreed on the boscombe and pokesdown nonsense	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
I202	Southbourne	I disagree with all of these as I don't agree with Southbourne being made into a Parish Council on its own. If town councils were to go ahead then Southbourne should be a part of Bournemouth. If it is allowed to be on its own then all the wards of Poole and Bournemouth should also be separate.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
I203	Southbourne	I disagree with the continuation of current parish, community and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish, community or town councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4

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I204	Southbourne	I disagree with the need for parish and town councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
I205	Southbourne	I disagree with the parishing of parts of Bournemouth as an idea. I think the division of communities is unhelpful and will not serve the interests of the people of Bournemouth well. I can see why people think it will, but without additional money via a precept, we will simply be adding a layer of bureaucracy. The precept adds an extra cost that people do not need. Our responsibility is to make BCP work, not hand parts of it over to someone else. Parishes are the least democratic form of local government, with a huge proportion of elections uncontested.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
I206	Southbourne	I do not agree that any area requires a parish council. I believe that all functions should be carried out by BCP council. Anything more is an unnecessary complication and a waste of money. How are people supposed to know who does what? How can you ensure that the various parish councils act with any consistency?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
I207	Southbourne	I do not agree that we should have any town/parish councils. If BCP it too large, revert to 3 separate councils agin.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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I208	Southbourne	I do not feel any need for another layer or beaurocracy, on the whole the existing arrangements work reasonably well given the tight budget. Although I live within the Littledown and Iford ward I have an allotment at the BEAS site. This will fall under Southbourne under the new proposed council areas rather than under Bournemouth as it is at present. You say that the operation of this site will not be negatively impacted, however if the association no longer has access to support from Bournemouth's experienced allotment officer this will not be the case. Further, can you guarantee that under Southbourne council the BEAS tenancy will be renewed? Will residents from the larger Bournemouth area be entitled to apply for plots at the site as they are now? I believe that applications will be restricted to those living within, or within a mile of the Southbourne boundary. Given that very few other allotment sites exist within the BCP area this will unfairly disadvantage those living outside of this area.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
I209	Southbourne	I don’t think Bournemouth should be split into parish councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
I210	Southbourne	I fail to see any benefit in this proposal and believe it will just add unnecessary cost and layers of management.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1

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I211	Southbourne	I live in Boscombe and have an allotment in Southbourne (Bournemouth East Allotment Society). Allotments are one of only two statutory areas that would fall within the remit of the proposed parish council. As there is a proposal that allotment holders would need to live within one mile of the boundaries, this means that many current potholders could lose their plots. This has a significant impact on wellbeing (it is well known that gardening greatly improves mental health) and the strong BEAS community. We would also lose the support of the dedicated BCP officer	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
I212	Southbourne	I was under the impression that creating the BCP council was to reduce the overheads in local government. Introducing a new town council would seem to be an increase in costs and involve additional council tax for residents. At a time when council tax is at an all time high but public services are declining in the BCP area, this doesn't seem an appropriate move.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
I213	Southbourne	I'm not overall in favour of extending the councils down into town/parish councils. I think the extra work required in both setting up and running them does not give sufficient benefit within BCP. Specifically on this proposal, I am in LI3 and if these councils are to go ahead, it makes much more sense to be included within the Southbourne parish than the large Bouremouth one. Christchurch Road forms a natural boundary much like the railway in these proposals, and in terms of fit, we are far more likely to use Southbourne facilities (or Christchurch) than any other. We can walk to Southbourne but the town centre is drive or long bus trip away.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5
I214	Southbourne	Not effective use of funds or time to create another level of governance within BCP.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6

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I215	Southbourne	Our area doesn't need another level of bureaucracy	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
I216	Southbourne	Parish councils are an unnecessary level of governance as the services they will provide are already covered by BCP. If we need Parish councils to have our community listened to, then maybe BCP should be disbanded instead and go back to individual town councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
I217	Southbourne	Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, corruption and prevention the integrated transformation that the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
I218	Southbourne	Parish councils are superfluous	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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I219	Southbourne	Parish Councils generally attract Narcissists and mini Hitlers, who love the power and control, this position gives them in the community. Control over decisions and people that live in these areas. Procedure and following the system is everything, the end result is irrelevant. They have fragile egos and hate criticism. They are in control and you little people must go through me first, in fact, this whole community is under my influence and control.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
I220	Southbourne	Parish councils represent unnecessary bureaucracy and are a waste of money.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
I221	Southbourne	Re a and d - the parish council should not be created. It is a waste of tax payers money and adds unnecessary bureaucracy. Public funds are right enough and we should be reducing this bureaucracy not increasing it. I do not think the areas that do have these already get good value for the extra money they pay.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
I222	Southbourne	Recommendations a to i: I strongly object to the creation of parishes within BCP Council area and certainly do not wish for one to be created for the area within which I reside. This is an unnecessary additional layer of bureaucracy which will have to be paid for by residents, imposing a further financial burden on them. We already have local Councillors for our area who work on our behalf, consult and initiate/progress projects for the local area. Residents already have the opportunity to have their say, voice concerns and promote initiatives via multiple channels	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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I223	Southbourne	Scrap this council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
I224	Southbourne	See comments under Broadstone.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
I225	Southbourne	Should be part of an independent Bournemouth Council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
I226	Southbourne	Southbourne is part of Bournemouth and should not be sectioned off	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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I227	Southbourne	Southbourne is part of the larger urban area of BCP. There is not enough difference to warrent making the area a separate parish.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH2 6
I228	Southbourne	Strongly disagree - complete waste of time and money. Will lead to unnecessary layers of bureaucracy, which will confuse residents. We do not need more councillors, with the added cost this will bring. It will add an extra burden to the council tax payer when many people are struggling with the cost of living, to pay for service that BCP Council should already be delivering. Why should we pay twice for the same services. BCP was formed to bring legacy council together to make vital savings - this proposal is just going backwards and recreating a larger, more cumbersome service structure	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
I229	Southbourne	Strongly disagree against any and all town and/or parish councils. If the central Local Authroity cannot function in its current format, then you must disband BCP and hand responsibility back to the separate localities. We are facing a cost of living crisis, and forcing more cost onto the rate payer, especially at a time where BCP has swindled and wasted millions, is a recipe for disaster. I will personally see that if this is forced through that you will see similar to the Poll Tax. Do not do this.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
I230	Southbourne	Terrible idea again, too small an area to have any effective difference to peoples lives. A ridiculous amount of councillors covering microscopic areas that should all be part of a larger authority.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8

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I231	Southbourne	The area is already served by Councillors, albeit weak, there is no need to waste any further money on a Lib Lem talking shop.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
I232	Southbourne	The boundaries are arbitrary and not conducive to social cohesion. Parish Councils will merely create division and inequity. They will also cost residents more money with little - if any -tangible beneficial impact.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
I233	Southbourne	The boundaries are ridiculous. This looks like wealthier people want to annex out Boscombe manor.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
I234	Southbourne	The boundary between this proposal and Boscombe splits a community and would be confusing to local residents.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3

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I235	Southbourne	The bureaucracy and cost of additional layers of local government should be avoided wherever possible.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
I236	Southbourne	There is insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision on any of these draft recommendations. There is no indication of what services will be provided via the new parish/town councils. There is no indication of the total costs involved in setting up these parishes/councils, nor of the level of precept, nor of the possibility of precepts being increased well above the capped level of council tax. There is no indication of the need for a clerk to the parish/town council, nor of the salary that this would incur. Whilst the expectation is that parish/town councillors will be appointed on a voluntary basis, there is no means of preventing them from voting to make salary payments out of the precept. Divisions into parish/town councils across the conurbation is likely to increase differences in levels of provision.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
I237	Southbourne	There is no need for a further level of government.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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I238	Southbourne	There is no need for an additional costly layer of bureaucracy, there is no strong evidence that this will support any improvement in the area.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
I239	Southbourne	There is not a need for extra bureaucracy and cost.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
I240	Southbourne	This extra layer of local government is superfluous, and will be powerless and useless but very expensive.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
I241	Southbourne	This represents another layer of bureaucracy throughout the area with additional costs. We have only just got rid of the ‘original’ layers of local government at considerable cost (although it was sold as a cost saving). Now you intend to set up all these additional layers. It implies the original decision was wrong - we end up paying for your mistakes!!!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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I242	Southbourne	This whole thing is wrong! I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils There have been no costings whatsoever as to how much this will cost so how can anyone agree when no information given on exactly 1) what the new town and parish councils will do and 2) how much tax with NO ceiling increase will cost. The timing of this consultation is so wrong costing in excess of £100k when money could have been better spent. I strongly believe it's just a matter of creating 'jobs for the boys' . . . Or should I say girls in this instance! This survey and completing it is so very onerous. That too is disgusting and it's obviously relying on people to not bother giving their views as it's too difficult	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
I243	Southbourne	This will not be beneficial to Southbourne as Bcp we will better without another Council, which will add extra costs to the residence for no benefits	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
I244	Southbourne	Too much red tape	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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I245	Southbourne	Under 12(a) I strongly disagree that a parish of Southbourne be established. This creates a whole extra level of unnecessary bureaucracy and confusion over which council is responsible for what. This will be extremely inefficient and it would be better if BCP Council could improve their own services rather than making it more complicated for residents to get things done. Under 12(b) it sets up artificial divisions between the communities of Pokesdown/Boscombe and Southbourne and may create competing priorities. Fisherman's Walk has been put into Southbourne Council even though these amenities are used by the surrounding streets which are in the Boscombe and Pokesdown Council, but those residents will have no say about the use and maintenance of this green space. The Woodside Road Car Park has also been put into the Southbourne Council area and this means that the businesses in Seabourne Road will have no say about the use and maintenance of this car park which is vital to them. The two Councils of Boscombe and Pokesdown, and Southbourne, may have competing priorities so things like maintenance along the clifftop, or along roads that run across the boundaries, may change dramatically as you cross the boundary. All this is divisive and unnecessary. Under 12(g) - an extra 12 councillors seems a completely unnecessary bureaucratic layer.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
I246	Southbourne	Unnecessary	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
I247	Southbourne	Unnecessary layers an unclear benefit! These plans will add confusion over which council does which job. Keep it simple! It doesn’t seem this will help the community cohesion by having multiple layers of council for each area. I am concern this implementation will be reflected in more costs. BCP should improve their own services rather than creating new councils to do their job	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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I248	Southbourne	unnecessary unwanted vanity project	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH15 2
I249	Southbourne	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
I250	Southbourne	we have enough council governance as a tri borough council (BCP) and do not need another level of governance.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5
I251	Southbourne	We shot not be chopping up areas like this. Most people in BCP don't want this and it will just add another layer of complexity.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH10 7

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I252	Southbourne	Yet another level of government is not necessary, will attract a derisory vote in any election, and will create yet another excuse for busybodies to posture. One hopes that should such a body be created it will be confined to purely local issues. BCP itself now has an international reputation for repression of individual liberty .	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
I253	Southbourne	Waste of Money, should be covered under by BCP	Don't know/not sure	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
I254	Southbourne	b. Some local councillors claim that the boundary will cut across the community instead of providing a boundary that fits with the local community. This concerns me because the purpose of parishes is to bring the community closer and not to create artificial divisions. If there is no sensible boundary to define this parish, then it should be part of a bigger parish .	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
I255	Southbourne	I am concerned that neighbourhoods such as Charminster will once again be left behind if other neighbourhoods get this status.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8

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I256	Southbourne	The problem with the Draft recommendations are their incredible inconsistency. Why should any comparably sized area be treated differently? Such a situation is inherently unfair and undemocratic. An argument might be made for treating 'rural' areas slightly differently if any can be reasonably defined within BCP but this seems unlikely.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
I257	Southbourne	the wording is confusing as there are only 3 wards - difficult to draw a boundary between the areas of southbourne/pokesdown/boscombe	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
I258	Southbourne	Why change for change's sake?? Too many Councillors	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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I259	Southbourne	I also think that the neighbouring streets that are technically in Boscombe East and Pokesdown such as Montague Road, Rotherfield Road, Dingle Road and part of Wentworth Avenue should be considered as Southbourne if residents of these areas wish to be in Southbourne. Many residents don't relate to the Electoral Ward they find themselves in.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I260	Southbourne	As Chair of Southbourne Forum I have tried to be in step with [redacted] Chair of Boscombe Forum & we have already discussed aspects of working very close together, perhaps even sharing an admin clerk so that there is full oversight of both areas. We have some of the best coastline that BCP has & we should take even more pride in it, we have common issues with overnight camper vans, they take up at least one car parking space & aspects such as waste disposal & general hygiene are matters that should be supervised rather than policed. Anti social behaviour, like racing motor bikes, e-scooter & e-bikes are also an issue & a hazard to all, as are the areas for the youth to gather, almost all youth clubs in the area have ceased except one I believe run by a church on The Beaufort Estate. As part of an establishment of a council I would hope that they look at those organisations who are helping youngsters do something valuable like Southbourne Tennis, the rugby clubs at Iford & the Surf Life Savers. These are groups that a Council could support to give the youth some purpose. IMHO it's not just about play parks as they become areas that people 'hang out' at. Which brings me to a CSAS officer, I look with envy at Christchurch TC & their officer [redacted] who has a a very high profile in the town & works well with the Police. Parking, ASB & shoplifting are now seen as the biggest 3 issues in the Community, with a CSAS officer just think what we could achieve. We already have several very engaged local organisations that help to make the community look & feel good, but insurance worries me here, all we need is one claim to go in for something & all would stop. These things need to be carried out by authorised organisations who have insurance. Not only do we have the voice of Southbourne Forum but we also have the newly established Southbourne Wick & Tuckton Action Group (SWAT) an initiative established by Bernadette Nanovo for the area of Seafield, Tuckton & Wick, but also Bournemouth's longest established residents association in Hengistbury Head Residents Association (HENRA) of whom I am also a Committee member, this organisation is extremely well led & managed by [redacted]. I only wish the Forum had as much influence as either of these two organisations, it is beginning to happen as we work closer. I should also say that I have been a local Rotarian for Boscombe & Southbourne Rotary Club, I am currently their Club Development Lead & in my networking for this & promoting the need for people to have their say I have seen the apathy out there. I have run 7 public meetings, one of which I was pleased to have Richard Jones at, on top of that our social media promotion has also reached many thousands of people. But still there have only been 1,800 views of the really well put together video out of a population of 400,000, this is shocking apathy in my view. I am also sorry it has turned into a bit of a slanging match between various political parties, it is appalling that funds have been spent slagging one another off at a time where we need to be united. We can't change the past we can only influence the future, I really want to try to have this as unpolitical as possible, I might be in cloud cuckoo land but if Southbourne didn't have any current councillors on it, I don't think they would mind or would the public. IMHO there are enough public spirited people who genuinely believe in the community that are currently doing things unpaid who would be prepared to stand as councillors. On	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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		top of the training I would be looking to ensure that we have a cross of skills, legal, finance, local authority working & perhaps most of all in this day & age, someone to look at Comms & someone to look at the environment. Exciting & a little bit scary at the same time, but that's what life is about. Sorry I'm preaching a little, thanks for reading this far :-)					

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I261	Southbourne	As Chair of the Boscombe and Pokesdown Community Forum, I would like to stress the importance of preserving the historical identity, planning integrity, and community cohesion of Pokesdown when considering the proposed boundary changes. Pokesdown is older than both Boscombe and Southbourne and has a well-established sense of place that many residents are keen to protect. While we understand that areas like Fisherman's Walk hold significance for Southbourne residents, these spaces have long been shared with — and closely tied to — the communities of Pokesdown and Boscombe East. Reassigning them risks eroding longstanding historical, social and civic connections. The proposal to move Fisherman's Walk, the adjacent car park, and a block of buildings into Southbourne was not suggested by either the Boscombe and Pokesdown Forum or any Southbourne-based group. It appears to have been introduced at a late stage without meaningful community consultation. These changes feel arbitrary and poorly evidenced — particularly given their impact on the Boscombe and Pokesdown Neighbourhood Plan, which was developed through years of engagement and has already been formally adopted. If these areas are removed from the Boscombe and Pokesdown boundary, they risk losing the protections and planning policies currently afforded by the neighbourhood plan — especially as Southbourne has not yet developed one of its own. This would create both confusion and policy uncertainty. Furthermore, there is concern that certain proposed boundary shifts could be driven by the higher property values and perceived prestige associated with the Southbourne name. While this may be understandable from a market perspective, such acquisitive motivations are not valid grounds to redraw long-established community lines. Reclassifying parts of Pokesdown into Southbourne for reasons of image or value risks undermining both local pride and historical continuity. Fisherman's Walk, in particular, is not just a valued green space — it is one of the original coastal access routes from Boscombe's days as a town formed of three landed estates: the Portman, Shelley, and Drummond-Wolff estates. It remains a living link to that heritage and is used daily by people from both sides of Christchurch Road. We therefore urge that these proposed boundary changes be reconsidered, and that decisions of this kind remain rooted in local history, identity, and community consultation — not short-term economic or administrative expediency.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I262	Southbourne	As far as I can recall, Fisherman's Walk has always been considered part of Southbourne; it is the clear and obvious "entrance" to Southbourne for many visitors coming up from the beach so I cannot see why it would not remain part of Southbourne.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5

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I263	Southbourne	Boundary to Beaufort Ward could be changed to include the roads down from Beresford Road to Beaufort. Would straighten the boundary line down rather than missing a block	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I264	Southbourne	Considering the size of the population in this area, I feel more than 8 councillors might be better.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I265	Southbourne	I agree that decisions should be taken at as low a level as practical but with great care not to increase costs.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I266	Southbourne	I have no issue with any slight boundary changes or the amount of volunteer councillors required to run it. Any negatives would be the extra cost and persuading the residents that this would be for their benefit as the money goes straight into the community pot.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I267	Southbourne	I just want to point out that the consultation keeps referring to Southbourne CC as having 4 wards, yet there are only 3 proposed. It's a little confusing when filling out the form. I hope that having a body that represents we locals and our important concerns for where we live / work / visit, will allow local issues to be taken more seriously, be prioritised, and get things done more quickly. We know the issues we face, and need more local representation for those issues.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I268	Southbourne	Like to keep library maybe in shop area in Tuckton if cannot stay where it is.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I269	Southbourne	No	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I270	Southbourne	No	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I271	Southbourne	No	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5
I272	Southbourne	No further comment	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I273	Southbourne	Presumably there will be only 3 parish wards rather than the 4 mentioned in the proposal. There are only 3 on the map and in the list?	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I274	Southbourne	The hard copy available at local libraries is confusing and does not give the same level of detail available online. This will disadvantage Southbourne residents and confuse voting. Southbourne is not clearly identified in the hard copy etc	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I275	Southbourne	The inclusions of ex officio non-voting members put forward by groups as suggested at 14	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I276	Southbourne	There have been high levels of misinformation, (eg on Council Tax) and fears (e.g. that somehow areas will become fortresses, dividing residents). This is not the case in the rest of Dorset or parished areas of BCP. These can only really be dispelled by giving it a go and learning from other local councils.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I277	Southbourne	What will it cover. Why would it cost more than it does now a it seems it will. Not clear on cost benefits, so difficult to agree or disagree with this.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I278	Southbourne	As long as BCP Councillors do a good job, that is all we want. Another council is not likely to make things any better.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I279	Southbourne	(b) I think Seabourne Road shops restaurants flats and houses up to Ashbourne Road should be moved from 'Boscombe and Pokesdown' to 'Southbourne'. The current 'Welcome to Southbourne' sign is just east of Ashbourne Road.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3

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I280	Southbourne	5.1 the statement that parish and town councils can serve as "a key representative voice and often acting as the eyes and ears for other upper tier local government, public agencies and other organisations to raise local concerns" does not make sense. Those functions are already the responsibility of the ward councillors we elect to BCP. 5.5 the precepts quoted are only for existing parish councils within BCP/Dorset. There is a risk that they could be higher. It is also misleading to claim that many town/parish councils do not charge a precept at all. That might be the case within BCP/Dorset, but I understand nearly 9,000 of the 10,000 town/parish councils in England do charge a precept, with the average charge for a Band D property being more than £90.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I281	Southbourne	A town or parish council risks creating unnecessary layers of bureaucracy, distancing residents from decision-makers rather than bringing them closer. Local voices should be empowered directly through existing channels, not diluted by additional structures that may lack real influence or accountability.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5
I282	Southbourne	All of the draft proposals should be rejected.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I283	Southbourne	Also, there will undoubtably be differences of opinion regarding how the additional funds will be spent. There appears to be a general consensus that more needs to be done for the youth - however no parents of young children & teenagers has attended any meeting bringing their thoughts as to what the youth actually want nor seen constructive suggestions on the social media sites. Given the number of households in the Southbourne area I have been very disappointed at the small amount of engagement & general apathy towards this consultation, with some stating 'well the councils going to do it anyway'! I am think that 'another layer' of bureaucracy is unnecessary & that there are ways to raise funds through other means (so I'm told). A community council would place a huge commitment on the 'volunteer councillors' & this type of role would almost certainly come with a fair share abuse from the public accusing them of claiming for excessive expenses/not placing the funds in the right area etc.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I284	Southbourne	As above	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I285	Southbourne	As above, scrap the whole process for all of BCP. It is a waste of time and money which could be better utilised with dealing with existing issues.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I286	Southbourne	As above.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I287	Southbourne	As mentioned in para 14 above these draft proposals will just add confusion over an already confused scenario. We should be keeping things simple without adding more and more layers of bureaucratic red tape. BCP should be improving their own services rather than creating new Councils to do their job for them. These plans will not help community cohesions by having multiple layers of councils for each area.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I288	Southbourne	Believe parish councils should be scrapped, simply another layer of cost and bureaucracy which be served better by centralised service.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I289	Southbourne	Charge for parking in the clifftop, stop selling off car parks for luxury flats, stop faffing by trying to break down areas so you can all pass the buck between you.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I290	Southbourne	Comment: I do not agree with an additional levy on BCP Council Tax to support some 'vanity project' proposal.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I291	Southbourne	Consultation not well advertised-deliberately so few people could comment. Documents not easy to understand What do the present councillors for Southbourne do. Why would Southbourne need TWELVE councillors to administer allotments. Are the new councillors to receive expenses? If not, why will councillors tax be increased? Just another layer of bureaucracy!! Getting to Haveyoursay form is very difficult - deliberately?	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I292	Southbourne	Dear BCP Council, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed creation of a town or parish council for Southbourne. 1. No Need for Additional Layers of Government Southbourne already receives services through BCP Council and its existing structures. Introducing another tier of government is unnecessary and inefficient. It risks duplicating responsibilities, confusing accountability, and adding further bureaucracy to a system that already struggles with responsiveness and clarity. 2. Increased Council Tax is Unjustified The introduction of a parish or town council would inevitably lead to higher council tax, regardless of promises that the precept may be small. The average charges in other areas (e.g. Christchurch Town at £70.23) show this can be a significant additional burden, especially during a time when households are already under financial pressure. Instead of introducing new costs, the council should be finding ways to reduce the overall tax burden on residents. 3. Focus on Efficiency, Not Expansion Local government should follow the same principles households are forced to apply: live within their means. Many residents are cutting costs and prioritising spending. The council should do the same. It is no longer acceptable to justify new spending or governance structures by citing reductions in central government funding. Like residents, the council must learn to prioritise, streamline services, and make responsible cuts instead of inflating the public sector at local expense. 4. Risks of Mission Creep and Redundancy Even if initial responsibilities of a parish or town council seem minor (e.g., Christmas lights or noticeboards), there is a clear risk of mission creep. These councils often begin to take on broader roles and spend more, without delivering proportionate value. Southbourne does not need another platform for token projects that come at real cost.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3

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		5. Representation Already Exists There are already elected councillors representing Southbourne through BCP Council. If residents are dissatisfied, the answer lies in holding those councillors accountable, not creating more politicians, more committees, or more meetings. In conclusion, I urge the Task and Finish Group and Full Council to reject the proposal to create a parish or town council for Southbourne. It would be a retrograde step, introducing unnecessary cost, complexity, and confusion, when what we really need is leaner, smarter, more accountable local governance.					
I293	Southbourne	Don’t do it	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I294	Southbourne	For the above reasons completely disagree with the formation of community councils.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I295	Southbourne	Hopefully the consultation will show a strong disagreement with the plans. Please spend no more time, effort & money on this issue.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I296	Southbourne	I	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I297	Southbourne	I am concerned how Bournemouth East Allotment Society fits into the new Parish Council structure as the existing lease is provided by BCP Council and there is an existing good relationship between the two. I am strongly against any proposal in which a new Southbourne Parish Council can dictate or set new rules on behalf of the Bournemouth East Allotment Society as to limiting plot holders to only those living within the boundaries of the Southbourne Parish Council. Most existing wards within Bournemouth do not have an allotment situated within their boundaries and so many residents across all of Bournemouth are required to travel across the town to work their plots. These are keen and eager individuals whom are passionate about the environment and being outdoors. It will be extremely concerning should a new Southbourne Parish Council decide to politically interfere in an existing organisation which works well.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I298	Southbourne	I believe I've said it all in reply to question 14	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I299	Southbourne	I believe the implementation of the added parish councils will not benefit the people	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I300	Southbourne	I do not agree with a parish council	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I301	Southbourne	I do not feel there is any need for change what so ever. Like most things once change is made it is very hard to admit that the change was not for the better and is hard to revert.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I302	Southbourne	I feel that this was not advertised well enough. I only heard about this in passing from social media. I feel that mostly advertising through social media and even making this online survey disenfranchises many groups from having their say - particularly the elderly who make up a huge part of the local community. . In addiion I'm very disappointed in the amiunt of money that is likely have been spemt on this review during a cost of living crisis when the council cannot provide surficient housing for its residents.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I303	Southbourne	I had this additional layer and cost at a previous address and it was much worse for it. I strongly disagree with it being implemented here	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I304	Southbourne	I have serious concerns about these proposals, particularly with regard to Inequality in local services in different parts of our town – some areas getting better services than others. Objections to new parish councils within BCP are further set out below 1. Higher council tax bills. 2. More layers of bureaucracy at a time when faith in politics is so low. 3. It being harder to hold elected officials to account, with abysmal turnouts at parish council elections. 4. A step backwards from the strategic, whole-conurbation vision that BCP Council needs to unlock its full growth potential 5. The only way town and parish councils could pay for the services they end up running, like parks, leisure centres, bin collections and libraries, is by pushing local people's council tax up even higher. 6. At a time when people are rightly concerned about inequality in local services and the harm inequality does to people's life chances, BCP Council should not be creating yet more inequality in local services	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I305	Southbourne	I note that in local parish councils established in 2019 elections were contested in 2019 but then not in 2023, apart from one ward in Christchurch. I feel strongly that the premise of setting up councils made up from volunteers is deeply flawed. Where is the governance and vetting of these probably well meaning but possibly not capable individuals? Alarm bells ring when the initial enthusiasm for putting themselves up to contest an election has disappeared and the council continues with no possible change of personnel? People who put themselves forward may have particular pet interests and may make short term decisions with unforeseen consequences down the line. The whole premise seems to be a way to off load some responsibilities from the council but the approach of getting some members of the community, whose only qualification may be the location of their house, to take these responsibilities on seems very risky.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I306	Southbourne	I strongly oppose another layer of bureaucracy. BCP should improve its services to Hengistbury Head residents using the existing councillors. Big opportunity for rate payers to be passed from coincil to council with nothing happening.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I307	Southbourne	I think we're better off without this community governance, it'll just end up costing us, the residents more money. Seems like its a good excuse for BCP to stop bothering with stuff like park benches, christmas lights or trees, public bins etc and simply palm off the cost to the local council, in addition to the council tax paid to BCP...	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I308	Southbourne	I would like to see less local government not more. I have lived in Southbourne all of my life and have witnessed a gradual decline in the area caused by outsiders coming in and changing things.The very fact that this consultation has been so difficult to complete shows me that this is a fait a complee . How on earth can you justify these changes and extra charges.I say no,,no,no You Liberal Democrats are not fit for purpose...and who actually are this apparent secret cabale who are suggesting these changes..Looking forward to a future Reform council	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I309	Southbourne	I would like to see the role of the Community Forum strengthened.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I310	Southbourne	If the councils have to go ahead, the boundary should follow that of the Boscombe & Pokesdown Neighbourhood Plan for practicality. Woodside Road car park should be in the same council as the shops on Seabourne Road that rely on it. Fisherman's Walk should be in the same council as Cafe Riva and the cliff lift as the maintenance should be joined-up.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I311	Southbourne	If the proposal for Southbourne Parish Council were already adopted.it would make no difference to local residents. Local residents were not listened to regarding the disposal of Southbourne Crossroads car park. So nothing would change with another level of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I312	Southbourne	Improve the systems already in place rather than creating even more levels of poor service.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I313	Southbourne	Is this not a task that our local MP is already achieving? Should BCP as a council not already be achieving this too? Could time, effort and public money instead be spent on streamlining the local council, improving efficiencies in the local council, and spending greater time "on the ground" engaging in local community? As an active member of the local community myself, my family and I have seen first hand the cuts that BCP have made- especially on the beachfront, something so many BCP locals are proud of. When "efficiency" is such a focus in wider UK Government and the Civil Service, maybe BCP council could consider the same- instead of spending further funds on increasing levels of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I314	Southbourne	It is all unnecessary	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I315	Southbourne	It just feels like another layer of ineffectiveness. Surely we need less discussion and more doing	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5
I316	Southbourne	Just don't waste our money and time.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I317	Southbourne	Just not needed. It will only add another layer of bureaucracy and achieve nothing except increasing our local tax bill. If the existing councillors do their job properly it would not be needed	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I318	Southbourne	Just that southbourne and tuckton area wonderful place to live	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I319	Southbourne	Leave things alone.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I320	Southbourne	Less bureaucracy and transparency is required from BCP with more action from those already elected, not more	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I321	Southbourne	My recommendation is make Bournemouth special location to live, we don't need more layers of councillors ie parish councillors.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I322	Southbourne	N.a.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I323	Southbourne	No	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I324	Southbourne	NO changes please	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I325	Southbourne	No need for this extra layer, as current set up works well. The borough is as good as the councillor who represent the area. Adding an extra layer will not improve matters if not, slow things up!	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I326	Southbourne	No thank you.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I327	Southbourne	Our council seems to want to spend our tax in any way they seem. Our biggest asset is the beach and surrounding area, which is becoming a no go area for a lot of us,speeding cyclist, barking dogs ,dirty and smelly barbecues, dirty and smelly rubish bins ,sandy prom and zig zags,just to mention a few .	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I328	Southbourne	Our current councillors to continue to engage with the community and implement changes needed.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I329	Southbourne	Parish segregate people, we are one county and should all be together as a community not separated into parishes which in turn become different classes	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I330	Southbourne	Please don't make any more layers of people who have to make decisions it creates delays and confusion parish and town councils don't always represent the majority of residents (white retired). If the savings of scale intended by the mergers of Poole Bournemouth and Christchurch have been effective why reverse this. Targets should be quicker more dynamic decisions making and reasonable costs for the wider community	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I331	Southbourne	Rather than a community council, the Southbourne Forum and local groups should focus their energies and funding on developing a local plan like they have in Boscombe and Pokesdown.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I332	Southbourne	See comments above. I would add that this is just another Government side step in its responsibility to fund local authorities at the correct level.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I333	Southbourne	The boundaries will create a tension between the "parishes" of Pokesdown and Southbourne with some streets divided down the middle. Residents may well end up paying different precepts but using the same playgrounds, allotments etc.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
I334	Southbourne	The changes to areas from wards is confusing to all	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I335	Southbourne	The designation of Southbourne does not, as I understand it, cover the whole of what we locals consider to be Southbourne, especially along Seabourne & Southbourne Roads.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I336	Southbourne	The idea is un necessary, and will cost money when we are already in financial hardship as a community, penalising the already struggling parts of society.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I337	Southbourne	The process of forming a unitary authority combining Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole has only just been completed, promised to save on overheads thereby reducing costs to us the ratepayers, with apparent reduction of efficiency and higher bills. Of course I am sceptical about creating additional costs with extra councillors, these costs are totally UNCAPPED and being introduced undemocratically it would appear? Ratepayers are already struggling to pay ever increasing council tax capped at 4.99% increase max per annum which covers the increased employer's national insurance costs thereby providing no improvement on services for the increase in cost. Having a parish of Southbourne will further increase costs and the current inadequate maintenance of drains, potholes in roads and weeds growing along the kerbs will continue unchanged!	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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I338	Southbourne	The whole plan reeks of personal ambition, political opportunism and a complete disregard for the wider community. If it goes ahead I will campaign to be on the council with the aim of ending it as soon as possible.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I339	Southbourne	There are more important focuses than introducing a new issue such as this - in other words, doing what the council should be doing	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I340	Southbourne	There are too many places selling alcohol in Southbourne. Tackle that problem instead of setting up a Parish Council.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I341	Southbourne	This proposal should be abandoned and the council should concentrate on increasing value you for money and better services not increasing the number of councillors, parish or otherwise.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I342	Southbourne	Unnecessary to have this when we already have elected councillors.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I343	Southbourne	We already have Councillors for each area, why do we need more? I'd rather finances/admin remain central BCP with crowdfunder for additional things like Christmas lights, planting etc.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I344	Southbourne	We do NOT need more councillors in the BCP area! The existing councillors should be trained to do a better job & not waste our taxes! They should control their funds instead of going into huge debt & asking schools to subsidise their debt. The system needs to be simplified NOT further complicated. Further councillors means more expensive council tax for NO PURPOSEFUL REASON- just more people doing a bad job. This is an unnecessary cost for zero benefit.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
I345	Southbourne	We need more police in the area, what is the police commissioner doing? A couple of PCSOs who seem to spend all their time outside supermarkets are no good, we need good proper police who turn up when called and arrest people without fear of being sacked while the knife wealding yob gets away scot free. There is far too much shop lifting, car crime, drug dealing, fights and general yobbos and feral kids with no respect for anyone who get away with everything. The good law abiding residents who pay huge amounts of tax and council tax are tired of it. We are also tired of the inefficiencies at the council and the constant planning applications that are passed allowing money grabbing developers to destroy trees and wildlife habitats, because of greed. We also need more traffic wardens in Southbourne to stop all the illegal parking along the cliff top and surrounding roads. The council need to sort and resolve all the current problems before wasting money on silly ideas. I wonder how much money was spent paying someone to come up with this survey.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I346	Southbourne	What are the alternatives if the views strongly disagree with the council's recommendations	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5
I347	Southbourne	While I applaud the idea of Community Councils I believe they would take away finance and time from other vita BCP work and as they have no direct powers to influence BCP decisions would be of little value.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I348	Southbourne	You talk about the cost to us. It is only a guess on cost and for the first year only. The cost will rise & rise as years go on. BCP is deeply in the red at present & this proposal will not lesson that.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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I349	Southbourne	All the way through, it references Southbourne being split into four parishes, when it is only being split into three, so this is inaccurate.	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
I350	Southbourne	The proposal to include part of the Boscombe East Ward in this parish raises concerns. This would create new very small polling districts containing electors voting for different BCP Council wards. This would increase the margin for error in polling stations and make administering the elections more complex. This could be resolved by requesting a related alteration from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to the boundary between the Boscombe East and West Southbourne BCP Council wards to make this coterminous with the proposed parish boundary. If a related alteration cannot be approved, then parts of BE2 and BE3 should not be included in the proposed parish.	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
I351	Southbourne	As above	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
I352	Southbourne	Happy to see a council put in place if it mainly focusses on making the area look and feel better and more events.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
I353	Southbourne	I would like to see improvements to the centre of Southbourne.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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I354	Southbourne	Keep it separate from Bournemouth. It has a unique character.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
I355	Southbourne	My main concern is ensuring we get a range of councillors from different age groups & try and keep it politics free as far as possible	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
I356	Southbourne	No	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
I357	Southbourne	No, I think it's all good	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1

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I358	Southbourne	Southbourne has an engaged population, I have attended the local information sessions ans seen active voluntary groups, and a growing need for local advocacy on infrastructure, events, planning, and green space management. Establishing a community council will provide a local democratic structure capable of responding nimbly and collaboratively to local needs. To ensure the success of the new council: Emphasis should be placed on appointing suitably qualified officers and ensuring councillors receive high-quality induction. Consideration should be given to supporting the formation of a Southbourne Neighbourhood Plan in parallel. Can a Parish Be Too Small? While local identity is important, it must be balanced with sustainability. The law makes no concessions for the size of a parish council—statutory obligations remain the same regardless of whether a council serves 2,000 or 20,000 electors. Smaller councils still face requirements around AGAR submissions, audits, summonses, policy reviews, data protection, financial transparency, and staff management—with far fewer councillors and resources to deliver them. There is a strong argument that Boscombe & Pokesdown and Southbourne would benefit significantly from a combined governance model. While the two areas differ in character and demographic profile, a shared council could offer: Reduced administrative burden – One audit, one set of minutes, one AGAR return, one governance framework. Increased precept base – Greater flexibility to fund community services, events, and improvements. Larger pool of councillors – Strengthened resilience and broader representation. More volunteers and engaged residents – Higher turnout at public meetings and stronger public scrutiny. Improved service delivery – Some services (e.g. youth provision, play spaces, community halls) do not scale efficiently at a hyperlocal level; better outcomes often require critical mass. A merged community council could still respect and reflect local identities through ward-based representation, but with vastly improved governance efficiency and strategic capability.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
I359	Southbourne	These changes would enhance Southbourne for its residents and for visitors.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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I360	Southbourne	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7
I361	Southbourne	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
I362	Southbourne	Access to green space is equally necessary for the good mental and physical health of all BCP residents. As such I feel they should be overseen in the interests of all residents by experienced BCP officers. As it seems that the proposed local councils will have few other responsibilities it appears to me to be a waste of time and money, not to mention increased council tax, to establish these councils. By all means put a small extra levy on the BCP council tax to improve green and play spaces instead.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
I363	Southbourne	All. Creates general confusion as to who is responsible for all services. Does not help community cohesion. Improve your own performance before creating additional beaurocracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
I364	Southbourne	As above	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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I365	Southbourne	As above	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
I366	Southbourne	BCP unitary authority, amalgamating Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth, was supposed to improve transparency, costs and bureaucracy. Creating parish/town councils will be adding another level of unnecessary bureaucracy and cost with no tangible benefit and worse accountability. BCP has just appointed a new CEO; consideration should be given to allowing this person to attempt to improve the current running of the unitary authority before any changes are implemented. No decisions should be made before 2027 and then only following a referendum.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
I367	Southbourne	Complete waste of time and money. Only being set up to get more money from the residents which the council will blow on their wages and expenses. A complete rip off.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
I368	Southbourne	Council tax should be reduced and services improved	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
I369	Southbourne	Disagree with the concept of creating an additional tier and level of bureaucracy for reasons given in previous question. If pursued this should involve a referendum before a decision is taken	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
I370	Southbourne	Do not need	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1

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I371	Southbourne	Don't do it.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
I372	Southbourne	I am also concerned that the removal of the Charter Trustees will end decades of civic tradition associated with the Mayors of Poole and Bournemouth. It is unclear who will be responsible for upholding these traditions, and the regalia that goes with them, or whether the Mayoralities will continue. Bournemouth is a young town with limited history and traditions and it would be very sad to lose the existing traditions that we have. So I object to the introduction of Parish Councils in Bournemouth and Poole for this reason also. It might make more sense under submission 38 to create a Bournemouth Town Council but it is still an inefficient and unnecessary layer of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
I373	Southbourne	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
I374	Southbourne	I disagree with the continuation of current parish, community and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish, community or town councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
I375	Southbourne	I do not want to pay extra on my council tax	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
I376	Southbourne	I don't think that "Southbourne" should be more important than the other areas e.g. Tucson, so if the parish is created then it should come up with an equitable and fair name to cover all the areas that are proposed to be included in the parish.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1

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I377	Southbourne	I suggest that the current structure of BCP Council be maintained without any further layers of administration being introduced, such as parish councils. The current structure allows for efficient management of the conurbation. It also allows for residents to voice concerns, suggest improvements/change and to work with local Councillors already in place. I suggest that you do not impose this additional layer of bureaucracy which so many residents do not want. There is no justification for abdicating responsibility and introducing parish councils in the guise of "community engagement" which already exists.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
I378	Southbourne	I understand and appreciate the community spirit that Southbourne now generates and there is an identity garnered from the success of the high street, which is to be celebrated. But that doesn't need to be restricted within an arbitrary line and it will actually exclude places and people who very much see themselves as part of Southbourne.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
I379	Southbourne	I would like BEAS to remain with BCP Council as our landlord, even if the Southbourne parish is established.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6

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I380	Southbourne	In support of my disagreement at 22. above below is taken from the above where you can see the Boscombe and Pokesdown Submission, has been left in error in the creation of this consultation template. This shows the submissions are not driven by the community rather than a desire to comply with any submission to the CGR. - Stage One Submissions Six submissions (response nos. 36), (42), (43), (44), (48) and (54) were received relating to this part of east Bournemouth. Five were similar in support of a Southbourne parish, although submission (44) was not supportive and expressed concern about the management of the allotments site to the north of the area. A further submission (response no. 38) suggested that the whole of Bournemouth, including Boscombe and Pokesdown, Southbourne and Redhill and Northbourne, should be established as a single Town Council., however, the Task and Finish Group considered that there was sufficient evidence to support the Boscombe and Pokesdown submission as an independent standalone proposal. On the subject of boundaries, I agree with the natural feature of the river as natural, distinct, definitive, feature boundary. However, the Christchurch Road is not such a natural community boundary. Though it does benefit from the history of being a postal coach route in the 18th & 19th centuries. I do not agree that the Eastern Boundary should include (by any reasoning) should be given over to the submission for a Southbourne Community Council. that Fisherman's Walk. It is a distinct natural feature of green space This green space has belonged to the ward boundaries for Pokesdown dating back to the Pokesdown Urban District Council of 1895 and the Pokesdown Parish Council was one of the first to exist. This was long before Southbourne and the Grove existed as we know it today. This 'land grab' of this green space which is confirmed by the Boundaries Commission (and map) lie fully in the Boscombe East and Pokesdown ward. Such a land grab would remove the say of not only BCP Council, and the ward Councillors but also the residents of Boscombe East and Pokesdown ward to have a say to the management and amenity usage of this ward asset. This green space asset of Boscombe East and Pokesdown provided by Fisherman cannot be viewed as artificial, since it dates back to the Victorian age, and has been used since before then by the residents and 'Fishermen' of Pokesdown, before Southbourne existed . What would be recognised as an 'artificial' boundary is Bearsford Road. But Bearsford Road is the electoral boundary between traditionally Boscombe East and Southbourne, therefore it makes no sense to change this Artificial Boundary, for another artificial one that goes down Parkwood Road instead (between Seabourne Road and Southbourne Road). It is farcical to make a submission to take on residences (and electorate) when they have been in Boscombe East since at least 1974. This change of one artificial boundary for another more advantageous artificial boundary will create issues for electoral communications and processes into the future This is why I view this Southbourne submission as a 'landgrab' of the Woodside Road Car Park would remove the potential for revenue or say on parking fees to the residents of Boscombe and Pokesdown should they be successful and form their own Community	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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		Council or indeed if not successful in their bid they then become part of a successful Bournemouth Town Council. Even if neither of those submissions are successful the residents will lose out if the Southbourne proposal succeeds. The same losing out is in store for the residents and businesses that would be scooped up in this new boundary 'artificial' and should the Southbourne submission be successful as it stands. In a nutshell the Southbourne Community Council submission was successful as consulted on then it would be overturning half a century of established electoral boundaries. The recommendations are driven by a small response of the 14,933 electorate. ie if a proposal/delegation/submission to CGR was less than 149 individuals it would still be less than 1% of the electorate. If the responses to this consultation for the Southbourne submission was less than 149 ie 1% of the electorate in no way could that be viewed as representative of the communities involved. Indeed it would be dismissed if it were a referendum on such a submission for an 'either/or' that is recommended in this CGR consultation.					
I381	Southbourne	It is not needed, please use the money to fund the council not additional politicians	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
I382	Southbourne	It’s an unnecessary level of Bureaucracy	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4

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I383	Southbourne	Leave things as they are as despite the hollow words from BCP council, this is clearly going to end up costing residents money that simply cannot be afforded in a cost of living crisis. If the current incumbents are unable to work within the constraints as they currently exist, then they should resign en masse and make way for competent people who can. This is nothing but a transparent vehicle to screw the local residents. You say that there will not be any additional cost, but that is a blatant lie. You will bring in a precept to begin with and that will go up and up and up year on year , totally unchecked and the people of the BCP region will be the ones to pay for it. It's unacceptable that you would do something like this without a referendum (which you clearly won't as you already know what the outcome would be and you don't like listening to people who disagree with you). BCP Council is a repugnant organisation, badly run by incompetent councillors with no honesty, integrity or decency. You are an embarrassment to the local people and you should be totally and utterly ashamed of yourselves (but I doubt you have the decency to feel that way either). Shame on you all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
I384	Southbourne	Neither town or parish councils are required at this time. This 'consultation' is a complete and utter farce perpetrated by the LibDem councillors. There is no hurry to create town or parish councils, so leave the decision until the May 2027 Local Elections when the public will have time to consider their attitude toward the proposals in much greater detail and without being influenced by councillors seeking more power.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
I385	Southbourne	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
I386	Southbourne	No.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
I387	Southbourne	Once the government has completed it's latest round of local government reorganisation then this should be revisited particularly as we do not know whether the national government as part of the efficiency reorganisation my abolish them nationally	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1

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I388	Southbourne	Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, corruption and prevention the integrated transformation that the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
I389	Southbourne	People are trying to circumvent the elected authority to suit their own politics	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
I390	Southbourne	Please don't waste our money on any parish councils in the BCP area.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
I391	Southbourne	Scrap it.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
I392	Southbourne	Southbourne has no Community Plan. Boscombe residents currently hold allotments within the Southbourne Parish, with no guarantee that this would continue under a Southbourne Parish Council whose only mandatory responsibility is Allotments.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
I393	Southbourne	Strongly disagree against any and all town and/or parish councils. If the central Local Authroity cannot function in its current format, then you must disband BCP and hand responsibility back to the separate localities. We are facing a cost of living crisis, and forcing more cost onto the rate payer, especially at a time where BCP has swindled and wasted millions, is a recipe for disaster. I will personally see that if this is forced through that you will see similar to the Poll Tax. Do not do this.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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I394	Southbourne	The creation of a parish council here would damage community cohesion and set a more affluent area against others that are less so.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
I395	Southbourne	The draft recommendation fail to explain any benefit whatsoever to the residents, workers or visitors to the area, just duplication and additional bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
I396	Southbourne	The money should be spent in the local area not wasted on extra counsellor is who cannot make any decisions because it blocked by red tape	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
I397	Southbourne	The present situation works well and should not be altered	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
I398	Southbourne	These proposals hack off the "nice areas" and leave the less affluent/ less beautiful areas all lumped together. It feels like I am being "partitioned"!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4

Q49 – Is there anything else you would like to say about the draft recommendations for Southbourne?

Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
I399	Southbourne	This whole thing is wrong! I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils There have been no costings whatsoever as to how much this will cost so how can anyone agree when no information given on exactly 1) what the new town and parish councils will do and 2) how much tax with NO ceiling increase will cost. The timing of this consultation is so wrong costing in excess of £100k when money could have been better spent. I strongly believe it's just a matter of creating 'jobs for the boys' . . . Or should I say girls in this instance! This survey and completing it is so very onerous. That too is disgusting and it's obviously relying on people to not bother giving their views as it's too difficult	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
I400	Southbourne	unnecessary unwanted vanity project	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH15 2
I401	Southbourne	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
I402	Southbourne	We do mot need parish councils. They will lead to division and inequity across BCP.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

Q49 – Is there anything else you would like to say about the draft recommendations for Southbourne?

Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
I403	Southbourne	We do not need parish councils as well as BCP. That is unnecessary, costly and would lead to certain matters not being considered by either.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
I404	Southbourne	We need either BCP or parish councils, not both	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
I405	Southbourne	Could reduce number of councillors by 1 per ward area	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
I406	Southbourne	I am concerned that neighbourhoods such as Charminster will once again be left behind if other neighbourhoods get this status.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8
I407	Southbourne	No	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

Community Governance Consultation

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Southbourne

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Qualitative Analysis and Report by Darmax Research

Executive Summary

BCP Council are consulting on draft proposals to create new parish, town and community councils across Bournemouth and Poole and to make some small changes to the existing town/parish arrangements in Christchurch.

Before any decisions are made, the council sought the views of local residents on setting up a new parish council in Southbourne.

This report summarises the free-text responses to the consultation.

Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Results

Reasons for agreement/disagreement

Respondents were asked to provide their reasons for why they agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Southbourne.

254 respondents provided feedback to this question. 143 of these respondents live in Southbourne, while 111 live outside of the proposal area.

Feedback from Southbourne residents was mixed. Supporters felt that a parish council would give local people more influence over decisions, safeguard Southbourne's distinct identity, and ensure that local amenities and services reflected community needs.

However, a number opposed the draft recommendations. They argued that a parish council was an unnecessary use of public funds.

Concerns were also raised over boundaries, with some arguing that parts of Southbourne had been excluded or incorrectly allocated to the Boscombe and Pokesdown parish.

Administration and management issues dominated responses. Many residents believed a parish council would duplicate existing representation and add bureaucracy without real benefit. Respondents also felt it would lead to confusion over responsibilities, and inequity in service delivery. Some questioned the impact on allotments and worried about restrictions linked to new governance arrangements.

Cost was also a consistent concern. Respondents felt that a parish council would increase council tax and precepts, with no clear safeguards against future rises. The lack of financial detail in the recommendations was criticised, with many arguing that funds should instead be saved from elsewhere within BCP Council.

The consultation process was also challenged. Respondents described a lack of clarity in the proposals and questioned whether decisions were politically motivated.

Feedback from non-residents showed similar themes. A small number supported the proposals, recognising Southbourne's distinct character and arguing that parish status was overdue. However, most were opposed, describing parish councils as unnecessary and a waste of public funds. Many also rejected the broader principle of dividing Bournemouth into smaller parishes.

Concerns from non-residents also focused on boundaries, with some arguing that areas identified as Southbourne had been wrongly included in Boscombe and Pokesdown, or that Southbourne should remain within Bournemouth as a whole.

Administration and governance issues were again prominent, with respondents warning against creating an additional tier of bureaucracy and duplication of roles. Concerns over allotment restrictions were also raised.

Cost objections mirrored those of residents, with fears that new councils would create unaffordable precept rises without clear benefits. The consultation process was similarly criticised, with non-residents questioning the limited information provided, and political motivations. Some called for decisions to be deferred until the next local elections.

Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Southbourne.

131 respondents provided further comments, including 81 from within Southbourne and 50 from outside the area.

A small number of residents expressed support for the proposal, highlighting the value of safeguarding Southbourne's identity and increasing local influence. The majority, however, opposed the proposals, describing them as wasteful and unnecessary.

Boundary concerns were again raised, with respondents suggesting changes to align more closely with how locals identify Southbourne. Some warned that splitting streets between different parishes could cause confusion and unfairness in precepts.

Administration and management concerns were widespread. Residents felt that adding another tier of governance would complicate responsibilities, slow decision-making, and reduce accountability. Some pointed to recent reorganisation under BCP Council and questioned the rationale for further changes so soon. Concerns were also raised over allotments, with fears that tenancy restrictions could undermine existing arrangements.

Cost concerns were highlighted by many residents, who opposed increases in council tax and criticised the lack of clarity around financial implications.

The consultation process was also criticised, with respondents questioning the accuracy of information provided, limited publicity, and the likelihood of feedback being acted upon.

A small number of respondents living outside the proposal area expressed support, recognising Southbourne's distinct character and suggesting that a parish council could enhance the area for residents and visitors. Most, however, opposed the proposals. Respondents argued that parish councils were unnecessary and a poor use of public funds.

Boundary issues were also raised, with concerns over areas being allocated to Southbourne rather than Boscombe and Pokesdown.

Administrative concerns again dominated, with opposition to additional bureaucracy, duplication, and inequity of services. Issues around allotment restrictions were again raised.

Costs were also criticised, with respondents opposing additional precepts at a time when households faced financial pressures.

The consultation process was again challenged. Respondents described the proposals as politically motivated and lacking sufficient evidence. Calls were made for decisions to be delayed until the next local elections.

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1 Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Qualitative responses (write in text) to questions were exported into Excel and were thematically analysed. The most common themes are reported on in this report. Anonymised quotes from participants have been used to illustrate the themes identified.

Please note that while the purpose of qualitative data is to provide deeper insights into reasoning and impact rather than to quantify data, the numbers of respondents who mentioned the most prevalent themes are provided in this report to give an indication of the magnitude of response. However, given the nature of qualitative data, it should be noted that this does not provide an indication of significance in relation to the question asked.

In addition, where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories. Where a response makes several different points, only the relevant part to the discussed theme is shown in the report.

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2 Analysis and results

2.1 Reasons for agreement/disagreement

Respondents were asked to provide their reasons for why they agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Southbourne.

254 respondents provided feedback to this question. 143 of these respondents live in Southbourne, while 111 of these respondents live outside of Southbourne.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	19	9	28
General opposition	42	39	81
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	22	18	40
Administration/management of decisions	95	75	170
Cost of delivery	53	31	84
Consultation/decision process	18	12	30
Other	0	0	0

2.1.1 Respondents living in proposal area

19 respondents expressed support. They felt a local council would allow residents to have a stronger say in **decision-making at a local level**, protect Southbourne's **distinct identity**, and ensure that local services and amenities reflected the needs of the community.

"I feel that a parish council will enhance community spirit, will enable local engagement and social interaction within our community."

"Give us a say in local 'low level' issues that matter to our everyday lives."

However, 42 respondents voiced opposition, a parish council is **not needed** and would be a waste of taxpayers' money.

"Shouldn't be changed, no need to become a parish."

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"A waste of taxpayers' money and adding more bureaucracy."

22 respondents raised concerns about **boundaries**. Some questioned whether the proposed boundaries accurately reflected Southbourne's community identity and that of the neighbouring Boscombe and Pokesdown parish.

"The heart of Southbourne is Southbourne Grove. However, this is at the very western end of the proposed Southbourne parish. Homes which are just to the west of Southbourne Grove, such as Woodside Road and Portman Crescent, would not be part of Southbourne parish under these proposals despite Southbourne Grove being their local high street, just around the corner. Worse, roads including Beaufort Road, Herberton Road and Sunnyhill Road would be split between Southbourne and Boscombe & Pokesdown parishes even though there is no obvious natural boundary to divide them."

"I think the boundary for Southbourne may need looking at - many residents in Wentworth Avenue and Beechwood Avenue plus the roads leading off to the cliff top regard themselves as Southbourne residents as opposed to Boscombe and Pokesdown."

95 respondents raised concerns about administration and decision-making. Respondents argued that the creation of a new council would create **additional layers of governance** and unnecessary **bureaucracy**, risking inefficiency, duplication, and **confusion over responsibilities** between BCP and any new council. Some felt that **councillors already in place** should be held accountable rather than introducing additional governance. Respondents also questioned the necessity of the proposals, given that **BCP Council was only recently established**. Respondents were also concerned at potential **inequity of services** between different areas, particularly those with higher levels of deprivation. Many argued that BCP Council should be responsible for service delivery and that funds should instead be used to maintain and improve visible services, such as parks, pavements, and community facilities. Residents also expressed concern over potential restrictions on **allotment tenancy** that may occur as a result of the boundaries and controls put in place.

"Additional unnecessary layers. Complicates ownership and accountability. BCP should focus efforts and resources fixing things centrally."

"The creation of BCP was to streamline the decision making process. The recommendations will add another layer of committee to the mix and cause confusion as to who is responsible for what."

"I have serious concerns about these proposals, particularly with regard to inequality in local services in different parts of our town – some areas getting better services than others."

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"I do not agree with the need for a community council. In particular it's proposed remit for control of allotments, and the geographic restrictions that are likely to be imposed."

"The only group that would definitely be adversely affected would be the members/tenants of Bournemouth East Allotment Society as the allotment sites would be handed over to the new parish council."

53 respondents raised concerns about cost. Respondents felt that the proposals mean increases in **council tax** and precepts to pay for the additional councillors and administration costs. There was a **lack of detail** about the costs within the recommendations, while some respondents felt that savings should be made elsewhere.

"I believe that at this present time of financial hardship for many people the institution of parish councils (very unnecessary in my opinion) with the extra taxation involved would be a big mistake."

"This is an opportunity for more money to be taken from people living in this area, during a time of financial hardship."

"How much will it cost. What do I get for it?"

"Council needs to reduce their waste within their departments to have sufficient funds."

18 respondents criticised the consultation process. They described a **lack of information** for residents to make an informed decision, while the survey questions asked respondents whether they agree with the parish consisting of four wards, whereas there were only three stated within the recommendations. Respondents also felt that the proposals were **politically motivated**.

"This proposal only exists because the Liberal Democrats hope to maintain influence."

"The proposals do not make the case for how the proposals will make governance more effective than what we have now."

"Confused as the map seems to show 3 wards, but the question refers to 4 parish wards."

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2.1.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

9 respondents expressed support, arguing that Southbourne **deserves recognition** as a distinct area with unique characteristics and that it is a suitable area for a parish council.

"Southbourne has become a very desirable and attractive place for residents and visitors. It really is about time that Southbourne was given the appropriate Parish council / recognition that it deserves."

However, 39 respondents voiced opposition. They described the proposals as **unnecessary** and a waste of money. Respondents also reflected that no area should have its own separate parish.

"I do not agree that any area requires a parish council."

"I don't think Bournemouth should be split into parish councils."

18 respondents commented on **boundaries**. These included concerns about how Southbourne had been defined as an area, with respondents critical that Pokesdown should be included in the Southbourne parish and not Boscombe, while others disagreed with Southbourne being made a parish on its own and should be part of Bournemouth.

"I think a lot of people (myself included) who would form part of the Boscombe and Pokesdown council area, say, think and feel that we live in Southbourne."

"I disagree with all of these as I don't agree with Southbourne being made into a Parish Council on its own. If town councils were to go ahead then Southbourne should be a part of Bournemouth."

75 respondents raised concerns about administration and decision-making. Respondents argued that the creation of a new council would create **additional layers of governance and unnecessary bureaucracy**, duplication of roles, slow decision-making, and create **confusion** over responsibilities between BCP and any new council. Some felt that **councillors already in place** should be held accountable rather than introducing additional councillor positions. Respondents also questioned the necessity of the proposals, given that **BCP Council was only recently established**. Respondents were also concerned at potential **inequity** of services between different areas, particularly those with higher levels of deprivation. BCP Council should retain responsibility for service delivery and funds should instead be used to maintain and improve existing services. A number of respondents expressed concern over potential restrictions on **allotment tenancy** that may occur as a result of the boundaries and controls put in place.

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"This extra layer of local government is superfluous and will be powerless and useless but very expensive."

"I strongly disagree with the need for parish councils when we already have an amalgamated council."

"Creates general confusion as to who is responsible for all services. Does not help community cohesion. Improve your own performance before creating additional bureaucracy."

"I live in Boscombe and have an allotment in Southbourne (Bournemouth East Allotment Society). Allotments are one of only two statutory areas that would fall within the remit of the proposed parish council. As there is a proposal that allotment holders would need to live within one mile of the boundaries, this means that many current potholders could lose their plots. This has a significant impact on wellbeing (it is well known that gardening greatly improves mental health) and the strong BEAS community. We would also lose the support of the dedicated BCP officer."

31 respondents commented on cost. They felt that new councils would lead to **additional precepts and higher council tax bills**, at a time when many households could least afford it. The lack of detailed costings was highlighted as a particular concern.

"I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils. There have been no costings whatsoever as to how much this will cost so how can anyone agree when no information given on exactly 1) what the new town and parish councils will do and 2) how much tax with NO ceiling increase will cost."

12 respondents criticised the consultation process. They argued that proposals contained **limited information**, had been **poorly publicised**, were politically motivated and had been developed based on limited evidence.

"There is insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision on any of these draft recommendations. There is no indication of what services will be provided via the new parish/town councils."

"a) The proposals have been put forward by a small number of individuals and groups. b) Most residents do not even know about these proposals."

"I strongly believe it's just a matter of creating 'jobs for the boys' Or should I say girls in this instance!"

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2.2 Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Southbourne.

131 respondents provided feedback to this question. 81 of these respondents live in Southbourne, while 50 of these respondents live outside of Southbourne.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	5	5	10
General opposition	27	24	51
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	8	4	12
Administration/management of decisions	44	25	69
Cost of delivery	18	9	27
Consultation/decision process	14	8	22
Other	5	2	7

2.2.1 Respondents living in proposal area

5 respondents expressed support for the proposals, **safeguard Southbourne's identity** and give residents more influence over local decisions. Conversely, 27 respondents opposed the proposals and that the proposal should be **scrapped**.

"I agree that decisions should be taken at as low a level as practical but with great care not to increase costs."

"As above, scrap the whole process for all of BCP."

8 respondents raised **boundary concerns**. Respondents questioned the designation of areas into the Boscombe and Pokesdown parish when they consider them to be part of Southbourne, while amendments to the boundary were also suggested.

"The designation of Southbourne does not, as I understand it, cover the whole of what we locals consider to be Southbourne, especially along Seabourne & Southbourne Roads."

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"The proposal to include part of the Boscombe East Ward in this parish raises concerns. This would create new very small polling districts containing electors voting for different BCP Council wards. This would increase the margin for error in polling stations and make administering the elections more complex. This could be resolved by requesting a related alteration from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to the boundary between the Boscombe East and West Southbourne BCP Council wards to make this coterminous with the proposed parish boundary. If a related alteration cannot be approved, then parts of BE2 and BE3 should not be included in the proposed parish."

"As far as I can recall, Fisherman's Walk has always been considered part of Southbourne."

"Boundary to Beaufort Ward could be changed to include the roads down from Beresford Road to Beaufort. Would straighten the boundary line down rather than missing a block."

"I think Seabourne Road shops, restaurants, flats and houses up to Ashbourne Road should be moved from 'Boscombe and Pokesdown' to 'Southbourne'. The current 'Welcome to Southbourne' sign is just east of Ashbourne Road."

"If the councils have to go ahead, the boundary should follow that of the Boscombe & Pokesdown Neighbourhood Plan for practicality. Woodside Road car park should be in the same council as the shops on Seabourne Road that rely on it. Fisherman's Walk should be in the same council as Cafe Riva and the cliff lift as the maintenance should be joined-up."

44 respondents raised concerns about **administration and decision-making**. The most common themes were the risk of adding bureaucracy, creating confusion over responsibilities, and slowing down decision-making. Respondents suggested that governance had only recently been reorganised with the creation of BCP Council, and introducing further structures so soon would add **unnecessary complexity**. Respondents felt that BCP Council should direct resources towards improvements to services, rather than developing unnecessary and costly layers of administration. Other respondents commented that there are **already councillors** elected responsible for the local population. Residents also expressed concern over potential **tensions between different areas**, with a lack of cohesion as well as potential restrictions on **allotment tenancy** that may occur as a result of the boundaries and controls put in place.

"These draft proposals will just add confusion over an already confused scenario. We should be keeping things simple without adding more and more layers of bureaucratic red tape. BCP should be improving their own services rather than creating new Councils to do their job for them. These

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plans will not help community cohesions by having multiple layers of councils for each area."

"I would add that this is just another Government side step in its responsibility to fund local authorities at the correct level."

"The process of forming a unitary authority combining Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole has only just been completed, promised to save on overheads thereby reducing costs to us the ratepayers, with apparent reduction of efficiency and higher bills."

"The boundaries will create a tension between the "parishes" of Pokesdown and Southbourne with some streets divided down the middle. Residents may well end up paying different precepts but using the same playgrounds, allotments etc."

"I am concerned how Bournemouth East Allotment Society fits into the new Parish Council structure as the existing lease is provided by BCP Council and there is an existing good relationship between the two. I am strongly against any proposal in which a new Southbourne Parish Council can dictate or set new rules on behalf of the Bournemouth East Allotment Society as to limiting plot holders to only those living within the boundaries of the Southbourne Parish Council."

18 respondents commented that they disagree with the proposal due to **additional costs for residents**. Respondents also criticised the lack of financial clarity and argued that additional funds would be better directed towards frontline services.

"I think we're better off without this community governance, it'll just end up costing us, the residents more money."

14 respondents criticised the **consultation process**. Respondents felt that it had been poorly publicised, lacked sufficient information to enable respondents to provide an informed opinion and that information provided was contradictory. Some questioned whether residents' views would actually influence decisions.

"What will it cover. Why would it cost more than it does now as it seems it will."

"Presumably there will be only 3 parish wards rather than the 4 mentioned in the proposal. There are only 3 on the map and in the list?"

"Consultation not well advertised-deliberately so few people could comment. Documents not easy to understand."

"Given the number of households in the Southbourne area I have been very disappointed at the small amount of engagement & general apathy towards this consultation, with some stating 'well the councils going to do it anyway'!"

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2.2.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

5 respondents expressed overall support for the proposed Southbourne parish, with reasons being that it has a **unique character**, focuses on local autonomy and would enhance the area for both residents and visitors.

"Happy to see a council put in place if it mainly focusses on making the area look and feel better and more events."

"These changes would enhance Southbourne for its residents and for visitors."

However, 24 respondents voiced opposition. They described parish councils as **unnecessary** and a waste of public funds.

"Abolish all parish councils across BCP and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required."

4 respondents raised **boundaries** and designation concerns, questioning whether the proposed Southbourne boundaries reflected what the local population identifies as Southbourne.

"On the subject of boundaries, I agree with the natural feature of the river as natural, distinct, definitive, feature boundary. However, the Christchurch Road is not such a natural community boundary."

"Fisherman's Walk is a distinct natural feature of green space. This green space has belonged to the ward boundaries for Pokesdown dating back to the Pokesdown Urban District Council of 1895 and the Pokesdown Parish Council was one of the first to exist. This was long before Southbourne and the Grove existed as we know it today. This 'land grab' of this green space which is confirmed by the Boundaries Commission (and map) lie fully in the Boscombe East and Pokesdown ward. Such a land grab would remove the say of not only BCP Council, and the ward councillors but also the residents of Boscombe East and Pokesdown ward to have a say to the management and amenity usage of this ward asset."

25 respondents raised concerns about administration and decision-making. Respondents argued that the creation of a new council would create **additional layers of governance**, unnecessary bureaucracy and stall decision-making. It would also create **confusion over responsibilities** between BCP and any new council. Some felt that **councillors already in place** should be held accountable rather than introducing additional councillor positions. Respondents also questioned the necessity of the proposals, given that **BCP Council was only recently established**. Respondents were also concerned at potential **inequity of services** between different areas, particularly those with higher levels of deprivation. BCP Council

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should retain responsibility for service delivery and funds should instead be used to maintain and improve existing services. A number of respondents expressed concern over potential restrictions on **allotment tenancy** that may occur as a result of the boundaries and controls put in place.

"It's an unnecessary level of bureaucracy."

"The money should be spent in the local area not wasted on extra councillors who cannot make any decisions because it is blocked by red tape."

"Creates general confusion as to who is responsible for all services."

"The creation of a parish council here would damage community cohesion and set a more affluent area against others that are less so."

"Boscombe residents currently hold allotments within the Southbourne Parish, with no guarantee that this would continue under a Southbourne Parish Council whose only mandatory responsibility is allotments."

9 respondents commented that they disagreed with **increased council tax costs** that residents could not afford.

"I do not want to pay extra on my council tax."

"I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils."

8 respondents criticised the **consultation process**, describing documents as lacking in detail, the proposals were politically motivated and decisions should be delayed and put to public vote at the next set of local elections.

"The draft recommendation fail to explain any benefit whatsoever to the residents, workers or visitors to the area."

"People are trying to circumvent the elected authority to suit their own politics."

"There is no hurry to create town or parish councils, so leave the decision until the May 2027 Local Elections when the public will have time to consider their attitude toward the proposals in much greater detail and without being influenced by councillors seeking more power."

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Q53 – Please tell us the reasons for your answer whether you agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Poole Town

Row	proposal area	comment	agreement/disagreement it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
J1	Poole Town	A general uplift for the town centre		Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J2	Poole Town	a) g) A town council of 42 councillors would require several committees, such as: a- cabinet b - finance (incl budgeting and grant applications) c- standards (incl overview and scrutiny) d - leisure facilities (incl allotments, recreation grounds, skateparks, play areas and community centres) e - environmental (incl beaches and seafront, public conveniences, green spaces, litter) f - events (incl tourist information, heritage, neighbourhood projects) Plus other services which BCP council would plan to transfer to Poole Town Council. All of these would require extensive administration costs (meeting venues, secretarial etc.), which would absorb a considerable amount of the additional precept. I doubt there would be a reduction in the council tax charged by BCP for the areas they would no longer control. However, a local Parish council for Parkstone, as was submitted originally, would comprise of 9 councillors and would be much more cost-effective and involve faster and more efficient decision-making. This option should be reconsidered.		Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0

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Row	proposal area	comment	agreement/disagreement it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
J3	Poole Town	a) Poole is where I live, so why did you amalgamate to BCP in the first place. What is the cost of changing back?		Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J4	Poole Town	a-h) I don't want to change the current situation		Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J5	Poole Town	a-h) residents do not need an additional level of governance within BCP. What was the point of establishing BCP in the first place? Now trying to have 3 town councils in addition to existing BCP. This will result in wasted bureaucracy, time and funding. g) too many polling districts being recommended with too many councillors. In Creekmoor 3 new councillors proposed for Poole town council - we [unknown] with 2 or the whole of BCP.		Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J6	Poole Town	Cost of these new proposals is needed to make a decision. Especially as main reason for forming BCP was to reduce cost		Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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Row	proposal area	comment	agreement/disagreement it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
J7	Poole Town	Is there a fault on this form (and the survey)? In other parishes and wards the option to “Strongly Disagree” did not appear on the list – which will bend the results to a less-negative outcome – and an invalid result? Is this a flaw in the system – or is this intentional?		Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J8	Poole Town	(A) A Poole council comeback is needed the BCP is useless . (B) Looks like Poole to me (C) Poole is a historic name dating back to antiquity-pre Roman invasion . (D) Nothing wrong with a town council (E) Again Poole is a fantastic name and it will be a town council (F) some of the names are a bit long winded but good for the most part (G) 42 sounds about right ((H) looks good, more than one councillor per ward helps with representation of the communities	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
J9	Poole Town	(a) Although we have become BCP, each area has it's own identity, by giving Poole a council who deal with Poole concerns makes the best sense	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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J10	Poole Town	(a) Whether it is considered that the establishment of BCP Council has benefited local residents or not, it is clear in my view as a long standing resident of Poole that Poole has lost a sense of identity following the change in 2019. My view is that establishing a local town council for Poole will mean that there is a local and democratic body which will represent the views of residents, businesses and other organisations in Poole and be a voice for Poole. The council would be a body which will enable the historic and civic funcions of Poole to have greater visibility as opposed to the current system of Charter Trustees which is not well understood and has limited powers. The council will be able to represent Poole, and also be able to administer some services at a much more local level where this is more effective. It will mean residents should have a greater say in what happens to some services withing their local neighbourhoods. The establishment of a town council will also provide the benefit of the allocations of grant funding and some local infrastructure funding from CIL for example by local representatives at a local level. This should mean greater community involvement in local decisions. Overall therefore it will provide a clear identity for Poole as a place; provide local representation for Poole and more local decision-making; help generate more community involvement and participation in decisions which affect local residents and businesses; provide a voice for Poole and represent its historic and civic identity; provide more options for more local delivery of services and facilities at a local neighbourhood level. (b) On the assumption that there is support for a Broadstone council which will mean that area will be parished, the area proposed for Poole town council should include all areas that are currently covered by the Charter Trustees as a result of them falling within the previous Borough of Poole area. To leave an area out on the basis that it may not be as strongly aligned to the town of Poole as other areas would result in an unparished area and the need to retain the Charter Trustees. This would mean two levels of local precepts and organisations at a local level in the parished areas of Poole, and would also be confusing in terms of identity, role and purpose when considering the Civic functions. The boundary proposed does in my view represent the area identified as Poole which is not contained within Broadstone. (c) Clear identity. (d) Poole is a town and the style of council proposed reflects that position making it clear the proposed council represents the whole of the town of Poole. (e) Clear identity reflecting the position that the council will represent the communities most linked to the town of Poole. (f) To align with the current ward arrangements so far as possible for consistency and reflect current identities. (g) Although it means the elector ratios will be higher than in many other parish councils including those currently existing within the BCP Council area, to increase the number of councillors above 42 would mean an overly large council which would not in my view be as efficient or effective in terms of its decision-making. To reduce below 42 would increase the elector ratios and	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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		result in arguably less democratic engagement and resut in a council less connected to its communities at a local level thereby going against one of the purposes of a town council. (h) To ensure so far as possible there is reasonable equality between wards in terms of elector ratios so that some wards are not over-represented on the council.					
J11	Poole Town	(f) I am not clear where the proposals for a separate Broadstone Parish sit with the Charter Trustees, who presumably cover both this area and Poole Town Council. I appreciate that Broadstone fits into a different Parliamentary constituency. There may be merit in single Poole Town, therefore. (g) The number of councillors depends on whether or not Broadstone is separate.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH14 0

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J12	Poole Town	[b] no need to include Marley Ward and Bearwood Ward: they are distant outliers. See [f] [g] 42! A company board needs 6 to 8 directors. 42 is 1 per 2,700 electors - that's outrageous bureaucracy and expense. [h] Lilliput Village should be.a separate identity [ward].	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J13	Poole Town	14a. I want Poole to more say in how it spends it’s council tax and the councillors concentrate on Poole not the wider area outside the town.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J14	Poole Town	42 seems a lot - i would agree wholeheartedly if they wee to be housed in the old poole civic centre	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J15	Poole Town	a because it should lead to better representation and therefore better outcomes	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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J16	Poole Town	a - f strongly agree with all statements that Poole should have its own town/parish council, because there is a great community within Poole, which I feel would only flourish within a more personal parish/town council. g-h neither agree nor disagree - number of councillors is not something I feel I can strongly weigh in on.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J17	Poole Town	A - h inclusive. I agree with decision making being at a local level encouraging more citizen involvement.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J18	Poole Town	A - Poole is Poole not BCP c - should of never change in the first place no savings have been made ie council tax	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J19	Poole Town	A - Poole needs its own identity B - Agree with the boundaries C - Poole should be lead name rather than individual wards D - Agree with a town council E - Should be called Poole Town Council F - Agree with the parish wards G - Not sure what each councillors job would be H - Need a better understanding of what they would do	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH14 0

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J20	Poole Town	a - too right. never thought BCP was a good idea. I knew Bournemouth would subsume everything, and it did. We should have set up Poole Town from the beginning, so I'm glad to see we're looking at it now.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J21	Poole Town	a A historic area such as Poole should have its own identity not be lost in a combined area	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J22	Poole Town	a b c d e f g h Since BCP was formed Poole,has lost so much. Our identity, our history, our right to do things our way. We have been annexed by Bournemouth and have become of little consequence. Future Poole citizens can no longer be born in Poole!	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J23	Poole Town	a I strongly agree that a parish council should be created for Poole. This will support the identity of the town of Poole. Since BCP Council was created, there has been a reduction in the amount of events taking place in Poole, and I am disappointed that there is no VE Day event taking place in Poole. A new parish council would be able to organize more community-based events.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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J24	Poole Town	A to H - hope fore a better community safeguard, friendly approach to safety and safeguard the residents interests	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J25	Poole Town	'a' to 'h' - the boundaries between Creekmoor and both Hamworthy wards seem very arbitrary. So for example, Upton Country Park is split between at least two of these wards. As	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J26	Poole Town	A with concerns for increased jobs and therefore costs on council tax for residents	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
J27	Poole Town	a) - I agree with the proposal because we need local representation to fulfil local community services that BCP are unable to do. b) the boundary should include the whole of the historical boundary of Poole, including Broadstone.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J28	Poole Town	a) Since the creation of BCP, Poole has lost its identity. What is relevant to, for example, Christchurch, is not necessarily of equal relevance to Poole.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 3
J29	Poole Town	a) Agree - Poole residents need a council serviing the needs of local people. b) Agree - The boundary is clear and supported by local residents c) Agree - The name give clear identity to residents and councilors d) Agree - Poole Town Council including a Mayor would be more appropriate for the residents of Poole e) The name should clearly identify the organisation f) The Wards should represent the local district identities and thereby local residents g) 42 councilors managed Poole Town Council prior to formation of BCP so it should be sufficient to serve the needs of the local community of Poole	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J30	Poole Town	a) I am struggling to understand why after a short time of being a unitary authority we are now being asked to introduce another level of bureaucracy. If the unitary system is not fit for purpose then the whole thing needs to be reviewed	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J31	Poole Town	a) I think splitting Poole and Bournemouth into separate Parishes should help both areas gain more control.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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J32	Poole Town	a) I think that increased centralisation of authority diminishes the ability to understand and respond to local issues, and that a local council such as a parish council is a valuable tool to improve local quality of living. c) With the amalgamation of BCP there is a view that the identity of the component areas might be lost. Naming the councils after the historic areas will help preseve the sense of identity and willingness to support local causes. Remainder - while I support the creation of the proposed councils I have no particualarly strong views on the details.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J33	Poole Town	a) to g) inclusive It seems to make perfect sense to replace the existing arrangements with a properly formed Town Council with the benefits that that might bring. I would not want to see the area subject to two lots of precepts, as would be the case were the whole of Poole not included in the new arrangement.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J34	Poole Town	a, b, c: a parish for Poole would give it specific identity and promote its own unique features. d, e: not sure how the term ‘parish council’ differs from other types ie town, community, neighbourhood, etc. Would it override any decisions made by these councils or even duplicate them, adding more to the council tax? f, g, h: I have opted for ‘somewhat agree’ as the allocated areas and councillors seem fair.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J35	Poole Town	a, f and h. I strongly support the creation of a Poole Town Council. Amalgamation of the previous Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch borough councils was done primarily as a money-saving exercise (necessary following the Conservative governments' abolition of core funding for councils beginning in 2010) but this has been to the detriment of more locally-based powers and voices. The creation of a town council for Poole would go some way to restoring that, and would help Poole residents, through the democratic process, understand they have a stronger voice on what many believe is a Bournemouth-centric BCP Council. The latter may or may not be the case, but that is a perception.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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J36	Poole Town	A, we should have our own identity, d, Poole Town council should be easily identifiable	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 3
J37	Poole Town	a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h. All recommendations. I consider that Poole should regain its independence from BCP Council and run its own affairs without interference from an authority which has no local knowledge and is only concerned with the welfare of Bournemouth. For instance restricting access to Poole Park causing major traffic problems for my area. Selling the council buildings is another land grab by Bournemouth which we do not belong to or want. Our Beaches have been severely run down and neglected under the BCP regime.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J38	Poole Town	a. I strongly agree that a parish of Poole should be created to protect and maintain the historic identity of Poole. Poole has hundreds of years of maritime history and poole residents are fed up with our town being treated as though it is a suburb of Bournemouth. Poole deserves to have its own democratic voice. When BCP was formed against the wishes of many Poole and Christchurch residents, a town council was set up for Christchurch, but not for Poole. b. I feel it is very important that the Poole Town Council replaces the Charter Trustees because it is clear to me that it doe not work to have charter trustees that are no based in the central area of the principle council. It makes no sense to have both so I understand that all areas within the former Borough must be perished, but I am open to the idea that there may be areas on the edges of the former borough who do not identify as being part of Poole and if this is the case, perhaps a different solution could be found for these areas. d. Poole parish must be a Town to replace the charter trustees g,h I feel that the size of wards is the best balance. Bigger wards would be less local and a more difficult job for volunteer councillors. Smaller wards would make the council too big.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2

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J39	Poole Town	a. I strongly believe that 'localisation' is essential for making services accessible, visible and appropriate to residents. Centralising services under the 'economies of scale' banner has meant that services have become unresponsive, non-accountable, more remote, has increased overheads and diversion into non-essential services, not 'voted for' and not supported by residents. A new Parish of Poole would give some opportunity to returning local services to local people making them more visible, more accountable, more appropriate and more accessible. i. I would like that the ratio of the number of Councillors for each Ward to be proportionate to the number of households paying council tax in each Ward.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH14 8
J40	Poole Town	A. Like many Poole residents I don't agree with the creation of town or parish councils. In the interest of efficiency and effectiveness the existing system should be reviewed to give more responsibility and work to existing councillors to ensure non-statutory services and facilities are brought to the residents whom they serve. However I recognise that this is likely to go ahead despite people's opposition. Therefore I do agree that a parish council for the whole of Poole be established. Residents see themselves as belonging to Poole and to create separate parishes just creates division and territorialism that can only be detrimental to the progression of the town as a whole. People move across wards for work, leisure, family, schools etc and it would be poor practice to develop facilities in one 'parish' that were not seen in another area. Some areas of Poole have a strong core of residents who are able to galvanise others into action to improve their areas and some do not. A 'whole Town' council would ensure the less active areas do not get overlooked whilst rewarding the hard work of residents who are active	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J41	Poole Town	a. Poole needs its own identity which seems to have been lost since BCP was established	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2

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J42	Poole Town	a. Poole needs to be a parish of its own because at present we are the poor relatives of BCP council. Everything has to go through the town hall at Bournemouth. At present the Revenue and Benefits are 12 weeks behind. We never had this problem when we had everything at te council offices in Poole. c. The name is irrelevant its how we govern ourselves that makes life in Poole more acceptable.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J43	Poole Town	A/B/c/d I think it will retain Pooles identity which is presently at risk of getting lost and hopefully give some decision making powers for at least some community activities to the people who actually live here and care about the town	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J44	Poole Town	Abcdefgh I don't think any changes should be made to the current arrangements	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J45	Poole Town	About time we had more local representation and ownership	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J46	Poole Town	'a-g' Given Poole's history and heritage, there is a need to make local decisions in Poole for Poole. No VE day event in Poole considering it's wartime contribution was a disgrace especially as Christchurch and Bournemouth had one.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J47	Poole Town	Agree	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J48	Poole Town	Agree	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J49	Poole Town	Agree that Poole should take back control in whatever way we can. BCP Council does not represent Poole and does not seem to be interested in Poole.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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J50	Poole Town	Agree with all - more local say seems like a good thing to me	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J51	Poole Town	a-h) I fully support the idea to create a parish council for Poole and call it Poole Town council and to have councillors for the area.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2
J52	Poole Town	All agreed, but the area is a bit too large	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J53	Poole Town	All recommendations: We must cease being Bournemouth and having no say.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH16 5

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J54	Poole Town	all three I live in Poole all my life so I agree with the council	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J55	Poole Town	As a general principle I would like to see the recommendations pass, to give Poole more of an identity and more autonomy.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J56	Poole Town	As a resident of Poole all my life I feel that BCP joint council does not meet the needs of Poole as a high priority. Poole has become a rundown area in need of investment. The town centre is very poor, with very few independent shops. The high street is drab and poorly maintained. The bus station is a disgrace. However Poole Park having received lottery funding is a well kept and well used local area.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J57	Poole Town	b - the area covered is far too large. There should be a separate Parkstone & Sandbanks Community Council including all wards from Parkstone to Bournemouth border (except Bearwood) Some wards should move into Broadstone with Bearwood moving to Northbourne Community Council with Kinson c - The name should be Poole Town	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2

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J58	Poole Town	b - Why is Upton excluded? Also Bourne Valley feels much more like Bournemouth to me, and Penn Hill and Canford Cliffs/Sandbanks areas feel entirely different to central Poole. g - 42 councillors seems really excessive, are they volunteers or paid? If they were part time/job share to deputise for each other that would be okay.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J59	Poole Town	B) f) and g) Broadstone and Corfe Mullen could be included as part of Poole , their identity is still retained through their parish name. This would therefore change the number of parishes for Poole as it would include corfe Mullen and Broadstone with are effectively suburbs of Poole. H) The number feels high and two councillors for each parish should be adequate.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J60	Poole Town	b) f) the new Poole town council should include Broadstone and all areas within the historic Borough of Poole a) d) Does a 'parish in the style of a town council' actually give Poole the power of a town council? Will Poole still have a mayor? Poole needs both!	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J61	Poole Town	b) There are some notable errors with the eastern boundary, with areas of Bournemouth (e.g. Bear Cross and West Howe) being included in Poole Town Council, and vice-versa. The boundary should follow the borough borders exactly. The perceived blurring of the lines between Poole and Bournemouth is one of the driving forces behind the desire for a town council for Poole. People won't identify with a town council if they don't consider themselves part of that town. Exact changes in answer to 20. f) Alderney ward ought to be called Alderney and Wallisdown ward, as they're both distinct areas and people in Wallisdown wouldn't identify with Alderney.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8

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J62	Poole Town	B). I don't see why Broadstone is excluded from Poole.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J63	Poole Town	b; f; As a resident in the long thin strip of land appended onto Alderney I object to being cut out from both the Bournemouth/Wallisdown boundaries as well as the Bourne Valley boundaries. There's no good reason why we should continually be appended onto another part of town that has a different culture and community, and separated from where most of our community is. The schools, university and most of the housing in this area are more closely aligned with both Wallisdown and Bourne Valley than Alderney, the centre of gravity of which is at the other end of the proposed boundary.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
J64	Poole Town	BCP council has been bad for Poole. Great to have our own council back.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J65	Poole Town	Bearwood and Merley should be excluded from Poole	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0

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J66	Poole Town	Best idea	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J67	Poole Town	'd ' I strongly agree that Poole and surrounding area shouldhave town status.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J68	Poole Town	D - strongly agree with Poole having its own town council. Poole needs focus, care and attention to restore public areas, services and encourage and support local businesses.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J69	Poole Town	d) Poole Town, especially the town centre, and specifically the High Street has suffered a downward spiral of neglect. There are too many Turkish barbers and vape shops of dubious business practices and empty and untidy shops that need investigating and dealing with.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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J70	Poole Town	E - rather than being known by individual wards, the name Poole Town would encompass all wards and provide a separate identity to those in Bournemouth	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
J71	Poole Town	Ever since this merger, there is no individuality for areas, everything seem to be overrun by Bournemouth, we are not part of Bournemouth, we are Poole	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 3
J72	Poole Town	f) g) h) it does seem alot of Councillors for the area	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J73	Poole Town	F. Important to have defined wards to represent the local population	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2

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J74	Poole Town	G - agree as long as councillors elected are still the same number	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J75	Poole Town	g - endeavour to limit the no of Councillors 2 - 3 per ward (not to exceed) keeping costs for a new look Town Council to be as low as possible, saving council tax payers money IF possible (see X'church)	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J76	Poole Town	G - my concern is there may not be enough people who want to be councillors, they may not have the correct knowledge for the best decision making	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J77	Poole Town	g & h too many councillors proposed	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J78	Poole Town	g) & h) The proposals are not equitable with the proposals for a separate Broadstone council. For example my own ward of Canford Heath West is to have two councillors yet all of the wards in Broadstone each with less than half the projected electorate of Canford Heath West is to be given three or four councillors. This surely does not fit with electoral proportionality and the requirement for equitable democracy?	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J79	Poole Town	g) and h) Decrease the number of councillors to around 15.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
J80	Poole Town	g) It seems reasonable. It will certainly be better to have a Poole Town Parish Council with local people to oversee local issues.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J81	Poole Town	h- four councillors for Canford Heath is excessive and would be hard to find 6- number of councillors for Poole Town is excessive and needs to be reduced. 42 councillors would be difficult to manage.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8

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J82	Poole Town	h) Creekmoor should have 4 councillors rather than 3 councillors due to area size including U.C. park, padel, park and ride, lakes	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J83	Poole Town	h) while I agree with the recommendations for a town council. I find that some change should be made to either wards or number of councillors allocated to each ward. As it stands, Red Hill, Parkstone, Longfleet would have much less representation than other wards. As these are relatively stable areas and likely to be older, this does not give them adequate representation. Maybe some of Parkstone could be moved to Old town and [unknown] and Longfleet could be linked to Newtown. Alternatively, size of council adjusted and [unknown] 3 areas could have 4 seats, giving a council size of 45. Assuming town councillors will recieve some renumeration, will existing BCP councillors responsible for areas now the responsibility of town council see a reduction in this [unknown]? If they do not and still have responsibility for these areas, I can see no point in having a town council!	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J84	Poole Town	Happy to go ahead	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J85	Poole Town	Having a more local area as prior to the merger of the main BCP council I agree with if it is kept as Poole town. It is interesting though that Broadstone is separate. Would not want a mix across the previous split.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4

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J86	Poole Town	I agree completely that Poole should have a town Council so we know we all have representation in our area	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J87	Poole Town	I agree to all the proposals listed above but will there a date in the future for reflection on these proposals?	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J88	Poole Town	I agree with all the recommendations on the basis that Poole has lost it's identity through the BCP merger and it is vital that we regain this. The current Council is too large and focussed on its statutory responsibilities (as it should be) for residents to be engaged. Hopefully this reorganisation would enable more people to not only have their say, but also be heard and make a positive input into the running of our town.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J89	Poole Town	I agree with recommendations for Poole Town. Elizabeth first gave a Charter to Poole in 1568. Why has that Charter been rescinded? This was imposed on the people of Poole. Even after having made representation to the Government of the time, that it was much too expensive!! as it has proven to be. Christchurch had a reefrendum They voted NO but again overruled. This was not democracy.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2

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J90	Poole Town	I agree with the proposal for a town council as long as all town councils are tasked with having the needs of all residents considered and the councillors are accountable to a degree.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J91	Poole Town	I agree with them all	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J92	Poole Town	I believe that in the context of the impact of that the Quayside and Baitor Park has to bring visitors into the town and the provision of recreational facilities then Poole Old Town and Baitor should have 3 councilors.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J93	Poole Town	I believe that Poole has its own vibrant community and economic benefits that are quite different to declining Bournemouth and ancient Christchurch. Poole is vibrant, cohesive and based upon centuries of community, it must not be lost in the mix of confrontations twixt Christchurch and Bournemouth. Poole has been here for thousands of years before the other upstarts. Its identity should not be lost due to simple and current political fashion. Poole will be here for millennia, as expressed by the 'boat' in The Museum. Poole is here for the long term, not just political fashion. We are Who We are and it would be indecent if others made a political decision that overrides our natural rights and nature of being here. We are a Free people in Poole, We have no avarice for others or covert their supposed power for drowning witches, We only ask for Honesty and Respect.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2

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J94	Poole Town	I believe that Poole Town Council should cover the entirety of Poole, and that Broadstone should not be singled out to have its own Parish. This will lead to a severance of that community and a disconnect across the historic borough of Poole.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J95	Poole Town	I definitely agree that Poole should be a parish and have a town council so that there is a council just dedicated to Poole again. With only three one council for the whole of BCP, it can feel a bit Bournemouth centric.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J96	Poole Town	I do not think we need so many councillors keep it lean	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J97	Poole Town	I do understand why poole is being considered as a whole but question why so many wards are put together whilst areas like Broadstone are considered separately. Poole comprises one town … of which Broadstone is a part. I don't understand why one area of the town is treated differently.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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J98	Poole Town	I don't know enough to disagree with what somebody has researched and it makes sense to adhere to what they're suggesting so that Poole is not left behind.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J99	Poole Town	I don't think there is a need for a town council.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
J100	Poole Town	I feel Poole needs to get back some of the identity it lost with the setting up of BCP. Much of this is to do with community based activities which a town council is ideally set up to deliver.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
J101	Poole Town	I have no issue with the proposals for the parish wards. My only concern relates to the establishment of a Town Council for Broadstone, which seems totally out of kilter with what is being proposed for the rest of Poole.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1

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J102	Poole Town	I hope that we return to the very good service we used to enjoy before we took the retrograde step of allowing the BCP set up.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH14 9
J103	Poole Town	I question whether Broadstone residents really want to secede from Poole. One councillor per ward would be more manageable and democratic.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J104	Poole Town	I strongly agree with the proposal for a Poole Town Council. However, I wonder, as we already have BCP ward councillors, is it necessary to have this amount of Town Councillors. I would propose only one for each area.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J105	Poole Town	I strongly agree with the proposals except that it may be better if Broadstone was included in the council, difficult to see why say Merley is included but not Broadstone	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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J106	Poole Town	I support the idea of parishes, but the parish suggested for Poole is far too large, does not recognise substantial differences between Poole town and the other areas, and is not in keeping with the size of the other parishes put forward. A parish should be a smaller area, representative of the nature of the area. By simply adopting the old Bournemouth/Poole boundaries, it is still leaving Wallisdown cut across two areas, which has been a consistent issue for getting parity in the area with other areas of BCP. If the council is going to adopt parishes, it should do it properly across the whole authority area, in a consistent fashion - not just proper parishes for some areas, and a lazy, bulk approach, lumping in other areas with Bournemouth and Poole. As a Wallisdown resident, I associate much more with areas like Winton, Bournemouth, Branksome, Westbourne, Kinson, than I do Poole, Alderney etc	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
J107	Poole Town	I think 42 is too many for a parish council with limited powers, trying not to increase council tax bills more than necessary. I would give one per ward.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J108	Poole Town	I think Churchfield rd is included in a ward that doesn't feel right. It would be better in the old town and Baiter Ward and would even up the numbers better. Churchfield rd and the roads to the South feel like part of an area linked to Poole Park, and have very few links across into Sterte and not much connection with areas north of Longfleet rd. I think it would be hat for a councillor to represent these disparate areas (Longfleet, Sterte and the area adjacent to Poole Park.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J109	Poole Town	I think it's very important for people to have a say in plans for their local area. Local context is important and can sometimes become lost in the larger scale functions of BCP. This is a great town with a significant history and potential for a vibrant, thriving future.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8

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J110	Poole Town	I think they need to be more subdivided into smaller parish councils not one large, like Broadstone.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J111	Poole Town	I totally agree with the recommendation for a Poole town council it's about time we had a say in the running of our beloved Poole instead of letting Bournemouth interfere	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J112	Poole Town	If a Town council is what is wanted by residents then this proposal seems sensible.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2
J113	Poole Town	If the Poole Town Council is formed, and if the Charter Trustees therefore are disbanded, then Poole residents' council tax will rise considerably, even in the face of the recent past few years of significant Council Tax increases from BCP Council. However, if this gives more representation to each district of Poole so that residents' concerns are actually taken into account instead of imposed changes from BCP Council, it might be better for residents.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4

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J114	Poole Town	In answer to them all, Poole has suffered greatly since the introduction of BCP, and anything to help it regain its former pride and authority is necessary.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J115	Poole Town	In favour or local democracy	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J116	Poole Town	Is there a need to so many councillors for the Poole area? I love in Oakdale and have no clear visibility of a who represents my area I don't know what they do so unsure If we need as many. I'm aware of Andy Hadley as he has helped with litterpicking and the councillor who is Mayor Mr Miles?	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J117	Poole Town	It is essential that Poole has its own identity and is defined. This has been lost by the merger. Poole has a long history and individual identity. It is valuable and important that this is maintained and developed separate from a merged identity that now exists. Poole must have its own voice and independent voice and vision.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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J118	Poole Town	It is important that Poole retains an independent identity within BCP.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J119	Poole Town	it looks as if this will happen whether i want it or not	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J120	Poole Town	It makes sense to have local governance for small local issues and opportunities.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J121	Poole Town	It seems to have been well considered and fair.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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J122	Poole Town	Keeping up Poole's traditions, building on tourism, more community events.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J123	Poole Town	Local knowledge is important and having representatives to help push through good causes for the local community is important.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J124	Poole Town	More representation is needed to voice concerns in specific areas of the community.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
J125	Poole Town	mostly agree with all	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8

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J126	Poole Town	No need for further layers of governance	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
J127	Poole Town	P00LE TO KEEP ITS IDENTITY WITHIN BCP COUNCIL	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J128	Poole Town	Poole council should include Broadstone - it is divisive and inaccurate to exclude one area like this.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH14 8
J129	Poole Town	Poole has its own identity	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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J130	Poole Town	Poole has not benefitted from being joined with Bourenmouth and Christchurch and should have its own representation.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J131	Poole Town	Poole is NOT a suburb of Bournemouth but an historic town in its own right. It should not be treated as inferior to Christchurch and should have its own town Council, receiving funds instead of the measly amount allowed to trustees.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J132	Poole Town	Poole needs it's identity back, be able to operate as a Town with a long history, and be given the opportunity to provide extra services, if residents support them.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
J133	Poole Town	Poole needs proper representation	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2

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J134	Poole Town	Poole needs to be able to make their own decisions	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J135	Poole Town	Poole really needs local control	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J136	Poole Town	Poole should be able to manage its own amenities away from BCP as it is very distinct from Bournemouth, who has its own identity which also be retained away from BCP. The Towns are too big to lump together and therefore splitting them back into Towns will give the electorate their own identity again, making decisions about the respective towns as they see fit.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J137	Poole Town	Poole should have its councillors for Poole only	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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J138	Poole Town	Poole should have its own parish council	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 0
J139	Poole Town	Poole town council should reflect Poole as a shire with it's port, town and residents with in its centre.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 0
J140	Poole Town	Poole Town needs it's own council as it is unique in that tourists always come here and scare the wildlife and there are too many holiday rentals. This pushes prices beyond the local population.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J141	Poole Town	Poole town should include Broadstone	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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J142	Poole Town	Poole's history requires a representative elected Town council	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J143	Poole Town	Poole's identity should be maintained and developed.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J144	Poole Town	Recommendations a, b,c,d,e,f,g & h. I would like this entire area of the Poole community to remain as a United entity.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J145	Poole Town	Seem reasonable	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2

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J146	Poole Town	Since amalgamation with Bournemouth and Christchurch, Poole has list its identity as a town with seafaring and tradition going back in history. We have been lumped with the excesses of our immediate neighbour, and as a result our town has grown more shabby and neglected, as more resources have been poured into Bournemouth.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J147	Poole Town	The area is far too big. There should be more divisions. There is far too much diversity in the needs of neighbourhoods. How can the needs of someone in Turlin Moor compare with someone in Sandbanks. I feel that Poole is not being properly represented within BCP. I would like to see parishes for Upper Parkstone/Branksome (Ashley Road and north of), Lower Parkstone and Sandbanks, Poole west etc. I really feel that Poole is the poor relation in BCP and would like to see this resolved.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J148	Poole Town	The area suggested for the council is too big and varied and as a consequence there are too many councillors to be able to work cooperatively for a common good.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J149	Poole Town	The BCP merger of 2019 did nothing for Poole and moved the focus to Bournemouth	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J150	Poole Town	The Charter Trustee situation is not functioning to protect Poole's identity and heritage. BCP constantly underfunds and undermines the activities of heritage organisations and of the historic identity of the Mayor ceremonies and activities of the town. More local decision makers can influence decisions and bring something back to the town.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
J151	Poole Town	The need to streamline both the beaurocracy and service delivery	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 8
J152	Poole Town	The proposals sounds a logical step forward creating local accountability for local governments. Representation of residents to councillors seems proportionate and fare across the new town council although is significantly greater than in other parts of the borough. The structure will help ensure that the needs of a local community are heard within the BCP borough and local issues owned and addressed. Though I hope this structure still allows for a bold and forward thinking vision for BCP as a whole, we don’t want to be reduced to small mindedness and set in our ways.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J153	Poole Town	The wards need to be represented by at least 2 members in case of absenteeism and ensure that their ward are heard at Poole Town Council meetings.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J154	Poole Town	There needs to be more representation in Poole	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J155	Poole Town	There should be 4 councillors for Poole town. This is a large shopping/ residential area and needs more representation.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J156	Poole Town	This is a completely unnecessary extra level of bureaucracy tt is neither progressive nor helpful	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
J157	Poole Town	This submission is made on behalf of Poole Quays Forum (PQF). PQF is the Neighbourhood Planning Forum for Poole Town, Poole Quay and Hamworthy East. It is a statutory consultee on planning matters. It is a charity and is non-political and is not aligned to any political party. PQF has 510 members, membership is open to anyone resident or working in its area and there are no membership fees. It was formed, in order to preserve and enhance the history and future of the area, and this will be important going forwards. PQF has consulted with its members. PQF fully supports the principle of a Poole Town Council but consider that the proposed boundary does not achieve the object of greater democracy to improve and strengthen community engagement. PQF believe that the proposed boundaries should be much smaller and the area divided into smaller more responsive parish councils of similar size to the Christchurch area.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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J158	Poole Town	This will give the residence of Poole a better say in what goes on within Poole. The heritage of Poole thrrefore should be better looked after. It will put the Pride in Poole to return. The Poole and Cherbourg Twinning as laid out in the Charter will be better funded as the present Committee is now not getting any funding to carry their duties as laid down in the Charter. Hopefully a building will be established within Poole for the Town Council and which also will be used for meetings etc	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J159	Poole Town	To give the residents of Ham West a voice in the local area.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J160	Poole Town	To Keep Poole's historic identity	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J161	Poole Town	Unsure about allocation of councillors	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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J162	Poole Town	Very much NOT in agreement with firming Parish Councils	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J163	Poole Town	We had seperate councils - which actually was better than one BIG BCP council. You merged them. Now you want to add another layer of beuocracy (and cost!!!!) by adding these councils back in again. Either split the councils back up again to what they originally were without all these extra layers or make BCP work as it is. Stop hiding spending by adding layers of complexity to the organisation of BCP.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J164	Poole Town	We have just created an identity for Lilliput Village but this has no presence in the boundary proposals - rather we are part of a rather oddly shaped extension to Penn Hill. Also I believe that Merley and Bearwood should not be included within the Poole Town area but should be separate as is proposed for Broadstone. I can see no sense in the two different approaches. It should be consistent- either all in Poole Town or all out.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J165	Poole Town	We in Poole are known as the poor relations to bournemouth and Christchurch. We need our own council back and our councillors that will work for us, although I really don't see the need for so many councillors draining our resources. Giv3 the people of Poole the deciding hand in future development and save the ridiculous amount of money the councillors are paid,	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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J166	Poole Town	We need more representation at local level, due to the size of BCP, and the council side stepping Poole, in favour of Bournemouth.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J167	Poole Town	With a local representative within the Poole ouncil it is hoped that 'our' needs and complaints will receive a quicker responce than is current.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J168	Poole Town	Yes I feel that it would allow more focus and voices from Poole Town centre in affecting things such as events and play areas etc rsther than the huge and out of touch bcp council where things have been taken away I.e. Poole Quay events (later brought back by the businesses here) but makes us feel unseen	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J169	Poole Town	Yes,good but will there be too many people arguing for their area	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2

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J170	Poole Town	' A' - It just sounds like it is going to cost more money!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J171	Poole Town	J - I strongly DISAGREE with the draft recommendation for Poole town. This type of 'parish' council is only suitable for SMALL rural villages. It offers no additional benefits to the residents, only increased tax costs to them. The services it would offer are already in place via BCP Council, therefore it is an unnecessary additional layer of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J172	Poole Town	(a) Another layer of beaurocracy along with more, uncapped expense.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
J173	Poole Town	(a) It's only a few years since the old Borough of Poole Council was abolished in the name of efficiency and cost savings by merging with Bournemouth and Christchurch, but now there's a proposal for a new Poole Town Council as well as BCP. If there were a proposal to reverse the previous merger I'd support it, but this proposal is just adding duplication. (b) and (g) The area as defined is roughly equivalent to the old Borough of Poole, which was a unitary authority in its own right, covering a large range of different communities. In that respect it is little different to the new BCP council, other than scale, and hence I can see no advantage to it. To make this a genuinely local parish council I'd like to see the area covered be much smaller, with correspondingly fewer new councillors. This is being offered for Broadstone, so why not for other parts of the old Borough of Poole?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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J174	Poole Town	(a) to (d) inclusive. As a concerned resident, I respectfully submit that the plans to introduce new, large Town and Parish Councils in addition to the present BCP Council be dropped. I am concerned the plans will produce additional layers of local Government without any tangible benefit to residents for the following reasons: Such plans could lead to confusion and “doubling up” on tasks or tasks being mistakenly overlooked between the various councils and would erode community cohesion (especially if one area was seen to be accidentally benefiting to the detriment of others). Would it not be pragmatic that a simpler approach be adopted by BCP, with a focus on improving BCP’s existing services, rather than creating more Councils?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J175	Poole Town	(a) to (h) Another level of local government in addition to BCP will inevitably increase bureaucracy by increasing the number of decision-making procedures, and a fractured approach to service delivery which will still owe more to political alignment at the expense of local need. Far from being improved and strengthened, community engagement will in fact be severely compromised by confused accountability for service delivery and budgetary responsibility whilst its size will contribute nothing to make communities more cohesive. It will in fact combine the worst of all disadvantages whilst having little or no perceivable impact on performance. The electorate is acutely aware that their interests are of secondary importance as far as major issues are concerned. There is therefore no confidence in local social media forums that this Council will be delivering "better local democracy" or "improved and stronger community engagement" in any meaningful way either through this consultation process or by the creation of yet another politically run organisation. No guarantees have been provided that its representatives will be any more in touch with the real needs of the electorate than the present BCP incumbents so what is the point? There are, however three questions that are uppermost in many people's minds: - 1) Why was the merger of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole considered such a good idea if the reinstatement of lower tier councils is now necessary? 2) Why is such an important constitutional change not being referred to the electorate as a binding referendum? Is a consultation that can be ignored all that it is worth? Are our opinions that irrelevant or is it that the Council knows full well that it will be roundly rejected? 3) How is it possible to provide a fully informed comment on a proposal that does not provide all the information needed? A half thought through proposal with non-specific benefits incapable of measurement, actively promoted by a Council that has already demonstrated where its preferences lie ahead of taking a decision, automatically qualifies for rejection.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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J176	Poole Town	(a)-(h) The first stage of CGR was not made widely available unless you happened across the Have Your Say website, and I say this as a BCP employee too who gets the Need to Know emails and as a resident signed up to the BCP emails. The implications of CGR were not sufficiently explained to the widest number of BCP residents via leaflets to every household. And so we find ourselves at Stage 3 with a massive Poole Town Council being proposed. One of the arguments for the CGR proposals was so that local decisions could be made instead of by 76 BCP Councillors - but the proposal is for a Poole Town Council with 42 Councillors in any case - 55% of the number on BCP! This is way too large for governance to be considered 'local' - I don't want Councillors in e.g. Canford Cliffs deciding where my Town Council precept is spent! In addition, it is creating another large level of bureaucracy within the area - we already have one really effective Creekmoor Councillor who is very active on behalf on Creekmoor residents. We also have one very ineffective Lib Dem Councillor in Creekmoor who is pretty much notable by his absence on local concerns and who did nothing to explain why CGR would work for Creekmoor at a recent local meeting about this consultation. The vast area covered by the proposed Poole Town encompasses too many diverse wards which would go against the requirements for creating community cohesion. Some wards have a very affluent population and others have multiple deprivations - the needs of these different communities cannot be effectively met by such a large Town Council covering so many diverse parishes. Much better to parish at the ward or ward grouping level in the way that there are in the former Christchurch Borough.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J177	Poole Town	(a)I did not agree when the proposal to establish BCP Council. I felt it was proposed not to enhance services for residents or in the best interests of residents, but more about greed. Since this is where we are, I cannot see the point of changing it as it will involve significant expense. It also seems very complicated. (b)I live on the Poole side of Wallisdown Road, just off of the Wallisdown Road close to the shopping area. I cannot understand why my property would come under the Alderney ward. I do not see what benefits splitting the conurbation in all these areas will be for residents. No doubt all of us will have to pay more in Council Tax.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5

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J178	Poole Town	(f) I do not agree to the idea of having town councils. They provide very little benefit and are expensive to run. I used to live in Middlewich Cheshire so have many years experience of a town council, we had a police investigation on the town clerk, issues with the cemetery accounts, loss making annual festival, reduction in social calender, resignations so by elections, online abuse of councillors (including by councillors). I note on line abuse was also an issue in a northern council (Yarm) where the bbc report that all 12 councillors resigned due to a toxic atmosphere, our local Facebook suggests it would be similar here. Your document is full of changes to boundies which will be a continual issue (expense) as new housing changes the populations of each area. It also states that Christchurch didn't consult with Hurn over their proposal, showing small TCS don't have power. I am pleased with the social offering side of BCP, it is far better than in Cheshire East. I do not think splitting the area into town councils will offer any benefit to me, just an extra expense. The idea of employing a town clerk for each area to control a small budget for cemeteries, benches and allotments just doesn't make sense, you would not see a similar situation in business. Each clerk would be audited (another expense) when we are all realising the budget for areas people do not show any online concern. Poole is a big area and the social section is not evenly spaced so I do not see how your proposal will give people a greater voice or feel more connected to the community. Town councils when properly run can offer small benefits to small towns, Poole just isn't a sensible proposition due yo it's size (the same applies to Bournemouth)	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
J179	Poole Town	...	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1

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J180	Poole Town	1. I do not understand and so see the reason for forming another layer of local government. Poole Council was abolished/merged with Bournemouth and Christchurch and this was meant to yield cost benefits... ,,where are they?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J181	Poole Town	42 councillors is that replacing BCP staff? Who is paying for those 42 councillors, their offices, their equipment, etc... Poole and Christchurch councils were both successful councils prior to the merger with Bournemouth, since BCP I haven't seen anything improve only standards dropping, vape form money dropping, the town dropping. It's the best solution really to 'employee a load of other people to do our job' I'm happy with this proposal if it makes the end of BCP, otherwise BCP needs to rocket up then to reduce the number of people involved in making decisions and to come together on a clear vision that the whole council works towards instead we have far too many people and far too many compromised resulting in per decision after our decision with other to no consideration to the residents that foot the bill. Will this proposal improve things for most areas, yes, should we have it, possibly, who does the cost verses return look from those people paying the bill... Does anyone know what that bill might look like?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J182	Poole Town	a - disagree with whole concept, extra cost and bureaucracy	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0

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J183	Poole Town	a - h I disagree with all the recommendations. The proposal offers no new services, and no improvements to existing services - it offers only an increase in administration costs!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
J184	Poole Town	a - I disagree with an additional layer of tax that would be required for a parish council. If anything Poole should exist as a separate council to Bournemouth, as was always the residents preferred choice.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J185	Poole Town	'a' - if we already have 3 BCP councillors for Merley & Bearwood why do we need a parish council? Why are the 3 councillors not doing this job?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J186	Poole Town	a - no need to change no actual [unknown] b - no new boundary as should revert if one council c - parish is not need as (a) d - just another layer of bureaucratic waffle e - no need as previous answer f - just jobs for the boys g - as above h - will the councillors use the [unknown] equipment or waste money on [unknown]	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J187	Poole Town	A - Poole is an absolute mess because BCP council are failing in their delivery of services. Adding an extra layer of beurocracy and extra councillors will not fix this issue, only make it worse and remove accountability from those elected and paid to deliver services to residents!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J188	Poole Town	A - stop wasting our monies on new local gov. Either we break away from BCP and become Poole Council again or make it work. B - stop wasting our monies on new local gov. Either we break away from BCP and become Poole Council again or make it work. C - stop wasting our monies on new local gov. Either we break away from BCP and become Poole Council again or make it work. D - stop wasting our monies on new local gov. Either we break away from BCP and become Poole Council again or make it work. E- stop wasting our monies on new local gov. Either we break away from BCP and become Poole Council again or make it work. F- stop wasting our monies on new local gov. Either we break away from BCP and become Poole Council again or make it work. G-stop wasting our monies on new local gov. Either we break away from BCP and become Poole Council again or make it work. h - stop wasting our monies on new local gov. Either we break away from BCP and become Poole Council again or make it work.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J189	Poole Town	A - Totally disagree with this being suggested. We previously had separate councils and they merged to save money. Now you're suggesting have even more councils which I'll cost even more money.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J190	Poole Town	a 16/10/2024 ? There is already a framework with the Charter Trustees for the former Borough of Poole. Consultative, open communication with the current BCP Council officials should provide sufficient information and content for planning and oversight of the requirements of the residents in this Borough without the need for 42 additional salaried, governance staff.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5

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J191	Poole Town	a and e. Strongly disagree with establishing a town council for Poole. It creates additional layers of bureaucracy and cost with no tangible benefit. Very limited statutory powers are given to town councils who act merely as a consultee on key decisions that BCP will make. More Cody to council tax payers with no benefit. Sort out the governance and outputs of BCP rather than creating more cost and administration. It is too late to roll back the clock to when Poole Council existing, accept this, move on and make BCP work. As someone who recently moved from a part of the country with a new town council under a unitary authority, I saw no benefit to residents, purely an additional significant precept on our council tax.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J192	Poole Town	a Another layer of costly bureaucracy we don't need	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J193	Poole Town	'a' 'b' and 'c' I do not agree with a further level of government on the grounds of cost. In my opinion BCP should either continue as at present or preferably revert to the position before it was formed. We do not need the extra cost of more councillors.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J194	Poole Town	'a' 'b' 'c'	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0

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J195	Poole Town	A complete waste of time, money and resources.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J196	Poole Town	A completely unnecessary extra layer of local Government that will be little more than a talking shop and pander to the egos of certain local councillors and Charter trustee members. Of no value financially or socially to the town as proposed.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2
J197	Poole Town	A I strongly disagree as Poole and the area you have highlighted is divided into social economic groups with such large and varied disparities. The chance of involving a cross section of the community would be very low and certain areas in Canford Cliffs would struggle to find elected Councillors whereas other areas might possibly have a strong community involvement. Our current larger organisational group enables a fair and proportionate investment in the region as a whole. It would be very easy for the Parish Council to loose sight of the variation of areas under their control.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH14 8
J198	Poole Town	A I strongly disagree with this proposal. I do not see a benefit to residents, I do not agree that this proposal can be implemented without prior knowledge of the cost associated with it. At a time when the cost of living has increased considerably adding extra cost in council tax is unacceptable.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J199	Poole Town	A parish council is just wasting money. Why was the council merged into BCP to now setup Parish councils, what a waste of time money and effort. There are much better things to spend our tax payers money on then setting up a parish. Millions were wasted setting up BCP it should have been left as it was.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH14 0
J200	Poole Town	A people can't afford 2 council taxes	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J201	Poole Town	A second layer of local government is not necessary. I can see no benefit to the residents of the town.The only benefit will be to the council as a way of increasing revenue	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J202	Poole Town	'a' This whole thing is ridiculous! Poole was fine before the mess of BCP was created. another layer of 'parish' or 'town' council is simply a way of getting residents to pay more on their council tax, by way of another 'precept', which may start out as a relatively small amount, but would have the facility and ability to be loaded in the future. BCP would be able to offload anything they don't want to deal with financially , socially, educationally, care etc and Poole could simply become a SCAPEGOAT for anything that didn't quite work out - in all likelihood, due to BCP inefficiencies, ignorance and inadequacy in any arena you care to name: this opinion has evolved from the experience of having lived under control of BCP since its mistaken inception. Both Poole and Christchurch seem to have been overwhelmingly ignored in favour of Bournemouth on any and every scale, so my guess it that anything a 'bit too hot to handle' will be passed to the 'parish/town. council. Either we resume 3 separate areas of Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth - as was - or hope we can chuck out the current councillors in the next election, as they are simply pursuing their own pet projects and ignoring the fact that some previous (and still current) councillors should be investigated for possible malpractice.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J203	Poole Town	A to g - I don't agree with what you are proposing. You are basically pretending to be democratic by publishing this paper but you do not listen to the people e.g. closure of Poole Park, resistance to cycle lanes etc and obviously creation of BCP! Do you not realise there is a cost of living crisis and people just want a council providing value for money. This proposal is just a huge to show Government that you have ticked some democracy box.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J204	Poole Town	A Town Council is just another layer of unnecessary bureaucratic governance. We already pay for BCP to deal with the areas the Town Council will cover, we don't need to pay twice for this. Totally disagree with thie proposal.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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J205	Poole Town	A I disagree with the idea of charging even more money on top of the council tax we pay. The idea behind this is to generate more money on our cou cil tax, without having to go to government to get it authorised. Another level of bureaucracy that will cost more money, seeing little value for money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J206	Poole Town	A) - do we REALLY need another layer of administration to run the town? I feel we need an accountable and properly managed BCP council team. Delegating 'discretionary' responsibilities is so many areas will, I fear, result in protrtacted and biased decison making. B etc - everything else is based on the supposition about agreeing with the town council recommendation so my answers are indicative but rather abivilant (sorry).	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J207	Poole Town	a) A Poole town council would be too big. The proposal is to split parts of Bournemouth and Christchurch into small Parish councils yet this proposal combines the whole of Poole into one council. This is incredibly unequal - we have always been aware that the combined BCP council does not like Poole and will discriminate against them as much as they can legally get away with - this is definitely a shining example of this. b) Same reason as above it is to large an area c) As above d) As above e) As above f) If a Poole town council were to be created it should include Broadstone. Broadstone lies on the border of the BCP council area and is flanked on 3 sides by Creekmoor, Merley and Canford Heath. The only possible reason for the proposal that Broadstone be separate from Poole is that this was decided by the ex leader of the council Vicky Slade and her husband Paul. They live in Broadstone and Vicky is now MP for Broadstone - this is another shining example of them ensuring that the area they live in is not swallowed up in an unwieldy and likely very expensive large Town Council. g)The reasoning for 42 councillors is purely because the proposal is to create a monster town council which is likely to cost us all a fortune. Town councils were originally designed for small rural towns to have a say in the amenities and services that are important to them. Poole and all its distinct wards is NOT A SMALL RURAL TOWN	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J208	Poole Town	a) A Town council of 42 Councillors is totally unworkable. There is an imbalance - BCP has a total of 76 Councillors across the Unitary body covering Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole - so more than half the number of councillors will represent c20% of the area. Also, Parkstone, with just 3 Councillors, will have limited voice amongst 42. There will no control over what can be charged for the initial precept, and with such a large cohort of Councillors, 25% will be swallowed up with Admin & set-up costs. Also, likely volunteer Councillors will have strong political views, and a back-door for Reform UK.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J209	Poole Town	a) and (d) I disagree with the establishment of a parish and a parish/town council for Poole. I cannot see any reason for this upheaval. It is not very long since we all gave our opinions on the disbanding of the former parish and town councils, shortly before BCP Council was created. This created enough change and made residents anxious. BCP Council is now well-established and we residents are perfectly happy with the situation. The council is working well and we do not need any additional councils. Creating town and parish councils would be a backwards step; it would be unwieldy, unnecessary and old-fashioned. It has no place in modern local government.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2
J210	Poole Town	a) area proposed is too big b) extra councillors resulting in extra cost c) there will be no limit on council tax increases d) cannot see the benefit to my local community This is why I strongly disagree with all proposals	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J211	Poole Town	a) As a resident of Parkstone, only having 3 Councillors out of 42 would mean that they would have virtually zero 'say' in local matters The area proposed for a Poole Town council is far too large to give any areas a 'local' say. f) To include all these areas makes a mockery of suggesting it would 'improve community engagement'. A plan for a Parish Council for Parkstone was submitted, which would provide much better value for residents of Parkstone. This would only require a small administration cost whereas a large Poole Town Council - similar to Christchurch Town Council - would inevitably mean that much more of the precept would be taken up with administration, so much less money would be available for spending on community imporvements.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0

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J212	Poole Town	a) as I don't wish to have a parish council at all b-f are of no interest to me. g) 42 councillors will just be adding another layer of bureaucracy g) Creekmoor has 2 councillors on BCP why does the parish council need 3	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J213	Poole Town	A) completely disagree, why combined BCP when you now want to have parish councils, surely BCP should be completing the requirements of each area of BCP under the one council, that's what we pay council tax for!!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J214	Poole Town	a) Disagree with an extra tier of Local Government having had reorgansiations in 1997 and 2019. b) Extra tiers of Authority results in additional bureaucracy, duplication and cost. c) This leads to residents effectively paying twice for the same services d) Changes should involve a whole authority referendum not rely on Councillor decisions e) The total cost of local government can be expected to be higher in authorities with the additional tier of Town/Parish Councils f) Having sought to delayer local authority provision in 1997 and 2019 within BCP localities, for economy and efficiency reasons, the logical approach is to delayer not create additional layers of local authority g) The areas proposed do not fit well together involving very different characteristics	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J215	Poole Town	A) Disagree, BCP was established in 2019 in which covid occured the following year. BCP itself is new and any changes will only distrust and annoyance towards BCP/new town/parish council create. b) As I am from Waterloo, I do not see myself as a Poole, to me this ends at Oakdale/Longfleet. C) Poole is Poole, Canford [unkonwn] d) then isn't it just a town council e) it's Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole sub areas so no, merely is not Poole f) should only be old town, longfleet and [unknown] parkstone, Hamworthy East and Oakdale ward. g/h) if to occur will the departments being transferred transfer equipment.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J216	Poole Town	a) disagree. no need for a parish of Poole. f) Oakdale already has 2 councillors who haven't made a huge difference, why do we need 3? Why isn't Broadstone included in the parish of Poole. In general: I can't see any positives in this proposal as well as being asked to comment on the unknown - we don't know what the cost implications will be. Why do we have BCP council. We are going backwards with adding more bureaucracy and layers-wasting.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH14 0
J217	Poole Town	a) Having spent the evening at the Creekmoor community centre in a meeting with councillors, Judes Butt, Paul Slate, having read the published information I do not believe residents have been given sufficient information to make an informed decision. We do not know which services would be transferred and more importantly the additional cost we would need to pay for the services BCP should be providing (I would not expect any rebate).	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J218	Poole Town	a) I am strongly opposed to the concept of Poole having a town council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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J219	Poole Town	a) I can see no reasons why we need another level of bureaucracy to run this area. I see that there will be conflict of interests nd money being wasted.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J220	Poole Town	a) I do not think we should have a town council. If BCP is unable to operate successfully as a unitary authority, then it should be dissolved and go back to Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch Councils. We do not need to have two layers of bureaucracy. There has been no justification for creating town councils, no costing, no details of any benefits. All I can see are costs, and the whole argument for merging the three councils was to save money and so far this appears to have been an unmitigated disaster. Poole Council were a good council, but I now feel Poole has been dragged down to Bournemouth's previous level.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J221	Poole Town	a) I don't believe we need a further level of bureaucracy to be introduced. Creekmoor is served very well by 2 councillors	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J222	Poole Town	A) i feel strongly that a parish council should not be established in Poole for several reasons: This seems like an additional layer of beaurocracy, which will further confuse BCP residents about who is responsible for which services and civic duties. Having subsidiary organisations within BCP could break down cohesion between different parishes This will give BCP other councils to act as scapegoats when the council fails to meet promises on services. Fundamentally it seems like additional complexity and cost with no aim or benefits	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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J223	Poole Town	a) I feel that if the advantage of a town council is to provide localised services, creating such a large council for the whole of Poole will not deliver this. I live in Creekmoor and my fear is that resources won't be targeted in my area, instead it will be the larger population in Poole that will receive the support. I resent paying extra Council Tax if I do not see benefit in my local area. f) g) the number of proposed areas and councillors seems too many and does not deliver the localised decision making that I thought would be the advantage of a town council. It feels that there will be too many areas fighting for resources and I can see smaller areas being overlooked for funds.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J224	Poole Town	a) I totally disagree about having a new parish b) as above - no need for new parish or boundaries c) irrelevant - no need d) waste of money and time! e) irrelevant (do not want) f) not needed g) in reality, excessive! h) excessive!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J225	Poole Town	a) my main disagreement with this plan is that it has not been costed, no one can give an answer to the question, and it is unclear what the responsibilities of a 'town council' will be. It seems that BCP will be adding an additional separate cost for the running of duties it takes over from BCP ex maintenance of park areas as an example. BCP council tax is restricted to a 5% annual increase. Poole Town council tax is not restricted on annual increase. No control on cost. (b & c) Have ticked 'somewhat agree' on the organisation and set up of wards and councillors of a town council IF it is set up. (Not agreeing to the actual recommendation of financing it without the cost of it being known an a restriction of annual increase.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH16 5
J226	Poole Town	a) No extra layer of administration needs to be added as at a time of shortage of many extra costs not needed. c) d) Boundaries are arbitrary along arterial routes and do not reflect areas and amenities used. Also two councils meet on Wallisdown rd so nothing ever done. f) g) h) As shown before each area should have about 11,000 residents per councillor that would mean 21 not 42	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5

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J227	Poole Town	a) No further layer of governance are needed and I do not want council costs increased to cover this proposed additional alyer. b) d) The boundaries are totally arbitrary and do not reflect what people use and where they go. They should NOT be divided along main arterial routes - prior to BCP it was impossible for anything to be done on Wallisdown Road due to the two old councils never agreeing. f) g) h) The districts are too small. They should be combined to give an electorate of 10 to 12 thousand and assigned ONE councillor. They could then team up to get cover and better understand the electorate. If a split is needed then it should be for everything as it was pre BCP or left alone. This way we have protection from increasing costs. In reality NOTHING is required.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
J228	Poole Town	a) not needed, BCP already exists. b) current polling districts within BCP already outlined. c) Name is already established d) Parish of Poole not needed. Already part of BCP. e) BCP already use Poole councillors within BCP. f) Poole council [unknown] under BCP g) already got existing wards under BCP h) Poole area already has councillors within BCP. i) councillor was already allotted to existing BCP wards.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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J229	Poole Town	a) One single "parish" encompassing most of current Poole would be too large and meaningless to local democracy. Merley, has little (if anything) in common with, say Sandbanks. b) Likewise, having one "parish" boundary covering most of Poole, is, again, meaningless to residents. Basically, this just duplicates the current BCP wards. c), d) and e) Again, the name of Poole for the whole new council tier just duplicates the current arrangement. f) 17 wards again just basically reflects the current arrangement. Why does Broadstone get its own Town Council (with a councillor:voter ratio of 640:1 and 14 councillors; likewise Northbourne/Redhill of 859:1 and 9 councillors), whilst Merley ends up lumped in with the rest of Poole with a ratio of 2,807:1 and only two representatives? g) There seems to be a great disparity in representation. Throop/Holdenhurst has (and will continue to have) 85 voters per councillor. Merley (as part of Poole) ends up with just two councillors as part of the 2,807:1 ratio. This does not seem fair or equitable, or indeed democratic. Has population growth been correctly calculated, especially with all the new housing in Merley?Two councillors seems very small beer. h) Merley looks towards Wimborne, rather than Poole, for so many things. As noted above, it has little in common or connection with areas it's being joined with in this proposal. I realise Wimborne is in Dorset Council, but if one is looking for real local democracy and representation, and a connection with a sense of "place", then Merley is more strongly attached to Wimborne than it is to Poole.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J230	Poole Town	a) There is no need for more bureaucracy in Poole. The current BCP is already far from efficient so adding more moving parts will only further reduce services and add to costs. g) Who will pay for 42 councillors and their expenses? What will they do? We already have council representatives within our community so don't need anymore.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J231	Poole Town	a) There would be no need for a new layer of government if Central government took responsibility for SEND and adult social care; our local councillors have become bureaucrats with no discretion to spend tax money raised locally on local priorities. Councillors elected to BCP council should be able to direct money to weekly bin collections or park beautification schemes, not just nod through national SEND and social care allocations.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J232	Poole Town	a) This will simply add another layer of incompetence, and somewhat insulate those who currently have responsibility from many of the decisions made recently which have so angered and frustrated many residents. Why merge three councils on the dubious argument of efficiency only to create a multitude of small units each of which has little authority to act. I suspect they will however, if created get much of the blame!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J233	Poole Town	a) we do not need a parish of Poole, as we already have BCP. Too many cooks	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J234	Poole Town	a) we do not need another council BCP should be doing what I pay my taxes for	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J235	Poole Town	a) Why do we need an extra layer of councillors over and above those already within BCP ? It seems to be just extra layers of management just for the sake of it, or you have been given the mandate to do it by the new government and have thus decided it would be a good thing for BCP. The BCP council and councillors should concentrate on doing a better job of managing the current council and not waste resources on creating completely unnecessary parish and town councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
J236	Poole Town	A) why split what just been amalgamated. Thus leave as is. Prefer to keep costs down	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J237	Poole Town	a, At great expense to the people, BCP was formed even though it was not wanted by most people, We do not want more cost's and more councillors now, as it is a waste of our money. There is enough snouts in the trough already.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 2
J238	Poole Town	a, b, c, d, e, because it's another big cone	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J239	Poole Town	'a, b, c, d, e, f, g & h' I strongly disagree with the formation of parish councils within the BCP area at all. The reason being this will affect financially the total amount of council tax or a precept there of, that, we, the electorate will need to pay annually. This proposal is not costed or funded and is not worthy of consideration and must be thrown out.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J240	Poole Town	a, b, c, d, e, f, g I disagree with all off the proposals with regard to a Poole Parish Council, and I believe that it is not necessary, and is beaurocracy overkill. I also believe that if set up, it would inevitably be controlled by infiltrated BCP councilors undermining the true desires of the people of the Borough of Poole. Being a precept on the BCP council tax, it concerns me of the correct handling of any finances concerned, and where the interest accrued could be diverted to. It is obvious to me, that all of the shared concessionary responsibilities would be almost instantly dropped by BCP and dumped onto a new Poole Town Council, if formed.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J241	Poole Town	A, B, D. I am not sure that this is the way to proceed at the moment due to the proposed super councils. Anything that we do at the moment without a clear picture of what is happening is likely to be a waste of time and effort, so I disagree with the proposal's.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J242	Poole Town	'a', 'c', 'd' More layers, more bureaucracy, more delays to implementing any initiative. Why create BCP to remove duplication just to devolve responsibility? Why add confusion to who does what? Concentrate on getting BCP right. 'g', 'h' Who will manage, direct and get agreement from 42 councillors in an effort to make progress?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5

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J243	Poole Town	a, d in particular. We formerly had a Poole Council which served us well. The merger into BCP has resulted in reduced services, lack of local representation and lack of respect. Introducing a town council to deal with minor local matters such as parks and community centres will not rectify the harm done by the creation of BCP. It will simply raise costs for council tax payers and introduce more layers of bureaucracy with little benefit. To me it looks as if this is a straightforward revenue raising exercise- passing off as many current BCP duties as possible to the parish council for which a separate charge will then be made. Given that BCP would no longer be providing the services for which we currently pay them, one might assume that our council tax will then be reduced?! No where in the consultation does BCP comment as to whether this will be the case. There is a huge amount of information provided for this, clearly very expensive exercise, but nowhere does BCP explain why they are not capable of providing services re parks etc and why it needs another body to carry out these services.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH14 9
J244	Poole Town	a, f. I think that setting a "coucil' for Poole just complicates who is responsible for what service in Poole. We have just gone through amalgamating the three councils into BCP. I do not wish the creation of another layer of local government having had some experience of working as an accountant in a local authority for some years.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J245	Poole Town	A, The whole process adds additional bureaucracy and less accountability.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J246	Poole Town	A, this is unnecessary.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J247	Poole Town	A,,c,d,e,f, I disagree with Town parish Councils being established again . The title suggests BCP BOURNEMOUTH CHRISTCHURCH POOLE council under this title I cannot understand why confuse the running of services with more add one's . The more agencies involve means slower response times as there will be more departments more paperwork which sits idly in in trays and out trays whilst consumers are left in limbo waiting on services to be implemented. If there is changes to be made then perhaps look inside the the current administration to regulate performance and delivery . As unnecessary councils makes for layers with zero benefits. I am hoping that the council will listen to the electorate and deliver on their instructions.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J248	Poole Town	a,b and c. The only thing that would benefit Poole, is if BCP is disbanded and the three towns become separate entities as before the BCP group was dictatorially formed. There was no proper consultation and the forming of BCP was forced upon us. Poole will benefit is if it goes back to being solely Poole borough council as it used to be. This adding of layers is not only adding a bureaucratic layer of governance, but will add to the council tax precept. BCP needs disbanding immediately as it just doesn't work. Also, why is Broadstone being separated from Poole? there is not enough detail as this smacks of it being separated due to the wishes of the local mp?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J249	Poole Town	A,b,c,d We don't want this, in any way shape or form. A,b,c,d we don't Identify with these boundaries	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J250	Poole Town	a,b,c,d and any other. Another layer of bureaucracy is not required in the BCP area. There is no rush to make a decision today or next year. If any party has reason to believe Community Governance is needed that subject can be part of the manifesto at the next local elections in May 2027.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J251	Poole Town	a,b,c,d,e,f, - This all seems unnecessary. Things in Poole seem to work perfectly as they are as a Charter Trustee area and do so at low cost and minimal interference.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J252	Poole Town	A,b,c,d,e,f,g and h. I disagree strongly with all of the draft recommendations as I think multiple layers of councils add complication to the process of providing services that we all need. Keep the council processes simple, central and efficient.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J253	Poole Town	a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h No extra level of local bureaucracy should be added, this will only give BCP more reasons to derelict their existing duties at an added cost to the residents with no additional benefits.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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J254	Poole Town	a,b,c,d,e,g,f,g,h,l We had a Poole council before BCP was formed now you want to go back to a Poole Council seems to me a complete waste of time & money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J255	Poole Town	a,f,g. I disagree with the proposal since there appear to be no costings given with respect to changes in Council Tax levels. An organisatrion of 42 councillors will be unweildy and will probably require the employment of full time officials to operate.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 2
J256	Poole Town	A. I do not agree with this proposal FULL STOP - it's another way of getting money out of residents due to the total mess made by BCP Council. In other words, putting the onus on residents to raise money to fill holes in the BCP coffers due to bad management.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J257	Poole Town	a. I object to another layer of governance and the extra costs that would obviously be incurred as there is already sufficient oversight by BCP Councik	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7

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J258	Poole Town	A. Another level of bureaucracy, and despite the the unpaid work of councillors, is going to involve considerable on-costs. Even the cost of this consultation is completely unnecessary.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J259	Poole Town	A. I do not support the creation of a town council for Poole, speaking both as a resident and a ward Cllr. It is an unnecessary extra layer of governance. B.I do not agree with parishing of Poole C, d e g and h all as above, speaking as a resident and ward Cllr for Talbot and Branksome Woods. My comments are based on representations from residents in T and BW ward. Every conversation email and letter without exception has been to express reservation on formation of a Town council for Poole. Residents even if unhappy with the current BCP council see no need for another layer of governance, are concerned about the prospect of an uncapped precept, and do not see a Town council as a mechanism for an improved and stronger community particularly as TBW ward would be split into two different Councils, creating inequity and actually dividing their community.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
J260	Poole Town	a. It is a huge waste of money. Our money. We combined the original Poole Council with Bournemouth and Christchurch to create BCP as it would save us money and provide better services, now we want to introduce another layer of bureaucracy which we have to pay for on top of BCP. Sort out BCP so that it works for the people as it was designed to.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J261	Poole Town	a. This is totally unnecessary. It will add an additional layer of bureaucracy which will cause the following problems. At the moment there is on epoint of contact for all Council matters. To have two, people will be confused as to which to contact. They could be pushed between the two authorities. There will be uncertainty about which Councillors to contact. The proposed Boundary splits Wallisdown Road between Poole and Bournemouth. Prior to BCP there was often confusion about the respective responsibilities of Poole & Bournemouth. BCP Staff time will be taken up liaising with the Town Council. Currently the service provided by BCP leaves a lot to be desired. That time would be better spent improving the service provided by BCP. BCP is not sufficiently large to warrant it. The size is such that it will never achieve the object of having more local involvement. It is unnecessary. b. The boundary is not co terminus with the BCP Council Wards. Talbot Village is in the Talbot & Branksome Wood ward for BCP. The proposals spilt that ward. This will cause more confusion. g. To have another 42 Councillors is just unnecessary. It is over half the number for BCP as a whole.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
J262	Poole Town	A. We already had a council in Poole that was merged in to BCP council that we had no say in, now you want to add in more councillors and more cost to people, and for what so that the councillors on BCP can have less to do and still earn the same	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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J263	Poole Town	ABC: This is an unnecessary because of reasons D to G outlined below. DEFGH: *This is an extra layer of bureaucracy that will contribute nothing extra, at additional cost in terms of 42 extra councillors wages. * It will increase confusion in which council is responsible for what services and responsibilities. * It will be a detriment to the cohesion of the community, serving to divide rather than unite. *These new councils have no statutory powers and do not replace BCP. BCP should therefore improve their own services instead of delegating and shirking their roles and responsibilities onto other councillors, thereby avoiding or deflecting issues of accountability onto this new buffer layer of stooges. This is not real devolution, if that was the intention. *BCP should disband into its original three councils and admit failure, or otherwise improve their services, rather than creating new councils to do their jobs for them.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J264	Poole Town	ABCDEFGH All changes as they would very likely entail increases in Council Tax which is already too high. The Current Council cannot do the simplest of jobs at present so I do not want to give them more money to fritter away on overheads and councillors expenses. Do what you should do look after the elderly build homes for hard pressed families that are affordable not high rise apartments in the centre of Poole for people to retire to from elsewhere. We do not need parish councils as another layer of the onion of government someone else for you to blame when you do things wrong. Have you nothing better to do with your time and our money just get the roads fixed no more unnecessary cycle lanes better bus services for those of us with no cars	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J265	Poole Town	abcdefghi We do not need any extra layers of council employees interfering with what is happening at the present,rather they concentrate on what is needed to be done at the present time with the present regime.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J266	Poole Town	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J267	Poole Town	Additional cost another layer ofioo governance will add	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH14 8
J268	Poole Town	afraid that council tax would rise steeply. Having more councillors would cost a lot more especially when BCP is in dire financial straits. Dont think having a town council would benefit me. Coucillors should work for free.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J269	Poole Town	After the huge cost involved in merging all 3 local councils into BCP I personally feel that this council has wasted enough of the tax payers money on merging the 3 local areas. Now to spend even more of our precious funds to rip them apart again is utter madness	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J270	Poole Town	a-h) There is nothing beneficial in adding extra layers of bureaucracy. There are already too many hoops to jump through before anything ever gets done.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
J271	Poole Town	a-h) I am happy with current situation	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J272	Poole Town	a-h) I don't see any value in adding any extra layers of bureaucracy and government administration. Particularly if the new 42 councillors will have limited power. What was the point of continuing councils?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J273	Poole Town	a-h, a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h There is no need for further levels of administration. You haven't shown how this would benefit the local population or BCP as a whole. It just seems to be a way of diverting work from the existing council, making their lives easier at the expense of everyone else. We need a breakdown of cost benefits before something like this is proposed	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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J274	Poole Town	a-h. I see no need for this additional formation of local bureaucracy. BCP generally and Poole specifically is well represented by local councillors who are paid to carry out governance in their wards and with a wider eye for the whole of BCP. Any Town Council, or whatever, will just be costly tokenism. Let's concentrate on making what we have work, rather than muddle the waters with something that sounds good but in practice is next to useless or effective.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
J275	Poole Town	All - it is wrong for there to be any additional councils / councillors in any region. The current councillors of BCP have confidently put themselves forward to be voted in to run the local area based on the situation as it currently is / was, so now is the time to step up and put their money where your mouth is and solve the problems without causing more for the local residents. It would be highly inappropriate for this council to move the goalposts half way through their (massively underwhelming) term and create new entities. It's clear that given the appalling behaviour of the controlling alliance, that the move would purely be a vehicle to hack off the services that cannot currently be 'afforded' and all of these white elephants would be passed on to the new 'councils' at which point BCP would claim that they are in a great place whilst the new councils would be failing. I also have no doubt that the councillors and in particular the leader of BCP would constantly throw mud at the new entities and blame them for the inevitable shortcomings. The divisive nature of the Liberal Democrats in particular as well as the rest of the Three Towns Alliance means that nothing positive is ever achieved as they are too busy shirking accountability and blaming everybody else for their many failings. Any new council would also have the partisan issues that plague BCP Council and it isn't right at all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J276	Poole Town	All comments: We were previously had a Poole town council but were pushed into the newly created BCP being told things like " it will be more efficient" and "It will be more cost effective" we were told the three towns would be "treated equally fairly" . BCP has been a failure, and now BCP are trying to side step their responsibilities by pushing things they are unable to do onto new town councils as they are unable to fund things as they should.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J277	Poole Town	All of the above: you are adding additional layers of bureaucracy and more cost to residents before you can even provide essential services as BCP. You have not provided budgets or declared exactly what the purpose of these new councils will be. Will our council tax to BCP be reduced by the same amount we are to be charged for this new council? You need to stop wasting money on pie in the sky ideas like this and go back to your true purpose: providing essential services at value for money to your residents	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J278	Poole Town	All of them ABC etc . as this is blantaly a way round national govenment parameters for countil tax fixed at the 4.99 %,there are no descriptive costs or what services will be transffered to Parish Councils ,its away of moving the goal posts to increase incoming revenue above the Govenment sealing .and whos to say after the first year there are no gurantees that more services agian withn more costs will be transffered to the parish council ,local control is not a bad thing but you wouldnt agree to buy a servcie without knowing what you are buying and how much it will cost ,if im paying for a service already in my council tax why should I pay a dupicate cost for what im already paying for to local govenment and then pay an extra cost to a parish council that has no consultation to what services are transffered . The national govenment carved up our local councils to create a super council BCP to control spending and get a grip on local govenment services all it has done is nearly bankrupt itself ,now in an indistinct way its being carved up again and doubling costs .	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J279	Poole Town	all of them. I think adding extra councillors is the wrong way to save money. Will us tax payers be paying 2 forms of council tax?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J280	Poole Town	All proposals Increased bureaucracy is the last thing needed. BCP is enough. It smacks of “jobs for the boys” It will not make things any better and will not improve anything at all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH14 0

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J281	Poole Town	All Sections. Why on earth would we want another 42 councillors all claiming expenses at our cost. Let alone providing all the admin necessary behind them. We have a perfectly good council as it is. Any further cost to tax payers is the last thing we need. And don't forget these costs always escalate as the power goes to their heads. Forget this idea before it's too late. Shame on you Liberal Democrats. I thought you had more sense.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J282	Poole Town	All) the cost implications for a town council will be huge on residents. Community resources have always be funded by local government, there should be no change in this. If there are shortage in budgets then stop paying your managing officers 6 figure salaries for pushing paper round a desk	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J283	Poole Town	All. We do not need another layer of bureaucracy in our lives.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J284	Poole Town	All. Yet another tier of local bureaucracy which is unnecessary and at additional cost	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6

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J285	Poole Town	All. Creates general confusion as to who is responsible for all services. Does not help community cohesion. Improve your own performance before creating additional beaurocracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J286	Poole Town	ALL. I disagree with all of this, we already have a council with councillors and a mayor. The cost of this will effect a lot of people. If this Council isn't working for the people then let's go back to separate councils, because this is how this all sounds, but with extra charges!.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J287	Poole Town	All: There are already too many layers of governance and councilors, it is already very difficult to get proper decisions made in a timely manner without adding further layers of governance and cost. If anything the existing system should be thinned down to streamline processes and enable progress.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 1
J288	Poole Town	Another unwanted level of management that will cost people money. The number of existing coucili members should be reduced as should the number of MP's..	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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J289	Poole Town	As I do not agree with the proposal, I have expressed indifference to its suggested boundaries and structure. I believe in efficient and effective local government, not the creation of additional layers which absorb resources in performing an essentially ceremonial function.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J290	Poole Town	As I have said about Broadstone this also applies to Poole this is a total waste of money. This is going to cost millions to set up and BCP are already in Debt and should not even think about setting up any Parish or Town councils it is another level of bureaucracy that we could all do without and jolly well do not have the money to do. Spend it on projects not on people doing things that we already have people at BCP to do or should be doing.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J291	Poole Town	As I read this I'm in the understanding that this is in addition to the BCP councilors who already exist? An exact duplicate of people, boundaries, voices. I can only see this serving those people on the committee. Nobody really has interaction with a mayor, and if the mayor had gone a decade ago, few would notice. This is providing money for ceremony, and I don't support that. People are struggling with cash, this is not a good spend of their money.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH12 1
J292	Poole Town	at no point is there NY INDICATION OF HOW THIS WILL INCREASE OUR COUNCIL CHARGES AND IT SEEMS A LOT OF COUNCILLORS FOR A SMALL AREA WHEN WE DONT KNOW WHAT WILL BE DEVOLVED TO THEM AND THEY WILL ALL CLEARLY MAKE FINANCIAL CLAIMS FOR THEIR WORK WHERE DOES THIS MONEY COME FROM.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J293	Poole Town	B) I think the boundaries are too broad and don't tie in with the identity of smaller areas. Waterloo for example I believe should be part of Broadstone rather than Creekmoor as it feels much more connected to Broadstone than Creekmoor especially given the fact that the Broadstone Way divides it off from Creekmoor. I do also think it is strange that Merley would be classed as Poole Town despite Broadstone being closer.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J294	Poole Town	b) The boundary does not reflect the Alderney area. Should this stupid wasteful idea go ahead then the area to the west of Ringwood Road around Littlemoor Ave and Paddington Grove should be in Bearwood Ward. However hopefully this stupid idea will fall flaton its face with less than 10% of the electors even replying to this misleading consultation.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J295	Poole Town	BCP don't listen to current views on spending (particularly around bus and cycle lanes, 20 zones, etc), so increasing the level of bureaucracy will neither save money or benefit the residents.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J296	Poole Town	BCP has earned a newsworthy reputation for an inability to provide adequate services for residents. A recent example was a safer road scheme. We spoke to the people who were doing the survey who were not local residents. They arrived early p.m when parking and local traffic are at their lightest. They disregarded our suggestions which were based on local and daily observations. A great deal of money was spent and has made little difference except pedestrians now have to avoid cyclists going the wrong way as well as the cars parked on the pavement.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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J297	Poole Town	BCP must continue to run all services. I do not support the creation of a parish council and the additional costs of council tax administrative and unnecessary additional councillors.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J298	Poole Town	BCP should already be doing this for Poole, we pay enough Council Tax as it is. It is also know that BCP are bankrupt, why should your residents pay for your mistakes	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J299	Poole Town	BCP should and are being paid to run all the issues described and therefore there is no reason to change	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
J300	Poole Town	BCP spent a fortune telling us things would be better when Poole Bournemouth and Christchurch were run as one council. I don't understand what has changed. Why introduce another layer of bureaucracy it's a complete waste of time and money.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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J301	Poole Town	BCP took it over and are now trying to give it back after selling off most of the assets , they should be left to run it as it is , or have a proper referendum od everyone who lives here , most of the old have not heard of this	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J302	Poole Town	BCP was constructed from 3 separate local councils. The recommendations in the document now suggest that the old Poole area now have 42 local councillors. This is another layer of bureaucracy that is not needed. It is another layer that will require even more Council tax on top of what we pay. There are sufficient BCP Councillors to look after the interests of Poole already.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J303	Poole Town	BCP was created to provide a focal point within the whole area. To have a watering down of BCP will just bring in unwanted layers of administration in a time when we need to go for growth	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J304	Poole Town	BCP was formed , now changing again showing the original bcp formation does not work	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J305	Poole Town	BCP was formed to reduce cost and increase efficiency, which it has failed to do. My council tax bill has increased by nearly £50 a month in 8 years. How is adding another layer of government and adding more tax going to provide any benefit to residents? Nothing in this proposal indicates it will. These are the reasons for the responses given.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J306	Poole Town	Believe everyone in Poole(including my elderly parents) pay enough Council tax and there should be no devolution. BCP council wastes money on cycle lanes, causing ridiculous traffic build up while failing to keep the existing roads in a decent state of repair. Sort out your priorities. This town is dying.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J307	Poole Town	Bournemouth council took over Poole and Christchurch councils to supposidly save money because Bournemouth council was mismanaged financially. Hundreds of thousands was wasted on redundancies, consultations and re-hiring. Now BCP wants to add more councillors back into the mix at the expense of tax payers. Stick with one plan please and stop wasting money.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J308	Poole Town	C. Adding a council to the Poole area will increase council tax and we already pay enough , stop wasting council money on vanity projects and spend it on proper things . Amazing how you have spent shed loads of money on cycle paths and amazingly the average age of Bournemouth is over 40 and how many of them cycle . That is why the Beryl bikes are pulling their bikes out.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J309	Poole Town	Can see very little if any value to a further layer of local government	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J310	Poole Town	Comment on Recommendation (A): I strongly disagree with the draft recommendation to create a new Town Council for Poole. Here are the key reasons: a. Local Government Reorganisation in 2019 was designed to streamline governance, not add bureaucracy. The formation of BCP Council in 2019 was a significant and deliberate restructuring to replace multiple layers of local government with a single, unified authority. This bold step aimed to improve service delivery, reduce duplication, and deliver cost savings. Reintroducing a third tier of governance via a Poole Town Council directly undermines that objective. We risk reversing the progress made towards leaner, more accountable local government. b. A new Town Council adds cost without clear benefit. While the report notes parish precepts vary widely, it omits any realistic estimate for Poole. Even at the mid-range of current Dorset precepts (~£40–£70 per Band D household), this would represent a noticeable and unjustified additional cost for residents during a time of financial strain and council tax increases. The existing Charter Trustees model already fulfils ceremonial functions for minimal cost (£2.14 per Band D household in 2024/25) without burdening residents with additional administrative layers. c. No evidence of democratic demand or public appetite. The proposal for a Poole Town Council appears driven by a small number of stakeholder submissions, not by widespread community demand. This contrasts with the principle of localism, which should be rooted in visible, grassroots calls for change. Imposing an unwanted structure could weaken rather than enhance local engagement. d. Risks confusion, duplication, and inefficiency. Adding another decision-making body introduces the risk of blurred responsibilities, slower decision processes, and duplicated effort between BCP Council and the proposed town council. Rather than "effective and convenient local governance" (a statutory requirement of the 2007 Act), this arrangement introduces complexity, confusion, and potential friction. e. Charter Trustees can evolve without being replaced. If the concern is the limited scope of Charter Trustees to support community	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5

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		initiatives, the solution should be reform within that structure, not the wholesale creation of a new council. Legislative or operational changes could broaden their remit in targeted, proportional ways without triggering the complications of a formal town council.					
J311	Poole Town	Commenting on a-h - In a time when government is supposed to be consolidating, fragmentation seems nonsensical. It adds layers to existing layers and a extended chains of communication and process. Strongly disagree with the draft recommendations	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J312	Poole Town	Commenting on all recommendations. See previous comment regarding Throop. No additional service that incurs a cost to residents should ever be considered until such time that BCP starts providing value for service.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J313	Poole Town	Complete waste of money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J314	Poole Town	Concerns over boundaries. Concerns of more levels of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J315	Poole Town	Councillors elected to join forces to bcp, which I don’t agree with, but as this was your decision. Deal with it	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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J316	Poole Town	d, f, g, h, Feel it will create unnecessay layers for zero benefit	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J317	Poole Town	Di8sagree with the plan. We don't need another layer of government with additional uncapped fees. Disband BCP, then I may agree to a parish council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J318	Poole Town	DISAGREE	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J319	Poole Town	Disagree as unnecessary beurocracy	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9

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J320	Poole Town	Disagree with all do not need this whatsoever	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J321	Poole Town	DISAGREE WITH THE PROPOSALS: When I was young I would have championed an opportunity to have a voice and influence. Now I am older, I do not see the vital need for these proposed Town/Parish councils as I foresee endless disagreements, and huge expense in setting up and maintenance of new layers of governance when money is a vanishing commodity.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 0
J322	Poole Town	Disagree with the whole thing it was bad enough when borough of poole was subsumed into bcp but now you want to keep BCP and also add an extra layer of complexity and red tape? This is NOT what local people want!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
J323	Poole Town	Disagree with wording - using 'parish' for a,b,c,d,f, parish should be 'town'	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J324	Poole Town	Do not add another layer of Bureaucracy	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J325	Poole Town	Do not agree with proposed changes, just a waste of taxpayers money.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J326	Poole Town	Do not implement parish councils, this is going to be less accountability for BCP council, sort the infrastructure out. I do not and will not pay 2 fees for the council. Sort inf house out and stop with this utter nonsense!!!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J327	Poole Town	Do not need another layer of bureaucracy	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2

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J328	Poole Town	Do not see the value in the additional layer of bureaucracy. It looks very much like an attempt to re-create the former Borough of Poole by stealth - the same ward (parishes) with the same corresponding number of councillors. Efforts and hence funds will be much better used to make BCP work better and more efficiently. This additional layer provides no value other than to slow processes down further - major decisions will still be made at BCP level with town/parishes as consultees and therefore no real say.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J329	Poole Town	Do not see what is to be gained	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J330	Poole Town	Do not want a Parish Council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH16 5
J331	Poole Town	Do not want additional layer of bureaucracy and the additional costs for no benefit. The purpose of combining 3 councils of Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch was to reduce costs and streamline administration leading to greater efficiency. This is a step backwards.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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J332	Poole Town	Draft published on the 16th October 2024 I have not seen any councillor numbers for the existing Poole Charter Trustees as I would like to compare these to the proposed number of councillors. At the moment there is a precept levy on the Council tax which I presume is 1%. If the proposed Poole Town Council is accepted then this precept levy will be abolished, what then will replace this levy, if it is abolished and what rate would then be established against the Council Tax?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
J333	Poole Town	E - cost concerns to residents. Council tax is already high we don't need more council tax to pay. What are the benefits actually going to be.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J334	Poole Town	e, this would require additional effort, initially by people without necessary experience, so would take time (maybe considerable) to become effective, to cover mostly activities already covered by people already in position. This feels non-essential. h, Too many, too much expense to be shared amongst residents	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J335	Poole Town	E/. I d not agree with this Ward proposal	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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J336	Poole Town	Everyone! I feel having more councillors is the wrong think. It won't save us money effectively. Does it mean we as taxpayers will be paying council tax twice?!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J337	Poole Town	Extra costs i nvolvedfor residents to support extra council tax and councillor expenses	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J338	Poole Town	Extra layers of bureaucracy costing residents additional council tax to carry out the tasks BCP council should be doing anyway for the existing budget	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH14 8
J339	Poole Town	Extra uneccecssary layers of governance. Increased costs but lower level of service. Retrograde step after 5 years!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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J340	Poole Town	F to h . There is no need for change which results in additional cost just to provide the same level of service.. in any case you will do whatever irrespective of any decision.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J341	Poole Town	F/g/h. - I don't think a town council is needed. I am not sure where you will find this number of people who wish to serve as councillors . I think it will be difficult to make a decision with that many people and it will just cost lots more money but no real change will happen.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J342	Poole Town	g) the council is too large - a number of smaller councils would more likely reflect local views	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J343	Poole Town	h)We already have proactive councillors in Canford Heath who take pride in the area and encourage a strong sense of community. I don't see the need for a further level of administration that costs residents more to do the same thing.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8

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J344	Poole Town	Having combined to create BCP as one more efficient and cost effective council, with separate Charter areas, creating these new councils will be more inefficient and cost more money. It is going backwards and defeating the costly and needless change to BCP..	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J345	Poole Town	How small does the ward have to be, surely just by separating the 3 major towns and deducting the money already collected in council tax given to BCP should be enough to maintain the towns maintenance and BCP looking out for the services for all 3 towns	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J346	Poole Town	I already pay enough to BCP council, we were promised they would listen to us yet residents are continuously not listened to. I already pay enough council tax and certainly cannot afford a penny more	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J347	Poole Town	I am commenting on all of the draft recommendations.We do not need more levels of governance in the BCP area.Our Newly combined council should already be covering the jobs to be allotted to any proposed parish council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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J348	Poole Town	I am commenting on all of them. It's a ridiculous notion, waste of money and I do not agree to pay more in council tax for some harebrained beaurocracy fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
J349	Poole Town	i am commenting on all the sections from what is stated this is old poole borough council in all but name so why was BCP council set up you are reverting back to what it was so a polntless exercise costing more money and at an additional cost to tax payers is it worth it another stupid suggestion from the government and the lib dems .BCP council should be getting on with representing the whole area properly rather than adding another level of local government.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J350	Poole Town	I am concerned that each part of the organisation will not have the power to do the job properly	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH16 5
J351	Poole Town	I am in the Parish Ward of Penn Hill, but live in Lilliput. The Penn Hill Ward boundary does not represent a congruent area in terms of commercial offering, schools, transport, public spaces or other services. I would have like to have seen the ward boundaries redrawn to correct this. I believe 42 councillors is too many. I do not agree we need an additional layer of local government other than the minimum requirements to maintain the position of Mayor and a few other ceremonial and statutory things. There will be too much confusion and overlap on responsibilities between Poole Councillors and BCP Councillors adding to inefficiency and cost while reducing accountability.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8

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J352	Poole Town	I am very concerned the additional governance will give rise to an increase in annual council tax, with no tangible effect on improving services to households. There is so far, no information on the proposed value to residents, and more so, the proposed financial savings these proposals should offer. The latter is the only way these proposals could be universally endorsed by residents in my opinion.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J353	Poole Town	I believe that we have enough councilors representing all areas of Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch within the BCP council. And should not duplicate that representation by recreating separate bodies of councilors to duplicate this representation.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J354	Poole Town	I believe there is no reason to establish yet another layer of administration. The existing BCP Council should be capable of administering all necessary services	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
J355	Poole Town	I believe this is a total waste of money and time.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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J356	Poole Town	I can not see any advantage for Poole residents to have another layer of bureaucracy added to its governance. Creating a town council of 42 councillors will just result in even more squabbling, while BCP Council washes its hands of expensive and ineffective cost such as CCTV and skateparks. From what I can see, this will just cost us more in Council tax and not deliver any further value.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
J357	Poole Town	I cannot afford to pay more towards parish taxes on top of existing council taxes. What services will I be receiving on top of what we currently get which justifies the extra charges?. The parish council also has too many parish wards.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J358	Poole Town	I cannot see any benefits of establishing a Parish council, and nothing in the proposal addresses any changes that residents would see.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J359	Poole Town	I disagree that it should be a parish / town Council. Poole should be a Borough Council and revert to it's previous incarnation. It seems Poole has more needs than are seen to in the current model and the focus appears to be on Bournemouth. Poole Borough is historic and should be treated as such.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0

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J360	Poole Town	I disagree wholeheartedly with the recommendations as I don't understand why we now need another layer of bureaucracy when we already have presumably competent councillors	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J361	Poole Town	I disagree with a parish council entirely. We pay enough for council services as it is and I know you kept stating the increase is minimal but that will keep going up each year. It may seem a small amount to you but to someone on a fixed income it is a lot as everything is going up. The currently monthly council tax is far too high. This will also add more bureaucracy to an already over bloated area. We need more staff doing real work nit more staff chatting around a table.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J362	Poole Town	I disagree with BCP making any more changes to the structuring of local government - combining Bournemouth Poole and Christchurch was too costly and no changes should be made until after the next general election.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J363	Poole Town	I disagree with the continuation of current parish, community and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish, community or town councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4

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J364	Poole Town	I disagree with the entire enterprise. At this time it is unknown what areas the town/parish councils would be responsible for, nor the extra council tax they would require. We already have a working system (in Creekmoor we have an very able and po-active councillor Judes Butt) and the proposed changes have unknown costs and unspecified benefits.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J365	Poole Town	I do not agree that another layer of local council is required - the current arrangement is sufficient. This issue has arisen because of the poorly conceived and executed creation of BCP - so reversing that would be more appropriate.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J366	Poole Town	I do not agree that we should have any town/parish councils. If BCP it too large, revert to 3 separate councils agin.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J367	Poole Town	I do NOT agree to Poole becoming a Parish Council. I consider it totally unnecessary to have 17 parish wards and 42 Councillors in addition to BCP. I imagine that it will be difficult to find so many people to become Parish Councillors and I suspect it will end up with BCP Councillors also sitting on Parish Councils. It will cause duplication, chaos and confusion as to which Council is responsible for what.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6

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J368	Poole Town	I do not agree with another layer of bureaucracy. If local councils are such a good idea why not go back to how things were before Bournemouth took over! The council currently has inherited a host of financial problems when unification was sold to us as improving finances.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J369	Poole Town	I do not agree with creating another level of councils. An unnecessary cost.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J370	Poole Town	I do not agree with firming a Poole council, we do not need this if the extra cost, a very backward step.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J371	Poole Town	I do not agree with the formation of Poole town councils as they are a duplication of Cllrs & the services are already paid for within my Ctax I pay to BCP. Also as there are no services listed which would be moved to the town council & equally no costings how can I make a decision which will impact me financially.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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J372	Poole Town	I do not believe that a parish or town council should be necessary bearing in mind that it was only a couple of years ago that BCP council was formed. The previous Poole borough, Christchurch Town and Bournemouth Council should not have been changed!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J373	Poole Town	I do not believe we need another layer of burocracy. It will be another financial burden to heap on residents in the current uncertain economic climate with council tax going up year after year and rising utility bills. We already have a successful Talbot Village Residents Association who have planted bulbs, arrange litter picking days and organise social events for the community. In addition we have currently a project going with the universities and I have personally attended a couple of presentations including on back pain and I am looking forward to learning about AI and Mental Health. I was delighted to see one event supported by our local councillor, Karen Rampton. Why does BCP not appointment a councillor from each area to work with local areas and residents associations and representatives. In the current financial climate I do not think another financial burden on struggling residents is appropriate. Social media is a great tool and I am aware that both my children get involved in local projects this way my daughter in Southbourne and son in Bearwood. I know my Turkish daughter-in-law was involved in a project to support earthquake victims in Turkey and BCP assisted them with a free venue at Boscombe Soverign Centre.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
J374	Poole Town	I do not feel we need yet another layer of government.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J375	Poole Town	I do not think that having Town Council's will be an effective way of governing, decision-making in Poole or BCP.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J376	Poole Town	I do not understand why it is necessary to add another layer of bureaucracy (and at cost to the residents). The councillors who have been elected into BCP for the Poole area should be able to work for, and support the needs of the residents. They did this before BCP was created (without any "consultation" of the residents of each area). The forming of BCP council should not have taken away these abilities.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J377	Poole Town	I do not wish for an additional layer of governance to be established. Council funding is already tight, so further costs should be avoided.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J378	Poole Town	I don’t agree there is a need for the creation of new Town/Parish councils in the BCP area. BCP is a large urban area, where the delegation of management of, for example green spaces, does not make sense in the same way as it would in a large rural area with separate towns. If the aim is for more localism, it would make more sense to have more community councils across the Poole area, rather than one large town council. It isn’t clear why Broadstone is an exception and is proposed to have its own town council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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J379	Poole Town	I don't really see the need for yet more councillors/representatives as surely the present councillors are perfectly capabale of doing the work. And what about [unknown] for that new proposal - how much extra is [unknown] on the council tax	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J380	Poole Town	I don't think we should have parish councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J381	Poole Town	I don't want my council tax to go up	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J382	Poole Town	I don't want my council tax to go up anymore than 5% max	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J383	Poole Town	I feel that any further council tax rises (which I understand would happen if all these parish areas are put into being) will put a further burden on many who are already struggling financially so am not in favour	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J384	Poole Town	I feel that employing more councillors for the individual wards will be costly & potentially increase the council tax substantially. I struggle to pay this now. I wonder why so many layers are required for little or no benefit (that I can deduce anyway). How will residents know which councillors will do what job. There seems to be confusion already within BCP & keeping things simple will help everyone know what's being done when.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
J385	Poole Town	I feel that we do not need Parish/Town Councils as we in BCP are a large conurbation, joining on to each other. Parish councils are more for rural towns that are a long way away from their Council. BCP was the only formed recently and needs to get more established before trying to get Parish/Town councils into the equation. BCP was supposedly formed to bring better service to the people of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, not to start splitting up the areas into smaller areas.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J386	Poole Town	I have not seen a convincing argument for the changes bearing in mind the likely upheaval and cost implications. I feel as if we have had this arrangement before and were told it would be better to have a merged BCP council. What has changed?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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J387	Poole Town	I live in Oakdale and I do not believe that this decision is right for our local community looking at the information. I think there is two maybe three so-called advantages to having a parish council unfortunately the extra cost of Counsellor's which do not listen to the residence will not be advantage to the local people. It will just make it harder to get things improved or done in the local area.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J388	Poole Town	I object to the idea of a Town Council being created on the grounds that important factors are unknown at this point. Residents cannot make informed decisions about something as important as this, with out all the information and we just don't have it.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J389	Poole Town	I see no need for another tier of councils. Please see my comments on the Broadstone "Town" council for more details - exactly the same arguments apply.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J390	Poole Town	I strongly disagree and object to this proposal which , to all extents and purposes, is attempting to re-establish Poole Town Council as an entity within BCP. So is contrary to the parameters defined for this Community Governance Review. More importantly, this will add a further 42 'local. councillors' with all the extra bureaucracy and cost this will entail and consequent huge increase to our Council Tax bills to pay for all this. There is nothing in this proposal that clearly states how this massive increase in bureaucracy would improve Community Engagement, Cohesion and local democracy	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6

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J391	Poole Town	I strongly disagree that there should be any more layers to the existing council the bcp formation substantially damaged Poole as an entity and we do not need any further costs and more representation the existing council should do more for our area	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J392	Poole Town	I strongly disagree with all the proposals because it is a money making exercise with little or no benefit to the residents. The residents of BCP pay enough council tax. If BCP is doing its job properly then the residents of BCP are well represented and do not need to pay for more councillors. The idea of parish councils seems to be an initiative by councils as a way of raising more money as parish council tax can be increased by any percentage and is not restricted to a 4.99% rise like council tax.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J393	Poole Town	I strongly disagree with the draft recommendations for Town / Parish councils , this would give extra levels of bureaucracy and red tape which are not needed.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J394	Poole Town	I strongly disagree with the proposal to split Poole into its own parish and as stated be run as a parish 'in the style of a Town Council'.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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J395	Poole Town	I strongly disagree with the whole concept of another level of council in addition to the current BCP. I would agree to BCP being disbanded and each town reverting back to individual councils. But to have both is overkill and not required. Aside from the unknown costs to each council tax payer there is the additional task of finding 42 new councillors that would be of appropriate calibre to serve the towns community and not just be there to forward their own interests. With all due respect we are struggling with the current BCP councillors. They have not inspired confidence in their ability to serve the public who finance them.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J396	Poole Town	I strongly disagree with the whole concept of changing BCP at all - inevitably at considerable cost - after the three councils decided to join together - also at considerable cost - just a few years ago. It would be laughable were it not for the fact that they have taken money from their residents to do it. Having made the decision that combining was the best way to go I think BCP should get on with the job instead of wasting time and more money making more bureaucratic changes which is just taking the focus off the important task of running services.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J397	Poole Town	I strongly disagree with this proposal, I can see no benefits to the community, only a rise in cost and another layer of bureaucracy to deal with and pay for, proposed area too big	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J398	Poole Town	I strongly disagree with this proposal. It is needlessly over-complicated, potentially more expensive as it has been clearly uncosted at this stage. I would prefer BCP Council to be spilt up and returned back to separate, independent unitary controls, i.e. Poole Council, Bournemouth Council, Christchurch Council. The BCP merger was and is a disaster.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0

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J399	Poole Town	I think this is completely unnecessary and Is an added expense to local government, businesses and residents that most cannot really afford. What is currently in place with the trustees is sufficient and is working well enough from my point of view. It seems a waste of money which could be better spent on local services which are already underfunded.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J400	Poole Town	I was quite satisfied when it was just Poole Council. The fact that the three councils (Bournemouth, Poole & Christchurch) amalgamated to form BCP; removed or should have removed the need for seperate councils. I was under the impression that BCP would cut costs of local government. If BCP can't run the conurbation it should revert back to three seperate town councils. Not try and introduce another layer of bureaucracy in the guise of Parish Councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2
J401	Poole Town	I would like to say on the point of these Parish councils that, to me, they should not required. We already have a BCP council with councillors. They are supposed to be making decisions for the local community based on what the local people would like to see happen. Why do we need another tier of bureaucracy? This seems to be total madness and especially as all three councils joined together about six years ago, presumably to save money, which it probably, with hindsight, it did not. This is surely a backward step and a way to introduce another way to extract money from the local residents.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
J402	Poole Town	I would strongly disagree with any proposal to add to number of levels of governance. What was the point of combining the three boroughs if you are already talking of splitting up the responsibilities again? This whole idea is nonsense and merely another excuse for some individuals to spend other peoples' money. It is unecessary and a backward step in local government.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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J403	Poole Town	If BCP council cannot look after Poole, it should be broken up into 3 separate councils. We should not have to pay for town councils as well as BCP council. It needs to be one or the other.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J404	Poole Town	If you can do it within the budgets you have, then crack on, but leave the residents pockets alone!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J405	Poole Town	If you can't do your jobs then leave and get us a new council, you want to set up another layer what for that's what you were elected to do and are failing miserably. Step up do your job or move out of the way. Either way get your house in order. Whatmakes you think that us ordinary folk can afford to shell out for incompetent fools ?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J406	Poole Town	In 2019 Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch were joined as a unitary authority and Dorset Council unitary authority was also formed at the same time. Residents were told that these larger councils would be more efficient and make financial savings due to economies of scale. So far there have been no announcements of savings, the towns are looking dirty and neglected and Poole Civic Centre is standing empty with no plans for development. I can see no reason to add another layer of bureaucracy having got rid of the District Councils and certainly can see no justification for increasing local taxation while local servises are poor or non-existant.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1

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J407	Poole Town	In 2019 three town Councils were integrated with the primary objectives of being more cost efficient, streamlined services, centralised services, shared services, workforce reduction leading to reduced cost to tax payer. Five years of transformation, at great time, cost and energy to residents and now you want to divide it all back up again to add more layers of bureaucracy, to add more resources, to add more confusion and cost to tax payers. I absolutely do not agree with this.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J408	Poole Town	Incohesive areas - would be better to have split into smaller areas as originally suggested. Penn Hill, Canford Cliffs and Parkstone doesn't have much in character min with Haworthy, Canford heath, Turpin moor etc - a parish that is so diverse will not serve the needs of all. The suggestion of rolling Bournemouth in as well is ludicrous. I cannot see any benefit and only increased costs (existing parishes seem to charge considerably more than the current arrangement).	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J409	Poole Town	Instead of creating more beaurocracy and costs, just get on and manage our area more efficiently and to the benefit of residents.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
J410	Poole Town	It is another level of beurocracy that serves no purpose and is not going to benefit local people	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0

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J411	Poole Town	It is clear from the number of people voting for their BCP councillors that any prospective Parish Councillor will not receive enough votes to properly represent their residents and opens the door to unrepresentative pressure groups.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J412	Poole Town	It is not nevessary	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J413	Poole Town	It is only a few years since the BCP was created at some considerable cost ,to add another layer of management is in my view an admission that either the BCP was badly thought out or is poorly managed. The BCP should sort out its management of the area and not seek to pass on tasks to what will be another expensive and wasteful layer and will no doubt cause problems about who is responsible for what.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J414	Poole Town	It is too costly	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2

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J415	Poole Town	It seems that Poole's roads show too many projects all at once . Instead of prioritising to complete the most important first , there's so much disruption in so many areas at the moment .	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J416	Poole Town	It seems that the creation of the BCP council has resulted in equalities for councillors and residents. Ideally, to reduce overheads, I would supprt one council for the main BCP conurbation and only outlying areas having a parish council. Generally, if local government overheads could be reduced, more funds could be directed towards improving the declining public services in the BCP area.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J417	Poole Town	It will reduce accountability, add confusion and add unnecessary layers.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J418	Poole Town	It would be a very bad idea to have completely corrupt and incompetent people like the ones who would be in charge to be in control of a pencil let alone a district area.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J419	Poole Town	it's all a con. we had a council and it was stollen from us	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J420	Poole Town	J - I strongly DISAGREE with the draft recommendation for Poole town. This type of 'parish' council is only suitable for SMALL rural villages. It offers no additional benefits to the residents, only increased tax costs to them. The services it would offer are already in place via BCP Council, therefore it is an unnecessary additional layer of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J421	Poole Town	Just more layer(s) of bureaucracy	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J422	Poole Town	Lack of transparency and the fact we are not being told the cost of this to residents. It appears this yet another money making exercise for BCP council and will not improve the lives of residents.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J423	Poole Town	Leave it alone	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J424	Poole Town	Leave it as it is	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J425	Poole Town	Merley is a self contained community which has developed its own identity over the last 50 years or so. Merley is not Poole Town which is a distinct area on its own as well as being 6 miles from Merley. It is far more closely aligned with Broadstone as many Merley children attend school in Broadstone. All that is happening with this scheme is adding another layer of bureaucracy and cost to residents with no discernable gain.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J426	Poole Town	Mine is an overall comment. I strongly disagree with the principle of forming these councils as we already have an overarching BCP Council to manage the conurbation	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J427	Poole Town	more money for people aspiring to be more important.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J428	Poole Town	More money to be taken from us and we would have no power yonsllocate funds. Totally unnecessary	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J429	Poole Town	More red tape, more politics, increased costs for tax payers. It's not necessary and just a scam to make tax payers poorer.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J430	Poole Town	My comments refer to all draft recommendations. I do not agree with the recommendation of creating parish councils. We have moved away from individual councils when you decided to merge and create a mammoth BCP Council so why on earth are you now changing your minds and now want to split everything up again. We didn't want BCP council in the first place but we had no choice. So you want to now create parish councils which Poole is far too big an area, absolutely ridiculous, you want to put in another 42 councillors which you say will be voluntary but what about their expenses they are not going to be travelling and spending time being councillors for nothing, they will require expenses and where does that money come from? Why are you putting in another level of councillors we already have councillors in our areas that we are more than happy with. I am already paying for council services by paying my council tax to BCP council, by you creating Parish Councils, its just a way of getting more money out of us with no regulations on how much you will charge us.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J431	Poole Town	My reasons for overall disagreeing with the creation of town councils is that is clearly is going to cost money to set up and run and to pay staff. BCP is already in a financially unstable state and I think the majority of the residents of Poole have felt the pinch of raises prices, interest rates on mortgages etc etc over the last few years. Whilst I disagreed with the creation of BCP and would love to return to having 3 separate authorities, the creation of town councils is not that. I believe it will increase residents cost for council tax, where BCP will 'hand over' areas for councils to oversee but not give them funding for it, and money will ultimately be pulled in from residents. Fundamentally I think that's wrong.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J432	Poole Town	No budget planning no cost planning this will be extra cost and extra cllrs which we don't need bcp should be doing its job and not having the largest town council in the country Town Councils are for small areas u havent told anyone what our are planing the draft is not 100% true and there is no cost for each individual household	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J433	Poole Town	Not needed,	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J434	Poole Town	nuclear set up cost and ongoing cost for 40+ new counsellors and additional workers that will be needed to run the administration. when Poole become part of BCP the idea was to reduce cost within the council all we've seen over the last few years is more cost to run the administration that's now in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2

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J435	Poole Town	Parish councils are an unnecessary level of governance as the services they will provide are already covered by BCP. If we need Parish councils to have our community listened to, then maybe BCP should be disbanded instead and go back to individual town councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J436	Poole Town	Parish councils are superfluous	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J437	Poole Town	PLEASE spend council funds on serious and pressing issues and not all this pen pushing paperwork nonsense	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH14 0
J438	Poole Town	Pointless renaming to parishes, where there is no link to historical parishes. Misuse of 'parish' is a further erosion of our CofE heritage.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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J439	Poole Town	Poole is already represented within bpc, we do not need another layer of bureaucracy to confuse everything and everyone. Unless that is your intention of course!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J440	Poole Town	Poole merged with Christchurch and Bournemouth for cost benefits . We do not need more councillors and more cost Leave it alone or emerge BCP	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J441	Poole Town	Poole needs to be kept in the BCP council and not put into a parish. We need a equal and better quality levels of duty of care to the residents of Poole as very little social care support for Poole vulnerable people unlike what is offered to Christchurch and B'mth residents. Plus we vote for local elections for Poole however in a general election we vote under B'mth West. We would see less services and more increases in costs to the vulnerable people	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
J442	Poole Town	Poole should be reinstated as its own council independent of BCP as per the borough council which was removed by the previous Conservative government in 2019. Broadstone as well as Alderney and Bourne Valley wards should part of this independent council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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J443	Poole Town	Poole should never have been mixed with Bournemouth and Christchurch in the first place and we pay enough for the services that we get and do not need the extra expenses now the merging of BCP is not working	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J444	Poole Town	Poole town draft recommendation. If Broadstone has its own town council, why can't Merley, Oakley, Canford have one.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 3
J445	Poole Town	Proposal B object to Broadstone being excluded from the greater Poole area, Proposal H too many councillors and the associated costs. I object to the whole local council plan and it really highlights the failure of the BCP Council merger that was not wanted by the people of Poole or Christchurch!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J446	Poole Town	Proposals are a complete waste of money. We don't need more tiers of government. It's just a gimmick. BCP Council trying to divert attention away from their very poor delivery performance.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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J447	Poole Town	Quite honestly, I am astounded that this is being put forward. I have no faith in town or parish councils and often find them to be onstructive and filled with groups of busybody NIMBYs that spend more time infighting than they do doing anything useful. I would sooner see ALL town and parish councils abolished. Please abandon these ridiculous plans and do something far more constructive than wasting time, effort and money. I have no desire to pay for another layer of local government thay will have little to no benefit instead just adding another layer of pointless bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J448	Poole Town	Re an and d: I have lived in Poole my whole life, 51 years. In that time I have seen various changes to the Poole Town Council, including gaining unitary authority status. Whilst Poole Borough Council was not perfect, when those in Power decided to merge the 3 towns of Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch, this was something that majority of people in the respective towns did not want, but ultimately had no choice. We were promised things link joining up services would result in cost savings and better efficiency. Well that was blatantly a complete lie. I am tired of suffering the incompetence of those elected councillors and decision makers, with rising council tax year on year and just seeing more and more incompetence. Now you tell us that you can't deal with the demands of being a BCP Joined up councils so want to fob off those service you can't properly deliver to Parish or Town councils so that you don't have to face up to the responsibility that you have failed your electorate and residents. This is in doubt another cost saving exercise at the expense of your residents that will give BCP the excuse it needs to pass accountability and responsibility on to others, so you don't have to take responsibility of your failures. In summary I strongly oppose any Town and Parish councils and rather the current BCP sort out its own incompetence and inadequacies to serve the people of the 3 towns and not your own agendas!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J449	Poole Town	Recomendations a to h refer to new parish establishments. I disagree with setting up any new parishes. The reason is that BCP was amalgamated to provide savings due to economies of scale and less duplication of staff. It also provides a unified voice for the conurbation and carries more weight at regional level. Having undergone the painful process of council amalgamation to create BCP we should not contemplate reorganisation or additional layers of governance and representation. It has only recently since Covid 19 disruption that council staff and departments have ironed out organisational parameters and effective working together.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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J450	Poole Town	Recommendation A: There was a decision to create BCP Council to save costs and improve service delivery. Either that is working and extra governance is unecessary or it is not working and a more fundamental rethink of local government structures is required.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
J451	Poole Town	Residents of BCP cannot afford to pay out for further councils, money is tight already.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J452	Poole Town	Section A through to Section H. Poole Council was amalgamated into BCP Council a few years back to supposedly save money for the Tax payer. To now split off responsibility for certain services from BCP Council to a new Poole Council is Wrong in my view and will only add to costs for the Tax Payer and present an opportunity for "Buck Passing" from BCP Council. Either BCP Council should get on with the job they were formed to do or BCP Council should be split back to the 3 Independent Councils as previous.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J453	Poole Town	Stop spending our money on pointless projects	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2

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J454	Poole Town	Stop wasting money, necessary additional level of local government. Originally we had Poole Council then we went to making a unitary authority and then finally the three towns authority BCP and now you want to put another level of government here. Stop wasting our money make the existing council work for us the residents, not for you and creating yet more jobs in local bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J455	Poole Town	Strongly DISAGREE as I do not want to see the creation of another council which can leverage further taxes in addition to the current BCP taxes. No details have been provided on what services this parish and others would be responsible for, and what BCP would no longer provide. It seems it is just another revenue generation exercise without any efficiencies gained!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J456	Poole Town	Strongly disagree to ALL the proposals, Paying double council taxes, BCP & then extra for Parish / town. Extra costs for what,? Can't even tell us how much it will be., also the lack of information about these proposals has been absolutely shameful on existing BCP.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J457	Poole Town	Strongly disagree with the changes - do not want more tax added. BCP should pull their socks up and look for cuts in admin and to run more efficiently. Cut High management salaries. No more Councillors needed.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J458	Poole Town	The added layer of Bureaucracy is an unacceptable burden. It would be much better to reform BCP, slim down the management and increase efficiency and effectiveness.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
J459	Poole Town	The area is far too large and diverse. I live in Sandbanks. Poole Town is only reachable by a once an hour daytime bus. The needs of Sandbanks are very different. Sandbanks residents need for local representation is already met by the Sandbanks Community Group.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
J460	Poole Town	The benefit of Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch merging into one body is to reduce costs and bureaucracy. The benefit of the old Parkstone and parishes surrounding Poole merging into the original Poole Borough was to reduce costs and bureaucracy. Creating a Poole Town council will inevitably just duplicate administration and result in tax payers paying more council tax. People living in most of these areas do not identify as living in "Poole Town". "Poole Town" is a very specific area in the centre of Poole, It is NOT the whole of Parkstone, Lilliput, Canford Cliffs, Branksome, Penn Hill.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J461	Poole Town	the breaking up of the area into smaller councils and parishes will result in more bureaucracy, more power hungry individuals trying to influence their area, and less engagement with an electorate dispirited and tired of wrangling over issues that seem insurmountable	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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J462	Poole Town	The cost of all this and councillors will be paid through our Council Tax	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J463	Poole Town	The cost of reversing the agreement made in 2019 is not viable; increasing the number of councillors will not improve community cohesion which was working well before the inception of BCP, the damage is done! I prefer to keep the status quo with the existing Poole Trustees Charter as it is essential to keep the historical link. I really do not expect local challenges e.g. homeless on streets, increasing culture clashes, to improve whilst the current, and previous, government policies are pursued. BCP Council is restricted to enable change in policy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J464	Poole Town	The cost this will incur to residents in council tax as seen in other areas.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J465	Poole Town	The council are battling a shortfall in funds at the moment and yet it wants to introduce up to 110 more councillors across the BCP area. This will only lead to more money coming out of the pockets of the council tax payers in extra wages to councillors which will mean more reductions in services within the area as well as extra cost to the tax payer. I strongly oppose the introduction of wards where I see no benefit and more cost.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J466	Poole Town	The Council has only just become a Unitary Authority and moved away from this structure. There is no place for Town Councils or otherwise.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH14 0
J467	Poole Town	The council ward is too big and splits my current into both Bournemouth and Poole	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 1
J468	Poole Town	The entire notion of creating a 2nd level of local government. Nobody except the councillors wanted the BCP merger in the first place, it has been an unmitigated disaster. Now you want to give half of your responsibilities to a second level of council which will.lead to even higher council tax bills as there is no evidence that BCP Council will reduce its own precept for the services it has delegated.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 1
J469	Poole Town	The founding of BCP council was to cut out layers of local government. Council Tax is high enough without funding another layer of bureaucracy from council tax payers	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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J470	Poole Town	The ide of.paying qn additional tax on top of council tax is abhorrent and should not be considered	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J471	Poole Town	The last thing Poole needs is another costly talking shop. BCP was supposed to have been created to save taxpayers money and whilst I would agree that there is little evidence that this has happened adding another level of bureaucracy is quite simply a very costly mistake which has no direct benefit for residents. Just another group of people who think they know what is best for us and will dismiss any thoughts that are different from their own.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J472	Poole Town	The last thing we need is MORE councillors. You could sack half of the existing BCP councillors and we would be better off! And you want a precept to pay for it?!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
J473	Poole Town	The merger of BCP was to save money this is going to add further costs to council tax to pay for parish councils	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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J474	Poole Town	The new proposals would mean another layer of bureaucracy and would cost more money to run	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J475	Poole Town	The people of Poole do mot want extra layers of local government taking on roles that BCP council are already responsible for. The local constituents so not want extra council tax fees. We're struggling financially as it is. We don't need extra councillors. We need BCP to do their job and stop wasting our extortionate council tax.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 8
J476	Poole Town	The people of poole don't want an extra layer of government	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J477	Poole Town	The projected electorate for some areas look very inconsistent Alderney will only gain 25 more people but bearwood will gain 742 ? . Parkstone will gain 429 ,is this because of new builds ? I understand new houses are being built in bearwood and merley but where in parkstone ? Your numbers seam to be way out.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4

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J478	Poole Town	The proposals are unclear and complicated. No clear benefit has been put forward for changing the existing arrangements. No mention has been made of whether these counsellor will be paid. No explanation has been given as to why one Ward would have one counsellor per 100 electors and another Ward would have one counsellor per 3000 electors. No explanation has been given as to what unwarded means. No costings have been put forward.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J479	Poole Town	The Town Council seems somewhat over large	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J480	Poole Town	The Unitary Authority of BCP was only created 6 years ago. It comprises 76 councillors across 33 wards. These proposals are for the creation of YET ANOTHER tier of administration, comprising an additional 80 councillors at a cost of at least £3M. pa in order to give primary address to allotments and neighbourhood plans, with secondary input on bus shelters, electrical charging points and public conveniences. What a monumental waste of time and money. Why, for heaven's sake?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
J481	Poole Town	The way this survey is written suggests decisions on these changes have already been made and this tokenistic "consultation" is pointless. I see no reason or benefit to residents to setting up these additional layers of bureaucracy. I am strongly opposed and believe BCP council should remain as it is. This is a complete waste of time and money in my opinion.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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J482	Poole Town	The whole concept of a Poole Town Concil is flawed by the existence of BCP Council. A new layer of subsidiary governance would be unwelcome without the disappearance of the over-arching Council. To be frank, I share the disappointment of many others in the long-standing abysmal performance of BCP Council, its elected member and unelected officers, so this proposal smacks of self-serving interests which would incure additional costs for no discernible benefit to residents.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J483	Poole Town	The whole concept of BCP has been a disater from start to finish. Another 'layer' will mean even more of a disaster & cost more money to the residents. The present encumbent have let our towns decline where shops have shut, car parks are filthy dirty, reduced public toilets etc., I could go on. The present councillors do what they want to do without taking any notice of the views of local residents. They have shut roads & Poole Park at one entrance despite 63% of residents requesting that it remains open. Shut Churchfield Road, both of these causing extra traffic build up in the area & incurring extra travel & emissions. They have created all the cycle lanes which are hardly used using some of our public money to cover the overspend. This will be another layer where one party will blame the other for either things not being done or overspending.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J484	Poole Town	The whole exercise appears uncosted we have no idea what services would be transferred over to the Town Council and therefore any agreement to these proposals is like signing a blank cheque to any administration . 42 Councillors is the same as the old Borough of Poole who had responsibilities for all services , we already have 76 Councilors through BCP council this appears to be duplication and expense	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2
J485	Poole Town	The whole idea is a nonsense attempting to cover the disaster that is BCP. The best solution is to disband BCP back into its original parts	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8

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J486	Poole Town	The whole idea is pointless just an other layer of what bcp I am sure will ensure is the same level of undemocratic service wr currently get from bcp it's self I.e a council that only listens to people who agree with their pet projects	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J487	Poole Town	The whole point of BCP's amalgamation was to reduce the level of government thus reducing taxation. this flies in the face of common sense. Please do not bring in more bureaucracy, it is not in anyone's interest.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J488	Poole Town	there is already too much bureacracy there is already chaos. introducing more hurdles and people to decide And to be paid will not result in any benefits for the tax payer	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J489	Poole Town	There is already too much bureaucracy and waste in BCP. Whatever the reasons you make, there is absolutely no justification for the establishment of additional tiers of council. Before taking any further steps, you need to find ways to adapt the existing system to meet the needs and wants of the population. Additional waste in effort and money is abhorrent and not the wish of the electorate. Please read books on democracy before taking any action.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1

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J490	Poole Town	There is insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision on any of these draft recommendations. There is no indication of what services will be provided via the new parish/town councils. There is no indication of the total costs involved in setting up these parishes/councils, nor of the level of precept, nor of the possibility of precepts being increased well above the capped level of council tax. There is no indication of the need for a clerk to the parish/town council, nor of the salary that this would incur. Whilst the expectation is that parish/town councillors will be appointed on a voluntary basis, there is no means of preventing them from voting to make salary payments out of the precept. Divisions into parish/town councils across the conurbation is likely to increase differences in levels of provision.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
J491	Poole Town	There is no apparent benefit for the additional cost.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J492	Poole Town	There is no need for any more money to be wasted on extra councillors. It is not needed. You went to bcp from 3 separate councils and now want to go back again. Do not do this. It will make no difference. Stil as Poole we have no food waste bin yet you levelled the council tax with Bournemouth and xchurch. We need less councillors not More and I am really against this.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
J493	Poole Town	There is sufficient and adequate government for BCP as is. A further layer of government is pointless when most of us and soon all of us can access government electronically. My impression is that people want 'local' if they get what they want, and they want 'remoter government' if that gives what they want - hence planning appeals are popular if 'local' gives the 'wrong' decision.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8

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J494	Poole Town	There is zero case for estalshing a Town Council. You are simply trying to undo the cost savings brought about by BCP being combined as a unitary authority	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J495	Poole Town	There should be no increase in the number of cllrs in any of these areas. The maximum number should remain within the BCP Council organisation. I strongly prefer a maximum of 17 cllrs, one for electoral area, or to keep things below the number of cllrs agreed by the boundary commission	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J496	Poole Town	There's already too much local governance delivering little useful change and in times where finances are tight an expansion such as the proposal is little more than self-indulgence.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J497	Poole Town	These parish councils with councillors will add extra cost to local tax payer at a time when most residents are struggling financially. Should be looking to cot costs for tax payers not adding to them.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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J498	Poole Town	They created BCP despite it being the wrong decision and now this is a mother colossal waste of time which will cause the tax payers even more financial hardship. How about the council work on improving the services it currently provides rather than wasting money on this hare brained scheme. The council is in financial problems and they are wasting money Constantine in these stupid ideas and other schemes eg cycle lanes (yes I am a cyclist). Leave it all alone you have broken the system enough!!!!!!!!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J499	Poole Town	This appears to be a totally unnecessary additional layer of governance and bureaucracy that isn't needed. Poole Council to become BCP in 2019, without any public consultation because elected councillors thought that it would save money and be more efficient and now that BCP has no money it appears that the elected members think it's a good idea to create parish councils so that they can discharge their responsibilities and ask the tax paper to pay again for the services that should already be provided by BCP! It's adding another layer of governance and will cause confusion over who is responsible for what service. It would be much more beneficial for all communities within BCP if the Council .improved it's own service delivery and management of public funds instead of creating parish and town councils to do their job for them. The last think residents need is more councillors to run another layer that has no statutory powers. I don't think there's any benefit to residents in creating this extra layer of governance and the re is no cap on the precept that parish councils can charge, which is extremely worrying. It is absurd that Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole became a unitary authority in 2019 and haven't even been able to implement pay and reward for its staff yet but are now considering creating parish councils and boundaries that there were in place before the merge, all at a cost to the tax payer!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J500	Poole Town	This change is not necessary and will lead to more confusion and cost for tax payers in the midst of a cost of living crisis.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J501	Poole Town	This comment relates to (a) - (h) all draft recommendations. The proposals are another layer of unwanted bureaucracy and involve additional administration. We already have 76 BCP Councillors who should work more effectively for and engage with their residents, rather than introduce another 42 unnecessary Councillors for the proposed Poole Town Council. We are in a cost of living crisis and to impose another layer of governance with an uncapped precept is unacceptable. This is a stealth tax for services that BCP want to devolve to the Town Councils so BCP can attempt to balance the books. Even though this was apparently in the Lib Dem 'manifesto' there is no obligation to impose this on the residents. We were sold BCP local government reorganisation on the basis it would bring in more central government money, but instead you are using the residents as a cash cow. BCP should get it's accounts in order before asking the electorate to fund the shortfall through an uncapped Town Council precept.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J502	Poole Town	This corrupt council will not listen to this consultation anyway, but it in no way benefits the residents when it will impose additional cost to them. We do not need another 42 clowncillors, the ones we have already made enough mess as it is	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J503	Poole Town	This extra layer of local government will be useless, powerloss, and costly.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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J504	Poole Town	This increased level of local government is not needed. Public money can be better spent that councillors that have little or no power. The current number of councillors should be cut. We are paying more and more for less and less. No private company that has no money would be suggesting taking on new employees or increasing wage bill. They way public sector is run is completely out of touch and needs to stop.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J505	Poole Town	This is a complete waste of time, the residents don't want it but as normal the councilors decide without listening.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J506	Poole Town	This is a totally unnecessary additional layer of expense and bureaucracy. It will just be another talking shop. We need to complete the transformation of BCP and get that working properly.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J507	Poole Town	This is a very large area with very different needs and make up. They are already fully represented at BCP Council by democratically elected members so this is an unnecessary level of authority with addition costs to all at a time when we do not have additional income so will thus cause greater hardship.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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J508	Poole Town	This is an attempt to put over bureaucracy into the area where it is clearly totally unnecessary and over expensive.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J509	Poole Town	This is an outrageous cost to our community, especially after everything was already set up similar before you changed to BCP. STOP wasting money and make do with what you have already done. Going backwards is ripping out our purse strings yet again.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
J510	Poole Town	This is an unnecessary complexity in addition to the area management by BCP. This is duplication of responsibility and resources. If Poole town council is to be created BCP as an authority should be dissolved.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J511	Poole Town	This is clearly an empire building initiative where huge numbers of extra personnel will be added to the cost of running BCP when there is so many employees and councillors already responsible for providing services. We want more streamlining where money is spent on front line services and not on beauracracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6

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J512	Poole Town	This is just another layer of cost for some people to talk about things they will have no ability to deliver at all. Efficiency rests with the larger organisations and so effort should be focused there and not waste time on vanity projects.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH14 8
J513	Poole Town	This is just another layer of government that is not needed	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J514	Poole Town	This is not to benefit the residents, just to pass the burden of costs and charge residents more money.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J515	Poole Town	This is quite clearly becoming a dictatorship. Where do you think everyone is going to get the s money from to pay for the extra fees. You think you can do what you like and we all have to jump!! NO! This is enough now. People are scraping the bottom of the barrel to exist and you want to take more money. You will not get a penny from me guaranteed as I just don’t have it.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J516	Poole Town	This is unneccessary extra layer of bureaucracy which inevitably will lead to increased number of civil servants, no ability to limit any increases in costs to the rate payer and with no discernable benefits to the rate payer. Everything being proposed should be done by BCP itself. It will lead to further delays more confusion to the rate payer as to who to contact. If BCP councillors feel they cannot full fill their duties, resign and lets elect those who can.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
J517	Poole Town	This is yet another fragmentation of government which does little more than introduce additional cost to the tax-payers, funding yet more councillors and bureaucracy. The only way to be truly efficient is to follow that national model where, for example, the railways are being re-nationalised. The town is a utility and to open it up to cost and corruption will continue the break-up of communities and provide little in the way of decision when there is no budget to deliver it.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J518	Poole Town	This one is proposed to maintain hadley's political agenda. Do we need more proof of fethering nests?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7
J519	Poole Town	This plan is bureaucracy gone mad. We do not require another layer of councillors. The current number of ccoucillors within BCP is too many anyway and these should be reduced to save money and focus on important tasks only.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8

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J520	Poole Town	This proposal is creating an unnecessary level of beauracracy, where essentaialy you are re-creating a local council after our local council was swept away in BCP withput any referendum from the council tax payers. This is going to create an extra layer of cost for already struggling family households. The lack of a cap on parish council increasing costs will result in creep over the years and the removal of more services for the capped council tax to the uncapped parish councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
J521	Poole Town	This proposal would lead to unnecessary additional cost and bureaucracy. I am strongly opposed to Poole Town council being created. If this proposal goes ahead, it would be better for Creekmoor residents if Creekmoor was transferred into Dorset Council with neighbouring Upton or merged with neighbouring Broadstone, rather than be a remote appendage to Poole.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J522	Poole Town	This whole debacle is just another means of raising taxes through the back door. These "Consultations", just like the one held regarding the formation of BCP, are preordained. Regardless of what the majority of the populous vote, the governing body manipulate the figures to suit their agenda.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J523	Poole Town	This whole process is a complete waste of time and money after years of work to merge and streamline services. It's simply a way for greedy councillors to get fame	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J524	Poole Town	This will only increase costs to the residents and give local council to much control, there is a reason for centralised government it is work with the people	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J525	Poole Town	This would only be a vaild option if BCP was dissolved and all functions of BCP transferred to a (new) authority.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J526	Poole Town	To all.Unless bcp is dissolved and reverted back to 3 separate councils then this is just another level of uncapped taxation.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH16 5
J527	Poole Town	To me the Boundries do not make sense. Bearwood and Merley should be in a group with Either Kinson or Broadstone or Poole should be extended to include Broadstone and Kinson.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2

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J528	Poole Town	Too much bureaucracy	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
J529	Poole Town	Too much bureaucracy in the proposal	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J530	Poole Town	Unitarisation was designed to enable simplicity. This undermines the establishment of BCP and the case for enabling efficiencies and creating transparency. Authorities going through LGR across the country are being strongly encouraged by the Government to implement Neighbourhood Area Committees. Parish and Town Councils are not wholly supported by the Government. This would be a town/parish council that is far too large and essentially re-establishes Borough of Poole. Yes, neighbourhood empowerment is necessary and right but there are various levers to pull to enable that and this is not the right one.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J531	Poole Town	Unknown powers unknown costs ridiculous idea	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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J532	Poole Town	Unnecessary	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J533	Poole Town	Unneçessary bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J534	Poole Town	unnecessary unwanted vanity project	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH15 2
J535	Poole Town	Unnecessary.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J536	Poole Town	Waste of money to have another layer of management with little actual decision making	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J537	Poole Town	Waste of time and money and little real world influence. Nothing more than an exercise in giving the impession of power where none exists.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J538	Poole Town	Waste of time and money, BCP council was formed to save money now you want to spend money to take us back to how we were before.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J539	Poole Town	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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J540	Poole Town	We already have one council. We don’t need lots of other councils. There will be too many councillors all doing the same job.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J541	Poole Town	We currently have 2 councillors for the creekmoor area & that is enough, cllr Jude butts is absolutely fantastic at making sure the creekmoor area is kept up to date with BCP & local legislation. Doesn't need to change.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J542	Poole Town	We do not need another layer of local government.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J543	Poole Town	We do not need another layer thats why we created BCP from the 3 orevious councils	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J544	Poole Town	We do not need another tier of bureaucracy. Our Council Tax is now likely to rise to support the North of England so this proposal is a financial and unnecessary disaster.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH14 8
J545	Poole Town	We do not need extra layers of Bureaucracy that this will create. We do not need additional councilors and associated cost. The local councils were amalgamated into BCP so either scrap BCP and revert to local councils or ensure BCP is more efficient, productive and accountable. I do not understand your request to write a,b,c etc … sorry it is not sufficiently clear	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J546	Poole Town	We do not need further breakdown of our areas at a cost to the local tax payers. We have good local councilors that do an amazing job. We do not want to pay for extra unrequired bureaucracy	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J547	Poole Town	We do not require a town council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J548	Poole Town	We do not require yet another level of councillors! Waste of money. Current a agamation at BCP has not worked	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J549	Poole Town	We don’t need even more bureaucracy	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J550	Poole Town	We don’t need extra waste and expense added to the council tax. We already have enough councillors. If you can’t do the job, resign and let somebody else do it.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J551	Poole Town	We don't need another council, it's alrencp which I Thomas good enough	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J552	Poole Town	We don't need another layer of local government, it won't bring any benefits	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
J553	Poole Town	We don't need this. BCP was supposed to save money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J554	Poole Town	We don't want/need more adminstration	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J555	Poole Town	We got rid of the original 3 councils for cost savings despite a lot of opposition. This will just bring the people who object to BCP to the fore. We don't need an extra layer of bureaucracy or the additional cost to our council tax. There are a lot of noisy minority issue people that will dominate these councils with their own agendas believing they can bypass BCP. Think Poole Park access, cycle lanes and 20 mph areas. These are all welcomed by the majority of people but we are made to think this is not the case as the objectors are so vocal. Most normal moderate people don't have the time or inclination to be parish councillors. We pay BCP to run our conurbation on behalf of everyone.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6

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J556	Poole Town	We had a Poole Council, then someone decided it would be more cost effective, more efficient to combine. Why has it been decided to go backwards.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J557	Poole Town	We had a very satisfactory town council of Poole before you people decided to create the ongoing muddle of BCP. Why are you trying to reinvent the wheel for which we poor tax payers will have to pay? If more local representation is a good idea, why did you wreck the one that worked well? Typical of the quality of our elected members!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J558	Poole Town	WE have BCP we don't need a Town council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J559	Poole Town	we have to much bureaucracy as it is why put in more levels with even more expense to us the tax payers!!!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4

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J560	Poole Town	we moved from seperate councils to the BCP single council and this seems to be going backwards while costing more money to residents, either disband BCP and move back to seperate councils or stick to the single one council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J561	Poole Town	We need to move away from more costs and complexity	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
J562	Poole Town	We pay enough in council tax already, The number of councillors of 75 could be cut to 50 so money could be saved, Have a Town council it will be cheap for the first few years then it will keep going up each just like the council tax The council tax is based on what your house was worth in the 90s other parts of the country the same house the tax is less or more	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J563	Poole Town	We should not be adding extra layers of governance and bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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J564	Poole Town	What a ridiculous idea this is. This will cost the residents of BCP and specifically me more of my hard earned cash to pay councillors that are NOT needed. I do not agree this is needed in BCP and it's a total waste of time and money adding another layer of bureaucracy that is not needed.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J565	Poole Town	What an absolute joke. So much time and money wasted by merging the councils in the name of saving money. Just to basically reverse it and add an extra layer or two of bureaucracy and cost. The money wasted doing this consultation is absolutely appalling. Stop wasting money and use it to improve local services.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J566	Poole Town	What is the point in establishing another layer of officialdom when BCP elections aren't due yet	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J567	Poole Town	What is the point in having a BCP unitary authority that was supposed to save money if you're now going about splitting BCP into smaller councils? This is going to cost more money and is a ridiculous idea. I love th eidea of having a Poole town council, but NOT at the expenxe of splitting the Historic Poole Borough up. It's like you hate Poole and can't wait to get rid of it. Split BCP up properly and get rid of the BCP unitary authority. Split BSP back inot Poole Christchurch and Bournemouth and we'll all be happy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2

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J568	Poole Town	What will this cost? There is no plan in place to let us, the people who elected you, to tell us thus. Poole shouldn't be part of BCP. We should have a town council standing on it's own. If we can't have that, the BCP should fit the bill for any town councils below them. If this is not to be the case, then we cannot afford it.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J569	Poole Town	When Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole all joined together to form BCP we were told it was to create efficiencies, speed up decision making, and make better use of the available money. Now we are told we that extra layers are necessary. No doubt the restructure will be at great additional cost and added confusion for the residents. Stop rearranging the deckchairs and get on and deliver the promised BCP benefits! Stop reranging the deckchairs at get on and deliver the promised service	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J570	Poole Town	Whilst I approve of a strong Poole identity I believe that the current organisation structure for the area should remain... I fear that a reorganisation is unnecessary and cumbersome - overly top heavy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
J571	Poole Town	Whilst wel like the idea of giving an identity to Poole, it serves as yet a further diminution to the role of the current administration. My wife and I are in favour of less bureaucratic intervention, not more.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J572	Poole Town	Wholely disagree with the idea that we require town or parish councils. We have duely elected officials to govern our ward and this does not need interference. There is no perceivable benefit from any of the plans outlined, BCP should be ashamed if they go ahead with this without a full referendum.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J573	Poole Town	Why would we need that many councillors?! I don't think parkstone has the same needs as Merley for example Why was Broadstone kept separate? My view is that there should not be one Poole Town Council covering this vast area unless you include the whole of Poole???	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J574	Poole Town	Will cost more for the service BCP should already be providing	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J575	Poole Town	You had 3 separate councils, you caused staff working for those councils high amounts of stress, putting them through competition. No achievement has been made from BCP you can't just change your mind without acknowledging the damage you have done to those employed by the previous town councils or the residents of those councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH14 0

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J576	Poole Town	You have already spent loads of money combining the council further expenditure especially at this time is unwarranted.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J577	Poole Town	You merged all the councils a few years ago for better value for money and to save money and reduce back office staff. Now looking to reintroduce a Poole Council, which you'll expect even more money from the taxpayer, even though you've just increased tax by the maximum of 4.99%. Remember, you're spending OUR money on all your projects. If I was struggling with finance, I'd have to cut my cloth to suit, not expect handouts. BCP, get your house in order!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J578	Poole Town	You took our 3 councils away from us to merge in to the awful BCP, now talking of employing 42 more people in Poolr Alone. Our council tax has risen a ridiculous amount since we moved in, we simply can NOT afford it as it is, let alone to employ hundreds of more people to do the job we currently pay BCP to do.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J579	Poole Town	Waste if money, additional layer. If bcp isnt working, split back to the three towns and admit defeat. All a waste of time and money	Don't know/not sure	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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J580	Poole Town	We spent thousands of pounds amalgamating the Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch councils, and this proposal is to now split up BCP into individual councils. What was the point of the amalgamation in the first place? What an absolute waste of resources and funds.	Don't know/not sure	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J581	Poole Town	42 is probably too many. You may struggle to find candidates. As I have said below, we don't know anything about what this council will have responsibility for. But all council services come from a budget. Will the services provided by the Town Council in place of BCP be funded from BCP's budget? The Town Council can set a precept in addition to that of BCP. However, overall services remain the same, but for a higher overall (Town and BCP council) precept. How can this be value for money? If the Town Council raises it's own precept for its own functions, will the BCP precept be reduced in accordance with its reduced function? Will Town Council precept increases be capped? Will all the Town/ parish councils have the same functions within their areas or will they vary? Who will decide what the Town Council functions will be? None of this is in the consultation.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
J582	Poole Town	a) no particular concerns either way b) appears satisfactory c) pretty obvious	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J583	Poole Town	b If a town council for Poole is to be re-established, then Broadstone MUST be included. I'd welcome the abolition of BCP council and reverting to separate town councils for Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J584	Poole Town	b) The area proposed is far too large for a parish council, and should follow the example of Broadstone to form smaller parishes	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J585	Poole Town	b, The size of the proposed council is far too large, remote from communities and does not reflect the distinct character of multiple communities in the area . f, Bearwood and Merley do not fit community wise into the proposed Town Council Council. It would be more appropriate for these two communities to become a parish in their own right. For much the same reason as Broadstone will be. For historical reasons this new parish could be called Canford Magna	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J586	Poole Town	B. / F. Ward sizes are mostly far too big and culturally different - Parkstone and Penn Hill being prime examples. F. No one living around Ashley Road would call the area 'Branksome West' - perhaps Upper Parkstone?	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J587	Poole Town	b: As previously commented on Broadstone, I do not unstained why Boadstone becomes a separate entity, excluding areas including Hillborne and Merley, which are adjacent to it. g & h: Wonder if this may be too many councillors?	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J588	Poole Town	Before I can agree or disagree I need more information. What are the boundaries of Bourne valley and Branksome East? Is Westbourne included under the Poole Plan. What is the benefit of a parish for the locals? Ie what power would they have?	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 1
J589	Poole Town	Currently it looks as if the boundaries promote 'snobbery' or are to favour Vicky Slade. Either Broadstone should be included with Poole town or Creekmore should be included with Broadstone in order to create a more socially diverse population.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J590	Poole Town	d, f, g, h. I feel that you will have unnecessary layers for a zero benefit, keep it simple as will cause too much confusion over who does what. having multiple layers of councils for each area will not add to community cohesion. BCP should improve their own services rather than creating new Councils to do their job for them	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J591	Poole Town	Fairly neutral on all areas.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J592	Poole Town	H at present we have two councillors for Creekmoor. One, Judes Butt is always asking questions on our behalf. Unfortunately, the other we never hear from. My concern with the proposed three councillors is would we have the same outcome apart from not hearing from two instead of one?	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J593	Poole Town	Impossible to give a measured response without knowing the cost !!!	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J594	Poole Town	Ther has been insufficient detailed information put forward as to what changes would be made in respect of responsibilities for key and supplemenary services currently funded through the council tax. The incorporation of Poole and Christchuch into Bournemouth town council was to remove duplication and reduce costs Without knowing what services a Poole town council would be responsible for and if transference of those services reduces the BCP council tax pro rata then how can I possibly agree or disagree to the proposal?	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J595	Poole Town	With regard to a, b, c, d, e, f & h: To me, the draft recommendations are vague as to what the new councils will cost to run, and no definitive list of what services they will provide. I can't determine how it compares to the current situation. For the proposed Poole Town Council, and the BCP area as a whole, would the total number of councillors increase, thus affecting running costs? Consequently, how can I make an informed decision on whether I agree or disagree?	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1

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J596	Poole Town	(a) Agree – Poole is one of the largest and most historically significant communities in the BCP area. Establishing a town council is a natural and necessary evolution that reflects community identity and civic legacy. (b) Agree – The use of the existing Charter Trustee boundary ensures continuity removes double payment by residents and avoids duplication or partial representation. It also enables the eventual dissolution of the Charter Trustees, which are no longer an effective model for community engagement. (c & f) Strongly agree – The name "Poole" and the use of “Town Council” honour its borough status, promote civic pride, and offer clarity. (d & e) Agree – The town style is appropriate given the scale, history, and population of Poole. It also sets the right tone for developing local governance capacity. (g) Agree – The warding arrangements provide a useful level of granularity for representation across a large and diverse urban area. However, the scale introduces complexity in electoral management and long-term governance. (h & i) – The proposal for 30 councillorss seems excessive. It risks inefficiency, bloated committee structures, and diluted accountability. While the population of Poole justifies a higher-than-average number of councillors, a more appropriate figure might fall in the 20–24 range—still ample for committee work, representation, and community liaison, but more manageable and financially prudent. Reducing the number of councillors would also: Encourage a more focused and skilled group of representatives Lower governance costs Simplify meeting and decision-making procedures	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
J597	Poole Town	(g) and (h) 3 councillors per ward sounds excessive for hyper-local politics and governance.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 2

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J598	Poole Town	Agree with overall proposal, as a way of celebrating the long history of Poole, and addressing local issues that BCP council aren't funded to cover. Is better alternative than the Trustees set up.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
J599	Poole Town	Create it but half the number of councillors	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
J600	Poole Town	Creekmoor ward extended to include Pinesprings and Top of Hilbourne more in line with Creekmoor:Poole demographics than Broadstone's	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
J601	Poole Town	I definitely agree that the establishment of a town council is a good thing for Poole but I just feel that 42 councillors is too many and should be reduced but I don't know how to do this!!	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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J602	Poole Town	I think Poole should have a town council. It will help to restore pride and identity and ensure local decisions can be made by local people with their priorities at the fore. The Charter Trustees were a temporary measure that are not robust enough to face the challenges and demands required to restore civic pride and local identity.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
J603	Poole Town	I work in Poole and it needs its own unique identity and truly local representation not just part of BCP	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
J604	Poole Town	It is a proposal that carries real weight if the principle of ensuring a 'three towns partnership" is to flourish. No system of local governance could work to deliver such a principle if the ability to focus corporate views of the three towns is absent. The proposal for Broadstone to be a separate entity makes sense since Broadstone has a well developed Neighbourhood Forum and understands the needs and desires of Poole sympathetically ： it being essential to maintain the dignity of such a heritage.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
J605	Poole Town	It’s too large compared to the others.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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J606	Poole Town	poole identity	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
J607	Poole Town	Poole needs its town council back - so it can support and protect the identity of the town, develop events and support the residents through grant making and the protection of non-statutory services that might otherwise be at risk The creation of a town council will also allow residents to feel they have a specific 'Poole' say in consultations, planning applications etc. it will help develop the twinning too. the sheriff should be retained but the regalia should be put in the museum, retaining a more modest chain of office	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
J608	Poole Town	Poole should be separate from Bournemouth	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
J609	Poole Town	Poole should have a single parish council covering the exact boundaries of the former Poole Borough Council.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1

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J610	Poole Town	Poole Town Council MUST include Broadstone. Broadstone is very much part of the former town and borough of Poole and is currently within the boundary of the Poole Charter. Broadstone must not be split from the town of Poole. Simply looking at the map shews a meaningless bite out of the boundary of Poole.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
J611	Poole Town	Recommendation b: The creation of Poole Town Council with the proposed boundary is too large to operate effectively as a local Town Council and is to close to the former boundary of Poole Borough Council. Poole should be divided into a small number of Town or Parish Councils to reflect the more local communities in the town.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
J612	Poole Town	Thanks here to define the goals choice between parties lie line at this time	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
J613	Poole Town	there are too many councilllors half the number of councillor will save costs for expenses, elections and by eleciotns and be easier to fill vacancies	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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J614	Poole Town	These proposals are good	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
J615	Poole Town	This should also include Broadstone - see comments made earlier	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
J616	Poole Town	Upton is a large parish and not included but specifically on the boarder f BCP - it should be included as part of BCP and not Dorset . My experience of the Town Council in Upton is very under represented by young people and the issues affecting people and young families are often not properly represented or understood	Agree	Respondent from outside BCP	respondent living outside proposal area	Lytchett Matravers & Upton	BH16 5
J617	Poole Town	Value in having effective local governance, more attuned to local issues where applicable	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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J618	Poole Town	"A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H". I am currently unable to make an informed decision either way about this change as I have been given very little information about what changes would actually take place in the event that this goes ahead. I am therefore left with no option but to say that I disagree strongly with the proposal until such time as more information about the changes and any subsequent consequences (either good or bad) have been made available to me to consider, at which point I could make a fair and balanced decision.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
J619	Poole Town	(a) - (h) As for my comments on the Broadstone Town Counilk proposal, i/e. It is not clear how adding another layer of bureaucracy will benefit the residents of Broadstone. Although it will give the appearance of allowing a more “local” say in council services, it will introduce confusion over who is responsible for which services, delay decision-making, decrease efficiency, and reduce community cohesion by splitting us away from other parts of the BCP area. Not many years ago, we were sold the idea of merging Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole councils into one council as a way to improve efficiency; now, the suggestion is to introduce another layer of councils, effectively splitting BCP into even smaller components than before. That is hardly a consistent approach to local government!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
J620	Poole Town	(a) It is only a few short years since the councils of Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch were amalgamated into BCP Council on the grounds that 'big is better' and more efficient for local government. After all the time and huge cost that that entailed, creating new separate councils for Poole and Bournemouth as well as Christchurch would take us right back to square one except that there would be an extra layer of bureaucracy in the form of BCP! It would make a nonsense of the whole thing! The proposal to now create a whole host of new smaller councils under BCP is surely an admission that big is not better and that BCP is not able to deal efficiently with more local matters. It might even suggest that the formation of BCP was a mistake in the first place! (b) Why is Broadstone not included in the map of Poole? We were part of the old Poole Council area.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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J621	Poole Town	(a) my comments in relation to Poole are the same as those for Broadstone	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
J622	Poole Town	(a) Please see comments on the wider issues (Bournemouth, Poole) re benefits of co-ordination, consistency and liaison across the conurbation plus the efficiency gains (to council(s) and residents) from having a single body address issues.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
J623	Poole Town	(a) Poole is a town and port, not a parish. (f) & (g) this is too large, too many councillors and guaranteed to be beyond accountability to the residents.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
J624	Poole Town	(a) the establishment of a Poole town Council will just cause the electorate to pay more council tax. You only have to see Christchurch town councils yearly cost to each member of the electorate. This is good evidence for not making another town council within BCP.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 3

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J625	Poole Town	(g) 42 Councillors is a ridiculous amount for a Parish Council - styled as a Town Council.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
J626	Poole Town	A - I disagree with the proposal to create a parish council for the town of Poole. Under the original local government reorganisation process and the creation of BCP Council, Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch came together but unfortunately does not appear to have been successful in uniting the towns. Creating separate town councils will not help community cohesion or BCP Council as representatives of all three towns. More work needs to be done to unite rather than create new divisions.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
J627	Poole Town	a to h. It is not long since the Poole Council with Christchurch and Bournemouth were united into one Council for good solid reasons. To now create a Poole Council is absolutely bonkers. It makes Councillors who take these decisions look ridiculous which in turn causes the electorate to take little interest in local government.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
J628	Poole Town	a) and d) I don't believe we need an extra layer of admin and bureaucracy. I don't see a benefit to residents in establishing parish councils but I do see that there will be additional costs to residents, and BCP councillors will be less accountable for maintaining the separate local areas, and will pass the buck to parish councils for issues it finds too expensive or too difficult to deal with. What was the point in amalgamating the town councils into BCP if only to create a new sub-layer of councillors? I thought the larger council was meant to benefit from economies of scale, better purchasing power and reduced admin and bureaucracy. The creation of parish councils undermines the arguments for the creation of BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6

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J629	Poole Town	a) I see no benefit in creating any new layers of government below BCP Council. I believe that the merger of the three councils (Bournemouth Poole Christchurch) has led to economies of scale which enable the efficient and cost-effective provision of services. To introduce additional local layers of service provision would not be an improvement as the fragmentation of control would lead to less efficiency and higher costs. Further, I find it convenient to have a single point of contact when dealing with 'the council'. I would find it more difficult to make contact with the appropriate service provider and would feel less able to hold them to account if service provision was split across BCP council and a local council.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5
J630	Poole Town	a) It an unnecessary level of beauracy and an informal council parish council could be created under the existing charter system g)-h) The number of councilors should be less than present BCP councilors supprting the area If happends it should 10-1320 councilors should be the max	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
J631	Poole Town	a) to h) (all) I strongly disagree with the need for parish councils when we already have an amalgamated Council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
J632	Poole Town	a)To form any type of Parish or Town Council is totally unnecessary and will only add confusion with BCP as to who is doing what and risk of duplication. There will be no worthwhile benefit to the constituents to form this extra layer of Local Government. Keep things simple and leave BCP as it is.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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J633	Poole Town	a, d I disagree. Town and Parish councils should be removed as they add an unnecessary layer of councils for no added benefit. Equivalent roles and clear departmental structures already exist under BCP so these should be given the full remit to improve their own services, with existing precept payments being absorbed into these departmental budgets. Ward councillors already provide the representation to ensure community views and cohesion are considered in council decisions.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
J634	Poole Town	a,b,c Poole should not have a new parish/town council - there should not be new councils set up at extra cost, where there would be no benefit & possible increase in council tax	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
J635	Poole Town	a,b,c,d,e,f :- The creation of parish councils is adding another layer of bureaucracy to the unitary authority of BCP which the bringing together of the 3 councils said it would avoid. We have local councillors that are elected to represent the views of the area they are elected too, and therefore this additional layer will add authority to those who are elected to represent our areas to the large unitary authority.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
J636	Poole Town	A,b,c,d,e,f,g,h you have just spent millions of pounds amalgamating the councils and now you want to bring them back and keep the new one and add parish councils who is going to pay for this? Rather than wasting my money on power trips like this why don't you investigate the millions of pounds wasted on that future thigy	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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J637	Poole Town	a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h We have a Town Council which has council representatives for each area. We do not need more levels of administration but for existing Councillors to do their job and represent their ward to the Council with diligence and hard work on behalf of their electors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
J638	Poole Town	a,b,d,f and g. I believe with the governments current proposals on local government we should not be considering any further changes in local government until the governments decisions on merging councils has been completed and we should take a lead from central government. We have no need for additional councillors and by introducing an additional council we will lengthen the time made for decisions, increase costs and will not provide any material benefit. This is just reverting back to the pre BCP council adding more layers and costing residents more money for no gain	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
J639	Poole Town	a. Disagree. Reasons: 1.Highly divisive action across BCP, promoting different levels of service throughout the conurbation. 2. Unnecessary additional level of bureaucracy 3. Resident confusion as to which councillor to contact, i.e one of the BCP councillors, or one of the 42 proposed parish councillors. 4. Confusion as to who is responsible for services. 5. Confusion as to who is accountable for services. 6. Additional cost to residents without any clear advantages 7. Overall lack of resident support for the proposal which is considered to be unnecessary. 8. Contrary to the aims of Local Government Reform objectives to produce savings and efficiencies via consolidation of area services and organisations. 9. Promotes division between the BCP community.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5

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J640	Poole Town	A. I do not agree to the creation of additional Town/Parish councils. This is due to the increased costs that Council Tax payers will inevitably have to pay. When BCP was created, the idea was to save costs and decrease the number of councillors overall. There are no detailed costings included with the proposals, however the introduction of Town/Parish councils so respondents have no accurate details on which to base our decisions. However there will be increased costs in the form of buildings, staff etc and like the PCC's these will quickly spiral out of control. If you want to give greater local accountability, reinstating the original Borough Councils and disbanding BCP would be preferable.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
J641	Poole Town	Additional administration burden. BCP council exists; it needs to provide better operational structures not create a town/parish council.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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		'a-h inclusive' - Do you seriously consider that BCP's Stage 2 proposal for Poole Town Council, of 42 councillors representing an electorate of 113K in 17 wards is deliverable? In what would be a start-up situation, with zero members, zero officers and zero funds, is this really feasible? From what I have read, the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) recommendation is a maximum of 25 councillors for a large Town Council. As an example, Weymouth Town Council, created at the same time as Christchurch, has responsibility for a wide range of services, a huge budget and operates with the requisite 25 councillors. The current proposal to roll out the same 'Mop up Town Council' solution, which was imposed on10s of 1000s of people in Christchurch in 2018/19, across Bournemouth and Poole needs to be considered very carefully before being implemented. This time around, 100s of 1000s are going to feel the impact and when in place, a large Town Council is virtually impossible to remove. Councillors can 'sow the seeds' and 'sell the benefits' but the push and enthusiasm should be from bottom up, not top down. The final decision should come from the people. If there is any evidence of the outcome being little more than self-serving for councillors, plans should be abandoned The repercussions of a CGR are not easy to understand. There has been a lot of ‘selling of the benefits’ in the Council’s promotion of this process but nothing has been said about the practical issues and difficulties surrounding local governance at this level. When residents have not requested any community-based changes, lack of engagement should not be considered acceptance of draft proposals. In the best interests of democracy and the community, Officers and Members should only interpret & act on data/input received. Otherwise, they are imposing their ideas/wishes on residents and householders are picking up the cost. Under a CGR banner, BCP Council is proposing to bring together widely varying communities to create a town council, rather than recognising areas with a cohesive identity to create parishes within the established Charter Trust areas. Has the creation of Parish Councils under the Charter Trustees for the three areas where there is obvious support for a local voice (LGBC Para 134) been considered and dismissed? These being Southbourne, Redhill & Northbourne and Broadstone, It is less clear where Boscombe & Pokesdown currently stand on this issue. From what has been said in Full Council meetings, it seems at some time there was support for a community council for this area. Hopefully, feedback from the Stage 3 process will resolve this matter. This leaves Poole, where surely those calling for a Town Council should have been encouraged to produce a more viable solution, centred around the old town, the quay and appropriate outlying areas, rather than mopping up					
J642	Poole Town		Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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		everywhere other than Broadstone into one Council. The additional £2.00 per annum payable to the existing Charter Trustees, by each of households in the new parishes, is insignificant, given the opportunities that will open up to those who genuinely want a community parish council. Finally, if there is no statutory requirement for this CGR, and any suggestion of political motivation is to be quashed, the fundamental question which needs to be answered is 'Why Now?'					
J643	Poole Town	A-h) Council tax should be reduced and services improved	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1

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J644	Poole Town	All these separate parish councillors are just jobs for the boys, jobs whose wage bills will increase our council tax by hundreds of pounds, they are not necessary or wanted	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
J645	Poole Town	An un-necessary expence	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
J646	Poole Town	b. Poole Town should be the town and not include outlying areas as in Christchurch.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
J647	Poole Town	BCPC was recently formed and the number of councillors was dramatically reduced. Now you want to do the opposite?? You need to stick to one set-up, not keep changing every 5 minutes! Make the current system work! Increase the number of ward councillors if you need to but don't add additional layer of complexity.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9

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J648	Poole Town	Disagree with All of the above	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
J649	Poole Town	Do not need	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
J650	Poole Town	Duplication of work, unnecessary layer of democracy. Go back to just Poole Council. Get rid of BCP	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
J651	Poole Town	I am happy for the existing parish councils to continue but disagree with the creation of any further parish councils being created within the BCP Area. The whole point of having a unitary authority was to have economies of scale with fewer staff and less costs. Why spend more money on a local government tier that has very limited power? It's just another layer of bureaucracy and cost.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1

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J652	Poole Town	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
J653	Poole Town	I disagree with the need for parish and town councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
J654	Poole Town	I do not agree that any area requires a parish council. I believe that all functions should be carried out by BCP council. Anything more is an unnecessary complication and a waste of money. How are people supposed to know who does what? How can you ensure that the various parish councils act with any consistency?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
J655	Poole Town	I do not think that the constituents can afford to pay more than they already are for council tax. In the current economy people are already struggling to pay their overheads let alone fork out more, for what seems to be the same service they already receive, with no monetary cap on what can be charged. It's a terrible idea.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 9

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J656	Poole Town	I don't feel we should be appointing an extra 42 councillors who will have limited power. We already have sub-committees with specific responsibilities who can [unknown] the main council committee.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
J657	Poole Town	I think this is too large an area and not sure what distinguishes it from pre 2019 governance framework - it's Poole Borough mark 2. If residents want it then I would support it.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
J658	Poole Town	In general, I don't support Parish Councils. Increase the number of ward councillors if you need to. But don't start adding layers of bureaucracy and complexity. Not after we've gone through the pain of all joining!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
J659	Poole Town	Just another layer of bureaucracy	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9

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J660	Poole Town	not enough information	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
J661	Poole Town	Our area doesn't need another level of bureaucracy	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
J662	Poole Town	Parish councils are an unnecessary administrative tier. They result in additional costs - without value for money - for council tax payers.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
J663	Poole Town	Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, corruption and prevention the integrated transformation that the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4

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J664	Poole Town	Parish Councils generally attract Narcissists and mini Hitlers, who love the power and control, this position gives them in the community. Control over decisions and people that live in these areas. Procedure and following the system is everything, the end result is irrelevant. They have fragile egos and hate criticism. They are in control and you little people must go through me first, in fact, this whole community is under my influence and control.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
J665	Poole Town	Parish councils represent unnecessary bureaucracy and are a waste of money.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
J666	Poole Town	Poole Council was replaced got be within BCP there is no need to recreate it and fuel the home rule for Poole Councillors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
J667	Poole Town	Poole doesn't need a Parish Council.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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J668	Poole Town	Poole is part of the larger urban area of BCP. There is not enough difference between the various wards to warrant making the area a separate town council. Apart from the historic Poole Quay area, everywhere else is just part of BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH2 6
J669	Poole Town	Re a and d - the parish council should not be created. It is a waste of tax payers money and adds unnecessary bureaucracy. Public funds are right enough and we should be reducing this bureaucracy not increasing it. I do not think the areas that do have these already get good value for the extra money they pay.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
J670	Poole Town	Seems a very large area with lots of councillors - is it practical?	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
J671	Poole Town	Strongly disagree against any and all town and/or parish councils. If the central Local Authroity cannot function in its current format, then you must disband BCP and hand responsibility back to the separate localities. We are facing a cost of living crisis, and forcing more cost onto the rate payer, especially at a time where BCP has swindled and wasted millions, is a recipe for disaster. I will personally see that if this is forced through that you will see similar to the Poll Tax. Do not do this.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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J672	Poole Town	The bureaucracy and cost of additional layers of local government should be avoided wherever possible.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
J673	Poole Town	The proposed boundary should not include any areas within Alderney & Bourne Valley or Talbot & Branksome Woods which have become seen as parts of Bournemouth.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
J674	Poole Town	The wards in Talbot Woods which currently form part of Bournemouth west constituency identify as bournemouth and would end up having town council representation in Poole and BCP representation closer to Bournemouth. Local residents in the area are opposed to the plans. If this does go ahead the geographic scope should me much narrower.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
J675	Poole Town	There is no need for another layer of government.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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J676	Poole Town	This is a nonsense. This isn't Poole town it's just whatever's left over from the old Poole council area. Why are these proposals sticking to old pre-BCP boundaries. Talbot and Wallisdown would be a more cohesive area than where this boundary lises. Hamworthy should have it's own town council. I don't see what Canford Cliffs has in common with Oakdale	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 8
J677	Poole Town	This is just another layer of bureaucracy and expense that serves political rather than local interests and infrastructure	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
J678	Poole Town	This one is a little more logical but again defies the spirit of the BCP merger. The entire proposal smacks of people just trying to turn the clock back in parochial mindsets instead of applying themselves to the task at hand of running the BCP authority properly.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8
J679	Poole Town	This represents another layer of bureaucracy throughout the area with additional costs. We have only just got rid of the ‘original’ layers of local government at considerable cost (although it was sold as a cost saving). Now you intend to set up all these additional layers. It implies the original decision was wrong - we end up paying for your mistakes!!!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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J680	Poole Town	This whole thing is wrong! I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils There have been no costings whatsoever as to how much this will cost so how can anyone agree when no information given on exactly 1) what the new town and parish councils will do and 2) how much tax with NO ceiling increase will cost. The timing of this consultation is so wrong costing in excess of £100k when money could have been better spent. I strongly believe it's just a matter of creating 'jobs for the boys' . . . Or should I say girls in this instance! This survey and completing it is so very onerous. That too is disgusting and it's obviously relying on people to not bother giving their views as it's too difficult DISAGREE	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
J681	Poole Town	Unnecessary layer of bureaucracy. Too many members of the electorate required to elect a councillor compared with other proposed parishes therefore undemocratic.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
J682	Poole Town	Waste of money. This is not necessarily.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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J683	Poole Town	Waste of time & money	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
J684	Poole Town	Wasting public money	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH11 9
J685	Poole Town	We do NOT need more councillors in the BCP area! The existing councillors should be trained to do a better job & not waste our taxes! They should control their funds instead of going into huge debt & asking schools to subsidise their debt. The system needs to be simplified NOT further complicated. Further councillors means more expensive council tax for NO PURPOSEFUL REASON- just more people doing a bad job. This is an unnecessary cost for zero benefit.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
J686	Poole Town	We fo nit want this. Lost faith in BCP. Time for a vote of no confidence	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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J687	Poole Town	We had a council that looked after Poole. You are going backwards. BCP has proven itself to be ineffective in looking after rookie and its people already. Another layer of govt & another layer of hidden tax is unacceptable. Poole is a shadow of its former self. Get rid of BCP completely. They are a shambles and an embarrassment. BCP councillors are power crazed and definitely not doing the best for the people they serve!	Disagree	Respondent from outside BCP	respondent living outside proposal area	Lytchett Matravers & Upton	BH16 5
J688	Poole Town	we have enough council governance as a tri borough council (BCP) and do not need another level of governance.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5
J689	Poole Town	You didn't let us vote to combine 3 town councils, now you want to divide them and likely charge us more tax. No. If you want to divide then give us back the three separate town councils.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH17 7
J690	Poole Town	Get rid of BCP council and leave just three separate, independent single tier authorities for Christchurch, Poole and Bournemouth.	Neither agree nor disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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J691	Poole Town	It is not for Electoral Services to comment on these questions	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
J692	Poole Town	ok	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
J693	Poole Town	The problem with the Draft recommendations are their incredible inconsistency. Why should any comparably sized area be treated differently? Such a situation is inherently unfair and undemocratic. An argument might be made for treating 'rural' areas slightly differently if any can be reasonably defined within BCP but this seems unlikely.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
J694	Poole Town	This feels like a step back to where we were before the BCP council merger. Does this imply that decision was wrong?	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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J695	Poole Town	If we keep the Charter Trust are we liable to pay double tax. This is what we need to know, especially no one wants to pay more tax due to your changes in going forward or is it backward looking		Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J696	Poole Town	It is of concern to note that the precept for Christchurch Town Council (with 19 councillors for an electorate of 25,000 residents) is twice that of the Parish Councils, whereas Poole Town Council would have 42 councillors for an electorate of 112,000, so the precept is likely to be even higher. This demonstrates that it is better value for money for residents to have smaller parish councils than for re-establishing a Poole Town Council, which was abolished in 2019.		Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J697	Poole Town	Please inform residents of likely costs of forming new town councils. This looks like a way of increasing costs and avoiding goverment restrictions in percentage increase each year		Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J698	Poole Town	The boundaries of “Poole” council are clear – however the town will be disadvantaged and overwhelmed, if the whole of the town is 1x parish – when the town of Bournemouth is “represented” as 4x separate parishes. Resources for “Poole” (as well as Christchurch) will instead be routed (diverted/stolen) for projects elsewhere. The number of parishes need to be equivalent across the “Three Towns”, based on population, rate-payers, and geography –the cultural and historic value across the towns should be valued for this as well. The Parish boundaries need to be reviewed and corrected, for equal representation for everyone.		Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J699	Poole Town	The draft recommendation short on detail of future operation for residents to make an informed decision. For example - what services to be transferred to the new Poole Town Council; future funding of Poole town council; duties of requested new local councillors.		Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J700	Poole Town	When BCP was formed we were told it would reduce cost, improve services and streamline everything. This proposal allows for 42 new councillors with no indication of cost to residents and no cap on number. To me this just seems to be another way of raising revenue without providing any additional benefits.		Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J701	Poole Town	Why is Broadstone not included in the Map of Poole?		Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J702	Poole Town	A definitive list of responsibilities would be better. Newtown/Oakdale area boundary is not clear.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J703	Poole Town	Agree in principle	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J704	Poole Town	Alderney District is prevented from having food waste caddy collections while most of BCP Council's other areas all have such a collection. Since Alderney residents pay Council Tax like all other districts, I think Alderney residents are entitled to a massive apology and the food waste caddy collection system should be applied to Alderney without further delay. There is also the question of the removal of the boardwalk connecting a footpath from Herbert Avenue all the way into the Alderney Recreation area instead of repairing the boardwalk and keeping the path available for residents. If the new Parish councillors get this path re-opened and a new boardwalk installed there will be a point to their existence.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J705	Poole Town	all good	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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J706	Poole Town	Are 42 Councillors a bit excessive. Would 34 or 36 be a better number.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
J707	Poole Town	As a resident in the long thin strip of land appended onto Alderney I object to being cut out from both the Bournemouth/Wallisdown boundaries as well as the Bourne Valley boundaries. The way these are drawn looks like clear gerrymandering and doesn't follow practical or logical boundaries; and neither does it reflect the actual composition of the area.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
J708	Poole Town	As this is only a parish council, I presume councillors are entirely volunteers and not expected an allowance or to complete casework?	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J709	Poole Town	b) & f) A re-established Poole Town Council should include Broadstone, and have precisely the same borders/boundaries as the pre-BCP boundaries of Poole Borough Council, thus preserving the historic advantages and cultural ties of on integrated town. The proposed boundary as presented in the map above looks and feels wrong, and is metaphorically a body with a limb missing.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J710	Poole Town	BCP was proposed mainly to take advantage of savings due to a single authority rather than three. As expected, this did reduce the individual identities of the three towns to be promoted and celebrated as before. The Poole town council will have the chance to promote the long history of Poole and arrange events around that history. It is so important that the children growing up in Poole are aware and proud of where they live.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J711	Poole Town	Break down Bournemouth and Poole parishes into smaller, appropriate parishes, ensuring that Wallisdown is recognised properly as an area which cuts across historical Bournemouth/Poole boundaries.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5

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J712	Poole Town	cant think	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J713	Poole Town	Councillors should be independent members and not affiliated to any political party.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J714	Poole Town	Creekmoor needs a new junior [unknown] given the demand for [unknown] places. [unknown sentence]	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J715	Poole Town	Following the consultation closing and the review taken place, full transparency of the comments and thoughts of residents needs to be made publicly available to ensure that the recommendations put forward by the review panel to Full Council in Autumn 2025 do actually reflect the resident wishes. Town/parish councils should only be making decisions relating to very local matters and also be providing feedback re wider issues to full council. Services provided to all BCP residents (eg bin collections, lighting, policing, highway maintenance) should be undertaken and maintained at full BCP level.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J716	Poole Town	g) and h) Decrease the number of councillors to around 15.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
J717	Poole Town	Get on an do it, if we could reverse the creation of BCP we would do it but this is not possible	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7

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J718	Poole Town	Great Idea	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J719	Poole Town	Hopefully a Town Council will bring back the Quay events and get back to promoting Tourism in the area.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J720	Poole Town	I agree Poole needs it's own council to maintain its individual identity. Poole needs it's own town council Chambers as per that in the civic centre. At present, Poole,s identity is being subsumed by Bournemouth. Poole is an ancient Borough going back to Roman times, is in the doomsday book and should be protected at all costs.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J721	Poole Town	I am massively disappointed in this council, as are many other residents. It feels like you spend money you don't have on initiatives we are residents don't want. This is yet another one. Please stop and just do your job and make BCP work. I went to Wimborne last weekend and I was so impressed with how vibrant and busy it was. I parked for free for half an hour. BCP should concentrate on bringing footfall BACK into our town centres, encourage businesses to open, bring back visitors, stop blocking roads and making traffic worse. This is what you should be doing, not spending thousands on lots of consultations that you then don't listen to and grid locking our town.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J722	Poole Town	I am unsure why these changes are necessary. Is it because the present way of governing the BCP is too large and unworkable? I would certainly like to see positive changes for the Poole area, especially the town itself which has suffered from the absence of any real direction and now consists mainly of coffee shops and charity shops. What has happened to the long awaited redevelopment of the Dolphin centre? However I am concerned that these proposals may increase bureaucracy, cause unnecessary divisions between the parishes and create a higher tax burden for the residents. In theory it might appear a good idea but not necessarily in practice. Only time will tell!	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J723	Poole Town	I believe that the historic town of Poole should decide on its own matters.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
J724	Poole Town	I believe this change is long overdue as Poole seems to have lost its historic identity and just absorbed into Bournemouth.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J725	Poole Town	I do have concerns that some of wards, namely Canford Cliffs has vastly different issues to most of the other wards and this might make decision making challenging. Also the Parkstone and Penn Hill wards are drawn in such a way that the councillors would be representing people of vastly different economic backgrounds, who would have hugely different issues day-to-day. I would have split both wards and added an Ashley Road ward. Would the town council have power over leisure facilities? Poole Dolphin Leisure Centre has recently come back into council operations but it needs severe investment. Their opening hours and class times appear to mostly cater to non-economically active residents, and the facilities are crumbling, there is literally a full hole in the wooden wall of the sauna.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J726	Poole Town	I do not understand why Broadstone is not included in Poole Town. From about 1931 it was part of the Borough of Poole and provided some outstanding members and Mayors.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J727	Poole Town	I expect as always, those in favour will be the silent majority and it will be the few empty cans making the most noise. The BCP was forced upon us so hope this opportunity is taken to undo some of the unwanted joining. As somebody who is from an old Poole family, I want to see Poole maintain its identity and say in what happens within it.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8

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J728	Poole Town	I like to see the dolphin Centre and the pedstrain walkway from the Dolphin Centre , Kingland Road improved the number of times I seen near misses of trips and falls	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J729	Poole Town	I should like to see more preservation of our local heritage and not allow the carnage of our old buildings and thus destroying a tremendous amount of our history.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH14 9
J730	Poole Town	I support this local ownership agenda.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J731	Poole Town	I think the whole draft is extremely confusing and made deliberately so to prevent residents from commenting about the proposals so local government can make changes without residents fully understanding the implications. I for one would appreciate less confusing facts and would basically like to know how much extra it would cost me.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J732	Poole Town	I understand there will be an additional charge within our council tax to cover parish councils but would like to see transparency about costs/expenses and also assurances that charges do not escalate because you have not anticipated all eventualities/issues to be covered by parish councils.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J733	Poole Town	I want to see more trees and all hedges, no matter who owns them, are trimmed before March. We are losing garden birds at a frightening rate.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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J734	Poole Town	I would change the awful colours displayed upon The Kingsland centre. But then I like colours and not that mess. Whom ever determined those colours did so as an act of sabotage against Poole.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J735	Poole Town	I would give greater powers to Poole.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J736	Poole Town	I would hope the councillors believe in democracy and open yo the public	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J737	Poole Town	I would like to be assured that adequate resources are transferred as a baseline over from BCP council, and not the assumption that everything for the new Parish/Town Council is newly funded..	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J738	Poole Town	I would like to see more visible publicity about events taking place. Out and about on posters/public transport, not just social media. Stop filling up empty land with unaffordable housing and put up simple accommodation for those who just want a home for their family.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J739	Poole Town	I would like to see Poole Civic centre protected as the heritage of Poole citizens. There are many notable features. It saddened me to see a for sale sign outside and I fear for it's future. Possibly a Poole parish will address this	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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J740	Poole Town	I would like to see Poole Town council return as a self governing entity to support its residents and protect its heritage.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J741	Poole Town	Ideally I would like much more autonomy and decision making peowers for the town of Poole as our issues are different to that of Bournemouth and I feel we have suffered for being part of the larger council	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J742	Poole Town	If we cannot have our own council then BCP should be renamed CPB in order of history. Because, of course Bournemouh has so little why should it come first.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J743	Poole Town	In general, I am concerned that we are creating a double layer of “bureaucracy” by creating parish or town councils.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J744	Poole Town	In my opinion there needs to be a greater focus on providing sufficient parking for visitors and residents alike. I think the councilors need to be focussed on attracting developers who are prepared to produce good looking buildings rather than hampering them by not allowing adequate parking to ensure that these developments are viable. Currently the pursuit of trying to restrict parking and make everything look like an old warehouse has stifled otherwise good looking developments. The additional councillor would help in making the change.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J745	Poole Town	Integrated Neighbourhood Teams are a key part of how health and social care and support are organised. Recognising that health is influenced by many factors beyond healthcare - including housing, local infrastructure, education, community relationships, the natural environment- it would be helpful if the footprint of Integrated Neighbourhood Teams and of local ward, parish and town council boundaries could be considered together. NHS Dorset will have up to date information on the plans for Integrated Neighbourhood Teams.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8

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J746	Poole Town	Interested on the process the councillors are elected	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J747	Poole Town	It should not be charged for in addition to the existing rates and money should be found from within existing budgets	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
J748	Poole Town	It was only a few years ago that Poole town council was abolished and merged with BCP. The rationale was to save money. The proposal put forward would suggest that the original merger is not working and the residents of Poole do not feel properly represented by BCP council. Now we are suggested a new layer, of governance, no doubt at some cost, to provide Poole residents with local councillors. Would it not be far better to acknowledge that BCP Council does not work for separate towns, demerge Poolefrom BCP in order for us to have a single layer of government for Poole Town!	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J749	Poole Town	It would be important that the wards did not feel too separate from each other, that Poole as a whole works together.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J750	Poole Town	It would be wonderful for Poole to have back its own identity	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH14 0
J751	Poole Town	Lacks clarity on the actual functions of the Town Council.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8

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J752	Poole Town	Local issues,not government	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J753	Poole Town	Make the Town centre more attractive for day trippers a must place for visitors	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J754	Poole Town	Move forward leave Bournemouth behind and Christchurch	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J755	Poole Town	My only hesitation is that council officers work ethics seem to be lacking compared to commercial organisations. strickly 9-5 ers, moan about overwork but slow working habits, and not reaching KPI's (if indeed these are used !!) compared to commercial counterparts. If this initiative means more of the same - then it needs MUCH better leadership and work attitudes - to get stuff done.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J756	Poole Town	N/A	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J757	Poole Town	N/A	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J758	Poole Town	Nit at this time.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2
J759	Poole Town	No	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J760	Poole Town	No	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J761	Poole Town	No	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
J762	Poole Town	No	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J763	Poole Town	No	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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J764	Poole Town	No	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J765	Poole Town	No	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 3
J766	Poole Town	no further comments	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J767	Poole Town	No increase in council tax. Local residents to have more say in how community charge and funding is distributed.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J768	Poole Town	No thank you	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J769	Poole Town	No, I think the proposals are good and Poole will regain an identity without the cost of separate BCP councils.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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J770	Poole Town	No. Relating to Q17. Poor health means it's not possible to consider being a councillor.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J771	Poole Town	Only that this clearly is a labour government driven endeavour that only serves to create more layers of bureaucracy and payment for yet more councillors many of whom do not earn their allowance. If this goes ahead the councillors elected should be asked to have a greatly increased workload and be held accountable for the work they do (or don't do) and what they contribute to their community (or not)	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J772	Poole Town	Parkstone and Sandbanks need to be distinct from Poole town	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J773	Poole Town	Perhaps a monthly meeting or making buildings like the old town community centre active again as it had been neglected (I think there is a weight watchers there once per week and that is it - very underutilised)	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J774	Poole Town	Please can you get on and sell Poole Civic Centre? Andy Town Council should be able to use other buildings more cheaply otherwise any precept will be spent on maintaining a building that isn't needed. The precept and money from any sale could be better spent elsewhere.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J775	Poole Town	Please implement these recommendations	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH14 8

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J776	Poole Town	Poole civic centre needs to be reinstated and for a lot of pooles historical events to be returned and Poole should be separate from the other 2 councils	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 0
J777	Poole Town	Poole has so much history and character in the while Poole Town area. Unfortunately Bournemouth seems to be seen to take priority within this area, although it has much less to offer. By creating a Poole Town Council, I hope the area can build on it key components and promote ,/ govern itself outside of the BCP area.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
J778	Poole Town	Poole is thriving and has long history this must not be lost or dismissed by the domination of Bournemouth.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J779	Poole Town	Poole needs it autonomy back	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2
J780	Poole Town	Poole needs serious investment and development. It was once a thriving town with a good infrastructure and many businesses bringing wealth into the town. I rarely go into Poole Town now as I find it depressing, especially Kingland Crescent and Dolphin Centre. However , the beaches are lovely although the development on the promenade at Sandbanks is too large.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J781	Poole Town	Poole Town requires community led governance ensuring the interests of the whole of the local community are sought and served.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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J782	Poole Town	Poole Town should be as independent of Bournemouth as possible. Ideally, BCP would be abolished, leaving Poole independent again.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J783	Poole Town	Reduce the number of councillors to a more manageable figure.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J784	Poole Town	Sever ties with Bournemouth and Christchurch totally. The whole experiment has been a disaster!	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J785	Poole Town	Since BCP became an entity all decisions appear to be Bournemouth based.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH16 5
J786	Poole Town	Since the amalgamation intoBCP Poole has definitely become the poor relation and higher council tax largely used to fund business expansion in Bournemouth	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J787	Poole Town	Space should be allocated within the vacant Poole Civic Centre for the Town Council, the Mayor's Office and all civic regalia, as well as the function room. Repairs need to be put in hand ASAP (Grade II Listed Building)	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J788	Poole Town	The Charter Trustee system should be abolished	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 8
J789	Poole Town	The council needs to cover a smaller and more unified area	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J790	Poole Town	The following polling districts shouldn't be included in Poole Town Council, and should instead be part of Bournemouth Town Council (if established): BM6 - Bearwood & Merley 6 BM7 - Bearwood & Merley 7 (excluding BM7-A which is in Poole) CC3-A - Canford Cliffs 3A TB1 - Talbot & Branksome Woods 1 (part) All of TB5 - Talbot & Branksome Woods 5, not just a part, should be in the Bourne Valley and Branksome East ward of Poole Town Council. None of it is in Bournemouth. WB1-A - Westbourne & West Cliff 1A should also be included in the Bourne Valley and Branksome East ward of Poole Town Council, as it is in Poole. Less important than the overall boundary, but in my opinion, some of the proposed wards which are currently the same as the existing BCP council could be changed. I think there would be benefit to having different wards for the town council, avoiding confusion and, for example, 'councillor for Penn Hill ward' meaning two different things. I also think there are issues with the boundaries of those wards themselves. For example, as a resident of Lilliput, it's frustrating that a relatively small but well-recognised community is currently split between three different council wards, with one boundary going directly throught the middle of Lilliput Road. My proposal, taking into account the desire to keep wards with 2-3 councillors, would be something like this. Lower Parkstone ward - 2 councillors PS1 PS2 (part) - western half of this polling district split by a line roughly running NNW from Bournemouth Road just east of Courtney Road, up to North Road keeping just west of Glenmount Drive and Mount Road. PS3 PS4 (part) - Everything north of Whitecliff park (excluding the Elms estate).	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8

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		Upper Parkstone ward - 2 councillors PS2 (part) - Other half of polling district as described above. PH2 (part) - North of railway line. PH3 (part) - North of railway line. PH4 Lilliput & Penn Hill ward - 2 councillors PH1 PH2 (part) - South of railway line. PH3 (part) - South of railway line. PS4 (part) - South of Whitecliff park (Elms estate). CC1 (part) - Everything west of Luscombe Valley nature reserve (also BH14 postcode boundary). CC5 (part) - Eastern side (odds) of Archway Road between Leicester Road and the railway.* *Even if the wards remain largely unchanged from the BCP wards, I believe these homes should be in Penn Hill ward. They're right in what most would concider the commercial centre of the Penn Hill area, and quite a distance from the rest of Canford Cliffs ward. The wards of Canford Cliffs, Oakdale and Creekmoor are harder to redraw in a way that makes sense (particularly the latter two), but could name changes (e.g. Canford Cliffs, Branksome Park & Sandbanks) be considered to differentiate them from the BCP wards?					
J791	Poole Town	The lack of financial resources that has plagued councils since 2010 and the years following during which the successive Conservative governments reduced and eventually abolished core government funding for councils is not understood by local residents. This is largely because councils in this area have not told them about it. That is understandable while the councils were in Conservative control, but they are now not. A brief 'flyer' explaining how this lack of resources has come about could work wonders for creating a more sympathetic understanding of the need of councils to save money.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J792	Poole Town	The map is hard to see and can't zoom in to see boundaries. I would hope and suggest that Poole town council utilise the civic centre by Poole Park as the previous Poole Borough Council did.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2

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J793	Poole Town	The number of wards proposed and number of councillors is excessive.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J794	Poole Town	The old Borough of Poole had a history going back through hundreds of years. Reviving its traditions, ceremonies and including again the old armorial badge of Poole could revive a pride in the uniqueness of our area . So many people live here who know little or nothing of Poole's past. This would be an opportunity to show what a special place Poole is, and what a contribution it could make to the area as a whole.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 3
J795	Poole Town	The proposed boundaries are illogical. The old Poole borough should be subdivided into smaller parish council areas. There is no logic in removing one area namely Broadstone out of the previous Poole area but leaving all the surrounding areas in a single council area. PQF consider that all the parish/town council areas across the whole of the BCP areas should be of similar size	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J796	Poole Town	The Town Council name should be just POOLE COUNCIL, as Poole Town Council can be a misleading name and only reflects Poole town itself and does not inclusive the Wards listed for the new Council for Poole	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J797	Poole Town	This whole plan seems like an elaborate way to circumvent the BCPs debt and budget issues -but it is a good idea in that respect. Also great for Poole to be broken off from the absolute waste of space that is most of Bournemouth	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
J798	Poole Town	To bring back pride in Poole, to help with Poole issues and more local understanding and consultation	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1

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J799	Poole Town	Unless all the separate areas of Poole are getting their own Town or Parish Council, e.g. Hamworthy, Parkstone, etc. then they should all be under one Town Council. Broadstone should be part of Poole Town Council, unless all the other areas have their own ones too.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J800	Poole Town	Until it is up and running, it is difficult to foresee changes that might be necessary in the structure of Poole Town Council	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J801	Poole Town	very good idea.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2
J802	Poole Town	We have elected councillors who should be looking after the interests of Poole and it's residents. Why do we need more bureaucracy?	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J803	Poole Town	We need a town council for the Poole area which I feel a part of and these recommendations will help secure that goal.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J804	Poole Town	We should retain our 'dolphin' logo, it was terrible to see it go and be replaced the the dreadful BCP logo. Poole should never have been part of BCP, things have deteriorated ever since, bring back Poole Borough Council so we can take back control of our areas, needs and our people	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 3

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J805	Poole Town	Will the recommendations of parish councils/councillors be heeded and actioned or is it more bureaucratic lip service?	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
J806	Poole Town	Bin it	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH14 8
J807	Poole Town	I think the creation of more councils to be completely counter productive and unlikely to provide better representation. Additional councils within the BCP envelope will only serve the ambitions of a tiny minority of politically active council voters. Costs of additional local government layers are to be avoided.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J808	Poole Town	The current administration is asking us to consider something for which they cannot even confirm what the cost to the resident would be. Additionally they want this 'additional tax'' to be uncapped, so potentially this could increase exponentially each year. It's just another way of generating additional income as the Government limit the annual council tax increase. There is insufficient information provided to make an informed decision.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J809	Poole Town	'- There has been a lack of transparency about this consultation. Most of my neighbours and friends were unaware until I alerted them. Very poor communication. Nothing direct from our elected councillors. They appear to be very politically biased rather than open to residents views. Very difficult to easily find on website. Has taken me a few attempts. I cannot see how this is representative of residents - I cannot see how the TC cannot be politically driven. No advantage as current councillors are not open to views and previous consultations/surveys results have been ignored by council -the area of Poole is too big so I can foresee some areas not benefitting to change when residents will be paying more in Council Tax. Unspecified amount or capping. - consider that BCP will shirk some responsibilities pushing in another layer of beaurocracy. Already services are not taking place, -	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0

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J810	Poole Town	...	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
J811	Poole Town	1. Maintain current arrangements and reject unnecessary change. BCP residents have only just begun adjusting to the merged authority structure since 2019. Adding parish layers now risks further fragmentation, disruption, and voter disengagement. We should be focusing on enhancing what we have, not adding to it. 2. Focus resources on services, not structure. At a time of public sector constraint, energy should be directed toward improving frontline delivery across BCP, not on establishing new bureaucratic bodies. A Town Council would bring overheads - clerks, offices, elections - that consume funds better spent on vital local needs. 3. Poole's identity is not dependent on a Town Council. Civic pride and identity can be nurtured through community groups, events, and local networks without needing a statutory body. The heritage and traditions of Poole are already safeguarded by the Charter Trustees.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
J812	Poole Town	16. Abolish BCP, return to 3 separate councils Bring back the dolphin logo; it gives a much stronger sense of identity than the boring dots. Replace the (sculpture) big shiny 'knot' that looks nothing like a knot, near Asda Holes Bay, with something less harsh and so glaring .... one of the Mermaids Tails from the recent Julia's House Tail Trail would be more appropriate and less of a 'what on earth is that monstrosity" Consult the electorate how they want their area to look when it comes to art; types of sculptures, murals, landscaping. Step away from the old fashioned seaside resort look of painting everything bright white and blue, it's too clinical and dated. Cleaner streets, cleaner everything really! Put the 'stunning' back in to this area - use local creative people; we have an Arts University full of talent.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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J813	Poole Town	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7
J814	Poole Town	A focus on improving existing services by BCP please	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J815	Poole Town	A full referendum should be offered. Recommendations for Poole haven't been promoted by an independant/impartial group. Local media have not made a front page. We need a full referendum ASAP	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J816	Poole Town	A major thrust of the current government is to increase productivity and reduce the potential for NIMBYism. These proposals seem to risk adding another layer of overhead cost and potential for delay. It is hard to see what value they will bring to the economic development of Poole (or BCP as a whole). The old adage ‘if it’s not broke don’t fix it’ springs to mind.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J817	Poole Town	A parish that has some similarity between occupants. Don’t lump us all together for the sake of ease.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J818	Poole Town	A resolution to this proposal would be to break up BCP back into individual councils, problem solved... What was the point of combining the three if you are now proposing individual town councils again.... Madness personified.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J819	Poole Town	A separate Town Council is not required	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
J820	Poole Town	a waist of money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J821	Poole Town	Abandon the plan to create the twon council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J822	Poole Town	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J823	Poole Town	Adding an extra layer won't improve local democracy. Start listening to resident voices! Residents don't want parish councils in Poole - they want better management from existing councillors and BCP employees.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2

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J824	Poole Town	All. Creates general confusion as to who is responsible for all services. Does not help community cohesion. Improve your own performance before creating additional beaurocracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J825	Poole Town	also these councillor positions are meant to be voluntary with no salary ,but there are hidden costs (expenses which can cost up to £700.00 pound per annum per councillor) 42 ,thats £29,400 whos paying for this extra an oncost to my council tax . Areas of Poole Parish council if it was to go ahead should be realalistically should consist of . Poole town Parish ,your map needs to be re drawn on your map this should be cut should be cut in half to consist of Old town and Baiter wards ,Hamworthy East ward,Hamworth West and Turlin Moor ward, Long fleet and Sterte ward,Creekmoor Ward, Oak Dale ward ,Canford Heath East and Canford Heath West . This is a More realistic size ward for a parish council to manage . completley open book on costs and transparent on services. Parish Councils Historicaly ,were small in nature to support local villages not to pass off resources to support councils in finacial trouble. Lastly The way this survey or Consultation is not structured the best for the every day person /pensioner etc to navigate which also seems underhand as this has taken me over an hour to get through .	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J826	Poole Town	Although if this goes ahead you are stating that the increase in council tax for the first year will be relatively small you can't give any indication of what it will be in later years. I'm not in the habit of [uniting black changes?]	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J827	Poole Town	Another layer of expense... BCP can do this.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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J828	Poole Town	Another level of management which is not required. Money is in short supply everywhere and this will only increase the Rates which are already too high.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J829	Poole Town	Another tier seems a step back. I thought BCP was set up to reduce duplication of costs. Also some wards have a ratio of 400 to 1, electors to councillors and some wards have a ratio of 2000 to 1.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J830	Poole Town	Another waste of money and additional cost to residents. We don't need more councillors, we need a better council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J831	Poole Town	Any increases in Council Tax should be for the benefit of current local services, not employing more and more so-called 'councillors'.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J832	Poole Town	As	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J833	Poole Town	As above	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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J834	Poole Town	As above	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH14 8
J835	Poole Town	As above	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J836	Poole Town	As above - this is an attempt at re-creating the former Borough of Poole with the significant difference that it will not have any real decision making powers. An extra cost to the residents that is unnecessary.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J837	Poole Town	As above an Independent council for Poole should be reformed outside of a remaining Bournemouth and Christchurch Council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J838	Poole Town	As above but need to emphasise that we strongly disagree with these proposals.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J839	Poole Town	As already stated above, I think the social side is well organised by the current council setup. Please keep the lovely public gardens, clean beaches and streets, and try to keep the summer festivals. Maybe make it easy for people to volunteer, I would happily help with leaf pickup on streets in my area if I had a way to dispose of the leaves.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6

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J840	Poole Town	As per usual you will not listen to residents and will do whatever you see fit but this proposal is diabolical, it should not happen and the only residents I know who want this to go ahead are current councillors and potential new councillors if it goes ahead. This will not benefit the greater majority of residents in any way shape or form.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J841	Poole Town	BCP can't co-ordinate road repairs to prevent gridlock so sub-dividing regions is only goung to reduce communication on issues.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J842	Poole Town	BCP need to maintain control of its authority and borders and not delegate out to anywhere else. The voters and residents should be able to expect a satisfactory service from BCP without adding extra layers of paperwork, confusion, slippery shoulder syndrome and bureaucratic bumbling. This is regardless of whichever party is in control at any given time. Also I have seen very little to make the public aware of this issue and am concerned people's voices will be swept aside anyway as BCP has done with other issues ie Poole Park traffic closures	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J843	Poole Town	BCP should either stay as it is or it dissolves to town councils again. Having both is ridiculous and a waste of money.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
J844	Poole Town	BCP unitary authority, amalgamating Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth, was supposed to improve transparency, costs and bureaucracy. Creating parish/town councils will be adding another level of unnecessary bureaucracy and cost with no tangible benefit and worse accountability. BCP has just appointed a new CEO; consideration should be given to allowing this person to attempt to improve the current running of the unitary authority before any changes are implemented. No decisions should be made before 2027 and then only following a referendum.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
J845	Poole Town	Bin it now.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1

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J846	Poole Town	Bureaucracy gone mad. Total waste of money.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J847	Poole Town	Complete waste of money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J848	Poole Town	Complete waste of more of the locals money, haven't you wasted enough already, Get rid of the cycle lanes that hardly anyone uses. Disband BCP council completely and put it back how it was before...	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J849	Poole Town	Complete waste of time and energy. Focus on getting BCP functional	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J850	Poole Town	Complete waste of your time and our monely	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J851	Poole Town	Council tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH14 0

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J852	Poole Town	Creekmoor is a small community already well represented by our local councillors. Addition another layer of bureaucracy would muddy the waters further, taking more time and costing more.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J853	Poole Town	Disagree with the concept of creating an additional tier of bureaucracy for the following reasons:a) Disagree with an extra tier of Local Government having had reorgansiations in 1997 and 2019. b) Extra tiers of Authority results in additional bureaucracy, duplication and cost. c) This leads to residents effectively paying twice for the same services d) Changes should involve a whole authority referendum not rely on Councillor decisions e) The total cost of local government can be expected to be higher in authorities with the additional tier of Town/Parish Councils f) Having sought to delayer local authority provision in 1997 and 2019 within BCP localities, for economy and efficiency reasons, the logical approach is to delayer not create additional layers of local authority g) There is not a strong demand for an additional tier of local authority service or need. h) I do not agree with paying extra costs of an additional tier of local authority administration in Poole when costs of local authority provision in BCP through Council Tax rises are already increasing at an above inflation level i) Creation of an additional tier of administration would create confusion and lead to higher elected member costs and higher and duplicated administrative costs	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J854	Poole Town	Disband BCP Council and revert to individual Councils for Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J855	Poole Town	Disband BCP if you can’t make it work.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J856	Poole Town	DO NO IMPLIMENT THIS, no body wants it!!!!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J857	Poole Town	Do not add another level of unwanted bureaucracy and financially burden the council tax payers with an unknown amount. Although there are a few areas in the town that are affluent, perhaps could even be described as rich, the majority of Poole residents could not afford this extra tax. Please consider the hardworking individuals who all contribute by paying tax to national and local levels. We do not have unlimited funds and cannot be expected to finance this absolute folly of a proposal.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J858	Poole Town	Do not want it. Strongly against it.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH16 5
J859	Poole Town	Do not waste any more of the the public “your customers” money on even one more single pointless meeting on anything regarding this and simply start doing your actual jobs, providing value.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J860	Poole Town	domt want a town council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J861	Poole Town	Don;t do it.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J862	Poole Town	Don't Bother!!!!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J863	Poole Town	Don't do it you are all corrupt and it will end in tears.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J864	Poole Town	Don't do it!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J865	Poole Town	Don't do it. Put your efforts into sorting out the current expensive mess created by BCP.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J866	Poole Town	Drop the idea.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
J867	Poole Town	Due to the arbitrary areas on the map there will always be issues near the boundaries which is why BCP was a good idea. It was also set up to save money and resources. Community groups need to be encouraged to take on roles that BCP feels it is incapable of dealing with.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5

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J868	Poole Town	Due to the arbitrary nature of the boundary settings there are ALWAYS going to be issues with those who are close to the [unknown]. This is why BCP is better than the old individual councils. Why change something that is working and at the same time saddle residents with further costs at a time when money is in short supply. The change SHOULD NOT increase cost at all. If there are areas that want additional features that BCP feel it can not afford then community groups should be established for that purpose so the issues can be attended to by those people and the rest of us can be left alone or join in as we see fit.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
J869	Poole Town	Due to the lack of people with enough management experience willing to stand as a Parish Councillor we need to simplify local government not complicate it. This will add costs and delay decision making. When fast effective action is needed.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J870	Poole Town	Either scrap this proposal altogether (for Poole Town) or create a number of smaller pasrish councils that genuinely represent specific communities within the overall town of Poole - e.g. Bearwood, Branksome, Canford Heath, Creekmoor, Hamworthy, Merley, Oakdale, Old Town, Parkstone.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J871	Poole Town	Even though you have sent this out its not going to change anything which is why so many people wont even bother filling in this survey because they know you are just going to do what you want to do anyway.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J872	Poole Town	For BCP to start using the funding it has available to serve its residents not to pay for an additional layer of governance.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J873	Poole Town	For hundreds of years Poole was an independent town. It had its own Mayor, Sheriff and town council. It was successful and independent. Sadly, in 2019 it joined forces with Bournemouth and Christchurch to form part of BCP Council. Most local people consdier that was a retrograde step. A huge majority of local people would gladly go back to three independent towns. That is entirely different to whhat is being described as Community Governance. Dismantle completely BCP Council and return to an independent Poole.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8

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J874	Poole Town	For the record, I understand that no one is permitted to comment on the potential financial aspects of this proposal.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J875	Poole Town	FORGET IT. As this is only a 'consultation' AKA a tick box effort, any suggestions, opinions, sensible notions will be ignored, as has already happened with these faux consultations.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J876	Poole Town	give back the £10 million you stole from us and repair our high street	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J877	Poole Town	Green space, planting etc - BCP council holds responsibility for this. We are a unitary authority joined together for efficiency. Subdividing ourselves back to three individual town parishes and smaller groups is not in our interest. Locally we have ward councillors who 'shoukd' represent our voice. If they wish to work together to firm a voice for Poole, then they can do so. This doesn't require duplication to make it happen.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH12 1
J878	Poole Town	Having read your 67 page document I fail to see any reason for these proposed changes. Are the existing 76 councillors unable to sort out allotments and skateparks?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
J879	Poole Town	Hopefully the wishes expressed by residents in this consultation are listened to, unlike previous consultations where the council has totally ignored the wishes of the majority taking time to fill in the consultation!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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J880	Poole Town	How about parish council for Creekmoor	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J881	Poole Town	How much is this going to cost the tax payer? Why is this needed? What benefits will there be for there new parishes?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J882	Poole Town	How much will this cost? I find it very irresponsible to put this to residents without letting us know how you are going to fund this. No other business would be able to do this, or do you have no idea? Absolutely crazy if you don't, and you shouldn't even be considering this!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J883	Poole Town	How will this proposal impact a council that is struggling financially, with turnover of staff and in completing projects.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J884	Poole Town	I accept that BCP Council needs more money, but other options would be preferable. Many residents are 'asset rich and cash poor', so finding the extra precept would be hard for them. I notice that Christchurch Town Council's precept is twice the average for the Parish Councils, and this would inevitably be the same for a Poole Town Council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J885	Poole Town	I am not in favour of Town and Parish Councils being formed on the grounds of not being provided with all information. I can't name it as my answer would not be counted, and that in itself is wrong.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8

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J886	Poole Town	I am sure regardless of the outcome of the public consultation, BCP will continue on the route it has decided. Since BCP has been established there has been a pattern of ignoring public feeling, which is probably why BCP is not liked or respected by residents, you only have to look at local forums to see how unhappy residents are.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J887	Poole Town	I assume these councillors will be unpaid, but no doubt able to claim expenses.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J888	Poole Town	I believe it will increase costs and achieve nothing. I did ask one passing road sweeper if it would be possible to have our road swept. He kindly went out of his way and the pavement was swept for the first time in 4 years	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J889	Poole Town	I believe that we don't need to have two or even three tier local councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J890	Poole Town	I believe the creation of a council to cover the whole of the largest urban conurbation on the south coast was a good thing. The creation of additional councils to represent the areas within this conurbation will weaken the effectiveness of BCP council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J891	Poole Town	I believe the whole of Wallisdown should come under the Bournemouth Town Council, not Alderney ward.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5

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J892	Poole Town	I can not see why the remit of the Charter Trustees can not be expounded.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J893	Poole Town	I consider that there is no good reason for introducing a further layer of local government. The three councils B,C and P were amalgamated to improve efficiency and organisational structure. The introduction of an additional layer of government goes against this and represents a retrograde step. Arguably the three councils should have therefore remained as individual unitary authorities. The changes will result in the need to more elections and I suspect from bitter experience will lead to endless unproductive meetings about who does what and how. It and will not improve community cohesion but probably cause division in communities. The existing council should be devoting its time to improving services for which they have responsibility, rather than spending time and resources to setting up another layer of local government.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J894	Poole Town	I disagree with the continuation of current parish, community and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish, community or town councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
J895	Poole Town	I do not agree to a parish council. As far as I can see it's just another way of local council getting more money out of residents for nothing.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J896	Poole Town	I do not know whose idea it was at BCP Council to spend/waste money on a Consultation so soon after its own creation but they need to be found another role which is more useful to residents and therefore council tax payers.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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J897	Poole Town	I do not see that I can make an informed decision regarding the creation of another layer of council without knowing the costs associated with it. I would not enter a contract without knowing this level of detail. It would appear a town council can set whatever precept it wishes to our council tax bill and I am unwilling to support additional (unknown costs) for a notional level of additional democracy. From experience in other areas of the country where this has been done there is little enthusiasm for people to become councillors (many seats being unopposed) so the stated aim for additional local democracy tends to not happen in practice.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J898	Poole Town	I don't agree this is a good idea and its cost will be passed on to the residents of BCP.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J899	Poole Town	I don't think we should have parish councils. I live in Merley and feel more associated with Wimborne than I do with Poole.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1

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J900	Poole Town	I feel very very strongly against this proposal. If BCP is to continue on the basis that it is more beneficial than Poole Council of old, why do we need another body to carry out the functions currently required of BCP. Is BCP asserting that it is not able to manage parks etc in a manner which takes local views into account? Given the amount of work which has obviously taken place, BCP has clearly decided in favour of creating the new bodies. Past consultations have appeared to pay lip service to taking residents views into account. Unfortunately it is likely that this consultation will be no different. Surely the best way to obtain residents views on this is to hold a referendum, the results of which would be published for all to see. A referendum would surely be better publicised so that a more representative view would be generated. My husband, who is not on social media, was completely unaware of this proposal. Where are the leaflets being delivered to the door? Where are the emails from BCP to residents notifying them of the consultation? A reform with the likely costs of this proposal should not be pushed through by BCP on the quiet; this is exactly what residents fear from BCP. The most obvious way of increasing local representation and engagement with residents is to reinstate Poole Borough Council and abolish BCP. Why is this not going out to consultation?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH14 9
J901	Poole Town	I have seen nothing about the cost or the benefits.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J902	Poole Town	I have the perception that BCP Council, given the current financial mess it finds itself in, is looking for ways to create an additional funding tier to clear the debt. There are already BCP Ward Councilors and I see no reason why they can't provide the same services as is being proposed for a "Parish Council".	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J903	Poole Town	I recommend the plans be delayed until after the next election in 2027 and all decisions should be taken with a democratic vote and not just with a consultation which the council generally ignores the results of. There should not be potentially 4 layers of charges which we the public have no control over. This will massively increase cost to already struggling families so I cannot back the proposals. I have lost all trust in the council to actually listen to the people it serves.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J904	Poole Town	I see no benefit at all in separating Poole Town into parish wards which will need a huge number of volunteers and some salaried staff to give which will add more to our council tax. Parish councils also do not have a legal cap on how much they can increase the parish charge annually. In addition nationally the latest statistics show that annual salaries to the paid staff account for 74% of the tax taken.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J905	Poole Town	I see no benefit for the residents. I didn't like the creation of BCP but now you want to divide it up even smaller than the original councils	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J906	Poole Town	I think BCP should be concentrating on providing a better service etc for the residents. I do not think it is the best time to see these Parish/Town Councils. BCP needs to have more time to make a Council that befits the residents, as promised when merged.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J907	Poole Town	I think the whole idea is stupid	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J908	Poole Town	I think this has been appallingly communicated. The video only shows the changes – not how these would benefit us or what the changes would cost. The email with this survey in today was the first one I have seen sent out. Given that the deadline is 22nd June and the consultation started on 31st March why have there not been emails sent every week? I think this whole consultation shows a complete lack of regard from the counsellors to their electors. Personally, I am disgusted.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J909	Poole Town	I think under the problems of finance at the moment it should not go ahead in making another stream of councillors and staff we cannot afford we must live within our means	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH16 5

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J910	Poole Town	I understand the ideas and the level of detail in the work but the fact is it is only trying to hide the real problem which is BCP itself	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J911	Poole Town	I was opposed to the BCP merger in the first place but we do not need BCP and then a lot of smaller councils under the same umbrella. It should be either BCP council OR parish councils, not both.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J912	Poole Town	I would like the whole idea scrapped	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J913	Poole Town	I would like to see BCP running the area as one area, possibly using this energy to create more council levels to achieving partnerships with neighbouring councils like hampshire, and somerset. There is a lack of enthusiasm in the younger generations to sustain extended levels of governance, this is a short term, short sighted scheme as a result. It is protracted enough having national and local government already. Strongly opposed	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J914	Poole Town	I would like to see BCP working for the good of it's residents before making any more changes.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J915	Poole Town	I would like to see more concentration on cutting out waste and controlling spending on dubious projects and social ambitions that are nothing to do with local government.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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J916	Poole Town	I would like to see no changes	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J917	Poole Town	I would like to see playing fields mowed again so they can be played on! Not more councillors.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J918	Poole Town	I would like to see the consultation process being put on hold. There should be a broader look at how to engage the public, by public meetings or a referendum.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
J919	Poole Town	I would like to see this idea of yet another level of burocracy and yet another excuse to slow down the local goverment at further cost and expence.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J920	Poole Town	I would like to see those elected BCP councillors getting on with the job of listening to the local people and also getting on with the job of getting things done. We do not need any parish councillors to "muddy the waters". The introduction of Parish councillors will only go to cause more political problems than solve.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
J921	Poole Town	I would like to see two or three roadworks at the time only , so that improvements would actually be appreciated as you could workers working on site	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2

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J922	Poole Town	I would support Creekmoor having its own parish council, but not being part of such a large parish council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J923	Poole Town	Id like to see more accountability on current spending, and more charges on companies that overrun on commitment to contracted works.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J924	Poole Town	Ideally another solution should be found to the issues raised by the Poole Charter trustees. Having only relatively recently merged the Bournemouth and Poole councils to save money, reintroducing a Poole Council seems to be a retrograde step.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J925	Poole Town	If changes are necessary Poole Town should revert back to being a Town Council and not become a Parish Council. Bournemouth and Christchurch can make their own decisions.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2
J926	Poole Town	If i may add that if the current administration find that they cannot provide the electorate with the delivery of performance as was stated when elected then perhaps the electorate should hold a vote of no confidence.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J927	Poole Town	If it's going to be then it is ok, though I am not keen on having to vote for Councillors on two councils and it was better before the creation of BCP. It should be either BCP or Poole.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0

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J928	Poole Town	If the current set up with the local charter is not enabling enough to be done, then hire grant and community fundraisers for each area to teach the community organisations how to get grants and funds to improve their local community. This will cost a darn sight less than creating another layer of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
J929	Poole Town	If the MP's and councillors of BCP cannot do the job that we are paying them for, maybe they should resign and let someone more capable do it. We do not need more staff wanting money for nothing, as we have more than enough of that already.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 2
J930	Poole Town	If the recommendations go ahead, then both Bournemouth and Poole councils should be created.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J931	Poole Town	If this is such a good idea I suggest it’s proposed as an opt in to see the uptake. Then you will see whether it’s truly supported.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J932	Poole Town	If this is to continue there should be a local referendum as it is a materail change in local goverment and an extra taxation that we as residents will have to pay. This isn't democracy if you are just going to rubber stamp it.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J933	Poole Town	If you are so keen on a council for Poole, let's re-establish Poole Borough Council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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J934	Poole Town	IF. this proposal is adopted , I believe that all person willing to stand for election in the various wards should be politically independent. Too much poor governance is inflicted on residents through pedantic adherence to political ideology rather than considering what is best for the	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
J935	Poole Town	In a time of uncertainty and change in this country with ever increasing cost of living, this additional change will be unsettling and unecessarily costly and will likely cause more animosity towards the existing council (something that is being increasingly noticed online due to the council not considering the residents wishes). This change should be put to a vote across all residents, with formal notification to all residents, noting that most are not aware of it. Not everyone follows what the council do.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J936	Poole Town	In general I believe that the formation of additional local councils over and above those already established is a retrograde step that will involve even more money in respect of local precepts that in the current economic is not needed.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J937	Poole Town	In regards to services being transferred hypothetically from BCP to a parish council will BCP stay with equipment be given to new volunteer staff on the parish council. Will the same things from BCP transferred to wards equally or will some wards have more than otheres this is unclear. People didn't want BCP to start with scrap Poole from BCP but don't mess people around. No one [unkonwn] other it is not essential to have a parish council it is not a legal requirement to review this to start do a referendum	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J938	Poole Town	Increasing the levels of administration and associated cost is hard to justify.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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J939	Poole Town	Instead of spending the money for extra Counsellor‘s offices staff, I’d rather see the money reinvested into our town. Poole unfortunately has become a dump over the last few years. Thanks too you guys at Bcp. I would like to see more investment to encourage Holiday people to spend money in our local town and I’d like the air festival to come back. This brings vital money for local businesses which is desperately needed. Unfortunately, Bcp have got a war on motorists which is hurting the local economy and local holiday makers	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J940	Poole Town	Instead of wasting time on this why not sort out the things that need addressing. Litter, green space and main road tidiness to welcome people to the town. Visitors to Bournemouth has dropped.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J941	Poole Town	Is voting going to be the usual "first past the post", or will there be some form of PR? Will it just be a case of the usual political parties, with all the resources at their disposal, creating the "same old" talking shop? How will independent voices be represented in the proposed set-up? Merley seems to come out very poorly in these proposals, with low councillor representationlinking it to areas in Poole it has little or no connection with. Why do Broadstone and Redhill/Northbourne get special treatment with their own councils? I suggest that Merley (like Broadstone) has its own council with a larger councillor representation, especially with the housing growth that is currently happening in that area without any improvements in infrastructure. Merley needs a strong, clear, local voice, but I don't see that reflected in these proposals. Rather the opposite.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J942	Poole Town	It covers too many areas.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 3

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J943	Poole Town	It is my understanding that BCP was initiated to simplify local government and reduce costs in the three areas - so why do we nee dan extra layer of governance which will inevitably come with its own added bureaucracy and expense.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J944	Poole Town	It is wrong not to include the likely cost as part of the review. It would add a significant financial burden to already hard pressed Council Taxpayers,	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
J945	Poole Town	It just sounds like it is going to cost more money!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J946	Poole Town	It probably doesn't matter - if recent consultations are anything to go by you won't listen anyway and will do whatever you want as usual	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
J947	Poole Town	it should not happen more councillors more money and whose money the rate payers	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J948	Poole Town	It will be another talking shop at tax payers expense.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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J949	Poole Town	It will increase council costs which will be paid by residents	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J950	Poole Town	It would be useful for BCP to improve current services rather than creating new councils which will then be responsible for who knows what? How will services be shared? The current mess in Poole with roadworks (Ringwood Rd cycle lane) which seems to have taken precedence away from other road surface fixes has been fairly shambolic so far. Is having more layers going to exacerbate other services. It would be nice for the council to listen to residents rather than seem to give lip service. Thanks	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
J951	Poole Town	It would make much more sense to amalgamate the councils to create one BCP council with the budget to cope with major projects across the area. These can be prioritised and much more easily delivered by having one, central organisation that carries out co-ordinated activities across the whole rather than a piece-meal "divide and conquer" approach.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J952	Poole Town	It’s an unnecessary cost	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J953	Poole Town	It’s another layer of bureaucracy	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J954	Poole Town	It’s confusing enough for the general public. Lets keep it simple and not create another public body.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7

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J955	Poole Town	It's a BIG NO from me!!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 1
J956	Poole Town	It's a gravy train.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J957	Poole Town	It's full of lies as usual, we get promised the warth but are constantly kicked in the face by the council. Not one councillor has been able yo tell residents just how much extra this will cost. What happened to openess and transparency?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J958	Poole Town	Just get existing councillors to do the job they were elected to do	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J959	Poole Town	Just leave things as they are.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J960	Poole Town	Just more layer(s) of bureaucracy	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2

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J961	Poole Town	Keep things as they are and don't create a scapegoating body just because you cannot or refuse to do the job you are elected and paid to do. If I was an incompetent or ineffective local councillor I would be delighted that another body to distract from short comings was being created.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
J962	Poole Town	Keep to BCP council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
J963	Poole Town	Leave BCP as it is now and do not form a Poole Town Council for reasons set out in 15.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2
J964	Poole Town	Leave it alone. Improve the performance of the current BCP council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J965	Poole Town	Leave it as it is	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH14 0
J966	Poole Town	Leave it as it is	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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J967	Poole Town	Leave things as they are as despite the hollow words from BCP council, this is clearly going to end up costing residents money that simply cannot be afforded in a cost of living crisis. If the current incumbents are unable to work within the constraints as they currently exist, then they should resign en masse and make way for competent people who can. This is nothing but a transparent vehicle to screw the local residents. You say that there will not be any additional cost, but that is a blatant lie. You will bring in a precept to begin with and that will go up and up and up year on year , totally unchecked and the people of the BCP region will be the ones to pay for it. It's unacceptable that you would do something like this without a referendum (which you clearly won't as you already know what the outcome would be and you don't like listening to people who disagree with you). BCP Council is a repugnant organisation, badly run by incompetent councillors with no honesty, integrity or decency. You are an embarrassment to the local people and you should be totally and utterly ashamed of yourselves (but I doubt you have the decency to feel that way either). Shame on you all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J968	Poole Town	Local residents will no doubt be ignored. Why don't you hold a local referendum? Many people will be completely unaware of your intentions.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 8
J969	Poole Town	Merging BCP was and still is an absolute farce. Politicians are only interested in lining their own pockets and pushing their own agendas. They're not interested in listening to voters. This is pure greed at work.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J970	Poole Town	More clear and open information provided to every household with a full breakdown of costs.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J971	Poole Town	More jobs for the boys. Abandon the proposal and unlike the massive objections to closing Poole Park to traffic please respect Residents wishes, be honest and respectful this time and listen and don’t go ahead regardless.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH14 8

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J972	Poole Town	Most people in these areas of BCP do not want the additional costs of another layer of unnecessary local government. A BCP Unitary Authority with low costs is the preferred option.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J973	Poole Town	My suggestion is that you do not implement the draft proposals as they currently stand.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J974	Poole Town	My suggestion, if there is to be a Poole Town Council, is to automatically elect the "Poole" BCP councillors to the town council so they have dual responsibility. This would save cost, improve efficiency and keep clear lines of accountability. Members of the public would then still have a simple, understandable point of contact for local issues as well as BCP-wide issues.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J975	Poole Town	N/A	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH14 0
J976	Poole Town	No	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J977	Poole Town	No	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2

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J978	Poole Town	No	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J979	Poole Town	No	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J980	Poole Town	No	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J981	Poole Town	No	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J982	Poole Town	no benefit to me personally	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J983	Poole Town	No need for Parish Council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH16 5

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J984	Poole Town	No one will do it for free so forget this idea	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J985	Poole Town	No.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J986	Poole Town	None	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J987	Poole Town	None	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J988	Poole Town	Not interested. Bin it off, unless you want to dissolve BCP council completely and give us Poole Borough Council back. I'm only paying for 1 council, not 2.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J989	Poole Town	Not really saying what we are paying for and how it works	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J990	Poole Town	Parish Councillors are totally unnecessary & added expense with existing BCP councillors in place who should be more proactive in their activities in local organisation & not reactive.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J991	Poole Town	People are struggling enough as it is	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J992	Poole Town	Perhaps each councillor should have unpaid sub committee to help the councillor in question.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J993	Poole Town	Perhaps volunteer sub committee would be able to spread the load for the councillor in question	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J994	Poole Town	Please don't bother, concentrate on running the combined council that you thought was a good idea not that long ago	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J995	Poole Town	Please don't do this	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J996	Poole Town	Please get rid of the plan	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J997	Poole Town	Please listen to the residents	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J998	Poole Town	Please put our taxes to better use	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J999	Poole Town	Please put your efforts into continuing to improve the existing council and services for residents, rather than making unnecessary changes.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2
J1000	Poole Town	Please scrap the whole proposal.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J1001	Poole Town	Please stop this proposal ASAP. it is not a good use of Limited funds.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7

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J1002	Poole Town	Poole is a town - so should have a town council. Town councillors should represent all the wards within the borough of Poole. Broadstone should be part of the town council. There is no need for parishes within Poole. Poole needs to retain a mayor and sheriff - both require a base to receive guests, work and share heritage assets and regalia.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1003	Poole Town	Poole is already represented therefore no reason to change	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
J1004	Poole Town	Poole needs its civic centre back. Whether Poole gets its own town council or BCP gets spliut back up and the historic Borough of Poole is re-instated, any council making decisions for Poole will need council chambers and we already have a purpose built building for that very purpose. Save the Poole civic centre.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J1005	Poole Town	Poole 'Parish Council' just feels like a fudge. The area needs careful and considered management and I'd rather see focused efforts by BCP to provide strong direction, adding 40+ councillors all with their own micro agenda, may not enable progress.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
J1006	Poole Town	Poole town as, as separate town, with its own town council will work as it used to, and actually benefit the town without having ti consider Bournemouth or Christchurch, and the monies obtained through a potentially reduced council tax can be better used. Also, all current councillors will need to stand for re-election, as it has been noted some of the current ones have their own agendas and are not benefitting Poole.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J1007	Poole Town	Poole town council should never have been disbanded in the first place. So if it now needs to be reformed, then BCP should be abolished.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J1008	Poole Town	Poole Town covers a large area and unless you live in Canford Heath you don't understand how the heathland comes with unique needs. Protection of important habitats and fires. The heathland is a magnet for inconsiderate people. How would the needs of residents in Canford Heath be heard as a minority in such a large Poole Town council? There would be no advantage in having another layer of councillors.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J1009	Poole Town	Poole Town, including Broadstone, to separate totally from BCP Council, the merger exercise has failed it's residents in almost every respect. Borough of Poole Council wasn't perfect but was considerably better than the current Bournemouth-centric operation.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1010	Poole Town	Rather than create Poole Town, the whole of Poole should be transferred into Dorset Council. This would greatly reduce costs for residents by eliminating duplication in infrastructure and operations, increase efficiency and enable local residents to benefit from value-adding services already provided by Dorset Council, e.g. food waste collection.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1011	Poole Town	Rather than introduce this additional 'level of democracy', is there no way there could be a change to the Charters Trustees Constitution if it is the intention to give 'local community involvement' ? BCP needs more money, but there must be a better way of doing this. It is clear that there was not an overwhelming appetite for a Poole Town Council - of the 112, 662 electorate within Poole, there were only 29 responses from Poole; and of the 12 submissions in favour of a Poole Town Council, only 4 came from Poole residents, so not a ringing endorsement ! There will also need to be boundary changes to polling districts TB1,4,5,6 & WB4), which is not insignificant.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J1012	Poole Town	Rather than spending considerable time and officer resources on this proposal concentrate on the core functions of the local authority and try to get that right. Town councils are not the solution.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J1013	Poole Town	Re: Poole Town itself, just two cllrs.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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J1014	Poole Town	Rebanding of BCP staff to reflect reduction in responsibilities. Reduction in BCP Council tax to reflect reduction in responsibilities	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J1015	Poole Town	Recently I have seen cases where local and parish councillors have not been kept informed of decisions.This makes me believe that the current systems need to be overhauled before introducing new parishes and councillors. The current level of powers proposed would in my opinion make the new councillors paper tigers. I see responsibility without power.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J1016	Poole Town	Scrap the idea and stop wasting time and money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH14 0
J1017	Poole Town	Scrap the whole idea	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1018	Poole Town	Scrap the whole this and run it as it should be run as promised when taken over	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J1019	Poole Town	Scrap them	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

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J1020	Poole Town	See above.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 0
J1021	Poole Town	Shape up or ship out !! Don't employ more idiots to do the job you can't	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J1022	Poole Town	Simply don’t do. Waste of time and money. You went to bcp to be more efficient and now going back. Keep it as is and try to save money. So much water.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
J1023	Poole Town	Stop this madness. We do not need it. We do not want to pay for it.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1024	Poole Town	Stop this nonsense.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J1025	Poole Town	STOP WASTING OUR MONEY	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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J1026	Poole Town	stop wasting our monies on new local gov. Either we break away from BCP and become Poole Council again or make it work.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1027	Poole Town	Stop wasting time and money on bureaucracy such as this and get on with the jobs you are elected to do. The political nature of BCP since 2019 and it's impact on residents has been profoundly negative. My suggestion is that you retire every single legacy BCP Councillor pre 2019 and start again.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J1028	Poole Town	That they are not aligned with the policy of the Government.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J1029	Poole Town	The best option in my opinion would be to leave BCP and become part of Poole Council as before.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J1030	Poole Town	The current administration is asking us to consider something for which they cannot even confirm what the cost to the resident would be. Additionally they want this 'additional tax'' to be uncapped, so potentially this could increase exponentially each year. It's just another way of generating additional income as the Government limit the annual council tax increase. There is insufficient information provided to make an informed decision.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1031	Poole Town	The current BCP council has handled these responsibilities for decades, there should be no reason for this to change. In addition, 42 officers is extremely high for the responsibilities listed in the proposal.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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J1032	Poole Town	The draft recommendation fail to explain any benefit whatsoever to the residents, workers or visitors to the area, just duplication and additional bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J1033	Poole Town	The establishment of town councils with arbitrary boundaries would result in a lot of meetings/ negotiations between neighbouring town councils. If having one BCP council was considered more efficient and less parochial, we should stick with that.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1034	Poole Town	The extra layer of governance is not required unless it is just to shift responsibilities, in which case the monies collected in council tax should also be directed through the correct channels, so the local wards can carry out the needed repairs etc and follow through on any works as a standard practice, carrying out regular meetings with constituents gaining feedback and giving directional proposals for up and coming events and proposals.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J1035	Poole Town	The fear has always been that Poole would lose its identity within BCP. Yet any reorganisation as outlined is in my opinion an unnecessary exercise.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
J1036	Poole Town	The ideal is lunacy and I can't see how it would benefit the communities more than if we went back to three separate councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1037	Poole Town	The need for a mid level council is not required in BCP, simply because the incompetent BCP that is in place will push the blame out to the Parish council. We do not need yet another voice to run local area, creating more disinformation and more to the point the burden of extra costs to "rule" and provide no benefit.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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J1038	Poole Town	The only change to it that I would like to see, is that it doesn't happen and that Poole extracts itself from BCP and reverts to Poole Council run by the people of, and for Poole, and based in the existing building where it was previously.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J1039	Poole Town	The plans are utter rubbish and should never have got further than the drawing boad. Unnecessary time and resource is being put into this.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1040	Poole Town	The policies of the previous Conservative government in cutting services, plus the amalgamation of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole-it's cost, inefficiency, loss of local authority expertise and changing priorities- have all been based on cost cutting rather than providing a local public service. I see no sense in progressing to a series of Town Councils that will further weaken the decision making process and further demotivate staff, members and community organisations struggling to survive.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J1041	Poole Town	The proposal serves no significant benefits for local people who have not long had a big change when they amalgamated into bcp	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J1042	Poole Town	The proposed area is far too large and is not representative of each of the individual wards. It will be far too focused on the centre of Poole and the outer wards will be neglected.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J1043	Poole Town	The proposed Poole Town Council is just too large. It would be much better to parish at ward level or a parish of several (not seventeen!) wards that have similar characteristics and populations thereby creating community cohesion. I find it very 'convenient' that Broadstone gets to parished out of all of Poole when we just happen to have a Lib Dem ex-BCP leader and now MP there. Broadstone never wanted to part of Poole, they wanted to stay Dorset, and now their wish has been granted!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J1044	Poole Town	The residents of the area cannot afford the additional cost this would bring.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J1045	Poole Town	The return to a basic, separate Town Council , having a small, qualified and experienced team of Councillors, consulting with the Mayor, whilst Heads of Department, managing the various Services ie, City Engineer, Electrical Entineer, Water Engineer Safety & Security, Health and Education, Waste Management etc.,would eliminate the huge and expensive bureaucracy, provide timeous and efficient service provision and address relevant local issues. Furthermore, this provides a 'hands on' and quickly ractive response. Trippling the governance is not effective or efficient.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
J1046	Poole Town	The things that a town council would do should be done by BCP. NO TO A TOWN COUNCIL	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J1047	Poole Town	The time and cost wasted would be pushed on to the already stretched public.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
J1048	Poole Town	The way this is worded suggests the decision has already been made.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
J1049	Poole Town	the way this survey is written is as if the proposal is a foregone conclusion, i wonder if i am wasting my time? Your cost forecasts are always wrong, the eventual cost of this are likely to be much more.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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J1050	Poole Town	The whole CGR is a waste of money that BCP council do not have and would have been better spent filling pot holes or something else. This is just another cash grab by the council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1051	Poole Town	The whole idea is a waste of residents money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
J1052	Poole Town	There are considerable differences in the socio economic status of the various wards within Poole. What is important to the residents of Canford Cliffs will be very different to what is important to residents of Turlin Moor. The costs that residents of these two example wards can absorb without causing undue hardship are also likely to be very different. BCP council has always favoured Bournemouth and Christchurch over Poole. Treating Poole and Bournemouth so completely differently highlights this very succinctly. The proposals for some areas of Bournemouth would give them meaningful, small parish councils where the councillors would hopefully be able to take the unique characteristics and requirements of their very specific areas to heart and make a difference to their communities. The proposals for Poole would pit the different wards against each other and all of the residents of all of the wards of Poole would suffer. We are already served incredibly badly by BCP council, this proposal would just add another layer of bureaucracy with 42 more councillors all striving to make things better for their individual wards but facing insurmountable challenges as the individual wards wants/needs/desires will differ so widely. I would like to see these plans scrapped completely and for BCP council to do the job that I pay them £2000 per year to do. They have an obligation to provide council services, I have an obligation to pay my council tax to enable them to do so. BCP should fulfil their obligation as I fulfil mine.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J1053	Poole Town	There has been no detail given for the specific purposes of these new councils, what their areas of responsibility will be or how much they will cost. Our council tax is already high and the current council's spending priorities are often questionable, as is the efficiency with which it run. Once BCP's house is fully in order, the area will see a benefit without the need for more councillors. Nobody has been honest with the electorate about the ongoing costs of the new town council. There have been no guaranteed benefits of having a town council. These omissions alone, without considering all the subterfuge surrounding this process, are enough to cause alarm, therefore I absolutely stand against this proposal.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1054	Poole Town	There is enough bureaucracy another council will confuse and slow up the processes	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1055	Poole Town	There is no estimate of the reduction in Council Tax that BCP would raise as a result of passing limited duties to a Parish Council. Duties of a parish council are presumably being carried out by BCP at present and should thererfore be capable of being costed. It seems that all the change would achieve is another layer of local gorvernment. BCP was created to reduce costs and improve services through efficiency. It has failed at both, there is nothing in the proposal to suggest that creation of Parish councils will rectify the situation.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 2
J1056	Poole Town	There is no explanation which I can see for this: '4.3 For avoidance of doubt, it is not possible to abolish the Charter Trustees and to have BCP Council as a single-tier of local authority only'.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J1057	Poole Town	There is no logical reason for the plan, All the responsibilities should be done by BCP. If this is beyond the capability if BCP, then BCP should be disbanded.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2

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J1058	Poole Town	There is no need for any of the new parishes (just more red tape and cost). Residents of Poole lost its identity when BCP was formed	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J1059	Poole Town	There is no need for this, these councillors will not bring any benefit, it will just lead to co fusion over where responsibilities lie and allow for sloping shoulders syndrome if something needs fixing	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
J1060	Poole Town	There is no perceivable benefit from any of the plans outlined, BCP should be ashamed if they go ahead with this without a full referendum.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J1061	Poole Town	There is no value in this proposal, only costs and increased administrative overhead. Best would be to dissolve BCP.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
J1062	Poole Town	There is nothing that says what they can or will do or cost so this breaches the law e.g. Gunner principles for public consultations.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J1063	Poole Town	There should be no changes apart from the present encumbent being voted out.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2

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J1064	Poole Town	These draft recommendations will add confusion as to the responsibilities of each council (be it BCP, Parish, or Town council, etc.) and I can envisage the electorate being fobbed off and passed around between councils and departments as to whose responsibility it is to deal with the issue.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
J1065	Poole Town	These plans will add confusion over which council does which job, please keep it simple. BCP should improve their own services rather than creating new Councils to do their job for them.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J1066	Poole Town	They are a fundamentally flawed and costly idea. The fact you intend to ignore complaints about costs to households exemplifies how out of touch you are.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J1067	Poole Town	They're not 'draft' recommendations, they're 'daft' recommendations. No doubt eminating from a councillor!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
J1068	Poole Town	This appears to be yet another way councils can tax residents and is unacceptable that these costs are not transparent nor is there a cap on future increases. 100% disgraceful	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1069	Poole Town	This is a shambles of a consultation no really detial and no costings no real idea how this will work 1 Town cleak I hear for 70k a year working from home this is mad u need lots of staff just to run bcp.also poole civic.center needs to be reopend its a bug part of Poole also no idea where are poole sheriff and mayor have a office poole has been sold down the river bring back BOP	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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J1070	Poole Town	This is absolutely ridiculous, listen to the people and i am sure they will say the same, stop all this ridiculous cycle lanes and wasting money and try and run our town properly, just not out of our pockets	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1071	Poole Town	This is an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy which will not improve the lives of its residents and will.only cost them more money for a not real gain	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1072	Poole Town	This is not a well developed plan; no details on what the new parishes will provide locals and at what cost. It is merely expanding the councils' ability to extract further taxes from its electorate without any commitment to change. I resoundly disagree with this proposal.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
J1073	Poole Town	This is not required nor wanted by the majority, should be left until 2027 when voters can decide through the ballot box, not decision that should be made by Councillors.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J1074	Poole Town	This is not something we voted for or want. It will just add additional cost, process to all decision-making bringing no little value	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J1075	Poole Town	This is short sighted proposal chosen by a chosen council, a full referendum should be offered to all, it has not bee fully promoted by any fully independent and impartial group local media has not made a front page [unknown]. If any fiscal cross-over of posts servers will that reflect in future tax	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J1076	Poole Town	This is totally unnecessary and will be a costly waste of time. Why can't BCP do the job properly.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J1077	Poole Town	THIS IS YET MORE ORGANISATION WOTHOUT THE COMMUNITYS CONSENT	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J1078	Poole Town	This level of hange is neither wanted nor needed.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J1079	Poole Town	This needs to be stopped.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J1080	Poole Town	This proposal seems to be already decided by the council and rather than a consultation which will be ignored the electorate should be granted a referendum	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1081	Poole Town	This survey and the information contained within indicatesa string bias indicating the inevitability of the formation of these new councils with little regard to the impact on residents.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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J1082	Poole Town	Thought that when we joined BCP it was to reduce costs and improve services. How does 42 new councillors save money with no new services?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1083	Poole Town	Throw this whole proposal out the door, focus on fixing our towns first, and stop lining your own pockets	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J1084	Poole Town	To go back to having the original 3 Councils, since they have merged we have been totally let down in the Poole area, major shake up of staff/ management as it is total incompetence to have allowed the council to have got into its current state.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1085	Poole Town	total rubbish! and unnecessary	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1086	Poole Town	Totally oppose all areas, by adding further levels of Government	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J1087	Poole Town	Totally unneccesary. Please publish the cost so far to the rate payer for the drafting of these proposals, the running of the websites, the cost to collating all this information and where this money has been drawn from. In particular which services have had mnoney with held/withdrawn to pay for this draft proposals. Also how many civil servants have been used to fullfill these proposals and what their role would and should normally be.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6

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J1088	Poole Town	unnecessary unwanted vanity project	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH15 2
J1089	Poole Town	Upcoming changes of community governance presents the largest opportunity in a generation to make BCP Council more efficient by having authority at a conurbation level and abolish the need for another layer of governance at parish level. A reconciliation of the whole BCP administrative area should be made, adjusting ward boundaries as needed. Ward Cllrs then have autonomy and delegation to operate under an overall Cabinet decision making body that does not rely on wasteful parish groups / committees.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J1090	Poole Town	Use existing Poole/ward councillors in sum committees IF local issues are brought to them by constituents. Make BCP function, not add another layer of government. Local elections are notorious for low turn outs. You representative [unknown] they me? avoid duplication.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J1091	Poole Town	Waste of Money, all work should be covered under by BCP	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
J1092	Poole Town	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J1093	Poole Town	We are supposed to be a BCP community but by separating us by parish councils it will destroy the community feel	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8

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J1094	Poole Town	We do not need a town parish council when BCP was created to save money etc in recent years. A town & parish council should be a smaller area like Upton & Lytchett are. The whole of Poole is too big to be 1 whole parish council. There are too many wards within it. I do not want to pay any more council tax to pay for another town council office or elected councillors. Should this go ahead, I do not think BCP councillors should be allowed to stand within the town council as well.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH16 5
J1095	Poole Town	We have already seen an attempt by the Poole People Party to break up the Registration team at the Guildhall in order to create a Mayors Parlour in the building, just to have one 'the same size as Bournemouth's'. This is totally impractical and would ruin a highly successful service that generates income for the Council. There is no need for this to happen, the Mayor of Poole can easily use Upton House which is already ready for this type of use.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2
J1096	Poole Town	What is the parish council actually going to do for residents of Poole?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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J1097	Poole Town	What is the point of establishing another layer of bureaucracy? The proposal will introduce confusion as to who is responsible for what, making it more difficult for residents to report problems to BCP or whoever. We need consolidation, and the economies of scale that brings, not fragmentation. We need a simple, single point of contact for all Council related matters, not more opportunity to be passed from pillar to post trying to identify the responsible party. It's bad enough as it is trying to navigate the council web. If this proposal goes ahead will there be a single point of contact for both Council and Parish Council? Will there be any need for increased backroom support, i.e. HR, Payroll etc as a consequence of the proposed changes? Will there ever be a need for 'local' offices for each new Parish councils? What might these cost? We know that power corrupts and what will likely happen is that those elected to the Parish Council will look to expand their remit by picking up more and more discretionary responsibilities/activity and then demanding a bigger and bigger budget/precept to fund it. I would rather that BCP Council got its act together and got some work done. How long has the fence been around the damaged pillar supporting the eagle or whatever it is at the Kingland Road entrance to Poole Park? How long have the entry scanners and gates been out of order at the Dolphin Leisure Centre? The list goes on. Fix what you've already got rather than wasting time and scarce resources planning and making unnecessary administrative changes.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J1098	Poole Town	When I lived in Upton, there was no benefit to us directly as residents by having a town council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J1099	Poole Town	Why bother BCP hasn’t been around long enough to see the need for change and confusion for the confused residents of BCP	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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J1100	Poole Town	why does this have to be done another waste of space and a costly exercise you are reverting back to as it was poole borough council the whole idea should be consigned to the bin	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
J1101	Poole Town	Why have another level of local government, with associated costs, when within the current set up all of this could & should be done already. It seems like a backdoor way to increase costs for residents as the Ctax annual rise is limited & it loooks like there is no upper limit on annual town council rises - hardly seems fair or equitable.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
J1102	Poole Town	Why is Merley taken in to Poole when Broadstone has a separate parish?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
J1103	Poole Town	Will we see a reduction in our council tax we pay BCP How much is this all going to cost How many extra councillors will we be paying for. Can’t believe services will be any better	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
J1104	Poole Town	without costings it is unfair to ask the residents to vote in a particular way.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1105	Poole Town	Work smarter with what you have already changed. Stop changing for change sake. Working as one larger council is the best way forward with ever merging districts.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1

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J1106	Poole Town	Yes stop wasting money. Concentrate on making the existing local authority work for us the residence. This is yet another waste of money we need to stop this now.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
J1107	Poole Town	Yes, don't do it	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
J1108	Poole Town	Yes, this idea should be scrapped. We do not need this. We already have elected local councillors representing our communites.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
J1109	Poole Town	Yes. If you get the result you seek, it looks like, according to paragraphs 8.6 - 8.7, that Bournemouth Town Council, having failed to enter Submissions regarding the proposals, would still be bound to Poole. Bournemouth Council is a parasite feeding off the successes of Poole and Christchurch.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1110	Poole Town	You won't listen.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH14 0
J1111	Poole Town	No	Don't know/not sure	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8

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J1112	Poole Town	BCP should carry out their responsibilities. This appears to be a means to offload areas of responsibility to town or parish councils. More layers of bureaucracy totally uncosted.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J1113	Poole Town	I think that the consulation closure date should be delayed pending the proposal being much more widely advertised, perhaps through local TV or mail shot so that a larger proiportion of the communities that would be affected by the change have the opportunity to complete this survey	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1114	Poole Town	I'm not necessarily against the idea of a Poole Town Council, but I feel more could be gained in splitting down the ward sizes and just having more BCP Councillors. When you've got Ashley Road and Lilliput in the same ward, more councillors isn't really the solution - we need people local to the area to walk the streets and redraw a lot of this into smaller areas. A town council could be this smaller level, but the way this looks it wouldn't make the average resident feel better represented.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
J1115	Poole Town	no comments other than it appears another reason to add to the taxation bill.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
J1116	Poole Town	On first hearing that town councils / boroughs in Poole were proposed, I viewed this as a positive step. I naively thought that BCP was intending to revert to the 3 separate councils. I did not realise that the plans would involve keeping BCP, but with extra layer of bureaucracy. At a time when financial resources are already stretched to the limit, I feel this would be an unnecessary expense.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
J1117	Poole Town	See my answer to Q15.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1

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J1118	Poole Town	There is not enough information on eligibility to stand as a member of the town council. Nor is there sufficient information to say whether there is a need for a Town Council as most of its potential functions are discretionary: we don't know what this body is to do. It could simply be allotments, or it may have anything up to wide range of functions requiring staff, budget allocation, precept. We just do know. Therefore we do not know what the role of the town council, nor town councillors, would actually be. Nor have you put this matter as part of the consultation! So we are being consulted upon something which we don't know what it will do. How can that ever be effective consultation?	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
J1119	Poole Town	Would the election of councillors be a first past the post or proportional representation?	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living in proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
J1120	Poole Town	Create it but half the number of councillors	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
J1121	Poole Town	f) old town and Baiter renamed to 'Old Town' h) due to likely future growth, may be more appropriate to assign 3 councillors for Old Town	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
J1122	Poole Town	I think there are potentially too many councillors proposed.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
J1123	Poole Town	I totally disagreed with the formation of the BCP unitary Council. Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth should have stayed as individuate Councils	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
J1124	Poole Town	I would like to see improvements to Poole town centre	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
J1125	Poole Town	Impressed by the huge support for this in the initial stage of the consultation - including from the Poole Quays Forum - and, on a separate note, one of the benefits of a Poole Town Council is that it would permanently efface the Poole Charter Trust, which is an anachronism.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 2
J1126	Poole Town	Include Broadstone. As the Town of Poole it will restore some of the losses that occurred when the BCP Council was established.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
J1127	Poole Town	It would be nice to have Poole's identity back.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
J1128	Poole Town	May need some area committees to reflect the size of the town council, and get super local.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
J1129	Poole Town	No.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
J1130	Poole Town	None	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
J1131	Poole Town	Not at this stage	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
J1132	Poole Town	Nothings thanks	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
J1133	Poole Town	Poole has a genuine opportunity to establish a forward-thinking, community-focused Town Council. However, quantity should not be mistaken for quality. A smaller, skilled, and well-supported group of councillors is far more likely to succeed than a larger, fragmented one - Weymouth Town Council has 24 Councillors. BCP Council should consider: Providing external governance support (e.g. LGA or SLCC mentoring) during the setup phase Ensuring committee structures are lean, clearly defined, and manageable from day one This new body must succeed not only in structure but in culture. That starts with setting a size and tone that encourages collaboration, not gridlock.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
J1134	Poole Town	Should never have formed a unitary council (BCP) with Christchurch and Bournemouth. The original 3-Councils worked perfectly well for the residents.	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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J1135	Poole Town	there are too many councilllors half the number of councillor will save costs for expenses, elections and by eleciotns and be easier to fill vacancies	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
J1136	Poole Town	We need to reverse the unwanted merger with Bournemouth.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
J1137	Poole Town	Broadstone is omitted from the list of its Wards. It is not clear what would happen to Broadstone if the formation of Poole Town Concil is approved. We were part of the old Poole Council area. Is our only choice between a Broadstone Council or no Town Council at all, unlike - as far as I can see - the rest of the areas coverd by the old Poole Council?	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
J1138	Poole Town	Complete waste of time & money. Local councillors/council and mp should already be addressing issues. We do not need any more people who will make no difference.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
J1139	Poole Town	Council tax should be reduced and services improved	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
J1140	Poole Town	Cut down on any further very expensive and intrusive cycle lanes. The expense cannot be warranted for the amount of one and funding could be [unknown] to other council budget eg SEND	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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J1141	Poole Town	Do better with the old structure	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
J1142	Poole Town	Do not need	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
J1143	Poole Town	Don't do it.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
J1144	Poole Town	Give us back three independent town councils if you want to subdivide.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH17 7
J1145	Poole Town	Happy with current structure.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
J1146	Poole Town	I am confused as to why it has been put forward for Broadstone to become it's own separate council rather than be included with the rest of the areas in Poole? Again, no real explanation given around this other than a brief comment stating that the Broadstone area apparently demonstrates a strong community base already. Perhaps if they were part of the wider Poole Town Council proposal they could share this knowledge and enthusiasm more widely and improve things for everyone else too. Surely that is partly the point of this exercise so it seems somewhat shortsighted to isolate them?	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
J1147	Poole Town	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
J1148	Poole Town	If you do go ahead they all need to be a similar size. This is just replacing the old poole council. A total waste of time.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
J1149	Poole Town	It better to stay as a charter of trusteres. Local councilors could be setup informally under same current system under BCP. All for ward areas engagemet but this is not the best way to do this	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
J1150	Poole Town	It's useless trying to say anything as no one listens. I work for the NHS there is no parking - same as in most towns, and so I move my car every two hours. The town centre is a disgrace. The bus station is intimidating and violent crimes occur. Poole is not a pleasant place to be	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
J1151	Poole Town	Less bureaucracy and transparency is required from BCP with more action from those already elected, not more	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
J1152	Poole Town	Listen to your residents and their wishes!! The majority of residents don't want parish councils. It may be suitable for villages that are widely spread but not a city/large town	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9

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J1153	Poole Town	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
J1154	Poole Town	No	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
J1155	Poole Town	No. I am disgusted by the way Poole has been overlooked by BCP in favour of promoting Bournemouth which is also a disgrace.	Disagree	Respondent from outside BCP	respondent living outside proposal area	Lytchett Matravers & Upton	BH16 5
J1156	Poole Town	Once the government has completed it's latest round of local government reorganisation then this should be revisited particularly as we do not know whether the national government as part of the efficiency reorganisation my abolish them nationally	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
J1157	Poole Town	One Council (BCP) is enough.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
J1158	Poole Town	Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, corruption and prevention the integrated transformation that the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4

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J1159	Poole Town	People are trying to circumvent the elected authority to suit their own politics	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
J1160	Poole Town	Please listen to your residents! Focus on making BCP work!!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
J1161	Poole Town	Strongly disagree against any and all town and/or parish councils. If the central Local Authroity cannot function in its current format, then you must disband BCP and hand responsibility back to the separate localities. We are facing a cost of living crisis, and forcing more cost onto the rate payer, especially at a time where BCP has swindled and wasted millions, is a recipe for disaster. I will personally see that if this is forced through that you will see similar to the Poll Tax. Do not do this.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
J1162	Poole Town	The population is too large for One Parish and could have been sub-divided. While it will be Poole Town Council - the area of the Town is still remote for some of the Wards. In fact, they have their own centres of identity. Quite suitable for Parishes of their own. But this takes work and there is a political rush to complete this makeshift arrangement.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
J1163	Poole Town	These proposals hack off the "nice areas" and leave the less affluent/ less beautiful areas all lumped together. It feels like I am being "partitioned"!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
J1164	Poole Town	This makes sense for Poole town centre but not for the wider conurbation.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1

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J1165	Poole Town	This whole thing is wrong! I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils There have been no costings whatsoever as to how much this will cost so how can anyone agree when no information given on exactly 1) what the new town and parish councils will do and 2) how much tax with NO ceiling increase will cost. The timing of this consultation is so wrong costing in excess of £100k when money could have been better spent. I strongly believe it's just a matter of creating 'jobs for the boys' . . . Or should I say girls in this instance! This survey and completing it is so very onerous. That too is disgusting and it's obviously relying on people to not bother giving their views as it's too difficult	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
J1166	Poole Town	Too big, too many councillors, too much to do. An expansion of jobs for the boys or girls. Poole should not have merged with Bournemouth and this was an undemocratic act. In times past this would have provoked an actual riot by residents of both towns.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
J1167	Poole Town	Town councils have very limited powers, therefore the return on investment in terms of actual services delivered under a Town Council would be minimal. It would be far more cost effective for BCP to improve their own services. I am totally against the above proposal.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
J1168	Poole Town	We do NOT need more councillors in the BCP area! The existing councillors should be trained to do a better job & not waste our taxes! They should control their funds instead of going into huge debt & asking schools to subsidise their debt. The system needs to be simplified NOT further complicated. Further councillors means more expensive council tax for NO PURPOSEFUL REASON- just more people doing a bad job. This is an unnecessary cost for zero benefit.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3

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J1169	Poole Town	We do not need parish councils as well as BCP. That is unnecessary, costly and would lead to certain matters not being considered by either.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
J1170	Poole Town	We need either BCP or parish councils, not both	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
J1171	Poole Town	Who is going to foot the administrative bill for creating all these new areas?	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
J1172	Poole Town	1. The proposal to divide TB1 and TB5 between the proposed Poole and Bournemouth parishes raises concerns. There would be electors voting for different parish areas. This would increase the margin for error in polling stations and make administering the elections more complex. This could be resolved by altering the boundary between the polling districts to make this coterminous with the proposed parish boundaries. 2. The proposal to include part of WB4 in the proposed Poole parish council raises concerns. There would be electors voting for different parish areas and different BCP Council wards. This would increase the margin for error in polling stations and make administering the elections more complex. Whilst this could be resolved by altering the boundary between WB4 and TB6, we would question whether that would be appropriate considering the community identity of electors in that area. If it is considered that the community identity of electors in that area does not align with TB6 rather than WB4, then that part of WB4 should not be included in the proposed parish. 3. The proposal to divide PT3 between two proposed Poole parish wards (Longfleet and Sterte/Old Town and Baiter) raises concerns. This would mean amalgamating the northern part of PT3 into PT2. Currently PT2 and PT3 vote at the same location, the electorates are near the Electoral Commission suggested maximum for a polling station. Increasing the PT2 electorate would mean enough electors for a double station on its own. PT3 voters would then either need a separate station and we already have difficulty finding a location in this area or sending them to the PT5 station which is located further away and has access difficulties. Leaving PT2 and PT3 as they are with PT2 in the Longfleet and Sterte Ward and PT3 in the Old Town and Baiter Ward would resolve this, however the elector figures would mean significant variances from the average. One way to have wards with better electoral equality would be to create one parish ward of PT1 – PT5 and this be represented by 4 councillors. The figures would be within the allowed variance: Alderney 5819 2 2910 +3.65 Bearwood 5850 2 2925 +4.16 Bourne Valley & Branksome East 8167 3 2722 -2.97 Branksome West 8278 3 2759 -1.59 Canford Cliffs 8475 3 2825 +0.77 Canford Heath East 5640 2 2820 +0.59 Canford Heath West 5192 2 2596 -7.98 Creekmoor 7661 3 2554 -9.77 Hamworthy East 5332 2 2666 -5.15 Hamworthy West & Turlin Moor 5431 2 2716 -3.23 Longfleet, Sterte, Old Town & Baiter 11402 4 2851 +1.66	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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		Merley 5453 2 2727 -2.82 Newtown 8157 3 2719 -3.10 Oakdale 8702 3 2901 +3.36 Parkstone 9088 3 3029 +7.46 Penn Hill 9091 3 3030 +7.49 Total 117738 42 4. We have identified an additional anomaly concerning 254 Rossmore Road in the Newtown and Heatherlands area. This property has been proposed for inclusion in a parish ward that groups it with properties located in a different ward and Parliamentary constituency. We recommend that 254 Rossmore Road be included in the same parish ward as other properties in NH7, with the boundary adjusted to lie on the opposite side of this property. This would ensure alignment with both the existing ward and Parliamentary constituency boundaries. 5. We believe that if either the Bournemouth or Poole Parish proposal is approved while the other is not, the boundary along the dividing line should be reviewed. This would help ensure that no properties or areas are adversely affected or left isolated due to partial implementation. Furthermore, if any of the smaller parish areas proposed within the Poole Charter Trustees area are not approved, consideration should be given to including those areas within the approved parish to maintain continuity and avoid administrative gaps.					
J1173	Poole Town	Get rid of BCP council and leave just three separate, independent single tier authorities for Christchurch, Poole and Bournemouth.	Neither agree nor disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
J1174	Poole Town	I like that the separate identity of Poole is maintained rather than getting lost in the BCP merger.	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
J1175	Poole Town	Please have proposals to regenerate the Town Centre	Neither agree nor disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8

Community Governance Consultation

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Poole Town

Research and Consultation Team

Qualitative Analysis and Report by Darmax Research

Executive Summary

BCP Council are consulting on draft proposals to create new parish, town and community councils across Bournemouth and Poole and to make some small changes to the existing town/parish arrangements in Christchurch.

Before any decisions are made, the council sought the views of local residents on setting up a new parish council in Poole Town.

This report summarises the free-text responses to the consultation.

Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Results

Reasons for agreement/disagreement

Respondents were asked to provide their reasons for why they agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Poole Town.

688 respondents provided feedback to this question. 591 of these respondents live in Poole, while 97 live outside the proposal area.

Feedback from Poole residents was divided. While supporters of the recommendations argued that a town council would restore local pride, civic identity, strengthen community voice, and ensure decisions better reflect local needs, opponents, however, argued that a Poole Town Council would be unnecessary and costly.

Boundary concerns were widely raised. Some respondents felt Poole should be represented as a single town council, with Broadstone included. Others believed the proposed area was too large and should instead be split into smaller parishes to reflect local differences. Particular concern was expressed about Wallisdown being split across Poole and Bournemouth. Respondents also highlighted disparities in representation across the BCP area, questioning fairness and consistency.

Administration and decision-making concerns were dominant. Many pointed out that BCP Council was only recently created to reduce bureaucracy and improve efficiency, and introducing another governance layer so soon would undermine that rationale. Many also felt that BCP Council had already caused disruption and instability since its formation in 2019, and that introducing new parishes would create confusion over accountability. Some called for BCP Council to be disbanded and for Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole to be reinstated as separate councils. Respondents also criticised the creation of additional councillor roles, seeing this as duplication without meaningful benefit.

Cost was another recurring theme. Residents expressed strong opposition to paying higher council tax or precepts to fund additional councillors and staff, particularly given a lack of clear costings.

The consultation process itself was also criticised. Respondents described it as unclear, lacking sufficient detail, and politically motivated. Several doubted whether resident feedback would genuinely influence outcomes.

Feedback from non-residents followed similar themes. A small number supported the proposals, recognising the value of restoring Poole's identity and enhancing local representation. However, the majority opposed them, arguing that parish councils were unnecessary. Concerns about boundaries, administration, duplication, and cost were similar to feedback received from residents, as was scepticism over the transparency and credibility of the consultation process.

Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Poole Town.

444 respondents provided further comments, including 394 from within Poole and 50 from outside the area.

While some residents expressed support, describing the proposals as a way of restoring Poole's identity and strengthening local voice, most, however, opposed the recommendations.

Boundary issues were again raised, with some suggesting Broadstone should be included within Poole, while others argued the proposed area was too large and should be subdivided into smaller parishes. Concerns were also raised about disparities in councillor representation across the conurbation.

Administration concerns dominated feedback. Respondents warned of duplication, confusion over responsibilities, and further instability so soon after the BCP merger. Some argued for reverting to the three former councils rather than creating new parishes.

Cost objections questioned affordability and criticised the lack of financial detail. The consultation process was described as unclear, politically motivated, or predetermined. Calls were made for any changes to be decided by referendum.

A number of residents also raised other issues, including calls to retain Poole Civic Centre as the home of any future Town Council.

A small number of respondents who live outside the proposed area supported the proposals, citing the importance of restoring Poole's identity. The majority, however, opposed them. Respondents argued that Poole did not need an additional council, describing the proposals as costly and unnecessary.

Boundary concerns were again raised, particularly regarding Broadstone's separation from Poole and the size of the proposed council area.

Administration and governance issues were also highlighted, with respondents opposing another tier of bureaucracy and calling instead for improvements to BCP Council or a return to the original three councils.

Cost concerns were again noted, with many questioning affordability for residents. The consultation process was also criticised as poorly explained, politically motivated, and unlikely to influence decision-making.

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1 Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Qualitative responses (write in text) to questions were exported into Excel and were thematically analysed. The most common themes are reported on in this report. Anonymised quotes from participants have been used to illustrate the themes identified.

Please note that while the purpose of qualitative data is to provide deeper insights into reasoning and impact rather than to quantify data, the numbers of respondents who mentioned the most prevalent themes are provided in this report to give an indication of the magnitude of response. However, given the nature of qualitative data, it should be noted that this does not provide an indication of significance in relation to the question asked.

In addition, where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories. Where a response makes several different points, only the relevant part to the discussed theme is shown in the report.

2 Analysis and results

2.1 Reasons for agreement/disagreement

Respondents were asked to provide their reasons for why they agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Poole Town.

688 respondents provided feedback to this question. 591 of these respondents live in Poole Town, while 97 of these respondents live outside of Poole Town.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	103	12	115
General opposition	102	20	122
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	81	16	97
Administration/management of decisions	361	55	416
Cost of delivery	164	16	180
Consultation/decision process	88	13	101
Other	6	0	6

2.1.1 Respondents living in proposal area

103 respondents expressed general support of the draft recommendations for Poole Town. Respondents frequently described Poole as having a **proud and distinct civic identity** that was not being respected under the BCP arrangement. Having a Poole Town Council would help restore this identity and ensure that **decisions reflected Poole's specific needs**. They believed a town council would give Poole residents a stronger local voice, enabling decisions to reflect the unique needs and priorities of their community.

"I agree completely that Poole should have a town Council so we know we all have representation in our area."

"Agree that Poole should take back control in whatever way we can. BCP Council does not represent Poole and does not seem to be interested in Poole."

"I feel that it would allow more focus and voices from Poole Town centre in affecting things such as events and play areas etc rather than the huge and out of touch BCP Council where things have been taken away."

102 respondents voiced opposition. They argued that the proposals were **unnecessary** and BCP Council should stop wasting money on these proposals. Respondents also commented that parish councils more generally are unnecessary.

"Do not agree with proposed changes, just a waste of taxpayers' money."

"There is no apparent benefit for the additional cost."

81 respondents raised boundaries concerns. Some residents insisted that Poole **should be represented as a single town council** and questioned why Broadstone was deemed appropriate for its own parish separate from the rest of Poole. Conversely, others felt that the proposed area for Poole was **too large** and that different parts of Poole had distinct needs and should therefore be split into smaller parishes. Respondents also expressed concern that Poole was being **treated differently to Bournemouth**, with disparities in scale and representation. Respondents also commented that **Wallisdown** was being split between Poole and Bournemouth and would create confusion and divisions within the immediate community.

"I believe that Poole Town Council should cover the entirety of Poole, and that Broadstone should not be singled out to have its own Parish. This will lead to a severance of that community and a disconnect across the historic borough of Poole."

"I support the idea of parishes, but the parish suggested for Poole is far too large, does not recognise substantial differences between Poole town and the other areas, and is not in keeping with the size of the other parishes put forward."

"By simply adopting the old Bournemouth/Poole boundaries, it is still leaving Wallisdown cut across two areas, which has been a consistent issue for getting parity in the area with other areas of BCP."

361 respondents raised concerns about administration and decision-making. A significant proportion of comments reflected dissatisfaction with the **merger of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Councils** in 2019. Many respondents felt Poole had lost out in this arrangement, describing the town as "overshadowed" or "ignored" in favour of Bournemouth. They suggested that decision-making had become centralised, with Poole's unique identity and needs **sidelined**. Respondents commented that constant restructuring had caused **disruption** and instability, and that BCP Council, despite its flaws, should be allowed to settle before any further changes were made. For these respondents, introducing a town council would only add more **bureaucracy** and **confusion**, with blurred responsibilities between the

different levels of governance. Respondents felt that creating a Poole Town Council was simply adding **another tier of politicians** rather than addressing the real issues facing residents. Respondents believed **BCP councillors already had the responsibility to represent the community**, and that introducing a new council would duplicate roles without solving problems. However, some respondents called for **BCP Council to be disbanded** and the area should revert to the previous three town councils and their original boundaries.

"In 2019 Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch were joined as a unitary authority and Dorset Council unitary authority was also formed at the same time. Residents were told that these larger councils would be more efficient and make financial savings due to economies of scale."

"I think that setting a "council' for Poole just complicates who is responsible for what service in Poole. We have just gone through amalgamating the three councils into BCP. I do not wish the creation of another layer of local government."

"I don't really see the need for yet more councillors/representatives as surely the present councillors are perfectly capable of doing the work."

"We already have one council. We don't need lots of other councils. There will be too many councillors all doing the same job."

"This would only be a valid option if BCP was dissolved and all functions of BCP transferred to a (new) authority."

164 respondents commented on costs. Many raised concerns about **affordability** and that the proposals were a way of introducing increases in council tax. Respondents commented that the proposals **lacked detailed costings** and that the cost of setting up the various parish and town councils would be extremely high and passed on to residents.

"I disagree with the idea of charging even more money on top of the council tax we pay."

"Nuclear set up cost and ongoing cost for 40+ new councillors and additional workers that will be needed to run the administration."

"This whole debacle is just another means of raising taxes through the back door."

"I disagree with the proposal since there appear to be no costings given with respect to changes in Council Tax levels."

88 respondents criticised the consultation process. Respondents felt that the proposals lacked detail of what the recommendations actually involve and so were **unable to offer an informed opinion**. Some questioned whether the outcome had already been predetermined and expressed scepticism that resident feedback would

influence decisions. Respondents also felt that the proposals were **politically motivated** to suit individual agendas.

"I object to the idea of a Town Council being created on the grounds that important factors are unknown at this point. Residents cannot make informed decisions about something as important as this, without all the information and we just don't have it."

"I don't agree with what you are proposing. You are basically pretending to be democratic by publishing this paper but you do not listen to the people e.g. closure of Poole Park, resistance to cycle lanes etc and obviously creation of BCP!"

"This is quite clearly becoming a dictatorship. Where do you think everyone is going to get the money from to pay for the extra fees. You think you can do what you like and we all have to jump!"

2.1.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

12 respondents expressed support. They recognised the importance of **restoring Poole's identity** and saw value in strengthening local representation. Some felt that parish and town councils across BCP would give residents more say and increase accountability.

"Value in having effective local governance, more attuned to local issues where applicable."

"Agree with overall proposal, as a way of celebrating the long history of Poole, and addressing local issues that BCP council aren't funded to cover."

However, 20 respondents voiced opposition. They believed a Poole Town Council was **unnecessary** and risked wasting money. Respondents suggested that instead of creating multiple smaller councils, efforts should focus on strengthening BCP Council's ability to deliver effectively.

"Poole doesn't need a Parish Council."

"I am happy for the existing parish councils to continue but disagree with the creation of any further parish councils being created within the BCP area."

16 respondents raised concerns about boundaries of the proposed council. Some residents insisted that Poole should be represented as a **single town council** and questioned why Broadstone was deemed appropriate for its own parish separate from the rest of Poole. Conversely, others felt that the proposed area for Poole was

too large and that different parts of Poole had distinct needs and should therefore be split into smaller parishes. Respondents also expressed concern with disparities in scale and representation between the different proposed areas.

"Poole Town Council MUST include Broadstone. Broadstone is very much part of the former town and borough of Poole and is currently within the boundary of the Poole Charter."

"This isn't Poole town it's just whatever's left over from the old Poole council area. Why are these proposals sticking to old pre-BCP boundaries. Talbot and Wallisdown would be a more cohesive area than where this boundary lies. Hamworthy should have its own town council. I don't see what Canford Cliffs has in common with Oakdale."

"The problem with the Draft recommendations are their incredible inconsistency. Why should any comparably sized area be treated differently? Such a situation is inherently unfair and undemocratic."

55 respondents raised concerns about administration and decision-making. Many of these respondents also referred to the **BCP Council merger**. Respondents commented that constant restructuring had caused disruption and instability, and that BCP Council, despite its flaws, should be allowed to settle before any further changes were made. For these respondents, introducing a town council would only add more **bureaucracy** and **confusion**, with blurred **responsibilities** between the different levels of governance. Respondents also argued that introducing more councils would simply **fragment governance** further. Respondents believed BCP councillors already had the responsibility to represent the community, and that introducing a new council would **duplicate roles** without solving problems. The proposals included too many new councillor positions. However, some respondents called for **BCP Council to be disbanded** and the area should revert to the previous three town councils and their original boundaries.

"The creation of parish councils is adding another layer of bureaucracy to the unitary authority of BCP which the bringing together of the 3 councils said it would avoid. We have local councillors that are elected to represent the views of the area they are elected too, and therefore this additional layer will add authority to those who are elected to represent our areas to the large unitary authority."

"It an unnecessary level of bureaucracy and an informal council parish council could be created under the existing charter system."

"I do not agree that any area requires a parish council. I believe that all functions should be carried out by BCP council. Anything more is an unnecessary complication and a waste of money."

"If the central local authority cannot function in its current format, then you must disband BCP and hand responsibility back to the separate localities."

"We do NOT need more councillors in the BCP area! The existing councillors should be trained to do a better job & not waste our taxes!"

"3 councillors per ward sounds excessive for hyper-local politics and governance."

16 respondents commented on **costs**, reflecting that residents cannot afford increases to their council tax and there was a lack of detail regarding the costings of the recommendations.

"I do not think that the constituents can afford to pay more than they already are for council tax. In the current economy people are already struggling to pay their overheads let alone fork out more, for what seems to be the same service they already receive, with no monetary cap on what can be charged. It's a terrible idea."

13 respondents commented on the **consultation process**. Respondents felt that they had been presented with insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision. Respondents also felt that they were politically motivated and a way of protecting politicians jobs.

"I am currently unable to make an informed decision either way about this change as I have been given very little information about what changes would actually take place in the event that this goes ahead."

"I strongly believe it's just a matter of creating 'jobs for the boys'… or should I say girls in this instance!"

2.2 Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Poole Town.

444 respondents provided feedback to this question. 394 of these respondents live in Poole Town, while 50 of these respondents live outside of Poole Town.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	35	4	39
General opposition	116	12	128
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	39	9	48
Administration/management of decisions	185	29	214
Cost of delivery	85	5	90
Consultation/decision process	82	10	92
Other	32	2	34

2.2.1 Respondents living in proposal area

35 respondents expressed support. They highlighted the symbolic importance of reinstating Poole's **civic identity**, which they felt had been diminished under BCP Council. Supporters believed a Poole Town Council would **give residents a stronger voice**, enable more responsive decision-making, and provide better focus on local needs and priorities.

"It would be wonderful for Poole to have back its own identity."

"I believe that the historic town of Poole should decide on its own matters."

However, 116 respondents voiced opposition. Respondents described the proposals as **unnecessary** and **financially irresponsible**.

"The whole idea is a waste of residents money."

"This is totally unnecessary and will be a costly waste of time."

39 respondents raised boundaries concerns. Some residents questioned why **Broadstone** was deemed appropriate for its own parish separate from the rest of

Poole. Conversely, others felt that the proposed area for Poole was **too large** and that different parts of Poole had distinct needs and should therefore be split into smaller parishes. Respondents also expressed concern that there are **disparities in scale and representation** between the different proposed areas.

"The proposed boundaries are illogical. The old Poole borough should be subdivided into smaller parish council areas. There is no logic in removing one area namely Broadstone out of the previous Poole area but leaving all the surrounding areas in a single council area."

"Poole Town covers a large area and unless you live in Canford Heath you don't understand how the heathland comes with unique needs."

"It is of concern to note that the precept for Christchurch Town Council (with 19 councillors for an electorate of 25,000 residents) is twice that of the Parish Councils, whereas Poole Town Council would have 42 councillors for an electorate of 112,000."

185 respondents raised concerns about administration and decision-making. Many felt that a Poole Town Council would create **duplication** and **confusion**, with blurred lines of **accountability** between local and overarching governance structures. Several questioned the wisdom of **reorganising governance so soon after BCP was created**, warning that constant structural changes undermined stability and effectiveness. Others argued that if governance reform was necessary, it should **involve re-establishing the former Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole councils**, not introducing smaller parish-level bodies. Respondents also felt that **existing councillors** should already be representing their communities effectively, and that adding another tier would do little to improve outcomes for residents.

"The establishment of town councils with arbitrary boundaries would result in a lot of meetings/ negotiations between neighbouring town councils. If having one BCP council was considered more efficient and less parochial, we should stick with that."

"Another tier seems a step back. I thought BCP was set up to reduce duplication of costs."

"These plans will add confusion over which council does which job, please keep it simple. BCP should improve their own services rather than creating new Councils to do their job for them."

"Disband BCP Council and revert to individual councils for Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch."

85 respondents commented on costs. Many raised concerns about **affordability** and that the proposals were a way of introducing increases in council tax. Respondents commented that the proposals **lacked detailed costings** and that the cost of setting

up the various parish and town councils would be extremely high and passed on to residents.

"I think under the problems of finance at the moment it should not go ahead in making another stream of councillors and staff we cannot afford."

"I do not agree to a parish council. As far as I can see it's just another way of local council getting more money out of residents for nothing."

"Without costings it is unfair to ask the residents to vote in a particular way."

82 respondents criticised the consultation process. Respondents felt that the proposals lacked detail of what the recommendations actually involve and so were **unable to offer an informed opinion**. Some questioned whether **resident feedback** would influence the outcome of the consultation. The proposals should also go to a **public vote** before any changes are made. Respondents also felt that the proposals were **politically motivated** to suit individual agendas.

"I think the whole draft is extremely confusing and made deliberately so to prevent residents from commenting about the proposals so local government can make changes without residents fully understanding the implications."

"A full referendum should be offered. Recommendations for Poole haven't been promoted by an independent/impartial group. Local media have not made a front page. We need a full referendum ASAP."

"This proposal seems to be already decided by the council and rather than a consultation which will be ignored the electorate should be granted a referendum."

"This is short sighted proposal chosen by a chosen council."

32 respondents commented on other issues not covered by the draft recommendations, including the need to **retain Poole Civic Centre**.

"Space should be allocated within the vacant Poole Civic Centre for the Town Council, the Mayor's Office and all civic regalia, as well as the function room."

2.2.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

4 respondents expressed support, arguing that Poole deserved a council of its own to reflect its **historic identity** and to strengthen local decision-making.

"It would be nice to have Poole's identity back."

However, 12 respondents opposed the proposals, describing them as costly, **unnecessary** and that they were happy with the current structure.

"We do not need parish councils as well as BCP. That is unnecessary, costly and would lead to certain matters not being considered by either."

9 respondents raised **boundaries concerns**. Respondents questioned why Broadstone was not included with the rest of Poole, while others felt that the proposed area was too large.

"I am confused as to why it has been put forward for Broadstone to become its own separate council rather than be included with the rest of the areas in Poole?"

"This makes sense for Poole town centre but not for the wider conurbation."

29 respondents raised concerns about **administration and decision-making**. They highlighted duplication of effort, confusion of roles, and the risk of fragmented governance across the wider conurbation. BCP Council should concentrate on providing services to residents rather than creating unnecessary recommendations. Some felt that reestablishing the three original councils would be a more effective solution and that they were opposed to the previous merging of town councils.

"Less bureaucracy and transparency is required from BCP with more action from those already elected, not more."

"Should never have formed a unitary council (BCP) with Christchurch and Bournemouth. The original 3-Councils worked perfectly well for the residents."

"I would like to see improvements to Poole town centre."

5 respondents commented on **costs**, questioning the additional cost to residents and where the money to pay for the changes would come from.

"Who is going to foot the administrative bill for creating all these new areas?"

10 respondents criticised the **consultation process**. They described it as poorly explained, politically motivated and expressed concern that residents views would not be listened to.

“Listen to your residents and their wishes!! The majority of residents don't want parish councils.”

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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
K1	Bournemouth Town	E. Didn't we just amalgamate Bournemouth into BCP. Wasn't that supposed to introduce efficiencies and cost savings? Instead we have a proposal to introduce vast amounts of extra costs to add a layer of gravy train for the council. How long before the leader demands several hundred thousand a year to rune this new council. This is the appearance of democracy but really just adding more bureaucracy.		Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K2	Bournemouth Town	Please see my comments regarding Southbourne. Further to this I note that the elector to councillor ratio for the Bournemouth area is very high, especially when compared to that of, for instance, Hurn. There is a huge disparity, far more than the +- 10% recommended for local council areas. this means that the areas with preferential ratios already have unfair representation on the council.		Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
K3	Bournemouth Town	(b) A Queen's Park parish council should be considered separately from Bournemouth town council. similar to the Redhill and Northbourne proposal. This could also include the Littledown area under a 'Queens Park & Littledown parish council'.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K4	Bournemouth Town	(f) the opportunity should be taken to rename Queens Park to Queens Park and Charminster as they are areas of distinct difference and Charminster gets left behind all of the time. any representation should ensure that there is always one councillor minimum, resident and understanding of the different challenge of Charminster.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8
K5	Bournemouth Town	a	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1

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K6	Bournemouth Town	A - h I strongly agree because it provides focus to the various areas of Bournemouth. By have local councillors they can support ward initiatives to improve Bournemouth overall.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K7	Bournemouth Town	a) I feel that minor civic amenities like public markets, playgrounds, public gardens, and public toilets are being left by in disrepair as BCP Council are forced to divert a larger and larger share of funding to statutory services like adult social care. Giving control of non-statutory public amenities and services like street sweeping over to a Town Council would free up funding for BCP council to spend on more pressing issues. It would also cut down on the bureaucracy involved with minor public works, as a town council's civil service is much smaller than that of a unitary authority. b) Having lived in Winton and spent time in Kinson, I feel that they have a separate civic identity and may benefit more from having their own civil parishes. c) I can't think of another fitting name for the civil parish other than Bournemouth. d & e) I do not think the style "Parish Council" fits large urban areas, so I feel "Town Council" is more appropriate. f) Since civil parishes can't use the style "Borough", I think Bournemouth Town Council is the most fitting name. g, h, i) I do not have any comments about ward boundaries or the number of councillors.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
K8	Bournemouth Town	a) I believe that a parish of Bournemouth will allow for more flexibility regarding decisions that affect the local community. b,f) The boundaries and names suggested make sense. d) A parish council in the form of a town council, will provide the necessary organisation.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH2 5

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K9	Bournemouth Town	a. Bournemouth Town must be able to make its own council policy and not be overridden by remote regions of the conurbation.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
K10	Bournemouth Town	Agree with residents	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
K11	Bournemouth Town	BCP council is corrupt, incompetent and broken. More powers should be delegated closer to residents. CEO position should be open to public scrutiny and powers to fire the CEO should be given to residents.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
K12	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth Town Centre has gone drastically downhill in recent years. We need a body focused solely on reviving it.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
K13	Bournemouth Town	g and h: Does each ward need that many councillors? That sound like a lot and more expensive than having fewer people. It is also more difficult to come decisions as Bournemouth Town Council if 38 councillors are involved.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K14	Bournemouth Town	g) The areas of Bournemouth Central East, Cliff & Springbourne and Westbourne & West Cliff should be in their own parish council. As these areas have the beach. And have different issues than the areas inland of Bournemouth .	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH2 5
K15	Bournemouth Town	I agree that local government in such a large area should be broken down into smaller areas. Although it does feel as if the area represented by Bournemouth Town is very diverse socioeconomically. Westbourne, for example, is a lot wealthier than Springbourne.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4

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K16	Bournemouth Town	I feel there is a need for local representation for residents in the proposed Bournemouth Town Council area, more directly accountable to residents that the Trustees.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K17	Bournemouth Town	I think devolving power to a more local level is a good thing	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH2 6
K18	Bournemouth Town	I would be happy for there to be a Bournemouth Town COuncil	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
K19	Bournemouth Town	If the suggestion below is taken up, then new boundary needs to be drawn.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
K20	Bournemouth Town	Merge with Redhill and Boscombe, halve the number of councillors	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
K21	Bournemouth Town	None	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 9
K22	Bournemouth Town	Quite simply, local government needs to be brought closer to local residents, that is, Bournemouth residents influencing and promoting issues, and addressing concerns pertaining to their locality.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9

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K23	Bournemouth Town	Re 'g' and 'h' and numbers of councillors, I fail to see or understand how this is fair representation and strongly feel that more efforts should be made to explain how these numbers have been arrived upon. Bournemouth Council having over 2,700 people per councillor and Throop and Holdenhurst for example having only 35! Throop and Holdenhurst having 7 councillors and Littledown and Iford, despite it's size and population having only 3! This being 6.4% under average. As a resident of Iford, I therefore strongly feel we are under represented on the council and that the proposed Bournemouth Town Council does not fairly represent its electorate. Especially given the congestion we suffer every day in the RBH area and the continued and constantly increasing use by every BCP resident, with the ever expanding RBH site and centralisation of departments at RBH. Our voice should be stronger.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5
K24	Bournemouth Town	Same as previously stated, you have already amalgamated the whole of Dorset council's we don't need or want a massive increase in the our council tax, get it through your heads normal people don't earn the sort of money you lot pay yourselves	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
K25	Bournemouth Town	Since the council became BCP, it has felt that Bournemouth itself has lost a lot of detailed focus or attention- with money from our council tax diverted to non Bournemouth areas. We need to have oversight of our local area as it has become dirty and unkempt. Not the Bournemouth we used to enjoy. It also deters visitors due to lack of good shopping in the town. Unbelievable given the footfall and good hotels and restaurants.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K26	Bournemouth Town	the idea is strong but there are too many councillors there should be less to save costs and make it easier to fill vacancies	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K27	Bournemouth Town	The town parish is a non-sense if it has large exclusion areas, and instead should focus on the core town centre eg Town Centre Area Action Plan area with parish councils for the rump wards.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9

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K28	Bournemouth Town	Too many councillors	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
K29	Bournemouth Town	Too many councillors, reduce. Include Redhill and Northbourne in, or have North Bournemouth and South Bournemouth PC's	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
K30	Bournemouth Town	(a) (c) (e) and (J) There appears to be no benefit from establishing another layer of government. At a time when so many seem to be struggling with finances, both government and families, there seems no benefit in having another layer of bureaucracy where we have managed without until now.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8

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K31	Bournemouth Town	(a) (f) The current arrangements should remain in place. The formation of Parish/Town Councils should be a bottom up not top down process – led by local communities coming together as illustrated with reference to the already established Parish Councils as well as other community groups ie • Throop and Holdenhurst Village Council • Neighbourhood plans – ie 'Boscombe and Pokedsown Neighbourhood Forum' • Throop and Muscliff Neighbours Network • TMSTH – Throop, Muscliff, Strouden, Townsend, Holdenhurst Area Forum – for members (all residents in these areas) to make their views heard. This is led from the ground up with communities/areas coming together of their own volition feeling empowered deciding what they want for their area and feeling invested in the process. This will better reflect what residentials in the various areas want (from their understanding of their distinct characteristics, priorities and needs for their area) enabling them to define what they consider to be the identified boundaries of their community as well as identifying the issues, priorities and needs specific to their areas. Communities are also represented by their elected Councillors so a further level of governance with different boundaries would result in confusion. (b) (d) (f) What communities want will vary across the whole area so amalgamating a range of diverse sub areas with differing needs and communities (for example ranging from: the town centre itself; the urban centres of Winton, Moordown, Charminster; the suburban areas of Meyrick Park, Dean Park and Queens Park; the out lying areas of Muscliff and Strouden Park and the coastal areas of East and West Cliff) into one 'Town Council' area cannot logically represent the best interests of those living in these areas. A top down approach with pre-determined areas and boundaries which do not relate or reflect the actual community needs of the various sub areas across the town is not the correct way to form parishes. This process should not be engineered – it should happen organically. (c)(e) Naming the various areas as 'Bournemouth Town Council' does not respect the difference of the various areas that would fall within it (see b and f above). The name is not very transparent as to which areas it would cover. Compare with the name of Throop and Holdenhurst Parish Council – which is clearly identifiable in its geographical location. (g) As this process is not community led the community are less likely to engage and there could be the scenario that there are no or an insufficient number of councillors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0

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K32	Bournemouth Town	(a) I was a Parish Councillor for 25 years in another area and am in favour of Parish and Town Councils but I do not think this proposal makes any sense. The area is far too big and the Council will be unmanageable. People need to feel as though their Parish/Town Council represents them and supports their local needs. This won't be possible with such a large parish.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
K33	Bournemouth Town	(a) No submissions for a Bournemouth Town Council were received and it therefore seems ridiculous that a proposal for a Bournemouth Town Council should progress. The current Charter Trustees for Bournemouth should remain for the areas not covered by any Town Council proposals. This appears to be a stealth way to increase local taxation on residents, increasing levels of bureaucracy for no material benefit and is therefore something I disagree with. I strongly disagree with any change and would strongly prefer for the Charter Trustees to remain for the area of East Cliff & Springbourne.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
K34	Bournemouth Town	(a) Please see comments on the wider issues (Bournemouth, Poole) re benefits of co-ordination, consistency and liaison across the conurbation plus the efficiency gains (to council(s) and residents) from having a single body address issues.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K35	Bournemouth Town	(a) to (h) I strongly disagree with ALL recommendations. This would introduce another layer of government which is unnecessary. The existing ward system already ensures each area within BCP is well represented by local councillors. I cannot see creating a town council with further elected individuals will add anything at all. Also this proposal will add to an already high council tax liability. The estimated one percent initial cost will inevitably increase in future years - you only have to look at how the Police and Crime Commissioner precept has increased over the years with little or no benefit to council tax payers.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6

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K36	Bournemouth Town	'A', 'B', 'C, 'D', 'E', 'F'. The Task & Finish Group, while actively recommending the establishment of 3 new Parishes in a third of Bournemouth, is consulting and recommending that the remaining two-thirds of Bournemouth should have a Town Council, named Bournemouth Town Council, which is both absurd and confusing. 'G' Conflict of Interest It should specify that BCP Ward Councillors are not eligible to stand as a parish / town councillor as this gives rise to an obvious conflict of interest, particularly if that individual is a member of BCP Council Cabinet. This ruling needs to apply (also retrospectively) to ALL parishes for the reasons stated above.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K37	Bournemouth Town	38 town councillors is insanity and a preposterous number of members for any small authority to manage. The costs of onboarding and training those members alone is a demonstrable waste of public money. This is a criminal amount of over-representation when taken with BCP members as well. For example, the Queens Park ward would have 6 councillors. Completely unhinged idea. Christchurch Town Council returned unopposed in 2019 and was unable to find enough candidates to fill all 19 seats. You'll never get 38 vacancies filled on Bournemouth Town Council much less in a contested election. Whoever came up with this idea clearly hasn't got a clue about how hard it is to get engagement at the town and parish level. That is an unprecedented number of councillors for a town council.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8
K38	Bournemouth Town	a - A parish council for this area is not welcome and I believe totally unnecessary offering little benefit to its residents it's an extra layer creating more complications we don't need more councillors I believe we have enough and I want to see our local government stay as it is - Parish free	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Moordown	BH9 2
K39	Bournemouth Town	a - h This is completely unnecessary and we should stick with the status quo. It will only cost the residents more in council tax with no benefits.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7

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K40	Bournemouth Town	A - I do not agree with the creation of a parish council for Bournemouth town. Under the original local government reorganisation process and the creation of BCP, more needs to be done to unite the three towns rather than divide and separate these communities. The three towns all have unique identities which should be celebrated but I do not think we need to create separate town councils to do this and will cost rather than save money.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K41	Bournemouth Town	A - Parish councils are designed for villages not simply dividing up a larger town	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K42	Bournemouth Town	a - There is a council covering Bournemouth at the moment. To have another layer of local government will cost a lot more to the local residents and involve more time consuming meetings.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K43	Bournemouth Town	A and C. Bournemouth does not need a Parish council. This would be more levels of bureaucracy for residents to wade through to understand and process. There would be greater expenditure for residents, which I believe would be uncapped, and would result in BCP Councils passing more and more “tasks” to the PCs to deal with.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K44	Bournemouth Town	a' No interest in having more levels of bureaucracy in the area. More cost and more arguing. I thought the whole idea of having one BCP council was to streamline services and reduce costs.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K45	Bournemouth Town	a plans will add confusion over which council does which job. the presnt services should be improved by bcp.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8

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K46	Bournemouth Town	a to d - A complete waste of money, their is no connection between Winton and Bournemouth Town Centre, Eastcliff or Littledown etc.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 2
K47	Bournemouth Town	A to h .we don't need or want it but then again bcp council does as it wants we can't afford another council tax rise who is going to pay for this	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Kinson	BH10 5
K48	Bournemouth Town	A) A parish of Bournemouth should not include Queen's Park & Charminster as designated in the Queen's Park & Charminster Neighbourhood Plan area as consulted. B) The boundary of the parish should not include the previously designated Neighbourhood Plan area of Charminster & Queen's Park C) A parish by the name of Bournemouth should not be designated on the basis of a single response to the first consultation due to insufficient weight and support of the enclosed communities. D) Given the insufficient response of the initial consultation, the parish should not have a parish council in the style of town council E) Given the insufficient response of the initial consultation, the name of the town council should not be Bournemouth Town Council F) The areas designated within the consulted boundaries of the Queen's Park & Charminster Neighbourhood Plan should not be included within the insufficiently consulted Bournemouth Town Council. G) If the Bournemouth Town Council proposal is accepted, it should deduct the weighted amount of councillors based on the absence of the QP&C Neighbourhood Forum area.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8

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K49	Bournemouth Town	a) Again why are we doing this. We now will have a situation where a few neighbourhoods will be ridiculously overrepresented while the rest of Bournemouth and Poole have no low level repsentation. I imagine most residents don't actually care either way but if we are separating individual parts of Bournemouth into their own parishes why not split up the whole thing? I disagree with the creation of any parish councila proposed as the parish council responsibilities will be negligible and should be handled by the bcp council But if the plan is to have Redhill and nearby areas as a parish why isn't kinson a separate parish too. Retaining Poole and Bournemouth as individual massive parishes seems to not be in the spirit of having parishes in the first place.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Kinson	BH11 9
K50	Bournemouth Town	a) and d) I don't believe we need an extra layer of admin and bureaucracy. I don't see a benefit to residents in establishing parish councils but I do see that there will be additional costs to residents, and BCP councillors will be less accountable for maintaining the separate local areas, and will pass the buck to parish councils for issues it finds too expensive or too difficult to deal with. What was the point in amalgamating the town councils into BCP if only to create a new sub-layer of councillors? I thought the larger council was meant to benefit from economies of scale, better purchasing power and reduced admin and bureaucracy. The creation of parish councils undermines the arguments for the creation of BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
K51	Bournemouth Town	A) Disagree. Why should people pay an additional precept for another level of decision making. We elected BCP council to represent us on these matters. We don't need to pay more for another layer.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8

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K52	Bournemouth Town	a) I do not agree that we need another layer of bureaucracy in the system. I have therefore answered "strongly disagree" to question a). It therefore follows that I don't support any of the statements b) to h) so I have indicated "strongly disagree" to all. My reasoning is simple - keep the structure simple and make it effective. Under your proposals, it will be extremely confusing who is responsible for which service. This will vary from area to area depending on the capacity of new Town Councils to take on responsibility for services beyond the statutory functions. Continue to work on BCP as a joined-up organisation, consider why BCP was brought together in the first place. Make the BCP Council effective before you consider further changes. If you can't deliver all services, be honest with your electorate and say what is that you can't do and why. The size of the proposed Bournemouth town council is huge and, although the areas are different, this feels like a backward step in time to before BCP was created. I don't think a town council at the proposed size of Bournemouth is going to be an effective solution. I think the present system can provide adequate representation of ward interests through existing ward councillors. And there are already community groups like the residents' associations that represent local interests. Plus there is likely to be an additional cost for residents and I think you have a duty to consider this. I know that your proposal says that it shouldn't be a consideration but to hard-pressed residents at a time of a cost of living crisis I think this should also be a consideration. A town council precept wouldn't be capped unlike increases to main council tax so a precedent is set. Also, from where do you get all these additional councillors? If existing councillors sat on town councils as well I can see conflicts of interest at every point. In a society where many voluntary organisations are closing due to lack of volunteers, I see the recruitment of so many new councillors quite an issue. Please get the current council operating effectively and efficiently before you consider these changes. This is the priority for most residents and businesses in the area.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K53	Bournemouth Town	a) I see no benefit in creating any new layers of government below BCP Council. I believe that the merger of the three councils (Bournemouth Poole Christchurch) has led to economies of scale which enable the efficient and cost-effective provision of services. To introduce additional local layers of service provision would not be an improvement as the fragmentation of control would lead to less efficiency and higher costs. Further, I find it convenient to have a single point of contact when dealing with 'the council'. I would find it more difficult to make contact with the appropriate service provider and would feel less able to hold them to account if service provision was split across BCP council and a local council.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5

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K54	Bournemouth Town	a) strongly disagree as don't want more layers of bureaucracy and associated costs b-g) not applicable	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K55	Bournemouth Town	a) The creation of Parish Councils within BCP Council is an unnecessary and pointless exercise that the vast majority of residents will not care about as will be proved by the turnout in any elections should the idea go ahead. In some of the proposed parishes there will be one Councillor for every 100 residents whilst in other the ration would be over a 1000 per Councillor, clearly this is ludicrous. All resident already have elected Councillors sitting on BCP Council who should be standing up for the areas they were elected by and BCP Council has far more money and influence than the Parish Councils will have. Due to the tight budgets within BCP Council proposals by Councillors to waste money on unnecessary projects that the vast majority of residents don't care about should normally fail and not be proceeded with, but in a Parish Council such projects may be proceeded with which will add to residents bills without providing any services residents would choose if they were told how much they cost. The whole idea of Bournemouth and Poole Borough Councils becoming Unitary Authorities was to reduce the tiers to one. The creation of BCP Council was to further reduce costs through economies of scale in a single Unitary Authority. The creation of a new second tier goes against the whole point of creating BCP Council. The proposal should be about scrapping the current pointless Parish Councils within Christchurch whose financial decisions are not properly audited, rather then creating these pointless money wasting additional tiers throughout BCP Council.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
K56	Bournemouth Town	A) There is no demand for this. It adds unnecessary cost to the local area. b) This is a disaster formulation, with carve outs all over the Bournemouth area. Why would the council put Kinson, Winton and town centre but not Redhill, Boscombe, Southbourne and Talbot Woods.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1

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K57	Bournemouth Town	a) This is a clearly unnecessary additional layer of government. Responsibilities are now clearly with the BCP Council but under the proposals it will be entirely unclear where these responsibilities lie and there will be endless opportunity for "buck passing" between BCP and the town council. In addition there will obviously be additional costs associated with the new councils which can only be passed on to tax payers.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K58	Bournemouth Town	a) to g) There is no need to create more bureaucracy. The present arrangements are satisfactory. The creation of a town council will create more expenditure e.g. salaried staff, expenses for the councillors, costs of running elections etc. which will be collected using this idea of a precept; that is merely a fancy word for additional rates or council tax.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K59	Bournemouth Town	a) to h) (all) I strongly disagree with the need for parish councils when we already have an amalgamated Council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
K60	Bournemouth Town	a) Unnecessary extra layer of government with added bureaucracy and talking shops for 38 more councillors, and confused unclear division of responsibilities with the main BCP council. That was the point of having unitary councils in the first place. This proposed council is for the rump of Bournemouth not already burdened with a parish council, with little common interest between the various areas, so councillors will spend their time disputing whether Kinson or Westbourne or Littledown will benefit from their attention. There's is enough representation at BCP already, leave it as is. b) to h) - no further comments, see a)	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K61	Bournemouth Town	a) We don't need yet another layer of bureaucracy, which will cost local taxpayers more (via a parish precept) to fulfil the same requirements that BCP has responsibility for. The thought of 'turkey' voting for christmas [unknown] the mind.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9

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K62	Bournemouth Town	a),b,c,d,e,f,g) I strongly disagree with the draft recommendations for Bournemouth Town and the other recommendations. The town already has elected council and there is no reason to establish a further layer of bureaucracy which will only increase our council tax. Our elected councillors should serve the area they are elected from and I have no issues with my current councillors. Added councillors will only confuse issues especially if they are only elected for certain responsibilities with constituents having to go to different councillors for different issues.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K63	Bournemouth Town	a, b c d e f g h Bournemouth, (and Poole) already have an existing arrangement of local wards where items can concern can be raised by residents to their local elected representatives and this is established and adequate . there is no need for additional bureaucracy and unknown expense.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 9
K64	Bournemouth Town	a, b, c, d, e, f, g - By both reducing the actual named area of Bournemouth by removing a whole ward from the proposed councils authority and reducing the status of the Town of Bournemouth to some overblown parochial Parish in an increasingly interconnected world, is an irresponsible act. h, i - There is no requirement for so many councillors per ward to 'monitor' a small number of services identified 'as such' than the number of councillors 'monitoring' the statutory services currently delivered by BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 9
K65	Bournemouth Town	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j The proposed Bournemouth Town area is not cohesive. I strongly disagree with the concept, but if there were to be a Bournemouth Town Council it should be based on the boundary of the former Bournemouth Borough Council.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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K66	Bournemouth Town	a, g) We already have an over representation of the public sector in the UK with an estimate of 6.1 million people working in or for government at some level.This is a preposterous statistic for a country as small as the UK. We already have the government, parliament, devolved parliaments, quangos, councils and now another council on top of the council. Such additional bureaucracy adds layers of complication as to who to go to for what issues and is surely going to be less efficient in resolving any arising issues as cross-body communication will be slow and erroneous. It would surely be better to keep council functions within a single council body. Councils are also struggling these days, it would surely be better to focus on the underlying issues rather than introduce new things that can potentially create a great deal of additional unforseen problems. We have already gone from individual councils (bournemouth, christchurch, poole) to the BCP council in recent memory, creating one larger council - only to then have this proposal for another layer of smaller councils ontop! Make it make sense!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Moordown	BH9 2
K67	Bournemouth Town	a, I strongly disagree with the proposal to change the existing arrangements which have only been in place since 2019 and introduce yet another costly tier of bureaucracy. Indeed even the cost of this consultation is beyond belief when BCP Council's financial situation is so precarious	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K68	Bournemouth Town	a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h The proposals are totally unnecessary and duplicate the function of Wards and Ward Councillors	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH8 8
K69	Bournemouth Town	a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h We have a Town Council which has council representatives for each area. We do not need more levels of administration but for existing Councillors to do their job and represent their ward to the Council with diligence and hard work on behalf of their electors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3

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K70	Bournemouth Town	a,d,f,g,h The overall issue is that the parish councils haven't been given enough control or decision making ability to be useful or effective. Either give them significant autonomous independent power or don't bother. This whole thing is such a waste of time for something so insignificant.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
K71	Bournemouth Town	a,unnecessary idea associated with this proposal, what do you expect to achieve and what is the precise role of setting up a parish when the Council is in my opinion failing to maintain Bournemouth as a thriving and prosperous town to live in. I have lived and worked in Bournemouth for the past 15 years and have watched the slow decline of the area due to BCP not forgiving it's contract to the people living here on numerous levels.Businesses closing down, empty shops, vagrants habitating the area and crime on the rise.in my opinion creating another arm of the council is a bit far fetched and not worth the invest.why doesn't BCP concentrate on what it's there for and pull Bournemouth out of the gutter.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8
K72	Bournemouth Town	A. Disagree…it seems to add an additional layer, adding cost and more importantly diluting the responsibility of any specific body to address issues (that are currently BCP council). There seems little value in the potential for a more local body to highlight issues in a specific area as the existing council should already be aware of the major ones (and in most cases would retain responsibility anyway).	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K73	Bournemouth Town	a. I am opposed to the proposal for creating any Parish Council in the BPC area, as I see it as an unnecessary additional level of decision making, when systems are already in place to adequately deal with all issues proposed to be controlled by the Parish Council. The additional costs to the already overcharged Council Tax payers of BCP will be another unjustified burden to contend with.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8

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K74	Bournemouth Town	A. I do not agree to the creation of additional Town/Parish councils. This is due to the increased costs that Council Tax payers will inevitably have to pay. When BCP was created, the idea was to save costs and decrease the number of councillors overall. There are no detailed costings included with the proposals, however the introduction of Town/Parish councils so respondents have no accurate details on which to base our decisions. However there will be increased costs in the form of buildings, staff etc and like the PCC's these will quickly spiral out of control. If you want to give greater local accountability, reinstating the original Borough Councils and disbanding BCP would be preferable.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
K75	Bournemouth Town	A. I do not believe springbourne should be part of a larger parish, we have our own identity and are in the process of setting up neighbourhood schemes. A parish as large as the one proposed would mean we lose our identity amongst bigger areas. Our council tax would rise and would not be beneficial to our area.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
K76	Bournemouth Town	a. I do not see the benefit of this added layer of bureaucracy. There is no reason in my view why the present system shouldn't work effectively.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K77	Bournemouth Town	Absolute waste of time .If you cannot run BCP as a single unit, with its economies of scale. then you should not be in the job. There was no need to become BCP if you a to produce more civil servants and councillors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
K78	Bournemouth Town	Again just another wasteful tactic to take more money from local residents who are having a hard enough time living in bournemouth anyway what with the homeless, no shops other than barbers the town centre is a drug cess pit bin that I won't let my family near the streets in awful condition and the council as it currently stands couldn't care less for the occupants of the bcp area only lining their pockets more. Can I suggest you all justify what you actually do and perhaps what you have done of success for the bourenmouth area while in OUR employ	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Moordown	BH9 2

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K79	Bournemouth Town	a-h: I do not consider introducing another layer of bureaucracy would be beneficial or cost-effective; the two-tier council arrangement of Bournemouth/Dorset was abolished many years ago	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH8 8
K80	Bournemouth Town	All - A total waste of money, we already have three representatives for our ward, why would you need extra. There is a danger that BCP council will offload responsibility and costs on parish councils, with no reduction in council tax bills. We shouldn't even be wasting money on consultating about this and why split off areas like Redhill? We are either a town or not. Only last year some councillers were lamenting that BCP hadn't been able to join a new Wessex Council. Try some consultations to save taxpayers money not risk spending more.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
K81	Bournemouth Town	all - disagree with the proposals. Stay as Bournemouth Charter Trustees and stop messing with the tiers of local government adding in more levels, confusion and costs for local residents.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
K82	Bournemouth Town	All 'a' to 'h' - I am wholly opposed to the proposals for the detailed reasons stated in my submission dated 9 June 2025.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
K83	Bournemouth Town	All a waste of money	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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K84	Bournemouth Town	All recommendations (a)-(h): I disagree with the basic principle of establishing a Bournemouth Town Council as outlined in this section of the consultation, and therefore disagree with every recommendation associated with it. I have seen no evidence to date that there is any particular appetite from residents for this town council to be formed at the present time. I think that these parts of Bournemouth should therefore remain unparished until such time as there is a demonstrable interest in the formation of a new council or councils in the area.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
K85	Bournemouth Town	An un- necessary expence	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
K86	Bournemouth Town	Another layer of bureaucracy which will cost council taxpayer more and achieve nothing. BCP Council need to stop damaging our town and wasting our money. This is an opportunity for BCP Council to pass the buck to a town council and the town council to then blame BCP. Not needed. Not wanted	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
K87	Bournemouth Town	Any additional levels created will result in unnecessary expense and will likely not improve the current failings of the BCP Council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 9

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K88	Bournemouth Town	As a Wallisdown resident I do not see the need for a town council. I do not know anyone locally who has requested setting up a town council nor support the idea of having one. b) Wallisdown is too far away from the town centre to be linked with it - we have different needs in this area than the town centre and sea front. The whole proposed area is too big anyway ro deliver a localised plan that suits the needs of these diverse areas. The boundary appears random and arbitrary. c) d) e) and f) We're Wallisdown not Bournemouth Town. We have our own identity which is different to the town centre and other places within the boundary. A town council will not suit any of us.The town centre will sack all the available resources and services for the whole proposed area and we will end up with a huge disparity across the area and within BCP as a whole. g) and h) we don't need any more councillors. 38 more voices is just a duplication and adds an unnecessary and costly layer of bureaucracy. Responsibilities will be duplicated and lines of accountability will be blurred. The delivery of services will be bogged down even further	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH11 8
K89	Bournemouth Town	As I said in the southbourne comments, the idea of town/parish councils is not something I this is worth the effort. Assuming this opinion doesn't change anything, the map for this town council is wild. It's clearly just the left over parts not being put into another parish, and there is no internal cohesion between these areas. LI3, where I am really fits better into Southbourne, but the rest of LI doesn't fit into this map either. The Wallisdown & Kinson areas are just strapped on the side with a gap in there, and there are large areas in the middle with almost nothing in common with others (Queens park, for example is very wealthy, Muscliffe really not, the town centre largely students and Springbourne (where we have worked for 25 years with our church) can be a pretty transient population. This is clearly just lumped together to be able to get rid of the Town Charter Trustees, which I don't really care either way about but it's certainly not a cohesive proposal in any sense. The idea of this being the proposal, but it will be changed if some other part isn't implemented is also insufficiently defined.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5

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K90	Bournemouth Town	B - Muscliff area has stronger potential joining Troop area E - what is the point in becoming a unitary authority, then forming 2 town councils, costing more money and of a size that would make it difficult to create a community and truly serve that area.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
K91	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth is a much bigger area than that which has been segmented off. It does not bode well for the future of our once great thriving town to be treated like the poor relation to Christchurch and Poole.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K92	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth is part of the larger urban area of BCP. There is not enough difference between the various wards to warrent making the area a separate town council.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH2 6
K93	Bournemouth Town	C Have ing another level will only cause confusion as to who will represent us . As shown at throop all anotber level of councellors will only lead to then polishing thier own egos. We have a council and they should rule.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
K94	Bournemouth Town	Complete waste of money duplicating existing governance structure' and which appears to be a back door increase in council tax	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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K95	Bournemouth Town	Disagree with ALL, This is gerrymandering at it's worse, Why are you splitting of the various wards previously mentioned from Bournemouth? Why are you suggesting creating a Redhill council yet not one for Kinson which has a much more distinct and cohesive character and Northbourne is more aligned with Kinson then ever Redhill. Why some wards an extra council and then lump all the others together in Bournemouth this is inconsistent and clearly demonstrates an idea looking for an answer and not required. Additionally I believe with the governments current proposals on local government we should not be considering any further changes in local government until the governments decisions on merging councils has been completed and we should take a lead from central government. We have no need for additional councillors and by introducing an additional council we will lengthen the time made for decisions, increase costs and will not provide any material benefit.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
K96	Bournemouth Town	Disagree. We already have a council which should be taking care of all the needs of the three Burroughs. We do not a " broken bisc" with more smaller councils fighting for more services attention etc. A united front is better than an increased council with lesser powers. There will be so many voices to be heard that none will be heard and the declining standards in this borough will slide even further. We need strong, sincere and willing leaders who are able to manage the concerns of the local residents in each area and DO something about it. A further fragmented council will lead to less being done.and no one taking full responsibility but blaming it on someone or rather "something else" New council, just another bunch of names with no faces There are already plenty of residents within each area who could bump up the requirements for their area to the responsible person in the council. If the councillor is not up to the job then they should be replaced by someone who is. Political affiliation is not a necessity just sorting out the local problems and concerns is.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3

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K97	Bournemouth Town	Do not need	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
K98	Bournemouth Town	Do not support - see my email	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
K99	Bournemouth Town	Doesn’t need a parish council	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K100	Bournemouth Town	Don’t. Think there should be another layer of money to be collected from thevresidents	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Kinson	BH11 9
K101	Bournemouth Town	First of all - I’m horrified at the complexity of this survey and as someone who oversees a market research and insight function I’m shocked that you believe this is truly accessible to the broadest cross section of our community. I believe you will receive a biased response from those that can commit to navigate the complexity and nonsensical structure of the survey. And like the survey, this whole proposal feels unnecessarily complex and feels like it is adding layers of unnecessary bureaucracy rather than seeking to address better representation through the current model.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1

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K102	Bournemouth Town	For answer 'a' through to 'e', I see no reason to establish another layer of local government for Bournemouth. Functions should remain with the Charter Trustees as required. This whole plan feels as if the proposal for Bournemouth Town is simply to group the rest of the town together, where there may not have been interest for a parish or town council. The name Bournemouth Town would suggest it covers the whole of Bournemouth, when it won't. The boundary seems odd as I currently elect BCP councillors in Talbot and Branksome ward, if the parish or town council is established, my ward is then split into two between Poole and Bournemouth town councils, which doesn't seem very joined up. Issues that could the affect me nearby may then be being taken by a body that I am unable to vote for and the same the other way, which is why I thought BCP was formed, in order to have the local area together as one body for easier planning and execution of services. I object to paying even more money for a layer of local government when we currently have reduced service from BCP, yet the tax goes up every year. Relating to questions 'f', 'g' and 'h', it does not need 38 people, I would suggest no more than two councillors per ward if these proposals must go ahead.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K103	Bournemouth Town	g it should be a 38	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K104	Bournemouth Town	Have not read anything to suggest benefit of new parish ot town councils of any kind in current financial environment.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K105	Bournemouth Town	Having gone through the merger of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole councils, I don’t think we need the extra cost and bureaucracy of new Town/Parish Councils.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4

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K106	Bournemouth Town	Having read all the documents, I fail to see what benefits these 38 Councillors will add to their existing outstanding contributions, we are BCP. This divide and confuse will not help get things done!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
K107	Bournemouth Town	I am against this proposal because of the additional tier of local government and additional cost involved	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH2 6
K108	Bournemouth Town	I am commenting on all of the draft recommendations ("a", "b" "c", etc). These proposed changes would constitute an unnecessary extra layer of local bureaucracy, and the services provided by the proposed new layer should be provided by BCP Council instead.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
K109	Bournemouth Town	I believe the creation of parish councils to be totally wrong and a waste of money. It will cost residents more and it is reinventing the wheel of councils before being BCP. It is an utter disgrace.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH2 5
K110	Bournemouth Town	I can see no rationale for moving away from the current local authority approach which was only established in 2019 on the basis of rationalisation of services, the proposals do not set out what the benefit to local residents will be of the changes and why they should be supported. More work needs to be done on why this is a good option if you want support.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9

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K111	Bournemouth Town	I disagree with all of the above statements. This is unnecessary bureaucracy. Bournemouth Town would be far too big to have any "local" feel. The areas are disparate in terms of their amenities. The more picturesque parts would be made into new council areas. They would need to raise huge revenues to be able to tackle the areas that have been left to become rundown since the creation of BCP. The main council is in complete disarray. That needs to be sorted before any other "solutions" are proposed? 6 Years after merger, BCP still has far too many different IT systems that havent been amalgamated. Imagine the chaos of having even more different systems and workers with different responsibilities. Sort out Housing. Sort out Social Care. Sort out SEND. Then ask me again?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
K112	Bournemouth Town	I disagree with all. It adds another layer of governance that Unitary authorities were set up ages ago to get rid of!!!! So it would be back to square one. I understand there is no spare money and local people would prefer betters services for less not more local taxes. Too many layers of government further from the local people. Not necessary to have 3 or 4 !!! councillors per area. Better idea to have local ward assemblies that feed into BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8
K113	Bournemouth Town	I disagree with each of the draft recommendations. They represent no benefit to tax/counciltax payers in Bournemouth and Poole for an increase in both local tax and local bureaucracy. Council tax is currently capped by central government, but the parish precept is not limited in this way and could be increased at will. The merges of BCP provided economies of scale but there is no evidence of this.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K114	Bournemouth Town	I DISAGREE with the formation of ANY additional layers of bureaucracy. It is only a few years since Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole were combined. That was to reduce duplication, rationalise services across all areas and to save costs. You are now proposing adding even more entities.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
K115	Bournemouth Town	I disagree with the need for parish and town councils	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1

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K116	Bournemouth Town	I do not agree that any area requires a parish council. I believe that all functions should be carried out by BCP council. Anything more is an unnecessary complication and a waste of money. How are people supposed to know who does what? How can you ensure that the various parish councils act with any consistency?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
K117	Bournemouth Town	I do not think we need a town or parish council. It would put in another layer of administration in which would be costly and unwarranted. Each parish would then need their administration and this would be a costly mistake.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 3
K118	Bournemouth Town	I do not want a vast Bournemouth Town council at all. But, if it is going to happen then there should be the opportunity for local areas to suggest their own parish council like the proposal for East Cliff and Springbourne council emailed in. Also, the number of councillors proposed for the East Cliff and Springbourne ward is far too low. There should be five at least.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH7 7
K119	Bournemouth Town	I do not want extra unnecessary layers of Councils which have zero benefit. Adding new layers will create confusion on which Council does which job, it needs to be kept simple. We currently have one council which joined the town councils of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole to save money and make it more streamlined. Having multiple layers of council for each area will not help community cohesion.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Kinson	BH10 5
K120	Bournemouth Town	I do not want to see additional layers of administration. BCP is fine and simple as it is.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K121	Bournemouth Town	I don’t think Bournemouth should be split into pariah councils. This split seems very arbitrary and just lumping together what is left.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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K122	Bournemouth Town	I don't see what benefit there will be by the introduction of a new layer of beurocracy.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Moordown	BH9 2
K123	Bournemouth Town	I live in the Littledown and Iford ward. I think we will be very poorly represented in a Bournemouth Council parish. I think the majority of additional funding would go to the town centre and deprived areas and we would see very little/no benefit locally. We also probably identify more with Pokesdown and southbourne - this is our main local shopping area and beach (as well as Boscombe east) and use the town centre as much as anyone else from the south west of Bournemouth/BCP.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
K124	Bournemouth Town	I object to the Parish Council Plans because it is not an improvement and would just add bureaucracy, costs and an increase to council tax. Creating 115 new councillors is unnecessary and the current system can provide adequate representation of Ward interests through the existing Ward Councillors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
K125	Bournemouth Town	I oppose all the points of the draft, but chiefly point 'A'. I feel that the proposal to set up parish councils in the area will be a costly one. At a time when all households are already struggling with rising living costs, this seems like an unnecessary expense. It would no doubt be put onto the residents to fund. We are not interested in the parish councils being set up and do not understand what their purpose is. BCP council recently merged to be more centralised, this seems a step in the reverse direction which will confuse residents as to which authority deals with issues in the area.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
K126	Bournemouth Town	I prefer smaller parish / community councils. Bournemouth town council will be too big. The louder councillors will get too much say at the expense of others. How would the money raised in each area be spent? It will be too big and unwieldy and cost too much to run. The precept will be used for staffing costs and not for improving areas.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3

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K127	Bournemouth Town	I see no need for more councillors at even more expenses for them to do nothing. I don't agree with the need for parishes.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
K128	Bournemouth Town	I simply don’t see the need for an additional layer of government. We already have far too May layers; this simply allows councillors to absolve themselves of their responsibilities by confusing where the demarcations between bodies will be. Quite simply this is a terrible idea, existing councillors should focus on delivering on their responsibilities, which they were elected to do in the first place. If they feel this is too much responsibility and they are unable to deliver on their commitments they should resign, and let others stand in their place.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K129	Bournemouth Town	I strongly disagree with all areas of this.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
K130	Bournemouth Town	I strongly disagree with all proposals for a bournemouth parish. The area is too big and would increase the council tax bill with little benefits for each area. I suspect most money would be put towards the town centre. I think the charter trustees should continue but if this is not possible then the area should be smaller and Kinson and Wallisdown and Winton west should be excluded.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
K131	Bournemouth Town	I thought the whole point of BCP was to combine resources. Now that BCP exists, you decide to create more cost and creating more overhead. And how much would you charge residents for the privilege of diluting your responsibilities? Other town councils have seen their council tax go up BECUASE of proposals like these. If you have money to spare, by all means reduce the council tax burden. No? I thought not.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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K132	Bournemouth Town	I was under the impression that BCP was created to join together Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, to save money, so why revert back to separate councils unless BCP is being dissolved. From what I understand that is not the case, just a further influx of councillors, council employees which will have to be paid . BCP is already financially in a mess, no funds for so many services, so the only way I can see that more people to be paid will be from a direct hit on the residents via council tax or even more cuts to services. And still no one will be accountable for their mistakes.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K133	Bournemouth Town	improve your own services first rather than creating new councils to do your job for you	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
K134	Bournemouth Town	In relation to the whole proposal, I fail to see what benefits will accrue with the establishment of a Town Council for Bournemouth. The only reason given that as Poole Town has one, so Bournemouth also should. On the other hand, I can perceive several layers of bureaucracy, all costing extra money, and providing excuses as to why nothing is done as each tries to shift responsibility to the next. The whole idea of creating BCP was to integrate and produce cohesiveness that would be unravelled by a plethora of additional groupings and masses of extra councillors at more levels and costs.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
K135	Bournemouth Town	Isn't this exactly why BCP was invented? To reduce duplication, economies of scale? Put this much effort into getting agreement to do something with old council property (Poole town hall) and stop thinking that changing boundaries is going to make any difference to day to day lives of residents and councillors. The latter will still have to put up with the electorate and have a thankless task. It makes me sad to think how much time has been spent on this when we have so many real problems to tackle. And less important ones, like why doesn't BCP appear to know anything about arborial management and horticulture?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9

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K136	Bournemouth Town	It is not long since the town councils were merged. I cant see the point of going backwards...incurring more costs and taxes to the residents	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
K137	Bournemouth Town	It makes no sense geographically. It would just be another administrative layer that people don't understand or want.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
K138	Bournemouth Town	It seems an unnecessary change when the proposed roles of the parish councils seem so small (as per the table included in the document). There is no clarity on how this will increase council tax, which is already high. The document lacks detail on what changes or benefits this will bring and talks mostly about boundaries. I've had no information provided by BCP council about this either through the door, email or adverts so it feels like it's being 'snuck in'. Surely a vote should be needed for this level of change?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
K139	Bournemouth Town	It will cost additional unnecessary spending.....a thru to h	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K140	Bournemouth Town	Just duplication of what we already have. Complete waste of money and resources. If BCP is in so much debt, with the predicted deficit of nearly £100M, how can they think of wasting money on these schemes.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
K141	Bournemouth Town	Just wasting peoples time the Councilors you already have can't get anything done due to lack of funds.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Kinson	BH10 5

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K142	Bournemouth Town	K-Bournemouth. I want the unitary authority to have compete autonomy without another tier of governance in the parishes. This will slow down decisions and add unnessary additional costs onto my council tax bill.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K143	Bournemouth Town	Looks as an extra layer for no benefit, no improvement of services but a confusion would come out of it...	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
K144	Bournemouth Town	More councils equals more beauracy and wasted resources	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
K145	Bournemouth Town	My comments refer to all proposals: All draft recommendations : I strongly disagree that there should be a new community council in this area for the following reasons a)The proposals have been put forward by a very small number of individuals on the task and finish group. b) Most residents do not even know about these proposals. They have not been democratically chosen. c) It will lead to artificial divisions between neighbourhoods depending on amount of precept charged if there are different councils. This will in turn lead to different levels of service, which will entrench difference and divisions instead of fostering collaboration within and between communities. e) It is not democratic, very few people have contributed to these proposals f) It will cost residents more in a time where many people can ill afford it. g) There are not likely to be many people who want to stand as councillors, leading to a deficit in democracy	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1

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K146	Bournemouth Town	My primary concerns for Bournemouth are around the poor state of the town centre and the lack of initiative in recreating the kind of hub of social activity that Bournemouth was in previous years, and also the staggering cost of rent, which is so unfair on our young people, including 2 of my own children. I am unconvinced that creating parish councils, with the additional financial burden they will place on residents, will do anything to address these concerns.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
K147	Bournemouth Town	No compelling reason to go ahead with change. Offers no advantage.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
K148	Bournemouth Town	No need for another talking shop. Save money not waste it on another tier of administration	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
K149	Bournemouth Town	No need for more councillors or town councillors. More red tape and more cost to residents!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Moordown	BH9 2
K150	Bournemouth Town	Not that long ago the town councils for Bournemouth pool and Christchurch combined to become BCP, to save money. It seems a nonsense to create an additional level of administration below this to add additional cost and admin overhead unless you also plan to abolish BCP and go back to the three separate town councils.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
K151	Bournemouth Town	Our area doesn't need another level of bureaucracy	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1

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K152	Bournemouth Town	Parish Councils generally attract Narcissists and mini Hitlers, who love the power and control, this position gives them in the community. Control over decisions and people that live in these areas. Procedure and following the system is everything, the end result is irrelevant. They have fragile egos and hate criticism. They are in control and you little people must go through me first, in fact, this whole community is under my influence and control.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
K153	Bournemouth Town	Parish councils represent unnecessary bureaucracy and are a waste of money.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
K154	Bournemouth Town	PLEASE KEEP CENTRAL BCP AS IT IS, NO NEED FOR EXTRA LAYERS,	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
K155	Bournemouth Town	Re a and d - the parish council should not be created. It is a waste of tax payers money and adds unnecessary bureaucracy. Public funds are right enough and we should be reducing this bureaucracy not increasing it. I do not think the areas that do have these already get good value for the extra money they pay.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
K156	Bournemouth Town	Setting up a new level of bureaucracy costs money and achieves nothing.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH2 6
K157	Bournemouth Town	Strongly disagree against any and all town and/or parish councils. If the central Local Authroity cannot function in its current format, then you must disband BCP and hand responsibility back to the separate localities. We are facing a cost of living crisis, and forcing more cost onto the rate payer, especially at a time where BCP has swindled and wasted millions, is a recipe for disaster. I will personally see that if this is forced through that you will see similar to the Poll Tax. Do not do this.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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K158	Bournemouth Town	Strongly disagree with having a second layer of local governance when the focus should be on making the unitary authority a cohesive and effective entity. Neighbourhood Forums should be supported and developed to give local input as required.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
K159	Bournemouth Town	The Bournemouth Parish has two distinct areas - As per historically the town centre - East & West Cliff are predominately driven by Hotel and Tourism decisions that simply do not apply to the outlying districts. I do not believe that the decision process needs prolonging and fractured by parochial decision makers. I do not support Parish Councils for the comurbation - I believe it is a retrograde step.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
K160	Bournemouth Town	The bureaucracy and cost of additional layers of local government should be avoided wherever possible.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K161	Bournemouth Town	The cost of a Town or Parish Council well exceeds the monies paid to the Charter Trustees. We pay enough now. Why would we want to pay more, and anyway why all of a sudden is it necessary to have a town or parish council. The Towncouncil was done away with in 2019. Was that a mistake?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
K162	Bournemouth Town	The cost of all these draft recommendations is unnecessary given we already have people serving our areas working in precisely the same areas. The electorate will be so small in each parish and the turnout inevitably so low that it will not represent the full range of views and therefore offers no advantage over the existing situation. I am particularly concerned that small well organised organisations can secure 'power' in the face of widespread voters apathy.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
K163	Bournemouth Town	The introduction of another tier of bureaucracy for the area is unwarranted, The principle criticism of BCP council is that it is too detached from "local" decision making and operations. To create a "Bournemouth Town council" , of this size , would be to create another tier that is almost as detached as the unitary authority. With no clear details of its remit , responsibilities , or budget , this would simply be to complicate further the areas governance , not to streamline it.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7

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K164	Bournemouth Town	The last thing we need is another layer of local government, we have too much as it is.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K165	Bournemouth Town	The name of the council as BOURNEMOUTH is wrong. The assumption is that the parish councils proposed in the constitution above will be going ahead and "BOURNEMOUTH" will be the left over Wards. This will just break up the town of BOURNEMOUTH and prevent community cohesion. I cannot understand that anyone would think that creating all of these additional posts for PARISH COUNCILLORS with all of the extra admin this will create is a good thing. It's madness.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Moordown	BH10 7
K166	Bournemouth Town	The new council will be far too large and will incur costs that will feed back into an increase in council tax. It would be preferable for the situation at present to be retained where the local ward is more manageable and personable.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K167	Bournemouth Town	The proposa just adds more bureaucracy and complexity	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K168	Bournemouth Town	The proposed boundary is not logical and the areas covered have no connection to each other.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
K169	Bournemouth Town	The whole concept of establishing wards within the BCP area makes a mockery of the unification of Bournemouth, Christchurch under one council, which I understood was to streamline local government. Before unification we had ample, effective and accountable councillors. Now the area is to be divided up and an unnecessary layer of beauty racy created.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH7 7

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K170	Bournemouth Town	There is no need for another layer of government.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K171	Bournemouth Town	There is no reason to have another layer of bureaucracy in this area. BCP has Councillors who represent these areas. The different wards have very little in common such as Kinson and Muscliff have with Talbot & Branksome Woods/ Bournemouth Town Centre. This will be another cost on top of council tax and will include cost of elections.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
K172	Bournemouth Town	This appears to be creating new jobs when there are already departments doing the jobs, or supposed to be. Keep it simple and make sure everyone is doing the job they have. Make managers responsible to jobs getting done, the whole idea of BCP was to get rid of the departments doing the same job, some of which are still there anyway. Make what is already there work properly.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
K173	Bournemouth Town	This entire proposal is completely not necessary. It will simply result in huge increases to the community charge to each property.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K174	Bournemouth Town	This is a completely unnecessary additional layer of bureaucracy and complexity.. not to mention cost on the local tax payer. This is not needed. BCP just need to step up and do their job. Stop being distracted with vanity projects that provide no tangible benefit to residents.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
K175	Bournemouth Town	This is a nonsense and sticking to pre-BCP boundaries Kinson should be a separate parish/town Wallisdown, Talbot and Talbot Village (in "Poole Town" accoding to these proposals) should be a parish Westbourne should be a parish Winton East and Moordown should be a town	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Kinson	BH11 8

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K176	Bournemouth Town	This is an utterly arbitrary 'parish' created for convenience, not democracy. How this fulfils the government's vision of a parish council that will strengthen local identity and democracy is beyond me. It doesn't provide community cohesion, co-terminosity or reflect any particular characteristic of any of the areas included. This 'left over' part of Bournemouth does not in any way speak to the legislation that governs parish councils in its letter or spirit.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K177	Bournemouth Town	This is anther level of Bureaucracy that is not needed. There will be a conflict of interests between the BCP Council and all the new parishes. I disagree with the recommendations. The extra staff and Councillors will add considerably to the Council Tax and Parish Councils are not limited to 4.99% annual increases.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K178	Bournemouth Town	This is simply an unnecessary additional [unknown] of governance; it will add nothing to local decision making or democracy. This is simply a showmanship.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH11 8
K179	Bournemouth Town	Too many layers! Parish, town and conurbation? Who does what, why do we need extra bureaucracy and paperwork!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Kinson	BH10 5
K180	Bournemouth Town	Totally unnecessary expense	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
K181	Bournemouth Town	Totally unnecessary extra bureaucracy. BCP council was established to streamline local administration and now you are wanting to add more layers blurring the responsibilities of the councils.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3

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K182	Bournemouth Town	Unbelievable -we've been years joining up small local responsive councils into a monster (BCP) -now you're wasting money trying to slip in another layer of "democracy" costing more and achieving nothing other than giving BCP an escape route for things it can't cope with because of its remoteness.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 9
K183	Bournemouth Town	Unecessary layer of local governance certainly dont want for Littledown	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
K184	Bournemouth Town	Unnecessary costs	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K185	Bournemouth Town	Unnecessary duplication - case has not been made out for this change	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K186	Bournemouth Town	We already have a council responsible to the local electorate. A dilution of this responsibility is not required.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
K187	Bournemouth Town	We do not need another layer of admin & expense.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH2 5
K188	Bournemouth Town	We do not need more local govt just better local govt. The proposals would make local govt, more bureaucratic, more complicated and more costly.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9

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K189	Bournemouth Town	We don't need more Councillors or another irrelevant level of administration. I have lived and worked in areas with and without Parish Councils and on the whole they are not necessary nor do they add much in value, jut another precept. I totally disagree with this and its a distraction	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
K190	Bournemouth Town	We had a town council which was merged with those of Christchurch and Poole to form what can only be termed as the hopeless BCP Council, so why is it needed, unless BCP Council is going to be de-merged. We do not need another level of bureaucracy, and certainly don't need to be taxed further to pay for it. More bureaucracy, more cost, more inefficiency and corruption.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Moordown	BH9 3
K191	Bournemouth Town	We have been through a process of amalgamation (creation of BCP) to reduce waste, duplication and cost. I see no benefit from reintroducing another unnecessary bureaucratic tier for the future. The number of councillors per ward has been reviewed as a result of the previous process and determined adequate for the task. It is difficult enough o engage the local electorate in the current system and if you introduce more people to vote for they will become even more complacent.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K192	Bournemouth Town	we have enough council governance as a tri borough council (BCP) and do not need another level of governance.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5
K193	Bournemouth Town	Wholly unnecessary extra layer of council. The cost will be prohibitive at a time that the council are already stretched financially. Much better to spend the money on other things	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH2 6
K194	Bournemouth Town	Why change for change's sake??	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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K195	Bournemouth Town	a) Parish councils for BCP are a bad idea because it would be just another layer of bureaucracy that we would have to pay for.	Don't know/not sure	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K196	Bournemouth Town	No need for another level of bureaucracy. Present arrangements are adequate. Opportunities for consultation.	Don't know/not sure	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
K197	Bournemouth Town	This plan will add an additional level of bureaucracy, with additional costs, that the area cannot afford	Don't know/not sure	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K198	Bournemouth Town	f - disagree strongly. The boundary between Moordown and Wallisdown/Winton West is clearly daft - Moordown St John's Primary school and Moordown St John's church should be in Moordown Ward!	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
K199	Bournemouth Town	It is not clear aside from increasing council tax and creating more bureaucracy how this will assist and help the town: there appear to be bigger problems than creating more structures	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K200	Bournemouth Town	N/A	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
K201	Bournemouth Town	Sensible proposals	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3

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K202	Bournemouth Town	The problem with the Draft recommendations are their incredible inconsistency. Why should any comparably sized area be treated differently? Such a situation is inherently unfair and undemocratic. An argument might be made for treating 'rural' areas slightly differently if any can be reasonably defined within BCP but this seems unlikely.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
K203	Bournemouth Town	You had 3 separate councils, you caused staff working for those councils high amounts of stress, putting them through competition. No achievement has been made from BCP you can't just change your mind without acknowledging the damage you have done to those employed by the previous town councils or the residents of those councils.		Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH14 0
K204	Bournemouth Town	(a & b) Strongly agree – The entire Bournemouth area should be parished. Continuing with a Charter Trustee model creates a democratic and financial imbalance across BCP. Residents in Bournemouth pay for a Charter Trustee precept but receive only ceremonial functions in return—unlike residents in parished areas who benefit from fully empowered local councils. (c & f) Strongly agree – The name "Bournemouth Town Council" is appropriate, logical, and reflects historical civic identity. It supports continuity and public recognition. (d & e) Strongly agree – Bournemouth is the largest town in Dorset and deserves a governance model to match. A town council would enhance local accountability and enable targeted delivery of services, events, and support for community groups. (g, h & i) Agree – Warding arrangements and councillor numbers must ensure fair representation across a geographically and socially diverse town. Electoral equality and effective warding will be essential to the new council's credibility and functionality.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2

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K205	Bournemouth Town	(a) to (f) - I am very glad that the Overview and Scrutiny Board's cross-party working group put forward a suggestion for a Bournemouth Town Council. First and foremost this would displace the Bournemouth Charter Trust which, despite the well-intentioned efforts of one or two Mayors, has never been fully embraced by Bournemouth's populace. I get no pleasure from saying this, it is just how it is. Viewing figures for the livestreamed meetings seldom stray beyond two figures. The public galleries are invariably empty; if you were to ask a resident passing through the Square if they knew what the Bournemouth Charter Trust was, I expect they would say No. Meetings are sparsely attended by the trustees themselves and two trustees have exercised their right to be removed from that body. Much of this could be applied of course - mutatis mutandis - to the Poole Charter Trust, but Bournemouth is the town in which I lived for 40+ years and where I continue to work full-time, deliver talks and carry out my studies. The Charter Trust is constrained, moreover - severely constrained - in what activities it can offer, if the advice from Cornerstone Barristers received on 17 July 2024 is to be believed. The attraction of a Bournemouth Town Council is that unlike the Charter Trust it could perform a huge range of discretionary activities, including some which BCP Council, suffering from a deficit, is constrained from undertaking. A Bournemouth Town Council, charging the current precept of £2.27, would receive gross income of £226,367 per year even if Northbourne, Boscombe and Southbourne were to become separate parishes. That alone would easily fund a full-time clerk, hired premises, a Remembrance Sunday event (for which the Charter Trust budgeted £10,000 a year) and a few memorial benches. In practice what I suspect would happen is that areas with stronger senses of their own identity, such as Winton and Springbourne, would start pressing for their own parish status ahead of the next community governance review due in the 2030s. Were that in turn to succeed, the residuum of Bournemouth Town Council could lawfully be abolished as part of the same review and the archaic borough privileges incomprehensible to a modem populace quietly buried. There is, contrary to BCP's guidance paper, nothing to prevent geographic areas enjoying only one tier of local government, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Reading, and Cambridge being but four examples.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 2
K206	Bournemouth Town	A - it will be good to have local peop!e having an input into looking after their local area	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5

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K207	Bournemouth Town	a I support the creation of a parish council for Bournemouth. It is not fair for community events in Bournemouth to be paid for by Christchurch residents (and Poole residents, if the parish council for Poole is approved, which I support) through their BCP council tax, when similar events in Christchurch (and Poole) would be paid for by the parish council. If BCP Council were to stop funding events in Bournemouth, then this would unfairly disadvantage Bournemouth residents unless a parish council is created which can run these events.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
K208	Bournemouth Town	again ab c as it is a twon I vist more than other	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
K209	Bournemouth Town	Again following on earlier comments I question having the seperate parish councils	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9
K210	Bournemouth Town	b - the area is too large. Kinson and Wallisdown should join with Northbourne	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
K211	Bournemouth Town	b) add Boscombe and Redhill f)g) and h) reduce the number of councillors to around 15	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
K212	Bournemouth Town	b) f) g) & h) A re-established Bournemouth Town Council should include Redhill and Northbourne thus re-creating the historic town and borough of Bournemouth. This is likely to maintain economic and cultural integration and equity throughout the whole town.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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K213	Bournemouth Town	b) The Bournemouth Town Council should include all areas that were included prior to BCP Council being formed.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
K214	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth needs representation at the parish/district level.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
K215	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth should have a single parish council covering the exact boundaries of the former Bournemouth Borough Council.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
K216	Bournemouth Town	F g h - why the district between Kinson and Mooredown excluded?	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
K217	Bournemouth Town	f) The boundary and wards are too big and too many Councillors. Kinson looks like it is out on a limb. Would it be better to separate some of the wards from the main Town and make them a separate council. ie South and North.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
K218	Bournemouth Town	Get rid of BCP council and leave just three separate, independent single tier authorities for Christchurch, Poole and Bournemouth.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
K219	Bournemouth Town	Having worked for local Government social services for many years before I retired, although I am for de-centralising, it is expensive to carry out (at the expense of vital services), and every time it happens, after a few years Councils decided to centralise again - at the expense of vital services.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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K220	Bournemouth Town	I think Town, Parish and Community Councils are a great idea and it would be unfair on Bournemouth Town to be left behind. Many of the issues which are talked about daily could be improved if not solved completely with an injection of cash annually from the precept, and from CIL and any other grants that could be applied for.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
K221	Bournemouth Town	It is the responsibility of the current BCP Council to effectively govern the area. The introduction of Parish Councils will relieve BCP Council of significant costs but [unknown] other costs to council tax payers. I would not have objected if the council was covering the parish council costs.	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
K222	Bournemouth Town	It will enable the Town Council to concentrate on matters that affect them like policing & ASB	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
K223	Bournemouth Town	Its just too much extra bureaucracy and poor value for money	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
K224	Bournemouth Town	Recommendation b: The proposed Town Council for Bournemouth is too large to be an effective local Town Council and too closely resembles the boundary of the former Bournemouth Borough Council. The proposed Town Council should be divided into a small number of more local Town Councils which more closely reflect local communities.	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
K225	Bournemouth Town	Support Bournemouth Town council a-g. This would bring more local democracy and focus on neighbourhoods, in a way the BCP is not able to do. Can support areas and services the BCP is having to withdraw from. h-i) less keen to support as 3-5 councillors per area / total of 38, is probably too many. Dropping one per ward would be total of 27, which feels a more manageable number, and more likely to see these filled.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3

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K226	Bournemouth Town	Thanks here	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
K227	Bournemouth Town	There is a high number of councillors prescribed to wards. Some are unnecessary	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
K228	Bournemouth Town	These changes would be positive and appropriate for Bournemouth.These changes would help regenerate Bournemouth whilst ensuring that parish/ council funds are spent carefully with more scrutiny and involvement for Bournemouth residents and visitors.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
K229	Bournemouth Town	Though with less history, there are lots of issues that could be resolved for Bournemouth with a Town Council.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
K230	Bournemouth Town	(a) I really do not see the point of this expense proposal. Just leave the area as BCP. (f) The whole of Wallisdown has not been included. I live on the Poole side of Wallisdown Road close to the shopping area. My property has been included in the Alderney ward. I live nowhere near Alderney.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
K231	Bournemouth Town	(a) the establishment of a Bournemouth town Council just sets yet another layer of local council. The people of Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole can be represented by councillors on the main BCP council. there is no need for another layer of democracy. it will be a very expensive addition to the people of Bournemouth. This can be evidenced by what the people of Christchurch town Council have to pay.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 3

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K232	Bournemouth Town	(F) I think Bournemouth is too big for town councils, Poole is also. The expense of all the town clerks, audited accounts, meeting rooms, equipment, cindumables, by elections just doesn't make sense so we can split the area into small groups to then disagree on boundaries, when all they will control is allotments, benches, and cementries. The bbc recently reported that all town councillors resigned in Yarm, one stating its due to a toxic atmosphere. I can see similar happening here if we get town councils, when the general public realise what little benefit they get for the money they contribute, social media will not be kind. I am yet to see a complaint online about how the cemeterues and allotments are run, so why should we spend all this money lol changing things no one is concerned about/are currently run well.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
K233	Bournemouth Town	(g) Too large for a Parish Council.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
K234	Bournemouth Town	[b] - if Bournemouth parish is to be created, it should cover the whole of the Borough of Bournemouth, rather than excluding Northbourne/Redhill, Boscombe/Pokesdown and Southbourne/Tuckton/Wick.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
K235	Bournemouth Town	1. Concerns over boundaries. 2. Concerns of more levels of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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K236	Bournemouth Town	1. This is likely to suffer from the same democratic deficit of existing parish councils - abysmally low turnouts and uncontested elections. Both are deeply undemocratic. It would be more democratic for BCP Council to continue to perform the functions that this proposed community council would perform and for the BCP Council ward councillors to represent their residents through BCP Council and its processes. 2. The absence of Southbourne, Boscombe and Pokesdown, and Redhill and Northbourne also makes little sense - how can there be joined-up thinking and economies of scale for Bournemouth if three of its key areas are managed by entirely separate parish councils?	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
K237	Bournemouth Town	a - disagree with whole concept, extra cost and bureaucracy	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 0
K238	Bournemouth Town	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7
K239	Bournemouth Town	a The case for change has not been made. I am not been given the information to judge whether the proposals are worth it because (1) the proposals don't set out how governance will be more effective. (2) the cost is not known. I am not against higher local taxes, so long as they result in better outcomes	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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1284	K240	Bournemouth Town	A to H . a) We do not support the draft recommendation to establish a Bournemouth Town Council for the remainder of the former borough. While we recognise the intention of ensuring consistency across the BCP area, the current proposal lacks both a clear purpose and a meaningful community mandate. There were no substantive community submissions calling for a Bournemouth Town Council. It was introduced by the Task and Finish Group, not by residents or local forums, and appears to be based on administrative logic rather than grassroots demand. A number of councillors even expressed opposition to the concept, and to date, the proposal remains unfocused, undefined, and untested in terms of practical benefit or democratic engagement. In its current form, the Bournemouth Town Council proposal lacks a coherent identity or shared vision. It does not reflect the distinct character of the communities it would serve, and we believe such a structure risks replicating the limitations of the former Bournemouth Borough Council — being too large to effectively represent local interests at the parish level. Separately, we are concerned by statements made in public meetings suggesting that Boscombe and Pokesdown could be included in this proposed Town Council by default, should our community council proposal not be successful. If Boscombe and Pokesdown were to remain the only unparished area, and therefore the only reason for retaining the Charter Trustees, it has been implied that it might be absorbed into the new Town Council structure to enable the Trustees to be dissolved. This approach would be deeply problematic. We are not being directly consulted on whether we want to join the larger Bournemouth Town Council, and there is no democratic mandate for such an inclusion. Forcing Boscombe and Pokesdown into a structure it has neither requested nor supported — particularly when a separate, community-developed proposal exists — would be undemocratic and contrary to the principles of good governance. We therefore: Oppose the creation of a Bournemouth Town Council in its current form, due to lack of purpose and community support; Strongly oppose any future inclusion of Boscombe and Pokesdown in such a council by default; Urge the Council to treat the Boscombe and Pokesdown Community Council proposal on its own merits, and to ensure no governance changes are made without explicit consultation and consent from our community.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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K241	Bournemouth Town	a too h. Confusion reigns. It is not long since the Bournemouth Council with Christchurch and Poole were united into one Council for good solid reasons. To now create a Bournemouth Council is absolutely bonkers. It makes Councillors who take these decisions look ridiculous which in turn causes the electorate to take little interest in local government. Who do the electorate turn to - Parish Councils - Community Councils - Town Councils or BCP Council? It all sounds like a skit for a Monty Python film.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
K242	Bournemouth Town	'a' unnecessary additional level of Govt	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
K243	Bournemouth Town	A&B To be honest, I don’t really see the point of the proposed Bournemouth Town Council. The area it covers feels far too large and oddly shaped, and I can’t imagine how a single body could meaningfully represent such a wide range of communities with so few councillors. In practice, I think the diversity of those areas would get lost, and the outcome might be no better — or even less effective — than what BCP Council is already doing. As someone who lives on the edge of Southbourne and Boscombe, I’d be especially concerned if either of those areas were ever brought under the Bournemouth Town proposal by default or through a lack of local representation. Both have strong, distinct identities and deserve their own dedicated attention. A blanket council for the whole of Bournemouth doesn’t seem like the right fit — it feels like it would dilute local voices rather than strengthen them. For me, any local governance should be about giving people more of a say in the places they live and work — not rolling them into a one-size-fits-all structure that risks missing the details that make each area special.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3

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K244	Bournemouth Town	a) Disagree with an extra tier of Local Government having had reorgansiations in 1997 and 2019. b) Extra tiers of Authority results in additional bureaucracy, duplication and cost. c) This leads to residents effectively paying twice for the same services d) Changes should involve a whole authority referendum not rely on Councillor decisions e) The total cost of local government can be expected to be higher in authorities with the additional tier of Town/Parish Councils f) Having sought to delayer local authority provision in 1997 and 2019 within BCP localities, for economy and efficiency reasons, the logical approach is to delayer not create additional layers of local authority	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
K245	Bournemouth Town	a) It an unnecessary level of beauracy and an informal council parish council could be created under the existing charter system g)-h) The number of councilors should be less than present BCP councilors supprting the area - 10-14 should be enough if any	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
K246	Bournemouth Town	a) It seems rather unwieldy to lump all the other areas of Bournemouth in one town parish, and I am concerned that this will create some disparity within the conurbation, pitting this dominant parish against other smaller parish councils.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
K247	Bournemouth Town	a) we don't need another layer in the local government system b) This is not the whole of Bournemouth - see a and c c) It is not Bournemouth, just a slice of Bournemouth d,e,f,g,h - see reasons above	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
K248	Bournemouth Town	a, b,c,d, e, f, g, h My belief is there is not an appetite for a Parish or Community Council in Bournemouth as a whole and this CGR has generated a consultation to choose one or another. Instead I am of the opinion if to 'do nothing at all' was an option in the consultation then the majority of the consultation responses would be in favor of a 'change is unnecessary' response.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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K249	Bournemouth Town	a, d I disagree. Town and Parish councils should be removed as they add an unnecessary layer of councils for no added benefit. Equivalent roles and clear departmental structures already exist under BCP so these should be given the full remit to improve their own services, with existing precept payments being absorbed into these departmental budgets. Ward councillors already provide the representation to ensure community views and cohesion are considered in council decisions.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
K250	Bournemouth Town	'a', ''d' More layers, more bureaucracy, more delays to implementing any initiative. Why create BCP to remove duplication just to devolve responsibility? 'g', 'h' Is the 38 in addition to the 76 BCP councillors? Why not concentrate on improving BCP services rather than shifting reponsibility to a lower level.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
K251	Bournemouth Town	a,b,c As a resident of Bournemouth I think the town should not have a new parish/town council - there should not be new councils set up at extra cost, where there would be no benefit & possible increase in council tax	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
K252	Bournemouth Town	a,b,c BCP needs disbanding and Bournemouth needs to become an independent town	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
K253	Bournemouth Town	a,b,c,d and any other. Another layer of bureaucracy is not required in the BCP area. There is no rush to make a decision today or next year. If any party has reason to believe Community Governance is needed that subject can be part of the manifesto at the next local elections in May 2027.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8

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K254	Bournemouth Town	a,b,c,d,e,f :- The creation of parish councils is adding another layer of bureaucracy to the unitary authority of BCP which the bringing together of the 3 councils said it would avoid. We have local councillors that are elected to represent the views of the area they are elected too, and therefore this additional layer will add authority to those who are elected to represent our areas to the large unitary authority	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
K255	Bournemouth Town	a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h There is no need for further levels of administration. You haven't shown how this would benefit the local population or BCP as a whole. It just seems to be a way of diverting work from the existing council, making their lives easier at the expense of everyone else. We need a breakdown of cost benefits before something like this is proposed	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
K256	Bournemouth Town	a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h why are you wasting so much money putting extra layers of mismanagement in place so soon after forcing the three councils together allegedly to save money	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
K257	Bournemouth Town	a. Disagree. Reasons: 1.Highly divisive action across BCP, promoting different levels of service throughout the conurbation. 2. Unnecessary additional level of bureaucracy 3. Resident confusion as to which councillor to contact, i.e one of the BCP ward councillors, or one of the 38 proposed parish councillors. 4. Confusion as to who is responsible for services. 5. Confusion as to who is accountable for services. 6. Additional cost to residents without any clear advantages 7. Overall lack of resident support for the proposal which is considered to be unnecessary. 8. Contrary to the aims of Local Government Reform objectives to produce savings and efficiencies via consolidation of area services and organisations. 9. Promotes division between the BCP community.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5

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K258	Bournemouth Town	a. No one asked for a council with this boundary. It doesn't make any sense in terms of community. The argument that Bournemouth has to have one if Poole has one, is not a good reason. All of the areas who have shown an interest in parishing have been excluded from this proposed council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
K259	Bournemouth Town	a: We had a Borough Council, before a great deal of money was wasted in becoming BCP Council. Alot of distress was caused to employees and there is still buildings being unused due to the changes. Whichever employees keep suggesting these changes should not receive bonuses, promotion etc. We have several parishes within the old borough and to call Bournemouth a parish is crazy	Disagree	Throop & Holdenhurst	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
K260	Bournemouth Town	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
K261	Bournemouth Town	Again what a joke. The money wasted and incompetence is shocking though not surprising. Stop wasting money.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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K262	Bournemouth Town	'a-h inclusive' Do you seriously consider that BCP's Stage 2 proposal for Bournemouth Town Council, of 38 councillors representing an electorate of 100K in 11 wards is deliverable? In what would be a start-up situation, with zero members, zero officers and zero funds, is this really feasible? From what I have read, the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) recommendation is a maximum of 25 councillors for a large Town Council. As an example, Weymouth Town Council, created at the same time as Christchurch, has responsibility for a wide range of services, a huge budget and operates with the requisite 25 councillors. The current proposal to roll out the same 'Mop up Town Council' solution, which was imposed on10s of 1000s of people in Christchurch in 2018/19, across Bournemouth and Poole needs to be considered very carefully before being implemented. This time around, 100s of 1000s are going to feel the impact and when in place, a large Town Council is virtually impossible to remove. Councillors can 'sow the seeds' and 'sell the benefits' but the push and enthusiasm should be from bottom up, not top down. The final decision should come from the people. If there is any evidence of the outcome being little more than self-serving for councillors, plans should be abandoned The repercussions of a CGR are not easy to understand. There has been a lot of 'selling of the benefits' in the Council's promotion of this process but nothing has been said about the practical issues and difficulties surrounding local governance at this level, when it is on this scale. When residents have not requested any community-based changes, lack of engagement should not be considered acceptance of draft proposals. In the best interests of democracy and the community, Officers and Members should only interpret & act on data/input received. Otherwise, they are imposing their ideas/wishes on residents and householders are picking up the cost. Under a CGR banner, BCP Council is proposing to bring together widely varying communities to create a town council, rather than recognising areas with a cohesive identity to create parishes within the established Charter Trust areas. Has the creation of Parish Councils under the Charter Trustees for the three areas where there is obvious support for a local voice (LGBC Para 134) been considered and dismissed? These being Southbourne, Redhill & Northbourne and Broadstone, It is less clear where Boscombe & Pokesdown currently stand on this issue. From what has been said in Full Council meetings, it seems at some time there was support for a community council for this area. Hopefully, feedback from the Stage 3 process will resolve this matter. This leaves Poole, where surely those calling for a Town Council should have been encouraged to produce a more viable solution, centred around the old town, the quay	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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		and appropriate outlying areas, rather than mopping up everywhere other than Broadstone into one Council. The additional £2.00 per annum payable to the existing Charter Trustees, by each of households in the new parishes, is insignificant, given the opportunities that will open up to those who genuinely want a community parish council. Finally, if there is no statutory requirement for this CGR, and any suggestion of political motivation is to be quashed, the fundamental question which needs to be answered is 'Why Now?'					
K263	Bournemouth Town	a-h See my comments on Poole Town Council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
K264	Bournemouth Town	A-h) Council tax should be reduced and services improved	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1

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K265	Bournemouth Town	All - it is wrong for there to be any additional councils / councillors in any region. The current councillors of BCP have confidently put themselves forward to be voted in to run the local area based on the situation as it currently is / was, so now is the time to step up and put their money where your mouth is and solve the problems without causing more for the local residents. It would be highly inappropriate for this council to move the goalposts half way through their (massively underwhelming) term and create new entities. It's clear that given the appalling behaviour of the controlling alliance, that the move would purely be a vehicle to hack off the services that cannot currently be 'afforded' and all of these white elephants would be passed on to the new 'councils' at which point BCP would claim that they are in a great place whilst the new councils would be failing. I also have no doubt that the councillors and in particular the leader of BCP would constantly throw mud at the new entities and blame them for the inevitable shortcomings. The divisive nature of the Liberal Democrats in particular as well as the rest of the Three Towns Alliance means that nothing positive is ever achieved as they are too busy shirking accountability and blaming everybody else for their many failings. Any new council would also have the partisan issues that plague BCP Council and it isn't right at all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
K266	Bournemouth Town	All . yet another tier of bureaucracy with additional cost which is unnecessary. I thought the majority of councils already do not have enough money. ~God help us!	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
K267	Bournemouth Town	All. Creates general confusion as to who is responsible for all services. Does not help community cohesion. Improve your own performance before creating additional beaurocracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
K268	Bournemouth Town	All: There are already too many layers of governance and councilors, it is already very difficult to get proper decisions made in a timely manner without adding further layers of governance and cost. If anything the existing system should be thinned down to streamline processes and enable progress.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 1

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K269	Bournemouth Town	Another layer of bureaucracy money added to council tax better spent on dealing with crime and social housing	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
K270	Bournemouth Town	As above for Poole	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
K271	Bournemouth Town	As before (all) Creates extra and costly bureaucracy.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
K272	Bournemouth Town	As stated before we need to live within our means and sta as we are till our finances are in a better place and think again	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Hamworthy	BH16 5
K273	Bournemouth Town	As with Poole I don't agree it makes sense for Bournemouth to have a town council. Whilst I live in Poole I used to work in Bournemouth, and still visit regularly being halfway between Bournemouth and Poole town centres. If brought in I would have no vote to provide democratic input to Bournemouth Town Council, despite decisions being made there impacting my life. This was one of the benefits of BCP that it recognises the Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch connurbation functions as one.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
K274	Bournemouth Town	BCP already has a set of councillors and we are paying for them and the staff required. There is a clear prioirty on the B portion of their focus already and therefore Bournemouth does not need it's own Town Council as well at further expense. Christchurch and Poole are needed as protection for the local areas and community.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2

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K275	Bournemouth Town	BCP Council is already the democratically elected local authority responsible for these areas, with 26 (!) ward councillors who are directly accountable to residents. This structure ensures that local issues are represented without creating additional layers of bureaucracy or confusion. The current system works and already provides residents with accessible representation and a route to influence local decision-making. Introducing a parish council would duplicate responsibilities, add unnecessary complexity, and risk creating confusion about who is accountable for what. It would fragment governance and dilute the clarity of local democracy at a time when we should be aiming for more coherence and transparency, not less. Moreover, parish councils bring with them additional financial burdens. While not required to raise a precept, in practice they often do, as they can do little without one. This would result in higher council tax bills for residents in Bournemouth at a time when the cost of living is already a serious concern. Council tax is a regressive tax, and adding further charges would disproportionately impact those least able to pay. Establishing a parish council also risks entrenching inequality. More affluent areas may be able to raise higher precepts to fund better local services, while less affluent areas would struggle to keep up, undermining fairness across the wider community. BCP was created to unify our area, deliver services efficiently, and speak with one voice. Fragmenting that structure through new parish councils runs directly counter to its founding purpose. Bournemouth does not need a parish council—it needs to remain part of a strong, unified BCP working together with the wider BCP community to build a fairer, more cohesive future.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
K276	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth does not need a town councils as well as BCP. The voter numbers per town councillor are so small that student votes might have a disproportionate effect, even though they’re typically not resident for the whole year.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
K277	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth doesn't need a Parish Council.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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K278	Bournemouth Town	Comment: a. Strongly oppose the establishment of a Bournemouth Town Council. The proposal to introduce a Bournemouth Town Council is unjustified and unnecessary. This idea runs counter to the core principles behind the formation of BCP Council in 2019, which was to consolidate local government, reduce administrative duplication, and provide more efficient services for residents. Introducing a third tier of governance in Bournemouth will only complicate this structure, not improve it. The Charter Trustees already serve the purpose of maintaining Bournemouth's civic and ceremonial traditions. Creating a Town Council is a duplication of governance, adding layers where simplification was the original aim. Key reasons for opposition include: No public demand or justification: The report itself acknowledges that no public submissions were received in favour of a Bournemouth Town Council (Section 8.6). The idea has been artificially introduced "just in case" – not as a response to any community call or identified governance gap. This is a solution in search of a problem. Increased tax burden without proven benefit: Town councils are funded through council tax precepts. The current Bournemouth Charter Trustee precept is just £2.27 per Band D household. Creating a Town Council will inevitably introduce a much higher charge. As highlighted in Section 5.5 of the consultation document, town councils across the region currently charge anywhere from £27 to over £260. This is money out of residents' pockets for services already managed by BCP Council. Discretionary, not essential services: As outlined in Section 5.4, the services a new council could take on are entirely discretionary, most of which are already being effectively handled by BCP. Establishing a Town Council for non-essential services at additional cost is fiscally irresponsible, especially during a time of ongoing public service pressure. Governance confusion and fragmentation: Creating new councils for Bournemouth and Poole risks uneven service provision, conflicting accountability, and disjointed representation. This is the very inefficiency the BCP unitarisation was designed to eliminate. The introduction of town councils will dilute rather than enhance effective governance. Unwarranted disruption: BCP Council is still maturing as a unified authority. It makes no sense to derail that process by re-fragmenting the governance model less than a decade later, especially when there is no electoral or democratic mandate to do so.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
K279	Bournemouth Town	Councillors elected to become one making bcp. We do not need more councillors	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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K280	Bournemouth Town	Do not create this council	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
K281	Bournemouth Town	Give Poole Town back the £10million you stole from us and repair our town centre	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
K282	Bournemouth Town	I am commenting on all of the draft recommendations.We do not need parish councils as the newly combined BCP council should be fulfilling any and all of the sections proposed in the draft.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
K283	Bournemouth Town	I am happy for the existing parish councils to continue but disagree with the creation of any further parish councils being created within the BCP Area. The whole point of having a unitary authority was to have economies of scale with fewer staff and less costs. Why spend more money on a local government tier that has very limited power? It's just another layer of bureaucracy and cost.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
K284	Bournemouth Town	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
K285	Bournemouth Town	I believe the recommendations For Bournemouth are not value for money. I didn't his current situation. I believe the money it would be well spent putting back into the local area than wasting it on more highly paid Counsellor who do not listen to the people.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
K286	Bournemouth Town	I disagree with BCP making any more changes to the structuring of local government - combining Bournemouth Poole and Christchurch was too costly and no changes should be made until after the next general election.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4

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K287	Bournemouth Town	I disagree with the continuation of current parish, community and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish, community or town councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
K288	Bournemouth Town	I do not agree that we should have any town/parish councils. If BCP it too large, revert to 3 separate councils agin.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
K289	Bournemouth Town	I fail to see any benefit to this proposal, just additional complications and cost and levels of management.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1

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K290	Bournemouth Town	I strongly disagree with proposals a) and b) that a council with these boundaries be established within Bournemouth. I disagree with splitting up Bournemouth into smaller town councils. Bournemouth has long been made up of many communities all with a shared identity of being part of Bournemouth. We use green spaces, shopping districts and facilities across all of Bournemouth, not just in a particular area. We care about, and are affected by, the whole of Bournemouth's beach & seafront, transport networks, schools & colleges, parks and our town centre, not just the bits closest to us. We should be able to have a voice in decisions affecting the whole area we live in, not be excluded from decisions that affect us. Creating new local government boundaries drawing lines between our areas will formalise and over time reinforce differences between communities, reducing community cohesion. Also, splitting us up into smaller councils with different levels of council tax precept will reinforce inequality within our community. I believe we should be lifting each other up rather than caring for just our own neighbourhood and not the rest of Bournemouth - this doesn't help the wealthier areas in the long run either. The future of Bournemouth Town Centre, or our seafront, matters to us all, wherever we live.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
K291	Bournemouth Town	I will take A to H as a whole. I strongly disagree with the creation of a town council for Bournemouth for the same reason as objecting to a Poole Council. It is another layer of bureaucracy and expense for residents. Not one of my residents have indicated they are in favour, quite the opposite. both of my large residents groups are against, the Bournemouth one is Talbot and Branksome woods residents assn, with over 1,500 Members. The proposals split my ward of Talbot and Branksome woods, dividing an established community and weakening democracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1

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K292	Bournemouth Town	I) The council was strained int, so the creation of another layer of governance and more councillors will only add to confusion as to who is responsible for what. The council should concentrate on ensuring they carry out the services to the best standard with the decision makers already in place. BCP was supposed to make things simpler - things don't need to be made more complicated	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
K293	Bournemouth Town	It seems that the creation of the BCP council has resulted in equalities for councillors and residents. Ideally, to reduce overheads, I would supprt one council for the main BCP conurbation and only outlying areas having a parish council. Generally, if local government overheads could be reduced, more funds could be directed towards improving the declining public services in the BCP area.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
K294	Bournemouth Town	Just a stupid idea	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
K295	Bournemouth Town	Just another layer of bureaucracy that will require additional funding to establish and maintain.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 8
K296	Bournemouth Town	More unnecessary bureaucracy and cost to local residents.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
K297	Bournemouth Town	My objections to a Bournemouth Town council are broadly similar to my objections to a Poole Town council. It is too big.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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K298	Bournemouth Town	No comment	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
K299	Bournemouth Town	No need to create yet more levels of complexity and costs	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
K300	Bournemouth Town	Parish councils are an unnecessary administrative tier. They result in additional costs - without value for money - for council tax payers.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
K301	Bournemouth Town	Parish councils are an unnecessary level of governance as the services they will provide are already covered by BCP. If we need Parish councils to have our community listened to, then maybe BCP should be disbanded instead and go back to individual town councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
K302	Bournemouth Town	Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, corruption and prevention the integrated transformation that the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
K303	Bournemouth Town	Parish councils are superfluous	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
K304	Bournemouth Town	Recommendations a to h refer to the creation of a new parish. I disagree with setting up any new parishes.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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K305	Bournemouth Town	Should be an independent council as previous to 2019 with inclusion of Redhill & Northbourne, Boscombe and Pokesdown, and Southbourne.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
K306	Bournemouth Town	Strongly disagree - complete waste of time and money. Will lead to unnecessary layers of bureaucracy, which will confuse residents. We do not need more councillors, with the added cost this will bring. It will add an extra burden to the council tax payer when many people are struggling with the cost of living, to pay for service that BCP Council should already be delivering. Why should we pay twice for the same services. BCP was formed to bring legacy council together to make vital savings - this proposal is just going backwards and recreating a larger, more cumbersome service structure	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
K307	Bournemouth Town	The creation of a Bournemouth Town Council would make a mockery of the recent reorganisation of local government arrangements and the formation of BCP. Had the case for a town council been put forward at that time then it may well have weakened the case for the new three Council authority.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
K308	Bournemouth Town	The current system, for all its failings, can provide adequate representation of ward interests through existing ward councillors. We do not need more local government we just need better implementation of the current system so it works better for council tax payers. Keep the current Charter Trustees please. If the proposed changes are effected 45 new councillors would be needed for the BCP area plus the additional cost of more accommodation and salaried personnel to support them. (The cost of this community consultation has already accrued £100,000). The size of the new Poole and Bournemouth Town councils will make them 2nd and 3rd largest in the whole of the UK. I disagree very strongly because I do not think they will be a benefit but will do harm.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
K309	Bournemouth Town	The existing Council should spend time, effort and money on improving services and efficiency for the benefit of the local Taxpayers. Adding more layers of confusion and creating more inefficiency is not what we need. Improving the existing council is needed more than the proposed idea.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5

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K310	Bournemouth Town	The idea of a Bournemouth Town Council that only covers a small part of Bournemouth is confusing and ridiculous. I prefer the submission 38 that Bournemouth Town Council covers the area currently covered by the Charter Trustees of Bournemouth.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
K311	Bournemouth Town	The ward is too big and splits my current ward into both Poole and Bournemouth	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 1
K312	Bournemouth Town	There is insufficient information to be able to make an informed decision on any of these draft recommendations. There is no indication of what services will be provided via the new parish/town councils. There is no indication of the total costs involved in setting up these parishes/councils, nor of the level of precept, nor of the possibility of precepts being increased well above the capped level of council tax. There is no indication of the need for a clerk to the parish/town council, nor of the salary that this would incur. Whilst the expectation is that parish/town councillors will be appointed on a voluntary basis, there is no means of preventing them from voting to make salary payments out of the precept. Divisions into parish/town councils across the conurbation is likely to increase differences in levels of provision.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
K313	Bournemouth Town	This extra layer of local government will be useless and powerless but will put up council tax.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
K314	Bournemouth Town	This feels totally unnecessary - its just another layer of bureaucracy - if BCP worked well it would not be necessary at all. Please dont do this. There is plenty of stuff that needs to be done without creating things to do that dont add any value.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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K315	Bournemouth Town	This is an outrageous cost to our community, especially after everything was already set up similar before you changed to BCP. STOP wasting money and make do with what you have already done. Going backwards is ripping out our purse strings yet again.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
K316	Bournemouth Town	This is much too big for a town council	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
K317	Bournemouth Town	This proposal , as with that for Poole , is simply an attempt to re-establish a town council for Bournemouth , as is totally contrary to the defined parameters of this Community Governance Review The increase in Council tax to accommodate a further 38 local councillors will be huge and totally unwarranted Further , with these "town Councils" having to report and consult with the overarching BCP (which will likely have to report a Regional Mayor) will only add to the delay ; cost and a host of demarquation disputes regarding services	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
K318	Bournemouth Town	This represents another layer of bureaucracy throughout the area with additional costs. We have only just got rid of the ‘original’ layers of local government at considerable cost (although it was sold as a cost saving). Now you intend to set up all these additional layers. It implies the original decision was wrong - we end up paying for your mistakes!!!	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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K319	Bournemouth Town	This whole thing is wrong! I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils There have been no costings whatsoever as to how much this will cost so how can anyone agree when no information given on exactly 1) what the new town and parish councils will do and 2) how much tax with NO ceiling increase will cost. The timing of this consultation is so wrong costing in excess of £100k when money could have been better spent. I strongly believe it's just a matter of creating 'jobs for the boys' . . . Or should I say girls in this instance! This survey and completing it is so very onerous. That too is disgusting and it's obviously relying on people to not bother giving their views as it's too difficult DISAGREE	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
K320	Bournemouth Town	This would be a very large area compared to the ither proposed parish councils. BCP was formed for very sound reasons, including economies of scale. I cannot see any sensible purpose in creating a further level of bureaucracy at greater cost to the residents.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
K321	Bournemouth Town	To all, see my previous comments about Redhill and Northbourne. And unless the formation of a Town Council will somehow magic up some more money, and better ideas of how to revive the town centre (Which BCP should already be concentrating a good bit of time and resource on), then what would be the point?	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
K322	Bournemouth Town	Too large.	Disagree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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K323	Bournemouth Town	Unnecessary	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH14 8
K324	Bournemouth Town	Unnecessary layer of bureaucracy. Too many members of the electorate required to elect a councillor compared with other proposed parishes therefore undemocratic.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
K325	Bournemouth Town	Unnecessary level of bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH14 8
K326	Bournemouth Town	Unnecessary levels of Council duplication in various levels	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
K327	Bournemouth Town	unnecessary unwanted vanity project	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH15 2
K328	Bournemouth Town	Unnecessary.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
K329	Bournemouth Town	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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K330	Bournemouth Town	We already have too many layers of council administration and councillors	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
K331	Bournemouth Town	We do NOT need more councillors in the BCP area! The existing councillors should be trained to do a better job & not waste our taxes! They should control their funds instead of going into huge debt & asking schools to subsidise their debt. The system needs to be simplified NOT further complicated. Further councillors means more expensive council tax for NO PURPOSEFUL REASON- just more people doing a bad job. This is an unnecessary cost for zero benefit.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
K332	Bournemouth Town	We should not be adding extra layers of governance and bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
K333	Bournemouth Town	We've only just joined together as bcp are you now saying this was a mistake? this is an extra layer of cost and we cannot afford all these councillors	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
K334	Bournemouth Town	You are simply adding another layer of beurocracy which is both costly and inefficient. The costs of Christchurch have proven that this model does not improve output, efficiency or user satisfaction.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
K335	Bournemouth Town	Don't know how much value is added to the community by Parish councils	Don't know/not sure	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1

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K336	Bournemouth Town	You didn't let us vote to combine 3 town councils, now you want to divide them and likely charge us more tax. No. If you want to divide then give us back the three separate town councils.	Don't know/not sure	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH17 7
K337	Bournemouth Town	b. Bournemouth Town should be the town only not outlying areas as in Christchurch.	Neither agree nor disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
K338	Bournemouth Town	Cost of new council	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
K339	Bournemouth Town	It is not for Electoral Services to comment on these questions	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
K340	Bournemouth Town	It makes no difference, as the council do nothing about the heroin addicts shooting up outside Asda, the police don't care and do nothing	Neither agree nor disagree	Respondent from outside BCP	respondent living outside proposal area	West Purbeck	BH20 5

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K341	Bournemouth Town	I might be swayed to approve if it meant that are food bin would be emptied regularly, but as this comes under BCP this situation will not be improved.		Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
K342	Bournemouth Town	The fact that the will be no limit on the council tax charge means that any discretionary spending will be loaded onto the new town council. So we will end up with more waste and councillors and more council tax, albeit under some other name. The efficiency savings of joining the three councils together are far from clear and this just highlights that all politicians really want is more places for more politicians. I sincerely doubt that the pool of people who will sit on these councils will be any different from the pool that the current BCP draws from. This is just a money grab. The fact that FAQs say these no chance not to do this shows there is no real consultation, this will be driven through regardless.		Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K343	Bournemouth Town	A clear line of responsibility established to ensure the council is fit for purpose and acts on the wishes of tax payers.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
K344	Bournemouth Town	Could Bournemouth Town Council include the whole of the Charter Trustees for Bournemouth area, to bring the whole of Bournemouth together as one?	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
K345	Bournemouth Town	I am concerned about the disparity in ratios of electors to councillors across the whole of the BCP area. Some parishes appear to have much larger numbers of electors per councillor and this does not seem equitable.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K346	Bournemouth Town	I think the draft recommendations will go a long way towards restoring local democracy in Bournemouth, but I think that the inclusion of Kinson, Wallisdown, Moordown, and Winton might be doing a disservice to those communities as they have a definite identity separate from that of Bournemouth. Winton had a council with urban district status before it was merged with Bournemouth, and Kinson had a separate parish council as recently as the 1930s.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4

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K347	Bournemouth Town	I would like to see improvements to Bournemouth town centre	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K348	Bournemouth Town	Kinson should be moved to the Redhill & Northbourne ward as issues local to Kinson would more likely affect the Redhill & Northbourne area as well.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
K349	Bournemouth Town	Merge with Redhill and Boscombe, halve the number of councillors	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Kinson	BH10 7
K350	Bournemouth Town	More powers should be delegated to parish council. As much as possible away from the corrupt BCP	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
K351	Bournemouth Town	No	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 9
K352	Bournemouth Town	No.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
K353	Bournemouth Town	None	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
K354	Bournemouth Town	We need an overall plan with guidelines as to what type of property and shop fronts should be allowed. It's become hotchpotch and low standard , counter productive to generating a successful place to live and do business. This needs to area specific otherwise we are forgotten.	Agree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K355	Bournemouth Town	(a) I see absolutely no need for another level of local government. Cumbersome and will add to cost. We used to have area associations with regular meetings which were interesting but of no use in transmitting local views to the Council. We already have local councillors to whom we can communication views, complaints etc.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9

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K356	Bournemouth Town	1. Conflict of interests by councillors - particularly if unopposed. 2. Lack of expertise on infrastructure etc. 3. Lack of accountability - particularly if councillors are appointed rather than elected.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K357	Bournemouth Town	All covered by my answer in 16.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
K358	Bournemouth Town	All the services identified 'as such' are currently funded and delivered by BCP. Should these proposals be implemented the outcome will be an extra level of local government, increased confusion as to whom is responsible for which service and a significant increase of administrative cost (1%) for no actual public benefit. It is for BCP to improve the quality of its statutory services, not to delegate them!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 9
K359	Bournemouth Town	Any council for Bournemouth should include a all parts of the town including those that have separate proposals within this consultation e.g. Southbourne and Boscombe.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
K360	Bournemouth Town	Any substantial changes to the proposals presented here must be consulted on again. I would be more supportive of Springbourne joining Boscombe & Pokesdown Community Council than the current Bournemouth Town Council proposal	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
K361	Bournemouth Town	Any such change in local government as big, and potentially costly as this, should be put to the vote by the electorate. I only heard of this change from word of mouth by other concerned residents and as such, nearly missed out on my chance to have a say. Nothing was advertised or put through our door. This feels like an attempt to push through this change quietly without opposition.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
K362	Bournemouth Town	As above	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
K363	Bournemouth Town	As above	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH2 6

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K364	Bournemouth Town	BCP Council is already responsible for the duties and responsibilities that will be duplicated by the proposed town council. There is no value added and no obvious benefits to local residents or BCP as a whole but plenty of reasons why it is unnecessary to stretch the already underfunded resources we already have. The cost will yet again fall upon local council tax payers to fund this unwarranted scheme. Existing resources should be used to improve and enhance access to all current BCP services which it already delivers for all residents. To me this smacks of someone's expensive vanity legacy project ad there is no local demand for it in this area. Just providing stationery, admin support and office space and equipment for these proposed town and parish councils will cost money - I'd rather it was spent on delivering services, sorting out children's play areas, reducing anti social behaviour and improving the environment.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH11 8
K365	Bournemouth Town	BCP Council should concentrate on the urgent need for regeneration of Bournemouth town centre and stop trying to create more levels of administration. Have the Councillors nothing better to do?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
K366	Bournemouth Town	BCP council would be fine if money not diverted disproportionately to statutory responsibilities and a focus given to providing for all residents	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K367	Bournemouth Town	Bonkers idea!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH7 7
K368	Bournemouth Town	Calling Town Council Bournemouth Town makes no sense when some parts of Bournemouth have there own Parishes.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
K369	Bournemouth Town	Do not need	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
K370	Bournemouth Town	Don't do it!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Moordown	BH9 2

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K371	Bournemouth Town	Don't do it, you spend far too much of our money on fancifull useless schemes as it is	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
K372	Bournemouth Town	Don't do it.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
K373	Bournemouth Town	Don't do it. No interest.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K374	Bournemouth Town	First and foremost. What was the point of creating BCP council only then to massively increase the number of councillors and bureaucracy which this crazy scheme will entail. I am also led to believe that there will be a precept charge added to what is already a massive council tax bill, for which we get dreadful roads, poor drain and street sweeping and general malaise of our town.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K375	Bournemouth Town	Forget the proposal.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K376	Bournemouth Town	Have ward area assemblies. Advertise BCP more. This survey was tucked away in a corner in Charminster library easily by passed. Improve connections with local areas and people. The current council staff could respond to emails about road safety and speed issues, environment ideas. often contact made falls on deaf ears so responding would be nice. Have meet the Council coffee events. Basically be Bournemouth Council as was, but better, within the BCP amalgamation	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8
K377	Bournemouth Town	Having an extra layer means residents don't know who to complain to re services and both councils can blame each other.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH2 6
K378	Bournemouth Town	I am concerned this process is being used to transfer BCP assets to a level of government. Under-resourced local town and parish councils will not be able to deliver the quality of service required and will create unequal provision across the conurbation.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1

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K379	Bournemouth Town	I am not prepared to pay more for this. As it is we pay far too much council tax for a failing town. We already have local councillors who we are unable to see as they don't hold meetings. Waste of time all of them	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
K380	Bournemouth Town	I am wholly opposed to the proposals for the detailed reasons stated in my submission dated 9 June 2025.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
K381	Bournemouth Town	I believe we should be allowed to set up our proposed neighbourhood schemes. If this is not an option we should be allowed to be a parish in our own right with east cliff. The areas of a 'Bournemouth town' parish are far too diverse to be bracketed together and I feel we would be over looked with the work we are already doing costing far too much to tax payers with zero return	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
K382	Bournemouth Town	I have nothing further to say.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
K383	Bournemouth Town	I remember the 3 town councils and how difficult it was to get things done. This feels like going backwards but with more councils in place, making things even more complicated and difficult to gain agreement. Why? Argue the case better if you think this is a good idea. What are the expected outcomes for local residents and on what basis do you think they will be delivered. Other councils with parishs' are trying to collapse the, because they do not deliver!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
K384	Bournemouth Town	I should like to see efforts to make the current council work more efficiently rather than introduce an additional tier.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH2 6
K385	Bournemouth Town	I want more focus on the town centre and building affordable homes as priorities. Council tax in this area is already high	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1

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K386	Bournemouth Town	I would like the proposals and costs made more available to all residents by post so they have the opportunity to give views and or object and I think this should be done before any decision is made - I only found out through a conservative leaflet - BCP themselves should be sending letters and or leaflets I out not assume people will look at thier website and fill i. This survey - to be truly democratic it should be put to a public vote -	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Moordown	BH9 2
K387	Bournemouth Town	I would like to see any spare cash spent on addressing infrastructure issues such as potholes and the redevelopment of derelict retail areas. The local authority should also support pro-active policing to reduce drug dealing, other antisocial behaviour and petty crime which plagues my locality, rather than 'rearranging the deckchairs on the Titanic'. If money has to be spent on yet more re-organisation of local govt. I would prefer to see the establishment of an elected mayoralty to improve accountability rather than subsidising cliques of local busybodies to argue about bus shelters.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH8 8
K388	Bournemouth Town	I would like to see BCP get on with doing the job they are designed to do and stop coming up with ways take more money out of the pockets of ordinary Bournemouth folk.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8
K389	Bournemouth Town	I would like to see such proposed changes promulgated more actively, but perhaps the BCP council discourages active discourse, participation and democracy.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K390	Bournemouth Town	I would like to see the elected Councillors and the appointed Officers spending their time on constructive and practical matters rather than navel gazing and theoretical abstractions, seemingly designed to raise taxes and add to bureaucracy, while Bournemouth is falling apart.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
K391	Bournemouth Town	idk	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K392	Bournemouth Town	If it is agreed to form a Poole Town Council, it would be a nonsense for there not to be a Bournemouth Town Council, although I disagree with both.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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K393	Bournemouth Town	If our existing ward councillors on BCP council are doing there jobs well, none of this is necessary at all. It's not that big an area to need another layer of people than already exists to manage it.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5
K394	Bournemouth Town	If this proposal is felt absolutely necessary, why not go back to have Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch as it was?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K395	Bournemouth Town	If you do go zhead they all need to be of z similar size. This just re creates bournemouth z total waste of time	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
K396	Bournemouth Town	Improve especially Bournemouth town centre without creating another level of politician. We really don't need any more.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K397	Bournemouth Town	Instead of creating new Councils to do the jobs for BCP Council, BCP Council need to improve their own services.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Kinson	BH10 5
K398	Bournemouth Town	It is a waste of time, either cancel it or do it properly and redirect control from the main council, reducing its size to let parishes take over.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
K399	Bournemouth Town	It is not needed. With Graham Farrant retiring we have a perfect opportunity to do some joined up and collaborative work with all the departments in the council rather than adding more issues for the future.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 3
K400	Bournemouth Town	It is only trying to copy the template of Christchurch having parish councils when BCP was created. The parish councils had their own financial resources which did not form part of the BCP pot of money.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH2 5
K401	Bournemouth Town	It would be a absolute disaster to have another layer of snouts in the trough. Monumentally stupid idea.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K402	Bournemouth Town	It would be better if Bournemouth could be split into smaller parishes. As a minimum there could be a North Bournemouth Parish and South/coastal Parish.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
K403	Bournemouth Town	Keep as is it, as one BCP responsible for all its services.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3

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K404	Bournemouth Town	Keep things as they are. Change only costs more and for people on limited incomes we cannot afford to pay more.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
K405	Bournemouth Town	My impression based on discussions, review of social media, comments on articles etc present a very clear consensus on perceived issues in the area (declining businesses, overpriced parking, homelessness, safety, lack of funding with 'all the money spent on cycle lanes', cancelled air show and so on). The effort to set up and liaise with a new layer of bureaucracy, coupled with a dilution of responsibilities doesn't address any of these.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K406	Bournemouth Town	Neighbourhood Plans Draft Recommendation Document @ 5.7 states " all functions listed in paragraph 5.4 except for allotments are discretionary." 5.4 shows Neighbourhood Plans as Statutory. This is INCORRECT and misleading as most people will look at the table for information (Gunning Principle).	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K407	Bournemouth Town	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
K408	Bournemouth Town	No	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K409	Bournemouth Town	No change from the present arrangements, please.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K410	Bournemouth Town	NO CHANGES NECESSARY	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 9
K411	Bournemouth Town	No need to increase just make sure that you have the best resources and use them.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3

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K412	Bournemouth Town	No, other than to say that this seems to go against everything we were told leading up to the formation of BCP, to have one local authority, to save costs and be more efficient and joined up. If we now need to have this other layer of local government, then BCP did not need to form and we should have stayed as separate unitary authorities. We didn't require a parish council when we just Bournemouth Borough Council, so why now?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K413	Bournemouth Town	No.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH11 8
K414	Bournemouth Town	No. My feelings above are very clear and I shall not be paying additional council tax if this goes ahead when the majority of the electrol have expressed they do not want this	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
K415	Bournemouth Town	Not really sure of the benefit of going down this process . It would result in another 115 new councillors and associated costs	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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K416	Bournemouth Town	Not wanted by residents. Too big an area - left overs. I support genuinely local, community-led models of governance — where change is driven by residents and rooted in neighbourhood identity. That's not what I see with the current proposal for a Bournemouth Town Council. It feels imposed rather than supported. Here in East Cliff and Springbourne, we've already spent over two years working towards a Neighbourhood Forum and Plan under the Localism Act 2011. This process has been collaborative, inclusive, and reflects the specific needs and aspirations of our diverse community. I believe this is the right model for us — one that gives residents a real voice in planning, local priorities, and investment, without adding unnecessary layers of bureaucracy or cost. Strong local governance should grow from the ground up — shaped by those who live, work, and care about the area — not handed down from above. I remain committed to a resident-led approach and believe our existing path through Neighbourhood Planning offers the best opportunity for meaningful local empowerment. --- STATEMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE CONSULTATION Cllr Sara Armstrong – East Cliff & Springbourne I support genuinely local, community-led models of governance — where change is driven by residents and rooted in neighbourhood identity. That's not what I see with the current proposal for a Bournemouth Town Council. It feels imposed rather than supported. Here in East Cliff and Springbourne, we've already spent over two years working towards a Neighbourhood Forum and Plan under the Localism Act 2011. This process has been collaborative, inclusive, and reflects the specific needs and aspirations of our diverse community. I believe this is the right model for us — one that gives residents a real voice in planning, local priorities, and investment, without adding unnecessary layers of bureaucracy or cost. Strong local governance should grow from the ground up — shaped by those who live, work, and care about the area — not handed down from above. I remain committed to a resident-led approach and believe our existing path through Neighbourhood Planning offers the best opportunity for meaningful local empowerment.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
K417	Bournemouth Town	Once the government has completed it's latest round of local government reorganisation then this should be revisited particularly as we do not know whether the national government as part of the efficiency reorganisation my abolish them nationally	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1

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K418	Bournemouth Town	One expects the people running BCP to be accountable to the voters. Those working for BCP to do their jobs.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
K419	Bournemouth Town	Parish Councils are a wasteful extra layer of bureaucracy. The budget for our Parks department, for example, has been cut every year for over a decade. So how can a new parish council create additional income?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K420	Bournemouth Town	People are trying to circumvent the elected authority to suit their own politics	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Moordown	BH9 1
K421	Bournemouth Town	Please advertise this level of change more clearly and get the residents to vote	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
K422	Bournemouth Town	Please do not change the current situation. You will merely be burdening people with unnecessary expenditure. My worry is that the matter has been put out for consultation but the outcome has already been decided.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K423	Bournemouth Town	Please do not do tbis to us. These minor councellors will be petty dictaters playing at god.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
K424	Bournemouth Town	Please do not undermine the responsibility of the current Councillors by giving them, and the Parish Councillors, an oppprtunity to operate a blame game for inaction. It will become even more of a political football if the persuasion of the respective tier elected members is of opposing colours!!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K425	Bournemouth Town	Please don't do it	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Kinson	BH10 5
K426	Bournemouth Town	Please see above.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2

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K427	Bournemouth Town	PLEASE USE £19.9M GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT WISELY - INCREASE HOSPITAL AND WALK-IN CLINICS STAFFING; REMOVE BEGGARS NEAR SHOPS, FINE OFFENDERS WALKING VICIOUS DOGS TO THE PUBLIC SPACES.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
K428	Bournemouth Town	Poor.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
K429	Bournemouth Town	Scrap the proposals	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH8 8
K430	Bournemouth Town	See above	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
K431	Bournemouth Town	See above. Stop wasting my money, you work for me.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Moordown	BH9 2
K432	Bournemouth Town	Someone responsible for getting the best price - it is well know you can charge the council what you like as no one questions the amount, get discounts for regular use etc. Be careful with our money and don't waste it.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
K433	Bournemouth Town	Strongly disagree against any and all town and/or parish councils. If the central Local Authroity cannot function in its current format, then you must disband BCP and hand responsibility back to the separate localities. We are facing a cost of living crisis, and forcing more cost onto the rate payer, especially at a time where BCP has swindled and wasted millions, is a recipe for disaster. I will personally see that if this is forced through that you will see similar to the Poll Tax. Do not do this.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K434	Bournemouth Town	Surely this defeats the premise of the amalgamation to form BCP Council and creates a more unwieldy bureaucratic structure. Wouldn't it be better to work on making improvements to the existing structure than trying to change it again	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K435	Bournemouth Town	The Charter Trustees for Bournemouth was only established in 2019 and should continue as such.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9

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K436	Bournemouth Town	The area currently has a successful local governance model in the form of the Queen's Park & Charminster Community Forum. It is an existing, grass roots, community group, operating according to the Localism Act (2011), with well-defined boundaries that have been consulted on. The boundaries include our green spaces, retail centre, heritage buildings and residential neighbourhoods. Considerable time, effort and expense has been put into the development of a draft Neighbourhood Plan that will be going out for consultation shortly. This will make the forum a statutory consultee for planning decisions and secure additional CIL funding at the closest point to where development takes place. While a town council could co-opt the Neighbourhood Plan, without a forum to ensure continuity we would fear that it would fall by the wayside at the end of its five-year term and not be renewed. The forum also operates a community charity which has been able to secure nearly £100,000 in grant funding in the past year. These funds are being used to repair, regenerate and upgrade our playparks, green spaces and recreation offers, as well as launching community initiatives to tackle fly tipping, graffiti and more. The forum works at the most granular community level for practically no cost to residents, without the need for expensive administration, additional council tax precept or a new layer of elected bureaucracy. The currently proposed Bournemouth Town Council was not arrived at by consultation from the communities within that area, instead it seems to be acting as a kind of "catch all" for the areas of Bournemouth that sit outside the community generated proposals from the first round of consultations. No submissions were made from our area and there remains no appetite for parish councils in this part of Bournemouth. We would urge the administration to allow our successful model of community governance to continue to deliver for its community and not be subsumed into a town council that is not supported by the residents who live here.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 8

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K437	Bournemouth Town	The current structure of local governance should remain in place. Communities are already represented by their elected Councillors. Those communities that wish to have greater autonomy can undertake neighbourhood plans or set up parish councils themselves. There is also a lack of information to make an informed decision. For example, the monetary implications of such a change (both to set up and to implement longer term) in terms of impact on Council Tax fates both now and in the future are a valid consideration ie payment for councillor roles and expenses. This needs to be clearly conveyed and in the absence of this the process cannot be considered transparent. There is a lack of clarity over the process – could elected Councillors be parish councillors.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
K438	Bournemouth Town	The existing structures you've got in place with Bournemouth and Poole, the secondary layer underneath which by the sounds of it are currently only ceremonial, could be broad in their purpose in times of representations and engagement. The establishment of a whole new parish and town structure, which in language alone feels out of date and irrelevant to our area, particularly since BCPs in inception, feels like a really misguided proposal that only really makes sense to those that are lost in the depths of local government.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
K439	Bournemouth Town	The proposals are unnecessary, costly and provide NO advantages to BCP residents. BCP should concentrate on fulfilling its responsibility, without attempting to increase already high local taxes by stealth. An admission that the creation of BCP was a mistake.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9

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K440	Bournemouth Town	The proposals for separate community councils for several parts of the former borough of Bournemouth (Redhill, Northbourne, Boscombe, Pokesdown, Southbourne) result in this proposal feeling very much like "the leftovers" rather than a cohesive whole representing a community. I appreciate that the intention behind proposing a "Rest of Bournemouth" structure is to provide parity with those areas that have requested parishing, but unfortunately I don't feel that this proposal would achieve that. Rather than the new town council representing a recognisable community, it would be made up of fairly disparate separate areas of our large town, partly separated by other smaller community councils. The result would be a very odd authority that was trying to meet the needs of, for example, Kinson and the town centre at the same time - two very different communities with very different needs. I believe that successful parishing of Bournemouth needs to take one of two approaches - either the WHOLE of Bournemouth should have a single town council, or the town should be split into sensible and recogniseable, smaller community councils. The current proposal falls between two stools and makes no sense, especially since the Bournemouth Town Council proposal has no clear public support.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 1
K441	Bournemouth Town	The whole ill thought out idea should be forgotten. It cannot be justified on grounds of democracy or a need for improved governance. Also BCP Council should be looking to limit increases to council tax rather than introduce a further cost element to its residents. If despite objections the Council decides to take this proposal forward then the proposed Bournemouth Town Council area is far too large. In particular the eastern part comprising Littledown and Iford (where I live) has little or no affinity with areas such as Kinson, Wallisdown, Winton etc. We are much closer to Pokesdown and Boscombe and Southbourne areas where we shop, socialise, volunteer and generally interact. Accordingly, if this proposal does go ahead the parish/town councils should be of more equal size and reflect the relationship between areas and their residents.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6

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K442	Bournemouth Town	There is no need for more bureaucracy and the blurring of responsibilities	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
K443	Bournemouth Town	There seems to be no compelling reason, in all the documents and videos, for creating another layer of government.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
K444	Bournemouth Town	These proposals are clearly unnecessary and are designed to obfuscate responsibility and add cost for the taxpayer.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Queen's Park	BH8 9
K445	Bournemouth Town	These proposals hack off the "nice areas" and leave the less affluent/ less beautiful areas all lumped together. It feels like I am being "partitioned"! The Councillors will be overwhelmed in terms of the voters they represent. The outlying areas do not need to become new council areas. It will lead to yet another tier of social inequality in this area.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
K446	Bournemouth Town	Think residents should be asked again if they want a smaller parish council. Not enough people knew about it. It was rushed through	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
K447	Bournemouth Town	This is not needed. No local taxpayers are asking for additional costs/council tax raises involved in parish council creation! Please stop this nonsense.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
K448	Bournemouth Town	This whole scheme has been very poorly publicised, and obviously a lot of money has been spent preparing it. I feel this consultation is far from democratic.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH7 7
K449	Bournemouth Town	Totally unnecessary.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K450	Bournemouth Town	Turnout for local elections is already poor, I foresee that parish councils would be even less attractive to voters.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
K451	Bournemouth Town	Unacceptable.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7

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K452	Bournemouth Town	Unecessary layer of local governance	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
K453	Bournemouth Town	We do not need more staff, wages & admin. BCP is already nearly bankrupt. Don't add to the problem!	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH2 5
K454	Bournemouth Town	We do not need parish councils as well as BCP. That is unnecessary, costly and would lead to certain matters not being considered by either.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
K455	Bournemouth Town	We have just had a major change in 2019, let's give it a chance to bed in and work.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
K456	Bournemouth Town	We just don't need any more "councillors" (overheads)	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 9
K457	Bournemouth Town	We need parish councils or BCP, not both	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
K458	Bournemouth Town	Why bother, the only advantage is to the BCP Council who will be able to shed some fiscal responsibilities and charge a supplementary rate to run the parish councils.	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Winton East	BH9 2
K459	Bournemouth Town	You have indicated the Town Councillors will have very little "powers" apart from consultations on bus stops and something else. What are they doing, apart from a talking forum?	Disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
K460	Bournemouth Town	BCP council should do what the taxpayers want them to do i.e restore the prosperity of the area and reverse the decline in public services, the transport system, law and order etc	Don't know/not sure	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
K461	Bournemouth Town	I am not sure of the background to this draft. Is BCP not serving it's residents as it should, or equitably? Overall I like the idea but I'm not clear on what the benefits would be.	Don't know/not sure	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1

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K462	Bournemouth Town	A further level of inconsistency exists in the recommendations by the inclusion of Town Parishes. In many cases smaller parishes are recommended within the historic towns of BCP. The recommended Town Parishes seem to be a mopping up of areas which are not recommended for smaller parishes, with absolutely no logical basis. This is most particularly evident in Bournemouth,.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
K463	Bournemouth Town	I would ideally like the process of planning permission to be kept simple and low-overhead - adding extra layers of local curtain twitchers to the process isn't going to help anyone.	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
K464	Bournemouth Town	N/A	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
K465	Bournemouth Town	No	Neither agree nor disagree	Bournemouth Town	respondent living in proposal area	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
K466	Bournemouth Town	You won’t listen		Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH14 0
K467	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth central ward is a center for shopping, work and entertainment and recreation for the whole conurbation and beyond. All wards should have a say on its future. Badly needed is a bus station. Please reserve a site Triangle or Westover road? It should provide protection from rain and wind, seating, information/tickets and toilets and possibly a refreshment concession. It need not be an eye sore. I have been continental [unknown] with extensive tree cover.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
K468	Bournemouth Town	As the new Bournemouth Town Council will take over some/all areas currently mismanaged by BCP Council, an increase in Council Tax should not be necessary.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
K469	Bournemouth Town	b) add Boscombe and Redhill f)g) and h) reduce the number of councillors to around 15	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9

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K470	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth must not be left behind. Without a town council: Bournemouth would be the only major area in BCP without full local governance powers. Residents would continue to pay for a Charter Trustee body that lacks operational effectiveness. There is a real risk of disparity in funding, representation, and service delivery when compared to Poole, Christchurch, Southbourne, and other parished areas. This review offers a vital opportunity to modernise Bournemouth's local democracy, reduce unnecessary costs to taxpayers, and put residents on an equal footing with their neighbours. A well-structured town council—appropriately staffed and supported—would also create capacity for delivering community-driven initiatives, managing local spaces, and facilitating a strategic neighbourhood plan.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2
K471	Bournemouth Town	Get rid of BCP council and leave just three separate, independent single tier authorities for Christchurch, Poole and Bournemouth.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
K472	Bournemouth Town	Good luck	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
K473	Bournemouth Town	If it would improve the area around the centre then yes. I understand if a Town then there would be a Mayor.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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K474	Bournemouth Town	If this happens I just hope it isn't a lot of talking about reorganisation and fuss but a way to actually get things done by people who understand the local area. Most things take too long or after a planning stage just never happen. I live in Boscombe...it was being regenerated before 2030..... Is anything actually happening ? Not really and its 2025 already! Please just get on with this if it is going to happen.	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
K475	Bournemouth Town	Money should come from existing funding	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
K476	Bournemouth Town	No.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
K477	Bournemouth Town	Nothings thanks	Agree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
K478	Bournemouth Town	please let's have the gardens back how they use to be not the Christmas Wonderland but the frames with candles in the Jar	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
K479	Bournemouth Town	The benefits to the Town would be immense and I am disappointed that all Ward Councillors cannot see that a Town Council would be a good thing. Replacing the Charter Trustees with a Town Council and increasing the precept which is already being paid to the Charter Trustees, would enable much more investment in the Town and in Community Groups, sports clubs, play parks etc.	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
K480	Bournemouth Town	The changes proposed would be beneficial and appropriate.	Agree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
K481	Bournemouth Town	The issue of twinning must be made a remit of the town council	Agree	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH18 9

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K482	Bournemouth Town	The merge has had a huge financial burden on Poole without advantage to Poole. The creation of councillors places further burdens.	Agree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
K483	Bournemouth Town	The population is too large for One Parish and could have been sub-divided. While it will be Bournemouth Town Council - the area of the Town Centre is remote for some of the Wards. In fact, they have their own centres of identity. Quite suitable for Parishes of their own. This is a political rush job.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
K484	Bournemouth Town	Yes. As Chair of the Boscombe and Pokesdown Community Forum, I wish to express concern over the process and underlying assumptions that have shaped the draft proposal for a Bournemouth Town Council. While the intent to ensure parity across the BCP area is understandable, the proposed Bournemouth Town Council lacks a clear identity, defined purpose, or community mandate. It has not emerged from a public movement or neighbourhood-based advocacy, and as such, it feels imposed rather than organic. There has been no meaningful consultation on how such a town council would operate, what it would deliver, or how it would engage residents. A council of this scale risks duplicating the former Bournemouth Borough Council, rather than creating a responsive, community-focused structure. We are also concerned by the risk of Boscombe and Pokesdown being drawn into this model by default, should our separate community council proposal not proceed. This was stated as a possibility during a public meeting of the Forum, in reference to the issue of Charter Trustees — namely, that Boscombe and Pokesdown might be the only unparished area, preventing the Trustees from being dissolved. This is not acceptable practice. Our area should not be absorbed into a much larger structure simply to resolve an administrative gap — especially when there is no consultation asking us if we wish to join the proposed Town Council. We therefore request the following: That the Bournemouth Town Council proposal be reconsidered unless it can demonstrate genuine community demand and a clearer governance rationale. That any future inclusion of Boscombe and Pokesdown in this structure must be subject to separate, transparent consultation, not imposed by default. That the Council continue to support smaller-scale, community-led governance, such as the proposed Boscombe and Pokesdown Community Council, which has emerged through years of resident engagement and aligns with the principles of neighbourhood democracy.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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		Ultimately, the governance model for Bournemouth must be shaped not by administrative convenience but by community identity, local involvement, and democratic legitimacy.					
K485	Bournemouth Town	6 years ago bournemouth council was merged with poole and christchurch, on the grounds of efficiency. What has changed over the last 6 years to mean that governance needs to change	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
K486	Bournemouth Town	A drain on public funding and no substance offered for improved services. Disgusting proposal and massive waste of resources. Secutary of state has been emailed on the fiasco.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 7

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K487	Bournemouth Town	Abolish all parish councils across BCP, and certainly do not set up any new ones. Stop wasting council tax funding on additional levels of governance that is not required. What tangible value for money to they actually provide, zero. BCP has a number of problems (poor road infrastructure/congestion, roads full of pot holes, a huge homeless and drug/alcohol abuse problem, not enough public services [schools, hospitals, GPs, NHS dentists] for all the new housing estates that are being built) and BCP council what to use council tax funding which could be directed to those issues, to set up Parish Councils who would more likely be made up of old, straight, white, able bodied men, who do not reflect the diversity of the area. BCP have almost bankrupted themselves, implemented ill thought out Green policies/legislation, so we don't need more of the same.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 8
K488	Bournemouth Town	All of the draft proposals should be rejected.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
K489	Bournemouth Town	All. Creates general confusion as to who is responsible for all services. Does not help community cohesion. Improve your own performance before creating additional beaurocracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Hamworthy	BH15 4
K490	Bournemouth Town	As 20 above	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
K491	Bournemouth Town	As above	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
K492	Bournemouth Town	As above.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1

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K493	Bournemouth Town	BCP unitary authority, amalgamating Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth, was supposed to improve transparency, costs and bureaucracy. Creating parish/town councils will be adding another level of unnecessary bureaucracy and cost with no tangible benefit and worse accountability. BCP has just appointed a new CEO; consideration should be given to allowing this person to attempt to improve the current running of the unitary authority before any changes are implemented. No decisions should be made before 2027 and then only following a referendum.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
K494	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth should go back to being its own council and remove all powers over Poole and Christchurch.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
K495	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth Town does need a lot of attention but this does not need to be via a town Council. BCP should be able to do this without setting up a Town Council.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
K496	Bournemouth Town	Council tax should be reduced and services improved	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
K497	Bournemouth Town	Disagree with the draft recommendations for Bournemouth for the following reasons: a) Disagree with an extra tier of Local Government having had reorgansiations in 1997 and 2019. b) Extra tiers of Authority results in additional bureaucracy, duplication and cost. c) This leads to residents effectively paying twice for the same services d) Changes should involve a whole authority referendum not rely on Councillor decisions e) The total cost of local government can be expected to be higher in authorities with the additional tier of Town/Parish Councils f) Having sought to delayer local authority provision in 1997 and 2019 within BCP localities, for economy and efficiency reasons, the logical approach is to delayer not create additional layers of local authority	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
K498	Bournemouth Town	Do something about the sad state of Bournemouth town centre instead of wasting money on Parish Councils.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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K499	Bournemouth Town	Don't do it, waste of money.	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
K500	Bournemouth Town	Double bureaucracy costs extra because the different layers have to communicate	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
K501	Bournemouth Town	Focus on getting existing people to do the jobs that they are paid to do effectively.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
K502	Bournemouth Town	Give Poole Town back the £10million you stole from us and repair our town centre	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 1
K503	Bournemouth Town	I agree with ward boundary changes to reflect the numbers of voters within wards and prevent electoral imbalances.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
K504	Bournemouth Town	I am opposed to the introduction of Parish Councils in principle. Parish Councils will exacerbate the older unbearable inequality in the UK and in the BCP conurbation.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4
K505	Bournemouth Town	I believe it is very challenging to find a good solution for Bournemouth, because unlike Poole, residents don't feel that there is any threat to the identity of their town. For this reason, many Bournemouth residents will look at this review in a very different way to Poole residents and I feel that it is important that we respect this difference, when deciding on a solution.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
K506	Bournemouth Town	I disagree with the continuation of current parish, community and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish, community or town councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4

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K507	Bournemouth Town	I think instead of trying to create several large councils all at once, BCP should support smaller areas to develop parish councils more gradually and organically, where there's real local interest and momentum. That way, the structures that emerge would be more rooted in each community's actual needs and identity, rather than imposed from the top down. My concern is that this process feels rushed, and there's a risk it's being driven more by BCP's financial pressures than by the aspirations of local people. It's important that any changes to local governance are about giving residents a stronger voice — not just finding new vehicles to shift costs onto communities. Let people come together and build what makes sense for them over time. That's how real civic engagement happens — not by doing it all in one go.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 3
K508	Bournemouth Town	I think the social spaces are wonderful in Bournemouth, especially the gardens, clean beaches and roads. All I can suggest is making volunteering easier as I would happily help clear leaves from the pavements for example if I had a way of disposing of them.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
K509	Bournemouth Town	Ideally another solution should be found to the issues raised by the Poole Charter trustees. Having only relatively recently merged the Bournemouth and Poole councils to save money, this seems to be a retrograde step	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Heath	BH17 9
K510	Bournemouth Town	If a council for Bournemouth is a good idea, let's scrap BCP and put things back the way they were.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
K511	Bournemouth Town	Include the whole of Wallisdown so that it comes under Bournemouth Council, not Alderney Ward..	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
K512	Bournemouth Town	It should NOT go ahead	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
K513	Bournemouth Town	It's an unnecessary layer of Bureaucracy which entails additional costs	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4

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K514	Bournemouth Town	Just as above	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Hamworthy	BH16 5
K515	Bournemouth Town	Leave things as they are as despite the hollow words from BCP council, this is clearly going to end up costing residents money that simply cannot be afforded in a cost of living crisis. If the current incumbents are unable to work within the constraints as they currently exist, then they should resign en masse and make way for competent people who can. This is nothing but a transparent vehicle to screw the local residents. You say that there will not be any additional cost, but that is a blatant lie. You will bring in a precept to begin with and that will go up and up and up year on year , totally unchecked and the people of the BCP region will be the ones to pay for it. It's unacceptable that you would do something like this without a referendum (which you clearly won't as you already know what the outcome would be and you don't like listening to people who disagree with you). BCP Council is a repugnant organisation, badly run by incompetent councillors with no honesty, integrity or decency. You are an embarrassment to the local people and you should be totally and utterly ashamed of yourselves (but I doubt you have the decency to feel that way either). Shame on you all.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
K516	Bournemouth Town	Less bureaucracy and transparency is required from BCP with more action from those already elected, not more	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
K517	Bournemouth Town	No	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
K518	Bournemouth Town	No	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
K519	Bournemouth Town	Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, corruption and prevention the integrated transformation that the area needs.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH1 4

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K520	Bournemouth Town	Please consider the consultation on BCP council before making these changes	Disagree	Throop & Holdenhurst	respondent living outside proposal area	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
K521	Bournemouth Town	Scrap it	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
K522	Bournemouth Town	See my comments on Poole Town Council.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
K523	Bournemouth Town	Should be put to a public referendum and vote once proper costings have been made known to residents.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
K524	Bournemouth Town	Sounds like a money wasting exercise. If it ain't broke, don't fix it!	Disagree	Redhill & Northbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
K525	Bournemouth Town	Stop the war on motorists by closing and selling off car parks we are supposed to be encouraging Holiday makers to spend money in the local area but unfortunately we have a few extreme Eco warrior counsellors who are destroying the local area. We need to encourage Holiday makers which is great for the local economy and businesses And scrapping. The air festival is another big blow to the local residence. This is why I believe we do not need more. Counsellor is taking the money away from very important events	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3
K526	Bournemouth Town	Stop wasting money on all this.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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K527	Bournemouth Town	The current 'consultation' is non-binding with the final decision being vested with the councillors, many of whom have already publicly supported the proposals. That support is neither independent or legitimate. It is clearly biased toward party political policy. Residents have been informed the 'consultation' is being reviewed internally without independent oversight and calls into question serious concerns about transparency. It seems clear the party with a majority has already decided Community Governance will be introduced whether it is supported by a majority of residents or not. That is undemocratic and begs the question why hold a 'consultation'?	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8
K528	Bournemouth Town	The decline of Bournemouth is a disgrace, thanks to BCP. Fire everyone! Drugs, knife crime, sexual abuse, dirty streets, abusive youths / arsonists, ASB, locals scared to go in to town; nothing to be proud of. Abolish BCP, return to 3 separate councils.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 9
K529	Bournemouth Town	The draft recommendation fail to explain any benefit whatsoever to the residents, workers or visitors to the area, just duplication and additional bureaucracy.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Poole Town	BH15 2
K530	Bournemouth Town	The existing infadstructure of BCP council and Trustee chater shoud be enough. If a change ois required that the town council area should be much smaller	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
K531	Bournemouth Town	The proposed numbers of seats to the elector ratio and variances within the proposed Bournemouth Town council is unfair, unequal between wards and undemocratic. The same comment applies equally to the proposals when comparing the proposals for Poole new Council parish wards and also in relation to the other proposed new parishes. We do not need another extra level or bureaucracy. Please do not implement the proposed chances anywhere in BCP.	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	

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K532	Bournemouth Town	This is the last thing residents of central Bournemouth want. What they desire is for BCP to deliver the services they require well, street cleaning, tackling anti social behaviour, removing graffiti and bring Bournemouth back to a town we can all be proud of again that residents of the whole area want to visit again.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1
K533	Bournemouth Town	This particular submission is the most undemocratic of all the submissions for Bournemouth wards in this CGR. As stated above the electorate have not asked for a Bournemouth Town Council. The only evidence so far is a lack of demand across Bournemouth apart from a handful of submissions and representations. “There were no specific submissions proposing a new Town Council for Bournemouth as set out in this document, although one submission (response no. 38) did suggest a whole of Bournemouth Town Council and not individual smaller councils. There were a number of representations received from councillors that a Town Council for the remainder of Bournemouth should be not established.” Since none of the electorate apart from BCP Councillors why would an additional layer of local government be included. Since all votes should be given equal weight should 5 submissions be in favour of this Bournemouth Town Council and this rejection be the only submission against. The theoretically a Bournemouth Town Council would come in to being though no one asked for one and not enough people said “we don’t want a Bournemouth Town Council” Community Councils are: Nothing with a lack of demand, and may well lead to elitism and insular practice Divisive: Drawing lines between communities does not assist working together in harmony. With different precepts (Council Tax) between areas are inevitably going to lead to different priorities and different levels of provision. This can result in a visible ‘step change’ in environment and amenity between one street in one Council and another nearby in a second Council Inefficient: No economy of scale and an unequal delivery of services. Service provided may abruptly change between one part of a street and another, or not be available in an area at all. Without a centralised reporting structure there will not be a capture and prioritisation order of schedule or provision. Unnecessary: An additional layer of bureaucracy will lead to complications on who is responsible for what Service provision for residents to raise issues. Additional elections and an ever decreasing level of turnout to lower down the level of Councillor. There is nothing that a Parish Councillor can achieve that a BCP Councillor can already provide. Expensive: Community Councils don’t need to charge a precept, but little can be done without them. In addition to the cost of conducting further elections the parish councils need to pay staff to ensure they conduct themselves within legalisation and regulations. In addition to running and minuting meeting there is the cost of the hire of facilities to conduct necessary meetings. If not hiring staff to carry out tasks then payment to suppliers and contractors must done and all the associated administration that comes with it.	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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K534	Bournemouth Town	This whole thing is wrong! I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils There have been no costings whatsoever as to how much this will cost so how can anyone agree when no information given on exactly 1) what the new town and parish councils will do and 2) how much tax with NO ceiling increase will cost. The timing of this consultation is so wrong costing in excess of £100k when money could have been better spent. I strongly believe it's just a matter of creating 'jobs for the boys' . . . Or should I say girls in this instance! This survey and completing it is so very onerous. That too is disgusting and it's obviously relying on people to not bother giving their views as it's too difficult	Disagree	Postcode Not Matched	respondent living outside proposal area	Postcode Not Matched	
K535	Bournemouth Town	This will create an unfair divide as some areas - eg Southbourne/Boscombe would have small parish councils looking out for their very specific interests yet Springbourne and Littledown for example will be battling to be heard amongst the 38 councillors all trying to get the best outcomes for their wards.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Creekmoor	BH17 7
K536	Bournemouth Town	unnecessary unwanted vanity project	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Parkstone	BH15 2
K537	Bournemouth Town	Waste of Money, work should be covered under by BCP	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
K538	Bournemouth Town	Waste of time and tax payers money	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
K539	Bournemouth Town	We already have councillors, why do we need more?????	Disagree	Boscombe & Pokesdown	respondent living outside proposal area	Boscombe West	BH5 1

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K540	Bournemouth Town	We do NOT need more councillors in the BCP area! The existing councillors should be trained to do a better job & not waste our taxes! They should control their funds instead of going into huge debt & asking schools to subsidise their debt. The system needs to be simplified NOT further complicated. Further councillors means more expensive council tax for NO PURPOSEFUL REASON- just more people doing a bad job. This is an unnecessary cost for zero benefit.	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
K541	Bournemouth Town	Work smarter with what you have already changed. Stop changing for change sake. Working as one larger council is the best way forward with ever merging districts.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
K542	Bournemouth Town	Yes how can it possibly be recommended if its “Impossible to say what the costs are” the ONLY option is to reject thr proposal.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
K543	Bournemouth Town	Yes, pause the consultation which has been heavily criticised as being weighted towards the answers the Adminstration want. Hold public meetings, consider a referendum. Pause any decisions until residents are fully informed in an unbiased way.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
K544	Bournemouth Town	Yes. Bournemouth does not need another council - it needs better representation and support within the existing BCP structure. The Charter Trustees already protect our civic traditions. If there's concern about local identity or engagement, these issues can be addressed through targeted community investment, area forums, or empowering ward councillors with local budgets - not by adding an entirely new bureaucracy. Rather than layering on more government, BCP should focus on making what we already have work better. The establishment of a Bournemouth Town Council is a regressive and costly step that the public has not asked for and does not need.	Disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
K545	Bournemouth Town	You state that if Poole doesn't go ahead then Bournemouth would need to include the Poole areas for full coverage. But, what about the other areas proposed like Boscombe, Southbourne and so on? What if they don't go ahead - will everyone except Christchurch then be called Bournemouth? What would be the point???	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Commons	BH23 2

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K546	Bournemouth Town	Give us back three independent town councils if you want to subdivide.	Don't know/not sure	Broadstone	respondent living outside proposal area	Broadstone	BH17 7
K547	Bournemouth Town	1. The proposal to divide TB1 and TB5 between the proposed Poole and Bournemouth parishes raises concerns. There would be electors voting for different parish areas. This would increase the margin for error in polling stations and make administering the elections more complex. This could be resolved by altering the boundary between the polling districts to make this coterminous with the proposed parish boundary. 2. The proposal to include part of WB4 in the proposed Poole parish council raises concerns. There would be electors voting for different parish areas and different BCP Council wards. This would increase the margin for error in polling stations and make administering the elections more complex. Whilst this could be resolved by altering the boundary between WB4 and TB6, we would question whether that would be appropriate considering the community identity of electors in that area. If it is considered that the community identity of electors in that area does not align with TB6 rather than WB4, then that part of WB4 should not be included in the proposed parish. 3. We believe that if either the Bournemouth or Poole Parish proposal is approved while the other is not, the boundary along the dividing line should be reviewed. This would help ensure that no properties or areas are adversely affected or left isolated due to partial implementation. Furthermore, if any of the smaller parish areas proposed within the Bournemouth Charter Trustees area are not approved, consideration should be given to including those areas within the approved parish to maintain continuity and avoid administrative gaps.	Neither agree nor disagree	Southbourne	respondent living outside proposal area	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
K548	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth council doesnt care about the residents of Bournemouth so nothing will change	Neither agree nor disagree	Respondent from outside BCP	respondent living outside proposal area	West Purbeck	BH20 5
K549	Bournemouth Town	Cost of new council? considering BCP was formed to reduce costs	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Oakdale	BH15 3

Q59 – Is there anything else you would like to say about the draft recommendations for Bournemouth Town?

Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
K550	Bournemouth Town	The following polling districts shouldn't be included in Poole Town Council, and should instead be part of Bournemouth Town Council (if established): BM6 - Bearwood & Merley 6 BM7 - Bearwood & Merley 7 (excluding BM7-A which is in Poole) CC3-A - Canford Cliffs 3A TB1 - Talbot & Branksome Woods 1 (part) All of TB5 - Talbot & Branksome Woods 5, not just a part, should be in the Bourne Valley and Branksome East ward of Poole Town Council. None of it is in Bournemouth. WB1-A - Westbourne & West Cliff 1A should also be included in the Bourne Valley and Branksome East ward of Poole Town Council, as it is in Poole.	Neither agree nor disagree	Poole Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Penn Hill	BH14 8

Community Governance Consultation

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Bournemouth Town

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Qualitative Analysis and Report by Darmax Research

Executive Summary

BCP Council are consulting on draft proposals to create new parish, town and community councils across Bournemouth and Poole and to make some small changes to the existing town/parish arrangements in Christchurch.

Before any decisions are made, the council sought the views of local residents on setting up a new parish council in Bournemouth Town.

This report summarises the free-text responses to the consultation.

Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Results

Reasons for agreement/disagreement

Respondents were asked to provide their reasons for why they agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Bournemouth Town.

333 respondents provided feedback to this question. 199 of these respondents live in Bournemouth Town, while 134 live outside the proposal area.

A small number of local residents supported the creation of a town council, arguing that devolved power could bring decision-making closer to the community and allow local representation to address town-specific needs.

However, a greater number opposed the proposals. They felt that creating a town council was unnecessary and costly.

Respondents highlighted that the formation of BCP Council had been intended to reduce bureaucracy and improve efficiency, and therefore adding another layer of governance so soon was a retrograde step. Concerns were also raised about blurred responsibilities, inequity of services between different areas, and the risk of confusion.

Boundary issues were widely discussed. Some residents wanted Bournemouth to be kept whole under a single town council, while others argued the area should be split into smaller parishes to reflect distinct identities. Respondents also questioned disparities in elector-to-councillor ratios across the BCP area, raising concerns about fairness and proportionality.

Many residents objected to the prospect of an additional precept and council tax increases. The consultation process also attracted criticism. Respondents felt it was poorly publicised, overly complex, and lacked sufficient explanation of the benefits.

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Feedback from respondents living outside Bournemouth showed similar patterns. A small number supported the proposals, citing the benefits of stronger local representation and more responsive decision-making. However, the majority opposed the recommendations. They described the proposals as wasteful and unnecessary.

Non-residents also raised boundary concerns, with some arguing that Bournemouth should be governed as a single town council, while others suggested splitting it into multiple parishes. Some called for a return to the three original councils rather than introducing new governance arrangements.

Administration and cost concerns echoed those of residents. Respondents feared more bureaucracy, duplication of roles, and inequity in service delivery.

Cost objections again centred on affordability, with many rejecting additional precepts given rising council tax.

The consultation process was also criticised by non-residents, lacking detail and calls for a referendum before any changes are implemented.

Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Bournemouth Town.

186 respondents provided further comments, including 110 from within Bournemouth Town and 76 from outside the area.

A small number of residents expressed support, stating that a dedicated Bournemouth Town Council could restore local democracy and give residents a stronger voice. The majority, however, opposed the proposals. Respondents felt a new town council would be unnecessary and costly.

Boundary issues were raised, with suggestions that the whole of Bournemouth should be included within the Town Council rather than being split, while others felt the area should be divided into smaller parishes to reflect local identities. Some specific changes were proposed, such as aligning Kinson with Redhill and Northbourne. Concerns about disparities in elector-to-councillor ratios across the conurbation were also highlighted.

Administration concerns were widespread. Respondents feared that introducing another layer of governance would slow decision-making, blur accountability, and contradict the rationale behind forming BCP Council.

Cost was again a recurring theme, with residents objecting to increased precepts, particularly in the absence of detailed financial information or limits on future rises.

The consultation process also drew criticism. Residents argued that the proposals lacked evidence, were poorly publicised, and appeared politically motivated. Many called for a public vote before any decisions are made.

A small number of respondents living outside the proposal area expressed support, suggesting that a town council could give Bournemouth greater control over its governance. Most, however, opposed the recommendations. They described the proposals as unnecessary, bureaucratic, and financially unsustainable. Many argued that Bournemouth did not need another council and that BCP should instead focus on improving existing services or revert to the three original councils.

Boundary concerns were again raised, with suggestions for both a single Bournemouth-wide town council and smaller parishes based on local identities. Respondents also questioned proposed ward allocations and highlighted that councillors already exist to represent local residents.

Further administration and management concerns were again raised, with respondents fearing duplication and confusion over responsibilities and accountability associated with a two-tier system.

Respondents again opposed higher precepts without clear costings or benefits.

The consultation process was criticised as lacking sufficient detail and that such a change should only be made following a referendum.

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1 Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Qualitative responses (write in text) to questions were exported into Excel and were thematically analysed. The most common themes are reported on in this report. Anonymised quotes from participants have been used to illustrate the themes identified.

Please note that while the purpose of qualitative data is to provide deeper insights into reasoning and impact rather than to quantify data, the numbers of respondents who mentioned the most prevalent themes are provided in this report to give an indication of the magnitude of response. However, given the nature of qualitative data, it should be noted that this does not provide an indication of significance in relation to the question asked.

In addition, where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories. Where a response makes several different points, only the relevant part to the discussed theme is shown in the report.

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2 Analysis and results

2.1 Reasons for agreement/disagreement

Respondents were asked to provide their reasons for why they agree or disagree with the draft recommendations for Bournemouth Town.

333 respondents provided feedback to this question. 199 of these respondents live in Bournemouth Town, while 134 of these respondents live outside of Bournemouth Town.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	12	11	23
General opposition	57	36	93
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	42	24	66
Administration/management of decisions	139	89	228
Cost of delivery	46	19	65
Consultation/decision process	21	12	33
Other	0	1	1

2.1.1 Respondents living in proposal area

12 respondents expressed general support. These residents felt that there is a need for **local representation** to focus on what the town needs.

"I think devolving power to a more local level is a good thing."

"I believe that a parish of Bournemouth will allow for more flexibility regarding decisions that affect the local community."

In contrast, 57 respondents voiced opposition. They argued that the proposal was **unnecessary and costly** and there was no need for parish councils in general.

"Just duplication of what we already have. Complete waste of money and resources."

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"Have not read anything to suggest benefit of new parish or town councils of any kind in current financial environment."

42 respondents commented on **boundaries**. Views varied, with some calling for Bournemouth to be kept whole under one town council, while others argued the area should be split into smaller parishes to reflect distinct community identities and localised needs. Respondents also pointed to disparities across BCP in elector-to-councillor ratios, questioning fairness and proportionality.

"There is no connection between Winton and Bournemouth town centre, East Cliff or Littledown etc."

"Bournemouth is part of the larger urban area of BCP. There is not enough difference between the various wards to warrant making the area a separate town council."

"Why are we doing this. We now will have a situation where a few neighbourhoods will be ridiculously overrepresented while the rest of Bournemouth and Poole have no low level representation."

139 respondents raised concerns about **administration and decision-making**. The most common themes were the risk of duplicating functions and adding bureaucracy that won't achieve anything. The changes would also create **confusion** over responsibilities and blur **accountability**. Respondents commented that the creation of BCP Council was meant to have solved this and therefore the draft recommendations were a retrograde step. Introducing further structural changes so soon would add **unnecessary complexity**. The proposals would result in inequity of services across the conurbation and limited cohesion between areas. Respondents felt that BCP Council should direct resources towards improvements to services, rather than developing unnecessary and costly layers of administration. Other respondents commented that there are **already councillors** elected responsible for the local population.

"Complete waste of money duplicating existing governance structure."

"There will be a conflict of interests between the BCP Council and all the new parishes."

"Another layer of bureaucracy which will cost council taxpayer more and achieve nothing."

"Having gone through the merger of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole councils, I don't think we need the extra cost and bureaucracy of new Town/Parish Councils."

"Plans will add confusion over which council does which job. The present services should be improved by BCP."

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"We have a Town Council which has council representatives for each area. We do not need more levels of administration but for existing councillors to do their job and represent their ward to the council with diligence and hard work on behalf of their electors."

46 respondents commented on **costs**. Concerns centred on the introduction of an additional precept being a means to take more money from local residents, with residents also worried about affordability.

"Why should people pay an additional precept for another level of decision making."

"We don't need or want a massive increase in our council tax, get it through your heads normal people don't earn the sort of money you lot pay yourselves."

21 respondents criticised the **consultation process**. They felt the proposals had been put forward by a small number of people and there was no evidence that there was a need or desire for changes. Respondents felt that the draft recommendations lack detail with regards to the benefits of the proposals. Respondents also commented that the consultation had not been adequately publicised and it was unnecessary complex.

"No submissions for a Bournemouth Town Council were received and it therefore seems ridiculous that a proposal for a Bournemouth Town Council should progress."

"Most residents do not even know about these proposals. They have not been democratically chosen."

"It is not clear aside from increasing council tax and creating more bureaucracy how this will assist and help the town: there appear to be bigger problems than creating more structures."

2.1.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

11 respondents expressed support. They welcomed the principle of stronger **local representation** and felt that town councils could bring decision-making closer to communities.

"Though with less history, there are lots of issues that could be resolved for Bournemouth with a Town Council."

36 respondents voiced opposition. They described the proposals as **unnecessary**, costly, and new councils should not be created.

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"Town and Parish councils should be removed as they add an unnecessary layer of councils for no added benefit."

"Bournemouth doesn't need a Parish Council."

24 respondents raised concerns about **boundaries**. While some respondents commented that Bournemouth Town Council should cover all areas of Bournemouth, others felt that it was too large and should be split into smaller parishes.

"The Bournemouth Town Council should include all areas that were included prior to BCP Council being formed."

"It seems rather unwieldy to lump all the other areas of Bournemouth in one town parish, and I am concerned that this will create some disparity within the conurbation, pitting this dominant parish against other smaller parish councils."

89 respondents raised concerns about **administration and decision-making**. The most common themes were the risk of duplicating functions and adding bureaucracy that won't achieve anything. The changes would also create **confusion** over responsibilities and blur **accountability**. Respondents commented that the creation of BCP Council was meant to have solved this and viewed the proposals as a retrograde step and admission that the formation of the council had been a waste of money and failure. Introducing further structural changes so soon would add **unnecessary complexity**. However, some respondents commented that the proposals should revert back to the previous three town councils. The proposals would result in inequity of services across the conurbation and limited cohesion between areas. Respondents felt that BCP Council should direct resources towards improvements to services, rather than developing unnecessary and costly layers of administration. Other respondents commented that there are **already councillors** elected responsible for the local population.

"Unnecessary layer of bureaucracy."

"The creation of a Bournemouth Town Council would make a mockery of the recent reorganisation of local government arrangements and the formation of BCP."

"We had a Borough Council, before a great deal of money was wasted in becoming BCP Council."

"Get rid of BCP Council and leave just three separate, independent single tier authorities for Christchurch, Poole and Bournemouth."

"The existing Council should spend time, effort and money on improving services and efficiency for the benefit of the local taxpayers. Adding more

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layers of confusion and creating more inefficiency is not what we need. Improving the existing council is needed more than the proposed idea."

"BCP already has a set of councillors and we are paying for them and the staff required."

19 respondents commented on **costs**. They expressed concerns about the lack of clarity around financial implications, and that higher council taxes were not warranted.

"I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils. There have been no costings whatsoever as to how much this will cost so how can anyone agree when no information given on exactly 1) what the new town and parish councils will do and 2) how much tax with NO ceiling increase will cost."

12 respondents criticised the **consultation process**. They described it as poorly advertised, biased towards accepting the proposals and lacking in specific details. Respondents also felt that any change of this scale should be subject to a referendum.

"The case for change has not been made. I have not been given the information to judge whether the proposals are worth it because (1) the proposals don't set out how governance will be more effective. (2) the cost is not known."

"I am of the opinion if to 'do nothing at all' was an option in the consultation then the majority of the consultation responses would be in favour of a 'change is unnecessary' response."

"Changes should involve a whole authority referendum not rely on Councillor decisions."

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2.2 Any other comments about the draft recommendations

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the draft recommendations for Bournemouth Town.

186 respondents provided feedback to this question. 110 of these respondents live in Bournemouth Town, while 76 of these respondents live outside of Bournemouth Town.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

	Number of respondents		
Theme	**Respondent living in proposal area**	**Respondent living outside proposal area**	**Total**
General support	3	7	10
General opposition	37	24	61
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	17	11	28
Administration/management of decisions	59	39	98
Cost of delivery	23	13	36
Consultation/decision process	24	17	41
Other	1	4	5

2.2.1 Respondents living in proposal area

3 respondents expressed general support for the draft recommendation for Bournemouth Town. These residents felt that a dedicated Bournemouth Town Council would **restore power and local democracy** in Bournemouth.

"I think the draft recommendations will go a long way towards restoring local democracy in Bournemouth."

In contrast, 37 respondents voiced opposition. They argued that creating a new council was **unnecessary** and would be an inefficient use of public money and the proposal should be **scrapped**.

"Don't do it, you spend far too much of our money on fanciful useless schemes as it is."

"The whole ill thought out idea should be forgotten."

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17 respondents raised concerns about boundaries. Respondents commented that Bournemouth Town Council should i**nclude the whole of the Charter Trustees for Bournemouth area**, rather than split into separate parishes. However, some respondents felt that Bournemouth Town Council should be **split into more parishes** as different parts of Bournemouth have their own identities. Other **variations of wards/parishes** were mentioned, including adding Kinson to Redhill and Northbourne. Respondents also commented that there appeared to be **disparity between areas** in terms of the size of areas as well as the ratio of electors to councillors.

"Merge with Redhill and Boscombe."

"Could Bournemouth Town Council include the whole of the Charter Trustees for Bournemouth area, to bring the whole of Bournemouth together as one?"

"Any council for Bournemouth should include all parts of the town including those that have separate proposals within this consultation."

"Kinson should be moved to the Redhill & Northbourne ward as issues local to Kinson would more likely affect the Redhill & Northbourne area as well."

"It would be better if Bournemouth could be split into smaller parishes. As a minimum there could be a North Bournemouth Parish and South/Coastal Parish."

"I am concerned about the disparity in ratios of electors to councillors across the whole of the BCP area. Some parishes appear to have much larger numbers of electors per councillor and this does not seem equitable."

59 respondents raised concerns about **administration and decision-making**. The most common themes were the risk of adding bureaucracy that would slow down decision-making. The changes would also create confusion over responsibilities and blur accountability. Respondents commented that the creation of BCP Council was meant to have solved this and therefore the draft recommendations were a retrograde step. Introducing further structural changes so soon would add **unnecessary complexity**. Respondents felt that BCP Council should direct resources towards improvements to services, rather than developing unnecessary and costly layers of administration. Other respondents commented that there are **already councillors** elected responsible for the local population.

"Surely this defeats the premise of the amalgamation to form BCP Council and creates a more unwieldy bureaucratic structure. Wouldn't it be better to work on making improvements to the existing structure than trying to change it again."

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"I see absolutely no need for another level of local government. Cumbersome and will add to cost. We used to have area associations with regular meetings which were interesting but of no use in transmitting local views to the Council. We already have local councillors to whom we can communicate views, complaints etc."

"I would like to see BCP get on with doing the job they are designed to do and stop coming up with ways take more money out of the pockets of ordinary Bournemouth folk."

23 respondents commented on costs. They expressed an **unwillingness to pay** an increased precept and the burden this could place on households already struggling financially. There was also dissatisfaction at the **lack of detailed costings** and no clear indication of how increases would be controlled in future years.

"I am not prepared to pay more for this. As it is we pay far too much council tax for a failing town."

"The fact that the will be no limit on the council tax charge means that any discretionary spending will be loaded onto the new town council."

24 respondents criticised the consultation process. Respondents felt that there was **little evidence** presented that justified the proposed changes. Respondents felt that the consultation was rushed and **inadequately publicised** in order to get the changes pushed through without being disputed. Respondents felt that any changes in the proposals should result in a further consultation and that the decision should be put to a **public vote**. Respondents also commented that the proposals felt **politically motivated**.

"There seems to be no compelling reason, in all the documents and videos, for creating another layer of government."

"Any such change in local government as big, and potentially costly as this, should be put to the vote by the electorate. I only heard of this change from word of mouth by other concerned residents and as such, nearly missed out on my chance to have a say. Nothing was advertised or put through our door. This feels like an attempt to push through this change quietly without opposition."

"Any substantial changes to the proposals presented here must be consulted on again."

"To me this smacks of someone's expensive vanity legacy project and there is no local demand for it in this area."

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2.2.2 Respondents living outside proposal area

7 respondents expressed support for the draft recommendations and that it would allow the town to have **control** over its own governance.

"I just hope it isn't a lot of talking about reorganisation and fuss but a way to actually get things done by people who understand the local area."

However, 24 respondents voiced opposition. Respondents commented that the area **does not require a second tier of governance** and the proposals were a waste of money.

"Bournemouth does not need another council."

"Sounds like a money wasting exercise. If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

11 respondents commented on boundaries. Respondents commented that there should be **equal distribution** and representation across the towns and parishes. In addition, Bournemouth Town Council should include the **whole of the Bournemouth area**, rather than split into separate parishes. However, some respondents felt that Bournemouth Town Council should be **split into more parishes** as different parts of Bournemouth have their own identities. Other variations of the allocation of wards/parishes were also mentioned, including the potential of increased **margins of error in elections** in the current proposals.

"Include the whole of Wallisdown so that it comes under Bournemouth Council, not Alderney Ward."

"The following polling districts shouldn't be included in Poole Town Council, and should instead be part of Bournemouth Town Council (if established): BM6 - Bearwood & Merley; BM7 - Bearwood & Merley; 7 (excluding BM7-A which is in Poole); CC3-A - Canford Cliffs 3A; TB1 - Talbot & Branksome Woods 1 (part); All of TB5 - Talbot & Branksome Woods 5, not just a part, should be in the Bourne Valley and Branksome East ward of Poole Town Council. None of it is in Bournemouth; WB1-A - Westbourne & West Cliff 1A should also be included in the Bourne Valley and Branksome East ward of Poole Town Council, as it is in Poole."

"1. The proposal to divide TB1 and TB5 between the proposed Poole and Bournemouth parishes raises concerns. There would be electors voting for different parish areas… 2. The proposal to include part of WB4 in the proposed Poole parish council raises concerns… Whilst this could be resolved by altering the boundary between WB4 and TB6, we would question whether that would be appropriate considering the community identity of electors in that area… 3. We believe that if either the Bournemouth or Poole Parish proposal is approved while the other is not, the boundary along the dividing line should be reviewed. This would help

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ensure that no properties or areas are adversely affected or left isolated due to partial implementation."

"The population is too large for one parish and could have been sub-divided. While it will be Bournemouth Town Council - the area of the Town Centre is remote for some of the wards. In fact, they have their own centres of identity. Quite suitable for parishes of their own."

39 respondents raised concerns about **administration and decision-making**. The most common themes were the risk of adding bureaucracy that would slow down decision-making. The changes would also create confusion over **responsibilities** and blur **accountability**. Respondents commented that the creation of BCP Council was meant to have solved this and therefore the draft recommendations were a retrograde step. Introducing further structural changes so soon would add **unnecessary complexity**. However, some respondents commented that the three town councils should be reinstated and **BCP Council disbanded**. The proposals would also result in **inequity of services** across the conurbation. Respondents felt that BCP Council should direct resources towards improvements to services, rather than developing unnecessary and costly layers of administration. Other respondents commented that there are **already councillors** elected responsible for the local population.

"6 years ago Bournemouth council was merged with Poole and Christchurch, on the grounds of efficiency. What has changed over the last 6 years to mean that governance needs to change?"

"Less bureaucracy and transparency is required from BCP with more action from those already elected, not more."

"Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, corruption and prevention the integrated transformation that the area needs."

"Do something about the sad state of Bournemouth town centre instead of wasting money on Parish Councils."

"Creates general confusion as to who is responsible for all services. Does not help community cohesion. Improve your own performance before creating additional bureaucracy."

"We do NOT need more councillors in the BCP area! The existing councillors should be trained to do a better job & not waste our taxes!"

13 respondents were concerned about the impact on residents that the **cost** of the recommendations would have, with limited detail provided in the proposal.

"How can it possibly be recommended if its "impossible to say what the costs are". The ONLY option is to reject the proposal."

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17 respondents criticised the consultation process. Respondents felt that the draft recommendations **failed to explain the benefit** to residents, more engagement was required to publicise and explain the draft recommendations, and the decision should be put to a **public vote**. Respondents also commented that the proposals felt **politically motivated**.

"The draft recommendation fail to explain any benefit whatsoever to the residents."

"Pause the consultation which has been heavily criticised as being weighted towards the answers the administration want. Hold public meetings, consider a referendum. Pause any decisions until residents are fully informed in an unbiased way."

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Q62 – Is there anything else that you would like to say about the Community Governance Review?

Row	comment	respondent proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
X1	Another pointless and expensive thing not really needed	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
X2	Another waste of time and money.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
X3	As per the above...please, please, please...stop wasting our money on this pointless idea...spend it properly.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
X4	BCP council was designed with the aim of simplifying local government- adding multiple parish councils in to the mix will do the opposite. The priority should be providing better value services to residents.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe West	BH5 1
X5	Bin it!	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
X6	Bournemouth and particularly Boscombe is terribly neglected, horrible scruffy tatty looking that supposed to be a Holliday destination and not criminals ,alkohol and drog addict centres for rehabilitation in the heart of the town in residential area. I wish to know that the tax I'm paying month by month is going to be use in the right way for the right things and in the most efficient way for our benefits, for the hard working people's well being, reducing crime, getting rid of horrible potholes, making the area pretty planting palm trees please.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe West	BH1 4
X7	Bournemouth and Poole should not be divided into several smaller parishes but should retain their identities as two distinct towns. Accordingly, one Bournemouth and one Poole parish should be created, each within the boundaries of their former Borough Councils.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe West	BH5 1
X8	Do not go ahead with parish councils. It will lead to division, inequity and a ridiculous amount of councillors as well as higher council tax. It is a ridiculous proposal.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

Q62 – Is there anything else that you would like to say about the Community Governance Review? – All Areas

Row	comment	respondent proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
X9	For the last 2–3 years, we have constantly had problems with our trash bins on the road near 1 Carnarvon Road. They are always full, and we don’t have enough space to properly dispose of our waste. Sometimes, we even see rats around them. The main issue is that local businesses from Christchurch Road (numbers 520–528, such as restaurants and shops) regularly use our bins to throw away their commercial waste. We face a similar problem near 2B Salisbury Road. In contrast, the bins near 38 Carnarvon Road are always in good condition and never overflowing—because they are used only by local residents, not businesses. Please help us resolve this issue. Thank you.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe West	BH1 4
X10	I am shocked that this is happening. It is a profoundly undemocratic exercise and should have severe consequences for the persons leading it.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe West	BH1 4
X11	I cannot help but feel this is all so unncessary and we should go back to our separate Christchurch & Bournemouth Councils	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
X12	I find this desire to add more local councillors in very bad taste, we are continually informed that there is not enough money to fund all of our services and things like the airshow are at risk of being cut, while simultaniously running reviews like this where you want to create new posts that add nothing of value to the community except more layers of unneccessary government and a higher tax burden.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
X13	I hope these plans don't go ahead	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe West	BH5 1
X14	I hope this is just a box-ticking exercise and it will be abandoned as an inefficient and unnecessary layer of bureaucracy.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
X15	I think this is a terrible idea, we don't need town and parish councils or another layer of beurocraracy to fight. Town councils have limited power and yet we will still have to pay expenses to another 16 counsellors? Absolutely ridiculous	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
X16	I would like to know how much money this review is costing council tax payers? Could you not spend the money where it is desperately needed such as in our schools and adult social care?	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe West	BH5 1
X17	I would rather the council just get on with their jobs, than spending time and money re-organising,	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe West	BH5 1
X18	I’m in favour of Parish councils. I used to be a Parish Councillor for Upton many years ago. Governance works much better at a local level for residents. Councillors and residents alike feel much more involved. There is a feeling of belonging and caring in the community.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6

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X19	In a country almost bankrupt this is a monumental waste of time and resources.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
X20	It's nonsense and a waste of time and money, we do not need this	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
X21	It's ridiculous and waste of money, time and effort.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
X22	I've been involved with the southbourne forum for the last 6 months mostly engaging with the community about the things people want improving, the Facebook posts' ive done have had hundreds of comments on the issue! See below a reduced list of some of the things people want to improve in soutbourne; (I got chat gpt to summarise the 300+ comments); 1. Parking Improvements: o Better parking facilities, including free and closer parking spaces. o Reduced parking fees or discounted rates for locals. o Create more parking spaces for easy access to popular areas. 2. Public Spaces & Parks: o Well-maintained parks and playgrounds, including upgrades for older kids and soft play areas. o Community garden spaces and cleanups to maintain aesthetics. o More seating in public spaces like Fisherman's Walk and the Grove. o Cleaner streets, with regular grass cutting and improved rubbish management. 3. Leisure & Entertainment: o Outdoor activities like a heated lido, community swimming pools, or a beach cinema in the summer. o More pop-up events, such as family beach bars, music festivals, and outdoor cafes for kids. o A recreational centre with activities like ping pong, air hockey, laser tag, and roller rinks. o A rock music venue or a dedicated space for live music. o Reintroduce summer festivals or events that close streets. 4. Cycling & Accessibility: o Improved cycle paths, but also feedback suggesting some cyclists prefer alternatives. o Better pedestrian crossings, especially for safety. o Accessible public transport like an improved Pokesdown station and more buses. 5. Community Engagement: o Increased police presence to improve safety and reduce crime. o More volunteer-driven initiatives, such as litter picking and community cleanups. o Local youth clubs or safe hangout spaces for teenagers, possibly with activities and mentorship. 6. Food & Dining: o More diverse food options, like Greek, Turkish, or Chinese restaurants, along with takeaway salad and juice bars. o Bring back a fishmonger's shop or a wet fish shop. o More family-friendly cafes and places to hang out. 7. Environment & Green Spaces: o Planting trees along streets and improving green areas. o Outdoor spaces like community art galleries, green roofs, and drink fountains. 8. Infrastructure & Amenities: o Improve public toilets, with more frequent cleaning and better facilities. o Upgrade and modernize existing amenities, such as the Fisherman's Walk and the cliff lift. o Better street lighting, especially in residential areas. o Restore or upgrade areas like Riva, Seafield Gardens, and the cliff top. 9. Unique & Fun Ideas: o A monorail (though playful, it's a fun idea!). o An alcohol-free pub and a more accessible or affordable nightlife scene. o Fun, quirky concepts like donkey rides, or rock shops with funky Southbourne vibes.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
X23	Local community councils would be really beneficial to each area. I hope it goes ahead.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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X24	money would be better spent on services, not on creating levels of burocracy.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe West	BH1 4
X25	More expense at the added cost to tax payers- The town is a disgrace with little or no direction except for plans to spend more, unjustified, money.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
X26	My comments describe my view	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
X27	My comments regarding Boscombe and Pokesdown apply equally to all other proposed areas.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
X28	N/A	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
X29	no	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
X30	no	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
X31	No to devolved councils.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
X32	Not Applicable.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
X33	Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, corruption and prevention the integrated transformation that the area needs.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe West	BH1 4
X34	Please do not add any more layers of bureaucracy to the council, not needed and too costly.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
X35	Question 19 is phrased in such a way as to make very clear that this consultation is a sham. You're going to impose this on us whether we want it or not. And the people who will get elected will be hand-picked by the parties which support this farce. If anyone bothers to vote.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe West	BH1 4
X36	see previous response - completely oppose.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
X37	Shelve the idea once and for all and concentrate on what you already have, stop working from home go back to the office that would be a good start	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe West	BH1 4

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X38	The non inclusion of an option for 'do nothing' and leave it alone with the governance already in place was a mistake. The CGR appears to be a solution for a problem that doesn't exist for the unspoken mass of residents The Lack of Demand from residents in Bournemouth before CGR coming round every 10-15 years for a willingness for another layer of governance/bureaucracy seems to be a pointer to the lack of CGR being anywhere near the top of personal priority list for the vast majority of Bournemouth residents. It appears that if residents don't respond to this CGR with a clear representation that they 'want a parish/community/town council then they may well find they end up with one anyway through ignorance or inertia. The only selling point appears to be 'pay an additional precept to get the Services that are 'a nice to have' Services the Unitary Authority can no longer provide/provision due to the demands and cost of statutory services such as human social care	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
X39	The proposed parish councils are a waste of time and money. More than that, they will foster inequity and division.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
X40	There is no need for additional layers of bureaucracy. Get an efficient BCP with councillors who represent their community properly and the problem is solved	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
X41	There is no point undertaking a consultation if you don't act on the views received. If the majority of people want parish councils I accept the democratic mandate even though I disagree - please do the same if it is the other way around otherwise you are just adding to the public view that the council just does what it wants regardless.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe West	BH5 1
X42	This extra level of council is not needed, it will just add to the costs to residents who are already struggling.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
X43	This is a waste of time and money. You don't need more councillors to solve Bournemouth's problems.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
X44	This is an unnecessary level of government please don’t create these councils. I’m barely affording the cost of living in BCp as it is, this will just add further unspecified costs that could be any amount with no set limit.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH7 6
X45	This is not needed, the extra cost to residents is not needed. There is no need to have more people running things when we already have a council board of people who have done nothing but make cuts and fill their pockets, and elected members who failed the area. There will be no difference with this other than people having to pay more tax and having less control of where they live	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
X46	This just seems to lack any awareness of costs and we should be looking to breakdown costly duplication and bureaucracy.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH6 5
X47	This provides no additional benefit at additional cost.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2

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X48	WASTE OF MONEY	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 1
X49	Waste of time	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe West	BH5 1
X50	We have a central government and we have BCP Council. Compared to the private sector in which u work, they already take an inordinate time to reach a decision and deliver improvement. If you add more layers (parish councils AND devolved regional authorities) you add more delays. Put the people who would fill these roles into real jobs instead and desist the temptation to add bureaucracy and pointless people who give themselves a pat on the back for a job well done each day when they've done nothing of any tangible benefit to support their own oxygen use!	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 2
X51	Without a proper explanation of the nature of the community councils to be created, it is difficult to be sure of BCP Council's real intentions. It seems that they wish to create "Talking Shops" with no real powers. Their decisions or "Advice" can be disregarded an the will of Councillors and the Council. However all the extra costs will still have to be met by the taxpayers. It does seem that the Council wish to create an illusion of consultation and local decision making without giving any actual power to the people. The creation of full Parish Councils would be a much better step and would be more attractive to potential councillors. With the current proposals it is difficult to see why people would want to be involved. It also begs the question why will we have Parish councils in some areas and Community councils in other areas? - are some residents not as trustworthy or as capable as others?	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe East & Pokesdown	BH5 1
X52	Yes, make it easier to follow. It is not for the fainthearted or anyone who at the same time has to get dinner on for their kids.	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe West	BH5 1
X53	you didn't mention the cost to the residents	Boscombe & Pokesdown	Boscombe West	BH1 4
X54	The three towns of Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch were joined into what became BCP. Now that there is an unwieldy monolith trying to run three different areas with individual needs, some bright spark thinks it a good idea to (re-)create three town councils to give the appearance of individualised governance. In reality this instead creates effectively more strata of bureaucracy. The increase in councillors and administration will not only cost more but will entail far more inter-departmental consultation, committees and legal support. It will not improve the decision-making process but lead to obfuscation and reduced accountability. It is already a complicated process but the creation of Town councils will add to this without benefit. The present BCP council need to concentrate on improving their present performance instead of creating more councils to do the same job. This exercise looks as if it should increase public access and improve decision-making, but in reality it will confuse the extent to which each new council can make decisions without being over-ridden by BCP. In summary, far more people and less will get done well.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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X55	A complete waste of money & time	Bournemouth Town	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
X56	A complete waste of time and money based on my experience	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
X57	A total waist of time and money.	Bournemouth Town	Winton East	BH9 2
X58	A total waste of time and money le t the people we have elected already do their job without interference from other officious bodies	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH11 9
X59	a waste of money	Bournemouth Town	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
X60	A waste of money after such a recent change.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
X61	A waste of time and effort. A duplication of existing functions which should be carried out by existing Ward Councillors.The decision has already been made This consulation will not change the proposals. BCP never listen.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH8 8
X62	A waste of time and money. Totally unnecessary as far as Bournemouth Town is concerned. Already we pay for the Charter Trustees which is a vanity exercise.	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 9
X63	Abandon it before any more time is wasted.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
X64	Absolute waste of money precepts would have to be added to council tax bills to pay for the extra bureaucracy	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH11 9
X65	After the amount of time and investment in local government reorganisation 5 years ago, this whole process seems unnecessary.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X66	After the relatively recent reorganisation to become BCP any further immediate change must be questioned given likely costs. However, if it is undertaken, it should surely be based on providing equal democratic rights and benefits to all BCP residents, not the arbitrary assignment to large and small bodies with necessarily different characters and capabilities represented by these shockingly poor recommendations.	Bournemouth Town	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
X67	An absolute waste of time and money	Bournemouth Town	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH2 5
X68	Another BS consultation, it's already a done deal.	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH10 5
X69	As Coordinator of Eastcliff and Springbourne Residents Group is that despite various posts on the Facebook and Email versions on that Group both past and present I can state that there is next to zero interest amongst residents in making East Cliff and Springbourne part of any town/parish council.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
X70	As I see the situation, BCP cannot deliver services which are needed now, due to lack of money, so why create	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X71	BCP better of split up into 3 councils	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH10 7
X72	BCP council was set up to cut duplication and therefore jobs and make it more efficient. This a step back to the 1970’s	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH10 7

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X73	BCP is clearly a failing Council, mainly due to the ongoing divisions and opinions between the various political groups, some of which unhelpfully define themselves by geographic areas. The proposed creation of town and parish councils will only make the conflicts of one area against another worse. The potential to have councillors serving on both BCP Council and a town or parish council will create unavoidable conflicts of interest. The constitutions or standing orders of the proposed town and parish councils should bar BCP councillors standing for or remaining sitting on these councils. The introduction of the proposed councils will introduce unwarranted bureaucracy and duplication of effort. The time and resources would be better served to sort out the undeniable problems facing BCP and making its creation a success.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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X74	Bournemouth, (and Poole) already have an existing arrangement of local wards where items can concern can be raised by residents to their local elected representatives and this is established and adequate . there is no need for additional bureaucracy and unknown expense. BCP USED TO BE 3 INDEPENDENT COUNCILS, NO FURTHER CHANGES AND EXPENSE NECESSARY	Bournemouth Town	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 9
X75	Broadstone has a residents association, a local forum and two ward councillors. It does not need an extra layer of bureaucracy to duplicate the work of ward councillors. That will do nothing to enhance the quality of life of residents.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH8 8
X76	Bureaucratic nonsense	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 9
X77	Can't you spend the money on more important things	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH10 5
X78	Changing boundaries and increasing extra layers is like adding fresh straw to an already dirty stable. It needs clearing out and simplifying. We need proactive management to ensure that the needs of the "poorer" boroughs are not overlooked and an effort made to improve standards, by ensuring roads, drains are clean, rubbish is collected, pavements are not covered in dog mess, etc, etc.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
X79	Continuation of the historical town and parish councils, which have a sense of community and a wish to continue managing local amenities, makes sense. For other areas, which do not have that historical community, involvement in local amenities such as car parks and childrens playgrounds etc. can be achieved via the BCP council members and does not require another layer of local government.	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth Central	BH2 6
X80	Could you please concentrate of fixing stuff that matters like waste collection , winter gardens , park maintenance and stop ridiculous consultations like this. Another level of government will,not add value to an incompetent BCP council - not just my view even central government doesn't believe in the budgeting and management by BCP	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 9
X81	Creates more civil servants, not cost effective, and a drain on the local economy and residents.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
X82	Decision has already been made, I don't feel that residents and taxpayers will be listened to. We have a level of local government already stop messing with it and adding further complications that are driven by political motives.	Bournemouth Town	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4

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X83	Disagree with all proposals. More councils are not necessary. Creating more layers of beaurocracy doesn't benefit the residents of BCP.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
X84	Divisive Parishing is divisive and sets one community against the other which will lead to more social unrest, e.g.in the first round of consultation one community was said by the Task & Finish to be too rich to be a parish. Discretionary Responsibilities If BCP Council, despite its best endeavours finds itself unable to discharge its discretionary responsibilities, e.g. play areas, car parks, cemeteries, etc, that we have all come to expect, then it should explain why to its electorate and take the appropriate action, which is within its power, to address it. This Review gives the discretionary responsibilities to parish / town councils for them to discharge by way of a precept which is not capped. This fact is not made clear (Gunning Principle). Bureaucracy Parishing creates a confusing and completely unnecessary, additional layer of bureaucracy, each parish with a clerk, finance officer, etc and pension provision. Asset Transfer Lack of clarity to BCP electorate re valuation and transfer of BCP assets to parish. Representation of local communities If you wish to establish a council more representative than BCP Council of local community, then I suggest establishing 3 Unitary Authorities - Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X85	Do not create this Community Governance scheme It is totally unnecessary	Bournemouth Town	Moordown	BH9 2

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X86	Do we really have to vote about establishing Parishes, given the current condition of our society. A Parish will bring peace into the community. Social Cohesion will be fostered - Parishes bring people together, fostering relationships and social connections that strengthen the fabric of the community. Community Outreach and community events will flourish which is turn will enhance the moral and ethical guidance.	Bournemouth Town	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH11 8
X87	Does not give any indications of the startup and operational coast implications. How will it be funded. Is there a budget? If there is not a budget it is all a fantasy.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
X88	Don't do it.	Bournemouth Town	Moordown	BH10 7
X89	Don't waste any more money on this.	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth Central	BH2 6
X90	Either have lots of small very local groups or preferably have none. The worst outcome would be two big subgroup. We have enough politics without introducing more infighting !	Bournemouth Town	Moordown	BH9 1
X91	Expensive waste of time and money.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
X92	Forget it!	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH10 6
X93	given BCP deficits and likely impact on education and social care, no funding should be being spent on the proposed changes unless their is clear financial and social benefit.	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 9
X94	Go back to basics, stop over complicating and keep it simple.	Bournemouth Town	Moordown	BH9 2
X95	Good idea to consult everyone but it is too lengthy and complicated for many people to bother to complete it.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
X96	Good idea to seek electorate views - but shouldn't the elected councillors ACTUALLY be doing something and finding this sort of data out themselves?	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH10 7

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X97	happy with the current arrangements. happy as we are	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
X98	Having only recently merged three councils into one BCP Unitary Authority with valid reasons, the same reasons apply TO NOT establishing local government at additional levels. Such reform would do nothing to aid local government governance and decision making - rather than the reverse. All the financial savings made in forming the Unitary Authority would be minimised owing to administrative and attendance costs and other costs. I am sure the majority of the population would not vote. The majority of the communities would not appreciate or understand the complexity of any new structure. It is best to have just BCP to address any issues of relevance. It therefore follows that there is an ongoing need to improve current services provided to each in every community using a simple to understand structure where all residents know who to contact and where in order that their short and long term needs can be met. [redacted]	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
X99	Having previously experienced a parish council "talking shop" in an East Dorset parish, I am of the opinion that with the current inefficencies in local government generally, this exercise will just provide another layer of unnecessary bureurcracy and expense. Any decisions of importance have to be rubber stamped by BCP; lets get the money potentially spent on parish councils toward improving roads and horrendous congestion in the conurbation. I think my thoughts are not a lone voice in the wilderness.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
X100	Hopefully you will all see reason and give up this idea.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
X101	Hoping for the town centre for improve have great shops and not pointless more vape and phone shops	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth Central	BH2 5
X102	How is this to be funded ?	Bournemouth Town	Moordown	BH9 1

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X103	I am baffled by this review. Why was it undertaken in the first place and who decided the recommendations. The document indicates that responses suggesting the abolition of parish councils were reviewed but it was deemed that there was insufficient evidence to justify it. Deemed by who? What were the reasons given for the abolition? You dont state them in the document. For Burton for example there were only 5 such responses. This is hardly surprising when the review has been so poorly advertised. It isn't long ago that the merger of Christchurch, Bournemouth & Poole Councils took place. I thought the merger was designed to streamline the councils and save resources. These proposals will simply add extra layers of bureaucracy and confusion for no benefit. Having separate parish councils could mean inconsistencies in decision making. I am concerned that I only heard about this through a political flyer through my door. The flyer indicates that BCP council will ignore responses that only criticise the cost but this has to be an issue in such difficult financial times. BCP council should manage the entire area. I don't see a need for parish councils at all. To add around 140 further councillors is a shocking waste of money.	Bournemouth Town	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
X104	I am concerned about the disparity in ratios of electors to councillors across the whole of the BCP area. Some parishes appear to have much larger numbers of electors per councillor and this does not seem equitable.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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X105	I am curious as to why it is happening? Is it a central government decree?? Concentration should be on improving the current outputs of BCP. Time Out had Bournemouth in it's rotten Boroughs section quite often.	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 8
X106	I am in favour of keeping to the current arrangement, with 76 Councillors representing 33 wards, and do not believe that introducing another layer of councillors in different areas will have any real benefit. In fact the extra layer of bureaucracy could even confuse people regarding which council is responsible for which service. Councillor John Beesley and colleagues have regularly held meetings in Westbourne to update us on what was happening locally and across the whole area. This has worked very well. We knew who to contact, felt connected with our local area and also aware of what was happening more widely across the whole conurbation. The new proposals would seem to me to detract from community cohesion rather than improve it.	Bournemouth Town	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
X107	I am very opposed to it.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X108	I am wholly opposed to the proposals for the detailed reasons stated in my submission dated 9 June 2025.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
X109	I appreciate the consultation but Indo not agree with the proposal.	Bournemouth Town	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2

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X110	I believe that this council and previous councils have managed to take the heart out of Bournemouth and its areas, I certainly no longer have any pride in saying that Bournemouth is my home town after living here for 40+ years. All I can see being proposed is more layers of governance with no clear responsibility and no benefit to be gained to residents but the ability to "pass the buck" being given to the various councils and associated elements. The area will become more fragmented with no benefit. The current council should improve its own working rather than spreading its inefficiency to more badly operated segments. Keep it simple! Do not confuse residents with more bureaucracy! AND please do not destroy Bournemouth further.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH7 7

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X111	I believe the council should look at doing its job within the current structure, to have yet more governance will only confuse the situation and lead to squabbling over who is responsible for what task. Any change is unnecessary and time wasting whilst there are far more important matters that the council must address.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X112	I believe this to be unnecessary. We became a unitary authority to streamline the areas governance and now it is proposed to create extra layers again. This can only cost more money which the authority does not have and the constituents will struggle to pay for.	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 9
X113	I can't believe we are considering going backwards.....	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth Central	BH1 3
X114	I did not receive the flyer that was meant to have been sent out to every household in BCP. No one in my block of flats received the flyer and I know many other residents did not receive one either. I have concerns about the depth of consultation because of this, especially across the Bournemouth Town proposed area, and lack of responses to this consultation should not be taken as apathy or tacit acceptance of the proposals.	Bournemouth Town	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8

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X115	I do not believe that creating several different councils in Bournemouth is either democratic or wanted by the vast majority of residents I believe it will lead to division within the town when we should be working together to get the best possible outcomes for everyone, not just the areas which are more affluent than others and will be able to afford a higher precept. It will lead to a 2 tier town.	Bournemouth Town	Winton East	BH9 1
X116	I do NOT want more councillors. the existing BCP councillors to do all the work and MUST work in the offices. Homework MUST stop. No more money to be spent on extra councillors salaries!!!! This whole survey is a complete waste of money and time. Just get on with work in hand.	Bournemouth Town	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
X117	I don’t feel this demonstrated good governance when most of the community is not aware of this change.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
X118	I don’t think more parish councils should be established as council tax would increase. I am unclear that parishes would benefit each area	Bournemouth Town	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4

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X119	I don't regard Moordown as being part of Rehill or Northbourne - it is an established area in its own right. While I believe that it is important for ordinary citizens to have their say in how the town is governed, I do not think we need separate committees for various areas. Bournemouth needs to continue to have ONE council, with councillors representing each local ward, who keep in touch with specific local concerns and needs. Moordown already has councillors who are doing a good job - e.g. getting repairs done in the children's playground. I am unsure why, in this survey, the council actually needs to know details of people's sex orientation, religious beliefs, and ethnicity... it seems an intrusive way of collecting information about everyone... and nothing to do with whether local councils are actually needed. The council as a whole needs to be improving roads and pavements; and providing more staffed public toilets. It could be beneficial if local councillors occasionally set up local 'chat groups' where residents could express their ideas, requests and grievances - in the cases of Moordown - at the community centre on Coronation Avenue. Yours sincerely, [redacted]	Bournemouth Town	Moordown	BH9 1

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X120	I fear what these proposed changes would bring. More cost to the individual. Concerns about contact and controls if this review agrees to the suggestions ,t has already suggested ,it feel as though what we already have ,that works, will be dissolved., More beaurocracy will be imposed and we do not need that.. What may be changed, being riding roughshod over people. So many new councillors and the same number of residents paying for them. even the cost of this consultation is frightening. We should have a greater say , not the politicians.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X121	i feel it is unneccessary and the present council should not create new councils and create new confusion.	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 8
X122	I have grave doubts that any comments here will ever be read by BCP council and as such this survey is a meaningless window-dressing exercise.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
X123	I have no idea why these issues cannot wait until the next Council elections. What will be the cost of this revue? What will be the cost of setting up these parishes? Parishes are connected to churches. Why are you calling them parishes as the cultural community is diverse. Will your muslim ‘parishioners’ be happy with this, or your Jewish citizens?	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3

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X124	I have not been able to find the expected benefits of the extra councils (the word 'benefits' occurs one, in a different context, across the Recommendation and Information documents). This is surprising given the number of councils, councillors (dozens) and support from officers and systems required. I believe the resources can be better applied, this would seem to trump the unexpressed benefits (just hopes?). Having joined Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole into a single BCP council there are many opportunities for optimisation and consistency. Responsibilities are clear, benefiting residents and reducing liaison, approval and other demands on council officers (and other resources). The resources needed for the various subsidiary councils, making more decisions, would be better applied to helping BCP council make better decisions. I see this being more officer time available for each issue with greater support to BCP councillors. Many issues benefit from a common approach across the conurbation (eg car park rules and apps, rights of way extending sensible distances to sensible destinations). These ultimately need to conclude the best compromise across BCP, not favour he who shouts louder. Planning, highways and other regulatory matters (Information Document para 5.3) all benefit (residents and council officers) through consistency. Such bodies appear to be unpopular where they have been created (Information Document 5.4.2) and fail to gain community support (Stage 1 Survey para 5.4.2: "repeated uncontested elections...need to co-opt members" which remove democratic legitimacy let alone interest/popularity). Applying the same resources to help the professional officers make sound decisions is probably better for the community.	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 9
X125	I have the strong feeling that these Councils will be forced upon us whatever the opposition is.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X126	I hope that the council will listen to the many objections and drop these proposals.	Bournemouth Town	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
X127	I just wish BCP council would get back to doing what they should be doing and looking after the three main town rather than creating a petty new structure with all the silly and costly duplication this will entail. Not to mention the massive waste of money this ridiculous consultation is costing the local tax payers. This is wrong on every level.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X128	I live in Queens Park and certainly do not want to be "lumped with" Bournemouth Town or others. The proposals are just adding another layer and set of costs to local government	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 9
X129	I really like these reviews but I think they need to be advertised more. ATM these reviews reach a miniscule amount of people and as far as most don't care. I still don't think decisions like this should be made based on input from a vocal minority	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH11 9

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X130	I support strong, local, community-led governance — but it must be built from the ground up, where residents themselves have clearly chosen that path. I fully support communities who have come together and made the case for parish or town councils where there is genuine local backing. However, in areas like East Cliff and Springbourne, we've taken a different route. For over two years, we've worked collaboratively to establish a Neighbourhood Forum and Plan under the Localism Act — a process that empowers residents, protects local character, and allows us to shape our own future. That work should be respected and supported, not overridden. The current proposal for a Bournemouth Town Council was not developed from our community and does not reflect the direction East Cliff and Springbourne has been pursuing. In fact, options that better reflect our local identity — or even a broader coastal governance model — were not put on the table. If a Bournemouth Town Council is established, then residents in East Cliff and Springbourne should be given a clear alternative and the opportunity to choose. Anything less risks undermining both local democracy and the work already done by communities engaging positively with neighbourhood planning	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
X131	I think I've said more than enough. I am not a conservative, but couldn't help but agree with their leaflet. This is too important to introduce to thousands of ordinary people who haven't go a clue what it's all about. I include me in that, even though I have read everything and only had to Google one word!	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9

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X132	I thought the whole point of merging Bournemouth Poole and Christchurch was to do away with segregation and be inclusive. This is insanity! Undoing the hard work but 10 fold! Not to mention the confusion it will cause! I mean who does the parks, roads, highways, pacement repairs, bins. Social care! “Oh that will be parish” parish: “oh that’s Bpc” come off it, it’s a buck passing nightmare, nothing will get done! Finally I absolutely dread to think of the costs associated with this. We are in a frugal time, and the publicity alone will cost a fortune, never mind administration and ongoing costs. It’s an idea but one to be considered when we’re not having families stealing from supermarkets to feed children. Or the council has so many other uses for the very little money we do have. Tl:dr too many layers of bureaucracy and expensive	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH10 5
X133	I would hope that the BCP Council listen to all the criticism and act in line with the majority of opinions from the general population.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X134	I would simply reiterate that I feel this is a totally unnecessary and unwanted scheme, which is being wished onto the unwitting population of Bournemouth.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH7 7
X135	I’m absolutely against it	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
X136	I'd beg you not to divide Bournemouth up. A whole Bournemouth Town Council to mirror Christchurch and Poole makes some sense but the smaller divisions proposed here makes none.	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 9
X137	If the objective is to do more to justify the Council Tax we pay all improvements would be acceptable.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
X138	If this goes ahead and I hope it doesn't Bournemouth MUST be considered as a whole not slit up into nebulous different parcels, the idea of splitting up Bournemouth alone demonstrates why this is such a bad idea and is being pushed through by people with limited local knowledge but an idea for their own political advantage and I see nothing of benefit in these proposals. I haven't commented on the Christchurch proposals as I don't know enough about Christchurch however I do know Bournemouth and Poole.	Bournemouth Town	Winton East	BH9 1
X139	If you feel that localities aren't being represented, you must call a vote of no confidence in BCP. We must disband BCP. We must hold elections immediately.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X140	In my heart of hearts, I believe parishes to be the wrong route for built up urban areas. For micro urban areas, I strongly believe that neighbourhood forums & plans offer a better solution to community governance, as set out in the Localism Act (2011). This review should be a light brush, not a steamroller.	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 8

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X141	Interesting but the whole concept needs to be changed into larger units with paid officials and support staff.	Bournemouth Town	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
X142	Is there any point in responding to this because you'll do whatever you want to do and this is just a box-ticking exercise?	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X143	It doesn't matter what comes back from this consultation, the decision has unfortunately been made and we will be saddled with another expensive, inefficient and wasteful level of bureaucracy.	Bournemouth Town	Moordown	BH9 3
X144	IT FEELS AS A WASTE OF TIME AND FUNDING. PLEASE USE £19.9M GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT WISELY - INCREASE HOSPITAL & WALK-IN CLINICS STAFF; REMOVE BEGGARS AND VICIOUS DOGS FROM PUBLIC SPACES. THANK YOU.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
X145	it is amazing	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X146	It is an expensive waste of time in the current political and financial climate.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
X147	It is not long since since the 3 councils merged to form BCP to administer the whole region. This was to streamline things and be more efficient and now, here you are trying to add bureaucratic layers and abrogate your responsibilities.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
X148	It is not needed - why is time and money being wasted on this when it could be spent on improving council services?	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 9
X149	It seems entirely pointless and a poor use of council resources.	Bournemouth Town	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
X150	It should be immediately scrapped to prevent any further waste of taxpayers' money	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X151	It was not widely advertised enough. People were not aware or given enough time to comment before decisions were made. I am sure more people would have come forward to comment at the previous stage. Some will see it as a extra layer of bureaucracy benefitting no one if large town councils are formed.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
X152	It will be interesting to see whether this scheme bears up to scrutiny.	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 8
X153	It's a crock of sh*t	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
X154	It's a farce and the idea should be scrapped. The people that live in BCP have a huge cost of living (rent, mortgage, council tax) without the London rates we need to survive here. Don't price the local residents who have lived here all their lives out.	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH11 9
X155	It's unnecessary, costly and increases bureaucracy. It should have been prom[unknown] for more widely - many BCP residents are blissfully unaware of this attempt to increase taxes - NOT open and transparent local government.	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 9
X156	Just do your job, and stop trying to dilute responsibility	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
X157	Just in case it is missed elsewhere - I'm horrified at the complexity of this survey. As someone who oversees a market research and insight function, I'm shocked that you believe this is truly accessible to the broadest cross section of our community. I'd be really interested in the representation and sampling size you achieve given the red tape you've put in place through structure, illogical layout and filtering, and general compelxity. Perhaps you should also accompany these with a lighter upfront 'pulse' metric where you can get higher volume, broader feedback, rather than small sample detailed feedback for those that have endured the length of the survey.	Bournemouth Town	Winton East	BH9 1
X158	Just leave things as they are if you change things what are residents going to gain by it also Bournemouth is a complete mess you should be sorting that out before starting to change Boundaries & Parish Councils.	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH10 7
X159	Just stop wasting money on even more tinkering. You set up this BCP monolith -just make it work	Bournemouth Town	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 9
X160	Keep council tax bills to a decent level, and stop paying yourselves extortionate wages	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH10 7
X161	Keep it at one layer of Council to gain the best benefit	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH10 5
X162	Local government needs to stay as it is	Bournemouth Town	Moordown	BH9 2
X163	More engagement and clarity on town/parish council roles and potential options and opportunities would be better. Feels like making a choice with limited information on alternatives.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
X164	N/A	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3

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X165	no	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
X166	no	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
X167	no	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
X168	no	Bournemouth Town	Moordown	BH9 1
X169	no	Bournemouth Town	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 9
X170	no	Bournemouth Town	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
X171	no	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH2 6
X172	no	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X173	no	Bournemouth Town	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
X174	no	Bournemouth Town	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
X175	no	Bournemouth Town	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
X176	no	Bournemouth Town	Winton East	BH9 1
X177	No thank you	Bournemouth Town	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 9
X178	no thought is being given to the cost of living situation, and there is an expectation that people will just pay the extra in the council tax - it is not needed - current councillors need to link with the people that elected them and truly represent their views, not add another layer of government	Bournemouth Town	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
X179	No.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
X180	No.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
X181	No.	Bournemouth Town	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH11 8
X182	No. This is not a good use of BCP funds	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X183	nope	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth Central	BH2 5
X184	Not at this time. I understand that Tom Hayes has already been involved in play areas and plans for Kings Park Nursery. I am hoping that the emerging plans for this important community facility will be coming to fruition asap for the benefit of current and potential community users.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
X185	Our area doesn't need another level of bureaucracy. We already have elected representatives & we don't need & cannot afford more.	Bournemouth Town	Moordown	BH9 1
X186	Our councillors do a great job representing our views and I agree that with a large council area such as BCP, it is important to have councillors from each area. I strongly disagree that we need additional parish councils if BCP continues to operate as one larger council, and we do not need the additional admin and bureaucracy of an additional layer of councillors. We either need BCP or we need parish councils, but we do not need both.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
X187	Parish councils are not needed and just adds yet more money to the council tax bill and in my view and from seeing Throop and Holdenhurst Parish, adds minimal value to the local community.	Bournemouth Town	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
X188	Parish councils are NOT needed. Too much government.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6

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X189	Parish councils attract narcissists because it gives them power and control over the community and planning applications. There is no good from an extra level of bureaucracy.	Bournemouth Town	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
X190	Parishes and, especially, parish councillors will not. I believe, add to democratic governance of the area. They are an anachronism and encourage pettiness and overweaning spite from their officers	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH11 8
X191	Please advertise these matters clearly next time, this should be a democratic process.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
X192	Please do not do anything which would increase the community charge for each property. We cannot afford it !	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X193	Please do not go ahead with it.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
X194	Please do not try to bring in any new proposals. Instead us Council Tax payers would benefit if you improve the current system. Cut down on bureaucracy and all work carried out should audited and clearly document of the cost. This new proposal will only increase unnecessary layers into current system and additional cost to each council tax payers.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
X195	Please don't split Bournemouth into parishes… this would be a bad idea	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X196	Please focus on benefitting all residents not just pressure groups	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X197	Please stop the exercise immediately and fill in some pot holes. ....oh and stop building any more dangerous speed bumps	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X198	Please stop wasting council time and money on such vanity projects as this. It does nothing to increase democracy or community in this areas you need to focus on your core obligations first. Do not go around chasing populist hare brained ideas like this! Deliver your services better..!	Bournemouth Town	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
X199	Present system to remain	Bournemouth Town	Winton East	BH9 1
X200	Really, it's a waste of time and resources as we've only just been forced to become BCP!	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
X201	Reduce traffic. Green spaces. Trees.	Bournemouth Town	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
X202	Scrap it & concentrate on saving money.	Bournemouth Town	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH2 5
X203	Scrap it. Councillors are being paid to directly represent ward residents and they should continue to do so without creating unnecessary layers of administration and communication.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
X204	See previous comments	Bournemouth Town	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
X205	Seems a complete waste of time and money to me	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X206	Seems like a total waste of money when the Council's finances are at breaking point.	Bournemouth Town	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
X207	Seems like a waste of time and money.	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH10 6
X208	Stop finding jobs that don't need to be done and get on with all the ones that you aren't doing which makes our once lovely town I was proud of into a run down, neglected town. So glad I don't have holiday flats to let now. I am ashamed of the state of the town. Barricades seem to be the answer rather than looking after things. Shameful.	Bournemouth Town	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
X209	Strongly disagree with this scheme	Bournemouth Town	Winton East	BH9 1
X210	Thank you for letting me have a say	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
X211	That it has been failing the town for some time. I have no confidence in you improving it by taking on more councillors. Unless all of them are born and raised here.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 4
X212	The BCP Council's motivation for introducing a new layer of administration to enable it's failures to be redirected away from its own inadequacies is completely wrong thinking. The Council needs to review its ideas for avoiding waste and deterioration which is visible across the area and come up with smarter ideas to improve Bournemouth and Poole we would all be a bit more supportive. Unfortunately the opposite is true.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3

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X213	The community should govern the council. Employees beyond councillors should be open to public scrutiny. Complaints by residents should go directly to the executive suite of the council. Executives should be controlled by residents including ability to fire and govern salaries. CEO position is grossly overpaid considering their lack of skill and (in)ability to hold executive position in private sector.	Bournemouth Town	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
X214	the consultation didn't reach a huge number of the residents of East Cliff who don't regularly use social media or the Council's website	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
X215	The idea of creating a level of administration below BCP having not long ago combined administration to become BCP seems to me ridiculous unless you also plan to abolish the fairly recently created BCP council. I see no great benefit in creating a large amount of low level relatively powerless administration.	Bournemouth Town	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH9 3
X216	The last question about association with a parish boundary suggests that the consultation is lip service to a decision already made. Really poor wording if this isnt the case and really poor approach if this is the case!	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
X217	The leaflets have improved accessibility of this study compared to other have your says. I hope we'd be further consulted in a referendum if this goes forward though.	Bournemouth Town	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
X218	The misinformation spread by our Kinson councillors has been appalling	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH10 7
X219	The money should be better spent and not wasted on these consultations! The majority don't want parish councils so you can stop consulting	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
X220	The rationale on which the CGR has been based and the terms of reference written are demonstrably false. There is no such thing as an "informal call" for a CGR. The reporting officer suggested that the council was pre-empting the receipt of a CGR petition, so elected to use its discretionary powers under the relevant statute instead. The threshold for a valid CGR petition is 7.5% of the electorate of an area concerned, which using poole as an example, is a good 5,000 + electors. The initial CGR consultation had just a handful of responses, not even remotely close to the thousands it would have taken to trigger a petition. Absolutely nobody from the public has asked for this, and it has been concocted entirely from upon high by officers and members of the BCP administration. The CGR has been very poorly advertised, and appears to be a pre-determined scenario, as the council already stated in the terms of reference that it "believes that parish councils could play an important role in terms of community empowerment at the local level". It is impossible to see how the authority can consider any consultation responses received in an objective and evidence led fashion when the very terms of reference governing the CGR already include an opinion on behalf of the entire authority that expresses support and merit in the creation of new parish councils. This is a pre-determined nonsense and if implemented would be a colossal disaster on a national scale. There is nothing else like it across any other unitary area in the entire country. This proposal is ludicrous.	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 8

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X221	The review attempts to give the impression that any additional costs would be minimal. It would be fairer to show the possible range of additional costs. Some of the questions in the survey were poorly set out. I was unable to Strongly Disagree with some of the earlier proposals because that option clearly didn't fit on the screen. This is likely to distort the results of the survey.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X222	The time spent on it could, without doubt, have been far more beneficially used!	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3

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X223	The tone of previous question would lead one to believe that the decision has already been taken. If so why waste even more time and money with the survey? It will be interesting to see how the final outcome has been moulded by the responses. I trust such changes will be highlighted as part of the outcome paper.	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 9
X224	The whole idea is a waste of money as it appears by the phrasing of the survey questions that the deal is already done. BCP is 'consulting' with us for the sake of appearances - money for this cosultation is already costing residents money and you haven't even started yet.	Bournemouth Town	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH11 8
X225	The whole point of the amalgamation of Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch councils was to save money, these proposals introduce more bureaucracy and would be a waste of tax payers money.	Bournemouth Town	Moordown	BH9 1
X226	There is no need for another level of Council to be created. There is already sufficient numbers of Councillors to represent residents. Parish and Town Councils historically have low participation at elections with candidates being appointed unopposed. This demonstrates that.the public do not support them.	Bournemouth Town	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH11 8
X227	There seems to be no compelling reason, in all the documents and videos, for creating another layer of government. I think government at local and national level and indeed all government agencies (police, etc) need to focus on managing better with what resources they already have.	Bournemouth Town	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
X228	There should be a referendum to ascertain whether this has support because I believe that it does not have majority public support	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
X229	This entire proposal is a waste of money the council claims it cannot afford. After justifying a sharp rise in council tax with letters about serious financial pressures, it’s outrageous to now suggest spending on extra councillors, added layers of government, and their expenses. Residents were told that vital services like schools and social care were at risk, yet here you are proposing unnecessary bureaucracy instead of addressing real priorities. Residents haven’t asked for this, and they certainly don’t want it.	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH10 6

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X230	This idea is insane! Community forums would be much cheaper and realistic	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth Central	BH2 6
X231	This is a bad proposal and is unnecessary.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
X232	This is a box ticking exercise in my opinions. Prove me wrong and listen to the responses. Although I have little confidence that you will. I believe you have already made up your minds and it'll end up costing residents a great deal.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X233	This is a complete waste of time and money and should be stopped immediately. We don't need anymore interference in our lives and people with vested interests trying to control BCP.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
X234	This is a terrible idea which makes no sense. If you think that BCP can't handle the load then abolish BCP and create distinct councils for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X235	This is a waste of time and taxpayers' money. You should be striving to reduce bureaucracy not create additional levels.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
X236	This is an absolute waste of time. I believe the consultation process is flawed as residents do not have all the information needed to make an informed decision. This is just another tier of bureaucracy which will hinder an already flawed and useless council administration. The fact that there is no costings available is another example of the poorly run administration and as already stated means residents cannot make an informed decision, on this basis alone the consultation should be stopped and only be available when all the facts are in and ready to be presented.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH8 8
X237	This is an utter waste of time and money at a time when BCP should be focusing on real issues. Not only with this add more cost to residents but it also adds an unnecessary external layer of inefficient bureaucracy and resistance that no one wants.	Bournemouth Town	Moordown	BH9 2
X238	This is just another layer of un-necessary local government and another burden on the council tax payer in Bournemouth as this is a bit like a dog with no teeth chasing it own tail and getting nowhere as it will be run by the "I want brigade and the rest will just have to follow"!	Bournemouth Town	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH11 8
X239	This is too beurocratic and adds an additional layer of cost that is not required. Get rid of all of the sub parishes and centralise on BCP as a whole.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
X240	This is trying to undo the previous changes to create bcp. It is a waste of money and not the right way to address issues/resolve issues. Please do not do this. It is more bureaucracy, more time wasting more wasting of precious money and resources away from what really matters.	Bournemouth Town	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
X241	This proposal brings inequality to BCP residents. Yes, I would love a paddle park like the Quomps but you should be providing that for everyone! Sort out the bins! same collections across BCP. Services are on their knees, facilities are reducing. Be honest and raise the money equally across the conurbation so that we all have a better quality and equality of life. The town centres of Bournemouth and Poole are already dying. Creating special enclaves like Broadstone will likely speed up that process. I didnt want to be BCP BUT I certainly dont want to be Bournemouth Town.	Bournemouth Town	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH10 4
X242	This sounds very confusing; Please don't create additional levels of councils for various small areas, BCP should be responsible for the local services.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
X243	This survey has been manipulated to produce a positive outcome. When answering whether you strongly agree or not. The 'Strongly Disagree' button is hidden. Only found by using the slider to slide across to answer. Its clear, this is scam survey and purely used to introduce this additional a new level of bureaucracy. Probably because the local planning department cant function properly, and this adds a new level of bureaucracy to reduce the flow of applications.	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth Central	BH1 1
X244	This was a Labour party initiative when Blair/ Brown were in power, things have changed since then, please abandon these plans too expensive and not needed.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6

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X245	This whole process is entirely flawed. Ideally we should not be adding another layer of local government which is entirely unnecessary. It will damage community cohesion and create friction between areas and do nothing to regenerate the parts of BCP that need it.	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
X246	This will create unnecessary bureaucracy, doesn't reflect local geography and identities and most importantly has no demand from the local community. It will lead to suboptimal outcomes and should not be pursued at a time when BCP council itself is not functioning in its most optimal form. Fully disagree with the proposals.	Bournemouth Town	Winton East	BH9 1
X247	This will increase further the already reducing identify of the town following the establishment of BCP. Some residents in the Bournemouth West parliamentary constituency will elect a single MP, some will elect 2, or dependant upon ward size 3, councillors to BCP and now to elect even more councillors to a combination of Bournemouth, Poole or Redhill/Northbourne Parish Councils. I suspect that when a resident has a problem they will increasingly contact their MP as they will be confused as to who is really responsible for anything!	Bournemouth Town	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 9

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X248	To enable a considered debate/decision making there should be much more information on the roles/responsibilities of the new proposed Town/Parish councils along with detailed costings so respondents can make informed rather than knee jerk decisions. For instance where would the new councils operate from? What costs would be involved in leasing premises? What staff would they need? Would these be staff transferred from existing departments or new positions?	Bournemouth Town	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
X249	Totally disagree with this suggestion	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
X250	Unitisation was supposed to save money and reduce bureaucracy, all BCP residents should be adequately repressed by existing councillors with another layer.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
X251	Utter waste of time and money in the proposals and the survey which is biased yet again to get the result BCP Councillors want. Stop wasting our money.	Bournemouth Town	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
X252	Very professional. Nobody can complaint they did not have a chance to comment.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X253	Was it necessary?	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X254	Waste of money, my mum does not need to pay more council tax for the parish Town Council. Don't you think the council tax is already too expensive.	Bournemouth Town	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH11 8
X255	Waste of money.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
X256	Waste of our council tax money already overstretched. stop all thi rubbish	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
X257	Waste of public money	Bournemouth Town	Bournemouth Central	BH2 6
X258	Waste of taxpayers time and money	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7

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X259	Waste of time	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
X260	We are Littledown and Iford not Bournemouth town centre.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 6
X261	We do not need parish councils.this is a political trick to get parties into power.we do not want to pay more money	Bournemouth Town	Winton East	BH9 1
X262	We have BCP Council which was formed to save local tax payers money. I do not see the need to add more councils. This is a backward step to more inefficiency.	Bournemouth Town	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0
X263	we have enough council governance as a tri borough council (BCP) and do not need another level of governance.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH6 5
X264	we have enough layers of local government already. To add in more people (all of whom will simply be ignored by the Cabinet system) is nothing more than a giant exercise in futility and cost, at a time when there's no money for things that people actually need. Concentrate on delivering the services people want. We do not need more councillors.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
X265	We have voted in keen councillors who strive to fulfill our requests/suggestions as best they can given limited finances. Just help them to continue. Most of us cannot afford further increases in the cost of our living and that involves further rent increases - and [unknown] of parish councils.	Bournemouth Town	Moordown	BH9 1
X266	We should have local representation to maintain standards.	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 9
X267	What a terrible waste of time and money. Just run BCP effectively and efficiently, as it should be	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH4 9
X268	What a waste of resourses	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7

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X269	What was the point with a unitary authority - if it is going to be taken apart bit by bit.	Bournemouth Town	Wallisdown & Winton West	BH9 2
X270	Where is the benefit to residents from this? the merger was supposed to reduce the number of councillors and layers of governance not create more.	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 9
X271	why are resources not better employed to improve existing council governance, instead of duplicating what akready exists. Each resident does not require 2 councillors	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH8 8
X272	Why only these areas? I would like to see a similar council in Moordown.	Bournemouth Town	Moordown	BH9 3
X273	Why the hell are you wasting more money with town councils when millions has been spent amalgamating the three borough councils, it make absolutely no sense. Please stop this lunacy!!!	Bournemouth Town	Moordown	BH9 1
X274	Why?	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH8 8
X275	Will lack of engagement be taken as willingness to accept the proposals? How much has been done to ensure all households are notified of the council's proposed changes?	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 9
X276	Wrong time , overly complicated and nebulous options (parishes / town) , and extremely poorly consulted to date.	Bournemouth Town	Kinson	BH10 7
X277	yes DON'T DO IT	Bournemouth Town	Queen's Park	BH8 9
X278	Yes, don't waste Council Tax payers money on this proposal Survey if you have already decided to proceed.	Bournemouth Town	Westbourne & West Cliff	BH4 8
X279	Yes, it's ridiculous, absurd and unnecessary. Empty my bins properly, care for the area, introduce family focused shopping and perhaps we can have a chat about the absurd.	Bournemouth Town	Moordown	BH9 2
X280	Yes. I feel that the creation, or expansion, of town and parish councils within BCP would be a retrograde and unnecessary step that would negate the the purpose of combining the three council areas a few years ago. As I see it, the creation of more administrative bodies within the BCP area will not only add to confusion over who does what but could lead to division and rivalry. My observation of parish councils is that they are mainly concerned with relatively minor issues, such as bus shelters and village ponds, that to have them will be of little benefit to BCP residents.	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
X281	Yes. Just improve your services. You appear to already be doing an abysmal job without introducing another layer of bureaucracy to an already fairly fraudulent council	Bournemouth Town	Moordown	BH9 2

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X282	You could be honest. You want to increase council tax, but that is limited by government. Parish tax or what ever it will be called isn't. So all discretionary spending will be shipped out of council tax and loaded onto the new structure. There will be more councillors, who in the end will be paid further increasing the cost. We had this more local structure a few years ago, then BCP was formed. Moving towards a Bournemouth town, Christchurch town and Poole town council either shows BCP was a bad idea, or you have just found a new wheeze to mug council tax payers for more. Try reducing costs not adding.	Bournemouth Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH3 7
X283	You make this too difficult for people to raise their objections	Bournemouth Town	Littledown & Iford	BH7 7
X284	You should first improve your own services rather than creating new councils to do your job for you. We do not need multiple layers to create confusion in the community	Bournemouth Town	East Cliff & Springbourne	BH1 3
X285	As would be expected in any democratic decision making process, the decision to establish town councils should be based on a referendum.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9

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X286	I hope that the consultation will be transparent and you will listen to responses and publish full results. People are genuinely concerned on changing something that is not broken, and the cost and division on our lovely local community.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X287	[the last few questions] although I willingly would tell anyone my personal preferences/sexual orientation/religion/ethnic group, what it has to do with this 'consultation survey' is beyond me.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X288	A complete waste of time and money. A return to the previous Borough of Poole/Bournemouth Borough Council/Christchurch Council makes more sense than than this proposal.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X289	A comprehensive review, well presented but based on a flawed topic.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9

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X290	A huge, wasteful exercise which the council should not entertain when there are so many real issues to be addressed. What is NOT getting done while all this goes on? The survey process was not good; it needed a different log in from the BCP one to take part although this was not clear until you tried loggin on through BCP and were forced to register a new account. The option check marks did not have a "strongly disagree" category, or at least a check circle that had that title. Process failed at one point and had to start again.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X291	A rushed process of 6 weeks for such an important decision.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X292	A town council would give a voice to local issues and could provide local solutions.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X293	A waste of money. Get the ward councillors to do their jobs.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9

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X294	Absolute waste of time , and in Broadstone forced upon us by LIBERAL DEMOCRATS , how useless they are. Jobs for the usual do-gooders that have nothing better to do that try and run people's lives and now get paid for it , travel expenses, time ? , well to me that is being paid ! About their biggest agenda is to open the very little used toilets , which will pretty much be used by out of the village visitors and not the people that live here. I have lived in Broadstone 34 years and not once has any of my family used them. NO TO A TOWN COUNCIL .	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X295	Additional cost on our council tax will be very important & should NOT EXCEED rate of inflation year on year	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X296	Another complete waste of tax payers money	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X297	As outlined previously I think this process has been handled very poorly, to only now ask for the opinion of the people that are most effected is a serious oversight. This suggests this this process is leading to a predetermined conclusion.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X298	At the moment you don't have enough money to cut the grasses and hedges and fill in all the holes in the roads, clean the signs, and although I could go on, and on, and etc, how are you going to have enough money to pay all the new proposed Councillors? I'm already paying WAY TO MUCH COUNCIL-TAX AT THE MOMENT AND I DON'T WANT OR NEED IT TO RISE ANYMORE.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH17 7
X299	BCP charge a tax on all households to provide a service. I do not want to pay more. The first year may well be £5 but after that, there is no control, so we could be looking at £500.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X300	Broadstone residents should be represented in an area in their own right. A town council in Broadstone would ensure people had their views and opinions heard more clearly and localised problems would be resolved ourselves.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X301	Complete waste of money!	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X302	Complete waste of money.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X303	Do not agree with Broadstone having a parish council	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X304	Don't do it	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X305	Don't waste any more money on vanity projects.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X306	Extra councils are not required especially as they would increase local taxes	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X307	Find ways of reducing councils and their spending so that people can afford to live.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X308	For once, please take on board people's opinions and actually work for the people and not your own agendas!	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9

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X309	Get people involved that represent us and value our opinions!!	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X310	Has the decision already been made and this is a tick box exercise. A vote as in election voting would have got a truer result.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X311	Hopefully next year's local elections will result in a change of ruling party and this ridiculous waste of money will be abandoned.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X312	How much will it cost? What impact will it have on council tax? What will be the benefits to the community? What powers will be delegated to the town council(s)? Assuming this all happens, in 5 years time how will life in BCP be changed for the better? Central government seems set on a course of consolidating local government at the county & district levels (BCP being an example of this). Community Governance is moving in the opposite direction. How do you reoncile this?	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X313	I am against this proposal. Engaging more people to do the same job that we already have elected representatives for is madness and unnecessary.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X314	I am concerned by the additional layer of bureaucracy. However, I support the freedom to take back some control from BCP as it has been so mismanaged. I remain hopeful this will change with a new CEO. The proposals for Poole & Bournemouth are disproportionate to the other areas.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X315	I believe BCP need to catch up with the rest of the south and ensure representation at a local level can take place	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X316	I don’t feel that sufficient facts have been shared or are even available to enable residents to make informed decisions that affect their future. Please delay any debate until such time	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X317	I don’t feel the general public has been made fully aware of this review and its implications.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X318	I don't believe that sufficient time has been allowed for this important change to local government.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X319	I don't think it should go ahead.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X320	I feel that we do not get much value for all the council tax we pay. We are left to have volunteers for litter pick up, I also feel very annoyed that last autumn we saw lots of brand new grit lorries going to our depot, the grit lorries came round most nights unnecessarily on lots of occasions during the winter. It’s things like this that our council tax is wasted on and we do not get services like the verges kept smart, the toilets are all closed, the car park fees are mad to the point that cars are parked all across our roads because no one wants to pay the high fees. Very annoying that to get any decent services in Broadstone we now have to pay extra	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8

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X321	I feel the information was poorly communicated by BCP council as the information only came to light in June and the process had started in March. I don't know why our councillors hadn't put posters up earlier.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X322	I feel the introduction of a Town Council for Broadstone would be great for the area. The main concern for all is the additional uncapped cost to provide services that we are already paying BCP to provide and which they currently failing to do.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X323	I have found it very difficult to complete your review. All I wanted to say was that I do not support the idea of a Broadstone Town Council at all. Instead I seem to have been coping with questions which ask about the desirable qualities of such a body. These questions are irrelevant bcause I just don't want one. The style of this survey illustrates one of my reasons - excess bureaucracy. Many prices and costs are going up at the moment, and I don't want to have any more costs. I also do not think we need for any more polititions.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X324	I hope that the consultation will be transparent and you will listen to responses and publish full results. People are genuinely concerned on changing something that is not broken, and the cost and division on our lovely local community.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X325	I hope you listen to the people...	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X326	I hope you pay attention to the results of the consultation unlike in the past for things, and if overall people decide they do not want this, you actually abide by that and don't do what you want disregarding their decision.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X327	I know that this consultation will have no effect as this decision is already a done deal.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X328	I reject the proposal to introduce further levels of bureaucracy across BCP.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X329	I still think that Broadstone is a part of Poole and should be under control of the new Poole council if one is established	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X330	I strongly oppose having any additional layers of governance or administration	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X331	I think BCP should address how their finances are currently spent before enforcing more expenses on hard pressed households, particularly with new rules in the pipeline for those on benefits. A lot of people will have their benefits substantially reduced due to new rules in April 2025, carers are likely to loose their financial help and support, and you may say they will have help but first they need to have the capacity to ask for that help. I feel this is a badly timed venture and supported by a privileged few. Also the concept of the parish or town council relies on a modicum of volunteer input, something that is in short supply for long standing young people's supporting activities, such as guides/scouts. What will be the incentive for people to volunteer to give their time to a new concept of town/parish council. Broadstone has historically had a number of worthwhile organisations such as neighbourhood watch, which have been supported by a limited number of individuals, but they have made a difference. However people's life styles and community commitment are changing, and because of this I feel the proposed	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9

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	precepts are likely to increase astronomically within a short period of time to have a spending power to make a difference and sustain people's interest.			
X332	I think it is a pity that information has not reached all residents, allowing some misinformation to be spread - particularly on social media despite [uknown] efforts from some active participants in our local community.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X333	I think the CGR was poorly communicated. The BCP leaflet looked like a political party leaflet so we binned it. I think this should have been an addressed letter rather than a leaflet given its importance. The pro and anti leaflets arrived several weeks apart and did not contain any information helpful to our decision. Our local councillor instead used social media to organise a community meeting which was well attended and informative. If it wasn't for this we would not have completed the survey.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X334	I think the exsisting BCP council should continue as setting up local councils will undoubtedly cost more money	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X335	I understand BCP should have informed every household by letter/leaflet of the consultation, this clearly hasn't happened in my area of Broadstone; therefore unless you have social media (which a lot don't) people are not aware.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X336	I would have preferred this to go to vote.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X337	I would like to feel that you do listen. Thank you	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X338	I would not like to see some services just dumped from BCP to offload their responsibilities	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X339	I'm extremely concerned about the multiple layers of local governance. Its extremely confusing, cannot possibly be cost effective and the current structure seems unable to support residents, how on earth can a more complex structure help?	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X340	I'm pleased that this is taking place.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X341	I'd like to say stop wasting our tax pounds on unnecessary projects such as this CGR.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X342	If BCP council are up to the job they are elected and paid to do, any further layers of costly governance should be unnecessary and just another increase in local taxes. How can BCP agree to parish councils when local government forced us into a unitary council which we were supposed to be persuaded would be more cost effective and efficient? Why on earth having shrunk 3 councils into one (against out better judgement) thought to be stupid enough to now agree to the total opposite. STOP THIS WASTE OF MONEY NOW.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X343	If you go ahead with this it is a total waste of council taxpayers money and a disgrace after you amalgamated the three councils into BCP despite strong public feeling against it. You are wasting even more money holding the survey. You are now admitting you got this wrong. You should be ashamed of yourselves and I, along with most other residents will be voting for Reform as soon as I can. Guarantee to reduce councillors and staff in BCP and you might just get approval although no one trusts you any longer.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X344	Improved transparency required to allow an informed decision to be made by members of the affected area under consultation	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X345	It is disappointing that the distribution of the BCP council's governance review leaflet was largely un[unkonwn]. Being distributed by Royal Mail means it loaded with names this 'flyers'. As our meetings over 90% who asked claimed they didn't received the flyers. Those that did, did not know or [unknown] what a governance review was. As a result social medic had a field day with much misinformation being offered and could be described as scare[unknown]	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X346	It is my understanding that these proposed Pariah Councils are supposed to be apolitical, how can BROADSTONE be that when it is likely that both of our current representatives are Liberal Democrat and will likely follow their own agenda as they are both forceful people. I am not happy with that situation.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X347	It is not required. Stop wasting money.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X348	It must be a 'Yes' for a Broadstone Town Council	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X349	It should be better advertised by appropriate leafleting. Majority of people did not receive information. Elderly people/vulnerable who do not use social media, IT or are not mobile are excluded.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X350	It will increase costs with no benefit to residents. We don't need another tier og government	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X351	It's a crock of shite. End of.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X352	It's another waste of time and resources. The country is in a cost of living crisis. This will not help and will only have a negative financial jmpact	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X353	It's good	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X354	It's a waste of money and resources.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X355	Just make it Democratic and put all changes to a vote.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X356	Just seems a waste of time when we have a council	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X357	Just stop messing about and sort out the present problems!	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X358	Just stop wasting money and get on with the job.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X359	Leave things alone . Everything you touch is a disaster. Wentworth drive has become ridiculous thanks to you not listening to the residents	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8

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X360	Leave things as they are	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X361	Let’s make local government more efficient by cutting bureaucracy rather than creating more of it.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X362	Listen to the residents	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X363	Local people need more say in the way their area is represented and not completely under the cloak of BCP which I feel has failed local people i.e. the closure of public toilets, potholes and complete stop of keeping the road and paths accessible. The whole area is a mess with Ragwort and overgrown areas that use to be cut, not a good look for tourists entering our beautiful area. Very disappointed on the lack of pride shown	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH21 3
X364	My comments apply to the idea of Town Councils for the whole area. If you want Town Councils lets shut BCP Council down as it will be totally pointless and expensive to have two councils doing the same thing.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH17 7
X365	My experience of Town Councils as a Borough and Unitary Council Employee is that they are too Parochial and waste a lot of time, energy and money without thinking of the wider picture for the wider area.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X366	no	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X367	no	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X368	No it seems a good plan	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X369	No we believe it is not needed	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X370	No.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X371	Not needed	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X372	Now we have been absorbed into BCP, Poole once again feels like the poor relation, the most disadvantaged by comparison with being an independent Borough. It's hoped that having more personal style parishes we can have a better say in our governance.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH17 7
X373	Only that it is a waste of ratepayers money.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X374	Please do not add exra layers or complications to a democratic system which works. ie, KISS.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X375	Please don’t go ahead with this. Your residents can’t afford the extra cost and bureaucracy	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X376	Please don't do it. delay or forget it .	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X377	Please ensure that this is a fair process, with clarity about what you are looking for to consider moving to parish and town councils. If you simply decide to go ahead, when there is a majority who are voting in this survey against the proposal, you will lose all credibility.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X378	Please learn from other areas recognising that additional layers are not effective and just create more barriers and slower ability to make changes. Please invest and strengthen what we have rather than trying to add more unnecessary people.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X379	Please make it as non political as possible	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X380	Please make it clear what will CHANGE as to people not involved in this day to day, the detail is a bit lost within this document.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X381	Please publish and publicise the results so they are accessible to all BCP residents.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X382	Please refer to my previous remarks.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9

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X383	PLEASE STOP THIS; stop increasing complexity and increasing spending, when its just not worth it. No company would run this way, or if it did, it would go bust very quickly. The council should be run like a company to make money to cover its costs and return any profit back to the people. i would also vote to change the pay structure as i don't think anyone who works for the government should get paid more then the prime minister. but thats just another grumble.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X384	Probsbly not worth it. A very biased survey if you can call it that	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X385	Public meetings should be held. Information more readily accessible.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X386	Residents should have been made more aware of this - no one I know here is aware and what is being proposed.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X387	Ridiculous concept. We do not need more ineffectiveness and those pushing their own agendas, free to treat constituents with distain. We need more officers on the ground. This proposal should not be taken forward.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X388	Scrap it	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X389	Simply to connect earlier comments. I feel the small parish councils set against the large conurbations make little sense and will inevitably lead to increased costs. The number around Christchurch stick out as does one just for Broadstone in the whole of the Poole area	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X390	Stop asking people to pay more in a cost of living crisis. Waste of money!	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X391	Stop doing wasteful reviews and just get on using what’s there now	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X392	Stop waisting money on pet projects	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X393	Stop wasting council tax payer's money. Stop this review, cancel any increases in bureaucracy. Put your efforts into reducing the costs of the existing council.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X394	Stop wasting tax payers money.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X395	Strongly opposed	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X396	Thank you for the opportunity to respond.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8

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X397	The councils should not have been merged. Now we are proposing that we have additional parish council to carry out what should be done by BCP More unqualified people to make decisions and cost the tax payer more money Total incompetence on all levels, why add to it? Also if this goes ahead will there be a reduction in BCP council tax? Probably not, for improvements BCP need to look at how many on the payroll are earning more than 80K a year	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X398	The creation of BCP council was to enable services to be efficient because of the greater scale. this change would take us back to even smaller areas therefore lest efficient.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X399	The creation of Town Councils underneath BCP Council will lead to multiple layers of Local Government for no tangible benefits to the local communities. The time would be better spent on improving the services that BCP Council should be providing to local residents.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X400	The entire scheme and proposal is completely unnecessary, it adds unreasonable levels of bureacracy and tax burden on residents and businesses.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X401	The financial implications for individual households need to clarified as people will, generally speaking, be against any proposals that have a negative impact on their finances.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9

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X402	The first I heard of this review was very recently when a flyer came through the door. I am not on any social media and obviously have not been keeping a close enough eye on the BCP website. The consultation and indeed, it seems, the planning for new parish councils is obviously now well advanced before I have had the opportunity to make my views known. BCP should perhaps make more effort to include those of us who do not wish to be involved with social media. Incidentally I am not at all impressed by BCP saying they will not take account of any objections to these proposals on the grounds of costs. Cost should be taken into account in any BCP decision and it does not reflect well on the Council's financial management credentials.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X403	The have been no BCP leaflets or resident communications within Broadstone. Local councillor led online forums has been misleading and used fear factors to sell the proposal without any supporting evidence.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8

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X404	The important issues are how services will change, how the costs will change and what other benefits I will see, yet the vast majority of the document covers the minutiae of how the arrangements might be made. I don't feel disconnected from the current councillors and consider that my interests are sufficiently represented by them.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X405	The review is political designed to increase no of councillors. One political flyer about the proposal, stated how well the system worked in Waveham. I volunteered with a youth organisation there for over 20 years and found the system difficult to work with. Some town councillors were also county councillors. Applications for help had to pass between both councils which delayed progress as they argued about who was responsible. In some cases [unknown] had to be cancelled because deadlines were missed. BCP spent money a survey about the keyhole bridge. They published the result but chose to ignore it, resulting in a high court case at more expense.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X406	The survey was awkward - need to be clear when the survey answers won't submit - what the reason it (due to compulsory question not answered)	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X407	the time would be better spent dealing with the present situation rather than creating more time-consuming meetings for even more people	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X408	The voting system is not suited to non web users like the elderly	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9

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X409	The whole process is unnecessary. This is no more than an admission that the BCP merger is an unpopular failure and an attempt to make people feel better about it by charging them to have a pointless, powerless administrative body with the same name. Just drop the whole idea and if you need a 10% council tax increase do it openly.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X410	There should have been a proper referendum for ALL the residents to get a fair result	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8

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X411	There has been poor communication thus far particularly for residents who have limited access or no desire to rely on social media for such important issues which by its very nature undermines democracy. A council letter to all residents should have been the first line of communication Residents have been failed at the first hurdle.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X412	There is not enough information provided for residents to respond properly. No time scale, no mention of how the decision is going to be made, no mention of will the results be made public. It is much too soon after the formation of the new BCP Council	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X413	There seems to be very little information on the cons of the recommendations. There must be some!	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X414	This all appears to be an exercise to restore some of the functions that were lost by local communities upon the creation of BCP. By restoring Poole "Town" Council that will be of huge benefit to ALL residents within Poole. Similarly the same will probably apply to residents and businesses of Bournemouth and Christchurch. Poole Town can then work effectively within BCP. But don't make Broadstone separate from Poole; it is not!	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X415	This has been very poorly communicated to the residents of Broadstone and I only found out about it by accident! a letter from BCP council should have been posted to every household along with this year council tax letter	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X416	This is a complete and utter disaster and BCP should focus on getting things right with current structure rather than add more last which will enable those at the top to hide or delegate more. Totally unnecessary expense considering there have been so many redundancies within BCP recently	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X417	This is a farce and should be stopped. It is a waste of money and resources. Why impose change on the majority due to the organisation of a minority of towns.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X418	This is a total waste of time and money when the time and money could be better spent on providing better services.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X419	This is a waste of money as the work activities should be done by BCP or those employed by them or removed from the department and replaced by someone who is more competent	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X420	This is a waste of money, and establishing town councils will harm your constituents who will have to pay twice for the same service. You will make an enemy of the constituents when they realise they have been sold a dream which will cost them money and never deliver	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8

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X421	This is being forced on us locally by politically motivated local councillors who are biased on local Facebook groups. Local meetings have been made with pre agreed questions. And delivered in local businesses hosted by non local business people who are not residents in Broadstone.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X422	This is just another way to take even more money from the residents of BCP, where are we expected to find this additional cost?	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X423	This is long overdue and should have been done when BCP was formed, as they did in Christchurch. I hope it goes ahead It is crucial though that BCP Council support these new councils and do not drag their feet in transferring assets or hold them to ransom. These communities deserve the right to run themselves without extended delays	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X424	This proposal is unwanted and unnecessary governance	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9

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X425	This represents unnecessary layers of local Government for zero benefits. The plans will add confusion over which council does which jobs - keep it simple and stick to BCP you have just created! It won't help community cohesion by having multiple council layers in each area. BCP should improve their own services rather than creating new councils to blame for not doing the jobs they should be doing. Complete reversal on the previous decisions that will just cost us money for no benefit. If this is a proper consultation you will publish the results, including the negative comments.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9

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X426	This review is a really important opportunity for Broadstone to take more control over local decisions and build something that's genuinely community-led. Residents here are passionate about where they live, and a town council would give us the tools and platform to do more for ourselves—whether that's looking after green spaces, shaping local priorities, or simply responding quicker to what the community actually wants. That said, if the recommendation goes ahead, it's vital that BCP Council supports the transition properly. Setting up a new council isn't just about paperwork—it's about giving the community the confidence, funding, and practical help it needs to get started on the right foot. That includes clear communication, training for new councillors, and a sensible handover of any responsibilities or local assets. It's also important that local people are kept involved beyond this consultation. There should be ongoing opportunities for residents to help shape how the town council works—not just now, but during its first year and beyond. Done right, this can be a real step forward for Broadstone.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X427	This Review is ridiculous. It's more people who like the sound of their own voice and like to think they are important	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X428	This seems like a cheap way to offload some of the work that BCP should be doing themselves. It is a very complex proposal with little powers for the councillors who you might be lucky to appoint.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X429	This seems to be change for the sake of change. It was all merged, now we seem to be having more levels of local government. I think BCP council should concentrate on governing the whole area without dividing services between different areas.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X430	This whole exercise is a waste of rate payer's money.It's just not needed if the BCP can't manage the items on the list then they should be disbanded yet another reason to get back to the Borough Council.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9

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X431	To be honest I don't believe that you will pay any attention to the wishes of the people who live here. This is all about lining your own pockets - shame on you!	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X432	Totally not required	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X433	Town and parish councils may serve a purpose where boroughs or towns suffer from poor democratic representation. I do not believe this applies or should apply in the BCP council area and would advocate existing local parish and town councils be abolished	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X434	Very poorly communicated and the set up for many elderly people will discriminate against them due to ability using this form, very few of my neighbours have heard about this and most do not use the library .	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X435	wanting a smaller council to appreciate the needs of area.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X436	Waste of money and creating unnecessary expense to cover up failings if BCP properly meet their responsibilities	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X437	Waste of money and resources	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X438	Waste of money,bcp council do their job.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X439	Waste of time and money, I can't believe with only 73 responses you believe you have a mandate to progress to this stage. Very interesting you have not put a summary table of for and against in this document, very telling and misleading to leave that to each individual write up!	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X440	Waste of time and money. Focus on things that will make a positive difference to our area.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9

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X441	We are being stitched up. Doubtless it will go ahead whatever the outcome of this survey.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X442	What a waste of time, money and resources in these current difficult times which shows the present powers to be totally self interested and have no understanding of the National let alone local issues	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X443	What happens if there are not enough councillors for each ward and town council?	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X444	Why are we paying more for BCP community tax for less services that now have to be covered by a new local tax?	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X445	Will there be a way of input from locals to councillors on various issues ie, a questionnaire type to assist with the various issues to voice opinions or a clear way of contacting councillors	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X446	With the current pressures and challenges facing local authorities, and the recent move to a unitary authority, this consultation is a positive activity.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X447	Would the council tax paid to BCP be reduced to reflect its diminished responsibilities?	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X448	Would enable more local input.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X449	Yes - please listen and do not ignore	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X450	YES I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH EMPLOYING OR SUBSIDISING ANY MORE UNNECESSARY PEOPLE WITHIN BCP	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X451	Yes Stop wasting money and start running the area properly.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X452	Yes, dissolve BCP let's go back to Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth Town Councils. Lets face it BCP look like they're in deep financial trouble so, get rid of the BCP.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 8
X453	Yes, I don’t agree with it	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X454	Yes, the review reveals that extra layers of councils begs the question as to why the amalgamation into BCP took place does it not. Extra layers do not help community cohesion and as in Wales creates tribal rivalry for scarce resources and poor government locally	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X455	You didn't let us vote to combine 3 town councils, now you want to divide them and likely charge us more tax. No. If you want to divide then give us back the three separate town councils.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH17 7
X456	You go big and now you are going small but a costly and unnecessary duplication.	Broadstone	Broadstone	BH18 9
X457	A lot of things are done in the name of progress but not always for the better . Somethings are better left . And most things that are changed are usually for the council’s benefit ie money and not for the benefit of the community but for the individuals that sit at the top table reaping the benefits. Let’s have something done or not changed for the people’s benefit for a change .	Burton & Winkton	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
X458	Don't waste money. Go for quality over quantity. Endeavour to create a 'real' community	Burton & Winkton	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
X459	Given the limited number of statutory functions of parish and town councils what is the justification for the gross variation in precepts?	Burton & Winkton	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
X460	I think that the proposals are a good idea, as communities will be better represented in smaller units of the BCP area. Residents may well feel more engaged if they have a say in more local matters and BCP will have a greater understanding of their residents wishes.	Burton & Winkton	Burton & Grange	BH23 7

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X461	I would like to raise a broader concern about the overall structure of local government in our area. The current arrangement—where Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) is governed by a separate unitary authority, while Dorset is governed by a separate county council—creates an inefficient and costly two-tier system. This division results in duplicated services, fragmented governance, unnecessary bureaucracy, and a significant waste of taxpayers' money. From a cost-effectiveness and value-for-money perspective, it would be far more sensible to operate under a single, county-level authority that covers the entire geographic area, including Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and the rest of Dorset. This would streamline operations, eliminate duplicated executive structures, reduce administrative overheads, and enable a more strategic and unified approach to service delivery. Local representation could still be preserved—and arguably strengthened—by empowering a network of smaller town and parish councils beneath the single county-level authority. These local councils would ensure that community voices are heard and local priorities addressed, without the inefficiencies and costs associated with running multiple large-scale governing bodies. In the context of the Community Governance Review, I urge the Council to not only look at the boundaries and structures of parishes and town councils, but to also consider the wider governance framework and how it could be reformed to deliver meaningful savings, reduce bureaucracy, and provide better, more joined-up public services for all residents.	Burton & Winkton	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
X462	No thank you	Burton & Winkton	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
X463	Nothing	Burton & Winkton	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
X464	Seems like a waste of money when it could be better spent on repairing the roads and clearing the disgusting amount of litter along the Christchurch bypass and others in the borough. Re-drawing lines on a map does not improve peoples' lives. Restricting huge development of rural areas, stopping building on every spot of green space, giving people fresh air and open spaces, improvements to Bournemouth Town Centre which is frankly a disgusting place now - full of drugs and just horrible. These are the things that money should be spent on, not "Task and Finish Groups" and ever expanding demands on our Council Tax which just goes up and up with no signs of improvement in the quality of life for residents. All we see is more and more green space swallowed up by greedy developers hand in glove with corrupt councils.	Burton & Winkton	Burton & Grange	BH23 7
X465	The Review - It should be more widely advertised	Christchurch Town	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X466	At a recent residents meeting of the Friars Cliff Residents Association (FCRA), some 80 residents attended for a debate of community governance. With a show of hand only 5 wanted to stay in CTC, a few absentions with the vast majority of the opinion that Friars Cliff had common issues with HWPC and would be better served in that Parish Council	Christchurch Town	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X467	Boundary reviews are unnecessary and a waste of public money. Just carry on as you are.	Christchurch Town	Commons	BH23 2
X468	Congratulations on a professional piece of work but please take seriously the wishes of Friars Cliff residents to join Highcliffe and Walkford. Highcliffe, Walkford & Friars Cliff Parish is perfect.	Christchurch Town	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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X469	Cost - how is the calculated per council? Christchurch is higher than most.	Christchurch Town	Commons	BH23 2
X470	Council tax should be reduced and services improved	Christchurch Town	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
X471	Don't make changes to the wards. There is no need.	Christchurch Town	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X472	Expensive and not necessary.	Christchurch Town	Christchurch Town	BH23 3
X473	Giving the community the option to influence topics in their immediate area is positive. The other side of this coin is that many people are concerned that increases in precepts or the creation of such charges at a time of economic trouble is counter-productive. It could be overcome by reducing the number of BCP councillors and lowering the base council tax charge.	Christchurch Town	Commons	BH23 2
X474	I am absolutely appalled and disgusted at the way in which the Conservative and Poole Engage groups, including at least one branch officer posing as a "community leader", have spread huge amounts of misleading information and a number of outright lies on social media - Facebook particularly - in relation to this review. The assertion that these are "the Lib Dems' secret plans", for instance, which has no foundation in fact and is laughable given the 4-hour public scrutiny meeting and 536 pages of responses and assessments published back in March; or that town and parish councils "have no statutory powers" (when, besides being statutory consultees, they are legally responsible for neighbourhood plans plus the administering of allotments, the latter function dating back to 1908). You'll have noticed too how only the most mammoth precepts have been cited by these propagandists, such as the £440 charged per year for a Band D property by Falmouth Town Council with no mention of, say, Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council, which charges £27 a year; or Burton and Winkton, which charges £17. I hope that those responses clearly influenced by the more egregious disinformation are given lesser weight, therefore, when assessed by the OSB working group.	Christchurch Town	Christchurch Town	BH23 2

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X475	I am extremely concerned at the additional costs that will be imposed on tax-payers, especially in light of the poor management witnessed so far at the tertiary level. It is a circumvention of the limitation placed by central government on the funding of unitary authorities and the like - I would agree that such funding needs to be increased but it should be without all the additional admin costs that come with the divesting of services to a 3rd level. There's my dilemma! Cuts should not be necessary. The proposals for shifting services down to parishes should be costed and made public (the parish costs certainly haven't been 'planned' for the last 6 years).	Christchurch Town	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 3
X476	I had not heard of this until today(Wed 8th March 2025) and feel that it needs to be made more widely known to the local communities. We locals place great value on where we live and do want to be included. I realise that many people might not be bothered but there are enough of us who are, if only we saw all this information. It is of vital importance that transparency is maintained	Christchurch Town	Commons	BH23 2
X477	I hope the review shows that this is a poor use of budget for an unrequired 2 tier system that only serves self important individuals wanting to be councillors and not residents at all. We cant afford this, either in precepts to households or as a council.	Christchurch Town	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
X478	I strongly feel more affinity to nearby Highcliffe, which is a short walk to, than to remote Christchurch, a bus ride away and a town as opposed to a village and I and my family would strongly prefer being part of Highcliffe and Walkford than Christchurch	Christchurch Town	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X479	I would like to abolish parishes, it's just another way to add cost to the ever increasing council tax. Just be honest and run BCP as one without parishes. I have no clue what it is they even provide for the community.	Christchurch Town	Commons	BH23 2
X480	If it is not time critical, who is driving it and what is the motivation behind a cash strapped Council undertaking this review now?	Christchurch Town	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X481	If parts of the area end up un-parished provision will be needed to set a precept to cover the costs of provision of services which are provided by Parish councils in other areas such as children's play parks.	Christchurch Town	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
X482	It is too complicated.	Christchurch Town	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
X483	Its important that the local areas of the town; Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole maintain as much control as possible of local services, solutions and plans. The democratically elected should determine how resident's Council Tax is allocated and spent. All proposals and plans, should have majority taxpayer approval. Greater use of technology should be used, so that Council Tax paying Residents can vote on proposals. All proposals should demonstrate or outline a or the Return on Taxpayer Investment. Under NO circumstances should planning	Christchurch Town	Commons	BH23 2

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	decisions be made without the agreement of local taxpaying residents. All plans should recognise and retain the cultural heritage of the area, as determined by the Town or Parish Councils.			
X484	Make the local services more efficient. Have performance related bonuses for staff.	Christchurch Town	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 3
X485	no	Christchurch Town	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
X486	no	Christchurch Town	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X487	No thank you	Christchurch Town	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
X488	No.	Christchurch Town	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
X489	Parish councils are a great idea to get local people more involved in their area and ensure local issues don't get lost in bigger BCP	Christchurch Town	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
X490	Please listen!	Christchurch Town	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X491	Put Christchurch back to how it was and give them all rheir assets back.	Christchurch Town	Christchurch Town	BH23 1
X492	Realistic detailed costings needed to show expense of the proposals, and also analysis of the financial return on investment from existing Town/Parish Councils.	Christchurch Town	Christchurch Town	BH23 2
X493	Really pleased to have been asked to submit an opinion on my area and being able to comment and do hope you listen.	Christchurch Town	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X494	Some may see the purpose of the community Governance Review as a return the local government before BCP	Christchurch Town	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X495	Thank you for opportunity to comment	Christchurch Town	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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X496	The categories of responsibilities for the town and illegitimate BCP council should be opened up for debate. Planning should sit with each town council not BCP. The current spit of two planning committees is utterly bonkers. Planning is the key role of local government and this should be for each town council, not BCP. BCP should be got rid of altogether, a first step is not letting it mess up the future of the area.	Christchurch Town	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X497	The current parish councils don't offer any real service to their communities and are inept at what support they can provide. The system is outdated and needs to be rebuilt from the community.	Christchurch Town	Christchurch Town	BH23 1

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X498	The review doesn't give the option of - I don't want extra levels of bureaucracy; BCP council was formed and now you want to split out into town and parish council and shift responsibilities. This will cost more to the public and lead to further confusion for the pinto about who does what. We understand there is insufficient funding - but this will not solve problems it will create more. This is not a solution - do not split bcp council roles and responsibilities further !	Christchurch Town	Christchurch Town	BH23 2
X499	Very supportive in general but a Bournemouth just too big	Christchurch Town	Commons	BH23 2
X500	We feel strongly Friars cliff should be part of Highcliffe and Walkford	Christchurch Town	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X501	Why now?	Christchurch Town	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X502	Yes - please consider this important change from the perspective of the residents and the cultural and geographic alignment of Friars Cliff to Highcliffe.	Christchurch Town	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X503	As mentioned in my previous comments. I have no idea if there is a cost associated with any of the recommendations. As there are no proposed changes from Highcliffe & Walkford, it would be good to understand if those places with no changes will incur additional costs for areas that do have proposed changes.	Highcliffe & Walkford	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X504	Complete waste ov money	Highcliffe & Walkford	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
X505	Hope my views are counted.	Highcliffe & Walkford	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
X506	Hycliffe and Walkford should have their own parish similar on to not be part of BCP or Christchurch Town Council. To have more say in funding for the community	Highcliffe & Walkford	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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X507	I'm writing to support the extension of town and parish councils to Bournemouth and Poole. As a member of Highcliffe & Walkford Parish Council, I know they can be a great boost to communities: improving local services, supporting local projects and assets, and offering direct local representation. They also provide incredible value for money, as every penny raised by the council is spent within its parish. At HWPC we manage two nature sites, two allotments, a recreation ground & pavilion, and a playpark, on behalf of the community. We're also poised to take on two more major assets. We provide annual community Christmas lights & trees. We fund sports groups, scout & guide groups, a toddler group, local arts charities, community gardening , and various other local projects. Our grants make possible the Highcliffe Food & Arts Festival and Clifftop Music Festival. We're also investing in the wider community. We're developing joint-funded partnerships with BCP to deliver major improvements to cliff pathways and public conveniences, which wouldn't happen without our involvement. We're holding funds to support improved playpark equipment, tree-planting projects, high street investment, and more. All of this is delivered with a tiny precept of £32.87 pa for an average household. For a Band D home with two adults, that's £1.37 per person per month. We're also a valuable link between local groups, businesses and residents. Local people appreciate our role and regularly reach out to us for support. We're embedded in our community, and directly responsible only to that community. It's the most local form of democracy we have. The debate around town and parish councils across BCP has been dogged by persistent and irresponsible misinformation, from one political group in particular. It's been claimed, without any evidence, that new councils would charge residents up to £400 per year. This would be more than than 12 times the rate in HWPC. The anti campaign has also implied that new councils would have no powers and would be a waste of money. Yet every penny goes back into the community. Councillors are unpaid volunteers, and most parish councils have only one or two part-time local officers. And the list of projects which we fund shows the value of a town or parish council. The anti campaign has grossly misrepresented what a local council can do and should be. It's unfortunate that BCP hasn't done enough to challenge this narrative. The anti campaign has been allowed to dominate the discussion, and will probably overwhelm the consultation. It would be a great shame if this opportunity was lost due to a swarm of misinformation. It's ironic that the people campaigning against local councils also complain about a lack of investment in their own communities. But with authorities gutted after a decade of austerity, and no end in sight, BCP's financial powers are blunted. It's through town and parish councils that local interests, projects and groups can be supported. To ignore this is nothing short of fiscal and democratic illiteracy.	Highcliffe & Walkford	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
X508	Just get on with it, more importantly have proper structured monthly BCP meetings with a set agenda, positive minute reviews including AOB and get the meetings focused. Put a stop to all the outside chanting, ban all electronic aids during the meetings this includes the poor lady that continues knitting 🧶 very distracting!! and reduce the need for so called democratic services.	Highcliffe & Walkford	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
X509	Let's go back to 3 boroughs under Dorset please?	Highcliffe & Walkford	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 4
X510	Most people are unaware of Parish councils and what they can or cannot do	Highcliffe & Walkford	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
X511	Much depends on how able the PC cllrs are and how well they are supported. BCP should encourage the formation of residents associations in each area to hold them to account.	Highcliffe & Walkford	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X512	no	Highcliffe & Walkford	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 4
X513	no	Highcliffe & Walkford	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
X514	no	Highcliffe & Walkford	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X515	No thank you	Highcliffe & Walkford	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
X516	parish councils should be removed from BCP to save costs for the limited functions available and do not necessarily reflect the political makeup of the administation thus creating tensions and non alignment of priorities in the exercise of even those limited functions.	Highcliffe & Walkford	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 4

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X517	Sounds like a good proposal	Highcliffe & Walkford	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X518	This is just another example of BCP taking money from Christchurch to subsidise Bournemouth and Poole. The community governance review specifically mentions Bournemouth and Poole with Christchurch as an after thought shown as an asterisk on the flyer.	Highcliffe & Walkford	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X519	Will any notice be taken of any responses or have decisions already been made?	Highcliffe & Walkford	Highcliffe & Walkford	BH23 5
X520	Would it not be more useful to wait until the likely changes under Governments devolution proposals are confirmed avoiding the possibility of unnecessary costs of implementing these changes?	Highcliffe & Walkford	Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
X521	No	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH14 0
X522	No	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X523	The Governance review has been very poorly communicated, hardly anyone of my neighbours or friends living in Creekmoor have heard aboiut it	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X524	[unknown] a poor map! Cannot read it.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH18 8
X525	1) I would suggest that the number of elected BCP members be reduced as much as their work could be done by Town Councils 2) A review of what elected members do 3) Why has Broadstone been left out?	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X526	A clearer explanation and defined costs	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X527	A lot of council tax payers' money was spent on this review. It could have been better spent on services. BCP council should do their job, not set up town councils to do it for them.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X528	A lot of time was spent making the separate councils into BCP council and now more time and money is being wasted setting up town councils when the existing council can not do its job.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
X529	A pointless, expensive and sinister gerrymandering of Ward boundaries.	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 9
X530	a total waste of money.costs of welfare and staff pensions are already proving to be too high.the money to be spent on the latest proposals would be better spent on improving local services such as highway maintenance and repairing pothles.	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
X531	A total waste of public money.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X532	a total waste of time and money	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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X533	A town council will improve our area and benefit our community immensely.	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
X534	A very comprehensive information campaign with considerable debate online and in selected groups. However, the current demographics of the BCP Council area preclude access as well as understanding by many. (elderly and foreign speaking persons come to mind). Increasing governance and oversignt will not solve the problems currently facing the BCP Council. Spending Council Tax on increasing the quantity and quality of serice should be the Goal. This can only be achieved by investing in human and other resources to meet the various requirements.	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
X535	A waste of money.	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
X536	A waste of time and money.	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
X537	A waste of time and tax payers money.	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
X538	Absolutely don't want a separate new town council, I don't think it would benefit any body and just more tax to pay on top of already crippling council tax would be unlivable as on top of a mortgage on minimum wage there is nothing left, and no point in working just to give it all back and then have nothing to show for it I would probably become homeless as would not be able to live in my own home	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X539	Adding in additional layers to our governance system takes us further away from the decision makes	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
X540	All proposals unnecessary. Just do your job please.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X541	all seems ok	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 8

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X542	All services provided by BCP Council should be reviewed on a regular basis in the interests of Improvement. I do not consider the creation of a Parish Council for Poole Town as an Improvement, I see it as an excuse to Tax residents further for no Improvement in services.	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
X543	Already a waste of money, lets not waste anymore	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X544	Although I have not commented on the proposals which are outside of the Poole area, as I am a resident of Poole, I would like to say that I do think it would be a positive move for the whole of BCP area to be parished - many of the reasons I have set out above that relate to Poole will relate to other areas. It would also be positive to have the parish level of local representation in all areas rather than only in some areas as currently exists which results in different levels of local representation within BCP.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X545	Although my wife and I feel that, as Ashley Cross residents, we are not currently represented by any of the draft Parish/Town Council areas, we both think that I think that Parish/Town Councils are a good idea because they will mean that decisions on more localised issues such as planning applications and funding for locally based projects such as youth clubs and community areas/parkland will be able to be taken by people even more locally based than our current local councillors and by people who are not necessarily politically affiliated, but more genuinely interested in local issues as local community representatives/activists. Also, at a time when finance is scarce, drawing this in to more localised areas, especially in Poole, which loses out financially to Bournemouth and Christchurch, has to be a good thing. We therefore look forward to seeing how Broadstone and Poole Town's Parish/Town Councils develop and progress.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X546	An interesting plan that seems like an elaborate way to raise council tax and escape the BCPs debt burden - But it is something that has to be done and as a bonus Poole gets its council back.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
X547	An urgent review of the current council structure is needed to improve the quality not quantity of existing BCP councillors	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
X548	Another layer of local government is unnecessary. The local councils of Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth were amalgamated into one authority without any consultation and now BCP want to introduce another tier which will be a waste of time and our hard earned money	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X549	Another level of community governance is not needed. We are already represented within bpc.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3

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X550	Another waste of council tax money!	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 1
X551	As a council tax payer, I do not agree with Parish Council proposals on financial grounds. The last thing needed is extra strata of bureaucracy.	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 1
X552	As above its good work but undermined by the fact that BCP remains the problem at the heart of it.	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 8
X553	As already stated from the review there is no list of services to be transfered, no costings and no business case for such a change . The change is likely from what i have seen with other Town and Parish Councils an unwelcome additional chare tog a body with little clout in terms of influencing very much . The additional cost to Council taxpayers at a time of high increases in costs for essentials of every day life make this in my opinion unfair and unjustified.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2
X554	As I was born in Poole and lived here all my life, I feel the creation of BCP council was an insult to the Ancient Borough and County Town of Poole and the sooner it returns to a parish council the better.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X555	As previously noted in this feedback. This consultation survey appears to indicate the inevitability of the outcome and treats the formation of these new entities as a given. This is rather poor and appears to indicate the presiding authority has no desire to listen to the feedback of its wards and has failed in it's responsibility to manage the area for the interest of it's residents. It further appears the presiding entity is looking to delegate responsibilities and services without delegation of appropriate resourcing.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X556	As previously said, there are factors in this survey that have just not been included which are VERY important. I can't mention it as my contribution will not be counted apparently! That is not good enough. Too many unanswered questions for me to be in favour.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 8
X557	as previously stated I do not feel that adding another layer of bureaucracy will benefit the people of Poole and will not restore our individuality.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X558	as stated previous this a duplication of the roll OF BCP at a lower level with no teeth you have existing councillors covering the area is it to much for them and they need help .I am completely against this ill thought idea another costly exercise people have better things to do	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X559	Based on previous experience I doubt that the results of the survey will be acted upon unless they agree with what the wishes of the Lib Dem Council	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X560	BCP actions have angered residents by ignoring consultation before. Our town looks unloved, derelict and drab. I've lived here all my life and it's sad to see the decline. Poole should be a shining jewel of the South Coast not a grey rock. With all the affluent areas surrounding it, imagine you're a visitor. What do we offer them. Step it up BCP.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 8
X561	BCP councillors should not be able to hold town/parish councillor positions	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X562	BCP is huge so it's good for people to be involved in their local area	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X563	BCP voted for one council. Have they realised they can't do the job? How much is this consultation costing council tax payers?	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X564	BCP was a terrible idea when the three areas are very distinct in their own offerings and characteristics. It would be better for each to concentrate and govern their own individual area.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
X565	BCP was elected to govern and control these areas. Please do not add another layer of bureaucracy , it's just empire building	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
X566	BCP waste so much money on fantasy projects, consultations and follies instead of concentrating on the important and much needed services that it is now in a situation of looking for a way to palm off it's responsibilities and the subsequent costs. Costs which are already paid for each year by our capped Council Tax bill.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X567	Be fair and listen to the people of Poole. I've lived here for 72 years and boy have we changed. Greed and bad decisions everywhere.	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
X568	Be interesting to see if the public view has any weight in regards to the outcome	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2

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X569	Be open and honest, act with integrity Employ finance people who know how to spend money wisely and not waste it on things like electric dust carts that keep breaking down, or stupid travel schemes that no one wants.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH14 0
X570	Believe an additional level of ‘government’ will add costs	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X571	Bring back a sense of pride for our town.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
X572	Complete waste of money	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH14 8
X573	Complete waste of money	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X574	Complete waste of tax payers money and not wanted.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH16 5
X575	Cost and energy should be directed to partnerships between BCP and neighbouring councils. Drop whilst in the early stages, considering lack of future proofing and enthusiasm from next generation	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X576	Creates general confusion as to who is responsible for all services. Does not help community cohesion. Improve your own performance before creating additional beaurocracy.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X577	Despite the negativity about the potential financial impact that reverting to Town Council's may have, it will be demonstrated that putting the future of each town back in the hands of individuals who care about their town will be worth the financial input. It will need careful management and transparency to ensure that the electorate understand the costs, which are minor in comparison to a Unitary Authority.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3

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X578	Disagree with the whole concept for the following reasons:a) Disagree with an extra tier of Local Government having had reorgansiations in 1997 and 2019. b) Extra tiers of Authority results in additional bureaucracy, duplication and cost. c) This leads to residents effectively paying twice for the same services d) Changes should involve a whole authority referendum not rely on Councillor decisions e) The total cost of local government can be expected to be higher in authorities with the additional tier of Town/Parish Councils f) Having sought to delayer local authority provision in 1997 and 2019 within BCP localities, for economy and efficiency reasons, the logical approach is to delayer not create additional layers of local authority. g) Believe the proposals will slow up democracy and create avoidable duplication at an avoidable unnecessary extra cost. h) I understand why my local Councillor Judes Butt comment and assessment, "Why reintroduce these extra Councils with all the rules, regulations, and extra costs again with no referendum? She appears more focussed on avoiding unnecessary costs and an additional tier of bureaucracy than seems to be the case of those elected members who are putting forward and supporting these proposals. Additionally, pursuing this change at a time of BCP Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive) change is not appropriate or desirable in my view.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X579	Do audit and governace committee understand that this will break all services and the trust between resdients and Council since been bcp nothing gets done in Poole and I'm not having a Town Council impose can't afford more tax and red tape	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X580	Do not agree	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
X581	Do not agree with devolved power	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X582	Do not proceed!	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X583	Don’t bother	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
X584	Don’t do it.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
X585	Don't do it sort out BCP and stop wasting our money!	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X586	Don't do it, it will end in tears, you are all corrupt and incompetent, you are all like little hitlers with your little areas, you are petty and make me sick.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X587	Don't waste our time and money	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9

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X588	Drop it. Concentrate on sorting out the council you already have. Cut out the deadwood and make it more efficient. Sell off unused buildings, land etc. Anyone who's job title you have to explain or justify what they do, send them packing. BCP, stop wasting OUR money.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X589	Electorate will be ignored, as usual.	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 9
X590	Far too complicated and designed to put people off from getting involved	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0

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X591	Firstly, why isn't Talbot Village shown as a specific area of BCP in the location drop down? Who lives on Talbot Heath when it's a SSI? Secondly, I have ticked through all the areas to get to my main point which is: We previously had individual councils (Poole, Bournemouth & Christchurch), before BCP and, they were perceived by and large as doing a reasonable job given the circumstances. BCP was then formed under the guise of integrating central services, cost savings and seeing a reduction in Councillors. After 6 painful years, the general consensus amongst residents is that this merger has been a backward step and many of the promises have not been delivered. Added to which there's been too much talking and expenditure on ideological projects and not enough attention paid to dealing with local services - for which actually we pay for! To now spend time and resources (which we can't afford) on adding additional layers of bureaucracy, councillors and different agendas is, to my mind, unnecessary and self-defeating. You will end up with more "talk shops", muddled thinking and additional cost. We are where we are, so please, let's just concentrate on the day job of making BCP work for all. Creating yet more councils which ultimately would feed through to BCP is a wasteful waste of time, effort and money - which the Council and resident tax payers cannot afford!	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
X592	For an area the size of BCP, one layer of local governance (ie BCP Council) should be more than adequate and I wouldn't want any further layers of local bureacracy and taxes.	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 9
X593	For such a radical review of how the area is managed a referendum should be held to give the population a genuine say	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X594	Forget about it!!!	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X595	FORGET IT!!	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X596	From what I've seen no new services only a money grabbing machine.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X597	Give Poole back to Poole.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X598	Give Poole Town back the £10million you stole from us and repair our town centre	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X599	Going backwards!	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
X600	Governance doesn't need to be reviewed, current council and spending does. We are sick of all the consultations and being ignored. You have regularly gone against your own rules and continue to punish and belittle residents. Our roads are some of the worst in the country, we have excessive new buildings instead of using and reusing what we have, destroying green land and eco systems while increasing emissions with poor road work management and lack of planning. I am ashamed to live in the area I grew up in and can't wait to move elsewhere.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X601	Great Idea and I look forward to the work the new bodies will do.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X602	Have been informed that it was a 'closed' council meeting. We need to reduce/resolve BCP debt!	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X603	Hopefully BCP will not implement this money making scheme	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 9
X604	Hopefully it will be rejected	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1

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X605	How do you intend on attracting this many councillors?	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X606	How much are these changes going to effect the tax payer? What benefits with these parishes get? What help from the government with these new parishes get or will it go to BCP? Why is this necessary?	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X607	How much has this consultation cost	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X608	I agree that local residents and others should have more close involvement in matters concerning them or their areas. However, I don't feel it is necessary to achieve this by creating parish and town councils - another arm of bureaucracy. It should be possible to create locally based forums - like community councils - comprising BCP councillors in groups of wards, with modest devolved funding and powers, using the existing BCP structure and staff. I have experience of serving as a member of another authority where this system worked very well. Meetings were always well attended because people felt their views were being heard and acted upon and that they were being offered the opportunity of making certain decisions, like expenditure on specific environmental projects. Instead of levying a precept, BCP could control and include the costs as part of the council's main budget. A limited number of existing staff could be designated as community councils officers to administer the system as part of their normal responsibilities. There could be a Poole Community Council and a Bournemouth Community council, or if necessary more than one in each, so that people would not need to travel too far to attend meetings.	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
X609	I agree with the proposal	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2
X610	I am a simple man not on expense accounts so I can not even guess at the weights on for why those who make the eventual vote will actually make a decision. I would prefer that politicians listen to 'The People' rather than what they might loose by voting honestly.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2
X611	I am against a town council. The review should be rejected. This is BCP getting out of providing the services that it should provide. No to a town council anywhere	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2
X612	I am against adding more layers of expensive bureaucracy to BCP. BCP is short of money, so why do this when the money could be better spent on more essential services. Also, why are only certain areas being offered parish councils and not others.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1

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X613	I am disgusted with the lack of communication and the lack of clarity in terms of what is being proposed. You seem to assume a level of knowledge amongst the electorate which definitely isn't there. You have made a proposal based on your intricate knowledge of the situation without taking into account that the electorate are not in any way aware of either the existing or the new proposals. This leads me to think that you are trying to confuse and bamboozle. I am very unhappy with this whole approach. I have a first class honours degree, I am a qualified chartered accountant and I am struggling to understand your proposals. I do not believe this is a lack of intelligence on my part – I think it is a lack of communication on yours.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X614	I am involved in many aspects of the local community and have lived in Lilliput for 25 years and the area for 40 years. I have seen the apathy of people volunteering for social work ie Scouts, volunteer groups in our churches, will we get the balance we need ? I don't think so !	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH14 8
X615	I am not prepared to pay any more conciliatory tax dorset is the third highest in the country already so much money is wasted on over inflated salaries and I can't afford to pay anymore than I already do	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH18 8
X616	I am shocked you are even considering this when you cannot manage budgets and stop wasting money as BCP	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X617	I am so angry time and money is being spent on this. BCP was created to save money! Now typical of a public body you are starting something else which eill cost thousands. Get on with what needs to be done in our poor run down BCP area	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 9
X618	I am somewhat, like many residents entirely bemused at what seems to be a further tier of governance. Having lived here all my life and are now of pension age. The bemusement comes from the fact that several years ago there were efforts, for want of a better word to combine the councils into one big conurbation. This presumably was partially, but not wholly successful and there seemed to be a certain reluctance on behalf of the Christchurch Council which is why I assume there are still parish councils within their boundaries? Therefore, it must be said by me and I do believe that many other people feel the same and the questions has to be "Why did we go through the process of joining, and being BCP, in the first place" and now " why are we effectively going back and now thinking about Parish councils"? Is this not a retrograde step? The money that must have been "lost", in the efforts being a united BCP council in the first place must have been no small amount to the local residents. I assume, too that the councils must have been hoping to achieve city status to extract more money via the UK central government, and that too, as we know did not happen. I can only hope for better in the future and that this isn't yet more local government departments being created and yet another tier of bureaucracy to add to local residents frustrations. I think that I feel many residents would just like the basics done such as toilets (goodness knows what holidaymakers feel when they use some of them) kept clean. Potholes repaired, lines put on the roads, yellow and white, where that applies. Roadworks done in a timely manner. It is very frustrating seeing holes being dug and the next day there is no one there! Its all very well to do vanity projects and feel that what you are doing makes YOU feel as	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1

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	though you are doing not only something useful but also helping the environment. If the local people feel that you are just wasting money and not doing the basics then what has happened nationally in the polls recently may well come knocking at local councils. These Parish councils should not be required! I for one are against the need for them.			
X619	I am sure majority of Poole residents unaware of this consultation. Details of submissions received by the task group supporting the establishment of new Poole town council unknown to us.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X620	I am too far away from Poole town to feel that it best describes my location. In this document it is Poole town but that is not what I feel. This should NOT be seen as a way to gather MORE money from RESIDENTS. BCP should use the money that they do have more wisely in actions that deliver VALUE to the communities, not waste it on fanciful ideas. The 20 MPH limit has generated NO GAIN to any residents only wasted millions of our taxes. I don't see the point of questions 11 to the end UNLESS they can reduce my taxes	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5

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X621	I and all of the residents I have spoken to believe this consultation and recommendations are a total waste of time and will create another level of useless chat costing us more expense for less rewards PLEASE just clean up BCP area and make it somewhere we are proud of once again. We don't need more parish councils !	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
X622	I believe that adding another level of bureaucracy will only result in slower actions and more delays. Things will be done with less efficiency. There will be more messaging and buck passing. BCP should instead concentrate on becoming more efficient and reducing levels of bureaucracy to provide a better level of service.	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
X623	I believe that it would be a good idea for broadstone to have a local council. It would make jobs more efficient.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH18 8
X624	I believe that this is a wasteful use of tax payers money. It adds another unnecessary layer of Government. They will simply be used by different people to argue between Town Councils and BCP council. The boundaries don't even follow thee current boundaries. You will end up with councillors representing one area and Parish Councillor's representing another area. Please do not go ahead with this proposal.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
X625	I believe the introduction of so many layers of governance will confuse the electorate as to who does what for who, will slow progress, will eradicate all the good work BCP has achieved to date.	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
X626	I believe this will lead to another unwanted or needed level of governance.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X627	I can see no reason to continue with or create new layers of bureaucracy	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH14 0
X628	I cannot see how creating this layer will help local residents, especially as BCP Council will overall remain in charge. Councillors should be working hard to make BCP Council work smoothly rather than rolling back to old ways that are long gone now.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2
X629	I consider the Task and Finish Group to be at fault for not including options for integrated councils for Poole and Bournemouth which incorporated the parishes of Broadstone, and Redhill & Norhtbourne respectively. So whilst the public is consulted at this point, it seems that it was not consulted at that stage, thus rendering 'democracy' somewhat limited.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X630	I did not grow up in Poole but after living here for 53 years I am rather fond of the place. This review is an opportunity to help improve the identity of the town I live in without loosing any of the benefits brought on by the forming of BCP.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 8

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Row	comment	respondent proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
X631	I disagree with the continuation of current parish, community and town councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish, community or town councils in BCP. All services and democratic processes should be done through BCP Council and no Council tax precepts should be put in place.	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 4
X632	I do not agree that we should have any town/parish councils. If BCP it too large, revert to 3 separate councils agin. I also object to the amount of money that has no doubt been spent on conducting this review in the first place. I also not that you have failed to check that your survey appears correctly on all platforms. I use Safari on a Mac book pro and can only see 5 of the 6 answers on most pages and only 4, meaning that I cannot strongly object on 2 pages.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X633	I do not agree with an extra bill on top of the council tax we have had no consultation or letters regading this matter. The cost of living is high enough.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X634	I do not agree with the idea of parish/town councils. It is unecessary and expensive, particularly after having been forced into BCP, supposedly in part for economic reasons. BCP just need to do their job and deliver services.	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9

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X635	I do not feel that adding Parish and/or Town councils would have a net positive effect, either financially, or with regard to democratic engagement. I feel that the low level of engagement that many people have, would lead to "voter fatigue" having a negative impact on the number of people engaging with the democratic process, should they have another thing to vote for. For reference, see the low turn out for Police and Crime Commissioners. I also feel, that with the particularly low opinion that many people seem to have for the work of BCP Council(and the confusion between the work of the councillors vs the council staff), that it would be seen as a way to avoid blame for things going wrong locally, rather than being of benefit.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1

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Row	comment	respondent proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
X636	I do not see the point of having even more bureaucracy and councillors than we already have. These proposals will, as already admitted, incur more costs which the local tax payers will have to pay for, no foreseeable (zero) benefit. Please just get on with your jobs instead of causing more confusion.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X637	I do not think that we need another layer of local Government. What we have now is ineffective and does not listen to the electorate. All of this will mean more cost for nothing.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4

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X638	I do not understand and so see the reason for forming another layer of local government. Poole Council was abolished/merged with Bournemouth and Christchurch and this was meant to yield cost benefits... ,,where are they? There is no explanation which I can see for this: '4.3 For avoidance of doubt, it is not possible to abolish the Charter Trustees and to have BCP Council as a single-tier of local authority only'.	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
X639	I do not want a town council We elect local councillors to represent us another layer of bureaucracy is not warranted or required	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
X640	I do not want it imposed by BCP Council if there is a majority against town and parish councils by the residents	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH14 8
X641	I do not wish to pay for additional layer of local governance, the current organisation needs to do its job efficiently and use the people that it has and that I already pay for.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X642	I don not think another Parish council is necessary .	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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X643	I don't agree to this	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
X644	I don't really see the whole point of this	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X645	I don't see why we need another level of bureaucracy, when we have two good ward councillors who we can contact, to represent us at the town council meetings. This 'reorganisation' will make it more complicated to find out who to contact and who is responsible and who to direct our comments or complaints. It will result in a lot of 'passing the buck' and 'it's not my job.'	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
X646	I don't think the first part of the consultation was publicised enough, which is why we have a situation where the proposals don't fit with everyone's ideas of what is best for the area and for the Poole area only the option of Poole Town Council or nothing.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X647	I don't think we need another council, I thought merging the current councils was good enough	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X648	I expect the results to be published, publicised in local media outlets, reviewed and taken into consideration prior to any councillors voting on the proposals. The vote of councillors should only make up a small percentile of the overall vote, the review shod steer this too. BCP should be ashamed if they go ahead with this without a full referendum.	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
X649	I feel that the review is just an exercise and that you've already decided whats going to happen	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X650	I feel that this exercise will cost residents more money for no extra gain.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 8
X651	I feel this is a money grab by a desperate council. You are unable to increase council tax by more than 5% per year and this is your plan to increase taxation by the back door. You are unwilling (you say unable but I don't believe you) to give any indication as to how much this will cost the council tax payers. You are also unwilling to say what services and responsibilities you are planning to transfer to town/parish councils. Yet you expect us to be able to make a decision on these proposals. The council tax payers of the BCP council area cannot make an INFORMED DECISION as you have not seen fit to inform us of anything beyond: 1. We want to make town and parish councils 2. They won't be in the slightest way equal 3. We don't know wat they'll do 4. We don't know how much they'll cost 5. We think it's a great idea and you should trust and believe us!! I went to a public meeting about these proposals held in Creekmoor last week. When asked how much this was likely to cost Paul Slade said he would anticipate around £40 per year (or 11p per day as he broke it down). I know someone who in 2018 bought a flat in Drake Court near the quay in Poole. At the time the council was planning to carry out extensive refurbishment works on the block commencing 2019/20. Their solicitor requested information from the council as to how much these works were expected to cost per flat as that would obviously have an effect on their purchase. They were told £25,000-£30,000 per leasehold flat. When the works commenced the leaseholders were advised the bill will be upward of £58,000 per flat. I am aware that the charge for Blandford Town Council this year is £253.83 for a Band C property Quite frankly I have absolutely zero faith in Paul Slade's estimate of £40 per year. He is either naïve, delusional or just simply a liar. Whichever it is, it is not a good look for a councillor and the husband of an MP.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X652	I feel this is unessasary and a waste of money.	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
X653	I have a learding diffculty but I feel it is important that our views are heard as well	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 8
X654	I have chosen 'somewhat agree,' rather than 'strongly agree,' to many of the questions because I have never lived in a place with a parish/town council.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X655	I hope it is acted on by the council more democratically than the decision to close the Whitecliff entrance to Poole Park!	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3

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X656	I hope that a public vote will happen before any changes that will have a direct impact us.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X657	I hope that the proposals succeed.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X658	I hope that the views of the electorate are taken seriously and not ignored like previous consultations.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X659	I hope that with this survey you will actually take on board that this isn't what the residents want.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2
X660	I hope they listen to local residents and don't override our wishes, as is so often the case!	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
X661	I like the idea that Poole should have a 'parish council' to help improve and manage better facilities for everyone. Areas with open spaces, cleaned and better signages and improved lighting, added seating in the bus station	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X662	I live in Talbot Village and the proposed boundary for the Town Council would divide my ward of Talbot and Branksome. There is no evidence there is a demand by residents for a Town Council that would add another layer of bureaucracy. I understood the idea of combining BCP was to take out multiple layers to save money and be more efficient. It creates financial uncertainty. I cannot support something that has no costing and therefore unable to make an informed decision. An uncapped precept could lead to year on year additional costs and consequently we do not know the financial consequences in the long term. Residents should be able to have their say through the ballot box and any decision should therefore be left until the local election in 2027. The decision should be decided by residents and not by councillors. This was not included in any manifesto - we did not vote for this.	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5

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Row	comment	respondent proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
X663	I lived for over 10 years in Hampshire and there aren't so many third world county's roads like in Dorset . This isn't acceptable considering the council's tax bill we all pay and the wealth generated by its beauty	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2

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X664	I only agree with this if we get back the service levels of previous and people are actually listened to. There are clear times when BCP council has their own agenda and that is true across the different political parties I understand there will be cost involved and would expect to see local results. I would not expect to pay extra by others being excluded. If this goes ahead everyone pays their share perhaps before the main council contributions	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
X665	I oppose any form of devolution in any area and any extra charges on Council Tax that may occur as a result.	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH14 0
X666	I oppose it. Another layer of bureaucracy and more division.	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
X667	I really think we need to get our finances in a better shape before we do anything we might regret at a later date	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH16 5
X668	I say be cautious about what you propose, as Town Councils often provide little more than token gestures towards hyper-local democracy. Instead, let us focus efforts on making the current system work better. BCP is well represented by ward councillors, who are tasked with prioritising the needs of their specific ward while considering the broader priorities of BCP as a whole. They are compensated for their work, and if you feel they are not delivering value for money or the outcomes you desire, you have the power to vote them out. In the meantime, communicate your concerns to them or attend their surgeries to express your dissatisfaction. Introducing another layer of administration, like Town Councils, may sound appealing but would likely dilute decision-making. Town Councils are often limited in their scope, only addressing minor issues that the parent council (BCP, in this case) does not automatically handle or sees as opportunities to offload. Consequently, both the responsibility and any blame for unmet goals fall on the Town Council. Town Councils do not generate their own funding but draw from and reduce the larger pool of resources. In many cases, up to 70% of allocated funds can be spent on administration and clerks, leaving minimal resources for actual projects.	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9

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X669	I sincerely hope that this reviewed will be handled honestly. My faith in local councils was destroyed by the closing of Poole park to drive through motorists against the results of a survey of local people. This was not democracy and I believe the results of surveys should adhered to.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X670	I strongly disagree	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X671	I strongly disagree with any changes that add more layers and levels of administration and councillors.	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
X672	I strongly disagree with creating parish councils.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X673	I strongly disagree with the creation of parish councils	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
X674	I strongly disagree with this whole procedure and think it such a waste of money	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X675	I strongly object to the proposals. In NO way will this benefit tax payers.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 8
X676	I suggest it is scrapped to avoid any unnecessary expense and charge to the council tax payers	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X677	I support the general idea, but as with all consultations of the last three years, it is rushed, without the detail, i appreciate nobody knows what the costs are going t be in a years time, but this town council should co-inside with Councillor elections	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X678	I suspect if the final outcome of this review is that the majority of people are against it, then the majority view will be ignored as has happened it the past.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X679	I think decisions on anything need to take into account firstly the cost and keeping that to a minimum and secondly how effective they will be. We don’t need more talking shops but need to support work in schools, hospitals, community facilities like parks etc and not waste money on people sitting in meetings.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X680	I think it is right that all the town and parish councils have similar, limited powers, beneath BCP. My main reason for supporting this measure is that I hate lopsided democracy like UK devolution as it creates unfairness.	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
X681	I think it needs to be addressed how much this is likely to impact the council tax of residents, which hasn’t been stated on the flyers at all, before asking for support for this initiative. I do not agree that due diligence has been done on this and don’t agree it should be going ahead.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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X682	I think it will make our council tax higher for a poor service. As a pensioner I am concerned of the cast to us council tax payers	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
X683	I think that the attempt to introduce additional levels within the BCP area is appalling. Where will these additional councils be housed and at what cost? We should be streamlining BCP and aim for it to function more efficiently. While many BCP officers and officials do work hard for the residents there are swathes of council workers who are not working effectively nor efficiently and these really need to be held to account by the current administration.	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 9
X684	I think that the creation of parishes will result in more bureaucracy, less engagement and a lot more cost in running these smaller areas. I think it is a bad idea	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X685	I think the Poole town council should be split into east and west Poole as issues are very different between the two areas	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X686	I think there are issues with Royal Mail Door-to-Door, and a non-insignificant number of residents may not have received their letter about the consultations.	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 8
X687	I think this is totally not needed. I would like more information on all the consequences if this review is passed	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X688	I think this whole proposal is unnecessary and will be expensive to roll out. All of which, of course, the residents of BCP will bear the brunt of the costs involved. The creation of BCP should never have happened in the first place, but this is where we are and my view is that the three areas should be left as they are, i.e. BCP Council.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
X689	I thought the whole purpose of BCP formation was to save council tax payers money. Therefore what is the point of these indivdual parish councils - more bureaucracy and expense ? Get rid of the lot and have everything controlled by BCP	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X690	I understand you were pledged to set up the Review but I think there is no overwhelming support for the town/parish council proposal. It should be drawn to a swift closure before the monetary total for the exercise spirals further as time goes on.	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 0
X691	i very much like the idea of having a Town Council for Poole but the number of councillors needs reducing.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 8
X692	I worry that in the rush to achieve more democracy we end up with less. Adding an additional layer will mean confusion about who delivers what. Also as with many recent BCP consultations, the heaviest users of council services are often excluded through their lack of access to the Internet or the complexity of the questionnaire. This one is particularly word/data heavy.	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7

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X693	I would like BCP to get on with running the council that is currently in existence, trying to improve its services so that they are at least fit for purpose, which in my experience of using services is not currently the case.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X694	I would like to see a town council - but without a BCP council - IE as it was years ago. Not as an addition to BCP council.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH16 5
X695	I would like to see a town council in place, to provide more facilities for residents - eg a play area at the park near Livingstone Road, and a baseball hoop. Things like this are sorely lacking for local young people, and we are very much under-serviced at the moment by the current set up.	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
X696	I would like to see the BCP council abolished and separate councils for Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch re-instated.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X697	I would like to think that for once the people are listened to, but going by the track record I'm doubtful.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 2
X698	I would love to be involved in the process but in a non partisan way. Also, there was a video that was shown on national television about a parish council meeting in which the councillors behaved atrociously. There should definitely be some checks that secretaries are supported and councillors monitored. I accept that councillors give up their time and are quite often passionate but these are not excuses to behave badly.	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
X699	I would say that something of this magnitude which materially affects residents should be decided by a vote not a consultation where it could be that a decision has already been decided & the consultation is just really a tickbox exercise for residents.	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
X700	I'm not happy about the possibility of an additional council tax charge. Information about what this charge might be and what it might provide seems unclear so it seems ridiculous that opinions are being requested considering that a decision can't be made without full details or implications of what that might entail. Times are hard enough as it is in this financial climate and additional charges on what will be an increasing council tax year on year is unreasonable.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X701	I'm not in favor of these proposals as I feel our area is well served by a local community group which is well run and costs much less	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
X702	I'm thankful it has happened and hope the opportunity isn't lost. Don't waste any more money than necessary in continual discussions and voting, get it done please.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 8
X703	I've said it already.	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 8
X704	If it wasn't for our local councillor I would have no idea that this idea had been mooted. I'm sure there must be other residents in Poole who are also unaware of this proposal	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X705	If the proposals go ahead, even against public views. I would like reassurance that it will not cost more to the tax payer than the current set up, and that the wards/parishes cannot increase the council tax buy an infinite amount year on year. There needs to be a regulation written into the guidelines giving clear instruction on the maximum amount the Tax can be raised each year. And this should certainly not be more than the current cap on Council Tax or inflation (whichever is lower).	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X706	I'm pleased that residents are being consulted on the proposals for all areas, but particularly for Poole. Since the merger of Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth councils to form BCP, Poole is in danger of losing its identity. Poole has a long and interesting history dating back to the Longspee Charter of 1248. It has been a vibrant working town over the years with a strong maritime heritage. I am keen to see that the recognition and value of Poole's identity continue. The best way of doing this would be to have a council for Poole Town.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X707	I'm pleased that residents are being given the chance to have a say about new town/parish councils because I believe that the identity of Poole in particular is being swallowed up by the giant BCP Council in Bournemouth. It was stated that this would not happen when BCP was	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2

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	formed, but has inevitably proved to be the case. Perhaps if new town/parish councils are approved, the situation will be improved. NB. I AM NOT HAPPY about Poole's Civic Centre building being up for sale!!			
X708	Impressed with having a Parish Council, increase green spaces, good street lighting for safer evening walks, increase toilet facilities and make seating areas accessible for all	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X709	In my opinion this consultation is a waste of money and although there may be benefits to have a parish council for small villages/areas this does not apply to Poole that is such a large conurbation with a large I am a member of a large local women's group and have yet to speak to any that think the plan is a good idea that will benefit our area.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X710	In the good old days when common sense prevailed there existed a Poole town council which for the most part worked well and have provided a value for money service. However the creation of BCP has ruined that, so why on earth should you think creating another level of bureaucracy that will inevitably cost us residents even more for even less is a good idea.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X711	Is it just extra "jobs for the boys" ? Where we have another lot of people who have very little interest in improving this area but are more than happy to take the money. Our present BCP Council make no secret of the fact that Poole is considered a very poor third in any council improvements	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X712	Is it really necessary?	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X713	Is there a link to BCP Council	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
X714	Is this governance review actually going to reflect the people's choice not to have Parish councils if that is the majority. Or is this a waste of time and the decision has already been made and this is just form filling?	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 8
X715	It appears many people are either unaware or confused about the purpose of town councils v unitary authorities, especially when it comes to the cost of these to residents. Hopefully there will be more information shortly to address this. I also worry about the very disadvantaged in the Poole area being able to afford even the average precept for a town council, despite the many benefits they may reap from its existence.	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
X716	It appears that this proposal is not costed or funded and therefore should not be put to the people for consideration.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X717	It appears to be an exercise to create more politicians and bureaucracy.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X718	It biased in favour of a closed council meeting... will not benefit any individual other the councillor there is now central government requirement for this pure incompetent local government trying to save a single stud	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X719	It could be a good step in returning to the previous situation before the disastrous BCP merger.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X720	It feels like a lot of noise around so many areas of the BCP region to push through the Poole & Bournemouth 'parish council' concept; hope it is a good thing, we'll see.	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 8
X721	It is a flawed consultation and breaches the law in so far as meeting the legally required Gunner principles especially number 2.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X722	It is a total waste of taxpayer money	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
X723	It is a waste of resources	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X724	It is an appalling attack on the residents. How much more do we have to take, so many of us are at breaking point already. And don't suggest a payment plan of similar, we don't have money to pay for your wasteful elaborate schemes which have absolutely no benefit to anyone.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X725	It is an attempt at a stealth tax to.cover the inadequate running of BCP	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X726	It is an unnecessary review, pushed by politicians to raise further taxation.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH18 8
X727	It is essential to communities to have individual representation and identity	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X728	It is evident from social media on various platforms that there is considerable concern about the current BCP Council moves to establish town and parish councils. However, many people do not engage with social media and many people are still unaware of these proposals. If there is to be a wholesale re-organisation then there should be full disclosure to all residents via a referendum. Disclosure must include full details of services to be provided by new parish and town councils if they are established and the associated costs in terms of budgets for these services, staffing to enable these services and salaries for councillors.	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
X729	It is important for those of us who are from here, that the town retain its identity.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X730	It is my view that either the area should be broken down into it's smaller parishes or it should be split into the three constituent towns - I don't understand why some areas get a smaller council than others.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 8
X731	It is not a great idea, dilutes accountability	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X732	It is wasting money having these reviews and consultations. BCP councillors do what they want to and ignore their constituents values and opinions.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4

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X733	It is yet another consultation that is costing us, as council tax payers, a lot of money. I would bet that if it doesn't go the way you want it you will just do as you please and wheel out the excuse that this wasn't a 'vote'. Democracy seems well and truly dead in this area. We as local residents are so disappointed in how you have managed our beautiful area.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X734	It seems to be a way of only obtaining more funding. the splitting up is not fully effective as BCP will still have the final say. the consultation is a waste of time, money and should never have been mooted. BCP needs disbanding - it doesn't work. there have been far too many cuts, wasteful spending of funds, and too many vanity (nett zero) projects.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2
X735	It should have been much more widely publicised. More local meeting should have been held. The Leader should have been more open and responded with transparency to all queries raised. The implications of CGR should have been clearly explained at the outset and the implications of *not* responding to Stage 1 that has resulted in the proposals for a bloated Poole Town Council should have been much more clearly explained.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X736	It should not happen another layer of bureaucracy will just add to costs and who pays the rate payer	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X737	It shouldn't be happening. Money should be spent on the important things. This is just another signal to the incompetence of BCP I will remove my local councillor from that as she is brilliant.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X738	It will be interesting to see what the majority of the residents of BCP say about these proposals or whether the decision has already been made .	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X739	It will give autonomy back to individual communities	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
X740	It will undoubtedly cost time and money which would be better used getting on with the job people are paid to do or were elected to do, you have after all got a smaller workforce than when you started!	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X741	It would be a positive step to enable active voices for many communities, and investment in local community facilities which would otherwise have to go without.	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
X742	It would be useful if the parish town council also dealt with anti social behaviour.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X743	It’s a very strong NO from me	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH14 9
X744	It’s all happening too quickly. With a new CEO appointed, we need that person to settle in first and see what he can fix, or sees what needs fixing	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 1
X745	It’s complete waste of money. BCP should already be doing this work.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X746	It’s good to have a say on important issues, but this hasn’t been well advertised and appears to be an intention to conduct unnecessary changes via stealth and is therefore shameful. Do better!	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X747	It’s long overdue.	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
X748	It's a bad idea.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X749	It's a terrible idea	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X750	It's a waste of time and money and has no benefits for the people in that area	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X751	It's absolutely absurd, good working people are already stretched, we simply can NOT afford to pay more jobs worths	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X752	It's been great, top marks for those who organised it	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
X753	It's got to be an expensive business	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X754	It's unnecessary BCP should already be doing this plus the cost to the resident has not been fixed	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X755	Jaded my opinion may be, but I suspect that any adverse conclusions coming from the public consultation will be ignored or overridden.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X756	Jobs for the boys and of course girls. There are enough ineffective snouts in the trough without adding more. Taxpayers cannot afford this vanity project.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X757	Just more layer(s) of bureaucracy adding unnecessary cost	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
X758	Just read my previous comments	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X759	Just that I don’t think the council should do it for the reasons I have stated	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 8
X760	Keep it simple, to get the support needed from residents to create a great community	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X761	Keep local people informed at all stages. Provide drop ins for further consultation	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2
X762	Keep the council organisation as simple and streamlined as possible. Definitely do not add further layers of administration.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X763	Leave alone don't waste our money on pipe dreams your Duty is to cut cost to. All residents the BPC should never have happened go back to the original 3 councils cut staff and stop wash money in underused cycle paths for the few	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X764	Leave it as it is	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5

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X765	Let us complete the transformation agenda and get BCP working properly for the whole comurbation.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X766	Lets go back to the previous Borough and town councils! The BCP council won't listen to the people they are supposed to represent so this CGR rubbish is just a waste of tax payers money. However, the decision has probably already been made so this is probably a waste of time and money and just a formality the council have to show they have done! Another money grabbing scheme!	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X767	Lets hope that these Local councils are set up to the benefit of the residents living within them. BCP Council has not and does not take into account residents views. Simple tasks like drain clearance, weed removal from pavements and roads, Keeping Parks e.g. Poole Park and other public parks and public spaces will be better looked after, puting pride back into Poole making it a better place to live.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X768	Listen to the people of BCP for once. We do not want additional costs because you aren't competent enough to do your jobs properly. If you can't do the job as it currently stands, resign and let somebody else do it infinitely better.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X769	Listen to the people of poole for obce	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X770	Long overdue	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 8
X771	Massive waste of resources and money. Also double the bureaucracy!	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X772	More information on boundaries and if they can be changed in the future? The cost to taxpayer and council tax of having a Parish Council? Admin costs and other costs that would be covered?	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 1
X773	More layers of governance is not obviously more democratic. It creates confusion about who is responsible for what and is likely to see low rates of turnout in elections.	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
X774	Multi layered governance usually leads to confusion over who runs what and increases costs. As far as I'm aware BCP was formed to run the area more efficiently than three seperate councils and be more cost effective. If that is not the case rather than tinkering and causing more bureaucracy, my suggestion is that we go back to being three seperate councils. Which in effect it seems to me that you are doing by stealth with these plans to form seperate Parish Councils. Whilst also keeping your jobs in the higher tier of BCP.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2
X775	My objection to this proposal might be withdrawn if proper budgetary information was provided, and/or pariishes were significantly reduced in size.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 2
X776	na	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X777	na	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X778	no	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
X779	no	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
X780	no	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 3
X781	no	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
X782	no	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 8

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X783	no	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X784	no	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X785	no	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH18 8
X786	no	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X787	no	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH16 5
X788	no	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
X789	no	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X790	no	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X791	no	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X792	no	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 9
X793	no	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X794	no	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2
X795	No changes should be decided upon until they are fully costed. Residents should be consulted on the option of merging Dorset and BCP councils with all the cost savings and efficiencies this could deliver as an alternative to the current proposals which will increase costs and inefficiencies.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X796	No costs of these proposals are admitted and its a way of increasing costs to residents and avoiding Goverment restrictions on council tax	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X797	no further comments	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X798	No governance review was needed and any monies used should have been put to better use in the BCP area.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X799	No point anyone independent standing for a cllr the party politics which frankly is a joke in the bcp area will ensure that anyone genuinely trying to do the best for their ward will be wasting their time and only become a target for the other cllrs bcp is a joke for that reason this layer will be the same	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X800	No stop creating even more expense for Poole residents	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X801	No thank you	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2
X802	NO to parish councils!	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
X803	No, I am happy the council is considering a Town Council for Poole	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X804	No, see answer above.	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
X805	No.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X806	No.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X807	No.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2
X808	None	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X809	Nope. Good luck with the consultation, and I hope creation of a Poole Town Council goes ahead. Keep up the good work.	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
X810	Not at present	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X811	Not at this time	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 9
X812	not enough details on the cost to set it up and on going cost, this needs to be put to the vote not just a survey and it can't be steamrolled through the council	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
X813	Not enough people are aware of it, the full cost, roles and responsibilities of the new council are not understood, nor are and real benefits known, It all feels unecessary.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 8
X814	not for me.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2
X815	Not necessary waste of money that BCP don't have!!	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X816	NOT PRINTABLE	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X817	Not really, you don't really care what our opinions are do you?	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 8
X818	Nothing else to say but strongly disagree…., cost and lack of information. The tax payer, especially pensioners and low/ average income people has been squeezed so hard by government/ councils, cost of living. How are we supposed to cope with these increases without it effecting the health of your constituents, I always believed that you were supposed to work for us not against. Angry and very disappointed with BCP.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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X819	Nothing more to add, except that you probably won't listen to the wishes of the electorate anyway. You never do.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X820	Nothing to be gained waste of council money	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X821	Object strongly to this, cannot see what value it will have to local people that cannot already be addressed by BCP council	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 9
X822	Only that the council spend money wisely, not wasting funds on unnecessary projects	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X823	Only yo add that the proposal is likely to lead to considerable confusion over who is responsible for what and cause a greater workload for staff.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X824	Our area of Talbot Village isn't specifically mentioned. However I'm very strongly opposed to any further parish councils. They add an unnecessary layer of consultation for zero benefit. Apparently such extra parishes have extremely few actual responsibilities. BCP should consider being more efficient instead of adding extra layers, perhaps reverting to the old separate town councils. Its a BIG NO from me for parish councils.	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
X825	Outrageous use of our already stretched budgets. BCP was created to save money (costing a small fortune) now you want to re-introduce more councillors. Crazy waste of our money.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
X826	Parish and Town Councils would be an unnecessary and unwelcome additional layer of local government bureaucracy and costs.	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 8
X827	People are struggling to pay high bills as it is another council tax is ridiculous	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X828	Please can you contact me with an update of the feedback on outcomes.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X829	Please concentrate on improving the existing council set up before creating yet another unnecessary layer .	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X830	Please defer this until the local elections in May 2027 as this appears to be a Lib Dem initiative that no one wants.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X831	Please do it!	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
X832	Please do NOT allow this to go ahead. It will be a complete waste of taxpayer money.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X833	Please do not waste money on changing. Each change costs wadted money. 3 major changes from DCC to individual Councils to BCP have all achieved little. The town centres of Poole and Bournemouth are in disgraceful condition. It is no longer a pleasure to visit either	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X834	Please don't waste my money, it's not needed or required by the people, it's just another tax grab	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH14 0
X835	please don't do this	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X836	Please don't take us for fools. Let us know the costs involved, how much you expect us to pay, before asking these questions.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X837	Please drop these plans	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X838	Please listen to the reaidents, this will cost more money we don't have all for councilors/ parish own ego for managing. You think know this will make things better and improve the current situation but it won't. Devolved councils do not work and result in higher costs.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X839	Please read above comments about effective work practices. ie getting stuff done , rather than rounds of meetings and 'policy reviews' etc.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X840	Please respect the publis veiw	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
X841	Please scrap the idea of splitting BCP into what it used to be, and more, as I see no advantage to the people of Poole. I only see it as Bournemouths push to be of city status.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X842	Please stop. There is no need for change unless BCP is dissolved and their responsibilities devolved back to more local authorities.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X843	Poole Civic Centre needs to be the place of Power	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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X844	Poole has a long history based on its geographical location, harbour and resulting industry and commerce: Chalwyn Lamps (used world wide especially in Third World Countries - for its simple maintenance) British Seagull Engines (no longer) but again used world wide, much loved for its simple maintenance. Ryvita; Lava Lamps ; Sadler Yachts and now Sunseeker; Lush Cosmetics and as a Channel Port - Brittany Ferries / Condor and DFDS. Tourism; RNLI HQ; Sea foods exported; Barclays International ; Plessey; Siemans ..... All these industries have brought wealth and employment to Poole - which Bournemouth has envied and hoped to benefit from as time has passed .... even the University was given the name of Bournemouth University although based in Poole! And it is now trying to reap some of the benefits of Poole's success through the BCP Authority. The review has been difficult to respond to and local folk will find it difficult to understand and reply to - but in its current form BCP is unwieldy and should never have been instigated. Well done Christchurch for trying hard to be subsumed by such a large authority.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2
X845	Poole needs to keep her identity as a historical Borough which has been destroyed by BCP	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X846	Poole needs to re- establish itself as a town in its own right. Poole was a thriving community and that needs to be developed for its residents in the future.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8

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X847	Poole Town does indeed need more localised governance but not with BCP in place. Change is needed but the proposals do nothing to give residents confidence that their views and wishes will be carried out while BCP continue to be the upper tier of governance. It is quite wrong to force through these proposals without telling residents what the financial impact will be. The average costs shown do not represent those that could be levied here.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X848	Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch were pushed into joining forces, which in my opinion was not a good move. Another change such as this one in my opinion is not wanted - if anything, it would be better to go back to how it was with 3 separate councils, when each area was taking care of the specific needs of each area.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X849	Poor consultation - the only way I became aware of this review was via a social media user, not the council itself.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X850	Poorly planned and can only see extra cost.to taxpayers and more benefits to councillors. Totally unnecessary.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X851	Poorly worded. Should have more options for consultation. Need outline costing. Need information on role of council and whether BCP council would help finance services run by a 'town council'	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X852	PQF consider that BCP has not set out adequate information about the consequences of setting up Parish/Town councils. In particular there is inadequate information on what services would be provided by the new Town Council and how much they would cost and the impact on council tax over the next 5 tears. There is inadequate information on the administrative costs of a new Town council over the next 5 years. There is inadequate information on the future of the services currently provided by BCP with or without parish/town councils and who would pay for them.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X853	Quite frankly this is a ridiculous proposal from BCP. Parish councils work well in rural communities not massive urban areas like the entire of Poole. If we need a Parish council then we should disband BCP and go back to individual councils, this should have happened anyway after Bournemouth was denied becoming a city. Poole is an individual town not a subsidiary of Bournemouth.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
X854	Rather than wasting time on unnecessary consultations like this the current administration should focus on what really is wrong with how BCP Council operates. Too many highly paid senior management roles & not enough actual operatives doing the jobs.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X855	Re think it!	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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X856	Really is ridiculous to go partially backwards and spend more money. Poole has suffered under BCP and I just think it should be separated completely without having two layers of Councillors who are not really the best of the best and some can be so rude and aggressive (I found this out when volunteering for BoP).	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X857	Referendum now	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X858	Resident in Bournevalley & Branksome - I'm against the proposal for parish councils, already have a relatively new merged BCP council, which is supposed to be more efficient and cost worthy, no need for an additional tier of local government, without any clear outline proposal on how will be more efficient. Only creating another layer of unnecessary cost to local council tax payers, with no advantages, only more red tape and wasted hard earned funds.	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
X859	Review it and ditch it.	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
X860	Ridiculous idea	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X861	Roll on the revolution.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X862	Sabe Poole civic centre. We need it. If it's sold, we'll need to build another one.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2
X863	Scrap the proposal. Greater bureaucracy is the last thing we need.	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH14 0

X864	See earlier comment. By just having this review, it would suggest that BCP is not capable of fully representing the separate towns of Christchurch and Poole, and therefore they should be demerged into separate town councils once again. A huge waste of tax payers money.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X865	See my answer to Q15.	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
X866	Seems like a bit of a waste of money to be carrying this out now when the council is short of funds and could spend the money on , perhaps children’s services	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 9
X867	Simplify the Governance review. Far too much information which leads to BCP Council doing what it wants. Surley the question is--- DO YOU WANT A THIRD TIER OF BUREAUCRACY OR NOT-- YES OR NO.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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X868	Simply do not trust BCP. They are wasteful and focused on tribal politics rather than improving the area. Without question, the creation of BCP has been a failure. Poole and Christchurch are worse than they were served by their own councils. Any representations for autonomy for Poole would be welcome and appreciated	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
X869	So disappointed in the Conservative Party for whipping this decision shockingly bad	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
X870	Spend money wisely as council tax payers pay for this	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X871	STOP	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
X872	Stop it immediately. Stop wasting money. Stop wasting time. Stop continuing to operate in the manner you continue doing and actually start providing value for money.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X873	Stop it now	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2
X874	Stop It!	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X875	Stop stop stop. for the love of God. stop playing with our hard earned wages. get on with the job you were elected to do. we don't need extra councillors. we don't want increased council tax fees.	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 8
X876	Stop this as it will only cost more for nothing	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X877	Stop this pointless waste of our money. Show the true costs and how this will be if benefit to local areas. Your supposed to be by the people and for the people and all people on the street talk about is how things have got worse under BCP council since the merger in 2019 and now this is just another exercise of people in the council on a pointless exercise and wasting valuable time resources and money.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X878	Stop wasting money on unnecessary levels of local government. It seems that that we are permanently having change from originally a poor council to a pool unitary authority than the three towns council all in the name of saving money yet taxis go up and up. This is an unnecessary change. Make the existing arrangements work for us the residence not for you the counsellor and the council officers.. Stop reorganising and make what you have now work.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X879	Stop wasting our money, concentrate on the things you as the council should already be doing, emptying bins, fixing potholes etc. We don't want/need another layer of beaurocracy that will just waste more of our money.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
X880	Stop wasting our money.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X881	stop wasting our monies on new local gov. Either we break away from BCP and become Poole Council again or make it work.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X882	Stop wasting Tax payers money on these stupid schemes. Focus on providing core services not trying to grow the reach and responsibility of the council and justify raising more taxes.	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
X883	Stop wasting tax payers money.split the three councils back up and Poole won’t need to be a parish of Bournemouth it will be a council in its own right (like it used to be)	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
X884	Stop wasting time and money	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X885	Stop wasting time and money on reviews designed to add layers of protection to current councillors and remove their accountability. BCP council was formed to provide better services and better financial planning to the 3 towns, it has done the exact opposite! Fix the system you have before trying to make the monster bigger	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
X886	Stop wasting time and money on these matters.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X887	Stop with all this pen pushing money wasting and spend it on genuine need!	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH14 0
X888	Streamline Governance, enable progress!	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 1
X889	strongly disagree with whole concept, extra cost and bureaucracy. Existing examples in Christchurch area do not inspire confidence	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X890	Subsequent questions seem to assume I agree with this strategy-I don't!	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2

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X891	Thank you for asking for local people's views. I'm not sure how many people will have heard about this consultation process - it will be important to find a variety of ways to engage.	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 8
X892	Thank you for the leaflet through my letter box. I appreciate being included in the process.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2
X893	Thanks for conducting it.	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 8
X894	That it is a shame and I feel strongly that we should have more guidance on how much this is all going to cost as residents before it is agreed.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2
X895	That this is a underhand method of extracting further revenue from residents.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X896	The area near Melbury avenue has been abandoned. There's glass and rubbish all over the roads and paths. Walking around with the children is embarrassing	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
X897	The BCP Council site where consultations are shown, does not have a link to this second round of consultation, despite it being open for more than one month now. I had to search for it via Google and come in via a press release. I believe this may be a breach of consultation rules?	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5

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X898	The boundaries of “Poole” council are clear – however the town will be disadvantaged and overwhelmed, if the whole of the town is 1x parish – when the town of Bournemouth is “represented” as 4x separate parishes. Resources for “Poole” (as well as Christchurch) will instead be routed (diverted/stolen) for projects elsewhere. The number of parishes need to be equivalent across the “Three Towns”, based on population, rate-payers, and geography –the cultural and historic value across the towns should be valued for this as well. The Parish boundaries need to be reviewed and corrected, for equal representation for everyone. Is there a fault on this form (and the survey)? In other parishes and wards the option to “Strongly Disagree” did not appear on the list – which will bend the results to a less-negative outcome – and an invalid result? Is this a flaw in the system – or is this intentional?	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 9
X899	The changes to the leaves of governance in this area are very concerning. After attending the consultation many of the answers were vague or not thought through. The added level of governance had no clear role, no over sight and required additional elections amongst other things. In addition the cost of these changes after only recently jointing the 3 councils in this area is not acceptable to the residents. If no oversight is created, no accountability can truly put in place and elected officials will be able to charge what they want for no additional services. This is not fair and rather disgraceful that locals will be asked to foot a bill for a change that will have no impact in improving services in the area. Too many cooks come to mind. Stop and consider the people of this area!	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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X900	The Consultation questions are overwhelmingly skewed towards the creation of Town/Parish councils across the conurbation. I disagree with the whole premise of a new layer of government. Please force Central government to adopt responsibility for adult social care and the provision of SEND , and then let local councils (BCP and others) set and manage local spending priorities beyond the basics.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X901	The cost and administrative arrangements will not bring betterment to the community. BCP should conduct a full review of their current processes and procedures which will increase efficiency and no doubt result in savings	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
X902	The costs of the changes is not clear and hidden in the text. I do not recall any mention of it in the video. It is almost like there is a deliberate effort to hide the fact that this will cost residents more for what seems an unnecessary change.	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
X903	The council does not have any money as it is, please stop wasting more money on things like this	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X904	The council leaders have a moral obligation to reject any proposal that creates an uncosted and avoidable liability for tax payers. They would be failing in their responsibilities to approve such an uncosted change.	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH13 7
X905	The council meeting was held between a selected few. No changes could be made fairly because of this. Had this meeting been open, money creating this review would not have been wasted. Only fair way to resolve this mess created to regain trust from Councillors is to do a referendum, soon!	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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X906	The current ‘consultation’ is non-binding with the final decision being vested with the councillors, many of whom have already publicly supported the proposals. That support is neither independent or legitimate. It is clearly biased toward party political policy. Residents have been informed the ‘consultation’ is being reviewed internally without independent oversight and calls into question serious concerns about transparency. It seems clear the party with a majority has already decided Community Governance will be introduced whether it is supported by a majority of residents or not. That is undemocratic and begs the question why hold a ‘consultation’?	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 8

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X907	The current governance levels of a BCP Council and Charter trustees for Bournemouth and Poole is not perfect but it works. The CT ability to safeguard the historic charters and to promote civic and ceremonial traditions of the respective Mayoralty's does a good job - and for a very small precept. Creating Town councils is akin to taking a step into the unknown, it is unfair to say cost can't be regarded as a consideration as this is obviously going to be an important factor for most residents. It cannot be said there will be better services or stronger democracy while we don't know what. TC could deliver. Bournemouth and Poole TC's would be 2 of the largest in the country - town and parish councils are usually for more rural areas not conurbations. An extra 42 Councillors just for Poole is far too many, on top of the number we have in BCP. It will create confusion for residents who won't easily navigate through the layers - ie which Cllr to go to with an issue, Bmth Tc, Poole TC, BCP? And with another layer being imposed in a few years time with Strategic authorities it will become even more difficult. Poole and Bournemouth are both simply too big to have successful Town Councils, and the outcome of the consultation should be very carefully listened to and observed with respect for residents views, I have not had one resident in ward of 10k households who have contacted me say they are in favour.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
X908	The entire scheme seems to be both a waste of money and a waste of time. There are far more important issues to be dealt with. Not least the fabric of Poole town itself.In addition we need to emphasise that Bournemouth is now a absolute disgrace. We don't go there unless it's essential. Friends tell us that at times tey feel unsafe there.	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 8
X909	The existing council should get their act together and make it work and not waste money on bringing another layer in to the Community.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2
X910	The first I knew of this was a post on Facebook by Judy Butt who is concerned about all aspects of it particularly cost	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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X911	The information document was long, but useful thank you. This form was easy enough to complete although I wasn't completely sure what every question (a to g) meant as I am totally against the proposal, in hindsight maybe I should have agreed to the proposed name of the council, but not the concept of having a town council. Good luck.	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6

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X912	The number of respondents (73) of a total population of 400,000 for BCP indicates (a) The existence of the review has been extremely poorly advertised, especially considering the potential impact and costs on ALL residents (b) Total lack of interest from the residents who are generally tired with the whole process of governance in this area	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
X913	The objective of this review should be to delayer, so removing Cllrs expenses and releasing that as cash to services and possible increase in salaries of the lower paid council employees. This should've set as a rule and applyied across the entire BCP area.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X914	The process seems to have been hijacked by those who are negative about everything. I understand that BCP can't fund discretionary services, but that a parish/town council could. I think it is important for Poole that a Town Council serves this purpose.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X915	The residents should have the ability to vote on this and BCP should not have an open mandate to steamroller whatever they want through the system	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2
X916	the review asks more questions than there are answers in relation to costs to residence. how can we make fair and considered view.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X917	The structure of the [unknown] is not related to any model which I would have devised or supported since it is too bureaucratic.	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
X918	The video was a helpful resource to understand the issue	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X919	The way this survey is written suggests decisions on these changes have already been made and this tokenistic "consultation" is pointless. I see no reason or benefit to residents to setting up these additional layers of bureaucracy. I am strongly opposed and believe BCP council should remain as it is. This is a complete waste of time and money in my opinion.	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3

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X920	The whole idea of creating a sub- bureaucracy is a nonsense the additional costs incurred on council tax payers when BCP was created to provide services previously. We want a greater proportion of the revenue collected annually to be spent on front line services and NOT administration. This is just an empress-building exercise which will not improve services.	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
X921	The whole idea of introducing Parish/Town Councils was brought in in a very underhand way, with little communication just before Christmas 2024, so most residents were unaware. Maybe that was the intention. As a result there were very few responses - how the Committee can suggest they were 'encouraged by the number of submissions' beggars belief. The recommendations were based on a very small percentage of residents' views.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X922	The whole thing is unnecessary and just designed to create jobs for the boys	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
X923	There are sound reasons why the area should be parished, but a particular benefit would be the creation of a Poole Town Council. The Town has a long history, strong traditions, a strong identity, and was badly served by the creation of BCP Council without a Town Council option being offerred.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
X924	There are two petitions currently being circulated that I am aware of. I would also endorse Cllr. Judy Butt's request for the Leader of the Council to face public questioning (unvetted) on all aspects of this proposal. I understand she is still awaiting a response to this request.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X925	There has been a lot of misinformation spread on social media and I suspect this will lead to a lot of negative reactions to the proposals. Hopefully the decision makers will take this into account. Personally I am willing to pay a bit more to get councillors who are focussed on the non essential services, leaving BCP councillors more time and energy to focus on statutory services. Some BCP councillors might even be better suited to serving as town councillors as it could give them more scope to focus on interests close to their hearts	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X926	There is a strong feeling that this could be used as a means to raise more revenue through a town/parish precept as no details or even draft proposals of the potential responsibilities that will be taken on by this body have been provided. In reality as per Christchurch TC as an example, major decisions on planning and infrastructure investment still lie with BCP along with services relating to road sweeping and waste collection. Services that matter to residents where this additional layer of 'council' provides no value add.	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 8

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X927	There is absolutely no need for any more tiers of governance when the current councillors are not doing their job to the full. I emailed my local Hamworthy councillors as a group but two addresses are not valid so cannot be contacted and the one that was valid did not respond. I then had a look at attendance records and one Hamworthy councillor has an attendance of just 27% which led me to look at the neighbouring wards, Poole Town, Creekmoor and Oakdale where attendance also seems average for some, although I would say not all councillors. The proposed town and parish councils have very little power to change anything and the three councils of Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth sold the amalgamation of all three on the premise of efficiency and cost savings none of which has happened so why add any more levels to it.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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X928	There is no support from me on this as it stands: ● I'd want to see a benefits assessment on what it delivers that can't already be delivered. ● what it would cost, does the council tax payer get it reduced from bcp and added to local, thus no extra? ● Is it an exact duplication? So the three bcp councillors i have, get 3 more for Poole town? Crazy idea.	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH12 1
X929	There is not enough consultation on this. An online survey is not reaching all residents. Proper consultations should be done & paper copies available to fill in, especially for older residents to have their say. Not enough information in the projections- going forward we need more information	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH16 5
X930	There is nothing clear about the benefits to locals. It just seems to be a way of increasing layers of administration and diluting the workload of existing councillors.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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X931	There is still a huge unawareness in the local community of the significance of this review. The only way I, and others, would feel confident with moving forward with the consultation would be if it were being conducted as a Referendum. The response from the submissions, forming the basis of the recommendations for a Poole Town Council are hardly an endorsement.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X932	There needs to be clear and easy access to all residents with a significant improvement in communication ahead of elections.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X933	There needs to be full commitment from BCP that the council will be listened to. I think the local councils should have a strong voice so they have more say on what goes on in their area such as police support, road conditions and anti social behaviour	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
X934	There was far too little time and effort put into introducing the idea of Parish and Town councils, plus confusing and incomplete information (eg whether the precept would be banded). The subsequent flyer for consultation was also inadequate, not clarifying that the proposal would involve additional cost to residents. It therefore did not meet the second Gunning Principle.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X935	Thier is no need for parish councils.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH16 5
X936	This appears to be an attempt to raise council tax bills which are likely to be used to raise additional funds for BCP rather than providing local services for areas that should be independent councils as previous to 2019. Why are ward councillors for BCP who are Charter Trustees not representing their wards instead of wanting to set up town councils to do their work for them.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X937	This appears to be an extra tier and duplication of local structures and control	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
X938	This consultation highlights the complete lack of understanding of what the electorate within BCP requires from the BCP council; we do not require extra layers of councillors providing zero benefit to the BCP residents. At the end of the day, who will suffer if this is allowed to happen and services inevitably deteriorate ? The BCP residents. I suppose at least we can eventually vote out the councillors responsible for this debacle.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
X939	This consultation is too complicated and time consuming for many residents to complete. The result may not therefore give a true representation of residents views.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X940	This council idea should not be used as a way of milling money from residents. BCP should use their money more wisely in less cycle lanes which are rarely used but cost millions. Also 20 MPH zones do not generate any gains for the residents but cost thousands of pounds.	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5

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X941	This has been proposed by BCP council and foisted upon residents in a most undemocratic and subversive manner. Many elderly residents will not be able to comment as everything is being kept online. There are no details of initial and ongoing costs and very little regard has been paid to the Gunning principles regarding full disclosure and cost implications. This proposal should be dropped and any future proposal of such importance must be put to the electorate to cast proper vote on once full and exact details have been provided.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X942	This hasn’t been publicised enough and if it wasn’t for the great work of our local councillor then we wouldn’t have a clue this review was going ahead.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X943	This hasn't been publicised enough	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X944	This idea is completely bonkers. It’s hard enough to try and get Counsellor to listen to the people some of the counsellors our adamant on destroying the local area they are making it harder and harder for everybody to do their day-to-day business or even trying to run a company making the roads literally unusable and selling off all the car parks trying to destroy the local tourism industry i.e. cancelling the air festival doing nothing for the D-Day landings this personally is disgusting The reason Bournemouth and Poole have become a dump is because Council is following their own agendas instead of make a Bournemouth and Poole a great Holiday attraction for everybody to enjoy And will boost the local economy and bring back our shops Unfortunately, putting cycle lanes everywhere and closing car parks is not the right way to go as you can see from the weekend all the tourist came down to poole and Bournemouth, which is great to see and spending money Don’t destroy poole in Bournemouth anymore with these silly decisions	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X945	This is a complete waste of public money. At a time when BCP is advertising a post at a salary greater than the PM you are now trying to promote another tier of governance with attendant costs.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X946	This is a half hearted review - either do it fully and properly or don't do it	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
X947	This is a poor show!!! Do not do this, no body wants this!!!!!!	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X948	This is a ridiculous idea costing your residents more money when money is already tight by. We do not want this.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X949	This is a waste of time. People are struggling and you want to add more money to people’s bills. We don’t need this so don’t do it	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
X950	This is a waste pf money. We already have too much politics going on. It is ridiculous to add more.	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
X951	This is adding another level of unrequired bureacracy which will have to be funded by the public without any benefit. It will be all extra costs and no savings, If work transfers it should be met with reductions in staffing and budgets for BCP Council otherwise it will be seen as a sneaky way of raising addition income / Council Tax without any changes in efficiency.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9

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X952	This is an unnecessary extra level of bureaucracy added into local government. BCP council is there to run the BCP area that is what they should. Creating these extra governing bodies will do nothing to help the situation and believe will make thing worse. Residents will not know who to go to with problems and will end up being passed from one agency to another. More emphasis should be put on improving the existing services rather than creating another layer of management.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 5
X953	This is an unnecessary waste of taxpayers' money. £100,000 for a consultation which seems like a thinly veiled disguise at a democratic process.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X954	This is deliberately designed to stop most people responding to this proposal	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2
X955	This is going to create an unnecessary level of governance and cost the taxpayer more money at a time when the cost of living has rocketed! It really is going backwards from what the BCP Council merger has worked so hard to achieve.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X956	This is idea is one of the most stupidest ideas along with cycle lanes that aren't being used. We do need this and residents certainly do not need the added stress of paying out more.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X957	This is just paying lip service to consultation - you already decided you're doing this, it won't matter what the residents say	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH15 3
X958	This is not wanted and was not what I voted for. It is also currently un costed and just an attempt to raise more funds from people already struggling with the cost of living. This should never have been brought to the table in the current economic climate when so many are struggling and many are living in food poverty. All accept local councillors, aparantly, who presumably see this as an opportunity to increase their allowances.	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
X959	This is something that is not needed in BCP Council area	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
X960	This is such a waste of time and money that could be better spent on issues that effetct local people. The state of our roads, parks, etc.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X961	This is very unfair, asking to support the new town council without knowing any costs or what they would eve do, especially as councillors can pay themselves an allowance and the new precepts are uncapped	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X962	This isn't democracy.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X963	This just feels like an initiative to introduce yet another unwanted layer of waste, similar to our police commissioner who has no real mandate as insufficient people vote for that office. Put the money into delivering services rather than into additional elections and associated, unwanted councillors.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X964	This needs a lot more than an online consultation of a couple of questions. It needs public meetings and Q&A.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
X965	This not required, the only reason this is being suggested now is so the LibDems have a foot hold as they will not be voted in at the next election.	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 9
X966	This proposal adds more complexity and thereby reduces the accountability of those in local government. Additionally it will increase costs with no benefits i can see.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X967	This proposal would require further elections and unknown increases - without restriction - in respect of council tax which is already at a very high level.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8

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X968	This seems like a decision had been made at the cost of the residents. Please, please, please, stay working out how to better use the money you have to bring translate benefits to the residents, because it's been a long time since I've seen any intrusive that had done so. I hope upon hope this is taken seriously although I fear the decision has already been made and those within BCP with be having another single malt to celebrate a good job done without any real quantifiable measures prior to their decision. If they have any it is brought in after the point to support their viewpoint. It's about time you started serving the residents towards a strong town, one that people can be proud of again instead of embarrassed.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X969	This should be provided in paper form to ALL households.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 8

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X970	This survey is a waste of time and money. Parish councils work well for rural communities but having ones in BCP suburbs would mean overlapping with BCP councillors resposibilities and inreasing Council Tax.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
X971	This survey is not very inclusive. The way the information is presented makes it difficult for lay people to understand.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X972	This was never mentioned whatsoever during the plans for the merger, why would anybody vote for this when it is going to cost residents more money. We don't need anymore councillors or any increased costs, you seem to think you can vote on it and we will all fall into place, this reeks of jobs for the boys !!!!!! My suggestion is simple, if you want this to go through have a full election throughout BCP , send the voting form to every resident by post so they have a hard copy to read and digest, outlining the cost and reasoning behind the decisions. You work for us not the other way around, do the job you are paid to do.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X973	This was not publicised enough to the general public and it is such an important concept that there should have been doorstepping and mailshots and social media to explain the process and what it means for residents. I have only found out about this from my local Councillor. This has not been a meaningful consultation process.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X974	This who exercise is a complete waste of time & money. If the council spent less time trying to come up with money making schemes & just got on with providing community services there would be a lot less wasted funding.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X975	This whole review has received little, or no publicity. I'll wager that few folks within BCP know anything about these proposals.	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH21 1
X976	Timescale for implementation is short and leaves little room for additional consultation if required as implementing the new structure shouldn't rushed so this does feel somewhat like a decision has already been made and planning underway in the back ground. This needs to be a public and transparent process with information around responses shared with all residents before full council vote to ensure residents' can have confidence in decisions being made actually reflecting resident concerns/wishes and if necessary additional consultation should take place.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X977	to see how much it would cost to establish this set up	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X978	Too many councillors would be very confusing for the local people. We already have a ruling council.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4

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X979	Trial areas that actually want to be 'Parished' - with a referendum after 5 years to if residents in those areas want to keep them. There's a lot of distrust with BCP governance. If you go ahead without popular support, it would be a mistake. Honestly, I think we just need smaller BCP wards and more councillors to help represent more local issues - which would just 'fix' a lot of the issues the town council seeks to resolve anyway.	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 9
X980	Unnecessary	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X981	unnecessary unwanted vanity project	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH15 2
X982	Very interesting	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5

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X983	Very poor communication by BCP on such an important matter. Not aware of any open meetings to share information. No opportunity for residents to voice opinion of size of TC for Poole. If this is to happen the Poole areas should be smaller to reflect individual are	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0
X984	Waste of money and time! The residents did not request it, I suspect too many egos within BCP Council.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X985	Waste of money and time. Further bureaucracy. Split back to three towns. Most people will be happy with that	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X986	Waste of money at all levels. Far too many Councillors proposed. Broadstone should not be a separate area. Current number of councillors for BCP Council sufficient and even they aren't the best of the best that they think they are.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X987	Waste of money time and resources. This whole exercise has cost money already, don't waste more.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X988	Waste of money, pretend involvement. Platform for people who like the sound of their own voices & throwing their weight around. Waste of officer time to consult with these bodies. Bournemouth & Poole need investment, arts & culture, transport infrastructure. Step up to the level of development that is commensurate with the size of the Local Authority. Look to the offer that Brighton makes to its residents.	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 9
X989	Waste of time and money	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
X990	Waste of time and money. Just fix the roads.	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH14 8
X991	waste of time and money. Look after the people without raising any council tax or services	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 8
X992	Waste of time and our money.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X993	Waste of time. Poorly considered. Unnecessary. Will add cost for no benefit.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X994	Waste of your time and our money, not needed not wanted no more councillors with expenses	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
X995	We all know that BCP will take no notice of this consultation and just do whatever they want. Roll on the next election, when we can get rid of this terrible council.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X996	We already have elected ward councillors. They should represent the residents. We do not need another raft of representatives. Ward councillors are elected or rejected on their effectiveness, get up, get out and do the job for which you canvassed!	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 8

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X997	We cannot afford another layer of government	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 2
X998	We do NOT NEED THIS granular of authority from a council perspective. It will be a burden, cost us more money and deliver nothing in a council where the resident councillors cannot think sensibly and for the benefit of the people for the people. Rather than adding more people who will add extra charges, lets get rid of the monopoly BCP have and get back to something that delivers a positive influence across the BCP region, some BCP council in its current form, fails to provide.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X999	We don't need a new tier of government. We need better use of the one we already have.	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
X1000	We don't need another 42 elected councillors replicating roles and searching for things to do.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X1001	we don't need another layer of beauracracy with it's added complications.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X1002	We don't need another layer of councillors duplicating jobs and more wages meaning we the council tax payers paying more for hen basically doing the same job	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X1003	We dont need another level of bureaucracy, costing more money and being charged to residents. BcP was suppost to save hundreds of thousands ,but with it, the creation of an unaccountable machine, who will now collect money, and pass all responsibility to local councils.fully fed, never accountable. We dont want it. If you want small,parish councils , disband BCP	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X1004	We have enough money being spent on councils and councillors; any more must be a voluntary status with no payment involved	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X1005	We need Poole Town Council. BCP Council has failed on every level and should be disbanded. If not then the funding for Poole Town Council must come from existing rates not increased which burdens the people but will be swallowed up in yet more inflated council officer and admin costs. Poole Town Councillors should live or work in Poole and be independent if possible. Too many decisions for Poole are currently taken by incomers to Christchurch and Bournemouth with very little interest or knowledge of Poole , it's people and history.	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
X1006	We need smaller area decisions. Not stupid ones like closing roads which creates congestion and pollution.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X1007	We say no to this. You will be voted out at next election I am sure of that	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH12 3
X1008	We should have retained the original individual Councils for Bournemouth Poole And Christchurch.	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH14 8
X1009	What a complete waste of money	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 9
X1010	What a waste of public funds by current administartion who knowing they cannot full fill their promises or cannot full fill their duties wish to pass on these objectives to others so that they can take the blame.	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6
X1011	What incredibly confusing questions! Please at least give us the costs in order to at least be able to decide whether we want to pay for these changes	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 8
X1012	What is the point of more bureaucracy, more councillors when we can't get the services we need at the moment. People can't afford higher bills just for 'jobs for the boys'.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X1013	What is the point. BCP is a coirrupt dictatorship. I dont want a parish council unless BCP is disbanded. Why was Drew Mellor not charged with fraud.	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 2
X1014	When I discuss this proposal with my friends most are completely unaware of it. I think it has been very poorly managed and advertised and the financial impact on residents given very low priority.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X1015	When the Council is so stretched for money and they ignore what the residents want (total idiocy of the cycle lanes and the vast sums of money spent on them) . What is the point . ?? of more money being wasted and another level of bureaucracy.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3

Q62 – Is there anything else that you would like to say about the Community Governance Review? – All Areas

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X1016	Where can I find the Governance Review. This whole mess started in 1974 when they changed Dorset's boundaries. Why did the Government at the time implement this? What was the need to change the boundaries?	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 2
X1017	Who came up with this stupid idea!!! Don't the council realise that people cannot afford more council tax especially as what we get from the council is poor value for money.	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH15 4
X1018	Why are we publicly wasting taxpayers funding with nothing to show except visibility showing public BCP only care about fethering more councillors nests. We can only speculate this is how lib dem formed the UA. Scratching political backsides.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 7
X1019	Why did we join with Bournemouth in the first place. Surely we should have learnt that big is unwieldy and inefficient.	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH14 9
X1020	Why do it?	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X1021	Why do you want to go back to a small local governace after becoming the great big pointless BCP and then add more to our council tax for something that was not required when it was just Poole Christchurch and Bournemouth? It's bad enough how you treat us in our ever demanding view that everyone has to be made to cycle to work	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X1022	Why is Broadstone treated as a separate issue and not Creekmoor?	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X1023	Why is this needed? BCP is in a poor state with lack of funds, how is this going to improve that? What are the responsibilities of the parish council, which responsibilities will remain with BCP?	Poole Town	Hamworthy	BH16 5
X1024	Why isn’t Creekmoor included , this survey is just skewed propaganda !	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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X1025	Why not have a referendum of those affected by these proposed changes? I'm sure you'll say it's too expensive, but what price democracy. More significantly however I suspect it can't be relied upon to deliver the desired response. So much easier to have a non binding consultation where the results can be "interpreted" to lead to the desired outcome.	Poole Town	Oakdale	BH15 3
X1026	Why?!	Poole Town	Poole Town	BH15 1
X1027	Will all residents be able to see the (through open and transparent)consultaion ,numbers for the surveys or is this a text book decsion already made just to accomadate the thats required to move forward to these parish councils as a tick box excersise .	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7
X1028	Will it actually make any difference or will it just cost more and show no advancements? Will it mean we get a say in proposed planning or is this now a simply a backwards thinking Labour government thing? Will nature get better protected?	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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X1029	Will the people be listened to? The consultation over traffic through Poole Park ignored the majority view. Time BCP started to recognise huge burden council tax is for residents and look for cost savings rather than adding yet further costs for local residents.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X1030	Will there be a roll out to encourage local engagement? What is being done to get community clubs involved	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH18 8
X1031	Would a Poole Town council report to BCP Council?	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 4
X1032	Yes - can you not find ways to spend LESS money, rather than more?	Poole Town	Canford Cliffs	BH13 6

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X1033	Yes I think the review is a waste of time, the decision has already been made just like the Poole Park Gate "consultation" where the woshes of the residents were ignored. You will do this regardless of the replies here because whereas we promote our country as democratic, it is not.	Poole Town	Alderney & Bourne Valley	BH12 1
X1034	Yes I totally feel that this is all a waste of council and tax payers money the state of the countries finances are not good and we should not be even thinking about setting up all these Parish and Town councils. I have seen how much money they cost to run and frankly it is money wasted. I have thought this for years, so many parish councils throughout Dorset spend far to much money on the Parish or Town council for themselves and not the people. When you have adverts for Town Clerks and the wage is £62.377.00 to £70.065.00 depending on qualifications I find this totally disgusting and a waste of money. We all should be saving money in everyway we can. So setting on these councils up is not a good idea. Use the money for the people.	Poole Town	Canford Heath	BH17 9
X1035	Yes, stop now, disband and get on with running our services instead of wasting more time and money.	Poole Town	Parkstone	BH14 0

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X1036	Yes, what is the point ? if the 'Council' are not going to change the amount of Councillors' or anything to do with the 'Council Tax' costings ? Other than putting anextra 1% on the bill for those under the burden every year, what is the gain ? All i see is another layer of bureaucracy, more money to go to yet more Councillors inflated wages and gold plated pensions ! another joke...no wonder so many are now beginning to realise that it is all a big, unlawful, tax con..	Poole Town	Bearwood & Merley	BH11 9
X1037	Yes. It's an insult to our intelligence, and we look forward to voting the LibDems and friends out of office. Particularly because they don't listen to local people and do things that weren't in their manifesto. Moreover they will not uphold the law to protect us from the junkies, shoplifters, drug dealers, and illegal immigrants who are turning our town centres into no-go zones. Instead they class these antisocial criminals as "the most vulnerable in our society". They are not.	Poole Town	Penn Hill	BH14 9

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X1038	Yes. It's deeply disappointing that BCP Council's administration is choosing to divert time, energy and public funds into proposing new layers of governance that the public neither asked for nor need. The focus should be on improving the efficiency, visibility and effectiveness of the existing BCP structure, not creating costly town and parish councils to pass the buck. The whole rationale for the 2019 reorganisation was to streamline local government and realise the benefits of a modern, unified authority. Yet here we are just a few years later, seemingly unravelling that progress and introducing fragmentation by stealth. There's no public mandate for this. No groundswell of demand. And no real benefit to residents. In fact, it undermines the bold ambition that BCP once had - a 21st Century City by the Sea - by retreating into parochialism and adding bureaucracy instead of delivering better outcomes. This review risks becoming a distraction from the real issues: tackling inequality, fixing local services, managing growth responsibly, and making the BCP vision work for all our communities. If the current leadership wants to rebuild public trust and civic pride, it should focus on delivering what we already have, not layering on governance that no one asked for.	Poole Town	Talbot & Branksome Woods	BH12 5
X1039	Yet another Labour plan to increase civil servant numbers without any regard to the cost implications.	Poole Town	Creekmoor	BH17 7

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X1040	You had 3 separate councils, you caused staff working for those councils high amounts of stress, putting them through competition. No achievement has been made from BCP you can't just change your mind without acknowledging the damage you have done to those employed by the previous town councils or the residents of those councils.	Poole Town	Newtown & Heatherlands	BH14 0
X1041	An excessive amount seems to be being committed to consultations which could be better spent on improving the lot of those local residents in real need	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	
X1042	BCP needs to be broken up back into it's constituent towns. We do not need a city here, and definitely not run from Bournemouth. Which needs to be returned to Hampshire.	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	
X1043	I am grateful to have the opportunity to take part in this review having happily lived in Christchurch Town (Fairmile) since 1946	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	
X1044	I started this process with an open mind expecting to find lots of information about the pros and cons of this decision to help me consider the options, however, I quickly realised that most of the information was about the first 2 parts of the process that had already taken place at a much higher level (understandably) proposing how to divide the area up etc and very little information to help me (a resident) decide at a very basic level what would be the best outcome for me and my family. A very disappointing approach given that you are asking for my views but I am unable to give you an informed answer.	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	
X1045	It has been poorly administered. We never received a flyer through the door, no did several friends locally. This is such an important issue for residents, the consultation process has not been inclusive and the information supplied minimal.	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	
X1046	It is an absurdity, BCP council not been given a chance to drive efficiency savings. Also the savers should say BCP and not reference defunt companies such as Bournemouth Borough Council	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	
X1047	It is an unnecessary level of bureaucracy.	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	
X1048	More money down the drain! for the [unknown] ours have not been [unknown] for years. or kerbs of weeds like we used [unknown] ours very unhappy [unknown]!!	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	

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X1049	no	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	
X1050	Nothings here thanks	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	
X1051	Please, please, please do not do this. It is crazy. It is a massive distraction from just getting on and doing the great work that a good Council should be doing. Please also consider whether this consulation is meaningfull given the time it would take your citizens to fully engage with it - just reading the document is highly prohibitive.	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	
X1052	Some of the questions are completely irrelevant to the survey - see last two pages. Has anyone from BCP actually read it?	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	
X1053	The administration of the three councils into BCP was promoted on the premiss of a more efficient, effective service for all of us. It would appear they would now wish to offload some responsibilities to an unelected body who it appears will not be accountable to us the electorate.	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	
X1054	There should be a further stage of consultation [unknown] the process of such a proposal, the degree to which it take over responsibilities from BCP council, determining a precept that the [unknown] take 'election' shall be no more than council tax and those [unknown] to the parish councillors shall have no political affection (as the case in existing Parish)	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	

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X1055	This whole thing is wrong! I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils There have been no costings whatsoever as to how much this will cost so how can anyone agree when no information given on exactly 1) what the new town and parish councils will do and 2) how much tax with NO ceiling increase will cost. The timing of this consultation is so wrong costing in excess of £100k when money could have been better spent. I strongly believe it's just a matter of creating 'jobs for the boys' . . . Or should I say girls in this instance! This survey and completing it is so very onerous. That too is disgusting and it's obviously relying on people to not bother giving their views as it's too difficult Disagree If the Liberal Democrats wish to go this postpone it until 2027 so it can be voted on properly. Stop wasting money the council does not have	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	
X1056	We don't want this	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	
X1057	While the consultation time has been sufficient. The background for the 3 main 'Town Councils' has been rushed or not thought through. They are really not part of governance, there voice is not powerful enough and easily dismissed.	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	
X1058	Yes, it’s all total bullshit. Get rid of it. No one is interested and nobody wants to pay any more taxes for it.	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	

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X1059	Yes, whilst i think it inportant to have these reviesw, this survey and all the information was not really publisised. That there is a real option to do nothing is not mentioned in the review. In many ways the review is presenting a signle proposal so strickly speaking of a review of the options. It is not made clear that if only a few areas were adopted then the charters would remain and a 3-tier system would be put in place.	Postcode Not Matched	Postcode Not Matched	
X1060	A costly consultation which will hopefully be scrapped	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
X1061	Don't do it. It's a waste of money to make a few self-important people feel more important	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
X1062	I hope that it comes to fruition	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
X1063	it's a Big council con. Getting more money off us to provide an already rubbish service.	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5

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X1064	LGR has been a difficult but highly successful process albeit, it is the government that has benefitted from the huge savings and efficiencies achieved, and not residents, who are understandably frustrated about the reduction in the level and quality of many of the services supplied by BCP Council. The reduction in Local Government funding has forced the Council to focus primarily on statutory services, in particular Adult and Children's social care. This means that around 75% of all the revenue collected by the council us expended on a relatively small percentage of the population, maybe less than 5%. For residents that see their council tax going up year on year , but with a corresponding reduction in the quantity and quality of non-statutory services, this seems inexplicable. The council's answer to this is to absolve itself from any responsibility to provide non-statutory services by introducing Parish and or Town Councils who will be allowed to tax residents separately in order to fund the services that BCP says it should not, or cannot afford to provide. This is treating the symptoms of the problems, and not the cause, which is the government's failure to fund local government adequately, whilst at the same time restricting the Council's ability to raise council tax to a level that could enable them the properly fund services, both statutory and non statutory. The proposal to introduce parish or town councils in the manor proposed will lead to a chaotic, hugely divisive, costly , bureaucratic, unfair and completely unnecessary level of local government that is completely at odds with the aims of Local Government Reorganisation and the very reasons why BCP was created. Should these proposals go ahead, the introduction of a Strategic Authority led by a Mayor, will add yet another layer of local government that will need to be paid for by the tax payer. This looks very much like a return to the previous patterns of local government that I thought we were moving away from.	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
X1065	No. I have said it all.	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
X1066	not needed - not required.	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
X1067	Scrap it.	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
X1068	Seems to me like a big waste of Council Tax payers' money.	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
X1069	Stop trying to waste tax payers money	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
X1070	The comments I put in the Redhill & Northbourne section should apply to all BCP districts. We have a council, why create more expense & confusion, better that the BCP council does IT'S job properly, without any additional layers.	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
X1071	The creation of the Poole and Bournemouth town parishes seems to be a step back to the independent councils prior to BCP being created. If this is an unnecessary and costly addition to the local council tax burden the validity of the proposal should be brought into question.	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
X1072	The whole bureaucracy needs slimming down, productivity needs improving, I'm still waiting for a new bin lid!	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
X1073	To my knowledge, residents of BCP were not consulted as to whether this review should have been undertaken. at all. It seems that the changes being thrust upon us are of little, if any, benefit.	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5

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X1074	Town and Parish councils should be removed as they add an unnecessary layer of councils for no added benefit. Equivalent roles and clear departmental structures already exist under BCP so these should be given the full remit to improve their own services, with existing precept payments being absorbed into these departmental budgets. Ward councillors already provide the representation to ensure community views and cohesion are considered in council decisions.	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
X1075	Waste of time and resources	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6

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X1076	We are living through a time of deep public disillusionment with politics. Trust in institutions is at historic lows, and there is a widespread sense that government—at all levels—is no longer capable of delivering meaningful change. Nowhere is this felt more sharply than in local government. After more than a decade of severe funding cuts, councils have been forced to strip back vital services, leaving many communities underserved and residents frustrated. What remains is often the bare minimum required by law—services are less visible, less responsive, and less accessible than they used to be. In this context, people are not asking for more layers of government. They don't want new titles, new committees, or another tier of politicians with limited powers and limited ability to effect change. But that is exactly what parish councils would introduce—and at a cost. There are several key problems with the proposal to introduce parish councils in Bournemouth: They risk deepening inequality. Affluent areas could raise more money through parish precepts, while less affluent areas—such as Boscombe—would struggle to match this, leading to uneven service provision across the town. They undermine democratic participation. Turnout in local elections is already low. Parish council elections often see dismal turnout, favouring the most organised and well-resourced voices, not necessarily the most representative. Fragmenting local democracy makes it more complex, less transparent, and less accessible. They increase the cost of living. Parish councils rely on a precept added to council tax. Council tax is already regressive—adding more costs hits lower-income residents hardest. They dilute the purpose of BCP. The BCP Council was created to bring coherence, scale, and shared purpose to our region. Breaking it apart into smaller, less accountable units undermines its ability to deliver effectively for all. The consultation itself reflects this fragmentation. When asking which area best reflects your identity, the options are limited only to proposed parish council names. There is no opportunity to say "Bournemouth" or "BCP"—a glaring omission that excludes residents who don't engage with the ward system (most, of course, don't vote in local elections, and don't know which ward they live in) or who identify with the town or the wider region rather than with these artificially defined neighbourhood units. There is no strong grassroots demand for parish councils in Bournemouth. Bournemouth is one town, and its strength lies in working together with the rest of BCP to build a fairer, more sustainable future for everyone. We should resist efforts to Balkanise our communities into smaller, less effective and less equal structures.	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6

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X1077	We live in an age of unprecedented voter disillusionment, where the public has completely lost trust in public institutions at all levels to deliver real change. Local government is at the sharp end of this - over a decade of funding cuts have reduced local services to a shoestring, making them less responsive and more inaccessible to residents, while failing to provide so many of the local services residents had come to expect from local councils. Many of these vital services have been progressively pared back and in some cases completely eliminated as the council focuses on meeting its bare minimum statutory requirements with the very limited resources it has. Against this tragic backdrop, local people don't want another layer of bureaucracy and a new class of politicians who promise change but fail to deliver. But that is precisely what parish councils entail. The key issues with parish councils are as follows: 1. They risk inequality of local services. Some parts of Bournemouth are more affluent than others. If those parts had their own parish council, they would be able to raise more council tax to fund local services, while other parts, such as Boscombe, wouldn't be able to raise the same funds. 2. They undermine democracy. Turnout at council elections is already low. Town and parish councils see truly abysmal turnouts. Lower turnouts tend to benefit the wealthier and more conservative sections of society. Democracy needs to be simple, accessible, and understandable - adding a whole new layer of politicians and further fragmenting decisionmaking to an entire new set of bodies will not improve outcomes nor help and encourage people to engage in local democracy. This makes politics less accessible, more difficult for citizens navigate, and less responsive to citizens' voices. 3. They increase the cost of living. Although parish councils don't have to raise a precept, they can't do much without one. The larger the precept, the larger your council tax bill. And council tax is a regressive tax - it hits lower-income people harder. 4. They undermine the purpose of BCP. The core idea of BCP was to bring services together and integrate what is effectively a city region, for the benefit of residents, with economies of scale and unified strategy. This becomes more difficult the more power is spread out to small, less accountable bodies. Please respect that Bournemouth has effectively no significant movement in favour of parish councils. Bournemouth is Bournemouth - it's one town, which, by working together with our friends across BCP to pool our strengths as one, has absolutely enormous potential. Bournemouth and BCP should not be Balkanised into small, isolated, unequal, and undemocratic new units of government. Our strength, and indeed the strength and founding purpose of BCP as a whole, is in working together as a cohesive whole to build a brighter future for all. That is where we should focus all our energy, not in parish councils.	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 6
X1078	What a waste of money.	Redhill & Northbourne	Redhill & Northbourne	BH10 5
X1079	Bournemouth is a shit hole, the council dont care and do nothing neither do the police.	Respondent from outside BCP	West Purbeck	BH20 5
X1080	extra cost for little value and no reason to add a whole new and pointless level of beaurocracy	Respondent from outside BCP	Corfe Mullen	BH18 9
X1081	I think it has been excellently laid out and is very clear. WELL DONE BCP COUNCIL OFFICERS AND COUNCILLORS!	Respondent from outside BCP	Corfe Mullen	BH21 3
X1082	no	Respondent from outside BCP	Corfe Mullen	BH18 9

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X1083	Please ensure you seek representation form young people and children as well as the other marginalised areas within Poole. Parents and carers of SEND - Schools - local charities and the services - plus a variety of ethnicities and cultural backgrounds	Respondent from outside BCP	Lytchett Matravers & Upton	BH16 5
X1084	WASTE OF MONEY. If BCP put another layer of tax into play then BCP should receive less money.	Respondent from outside BCP	Lytchett Matravers & Upton	BH16 5
X1085	WHY HAVE YOU INCLUDED UPTON IN YOUR DELIVERING OF THE FLYER? YOUV'E TRIED TO GRAB UPTON IN THE PAST, SO KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF OF UPTON & LYTCHETT MINSTER	Respondent from outside BCP	Lytchett Matravers & Upton	BH16 5
X1086	No	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
X1087	I'm concerned this consultation isn't reaching the average resident. We need transparency, clarity, and simplicity—otherwise, we're only hearing from the loudest voices, not the broadest.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5
X1088	A waste of money which could have been used to actually improve services.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1089	Apart from the online survey and paper copies available in the libraries, the small leaflet delivered to each household did not really explain what is happening. Will there be unbiased media coverage ie tv/radio/newspapers. People need to know more about it.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1090	As stated in my previous answers, it is my opinion that there is no need for another layer of governance. The existing 76 councillors of BCP council should cover all matters in the community.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 3

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X1091	As we have suggested the use of related alterations, we also sought guidance from the Local Government Boundary Commission on what an appropriate consultation process for these changes should involve, as this is a statutory requirement. The Commission has provided the following clarification: We would normally expect to see evidence of potential changes to principal council ward boundaries flagged in the CGR consultation itself so all have the chance to see and comment on them. However, the process you propose to follow seems reasonable to me. We would want to see what the outcome of this specific consultation, as well as the wider CGR outcome. I'm sure you have seen this already, but Section 6 of our joint guidance on CGRs outlines the related alterations process: https://www.lgbce.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-03/community-governance-review-guidance.pdf It is worth noting that if the proposed changes are widespread and would have a detrimental effect on electoral equality in the wards concerned, the Commission might decide not to grant the related alterations and conduct a full electoral review instead. All of the proposed changes will need information both on the current number of electors affected and a five-year forecast of electors too.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1092	BCP is a disaster as overstaffed expensive local authority which has not carried out the quoted savings, staff and accommodation reductions forecaste in its formation claims. This review is an expensive exercise from an organisation which has not undertaken its current philosophy.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1093	Before my time it was B, C & P separately. Then amalgamated. Now looking to splinter again. Instead of all this time and cost dividing and regrouping, just do stuff? Services are failing, the towns are becoming ghosts and just having more committees taking public money for tea and biscuit chats wont change a thing.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5
X1094	Believe parish councils should be scrapped, simply another layer of cost and bureaucracy which be served better by centralised service. It would make it much harder to get things done or agreement across parishes	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1095	Completely disagree with the concept of town/parish/community councils devolving responsibility from those who have the experience and knowledge to deliver. We should be supporting and funding what we already have instead looking at ways to hoodwink the public in to parting with money that they can ill afford to spend.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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X1096	Dear BCP Council, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed creation of a town or parish council for Southbourne. 1. No Need for Additional Layers of Government Southbourne already receives services through BCP Council and its existing structures. Introducing another tier of government is unnecessary and inefficient. It risks duplicating responsibilities, confusing accountability, and adding further bureaucracy to a system that already struggles with responsiveness and clarity. 2. Increased Council Tax is Unjustified The introduction of a parish or town council would inevitably lead to higher council tax, regardless of promises that the precept may be small. The average charges in other areas (e.g. Christchurch Town at £70.23) show this can be a significant additional burden, especially during a time when households are already under financial pressure. Instead of introducing new costs, the council should be finding ways to reduce the overall tax burden on residents. 3. Focus on Efficiency, Not Expansion Local government should follow the same principles households are forced to apply: live within their means. Many residents are cutting costs and prioritising spending. The council should do the same. It is no longer acceptable to justify new spending or governance structures by citing reductions in central government funding. Like residents, the council must learn to prioritise, streamline services, and make responsible cuts instead of inflating the public sector at local expense. 4. Risks of Mission Creep and Redundancy Even if initial responsibilities of a parish or town council seem minor (e.g., Christmas lights or noticeboards), there is a clear risk of mission creep. These councils often begin to take on broader roles and spend more, without delivering proportionate value. Southbourne does not need another platform for token projects that come at real cost. 5. Representation Already Exists There are already elected councillors representing Southbourne through BCP Council. If residents are dissatisfied, the answer lies in holding those councillors accountable, not creating more politicians, more committees, or more meetings. In conclusion, I urge the Task and Finish Group and Full Council to reject the proposal to create a parish or town council for Southbourne. It would be a retrograde step, introducing unnecessary cost, complexity, and confusion, when what we really need is leaner, smarter, more accountable local governance.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 3
X1097	Despite the consultation, I am concerned that public awareness is not sufficient to justify the change going ahead as early as 2026. Many residents and businesses affected by the proposals are still unaware of the impact on them, such as those around the boundary, and all I speak to are surprised when it is explained. I recommend that the final decision or implementation is deferred to give more time for the community to be aware of the changes, particularly if you want good turnout and participation in elections.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1098	DON'T WASTE COUNCIL TAX MONEY ON THIS STUPID SCHEME SPEND IT ON HEALTH SERVICES, POLICING AND MAINTAINING THE ROADS AND STREETS	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1099	expensive madness	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 3
X1100	Extra layers of councils and councillors would produce zero benefits to efficiency and operating costs. Indeed multiple layers of councils would cause confusion and disrupt community cohesion. it would be a backward step in town harmony and development.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1101	Forget it!	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1102	Good luck - and keep Town Hall administration to absolute minimum -otherwise there will soon be representations from the community to do away with the community councils!	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1103	Hopefully it will not waste endless Council time, create yet more departments full of people to manage it all, and therefore use up the funds desperately needed to provide vital and increasing social care.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1104	Hopefully the results of this survey will be strongly against he proposed changes and that concil effort & money can get back to the key issues and stop being wasted (time & money) on this proposal.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1105	How much is the Community Governance Review costing the tax payer?	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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X1106	I am concerned that a lot of time has been spent considering this proposal that may have been better directed to other issues.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 3
X1107	I am concerned that the ward councillors in our area are pushing hard for this change without truly thinking about the impact on the residents.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1108	I am in favour of creating a Parish Council for Southborne (I live here), and would be interested in becoming involved, if it were an option.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1109	I am pleased that this is going ahead and feel that some good and detailed work has been undertaken on these proposals	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1110	I attended a meeting to see the presentation about the Review . I listened to questions and noted who was interested to attend the meeting. I came away concerned about the concept of the councils and would like to state my strong objection. As I have put elsewhere in this document - and repeated in quite a few places in order to make sure my thoughts are seen :) - the concept of a council made up from volunteers seem flawed and risky. Just to repeat: I note that in local parish councils established in 2019 elections were contested in 2019 but then not in 2023, apart from one ward in Christchurch. I feel strongly that the premise of setting up councils made up from volunteers is deeply flawed. Where is the governance and vetting of these probably well meaning but possibly not capable individuals? Alarm bells ring when the initial enthusiasm for putting themselves up to contest an election has disappeared and the council continues with no possible change of personnel? People who put themselves forward may have particular pet interests and may make short term decisions with unforeseen consequences down the line. The whole premise seems to be a way to off load some responsibilities from the council but the approach of getting some members of the community, whose only qualification may be the location of their house, to take these responsibilities on seems very risky	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
X1111	I believe this is a way of trying to hide the fact that local government is underfunded and will not achieve what is intended.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 3
X1112	I do feel that Boscombe has a unique identity and would benefit enormously from having more input from residents via a Parish Council. In the last decade, the Boscombe Forum began the regeneration of Boscombe, which is beginning to take shape. I am sure a Parish Council in Boscombe can only add to this regeneration where they will be able to apply for more funding to harness and promote its artistic base, history and galvanise more residents toward a better future.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5
X1113	I feel this is a good move to let more people have a say in their local area.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1114	I have been a parish councillor in the past and they can meaningful and can create change for the good of everyone.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
X1115	I honestly thought the Liberal Democrats sought to lead for the good of all residents. This just looks like political opportunism.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1116	I hope not too much money is being wasted on setting up the proposal and advertising thereof	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
X1117	I hope that there is significant community engagement and meaningful responses received, with a good percentage of overall respondents before any decisions are made. This feels like further significant changes, (that require full community participation in order to make it work), having gone through the upheaval of the formation of BCP Council in 2019.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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X1118	I implore the council not to go ahead with this plan.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1119	I strongly disagree with the proposals and think they would be a big step back. Do not add this complexity and cost and just stay with what we have and improve from there	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1120	I suspect that this survey is not fully qualitative, it has a bias towards making this proposal be approved,	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1121	I Think adding numerous extra parishes all arguing over what area should get certain benefits over others will cause more problems than it will solve. Needs to be unbiased and simple council and fair to all.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5
X1122	I think the time scale for getting information out to residents is much too short. And I think without public meetings funded by BCP most residents will not know the benefits of a Community/Town/Parish Council and will not fill out the survey. Most people I have met, once they know the positive aspects are in favour of a local council but if there are no public meetings in Bournemouth, who is going to explain to residents the benefits? Many residents don't know who the Charter Trustees are or that they are paying £2 per annum in a precept to the CT. Paying as little as £20 per annum in a precept would vastly improve the funds available for Bournemouth Town Centre but if there are no public meetings the opportunity could be missed.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
X1123	I thought central government were wanting to reduce the levels of bureacracy at local level. I cannot see what these councils will do that BCP isn't doing already.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1124	I understand the rationale for a community council but with our boundaries are so close to Boscombe & Pokesdown I'm not sure it would suit this area.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1125	I want to see evidence that this review is listened to (what ever way the comments and views come out) rather than rubber stamping a decision that's already been made. Make the decision be based on facts.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1126	I wish you well with the task & finish group, as the saying goes Just Do It, but get the training right, get the delivery of the message right & look at how things are communicated from BCP not by political parties, embargo councillors from making comments, until the councillors have been trained as the hate that will come their way does not need to be stirred up further by bringing politics into this IMHO.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1127	I would like to be reassured that any decisions will be truely democratic based on the number of households in the area not just on the number of respondents to the consultation.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
X1128	I would like Tuckton to have it's own council representation so locals can build a community identity and improve the look and feel of the area. I would like direct funding for Tuckton projects that impact locals and visitors and draw extra footfall to the area while retaining a small town/ village feel. Funding for local projects especially the high street could improve the look and feel of the whole space and create a sense of pride.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
X1129	I would rather BCP council lived up to their responsibilities and were held accountable, in which case community councils would not be necessary!	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5
X1130	If the proposal is to proceed with parish councils then this should be put to a referendum of residents and not based on a consultation most people won't bother to fill in.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1131	If we are expected to pay a precept will our council tax be reduced accordingly?	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5
X1132	I'm deeply upset that this is not an anonymous survey as any other vote would be for an elected official	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1133	In a nutshell it beggars belief. Services in BCP have seriously deteriorated since they merged in 2019. Too many people involved in the running of three different areas has resulted in extremely poor service and unfathomable decisions which have added nothing to the benefit of the area. Adding even more Councils underneath BCP Council just doesn't make any sense at all. I suggest BCP concentrate on improving their services rather than creating new Councils which are highly unlikely to be of any benefit to the residents of BCP.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1134	Information should be available at final of review regarding the councillors for each ward.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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X1135	Is there anything else that you would like to say about the Community Governance Review? Yes. As Chair of the Boscombe and Pokesdown Community Forum, I would like to thank the Council for undertaking this important review. The opportunity to reimagine how local governance operates across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole is both timely and necessary. The creation of more responsive, community-led structures has the potential to bring decision-making closer to the people, foster civic pride, and support long-term local resilience. However, the process must remain transparent, inclusive and genuinely consultative. Where proposals have emerged from residents, forums, and neighbourhood partnerships — as is the case with the Boscombe and Pokesdown Community Council — they deserve serious consideration and support. These proposals are rooted in years of community engagement and reflect the lived experiences of local people. Conversely, proposals that have not come through public consultation — such as the Bournemouth Town Council — must be approached with caution. Structural changes must not be introduced by default, or as administrative solutions to governance gaps, without direct and meaningful input from the communities affected. We ask that the Council ensures: Full transparency in how decisions are made and proposals evaluated; Protection for adopted Neighbourhood Plans and the integrity of existing community-led planning; A commitment that no area will be assigned to a governance structure it has not asked to join, without being specifically consulted. This review represents a rare chance to strengthen local democracy. To do so successfully, it must continue to prioritise place-based identity, accountability, and community voice above uniformity or administrative simplicity.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1136	Is this not a task that our local MP is already achieving? Should BCP as a council not already be achieving this too? Could time, effort and public money instead be spent on streamlining the local council, improving efficiencies in the local council, and spending greater time "on the ground" engaging in local community? As an active member of the local community myself, my family and I have seen first hand the cuts that BCP have made- especially on the beachfront, something so many BCP locals are proud of. When "efficiency" is such a focus in wider UK Government and the Civil Service, maybe BCP council could consider the same- instead of spending further funds on increasing levels of bureaucracy.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 3

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X1137	It is not appropriate to create another level of bureaucracy within local government particularly as the proposed parish councils will have very limited powers, if any. The proposed election of councillors is clearly undemocratic and I query why so many parish councillors are needed. There is no logic to on the one hand creating BCP to reduce administration amongst other things and on the other creating lots of parish councils with limited powers.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1138	It is not needed. BCP councillors just need to do the role that they were elected for	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
X1139	It seems unnecessary and adding extra layers of bureaucracy at extra cost to local residents, but with no additional benefits. Also the review and process must have cost extra money.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1140	It's a total waste of money and time, don't try and fix something that isn't broken, spend your time money and resources sorting out Bournemouth town centre to be a safer cleaner place to visit, concentrate on sorting out the crime and more visible police on the beat in all communities	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 3
X1141	It's very hard to vote for something with no known financial consequence. Council tax goes up and up yet so could this. I fear that some in Southbourne want everything perfect eg community events, youth clubs etc, planting/baskets, all regardless of cost or peoples' income.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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X1142	It's a way of passing the cost onto us, as a community. Instead of managing what we do have. Please don't go down this rabbit hole.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1143	It's fine to have a review but, as far as I can see, it is an additional layer of bureaucracy and that will cost additional money and feel that Council Tax is getting too much so there is no need for more money to be shelled out for this. Many years' ago, parish councillors only were paid expenses - now they have a salary and a pension. IT IS TOO MUCH!!!	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1144	Make the case for change by providing a proper cost benefit analysis. These are the benefit and these are the costs. So people can judge whether the benefits are worth it	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1145	Money wasted again on a stupid idea, I get the strong feeling some people are going to make money out of this. My goals for Bournemouth 1) get rid of the goats and cattle we have for no reason. 2) start maintaining the gardens parks and cliff tops cut the bloody grass and give us the sea views back. 3) reduce the townhall office and no working from home ,as its grossly over staffed. 4) force the police to do their job charge and remove the drunks and druggies and homeless from all public area's. 5) reduce parking charges and the centre may generate ,this will only help if the previous is done as well. 6) get rid of all the BIDS that businesses have to pay.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
X1146	More representation is good thing for the community. The plans should go ahead.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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X1147	My views are set out in the survey	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1148	New Parish councils are not needed	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 3
X1149	no	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1150	no	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 3
X1151	no	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1152	No thank you	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
X1153	Not wanted, why not just get rid of BCP and return to what we had before with each town having its own council.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
X1154	Only to reiterate what I said in reply to question 14 - leave this until after the 2027 elections, with a suggestion to revert to the previous local authority areas, which worked quite well, with no need for one authority of BCP	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 3
X1155	Overall I would prefer this not too be implemented as it is making another tier of council which does not appear to have justified a benefit. I would rather the council did not consult on this, leave it as is, and instead concentrate of delivering services.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1156	Parish councils are an unnecessary administrative tier. They result in additional costs - without value for money - for council tax payers. In the context ongoing economic crisis, and world-wide unrest, this is the wrong time to be debating this. Instead, existing councillors and leaders would do better to focus on providing more efficient and cost effective services within the existing resources. This review is just the Labour government's way of distracting the country from the real issues and problems.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1157	Parish Councils are an unnecessary extra level of burocracy costing additional precepts to local people when the parish council does not have skilledexpertise to carry out duties that should be carried out by competent and trained staff. The environment is a good example. E.g. A parish council could never afford to have skilled expertise in environmental matters - something which is a core responsibility of the Unitary Authority.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1158	Please just get on with doing the day-job; when that is done is the time for considering alternative propositions. There seems to me to be a lot of the day-job still to be done with my current council tax	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
X1159	Save money and scrap the idea. no more bumbledom councils.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1160	Scrap it. Are the elected local councillors failing in their duties ? If not why do we need further parishes? If they are failing then sack them.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1161	Stop wasting our money, smd do the job ypu are paid/elected to do.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1162	Thank you for the opportunity to have this consultation and good luck sorting out all the comments!	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4

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X1163	Thanks for all the hard work that has gone into this consultation process.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1164	Thankyou for giving me the chance to express my views.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 5
X1165	The current council format does not seem to represent local people well enough. I hope this gives greater democratic access and local decision making including around matters of tourism and planning.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1166	The current system provides sufficient accountability and accessibility. We need no more local representatives.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 3
X1167	The money spent on this review could have been used to improve our area, such as getting rid of weeds in road gutters.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1168	The proposal risks duplication and confusion of functions and extra costs without additional benefits where there has been no significant historic community identity of interest warranting previous demand for parish or town councils.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1169	The purpose of this review is a way for BCP to shift responsibilities and costs for providing non statutory services to another body.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1170	The review is very speedy and there are many I talk to who know nothing about it even though the Southbourne Forum has worked hard to disseminate information. How will I know who are standing and if they will be good for our area?	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1171	The whole idea will just create another level of bureaucracy which costs money and achives nothing. Council Tax is high enough already without adding unnecessary vanity projects which no one has voted for.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1172	There has not been a lot of publicity and only found out from a friend	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1173	There has not been enough publicly for this	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1174	There has not been much information, especially about what difference a community council can make to an area, learning from Dorset and the rest of country. This feels like a vacuum that has been filled with misinformation, which is unfortunate, as most areas with community and town councils keep them (based on very, very few are ever abolished)	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 3

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X1175	There is only one compulsory matter -allotments - for parish councillors to deal with. Why does it need 12 or, indeed, any more than the existing two councillors.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 3
X1176	This has the potential to cause harm to the people in this area.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1177	This is an unnecessary and expensive extra layer of bureaucracy. It undermines the main purpose of BCP (to integrate services across our town) by playing to parochial loyalties. It will increase costs for local residents and possibly create inequality between the levels of services in different areas. Not a good idea.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 3
X1178	This review is a costly expenditure, and the result should be published and debated in public meetings, giving residents the opportunity to hear others opinions, and challenge them where necessary	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1179	Too much money being spent on administration/re-organization rather than providing services	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1180	Total waste of money	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1181	Total waste of taxpayers money	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1182	Unclear on benefits. This is not consultation just an attempt at rubber stamping	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3

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X1183	Very few people in this area I have spoken to are aware of what is going on with these proposals. Furthermore, I believe that before anything as major as this is introduced, there should be a proper voting poll system set up as for a local government or general election. Currently BCP is at stage 3 of this consultation/proposals & having been to a public meeting about this it is clearly apparent that even BCP officials presenting the proposals are not knowledgeable enough to fully answer the searching questions of those present having legitimate concerns over the UNCAPPED costs & lack of training/health and safety deficiencies of newly elected councillors etc and handling of finances where local communities are taking control over land currently owned under BCP main council. These proposed changes could and will surely lead to a situation whereby there will be additional bureaucracy resulting in ratepayers being unsure which council is responsible for what issues and even poorer services than the deteriorating services we get now since BCP took over from Bournemouth Council.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1184	Waste of money, time and space, but it's probably a done deal anyway.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1185	Waste of time	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1186	Waste of time. Typical backdoor politics. Why aren't the proposers named ,why has the form been made so difficult to fill in I wonder (effectively putting people off filling it in.) You are clearly bringing this in anyway. Just don't come knocking on my little piece of Southbourne.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1187	we are objecting to the proposals	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1188	We do NOT need more councillors in the BCP area! The existing councillors should be trained to do a better job & not waste our taxes! They should control their funds instead of going into huge debt & asking schools to subsidise their debt. The system needs to be simplified NOT further complicated. Further councillors means more expensive council tax for NO PURPOSEFUL REASON- just more people doing a bad job. This is an unnecessary cost for zero benefit.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3
X1189	We don't need Parish Councils. Council Tax is already too high.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1190	What a waste of time & money!	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1191	What sort of person came up with this idea? Stop trying to create councils that costs us more money, give a greater opportunity for corruption and attempt to micro manage behaviours. We already read newspaper article about people being fined for putting things on the end of their driveways, now you will give a crazy bunch powers to further infringe our rights. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. DROP THIS LUDICROUS IDEA. I DON'T WANT TO GIVE YOU ANY MORE OF MY MONEY BUT I EXPECT I WILL BE FORCED TO.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1192	Whay a waste of our money.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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X1193	When Bournemouth, Christchurch and Pool became BCP I actually thought that things would become more streamline and transparent. Having lived in the area for over 50 years and witnessed, first hand, how we have just become one big conurbation it made perfect sense to me to merge and share the responsibilities under one governance control. Obviously, my rather simplistic view did not take into account that the new BCP would want to over complicate matters. I can only speak for myself, but I'm not really bothered about who my councillor is. From my previous, rather limited experience, I have never had many dealings with them anyway. The ones I have had have not been very impressive and I'm pretty confident that I am not in the minority here. What is important to me is the services that my council provide. This proposal seems to be somewhat over complicated and not in the best interests of the residents living in the area. Extra layers of bureaucracy does very little to deal with the service residents expect, which has significantly deteriorated over the years by the way. All this will do is fuel confusion and resentment . We don't have to go back too far in history to see this - BREXIT. What I would like to see is BCP spending money where it matters. This being the services we expect you to provide. Surely it makes more sense to have ONE streamlined organisation managing this?? Distributing the responsibility like you are proposing is just a recipe for failure/disaster.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1194	Why are you doing this so soon after the deeply unpopular decision to amalgamate the three councils and? Did you not have a review before BCP and did you get it so wrong that you have to waste even more money	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1195	Why is the council wasting time and money on this proposal when this creates more layers of bureaucracy to hide behind? Bournemouth Council was never financially savvy and when it joined the three councils of Poole and Christchurch to BCP we have seen a worsening of services and now even more layers being proposed. This does not represent the constituents of the communities as the reason to go to a unitary authority was for economies of scale, by pushing parishes on communities there is risk of increased cost but no financial/ethical reason as a council tax payer to consider accepting these proposals	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1196	Will you take full notice of the results of the opinions given in this questionnaire?	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1197	Would consider councillor role if understood [unknown]/commitment needed.	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 3

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X1198	Yes — I think the process of setting up new councils should be allowed to happen more naturally and gradually, led by the communities themselves. Smaller, locally-driven parish councils will be more meaningful and reflective of residents' real needs and identities, rather than trying to implement multiple large-scale changes all at once. There's a worry that this review is more about BCP Council trying to offload costs due to its financial difficulties, rather than genuinely empowering communities. Local governance should be about improving representation and quality of life — not just passing down responsibilities without proper support. If BCP really wants to strengthen communities, it should focus on encouraging and enabling local voices to shape their own future at their own pace — not forcing through blanket changes that risk doing more harm than good.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 3
X1199	Yes , stop adding levels of bureaucracy that improve nothing	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1200	You haven't explained why you want to do this. Seems like more bureaucracy for no apparent benefit to residents. Tell us how much per household this will cost & why it's necessary.	Southbourne	West Southbourne	BH6 5
X1201	You need to ensure information is equal and complete on both hard copy and online. It is also not widely known that Parish council voting is underway. I'd recommend more marketing and awareness to ensure the community are aware. Thank you to those who are organising and attending local events	Southbourne	East Southbourne & Tuckton	BH6 4
X1202	Please stop wasting our money and threatening to close our paddling pools, libraries etc.	Throop & Holdenhurst	Muscliff & Strouden Park	BH8 0

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Executive Summary

BCP Council are consulting on draft proposals to create new parish, town and community councils across Bournemouth and Poole and to make some small changes to the existing town/parish arrangements in Christchurch.

Before any decisions are made, the council sought the views of local residents on setting up a new parish, town or community council in the following areas:

- Boscombe and Pokesdown
- Bournemouth Town
- Broadstone
- Poole Town
- Redhill and Northbourne
- Southbourne

The council also sought the views of local residents on existing parish and town council arrangements in the following areas:

- Burton and Winkton
- Christchurch Town
- Highcliffe and Walkford
- Hurn
- Throop and Holdenhurst

This report summarises the free-text responses to the question asking for any other comments about the Community Governance Review.

Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Results

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the Community Governance Review.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret.

Residents living in a new parish, town or community council area

This section of the report relates to responses from residents living in an area proposed to have a new parish, town or community council.

Boscombe and Pokesdown residents

47 Boscombe and Pokesdown residents provided feedback.

While two respondents supported the proposals, noting the benefits of local governance in fostering community identity, the majority opposed the plans. Opposition centred on concerns that parish councils are unnecessary and are a waste of public money.

Respondents highlighted added bureaucracy, confusion over accountability, and inequity between areas. Respondents commented that BCP Council should focus on delivering services or return to the former three-council structure instead.

Respondents were also concerned about potential rises in council tax and a lack of detail over future costs. Respondents were critical of the consultation process, describing it as lacking detail and biased towards the proposals, with some doubting whether feedback would be considered.

Bournemouth Town residents

212 Bournemouth Town residents provided feedback.

The overwhelming majority of respondents opposed the draft recommendations, describing them as unnecessary, costly, and added levels of bureaucracy.

Administrative concerns were a common theme, with respondents warning of duplication, slower decision-making, confusion over responsibilities and fragmentation so soon after the creation of BCP Council.

There were fears of higher council tax and limited information around precept increases. The consultation process was also heavily criticised by respondents as rushed, poorly publicised, and biased, with some calling for a referendum to decide the issue.

Broadstone residents

168 Broadstone residents provided feedback.

Respondents who supported the proposals commented that a town council was long overdue, could provide a stronger voice on local issues, and enable residents to take greater control over decisions affecting the area.

Those opposed argued that an additional layer of governance was unnecessary and would be a waste of public money, with many calling for the plans to be scrapped entirely.

Concerns about administration and decision-making centred on the risk of creating extra bureaucracy, delays, and confusion over responsibilities. Some felt the

proposals would fragment communities rather than strengthen cohesion. Many pointed to the recent creation of BCP Council as a reason to avoid further governance layers, arguing that BCP should deliver local services directly. Some suggested reverting to the former Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth town councils. Respondents also felt that existing councillors are sufficient to represent the local community.

Many respondents opposed any increase in council tax or local precept. Respondents criticised the lack of detailed costings and the absence of a cap on future rises after the first year. Some preferred that funding be directed toward tangible improvements, such as repairing pavements, upgrading play areas, or maintaining green spaces.

The consultation process was also widely criticised. Many felt it was rushed, poorly publicised, and lacked accessible information for all residents. Some believed the material was biased towards the proposals, with little acknowledgement of potential downsides. There was scepticism over whether public feedback would influence the final decision, with several calling for a public vote or referendum before any change.

A small number of respondents commented on proposed boundaries and Broadstone's designation as a town, with some suggesting it should remain associated with Poole, while others noted disparities in arrangements between areas.

Poole Town residents

486 Poole Town residents provided feedback.

While respondents felt a Poole Town Council was long overdue, could restore local identity, and ensure local voices were heard, a number of respondents opposed the proposal, considering it to be an unnecessary waste of money.

Some respondents raised boundary concerns, questioning the size and scope of Poole or why some areas were excluded.

Administration and decision-making drew the most comments, with fears of duplication of roles, inefficiency, and delays. Many called for BCP Council to focus on delivering services or to revert to the previous three councils rather than add another governance layer.

Costs were also a major concern, with respondents commenting on the impact of rising precepts on household bills and a lack of clarity on cost details.

The consultation process was widely criticised as rushed and lacking sufficient detail. Respondents also felt that it had not been widely publicised and biased in favour of the proposals, with many demanding a referendum.

Redhill and Northbourne residents

18 Redhill and Northbourne residents provided feedback.

18 residents gave feedback. While 1 respondent expressed support, the majority opposed the proposal arguing that parish councils are unnecessary and a waste of public money.

Concerns about administration were also raised by respondents, who felt the proposals create an additional layer of administration and bureaucracy, were a backwards step considering the formation of BCP Council and could create inequalities between affluent and less affluent areas. Some respondents felt additional precepts would unfairly burden residents on lower incomes.

Southbourne residents

110 Southbourne residents provided feedback.

While support for the proposals was expressed by some respondents, who valued stronger local representation and influence, a number of respondents opposed the proposal. These respondents felt that they were a waste of money and risked harming rather than helping local areas.

Administrative concerns were also raised by respondents, who warned of added bureaucracy, duplication of effort and confusion regarding responsibilities. Respondents also felt that parish councils have limited powers and questioned the need for parish councils so soon after the BCP merger.

Respondents raised financial concerns, opposing higher precepts without clear costings.

A number of respondents criticised the consultation process as rushed, poorly explained, and biased, with many calling for a referendum before any change. Respondents felt that the consultation had been poorly publicised and inaccessible for those who are digitally excluded. Respondents also felt that the proposals were politically motivated and expressed doubt that residents views would be considered in any decisions.

Residents living in an existing parish and town council area

This section relates to responses from residents living in an existing parish and town council area.

Burton and Winkton residents

6 Burton and Winkton residents provided feedback.

Comments related to general support of the proposal, that it was a good idea and that it would result in greater resident engagement. However, some respondents commented that the proposal was a waste of money and not needed. Respondents commented that parish councils result in a duplication of roles, they have limited

authority and that BCP Council should ensure it is delivering services. Respondents also commented that the proposal offers limited information on the associated costs and the money would be better spent elsewhere.

Christchurch Town residents

34 Christchurch Town residents provided feedback.

While some respondents supported the arrangements, valuing stronger local influence, others opposed them, describing parish councils as unnecessary and advocating the removal of two-tier governance.

A number of respondents commented that Friars Cliff should be included in the Highcliffe and Walkford parish instead of Christchurch. Administrative concerns were also mentioned, with calls to return to the three-town council to simplify governance.

Respondents commented on a lack of clarity around precepts and fears of unnecessary financial burdens.

Respondents also commented on the consultation process, appreciating the chance to give feedback but hoping that the views of residents are listened to. However, respondents also felt the review was poorly advertised and lacked detail.

Highcliffe and Walkford residents

14 Highcliffe and Walkford residents provided feedback.

While respondents commented that the proposals enable local residents to have more say in services and their community, respondents also commented that they are an unnecessary waste of money.

Respondents commented that the proposals were a way for BCP Council to divert funds away from Christchurch to subsidise Bournemouth and Poole and that the council should revert to the three-town structure. Respondents also commented that parish councils have limited powers and that residents associations should be created.

Respondents commented that there is little information provided on the costs associated with the proposals and questioned whether the views of residents would actually be considered when making decisions regarding the proposals.

Hurn residents

No responses were received from residents living within the Hurn proposal area for this question.

Throop and Holdenhurst residents

One Throop and Holdenhurst resident provided feedback. This respondent commented that the council should stop wasting money of local residents and threatening to close local services.

Respondents living elsewhere

This section relates to responses from respondents who live outside of the BCP Council area or did not provide a valid postcode that could be assigned to a specific area.

Respondents who live outside BCP Council area

6 residents who live outside the BCP Council area provided feedback.

These respondents felt parish councils provide little benefit at additional cost.

Mixed views were received relating to the consultation process. While one respondent described it as clear and well run, others criticised poor targeting of flyers and called for greater inclusion of seldom-heard groups.

No valid postcode provided

17 respondents who did not provide a valid postcode provided feedback.

These respondents generally opposed the proposals, describing them as an unnecessary waste of money.

Respondents also raised administrative concerns, arguing that BCP Council had not been given time to deliver on its original remit and warning against adding unnecessary bureaucracy.

Respondents criticised the consultation process as poorly advertised, lacking detail, and designed without resident input.

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1 Methodology

Qualitative analysis and reporting was undertaken by Darmax Research Ltd.

Qualitative responses (write in text) to questions were exported into Excel and were thematically analysed. The most common themes are reported on in this report. Anonymised quotes from participants have been used to illustrate the themes identified.

Please note that while the purpose of qualitative data is to provide deeper insights into reasoning and impact rather than to quantify data, the numbers of respondents who mentioned the most prevalent themes are provided in this report to give an indication of the magnitude of response. However, given the nature of qualitative data, it should be noted that this does not provide an indication of significance in relation to the question asked.

In addition, where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories. Where a response makes several different points, only the relevant part to the discussed theme is shown in the report.

2 Results: Any other comments about the Community Governance Review

Respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the Community Governance Review.

Responses have been coded into key themes to make them easier to interpret. Please note that where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

2.1 Residents living in a new parish, town or community council area

This section of the report relates to responses from residents living in an area proposed to have a new parish, town or community council.

Theme	Boscombe and Pokesdown	Bournemouth Town	Broadstone	Poole Town	Redhill and Northbourne	Southbourne
Number of respondents	47	212	168	486	18	110
General support	2	4	16	36	1	11
General opposition	29	95	66	179	10	43
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	0	14	4	17	0	1
Administration/management of decisions	22	107	60	193	7	50
Cost of delivery	8	33	24	110	3	15
Consultation/decision process	7	56	69	172	2	41
Other	2	3	4	11	0	0

2.1.1 Boscombe and Pokesdown

47 Boscombe and Pokesdown residents provided feedback to this question.

2 respondents expressed general support for the proposals. These respondents commented that residents benefit from having **governance at a local level**, creating a sense of community.

> *"Governance works much better at a local level for residents. Councillors and residents alike feel much more involved. There is a feeling of belonging and caring in the community."*

However, 29 respondents voiced opposition to the proposals. Many argued that parish councils were **unnecessary and represent a waste of money**. Respondents also questioned whether a parish or town council would deliver meaningful improvements for the community.

> *"This provides no additional benefit at additional cost."*
>
> *"It's nonsense and a waste of time and money; we do not need this."*

22 respondents raised concerns about how such a council would be administered. Respondents commented that **councillors in the current governance structure** should represent their local communities, with additional councillors increasing **bureaucracy** and confusion over accountability between BCP and new local councils. Respondents also feared that the proposals would lead to division and **inequity** between areas. Respondents commented that the existing council should **focus on delivering services** to residents or revert back to the previous three town council structure.

> *"There is no need for additional layers of bureaucracy. Get an efficient BCP with councillors who represent their community properly and the problem is solved."*
>
> *"I would rather the council just get on with their jobs, than spending time and money re-organising."*
>
> *"Bournemouth and Poole should not be divided into several smaller parishes but should retain their identities as two distinct towns. Accordingly, one Bournemouth and one Poole parish should be created, each within the boundaries of their former Borough Councils."*
>
> *"Parish councils are damaging for BCP council, enabling greater fragmentation, inequality between areas, corruption and prevention the integrated transformation that the area needs."*

8 respondents highlighted concerns about the financial implications. In particular, respondents were worried about **increases in council tax** or local precepts and the

lack of detailed information about how much residents would be expected to contribute.

"I would like to know how much money this review is costing council tax payers?"

"I'm barely affording the cost of living in BCP as it is, this will just add further unspecified costs that could be any amount with no set limit."

7 respondents criticised the consultation process. They felt that **information was limited** and not accessible to all residents, with some questioning whether their feedback would genuinely be considered. Respondents felt that the consultation did not allow for them to select an option for not doing anything.

"Without a proper explanation of the nature of the community councils to be created, it is difficult to be sure of BCP Council's real intentions."

"There is no point undertaking a consultation if you don't act on the views received. If the majority of people want parish councils I accept the democratic mandate even though I disagree - please do the same if it is the other way around otherwise you are just adding to the public view that the council just does what it wants regardless."

"Question 19 is phrased in such a way as to make very clear that this consultation is a sham. You're going to impose this on us whether we want it or not."

2 respondents raised other issues, commenting on **local services that need improvements** generally. Areas of concern included parking improvements, maintenance of public spaces and parks, the provision of leisure and entertainment options and a varied dining experience. Respondents also commented on the need for improved waste collection, infrastructure and amenities.

2.1.2 Bournemouth Town

212 Bournemouth Town residents provided feedback to this question.

4 respondents expressed general support for the proposals. Respondents commented that **continuing historical town and parish councils makes sense** because they have a sense of community and a desire to continue influencing local decisions.

"We should have local representation to maintain standards."

However, 95 respondents voiced opposition to the proposals. Many argued that creating an additional layer of governance was **unnecessary** and would represent a **waste of public money** that could be spent on more worthwhile services. Some felt the plans should be abandoned entirely.

"The time spent on it could, without doubt, have been far more beneficially used!"

"It's unnecessary, costly and increases bureaucracy."

14 respondents commented on **boundaries and designations**. Conflicting responses were received with regards to whether Bournemouth should be split into smaller parishes or remain a single town council covering the entire area. Others raised concerns about inconsistencies between areas in terms of size and number of councillors.

"If this goes ahead and I hope it doesn't Bournemouth MUST be considered as a whole not slit up into nebulous different parcels, the idea of splitting up Bournemouth alone demonstrates why this is such a bad idea and is being pushed through by people with limited local knowledge."

"I'd beg you not to divide Bournemouth up. A whole Bournemouth Town Council to mirror Christchurch and Poole makes some sense but the smaller divisions proposed here makes none."

"I am concerned about the disparity in ratios of electors to councillors across the whole of the BCP area. Some parishes appear to have much larger numbers of electors per councillor and this does not seem equitable."

107 respondents raised concerns about administration and decision-making. The most common themes were the risk of adding **bureaucracy**, creating **confusion** over responsibilities, and slowing down decision-making. Several felt the proposals could **fragment communities** and reduce cohesion across the town. Others suggested that governance had only recently been reorganised with the **creation of BCP Council**, and introducing further structures so soon would add unnecessary complexity. Some respondents advocated a **return to the former Bournemouth,**

Poole and Christchurch councils instead. Respondents felt that resources would be better directed towards visible improvements to services, such as maintaining parks, pavements, and local infrastructure, rather than funding councillor allowances or administrative overheads. Other respondents commented that there are already councillors elected responsible for the local population.

"Ideally we should not be adding another layer of local government which is entirely unnecessary. It will damage community cohesion and create friction between areas and do nothing to regenerate the parts of BCP that need it."

"If you feel that localities aren't being represented, you must call a vote of no confidence in BCP. We must disband BCP. We must hold elections immediately."

"It is not long since the 3 councils merged to form BCP to administer the whole region. This was to streamline things and be more efficient and now, here you are trying to add bureaucratic layers and abrogate your responsibilities."

33 respondents commented on costs. Concerns focused on the potential for **council tax or precept increases**, which residents could not afford and may force them to move. Respondents also commented on an **absence of detailed costings** or a clear limit on future rises within the draft recommendations.

"I don't think more parish councils should be established as council tax would increase."

"The review attempts to give the impression that any additional costs would be minimal. It would be fairer to show the possible range of additional costs."

"Does not give any indications of the startup and operational cost implications. How will it be funded. Is there a budget? If there is not a budget it is all a fantasy."

56 respondents commented on the consultation process. Respondents felt the exercise was rushed and **poorly publicised**, with respondents commenting that they did not receive the information flyer that was meant to have been sent to all households. Respondents also felt poor publicising of the consultation was intentional so that it did not receive views that opposed the recommendations. Respondents also commented that the information material and survey were **inaccessible** for many residents, particularly those who do not have access to the internet. Some respondents described the survey as **biased towards the proposals** and argued that the process did not allow residents to simply reject the idea of a town council. Others questioned whether feedback would genuinely influence the final decision and suggested that any change should be subject to a **referendum**.

“I did not receive the flyer that was meant to have been sent out to every household in BCP. No one in my block of flats received the flyer and I know many other residents did not receive one either. I have concerns about the depth of consultation because of this, especially across the Bournemouth Town proposed area, and lack of responses to this consultation should not be taken as apathy or tacit acceptance of the proposals.”

“There seems to be no compelling reason, in all the documents and videos, for creating another layer of government.”

“I have the strong feeling that these councils will be forced upon us whatever the opposition is.”

“There should be a referendum to ascertain whether this has support because I believe that it does not have majority public support.”

“This survey has been manipulated to produce a positive outcome.”

2.1.3 Broadstone

168 Broadstone residents provided feedback to this question.

16 respondents expressed general support for the proposals. These respondents felt that a town council was **long overdue**, could provide a stronger voice to residents about local issues and enable them to take more **control of local decisions**.

"A town council would give a voice to local issues and could provide local solutions."

"Broadstone residents should be represented in an area in their own right. A town council in Broadstone would ensure people had their views and opinions heard more clearly and localised problems would be resolved ourselves."

However, 66 respondents voiced overall opposition to the proposals. Many felt that an **additional layer of governance was unnecessary**, would be a waste of money and asked for the plans to be scrapped.

"This is a farce and should be stopped. It is a waste of money and resources."

"It is not required. Stop wasting money."

60 respondents raised concerns about how a Broadstone Town Council would be administered and how decisions would be managed. Many respondents felt that it would result in an **unnecessary layer of bureaucracy**, potentially leading to delays and confusion over responsibilities. The proposals would also **create divisions** between different areas rather than support cohesion. Respondents also commented that **BCP Council has only recently been formed** and should be responsible for providing services rather than passing accountability on to smaller councils. Respondents also commented that BCP Council should **revert to the previous three town councils** as it has not achieved what it intended.

"Let's make local government more efficient by cutting bureaucracy rather than creating more of it."

"This represents unnecessary layers of local government for zero benefits. The plans will add confusion over which council does which jobs - keep it simple and stick to BCP you have just created!"

"This seems like a cheap way to offload some of the work that BCP should be doing themselves."

"Yes, dissolve BCP and let's go back to Poole, Christchurch and Bournemouth Town Councils. Let's face it BCP look like they're in deep financial trouble so get rid of the BCP."

"It won't help community cohesion by having multiple council layers in each area."

Respondents also commented that there are **already councillors** who should be representing the local area, while if the proposals are implemented those who are elected should receive suitable support and should be apolitical.

"A waste of money. Get the ward councillors to do their jobs."

"It is my understanding that these proposed parish councils are supposed to be apolitical, how can Broadstone be that when it is likely that both of our current representatives are Liberal Democrat and will likely follow their own agenda."

24 respondents commented on the cost implications of the proposal. Concerns were raised about the potential **increase in the local precept** and the financial impact this would have on households. Respondents were also concerned that there was **not enough information provided about the costings** and the increases appeared to be uncapped after the first year. Some respondents felt that funds would be better used for tangible improvements, such as repairing pavements, upgrading play areas, or maintaining green spaces, rather than funding councillor allowances and administrative staff.

"This is just another way to take even more money from the residents of BCP, where are we expected to find this additional cost?"

"BCP charge a tax on all households to provide a service. I do not want to pay more. The first year may well be £5 but after that, there is no control, so we could be looking at £500."

"Waste of time and money. Focus on things that will make a positive difference to our area."

69 respondents commented on the consultation process itself. A number of respondents commented that they felt the **consultation was rushed** and documents contained little information about what the draft recommendations actually were. There had also been a **lack of communication** about the review taking place and what had been distributed was **inaccessible for many elderly residents and other vulnerable people**. In addition, the information that had been provided was **biased in favour of the proposals** with little mention of any potential negatives.

"It should be better advertised by appropriate leafleting. Majority of people did not receive information. Elderly people/vulnerable who do not use social media, IT or are not mobile are excluded."

"I don't feel that sufficient facts have been shared or are even available to enable residents to make informed decisions that affect their future. Please delay any debate until such time."

"A rushed process of 6 weeks for such an important decision."

"There seems to be very little information on the cons of the recommendations. There must be some!"

A further recurring theme was **scepticism about whether resident feedback would influence the final decision**, while respondents also felt that the review was politically motivated. Any changes should not be implemented until a public **vote/referendum**.

"I hope you pay attention to the results of the consultation unlike in the past for things, and if overall people decide they do not want this, you actually abide by that and don't do what you want disregarding their decision."

"This is being forced on us locally by politically motivated local councillors who are biased on local Facebook groups. Local meetings have been made with pre agreed questions."

"As would be expected in any democratic decision making process, the decision to establish town councils should be based on a referendum."

4 respondents commented on the proposed boundaries and designation of Broadstone as a town council. Two of these respondents commented that Broadstone should **remain associated with Poole** as it historically has been, while the other two respondents commented on the disparity of town and parish councils between different areas.

"I still think that Broadstone is a part of Poole and should be under control of the new Poole council if one is established."

"The proposals for Poole & Bournemouth are disproportionate to the other areas."

4 respondents provided **other comments** outside the main themes, including the use of grit lorries, the pay structure of the local authority and public toilets.

"I would also vote to change the pay structure as I don't think anyone who works for the government should get paid more than the prime minister. but that's just another grumble."

"I also feel very annoyed that last autumn we saw lots of brand new grit lorries going to our depot, the grit lorries came round most nights unnecessarily on lots of occasions during the winter."

2.1.4 Poole Town

486 Poole Town residents provided feedback to this question.

36 respondents expressed support for the proposals. These respondents felt that the proposal was long overdue and highlighted that a town council would **restore Poole's identity**, give residents a stronger local voice, and enable more responsive decision-making. Supporters felt that a dedicated Poole Town Council could protect the character of the town and ensure that local priorities are not overlooked within the larger BCP Council structure.

"I hope that the proposals succeed."

"BCP is huge so it's good for people to be involved in their local area."

"There are sound reasons why the area should be a parish, but a particular benefit would be the creation of a Poole Town Council. The town has a long history, strong traditions, a strong identity, and was badly served by the creation of BCP Council without a Town Council option being offered."

In contrast, 179 respondents expressed opposition. Respondents commented that the proposals were **unnecessary** and represented a **waste of money**, while others believed the plan should be scrapped altogether. Some respondents questioned why money was being spent on these when the council has limited funds.

"I am against a town council. The review should be rejected."

"All proposals unnecessary. Just do your job please."

"The council does not have any money as it is, please stop wasting more money on things like this."

17 respondents raised comments about **boundaries and allocation**. Some questioned whether Poole was too large and should be divided into smaller parish councils. Respondents questioned why some areas had not been allocated parish status when other areas had.

"Why is Broadstone treated as a separate issue and not Creekmoor?"

"I am too far away from Poole town to feel that it best describes my location. In this document it is Poole town but that is not what I feel."

193 respondents raised concerns about administration and decision-making. The most common view was that an additional council would **duplicate roles** already performed by BCP, leading to inefficiency and delays. Respondents questioned the authority that town and parish councils would actually have. Respondents feared that the proposals would fracture governance arrangements and **create division** rather than cohesion. Many highlighted that **BCP Council was only recently created** and

should be allowed to prove itself before adding further governance layers. Others argued that if structural change was necessary, the area should **revert to the previous three councils** rather than introducing parish-level councils. Respondents felt that the change in structures would lead to **confusion** regarding responsibilities and lead to BCP Council passing **accountability** to parish councils. Some respondents felt that funds would be better used to address tangible service issues, such as street cleaning, road repairs, or maintaining public spaces.

"It appears to be an exercise to create more politicians and bureaucracy."

"Let us complete the transformation agenda and get BCP working properly for the whole conurbation."

"Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch were pushed into joining forces, which in my opinion was not a good move. Another change such as this one in my opinion is not wanted - if anything, it would be better to go back to how it was with 3 separate councils, when each area was taking care of the specific needs of each area."

"Multi layered governance usually leads to confusion over who runs what and increases costs."

"It is not a great idea, dilutes accountability."

"I would like BCP to get on with running the council that is currently in existence, trying to improve its services so that they are at least fit for purpose."

110 respondents commented on costs. They were particularly concerned about the impact of precepts on **household bills** at a time when many residents were already struggling with the cost of living. Respondents noted the **lack of clarity** around costings and criticised the absence of a cap on future increases. Respondents also commented that the proposals were a way for the council to avoid limits on council tax increases.

"I do not agree with an extra bill on top of the council tax we have had no consultation or letters regarding this matter. The cost of living is high enough."

"I feel strongly that we should have more guidance on how much this is all going to cost as residents before it is agreed."

"No costs of these proposals are admitted and it's a way of increasing costs to residents and avoiding Government restrictions on council tax."

172 respondents criticised the **consultation process**. They felt that it was rushed, lacked transparency, and had not been adequately publicised. Several respondents described the information provided as being limited and biased towards the proposals and expressed doubts that resident feedback would influence the

outcome. Others argued that changes of this scale should only be introduced following a referendum rather than a consultation exercise. Respondents also questioned whether the proposals were politically motivated to suit individual agendas.

"As already stated from the review there is no list of services to be transferred, no costings and no business case for such a change."

"Subsequent questions seem to assume I agree with this strategy - I don't!"

"Far too complicated and designed to put people off from getting involved."

"The residents should have the ability to vote on this and BCP should not have an open mandate to steamroller whatever they want through the system."

"We all know that BCP will take no notice of this consultation and just do whatever they want. Roll on the next election when we can get rid of this terrible council."

"Jobs for the boys and of course girls. There are enough ineffective snouts in the trough without adding more."

11 respondents provided **other feedback** not directly related to the main themes, including calls for Poole Civic Centre to be retained.

"Save Poole civic centre. We need it. If it's sold, we'll need to build another one."

2.1.5 Redhill and Northbourne

18 Redhill and Northbourne residents provided feedback to this question.

While 1 respondent commented that they **hope the proposals are implemented**, 10 respondents expressed general opposition. Respondents commented that the proposed changes are a **waste of money** and parish councils are unnecessary.

"I hope that it comes to fruition."

"Seems to me like a big waste of council tax payers' money."

7 respondents commented on the administration and management of the proposals. Respondents commented that parish councils create an additional layer of **administration and bureaucracy**. The proposals seem to be a **backwards step** from the formation of BCP Council, who should take responsibility for the delivery of quality services across the conurbation. Respondents were also concerned that proposals would lead to **inequity of services**, with more affluent areas able to afford higher increases in precepts, enabling them to provide more and better services.

"The whole bureaucracy needs slimming down, productivity needs improving."

"The creation of the Poole and Bournemouth town parishes seems to be a step back to the independent councils prior to BCP being created."

"They risk inequality of local services. Some parts of Bournemouth are more affluent than others. If those parts had their own parish council, they would be able to raise more council tax to fund local services, while other parts, such as Boscombe, wouldn't be able to raise the same funds."

3 respondents commented on the **financial burden** the proposals would place on local residents, impacting those on lower incomes the most.

"They increase the cost of living. Although parish councils don't have to raise a precept, they can't do much without one. The larger the precept, the larger your council tax bill. And council tax is a regressive tax - it hits lower-income people harder."

2 respondents commented on the **consultation process**. These respondents commented that local residents had not been involved in deciding whether the review should take place, while the proposals were created for the benefit of a few.

"To my knowledge, residents of BCP were not consulted as to whether this review should have been undertaken at all."

"It's a waste of money to make a few self-important people feel more important."

2.1.6 Southbourne

110 Southbourne residents provided feedback to this question.

11 respondents expressed support for the proposals, commenting that more **representation in local communities**, allowing residents to have a say in how things are delivered in their area and should be implemented.

"I do feel that Boscombe has a unique identity and would benefit enormously from having more input from residents via a Parish Council."

"More representation is good thing for the community. The plans should go ahead."

However, 43 respondents expressed opposition, arguing that the proposed governance structures would be a waste of money and called for the **proposals to be scrapped**. They also felt that the changes could do more harm than good to local areas.

"A waste of money which could have been used to actually improve services."

"I implore the council not to go ahead with this plan."

50 respondents raised concerns about administration and decision-making. A number of respondents commented that the proposals risk **added bureaucracy**, **duplication** of effort, and **confusion regarding responsibilities**. Parish councils have **limited power** and many respondents also questioned why additional parish and town councils were being proposed so soon after the **recent formation of BCP Council**. The priority for BCP Council should be to deliver services to local residents they were elected to do rather than develop unnecessary proposals. If they are unable to do this BCP Council should revert to the previous three town councils. Respondents also commented that **no more councillors** were required and those that were in place should focus on serving local residents.

"It is not appropriate to create another level of bureaucracy within local government particularly as the proposed parish councils will have very limited powers, if any."

"The proposal risks duplication and confusion of functions and extra costs without additional benefits."

"Why are you doing this so soon after the deeply unpopular decision to amalgamate the three councils and?"

"Hopefully the results of this survey will be strongly against the proposed changes and that council effort & money can get back to the key issues and stop being wasted (time & money) on this proposal."

"Is this not a task that our local MP is already achieving?"

1 respondent commented that **Tuckton** should have its own council representation.

"I would like Tuckton to have its own council representation so locals can build a community identity and improve the look and feel of the area. I would like direct funding for Tuckton projects that impact locals and visitors and draw extra footfall to the area while retaining a small town/ village feel."

15 respondents highlighted **cost concerns**. They argued that increases in council tax or precepts would place an unfair burden on households and that council tax was high enough already. Respondents also commented that a detailed cost analysis had not been provided in the draft proposals.

"Council tax is high enough already without adding unnecessary vanity projects which no one has voted for."

"Make the case for change by providing a proper cost benefit analysis. These are the benefit and these are the costs. So people can judge whether the benefits are worth it."

41 respondents criticised the consultation process. A number of respondents felt that the consultation was **rushed**, **poorly explained**, and **inadequately publicised**. Several felt the material was biased towards supporting the proposals and expressed scepticism that resident views would influence the final outcome. Respondents also felt that information and the **opportunity to take part was inaccessible** to those who are digitally excluded. Respondents felt that the proposals were **politically motivated**, while others felt that the changes should be voted for democratically through a referendum.

"I think the timescale for getting information out to residents is much too short."

"You need to ensure information is equal and complete on both hard copy and online. It is also not widely known that Parish council voting is underway. I'd recommend more marketing and awareness to ensure the community are aware."

"Will you take full notice of the results of the opinions given in this questionnaire?"

"I honestly thought the Liberal Democrats sought to lead for the good of all residents. This just looks like political opportunism."

"If the proposal is to proceed with parish councils then this should be put to a referendum of residents and not based on a consultation most people won't bother to fill in."

2.2 Residents living in an existing parish and town council area

This section relates to responses from residents living in an existing parish and town council area.

Theme	Burton and Winkton	Christchurch Town	Highcliffe and Walkford	Hurn	Throop and Holdenhurst
Number of respondents	6	34	14	0	1
General support	2	5	3	0	0
General opposition	3	7	2	0	1
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	1	6	0	0	0
Administration/management of decisions	3	12	6	0	0
Cost of delivery	3	9	2	0	0
Consultation/decision process	1	11	4	0	0
Other	1	0	0	0	1

2.2.1 Burton and Winkton

6 Burton and Winkton residents provided feedback to this question.

2 respondents commented about their **general support** of the proposals, that they are a good idea and would result in greater resident engagement. 3 respondents commented that the proposals were a **waste of money** and **not needed**.

"I think that the proposals are a good idea, as communities will be better represented in smaller units of the BCP area. Residents may well feel more engaged if they have a say in more local matters and BCP will have a greater understanding of their residents wishes."

"A lot of things are done in the name of progress but not always for the better. Some things are better left."

3 respondents commented that parish councils result in a **duplication of roles**, they have **limited authority** and that **BCP Council should do its job** in terms of delivering services. 3 respondents commented that the proposals offer **limited information** on the associated costs and the **money would be better spent elsewhere**. 1 respondent commented that the changes would **benefit those in power**, while one respondent suggested that the conurbation should collaborate with Dorset Council, with town and parish councils sitting beneath a **single county-level authority**. This approach would streamline services, reduce duplication of roles and preserve local representation and decision-making. 1 respondent commented that there should be **restrictions on housing developments** in the local area.

"Given the limited number of statutory functions of parish and town councils what is the justification for the gross variation in precepts?"

"Most things that are changed are usually for the council's benefit i.e. money and not for the benefit of the community."

"It would be far more sensible to operate under a single, county-level authority that covers the entire geographic area, including Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and the rest of Dorset. This would streamline operations, eliminate duplicated executive structures, reduce administrative overheads, and enable a more strategic and unified approach to service delivery. Local representation could still be preserved - and arguably strengthened - by empowering a network of smaller town and parish councils beneath the single county-level authority."

"Restricting huge development of rural areas, stopping building on every spot of green space, giving people fresh air and open spaces."

2.2.2 Christchurch Town

34 Christchurch Town residents provided feedback to this question.

5 respondents expressed general support for the proposals. They felt that the arrangements enable Christchurch residents to **influence local decisions** more directly.

> *"Giving the community the option to influence topics in their immediate area is positive."*

7 respondents expressed general opposition, commenting that **parish councils are unnecessary** and that two-tier governance should be abolished.

> *"I hope the review shows that this is a poor use of budget for an unrequired 2 tier system."*

5 respondents commented on boundaries and parish/town allocation. These respondents felt that **Friars Cliff should be included within the Highcliffe and Walkford** parish rather than be part of Christchurch Town. This was because respondents feel more affinity and similarities to Highcliffe.

> *"Please take seriously the wishes of Friars Cliff residents to join Highcliffe and Walkford. Highcliffe, Walkford & Friars Cliff Parish is perfect."*

12 respondents raised concerns about the administration and management of decision-making. Respondents commented that it is important for Christchurch, along with Bournemouth and Poole, have responsibility for what happens in their local area. This could be achieved by returning to the **three town council approach** as previous to the formation of BCP Council. The two-tier level of governance is complicated and results in **duplication** of responsibilities. Respondents also commented that **local services should be improved generally**.

> *"It's important that the local areas of the town; Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole maintain as much control as possible of local services, solutions and plans."*
>
> *"We understand there is insufficient funding - but this will not solve problems it will create more. This is not a solution - do not split BCP Council roles and responsibilities further!"*
>
> *"Make the local services more efficient. Have performance related bonuses for staff."*

9 respondents highlighted the cost of delivery as a concern. They felt that residents would face an **unnecessary financial burden**, with **little clarity** on how precepts would be set or controlled.

"Realistic detailed costings needed to show expense of the proposals, and also analysis of the financial return on investment from existing Town/Parish Councils."

"Many people are concerned that increases in precepts or the creation of such charges at a time of economic trouble is counterproductive."

11 respondents commented on the consultation process. Respondents appreciated the opportunity to provide their views, while hopeful that the council **listen to residents** when making decisions and that any changes should be based on the majority of approval. However, some respondents commented that the review had **not been widely advertised** and **lacked detail**.

"Really pleased to have been asked to submit an opinion on my area and being able to comment and do hope you listen."

"All proposals and plans, should have majority taxpayer approval."

"I had not heard of this until today and feel that it needs to be made more widely known to the local communities. We locals place great value on where we live and do want to be included."

2.2.3 Highcliffe and Walkford

14 Highcliffe and Walkford residents provided feedback to this question.

3 respondents commented about their **general support** of the proposals; they enable local residents to have more say in services and their community and all money raised by parish councils is spent in the local community. However, 2 respondents commented that they are an **unnecessary waste of money**.

"They can be a great boost to communities: improving local services, supporting local projects and assets, and offering direct local representation."

6 respondents commented on the **administration and management aspects** of the proposed councils. Respondents commented that the proposals were a way for BCP Council to divert funds away from Christchurch to subsidise Bournemouth and Poole and that the council should revert to the three-town structure prior to the formation of BCP Council. Respondents also commented that parish councils have limited powers and that residents associations should be created to hold them to account.

"Let's go back to 3 boroughs under Dorset please?"

"This is just another example of BCP taking money from Christchurch to subsidise Bournemouth and Poole. The community governance review specifically mentions Bournemouth and Poole with Christchurch as an afterthought shown as an asterisk on the flyer."

"Parish councils should be removed from BCP to save costs for the limited functions available and do not necessarily reflect the political makeup of the administration thus creating tensions and non-alignment of priorities in the exercise of even those limited functions."

"Much depends on how able the parish councillors are and how well they are supported. BCP should encourage the formation of residents associations in each area to hold them to account."

2 respondents commented that there is **little information provided** on the costs associated with the proposals. 4 respondents commented on the **consultation process**, with respondents questioning whether the views of residents would actually be considered when making decisions regarding the proposals.

"I have no idea if there is a cost associated with any of the recommendations. As there are no proposed changes from Highcliffe & Walkford, it would be good to understand if those places with no changes will incur additional costs for areas that do have proposed changes."

"Will any notice be taken of any responses or have decisions already been made?"

2.2.4 Hurn

No responses were received from residents living within the Hurn proposal area for this question.

2.2.5 Throop and Holdenhurst

1 Throop and Holdenhurst resident provided feedback to this question.

This respondent commented that the council should **stop wasting the money** of local residents and **threatening to close local services**.

"Please stop wasting our money and threatening to close our paddling pools, libraries etc."

2.3 Respondents living elsewhere

This section relates to responses from respondents who live outside of the BCP Council area or did not provide a valid postcode that could be assigned to a specific area.

Theme	Live outside BCP Council area	No valid postcode
Number of respondents	6	17
General support	0	0
General opposition	2	6
Boundaries and parish/town allocation	0	0
Administration/management of decisions	1	5
Cost of delivery	1	2
Consultation/decision process	3	10
Other	1	0

2.3.1 Live outside BCP Council area

6 residents who live outside the BCP Council area provided feedback to this question. These respondents live in Lytchett Matravers and Upton, Corfe Mullen, and West Purbeck.

2 respondents described the proposals as an **extra cost for little benefit** and added an unnecessary level of bureaucracy. 1 respondent commented that if an additional layer of tax was implemented then **BCP Council should receive less money**.

"Extra cost for little value and no reason to add a whole new and pointless level of bureaucracy."

"If BCP put another layer of tax into play then BCP should receive less money."

3 respondents commented on the consultation process. 1 of these respondents commented on **Upton residents** receiving a flyer relating to the consultation and felt that it was an attempt by BCP Council to incorporate the area into the conurbation. One respondent felt that the consultation was clear and **praised council officers and councillors**, while the other respondent commented that it was important to **seek the views of vulnerable and seldom heard residents**. 1 respondent raised other comments outside the main themes, including **frustration with broader council decision-making**.

"Why have you included Upton in your delivering of the flyer? You've tried to grab Upton in the past, so keep your hands off of Upton & Lytchett Minster."

"Please ensure you seek representation form young people and children as well as the other marginalised areas within Poole. Parents and carers of SEND - schools - local charities and the services - plus a variety of ethnicities and cultural backgrounds."

I think it has been excellently laid out and is very clear. Well done BCP Council officers and councillors!

*"Bournemouth is a **** hole, the council don't care and do nothing neither do the police."*

2.3.2 No valid postcode

17 respondents who did not provide a valid postcode provided feedback to this question.

6 respondents opposed the proposals, considering them a **waste of council funds** and unnecessary.

"An excessive amount seems to be being committed to consultations which could be better spent on improving the lot of those local residents in real need."

5 respondents highlighted administrative concerns. Respondents felt that **BCP Council has not been allowed sufficient time** to implement changes it was set up to deliver. Respondents also felt it was an added layer of **bureaucracy** and appear as though they were a means for BCP Council to **offload responsibilities**. One respondents commented that parish and town councillors **should not be affiliated to a political party** to ensure impartiality.

"The administration of the three councils into BCP was promoted on the premiss of a more efficient, effective service for all of us. It would appear they would now wish to offload some responsibilities to an unelected body who it appears will not be accountable to us the electorate."

"The parish councillors shall have no political affection (as the case in existing parish)."

2 respondents raised concerns about potential **increases in council tax** and that not enough detail on the costs had been provided.

"This whole thing is wrong! I do not agree there should be a second council tax just for the sake of the new parish and town councils. There have been no costings whatsoever as to how much this will cost so how can anyone agree when no information given on exactly."

10 respondents were critical of the consultation process, describing it as **poorly advertised**, **lacking detail** and proposals had been designed without the input of local residents.

"It has been poorly administered. We never received a flyer through the door, no did several friends locally."

"Whilst I think it important to have these reviews, this survey and all the information was not really publicised… In many ways the review is presenting a single proposal so strictly speaking of a review of the options. It is not made clear that if only a few areas were adopted then the charters would remain and a 3-tier system would be put in place."

Email Responses Received Before Close of Formal Consultation Response Period (22 June 2025)

Appendix 3

CAUTION: RESPONDENTS MAY HAVE ALSO COMPLETED THE FORMAL CONSULTATION

Received Date and Time	Redacted Email Body	Attachments	Post Code	Support or Object	In principle	Specific Area
02/12/24 16:00	Dear Cllr Earl and Graham, Please find attached a response by Tom Hayes MP to the ongoing Community Governance Review. He hopes this format will be an acceptable way to submit his views. Tom looks forward to seeing you both on Friday. Best wishes, [REDACTED] Senior Parliamentary Assistant Office of Tom Hayes Labour Member of Parliament for Bournemouth East House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA Email: tom.hayes.mp@parliament.uk <mailto:tom.hayes.mp@parliament.uk Website: www.tomhayes.org.uk <http://www.tomhayes.org.uk/ | Facebook: tomhayes4BE <https://www.facebook.com/tomhayes4BE>	Appendix 1		Object	Yes	
06/04/25 08:59	Dear Team Re: Community Governance Review Consultation Context: The online consultation form is rather involved hence the email. If you could provide an executive summary for people to comment on that would be more helpful. As would an outline of the key benefits of the changes. Comments: As a local Southbourne resident, I'm opposed to Parish changes and any further increases in Council Tax. On scanning the Review (p7 of 56 attached) - Libraries and education are a priority over electric charging points. Perhaps I'm overlooking but if substantiation of data decision-making could be provided as I'm unclear of the demand for electric charging points and community centres. Kindest regards [REDACTED]	-	BH6 4AJ	Object	Yes	

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06/04/25 17:32	I AM ABSLUTLY AGAINST FORMING ANOTHER LAYER OF BUREAUCRACY. WE ALREADY HAVE A LOAD OF COUNCILORS TO TAKE CARE OF LOCAL MATTERS. WHY AFTER FORMING BCP YOU ARE NOW TRYING TO REVERSE ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS FOR THE MERGER i.e. REDUCE BEAUTEAUCRACY PLEASE GIVE UP SUCH A STUPID IDEA. [REDATCED]	-	BH6 5QB	Object	Yes	
08/04/25 18:54	Dear Community Governance Review Team, I am writing in response to the Community Governance Review 2025 consultation to express my strong opposition to the establishment of new parish and town councils within the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area. After careful consideration of the proposals outlined in the draft recommendations, I believe that creating additional tiers of local government is unnecessary, duplicative, and would place an unjustified financial burden on residents for the following reasons: 1. **Unnecessary Additional Layer of Governance**: The existing BCP Council structure already provides governance and services across our area. Adding another layer of administration creates unnecessary complexity in local decision-making and service delivery. 2. **Financial Burden on Residents**: The proposed precepts would add further costs to residents' council tax bills during a time when many households are already facing financial pressures. The average Band D additional charge of £42.96 per year may seem modest, but this comes on top of already significant council tax payments for services that should be delivered through the existing structure. 3. **Limited Added Value**: Many of the functions that would be performed by the parish councils are discretionary rather than statutory. The document fails to demonstrate compelling evidence that these proposed councils would deliver services that cannot be provided more efficiently through the existing local government structure.	-	Not supplied	Object	Yes	

Responsibility ● Statutory ○ Discretionary	BCP Council	Parish/ Town
Abandoned Vehicles	●	
Allotments		●
Anti-social Behaviour	●	
Asylum Seekers and Refugees	●	
Benefits	●	
Bins, Recycling and Litter	●	
Births, Deaths and Ceremonies	●	
Bus Passes	●	
Bus Shelters	○	○
Car Parks	○	○
Care and Support for Adults	●	
CCTV	○	○
Cemeteries	○	○
Children and Youth Services	●	
Community Centres	○	○
Community Consultations	○	○

Responsibility ● Statutory ○ Discretionary	BCP Council	Parish/ Town
Grants	○	○
Grass Cutting	●	
Harbours	●	
Housing and Homelessness	●	
Leisure Facilities	○	○
Libraries	●	
Licensing	●	
Local Land Charges	●	
Local Resilience Forum	●	
Memorials	○	○
Neighbourhood Plans		●
Noise and Nuisance Complaints	●	
Parking Enforcement	●	
Planning and Development	●	
Play Areas	○	○
Public Conveniences	○	○
Public Health	●	

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	4. **Risk of Double Taxation**: The document acknowledges the risk of "double taxation" for residents in newly parished areas who might continue paying the Charter Trustee precept alongside a new parish precept. This seems particularly unfair. 5. **Administrative Inefficiency**: Creating multiple new councils across the BCP area would result in additional administrative costs, elections, and bureaucracy that could be better directed toward actual service delivery. The civic and ceremonial functions currently delivered by the Charter Trustees at minimal cost (£2.14-£2.27 per year for Band D) are adequate for preserving local heritage and identity. If there are specific local issues or service needs within communities, these could be addressed through improved neighborhood engagement by the existing BCP Council rather than establishing entirely new governance structures. I urge the Task and Finish Group to reconsider these proposals and instead focus on strengthening community engagement through the existing council structure without imposing additional taxation on residents. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this consultation process. Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]					
09/04/25 14:54	It is hugely regrettable that the establishment of BCP Council with all the benefits it could have derived from the reorganisation of Dorset Councils in 2019 has clearly failed to deliver the opportunities so desperately needed following and through the austerity period that highlighted the clear need for amalgamation and co-ordination of the three councils . Quite clearly the direction of councillors elected to deliver the dynamic vision illustrated by the opportunities at hand for the 10th largest Council in the UK has been contaminated by an inability to understand and take advantage of the potential benefits from a 21st century organisation. One has to conclude that instead of working to deliver a Council designed for a 21st century vision, elected Councillors are determined to maintain and indeed bolster the parochial and superfluous structure so described in your cgr document. The cost to the ordinary public of this extravagance as shown in Christchurch is not only excessive but totally irrelevant to the objectives that should be set and achievements made by Local Government Reorganisation. As an individual rate-payer I strongly object to introducing or supporting extra layers of management controls which are designed to obstruct governance derided from proper and responsible Council management. That those Councillors elected in 2019 whose objectives were to prevent amalgamation and who are clearly the authors of this direction should be made accountable for the potential costs to residents.It is their failure that has brought about this retrograde direction. I clearly object to the introduction of the illustrated and totally unnecessary program [REDACTED]	-	BH23 3NP	Object	Yes	
09/04/25 17:59	Sirs, I am very much opposed to the creation of yet another tier of local government: I see no need for more councillors and more administrative/support staff. I am deeply unimpressed by the trivial nature of responsibilities that might be delegated to the new councils. This current proposal reminds me of the campaign for local police commissioners; a completely pointless and counter-productive exercise. The former three boroughs pushed for a unitary body and now they should get on with doing the job. I hope my feedback proves useful. Kind regards [REDACTED]	-	BH13 6EJ	Object	Yes	
10/04/25 11:40	Dear Sir / Madam	-	BH2 6PQ	Object	Yes	

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	I am AGAINST proposals for more town councils and more bureaucracy and in favour of measures to save money and REDUCE council tax for BCP residents. The council continues to raise council tax (including the social precept) to 5%: which is maximum allowed to avoid a referendum. Inflation has been well below 5%. Were a referendum be called it is likely the council will lose as most residents are fed up with council tax automatic rises to 5% which is above inflation. It is also likely the current coalition administering BCP woukd lose their majority if they continue with policies like this. Yours faithfully [REDACTED]					
11/04/25 17:40	We do not want a parish council in southbourne. It's a complete waste of time, money and resources. It's just another ploy to get more money from the taxpayers. No one is interested in this. No one wants it. No one wants to pay even more council tax just to fund the councils wages. We already get nothing in return for the extortionate amount of council tax we pay so why should we pay more? This whole consultation is costing a fortune to start with. Get real, stop wasting money and start to fix things that really need addressing.	-	Not supplied	Object	Yes	
11/04/25 17:44	I would like to see a new parish council set up specifically for Westbourne (including West Cliff) to focus solely on our local priorities and projects. I believe that such a council would play an important part at a local community level by serving as a key representative voice for us all. Westbourne has a unique identity and charm all of its own which we wish to maintain. It's a thriving, bustling and diverse community with an important role to play for the local economy and tourist industry. For these reasons I believe that a separate Parish Council should be set up for this area. [REDACTED]	-	BH4 8BE	Support		Westbourne
11/04/25 20:09	I am totally against the creation of new Town and Parish councils in BPC. There are enough layers of government already and we don't need the extra expense. Councillors are elected to keep in touch with local people - if they do their jobs properly that's enough. [REDACTED]	-	BH2 6PR	Object	Yes	
13/04/25 16:12	The whole proposal seems like a colossal waste of money. Even doing these provisional plans is wasted money. I would prefer if the whole scheme was scrapped. [REDACTED]	-	BH6 5JB	Object	Yes	
17/04/25 16:32	Dear Sirs, In response to the request for consultation on the above topic, I would say that while I support the idea of increasing local participation in democracy, I do not believe that the creation of new Parish/Town/Community Councils is the way to do it. This is for several reasons: 1. I don't agree that the proposed arrangements will improve local democracy. Turnout for elections of any kind is already dismally low, and telling people there's yet another box to cross is to my mind more likely to put them off voting than improve matters. If the aim is to make local government more representative and accountable to the people, surely we should work on improving participation in the elections we have first? Once turnout is up and people can see the point of voting again, then might be a good time to seek volunteers for a lower level of council, but at the moment I can't imagine there will be many takers. 2. This brings me to another democratic concern. Presumably these community councils will be relying on volunteers who are democratically engaged, have the time to spare to do a good job, and don't already serve on BCP Council. I'm not sure how many people there are who fit those criteria, especially among the working age population, and we could end up with a very narrow, unrepresentative demographic on these councils. Has any thought been given as to how this could be avoided? Additionally, experience tells me that people who do volunteer for this kind of thing tend to have very strong views, which are not necessarily	-	BH9 1QL	Object	Yes	

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	the same as their neighbours'. How could we be sure that the proposals approved by community councils do have broad support in the local area? 3. Where would the money for this come from? Even assuming community councillors don't receive a wage, your consultation document makes clear that there will be a precept to cover the running of each one. Logically, that can only come from increasing Council Tax even further (which would be very unpopular at present), or reducing funding to other services (which we are repeatedly told already run on a shoestring). Without funding I don't see how setting up community councils is possible. Also, who does the jobs that community councils would take on now? If it's BCP I don't see how a more local body would automatically do them better. If they're discretionary and can't be funded, how does the Council plan to magic up the money in future? On a related note, it might be worth a modest increase in Council Tax to see concrete improvements in one's local area, but again, how would these be funded? Unless Council Tax rises again, I can't see how Bournemouth Town Council would have any more money to fix the playground opposite Bishop of Winchester Academy than BCP Council does. Regardless of who commissions the work, it won't be done unless the contractors are paid. If anything there would be less money in the kitty, not more; and I'm not clear on how any projects would be prioritised. At the moment as a single council BCP can prioritise whatever needs doing the most, but under a multi-council system the decision might come down to which community councillors can make the best pitches for funding, or whose turn it is next for a project, rather than what's most beneficial to the community. 4. The setup of councils proposed in the consultation document is confusing. In the first place, why are we referring to 'Parish Councils' in the 21st century? Traditionally a parish council was connected to the local church. Not only does this not appear to be the case here, but Britain is only nominally a Christian country these days. To use such obviously Christian terminology might well offend a large proportion of the population: I'm thinking especially of the number of parents that turn up at my children's school gates wearing hijabs. I prefer the term 'community council', but how does this differ from a town council, and why is it proposed to have both sorts in the same area? In particular, why is Boscombe proposed to have a town council separate from Bournemouth town council? I can understand it if a town centre is involved, but that's not the case for Boscombe. I revert to my first point: if people are not clear what they're voting for, they're not likely to vote. Finally, I have an issue specific to my own area. I identify as living in Charminster, which doesn't even have its name on the proposed community council map. I don't mind being subsumed into Queen's Park, with which I also feel a local connection, but I don't feel any community affinity with the likes of Littledown or Westbourne. They're lovely areas, but they're not 'my' area. Yet the proposal is for a single town council to cover all those places and more, while Boscombe/Pokesdown, Southbourne and Redhill/Northbourne get their own community councils. I understand why those areas would be grouped together individually, but I think it's legitimate to ask: why do those areas get separate councils and not mine? My view is that if we're going to have community councils, there should either be a single Bournemouth Town Council including the areas proposed to be split off (in the manner put forward for Poole), or a larger set of community councils that are genuinely locally based. Many thanks for taking the time to read my response. I hope it's useful in ascertaining public opinion. Regards, [REDACTED]					
24/04/25 13:17	I have been looking at the details in the community governance review. My comment applies to the whole principle of both voter:councillor ratios and retaining sub-unitary councils. I believe governance should be done at unitary level with greater consultation on ward councillors for items that will affect their particular area. Having areas where the voter:councillor ratios and is lower than 100:1 is simply insulting. This ratio needs to be much higher, and more equal across the BCP area.	-	BH1 4RT	Object	Yes	

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	If a place of less that half a million people cannot be governed effectively by the size of council establishment in this area, then the people in charge are not fit for purpose. Which given the history of corruption, incompetence and self-serving that parts of this urban area are known for, I feel may be most of the problem. Regards, [REDACTED]					
28/04/25 13:27	Dear Sir or Madam, Re consulting on plans to introduce new, large Town and parish councils in addition to the current council. These plans will add confusion over which council does which job. BCP should improve their own services rather than creating new councils to do their job for them. No more bureaucracy and no more cost. [REDACTED]	-	BH10 6AT	Object	Yes	
30/04/25 12:45	Hello. I understand the idea of parish and town councils. I live in Poole and we used to have that here until the ludicrous decision to combine the three councils into one. Ever since we have been poorer as a consequence of this! Why would you as the council of BCP be doing this? It's certainly not for our benefit. I would be clear to say I don't want this if the current BCP still exists. On the other hand if BCP and all of its highly overpaid and under achieving members dissolved, then I would be voting for local council members and a vote for common sense. Regards [REDACTED]	-		Object	Yes	
30/04/25 17:22	have no interest in you forming a local council for Poole useless you disband BCP which was forced upon us and has proved a millstone round the neck of Poole people so no we don't want it	-		Object		Poole Town
03/05/25 08:31	I have considered the proposals and can see very little benefit, if any for myself and my family. I do not believe that extra layers of management are beneficial, especially so, with the Cost of Living Crisis and the current high rates of Council Tax payable. You need to reduce management levels as the Private Sector is currently doing to make the council more efficient and better value for money. I believe the simpler the system the better, so please keep it simple. We are all facing huge increases to our essential Utilities, such as Electric, Gas and Water and thus any more increase to our already expensive Council Tax is not welcome. We have just had a 5% increase and my pension only increased by 1.7% and with no other way to increase my income, I will struggle with nay increases especially as these will be ongoing year on year- Not all Pensions live in Sandbanks, with huge incomes!. I cannot see how these changes will be of benefit, and may well indeed, confuse the average individual and do nothing to improve community cohesion, what ever that means precisely- too much jargon-keep it simple and say precisely in language that all can understand. Regards	-	BH14 0DP	Object	Yes	
03/05/25 13:12	I worked for the Council as a civil engineer for 32 years full-time and 12 years part-time and I experienced local government reorganisation in 1974 and 1997. Why is it that councillors feel the need to reorganise every so many years when what they have is working well? eg 1974 and 1997. The 1997 reorganisation was effectively a return to the pre-1974 situation in Dorset. Setting up the BCP arrangement in Dorset has worked well in my opinion. We know who to contact if we have a problem and new town and parish councils will not help us as ratepayers when we have a problem to sort out and need to contact someone. I have been able to speak to a Council officer and my local councillor	-	BH8 8NP	Object	Yes	

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	on several occasions in recent years and I am satisfied with the level of service BCP currently provides. Time would be better spent on improving existing services than on this unnecessary reorganisation. Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]					
06/05/25 07:27	Dear Sir/Madam, I would like to make my concerns known over the new community Governance review consultation. I find that this proposal will only create more work, more councillors & at a significant cost to the residents of the current BCP no matter how you divide up the area. At a time where everyone is struggling financially, I feel that this will be the straw that breaks the camels back! Please take note that I vehemently oppose this proposal on the basis of funding & cost to the residents, but not only that, I feel that you are demoralising the people of BCP by not providing a stable council & not taking in to consideration what we want. This should be a public vote! Thank you for your time. [REDACTED]	-	BH21 3BA	Object	Yes	
06/05/25 08:02	I'm against the creation of a new council and any extra rip off. Kind regards, [REDACTED	-		Object	Yes	
06/05/25 08:24	Dear Sirs Myself and husband [REDACTED] Wish to express our strong opposition to the proposal of a Town Council for Southbourne. We have tried to use the link on the BCP consultation but have been unable to do so and are therefore emailing instead. We have previous experience of the Town Council model having previously lived in an area with a Town Council for over 10 years. We found it bureaucratic, ineffective and very poor value for money and would be very unhappy to have this imposed at Southbourne. Kind regards [REDACTED]	-	BH6 4AT	Object		Southbourne
06/05/25 11:49	Following the delivery of a leaflet concerning the proposal to set up town and parish councils in the BCP area I would like to give my opinion on the matter. As a previous member of a Dorset Town Council am aware of the importance of their existence as a means of spreading the democratic process to smaller communities that find it difficult to relate to the larger authorities. I sat for some years on Wimborne Town Council and found that, although their powers and jurisdiction was limited, they managed to achieve much by using the views of their constituents to help the higher authorities in their decision making. There were some services that they were responsible for, such as parks and open spaces and cemetery, the cost of which was achieved through a precept. Other costs included a part time town clerk and a mayoral allowance. Councillors did not receive an allowance. Following the unpopular decision to create a new BCP council, which I understand was on a Government recommendation, Poole lost a large part of its heritage. The Civic centre was closed and remains empty, Councillors meet at Bournemouth Town Hall and decisions relating to Poole are voted on by members of all three towns, meaning that the number of councillors from two towns can vote down proposals from the third. Where there was an easily accessible Poole town hall, now any contact has to be done through the various departments based away from Poole. While a Poole Town Council would have limited power, it would create a council that was easily accessible to the public and would be able to follow through majority opinions by having local and open meetings thus	-	BH14 0QW	Support		Poole Town

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	giving back a sense of community to the people of Poole. The Charter Trustees, which cost in the region of £100,000 a year is there mainly there to elect civic offices and try to maintain some of the rich heritage of Poole. This cost is mainly to preserve the Mayoralty, although the Mayor is no longer the first citizen of Poole , that role being taken over by the Chair of BCP council. The formation of a town council would reverse that. The cost of the current Charter Trust would be taken on by the town council, and any services taken from BCP council would have their cost transferred from BCPO to the town council. That should lessen the precept of BCP council and go towards the precept of the Town Council, thus leaving the finances of for the two authorities within the current costs. There was little, or no consultation of the merger of the three councils and the result was a shock to many people. It took away a level of democratic process that can be regained by the formation of a Poole Town Council and other parish councils within the old Borough. I would prefer to see a town council involving Poole, Hamworthy and Parkstone with other wards forming parish councils. This would create community hubs throughout the wards of Poole. As far as the Civic Centre is concerned, it has been suggested to me by many people that they would like to see the civic part of the building preserved as a community space and town hall. This involves the protected part of the building, while the rest could be developed as a hotel, housing of commercial offices. [REDACTED]					
06/05/25 19:26	Good afternoon I have tried 3 times to use your website to vote a YES to town and parish councils, but cannot access the survey. We moved to Dorset 18 months ago, are registered as voters, so I have no idea why I cannot take the survey. We live at 30 Marshwood Avenue, Canford Heat BH17 9EP. Regards [REDACTED]	-	BH17 9EP	Support	Yes	
07/05/25 15:31	Regarding the Consultation on a new Parish Council I confirm that I strongly object to a further and unnecessary additional layer of bureaucracy. We currently pay more than enough taxes in return for very little. Regards [REDACTED]	-	BH12 5EP	Object	Yes	
08/05/25 11:03	Good morning, I oppose the creation of any additional town or parish councils and/or hiring of any more councillors paid or unpaid. Please withdraw your proposals. All the best, [REDACTED]	-		Object	Yes	
08/05/25 20:52	Dear Sir/Madam, I am unable to access the online survey despite repeated attempts. If I am able to access it in future I will fill it in. My feedback is, the proposal looks complicated and I was unable to find any explanation as to what the benefit of the new structure might be. I therefore oppose any changes within Bournemouth or Poole, where the Charter Trustees seem to be the cheapest of all of the styles of local council, and I can't see a problem with the way they function. The slight boundary changes within Christchurch look reasonable and should not incur any additional cost, so I approve of those. Kind Regards [REDACTED]	-	BH9 3EY	Object	Yes	

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09/05/25 14:02	We had separate councils for Bournemouth and Poole, until the councils decided to amalgamate. Contrary to what council tax payers wanted, I believe. We certainly do not require another tier of local government, costing us even more money. We seem to get very little in the way of service for the taxes we pay now and yet another tier is not likely to improve the situation. [REDACTED]	-	BH12 5ER	Object	Yes	
10/05/25 08:39	To whom this may concern I am writing with concerns over the bomb shell you are preparing to drop on us Poole residents regarding the Parish & Town Councils. My concerns have been raised because you disclose NO information on what difference this will make to anyone's lives by implementing this, along with NO details of additional costs of which us already overcharged locals will have to payout. If this is done is such a sneaky, hidden way then there will be absolute uproar from locals, because we are already at the brink of "we can't take much more!" It also needs to be outlined who is profiting from this and what salaries are being taken from the pot as well as how much work & hours these people are putting in to be earning such high salaries because this also need to be looked at and investigated very seriously because we know people are earning to much for too little work! Salaries should be dealt with before you demand anymore money off of residents. If these issues I raised are not broadcasted for the public's interest then I object to any changes. Regards, [REDACTED]	-		Object	Yes	
10/05/25 09:20	Town parish councils always used to work in favour if the residents, but now it's all about money grabbing and therefore would be of no benefit to me. The town council would sit abd invite locals to meetings ect, but now its a closed door, we dont have a say. Our opinions dont matter.. So no I don't think it's a good idea and I'm.not prepared to pay for a group of people to enjoy my money. The only person fit to head up a Parish Council n Creekmoor, would be Judy Butt. Other areas should stop dissing her, keep their opinions to themselves. They are no better themselves. Regards. [REDACTED]	-		Object		Poole Town
12/05/25 14:40	I am writing to formally express concern regarding recent developments and communications involving the local parish council, particularly in light of proposals that suggest structural changes or expanded roles that fall outside its current remit. The ongoing discussions and plans seem to have added considerable confusion about the respective responsibilities of the parish council, the unitary authority (BCP Council), and other layers of local government. Instead of fostering clarity and improving local engagement, these overlapping jurisdictions risk creating a fog of responsibility where residents are left uncertain about who is accountable for what. The existence of multiple tiers of council governance does not inherently promote better community cohesion. On the contrary, it often leads to duplicated efforts, wasted resources, and public frustration. Residents seek effective service delivery—not institutional complexity or political grandstanding for an extra cost! BCP Council has a clear and funded mandate to provide core services. It should be focusing its efforts on fulfilling those obligations efficiently and transparently, rather than entertaining notions of new governance structures or expanding the influence of subordinate councils without evidence of need or community support.	-	BH8 8JH	Object	Yes	

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	What is required is not another layer of consultation or reorganisation, but a commitment from all levels of government to communicate clearly, cooperate effectively, and deliver on promises made to residents. I strongly urge the relevant authorities to reconsider any proposals that do not directly enhance service delivery or community well-being, and to focus on the practical responsibilities they are funded and elected to carry out. Good day [REDACTED]					
14/05/25 11:49	I'm writing to say that I do not want a Parish Council for Southbourne . There are enough levels of bureaucracy as is. I do not support it . [REDACTED]	-	BH6 3JE	Object		Southbourne
15/05/25 11:49	My comments on this suggestion are: The number of councillors would increase because all the proposed councillors are in addition to the current BCP district councillors. So Merley (my area) would have 1.5 district councillors AND 2 parish councillors. Thus my main objection is the massive increase in the number of local politicians (and the costs involved). Also the situation with Broadstone (and Redhill etc) is just inconsistent, they are proposing Broadstone as a separate parish from the rest of Poole just because the "Forum" asked for it. The document does not give any other justification to splitting Poole into 2 parish councils. The document itself is also poor, nowhere does it say the current number of councillors, which I worked out to be (76 + 53) = 129, which I think would increase to 258? This document is summed up by this in section 5.7: "We don't know how much it will cost and we don't know what they will be doing". The best option would be NOT to create parishes at all, and remove those already in place for the 5 Christchurch wards. The second best option would be to create 3 parishes Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch, this would enable the removing of the Charter Trustees. Regards [REDACTED]	-		Object	Yes	
17/05/25 17:46	Hello, We have been asked to send our response in regards to this new ludicrous annual bill. This on behalf of [REDACTED]. There's absolutely no reason to make these parish and town councils. I think someone gets bored. BCP already takes enough money as the most expensive council in the country from without showing our area the due care it deserves. One only needs to take a look at both Poole and Bournemouth High Streets to see the decline in our town centres. Bournemouth Gardens is a mockery of what it once was. The infrastructure and our roads are appalling and all councillors seemed to be bothered about are reducing road speeds. I think our overall message is, there is enough that needs sorting already without adding an extra charge in the mix to ultimately yield the same results. Kind regards, [REDACTED]	-	BH17 7XU	Object	Yes	
18/05/25 14:10	Dear Research and Consultation Team I object to the forming of parish councils in the Poole and Bournemouth area. I have concerns about an additional layer of bureaucracy and cost. The creation of new parish or town councils will add unnecessary complexity to local governance and lead to increased council tax (precepts) without a clear benefit in services.	-	BH4 9HR			

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	There is complete lack of clarity on the roles, responsibilities or benefits residents will see. The division of responsibilities between BCP Council and the new parish/town councils is unclear. I am concerned about potential duplication of services and the lack of accountability. I am concerned about the long-term financial sustainability of newly formed parish councils, particularly regarding their ability to manage assets and deliver services effectively without a substantial financial base. There is high potential for unequal service provision and worry that creating multiple parish councils could lead to disparities in the quality and availability of local services across different areas within BCP. Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]					
22/05/25 11:53	Regarding the Consultation on a new Parish Council I confirm that I strongly object to a further and unnecessary additional layer of bureaucracy. We currently pay more than enough taxes in return for very little . Regards, [REDACTED]	-	BH12 5EP	Object	Yes	
22/05/25 16:31	Dear Sir/ Madam I am writing to tell you how disappointed I am overall the whole politics around BCP council. Furthermore as a resident of Talbot Village, I do not support the introduction of parish councils because they will create an unnecessary extra layer of bureaucracy and expense. We already have representation through our BCP councillors, and adding another tier risks confusion, duplication of effort and increased council tax with little added benefit. Decisions should be made more efficiently, not bogged down by more committees and red tape. Just seem to be a very crafty way of adding more cost on people's council tax. So do not agree with it and hope our opinion matters. Regards [REDCATED]	-		Object	Yes	
25/05/25 19:25	Dear Community Governance Review Committee, I am writing in my capacity as a local resident of Talbot Village in Poole to register my strong objection to the proposals outlined in the BCP Council's Community Governance Review – Draft Recommendations (April 2025), which recommend the establishment of new Parish and Town Councils across Bournemouth and Poole. While I understand and support the principle of community empowerment, I believe that the current proposals are deeply flawed in both rationale and execution and will result in greater confusion, fragmentation, cost, and inequity rather than the stated aims of improved engagement, democracy and service delivery. 1. Dividing the Talbot and Branksome Woods Ward One of the most concerning aspects of the draft proposals is the arbitrary division of the Talbot and Branksome Woods ward, currently a single electoral unit within BCP Council, into two different proposed Town Councils: Bournemouth Town Council and Poole Town Council. As noted in the Council's own consultation document: "The proposed boundary between Bournemouth and Poole Town Councils follows the current Bournemouth/Poole historic boundary." (Section 3.5.2, page 13) This approach ignores the current democratic and geographic reality of the ward, which functions cohesively under BCP Council and is served by a unified team of ward councillors. Splitting this community between two separate parish bodies will: * Confuse accountability, especially when overlapping or shared issues arise. * Create disparities in precept rates, representation and service expectations depending on which side of the	-	BH12 5HE	Object	Yes	

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	boundary a resident falls, despite sharing the same community identity. * Weaken our collective voice, especially on strategic matters such as planning, infrastructure, and public safety. This division directly contradicts the review's own stated objectives of "ensuring electors across the whole area are treated equitably and fairly" (Section 1.5, page 4). 2. Lack of Clarity Around Powers, Responsibilities, and Costs The Draft Recommendations acknowledge that the scope of any new Town Council's powers remains undefined: "The level of precept charged would depend upon the scale of ambition and services delivered by each parish or town council." (Section 5.3.1, page 19) This makes it impossible for residents to make an informed judgment about the financial implications. How can the council reasonably consult on these changes without providing even illustrative estimates of precepts or the likely service transfer scenarios? Residents are essentially being asked to sign a blank cheque. Once implemented, parish councils can raise precepts without the same scrutiny or capping controls that apply to principal authorities. I am not willing to support any model that introduces a new layer of taxation without clear service guarantees, limits, or transparency mechanisms. 3. Duplication, Bureaucracy, and Inefficiency Creating parish and town councils would duplicate many functions already provided, or capable of being improved, under the existing BCP Council framework. This adds a layer of bureaucracy at a time when residents are rightly concerned about efficiency, value for money and joined up service delivery. Our ward already benefits from strong community infrastructure, including the Talbot Village Residents' Association, which provides a transparent, inclusive and cost-free forum for local engagement and a fee of £5 for 2 years for members who receive additional benefits. The establishment of another governance layer will only serve to blur responsibilities and confuse residents, particularly in planning, street maintenance and service complaints. 4. Undermining Ward Councillors and Existing Representation The introduction of an unelected or poorly contested parish council (given historically low turnout) risks creating a second, less accountable governance structure that may duplicate or contradict the work of elected BCP councillors. This is particularly troubling where wards like Talbot and Branksome Woods are split between proposed councils, making coordination unworkable. BCP ward councillors have proven to be accessible, responsive and effective. They already work directly with residents and associations to address local concerns. Adding parish councillors will only dilute representation and create confusion over who is responsible for what. 5. Overly Large Proposed Town Councils – Contrary to Community Focus The proposed Poole Town Council would represent an electorate of nearly 118,000 people, served by 42 councillors across 17 wards (Section 3.4.3, page 12). This is far too large to deliver on the promise of "improved and stronger community engagement, more cohesive communities, better local democracy and more effective and convenient delivery of local services." This model mimics a second-tier local authority, not a community based parish structure. If the aim is hyper-localism, then such scale contradicts the very purpose of parish councils. It also risks politicisation, higher costs and inefficiencies with no evident improvement to services or representation. 6. Better Alternatives Already Exist Rather than create new governance bodies, I believe BCP Council should focus on: * Strengthening support for existing community associations and forums. * Improving local engagement platforms such as Let's Talk BCP and neighbourhood partnerships.					

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	* Exploring Community Interest Companies, Neighbourhood Forums and delegate engagement mechanisms without the cost and bureaucracy of a formal parish structure. This would achieve the review's stated goals without imposing financial burdens on residents or fracturing our existing communities. Conclusion and Recommendation The current proposals for new Parish and Town Councils are not supported, do not reflect the will of local residents, and are fundamentally flawed in both design and consultation process. As a resident of Talbot Village, I strongly oppose the creation of any new Parish or Town Council that affects our area — particularly one that divides established wards like Talbot and Branksome Woods and imposes new, undefined tax burdens. I respectfully urge BCP Council to: * Abandon the current parish and town council proposals. * Maintain the integrity of existing wards like Talbot and Branksome Woods. * Support existing community mechanisms to enhance engagement and representation. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this consultation. I trust the Council will carefully consider the views of residents who will ultimately bear the consequences of these decisions. I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight some concerns regarding the design of the Consultation Survey. Although I am confident in using technology, I found the survey unnecessarily complex and not user-friendly. I believe this could deter many residents from completing it, particularly those who may be less comfortable with digital formats. Additionally, I was disappointed to find that Talbot Village is not listed as an option in the area selection dropdown. Instead, residents are expected to choose "Other," which undermines the recognition of Talbot Village as a distinct community. I strongly recommend that Talbot Village be added to the list, in line with how other areas have been presented. For these reasons, I am submitting my response via email and trust that it will be given equal consideration to those submitted through the online portal. Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]					
26/05/25 16:51	Hi I am opposed to more tiers of bureaucracy. You can't run the council as it stands, adding more levels can only make things more costly, slow down procedures more and, if it's possible make more of a hash things than the borough already does. I am vehemently against town and parish councils. Less bureaucracy, not more. [REDACTED]	-		Object	Yes	
26/05/25 17:02	Hi BCP Council. I do not support the proposal of parish councils. It's not broken do not fix it. This is just another why councils get achieve greater monies from the residents. Kind regards [REDACTED]	-		Object	Yes	
27/05/25 15:08	Good afternoon. I am writing in opposition to the authorities position on the community governance. I am alarmed that we are all going to burdened with spiralling costs, potential redundancies in BCP staff due to costs and burdens that will come.	-	BH37JE	Object	Yes	

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	This isn't a case of it might or it won't, it's a very clear and simple it will cost and burden Council Tax payers and businesses with Business Tax. What research has been conducted to date to estimate how much these plans will cost, plus 5 year forecast losses to BCP. I would have preferred that airshow went ahead due to money it brings into the town, rather than the obvious jobs for the boys this will create. It would be far better setting up volunteer groups within parishes. When is the council meeting to discuss and take comment from Council Tax payers and business leaders. Regards [REDACTED]					
29/05/25 10:41	Hello I am writing to advise that I do not agree with the proposals for the Community \Governance review. The present BCP does not have much money so even sign posting and road bollards are neglected As we are one of the major holiday resorts this is a poor welcome to our visitors More administration and all the extra charges involved will mean more expense to the public Please do not impose this on us! Thank you [REDACTED]	-	BH2 6NS	Object	Yes	
01/06/25 20:17	Hi, I have yet to see anything about this that unequivocally and unambiguously explains why this is a benefit to me as a Poole resident. I am also unsure about how any consultation can be instigated when there is neither clarity as regards what services will be migrated nor what potential costs are likely to me. This being the case, any outcome would be based on speculation. In addition, it has not been made clear how the decision making powers bestowed may differ from what already exists under the existing BCP set up. For BCP to get to the stage of launching a consultation, surely a full, accurate and costed business case should have been completed. Where is this? So in view of all these points and the paucity of quality information from the proposers of this scheme, I would not support a move to town councils. Regards [REDACTED]	-	BH17 7SY	Object	Yes	
02/06/25 10:23	[REDACTED] I urge BCP Council to defer any decision to introduce new parish or town councils in Bournemouth and Poole until after the next local elections in May 2027. The current Community Governance Review is proposing further structural changes to local government, just a few years after the major reorganisation that formed BCP Council in 2019. Creating a new layer of local government could bring far-reaching consequences, including: * Higher council tax due to the addition of uncapped parish precepts; * Increased bureaucracy and complexity in local governance; * Division within communities over boundaries and representation; and * Splitting of existing wards, disrupting current local ties.	-	BH14 8JH	Object	Yes	

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	I have a concern that the current administration has already indicated strong support for the proposals, undermining public confidence in what should be a fair and impartial review. Why This Matters * The current consultation is non-binding and the final decision lies with councillors, many of whom have already publicly supported the proposals. This raises serious questions about the legitimacy of the process. Residents have been informed the consultation is being reviewed internally without independent oversight and therefore concerned about transparency. * A new CEO is due to take office at BCP Council in Aug/Sept 2025. It is only right to give the incoming leadership time to evaluate performance, stabilise services and implement improvements before any major governance changes are made. * Most importantly, residents deserve a meaningful say. By delaying any decision until after the May 2027 local elections, the issue can be openly debated as part of the democratic process, giving voters the power to decide through the ballot box. What I am Asking I respectfully petition BCP Council to: Postpone any decisions on the implementation of new parish or town councils until after the 2027 local elections. This delay will help ensure: * Transparency in the consultation process; * Organisational stability during leadership transition; and * A democratic mandate that reflects the will of the people. The public need to make sure that any structural changes to local government are grounded in public consent, not just procedural compliance. [REDACTED]					
02/06/25 16:23	I would like to protest against the parish council plans. I think we are fine as we are and I foresee trouble, if the plan should go through, in the form of higher council tax bills. Kind regards, [REDACTED]	-	BH14 8JG	Object	Yes	
03/06/25 16:48	The Community Governance Review Consultation – Draft Recommendations were discussed at the Hurn Parish Council meeting on the 12 of May 2025. Cllrs comment as follows: They agree with the recommendations shown in paragraph 2.2 on p14 of the consultation except for - 2.2 (b) “the boundary of the existing parish of Hurn be altered as shown on the plan at paragraph 1.6”. When the Parish Council commented previously at stage 1, they were referring only to Area A on the map which they agree should be transferred to Christchurch Town Council. However, they do not agree with the transfer of Area B from the Town Council to Hurn Parish Council. Area B appears to be a public area which Hurn Parish Council does not have the funding to maintain and does not want it transferred into the Parish. Area B should remain within Christchurch Town Council. I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of Hurn Parish Council’s comments. Kind Regards Clerk to Hurn Parish Council _____ Following clarification a subsequent response was received from the parish council which reads: Dear Richard,	-		Mixed		Hurn

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	Your clarification that the proposal is only to redraw the boundary and not to transfer any land ownership or responsibility was discussed at the Parish Council meeting. In light of your clarification, Councillors agree that Area B should be transfer into the Parish of Hurn from Christchurch Town Council, on the understanding that the Parish Council will not have any responsibility for the land or any maintenance of it. Kind Regards Clerk to Hurn Parish Council					
04/06/25 19:16	To whom it may concern I have responded re the above via the BCP website but found the questions asked rather confusing and wasn't entirely sure that my actual response was clearly shown from the questions asked. Therefore I am emailing to make sure that my voice is heard correctly. I am requesting that BCP Council defer any decision to introduce new parish or town councils in Bournemouth and Poole until after the next local elections in May 2027. The current Community Governance Review is proposing further structural changes to local government, just a few years after the major reorganisation that formed BCP Council in 2019. Creating a new layer of local government could bring far-reaching consequences, including: * Higher council tax due to the addition of uncapped parish precepts; * Increased bureaucracy and complexity in local governance; * Division within communities over boundaries and representation; and * Splitting of existing wards, disrupting current local ties. I am also concerned that the current administration has already indicated strong support for the proposals, undermining public confidence once again in what should be a fair and impartial consultation. I have previously responded to BCP consultations and have been extremely frustrated and disappointed that the council, in many cases, do not appear to consider the majority of residents reactions and continue with their own agenda. Let's hope that this is not another example of this. Kind regards [REDACTED]	-	BH14 8SB			
07/06/25 18:44	Dear Community Governance Review Team, Please find the submission on behalf of the Talbot Village Residents' Association. Please confirm receipt of this email. I am concerned I didn't receive one for my personal submission and therefore want to ensure this one has been received. Kind regards, [REDACTED] Chair of the TVRA	Appendix 2	BH12 5HE	Object	Yes	
09/06/25 10:15	Hello Please accept this email and my rejection to and opposition for the 'consultation' proposing new Parish and Town Councils. The consultation does not: 1. Give the option(s) alongside the costs of providing each those services that could be transferred. 2. There is no saying what the initial precept cost is likely to be £?? per year per town or Parish Council and that this cannot be legally capped etc. Unlike a Broadstone Councillor who has publicly said it can be capped!. [REDACTED]. That is a clear attempt to mislead the public into accepting a new Town Council. 3. The government cap for BCP Council tax is a maximum 4.99%. 4. The consultation therefore does not (if challenged) in my professional opinion meet the legal 'Gunning Principles' for public consultations especially number 2. 5. There is no estimate of the set up costs for each council in terms of servicing all the new councillors, staffing required, I.T. required, meeting arrangements etc.	-	BH15 3SN	Object	Yes	

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	6. There is nothing to say that the Town Council once constituted can charge whatever it deems fit once in place and for what services has and it could undertake, takeover or create ongoing etc. 7. Unclear but nothing to say in the 16-page consultation that BCP will transfer the funding it already uses for these services to the Town/Parish Councils for it to run them (guessing not) as will be implemented as an extra council tax grab dressed up as community involvement etc. 8. This is such a major change to local government administration that it should wait as you are still about to have a new Chief Executive at BCP who may have a view. 9. It should be front and centre at the next BCP elections manifesto in 2027 for Those parties for and against it with sufficient information for the public to make an informed choice. Regards [REDACTED]					
09/06/25 14:28	Dear Community Governance Review, I am writing to express my strong personal opposition to the proposals outlined in the BCP Council's Community Governance Review – Draft Recommendations (April 2025) for the establishment of new parish and town councils, and in particular, to the proposal to create a Bournemouth Town Council. Whilst I am a serving BCP Councillor, I am not writing in my official capacity, but as a longstanding resident of Talbot Woods, who will be directly affected by these proposals. I do so because I believe this issue has significant implications for our local community, and it is vital that residents' voices, not just political ones, are heard clearly. 1. A Community at Risk of Fragmentation The proposals, if implemented, would split the Talbot and Branksome Woods Ward, which currently functions cohesively under a single democratic structure, into two separate entities as Poole Town Council and Bournemouth Town Council. This proposed division is artificial, permanent and deeply concerning. Talbot Woods and Talbot Village are not simply lines on a map, they are interconnected, interdependent neighbourhoods that share infrastructure, representation and identity. Separating them into different councils would fracture long-standing community ties, increase confusion around responsibility for local issues, and create two sets of expectations, precepts, and services for residents living only streets apart. The communities of interest recognised by the Boundary Commission in all its recent boundary reviews would be ignored and broken. 2. Unnecessary and Poorly Defined Powers Paragraphs 1.2 and 1.3 of the document notes that if a Bournemouth Town Council is not created, the existing Charter Trustees would continue their current functions, safeguarding Bournemouth's civic heritage. The proposed Town Council, by contrast, would offer "additional freedoms" but these are neither defined nor costed. It is not clear what other activities the new Town Council would undertake, or how those activities would be funded. Paragraph 5.3.1 even states that precepts will depend on "the scale of ambition" an extremely vague phrase. Without clarity on the services to be delivered, the budget required, or the operational costs, residents are being asked to endorse a model that may significantly increase Council Tax bills with no guarantee of improved service delivery. This is precisely what has occurred in a number of towns across the south-west where town councils have been established. 3. A Second-Tier Council in All But Name The proposed Bournemouth Town Council would serve nearly 100,000 residents, with 38 elected councillors across 11 wards. This is not a parish council in any meaningful sense. It resembles a parallel local authority, likely to duplicate services already provided by BCP Council. This scale contradicts the core principle of parish governance, namely, to bring democracy and decision-making closer to communities. In reality, it creates a complex bureaucratic structure, dilutes accountability and risks politicisation. The ward I live in (Talbot & Branksome Woods) would have just three councillors on	-	BH4 9JL	Object		Bournemouth Town

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	the Town Council, representing over 7,000 electors. As documented in the data contained in the draft document, that's already a 13% variance from the average, meaning some communities will inevitably be over- or under-represented from the outset. 4. Cost Without Benefit Unlike the Charter Trustees, which already levy a small precept for ceremonial functions, the new Town Council would have the legal power to raise taxes without any capping mechanism. Yet the document provides no examples of services it would deliver. In times of rising household costs, deliberately introducing a new, unaccountable layer of taxation with no transparency or specific service delivery is unjustifiable. Many residents in this and neighbouring Wards are struggling to meet the cost of the existing council tax, let alone any further precepts. 5. Duplication of Existing Community Structures In Talbot Woods and Talbot Village, we already benefit from strong, active residents' associations that organise events, monitor planning issues, liaise with Council Officers and promote community engagement, all at virtually no cost to the public. These groups are inclusive, accessible and trusted. Replacing or overlapping them with formal parish governance risks weakening that local infrastructure, whilst adding unnecessary confusion to the responsibilities over who does what and how to hold them to account. 6. Risk of Inequity and Conflict As the document notes in Paragraph 1.11, it is essential to ensure equitable representation across parish wards. Yet the proposed warding for Bournemouth Town Council already fails to meet the recommended councillor-to-elector ratio in some areas, including mine in Talbot & Branksome Woods Ward. Moreover, splitting a single community across multiple town councils guarantees inefficiency, misalignment in priorities, and a confused public realm, especially in areas such as highways, planning and local services, where joined-up thinking is critical. In Conclusion As a resident of Talbot Woods, I do not believe that the proposed Bournemouth Town Council will improve local engagement or services. On the contrary, it will: * Divide cohesive communities (such as Talbot Woods and Talbot Village) * Introduce unclear responsibilities and unfunded ambitions * Create a second-tier authority which in part will inevitably duplicate BCP Council's role * Raise costs for residents without clear benefits * Weaken existing, effective, grassroots community networks The existing system, supported by Ward Councillors and community-led associations, is already serving residents very well. What we actually need is more support for what already works, rather than this distraction from BCP Council, and certainly not the imposition of a costly, complicated new structure which nobody asked for in the opening consultation. For these reasons, I strongly oppose the creation of a Bournemouth Town Council and respectfully ask the Committee to reconsider and abandon these proposals. Yours faithfully, John Beesley					
09/06/25 22:33	Sir/Madam As a resident of Poole, I am writing to object to your plan for the new Parish Councils. BCP was formed to manage Poole and we, the residents are paying you for this service. Why, now are you considering off-loading some of your responsibilities without any reduction in our community charge and with an additional charge for the new parish council. The scheme has not been thought out and you cannot say what areas of your responsibility you are off-loading. Anyone in their right mind would have a costed plan for such hare brained scheme	-		Object	Yes	

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	Regards [REDACTED]					
10/06/25 06:54	I am totally against setting up new Parish councils. We do not need them and certainly cannot afford them. Another tier of local government is totally unneccessary, especially seeing the vast amount of salary paid to officials in the existing council. [REDACTED]	-	BH6 4LT	Object	Yes	
10/06/25 12:37	I would like to express my opposition to bcp offloading some of their responsibilities on to parish councils, who will then charge escalating precepts in the council tax to cover the cost. BCP has 76 councillors; they represent all of the wards. In the proposals, there would be 42 parish councillors for Poole; even if the councillors were not paid, with 42 councillors there would need to be some paid administration services. Council tax payers would be paying for that. I'm sure bcp does not intend to reduce its costs / get rid of any admin staff if parish councils are brought in. There would also be costly meetings between bcp and all the parish councils. BCP has a lot of work to do and additional layers of bureaucracy do not boost productivity. BCP council should get on and do the work it was elected to do, not offload work on to parish councils and cost on to council tax payers. [REDACTED]	-	BH17 7DW	Object		Poole Town
11/06/25 10:07	Good morning, I'm responding to the consultation on the Community Governance Review as a resident who has lived in Springbourne and worked in Bournemouth for 20 years. I strongly disagree with the proposed arrangements. I'm not convinced this extra tier of government is needed, especially since the establishment of BCP is barely complete. It's not been made clear which roles the new bodies would take on and the number of Councillors seems excessive. I am also concerned that establishing this additional layer would create confusion since Springbourne and Eastcliff is about to establish its Neighbourhood Plan and NP Forum boundary. If the proposal goes ahead in some form it would be much better for all of Bournemouth to have one Town Council along the boundaries of the old Borough, rather than certain neighbourhoods being cherry picked off, leaving an arbitrary and confusing area for the remainder of Bournemouth. Alternatively if Bournemouth must be carved up I would prefer my ward (East cliff and Springbourne) to have its own boundary matching our neighbourhoood plan boundary - or it could be added to the proposed Boscombe and Pokesdown area since this is our natural neighbour. I expect that only a small fraction of residents will respond to the consultation as the information and survey are so complex. This is particularly the case for residents in the proposed Bournemouth leftovers area. Lack of engagement should not be taken as an indication that residents are happy for the proposal to go ahead. If the rest of the conurbation is to be divided into Parish and Town Council's it would be unfair for Bournemouth to miss out, but the current proposal for left over bits of Bournemouth which no one has promoted seems doomed to fail. kind regards, [REDACTED]	-	BH1 4NR	Object		Bournemouth Town
11/06/25 10:10	Good morning Please find attached my response to the CGR. I would be grateful for acknowledgment of my submission. Thank you [REDACTED]	Appendix 3	BH12 5HE	Object	Yes	
12/06/25 08:52	I have read the draft recommendations and am broadly in support of the proposal. However, I'd like to make the following comments. The Poole parish looks much larger than the existing town councils. Is the size appropriate?	-	BH15 3NZ	Support	Yes	

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	The Poole proposed area covers wards of very different character. How is this in line with the idea of establishing town councils? Broadstone demonstrates this idea as it has a local identity. Will the councillors be in addition to the BCP councillors, or be the same people? The principles of safeguarding and strengthening the distinctiveness of the historic town of Poole and enabling local councillors to support and champion local initiatives are ones that I wholeheartedly support. Regards [REDACTED]					
12/06/25 10:20	I am strongly against BCP forcing residents into Town councils and different wards saying it will bring communities together!! It won't, it will separate communities, change boundary lines, cost residents more money. This is not a small town or village. Christchurch has not benefited at all !! Children's play parks closed, summer play water parks for children under threat constantly. It's overwhelming not wanted by Poole residents. If BCP can't afford a proper referendum on this then they can't afford to put it into practice either !! I will never vote LD again we (the people who voted for you) have and are being totally betrayed and dictated to. Shame on you ! Yours in total disgust [REDACTED]	-	BH17 7JQ	Object		Poole Town
12/06/25 14:00	Thank for this I have already completed the consultation regarding the Governance Review, but I, like many other frankly don't believe that this council take any notice of what we say in these so called consultations. Many say why bother they never listen, Poole Park being a classic case. Many people now refuse to do any of your consultations as they are held in such disrespect. Even councillors have said to me personally that the only reason these are conducted is because they have to and it is little more than a tick boxing exercise. If you want people to participate, then respect the people's views! [REDACTED]	-		Not specific		
12/06/25 14:36	I tried to complete the survey about Parish Councils but got logged out. I would like to say that I, [REDACTED] do NOT want a Parish Council because it is just an extra layer of administration in the Council. Please confirm that you have received my email. Many thanks [REDACTED]	-	BH12 5ER	Object	Yes	
12/06/25 15:23	I think its a waste of money to have parish councils so I am not in favour of spending ratepayer money on fripperies. [REDACTED] Broadstone	-		Object	Yes	
12/06/25 15:49	I do not think it necessary or advisable to have an extra layer of local government. June Webber Sent from my iPad	-	BH18 9LF	Object	Yes	
13/06/25 07:35	Good morning. I've just submitted my response re the community governance review mainly relating to Poole but omitted an important issue. If the creation of a Poole Town council were to go ahead how and where would it be supported in terms of accommodation. Before the civic centre gets sold for conversion into flats, which is it's inevitable fate, the cattistock room and council chambers and mayor's parlour must be preserved, maintained and separated from the rest of the building to accommodate the town council meetings etc. Although there is an option to do this within the sale agree it is only an option but should be made	-		Mixed		Poole Town

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	mandatory. Councillors cannot be expected to sit in traffic and add to traffic every day to hold meetings in Bournemouth that are the business of Poole Town. Thank you [REDACTED]					
13/06/25 19:39	HI, Thank you for your email. I have attempted answer the community governance review consultation. However, it asks specifics about how town and parish council are set up. It doesn't ask if I think the whole concept is a good idea. It feels like BCP have already decided that this is happening, and all your asking is the details of how it should happen. To be clear I am against the idea of establishing another tier of governance. The questionnaire is biased as it does not ask this question. I look forward to your response. Thanks [REDACTED] BCP Resident	-		Object	Yes	
15/06/25 13:48	Dear Sirs Given the current state of public finances, it seems extraordinary that the Government - whilst restricting council finances - can force this type of bureaucratic consultation which must have cost a fortune. One of the reasons for merging the three councils to create BCP was supposed to be to save money and become more efficient. The government now seem to be forcing an extra layer of bureaucracy. Where town and parish councils currently exist, and there isn't a demand for them to be abolished, they should be left. Financially, it doesn't seem the right time to be adding further costs to council tax bills in creating a lot more. The frustration of the Poole Trustees seems to be lack of money to support community events. Lack of money being a consistent recurring theme! How much has all this consultation cost? I'm sure the money could have been better spent on higher priorities. The volume of reports/ statistics and length of questionnaire will deter many people from taking part. I noticed that the public conveniences are something which can be delegated to town or parish councils. This seems ridiculous across the conurbation. I can't see many town or parish councils wishing to take them on - particularly if they aren't given enough money to maintain them properly. The whole thing looks like a way to transfer responsibility and the costs, for some things which were previously done by the council, on to someone else. Particularly as the charge for the parish/ town councils is an extra charge which can then be added to council tax bills. Regards [REDACTED]	-	BH13 6EB	Object	Yes	
15/06/25 14:17	Dear Committee Members, As a resident of Talbot Village, I strongly object to the proposed creation of Poole Town Council. This new structure would split our existing ward by separating Talbot Village from neighbouring Talbot Woods, despite our close ties as one community. The proposal lacks clear benefits, comes with the risk of higher council tax, and adds another unnecessary layer of governance. We already have effective residents' groups and	-	BH12 5EJ	Object		Poole Town

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	councillor support under the current system, without extra cost or confusion. I urge you to reject this plan and keep the Charter Trustees model, which continues to serve us well. Kind regards, [REDACTED]					
15/06/25 14:22	Dear Committee Members, As a resident of Talbot Village, I strongly object to the proposed creation of Poole Town Council. This new structure would split our existing ward by separating Talbot Village from neighbouring Talbot Woods, despite our close ties as one community. The proposal lacks clear benefits, comes with the risk of higher council tax, and adds another unnecessary layer of governance. We already have effective residents' groups and councillor support under the current system, without extra cost or confusion. I urge you to reject this plan and keep the Charter Trustees model, which continues to serve us well. Kind regards, [REDATCED]	-	BH12 5EJ	Object		Poole Town
15/06/25 18:38	Hi, I started to fill in the online survey but that didn't allow me to express the thoughts I wanted to share so please accept my response in this form. I have read Community Governance Review 2025 Information Document and have the following comments: * There seems to be very little justification for the need to change other than that the Charter Trustees and mayors are frustrated because they want to support more community-based activities and events and to provide grant funding for individuals and local organisations (section 4.1). I would like to see more justification provided for the change (e.g. a list of the problems to be solved) so that the readers can understand why the change is proposed and comment on whether the proposal will resolve these problems. Without knowing the problem then it is very difficult / impossible to judge whether the proposed solution is appropriate. * One aim that is stated is "The aim of the Review is to bring about improved and stronger community engagement, more cohesive communities, better local democracy and more effective and convenient delivery of local services; ensuring electors across the whole area are treated equitably and fairly." (section 2.7). If this is an aim then it would suggest a consistent approach across the BCP area is appropriate but this is not what is proposed with the haphazard partitioning of Poole and Bournemouth into parishes / towns. See later comments for details. * There are few facts about what the results of the proposed change will be other than responsibility for some of the items listed in section 5.4 may move from BCP to the parish / town councils. Again there is no indication as to why this is necessary or why BCP cannot manage all of these items. * One thing this the proposal is clear on is that there will be more councillors and greater cost to the council tax payer but there is no indication of what benefit this will bring so it is not possible to judge whether this is a good or a bad thing. Explaining what the problem is and how this change will help would help the reader make an informed decision. * The breakdown of BCP into parish / town councils is not at all consistent and looks quite arbitrary. Again no reason is given for the partitioning so it is not possible for the reader to judge whether or not this is a sensible proposal. Some anomalies seem to be: * Poole is almost a single "town". Why is Broadstone not included? But there again why are not all the individual areas within Poole separate parishes or towns? Most are similar to Broadstone in most ways. * Bournemouth is almost a single "town" also but this time Redhill & Northbourne, Boscombe & Pokesdown and Southbourne are separated. Why is this? What is the benefit of separating in this way? * The proposed Poole and Bournemouth town councils look very similar to the arrangement before BCP was formed. If it was felt that the formation of BCP was the way to go then is this not a retrograde step? On the other hand if it is felt that separate Poole and Bournemouth councils is a better organisation then why not	-	BH18 9HR	Object	Yes	

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	break up BCP and return things to the pre-BCP arrangement? Why is a single tier of council not better that the two tiers proposed? Again a better explanation of the reasons & benefits would help the reader make an informed decision. * If there is a benefit to an area being separated as a parish or town then surely it applies universally and should be applied universally. But without knowing what benefits are expected (see earlier comments) it is not possible for the reader to judge whether this is a good proposal or not. In summary I don't think it is possible for a reader to judge whether or not this proposal is a good idea based on the contents of the proposal document. Adding the following information to the document would overcome this: * A list of the problems to be solved and a description of how it is expected that the proposal will solve these problems. * Reasons for the partitioning into the proposed parishes / towns and why this is not consistent. * An exact list of what the parish / town councils will be responsible for, how much this will cost and how the cost will change over time. Please let me know if I have missed or misunderstood anything and I shall be glad to update my response. I would like to add the following to my submission: * I'm not sure how the initial submission system you mention worked but I don't think there is anything special about Broadstone, Redhill, Boscombe and Southbourne that would make them more suitable for separate parish / town councils than other areas. Whatever has been identified, reported or proposed for these areas probably applies to all areas across BCP so all areas should be treated equally. I think it would be wrong to treat different areas of BCP differently and doing so could lead to friction and bad feeling. * If the aim of the proposal is to help respond to local issues and concerns then the proposed Poole and Bournemouth town councils are too large and should be split into their constituent parts e.g. Parkstone, Branksome, Oakdale, Canford Heath, etc. The proposed Poole and Bournemouth town councils are approximately one third the size of BCP so unlikely to have any locality advantages over BCP itself. * If the proposal does go ahead with only the four areas separated from Poole and Bournemouth then I think it is important that a process be included in the proposal for areas being able to separate from or re-integrate with the larger Poole and Bournemouth town councils. This would help overcome any concerns that might arise about special treatment for the four areas because any area could then have its own parish / town council if it so wished. Also an area could return to the Poole or Bournemouth town council if it felt that better suited its needs. * Your statement "It is not possible to outline or provide details of what the new councils will deliver or support. Any new councils will be separate legal entities and will have full powers to determine their priorities and budget." concerns me. It is impossible for anybody to decide if something is good or bad if they don't know what it is. All respondents to the consultation will have their own idea of what is meant by parish / town council, they may all be different and none may match what eventually transpires. It's like being asked "would you like a car?" and not knowing whether you'll have to pay £500 for a 25 year old hatchback, £500,000 for an impractical supercar or something in between. I think this will make responses difficult to interpret consistently and may make them meaningless. * If parish / town councils "will have full powers to determine their priorities and budget" then I think it is important to set some bounds on what they can charge. Some people may think a parish / town council worth having (or at least not objecting to) if it costs say £50 per year which will only ever increase with inflation but I doubt anybody would agree to the equivalent of another council tax charge or any charge without some bounds on its rate of increase. Best regards, [REDACTED]					

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15/06/25 18:46	Hello,I would just like Poole to be a borough,and be governed by our own councillors who know the area and from our own municipal building. Regards [REDACTED]	-	BH12 5DR	Support		Poole Town
16/06/25 16:15	Christchurch Council was originally a Rotton Borough. In the Local Government Review of 1974 it was made a District Council, the smallest in the Country. The then Mayor had a chauffeur driven Rolls Royce and a Mace Bearer. Despite having award winning new Civic Offices, the majority of meetings were held in private in the Kings Arms almost opposite. Between 1998 and 2009 I worked for the Audit Commission auditing all public bodies in Dorset, Hampshire and Wiltshire. Christchurch Borough Council was always most disrespectfulll to Audit Commission staff. I wrote to every Secretary of State, from Eric Pickles to Savid Javid suggesting that Dorset be made a Unitary Authority. When Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole and Dorset Unitary Authorities were created, it was a relief. However, right the last moment Christchurch determined to create Town and Parish Councils and a survey was undertaken. The results for Friars Cliff, where I live, were inconclusive, so it was determined they would be added to Christchurch Town Council, despite having nothing in common with each other. The results of this survey have never been disclosed. I then wrote to Robert Jenrick, who said that the determination had been legal!! The first precept for the new Town Council was less than £10 for the year. This year it is £104.51. I am not aware of any services we receive from Christchurch Town Council and mindful of the number of new properties built in the area of the Town Council I can only presume expenditure is profligate. Meanwhile the Town Clerk sits in a Listed Building, on which no expense is spared, sitting in antique furniture and with a full stocked sideboard of spirits. My advice to anyone considering creating Town or Parish Councils is DONT! Regards, [REDACTED]	-	BH23 4EA	Object	Yes	
16/06/25 18:36	No I don’t think we should employ even more council workers to cover each parish in bcp. Regards. [REDCATED]	0	BH14 9QS	Object	Yes	
16/06/25 19:24	Dear to whom this may concern, As Acting Clerk for Highcliffe & Walkford Parish Council, I'm pleased to submit the following comments in relation to our parish. 1. Councillors are keen for HWPC to continue in its current guise, and residents are highly supportive and positive about the council and its work. 2. Councillors have expressed contentment with the external boundaries currently in effect, and there are no proposals from HWPC to change these. 3. Councillors have made a proposal that the internal ward boundaries be changed. Currently there are 3 wards within the parish - it's been commented that this is excessive for a relatively small parish area. The proposal would see 2 wards, split in a near-straight line in the centre, along Hinton Wood Avenue, Castle Lane, and then down to the sea. This would also see the councillors redistributed 6 West and 5 East. We would be happy to discuss this further as required. With best wishes Nicki France Acting Clerk and Proper Officer Highcliffe & Walkford Parish Council	-		Support		Highcliffe and Walkford

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16/06/25 22:15	Dear Sir or Madam I have just become aware of this consultation because of an item on BBC South Today. Having briefly read the main document, I note that the BCP area already has a number of Parish Councils, and that the new proposals involve creating several more Parishes plus a main Town Council for Bournemouth and another for Poole. In the case of my area, near Kinson, I note that one proposal is to create a Parish for Northbourne and Redhill, and that another is to include the Bearwood area into the main body of the Poole Town Council. The problem is that a swathe of the town from Kinson, through West Howe and up to Wallisdown would be almost cut off from most of the rest of Bournemouth. We would have Poole Council pressing on our boundaries to the South and to the West, and Northbourne and Redhill Parish just to the East. We already have East Dorset starting at Longham bridge. The only connection to the rest of Bournemouth would be a narrow strip of land running East/West near Wallisdown Road. The history of this part of Bournemouth is simply not the same as the bulk of the town, which developed first as a rich Victorian Tourist Resort, then as a "Well Heeled"retirement area. I speak as one of the few residents who was born in Bournemouth, and have lived my whole life in this area. Our history lies in the Charitable aims of the Talbot Village Trust, created to alleviate poverty in the area, the historic centre of Kinson, and the old heathlands which had more in common with the great heaths like Canford Heath, stretching away into rural Dorset. We had a road called Boundary Road for a reason. This part of the town feels semi detached from the bulk of Bournemouth already. People here are as likely to shop at Tower Park, or Wimborne or Ferndown as in Bournemouth. It is simply not correct to throw our interests into a pool with places like Littledown, Queens Park and Westbourne. If we have to compete with parts of Bournemouth which are well off and well connected, and which do have more in common, my part of town is always going to come off second best. The West Howe Estate was built where it was largely because the rest of Bournemouth preferred not to be reminded that things like social housing were a necessity. We had to put up with the principal town landfill site through years when the standards of management for landfill were pretty inadequate. More recently, we had to fight hard to stop a "Traveller" site being dumped on us because the rest of Bournemouth did not want it. Very recently we have had a large upsurge of noisy aircraft flying across Kinson at very low altitudes, as the airport has become busier. Are Westbourne and Queens Park going to have any interest in our problems? I would fully support the idea that north west Bournemouth should have a stronger voice to ensure that our views are heard, and would therefore support the idea of a Parish here. I always thought that the old Kinson Forum was good. However, if our fate is simply to be lumped into a large Bournemouth Town Council which will claim to speak for us when it does not, that is a step backwards. For this reason I believe we are better off being represented directly by the Trustees, and therefore wish to oppose the formation of a Bournemouth Town Council, unless our area can have its own Parish instead. [REDACTED]	-	BH11 9EH	Object		Bournemouth Town
17/06/25 07:44	I am a Poole resident and feel that forming smaller parish councils would be a retrograde step plus incur extra expense. Surely it would be much better to reform the current council structure in some way and give the locally elected councillors a much stronger remit for their immediate area rather than create another tier of people. [REDACTED]	-	BH13 7JN	Object	Yes	

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17/06/25 19:16	Since I do t even seem to be able to register; I'd prefer simply to say to you that I certainly do not want another level of local government here. Get on with it as one council, and stop wasting all this money and time when we so evidently need good local governance. The recreation of a Parish Council in Poole is the last thing we need- I suggest the BCP council grows up, accepts its responsibilities and moves on appropriately, representing Poole's extraordinary history properly, as it should also Christchurch and Bournemouth! Regards [REDACTED]	-	BH13 7PG	Object		Poole Town
18/06/25 16:22	To Whom it may concern I would like to have BCP council use my council tax payments to provide the services that they outline in their remit. Employing more councillors and civil servants by setting up town and parish councils will demand more council tax from myself paying the wages of these additional civil servants to provide the services that i currently should be receiving from my current BCP council civil servants. Introducing a new layer of civil servants is not going to increase my council services merely pass certain existing services to new civil servants that i am paying the wages for. I wholeheartedly oppose this extra layer of civil servants and cost that should not be necessary if BCP councillors and civil servants would use the existing revenue from council tax correctly and responsibly. Make existing civil servants work smarter not throw more inefficient civil servants at the problem. Kind Regards [REDACTED]	-	BH8 9DN	Object	Yes	
19/06/25 16:58	Dear All I am writing on behalf of local residents in the East Cliff and Springbourne Area concerning the Community Governance review. Initial thoughts by residents at Stage 1 of the consultation was that we did not want to be parished - we were already on the way to setting up a neighborhood plan area. However, having seen the detail in the Stage 3 consultation document, it seems we are going to be parished whether we like it or not. Consequently, we have put together a proposal to create an East Cliff and Springbourne Parish/Community Council - see attached document. We would rather have this solution than become a tiny part of the enormous Bournemouth Town Council We request that, should the Bournemouth Town Council solution go ahead, that you will provide for the setting up of the East Cliff and Springbourne council as outlined. If you have any questions, or need any further information to enable this scheme to go ahead, please don't hesitate to contact me. Best regards, [REDACTED]	Appendix 4	BH7 7AE	Mixed		East Cliff & Springbourne
19/06/25 18:12	Dear sirs Please accept this email as my view that I completely strongly disagree with the proposed changes for additional parish council I believe this is being done underhand without all BCP residents having a legal vote, as our May elections was moved to 2027. Why.? We currently have elected councillors in these positions who should be working for the people of BCP , if they cannot do this why then are they In this position. Why put in additional volunteers in place to be told what to do and say . I also reject that you are asking for me to agree to provide you with a blank cheque year on year.	-	BH17 7LU	Object	Yes	

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	Await your response. Your faithfully [REDACTED]					
20/06/25 13:14	Dear Sir or Madam, I've read the ECS Proposal submitted by Sara Armstrong and wish my agreement of her Proposal to be noted whilst the Council are collecting resident views. Yours faithfully [REDACTED]	-	BH8 8JT	Support		East Cliff & Springbourne
20/06/25 13:48	Dear Community Governance Review team, Please find attached written response to the Stage 3 Consultation, submitted on behalf of the Gervis Meyrick Estate. Yours Sincerely, [REDACTED]	Appendix 5	BH1 3AU	Object	Yes	
20/06/25 14:30	Hi, I am having difficulty accessing the consultation at present but can I please register my full support for the proposal. I believe more "local" councils will aid democratic engagement, help create an identity for the area and provide a platform for more community development. Best regards [REDACTED]	-		Support	Yes	
20/06/25 16:23	Dear Cllr Earl, Your proposals for Town and Parish Councils have been suggested to increase greater local and community involvement and governance, but that is precisely what we expect from our Ward councillors. Our councillors are available by either telephone or email and, in the case of Westbourne and West Cliff Ward, have been very helpful. Why anyone should want extra tiers in local government is beyond my understanding. You have given some costs on the CGR website, but these will doubtless rise over the years without residents necessarily being offered an improved service which in any case should be offered by the existing BCP Council within the scope of the current and future Council Tax. To offer an improved service, your officers should be encouraged or compelled to come back to their various council offices instead of working from home. How can your officers sufficiently offer the service required of them if they work in isolation from their fellow council employees? Working together in an office environment creates greater interaction between various groups leading to greater efficiency. There will then be no need for extra tiers of council tax resulting from the proposed Town and Parish Councils – one of the most ill-conceived means of extracting increased revenue from tax payers that I've come across for a very long time. I don't want a town or parish council in my area. Kind regards [REDACTED]	-	BH4 8AD	Object	Yes	
20/06/25 18:56	If it's not broke don't mend it !!!! [REDACTED]	-	BH154QB	Object	Yes	
20/06/25 18:59	Dear Team, I feel that the extra layer of officialdom in local governance is not required, is an expense that should not be contemplated and makes a joke of amalgamation of the three unitary authorities making BCP.	-	BH1 4PN	Object	Yes	

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	I have read through the thoughtful comments made by my local councillor Sara Armstrong and would like to align myself with her thoughts, particularly as I am part of the working group for East Cliff and Springbourne Neighbourhood Forum group. Let's have some common sense in this rather than politicking! Kind regards, [REDACTED]					
21/06/25 07:05	Hello, have found it difficult to register/complete this survey but wanted to register an opinion about this huge issue that seems to not be known about by residents or communicated fully by BCP as to how massive the impact could be. I work and live in EC&SB area and wanted to register that I fundamentally disagree with the idea of creating town/parish councils. The proposal of cherrypicked areas having their own to represent residents then Bournemouth Town consisting of a huge swathe of wards and areas no-one stands in does not fill me with hope that any of these areas will be fairly represented and it seems a huge waste of money. BCP should develop its work with communities and how it responds and listens to them and builds relationships rather than creating another administrative layer with more councillors, cost, etc. And what of the areas that have Neighbourhood plans, groups or forums in place or worked hard on with residents already? Our ward's is with Planning currently - are these honoured under the new proposals? No-one seems to know. Many thanks [REDACTED]	-		Object	Yes	
21/06/25 08:50	Good morning, I was under the impression that the main idea behind the formation of BCP was to simplify the whole system and save money. It would appear to me that this plan will bring in another layer of bureaucracy to complicate matters, duplicate other matters and generally cost more money. It also appears to me that whatever these new councils will be doing is already being done by well paid BCP councillors. So, if it ain't broke..... Regards, [REDACTED]	-		Object	Yes	
21/06/25 08:54	I wish to retain the current system of the 5 Parish Councils & Charter Trustees. I am not in favour of introducing new town Councils. Reason,it is not necessary, too bureaucratic & too costly	-		Object	Yes	
21/06/25 09:19	Good Morning Unable to open online survey I am in favour of town council [REDACTED]	-	BH6 4AX	Support	Yes	
21/06/25 11:21	I am not in favour of the creation of further town council in Southbourne for the following reasons: 1. A further layer of administration is being added in some places and possibly not others making our governance less coherent. 2. We are adding an additional level of bureaucracy thus increasing costs.. 3. It is likely that any election of town councillors would be on a very small turnout given the pattern of voting in recent elections and this would render the council unrepresentative.. 4. Those having the time and inclination to stand for election are unlikely to be representative of the area's demographic. 5. At a time when many poorer households are facing a cost-of-living crisis the additional charge on council tax would be an unwelcome burden. Kind Regards [REDACTED]	-		Object		Southbourne

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21/06/25 13:09	Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to express my disapproval of the proposals to establish new parish, town, and community councils throughout Bournemouth and Poole. My main concern lies with the inevitable increase in costs that these new councils would bring about. I anticipate that the creation of these entities will necessitate significant additional expenditure, which I believe is not in the best interest of our community at this time. Furthermore, I am also concerned about the necessity for additional civil servant roles to adequately support the operational needs of these new councils. This expansion of administrative staff would further contribute to the overall financial burden. Regards, [REDACTED]	-	BH12 1NW	Object	Yes	
21/06/25 15:33	Dear All I am writing to raise urgent concerns about the Community Governance Review currently being run by BCP Council that ends at 11:59pm on Sunday. Community Governance Review Consultation Survey | Have Your Say Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole <https://haveyoursay.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/cgr-consultation/surveys/cgr-consultation-survey I also seek clarity regarding achieving the numbers necessary to call for a reorganisation order to be applied for, in it's current form. Creating own council <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/campaigns/creating-your-own-council.html I would also like to respond to the various emails I've received and make my position absolutely clear. My key point is this: Residents in East Cliff and Springbourne must be given the opportunity to choose how our area is governed and this is what is at the heart of this proposal, not sowing division or adding to inequality. For over two years, we have been working hard to develop a Neighbourhood Area, Forum and Plan, in line with the guidance of the Localism Act 2011. This implies a level of community engagement and support for increased decision making and influence within it's own neighbourhood. There have been 4 applications made to designate an area. I believe that this is why no alternative proposals were submitted at the earlier consultation stage in this review — because a community-led, legally supported model was already underway and that this a very important factor that sets our area apart from other parts of BCP. Now, we face the possibility of being absorbed into a much larger Bournemouth Town Council, which would not reflect our local identity or the hard work and progress made to date by residents and businesses in the area. That's why, I am submitting a revised proposal for consideration — calling for a dedicated East Cliff and Springbourne Community Council to be offered as a distinct alternative to residents, but only if parishing is to be imposed upon us. Obviously, if this proposal goes ahead for consideration, the will of our residents should be the deciding factor here – not political expediency. Currently this option is not even on the table. Given the unique situation in East Cliff and Springbourne – I believe it should be. If there is no support amongst the wider population in East Cliff and Springbourne for their own council, then so be it – at least people will have had the chance to make an informed choice. To be absolutely clear: My preferred outcome remains a no to Bournemouth Town Council and only to support communities who really want this type of governance framework in place for them, and to allow our neighbourhood planning work to continue and run it's course. However, if parishing is to happen, residents must be given a real choice — not be bundled into a Bournemouth-wide, leftovers overs model by default, that has no support. Here's what I believe my community wants:	Appendix 4		Mixed		East Cliff & Springbourne

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	No appetite for increased council tax or unnecessary bureaucracy Clear appetite for more local say in: * Planning and development * Protection of green spaces * Clean, safe streets * Tourism and our local economy * Community cohesion, connection and pride in our local area This revised proposal outlines a simple approach: 10 councillors Shared administration across the ward Bi-monthly hybrid meetings Grounded in existing community engagement Please accept this email and attached as part of my contribution to the consultation. Kind regards, Cllr Sara Armstrong East Cliff & Springbourne Ward					
21/06/25 16:38	To whom it may concern I am very much against the parish town council idea. The increased cost will add little to no value. This is a very bad idea does not have my support Kind Regards, [REDACTED]	-	BH17 7DN	Object	Yes	
21/06/25 18:09	Dear Sara I am a little surprised to receive this because, as you know, the other ward councillors in East Cliff & Springbourne do not support this proposal. Residents here have the same opportunity as everyone else to submit a response to the Community Governance Review. A council this small would have no power, impact or influence over tourism, the local economy or public safety. Further, it would be a matter for any new council, and not for the authors of this document, to determine its meeting arrangements. However, you may be correct in your assertion that there is no appetite for increased council tax or additional bureaucracy, but the latter is exactly what this proposal does. Given all the other challenges BCP face the creation of new Town & Parish Councils feels like an unnecessary distraction and I very much hope that when final proposals come before Council that we decide to leave Bournemouth alone. Cllr Patrick Canavan Boscombe West Ward Labour Group Leader Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole Council	-		Object		East Cliff & Springbourne
21/06/25 18:49	Hi I couldn't seem to access the consultation. I cannot fathom having merced as one council why you want town councils. Either demerge or leave as is. It's more work, more beauxracy and you simply haven't set out any benefits to there being town councils. Councils will cherry pick and there will be inequality.	-	BH14 0QH	Object	Yes	

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	That's before you factor in costs. We pay council tax, the place is a disgrace, its dirty and unattractive. You have sold off what you can and you are using this to generate more funds that we cannot afford to save you going bankrupt. No one wants it and even if you do it bankruptcy is inevitable unless you get proper funding from Goverment so lobby them not us. Regards [REDACTED]					
21/06/25 19:12	Dear Cllr Canavan Thank you for your email - I am pleased you appear to agree that parishing BCP is not a good idea. However, I am confused about your assertion that "a council this small would have no power." The consultation documents includes these figures: * Hurn Parish has a projected electorate of 596 in 2030 * Highcliffe and Walkford has a projected electorate of 11946 in 2030 * Throop and Holdenhurst has a projected electorate of 595 in 2030 * Broadstone has a projected electorate of 8960 in 2030 * Redhill and Northbourne has a projected electorate of 7734 in 2030 * Boscombe and Pokesdown has a projected electorate of 16471 in 2030 * Southbourne and Tuckton has a projected electorate of 15220 in 2030 These numbers proposed for other areas don't suggest that the numbers for the proposed EC&S ward are out of the norm. Could you please explain why a projected electorate of 10519 for East Cliff and Springbourne in 2030 would be 'too small'? I'm quite confused... Best regards, [REDACTED]	-	BH7 7AE	Mixed		East Cliff & Springbourne
21/06/25 20:55	Hello I don’t think it’s a good idea to create new parish or town councils across the BCP area, due to the following reasons - Unnecessary bureaucracy - it will add an additional layer of local government, adding complexity for residents already concerned about which level of government is responsible for which services. It risks further confusing the situation and local accountability. Lack of demand - there is no need to introduce new structures alongside the current system. Cost to residents - people are already struggling with the cost of living, introducing new councils would likely result in additional council tax precepts. The financial burden would come without any clear benefit to the community. Unequal impact on services - devolving responsibilities to smaller councils risks widening inequalities. Wealthier areas may see better service provision due to higher precept income, while less affluent communities could face declining service quality. Councils may use proposals to facilitate the transfer of public assets and services to newly formed councils, a common practice among local authorities looking to reduce spending. It risks leaving under resourced councils unable to maintain services or facilities. Long established councils may have the capacity to manage assets but new councils will not have the same financial resilience or revenue options. These are the reasons why I don’t think it’s a good idea to create new town or parish councils for the BCP area.	-		Object	Yes	

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	Regards [REDACTED]					
21/06/25 20:59	Sirs My vote is for an emphatic no. We do not require another tier of beauracy with little or no power. No No No Regards [REDACTED]	-		Object	Yes	
21/06/25 21:51	Hi, My observations and comments are as follows: 1). The Boundaries Commission redefined the local Wards and designated the required number of Councillors for each Ward. The Boundaries Commission is staffed by full time professional staff who work independently of any political party. Why do BCP Councillors know better than the Commission? 2). Not all presently elected Councillors advertise their latest/current surgery times. If these were more readily available would this not provide the means for more people to have their say? 3). Councillors I have spoken with, who run surgeries, say that generally speaking no one attends them. 4). Can BCP produce details of numbers attending Councillors surgeries? 5). How will additional levels of government improve, not theoretically, but actually, the present situation as defined by BCP. 6). Why did we elect the present BCP councillors if they now claim that they cannot do the work they were elected to achieve? Many thanks [REDACTED]	-		Object	Yes	
22/06/25 02:47	I would like to register my objection, as a resident of Southbourne I have looked at the Consultation for the Community Governance Review that is proposing to create town councils in our area for Boscombe & Pokesdown and for Southbourne. Basically: 1. I am against splitting Bournemouth up into a bunch of smaller councils. I don't think we should be broken up this way, I think it's expensive, inefficient, undemocratic and reinforces inequalities. 2. We don't know how much a town council would cost - it may do little and cost little, or do a lot and cost a lot. I love our area, and Southbourne Grove, and think what makes it thrive is the mix of the ages, backgrounds and incomes of the people who work and shop there. Plenty of residents don't have much cash to spare and I worry even a small council tax precept would price out long-term residents. I would hate to see the community character change as a result and the area only affordable to the wealthy. 3. I don't think the boundary between Southbourne and Boscombe & Pokesdown is the right one, and I can't see a way to make it better. It goes right through the middle of our area, down Fisherman's Walk and Beaufort Road. People either side use the same shops, same green spaces and same facilities. It makes no sense to me for services to be split between two councils. Two sets of councillors, different council tax, different services. People should have a voice in decisions about the things happening right on their doorstep. For me, if the boundary isn't right, then the proposal isn't right. This is my view which I am registering before the consultation cut-off.	-	BH6 3BB	Object		Southbourne and Boscombe & Pokesdown

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	[REDACTED]					
22/06/25 08:31	Dear Millie I am writing to you and asking you to forward my position on to the Councillors who will be deciding about LGR. This is a copy of an email I sent to a local resident of EC & S ward, regarding her desire for a parish of our ward, which is very much a divided ward of two halves. I have represented this ward for nearly 25 years and I am absolutely against East Cliff & Springbourne forming a parish. I know there is little appetite for this step amongst most residents and one of my ward colleagues. I would support our ward, if a choice has to be made, being part of the Town Council, as we have many communities of interest with other wards. My absolute preference would be for none of this to happen!!! Kind regards Anne Filer East Cliff & Springbourne Ward anne.filer@bcpcouncil.gov.uk <mailto:anne.filer@bcpcouncil.gov.uk --- From: Councillor Anne Filer Sent: 21 June 2025 09:11 To: REDACTED Cc: Councillor Sara Armstrong <Sara.Armstrong@bcpcouncil.gov.uk>; Councillor Anne-Marie Moriarty <Anne-Marie.Moriarty@bcpcouncil.gov.uk>; REDACTED; REDACTED; REDACTED Subject: RE: Final Proposal Document is Attached Dear REDACTED I have thought long and hard about this, agonised more than I have about anything Council related for many years. And, unfortunately, I am unable to support this proposal. I am in awe of the huge amount of detailed work you have put into this document, and appreciate how passionate you are about it. I would definitely prefer that nothing happen. We have only just been through the huge upheaval of the merger of the three councils to become BCP, the consultation is extremely poor and inaccessible to a great many people, and the implications are not set out properly, especially the financial implications, which are not to be considered! But I believe that, regardless of any responses from residents, it has been decided that change is going to happen and I also believe that whatever that change is must be for the best for our ward and for the whole of Bournemouth. My main concerns are 1. I believe that fragmenting our town into many different parishes will create enormous inequalities. The parish councillors in Boscombe, for example, might come to completely different decisions about the level of street cleaning, park maintenance, etc. from their neighbouring parish of Southbourne or East Cliff & Springbourne. Through the Mayoralty, I have seen what a connected and caring community Bournemouth is, and I don't want this fragmentation, I think we need unity. 2. I don't believe that East Cliff & Springbourne is big enough to support a parish council – our population is very diverse, a large number of people are not permanent residents, others live here for a while and then move on when their work contracts come to an end; many residents come from other countries and have little knowledge of how our political systems work, and I consider the imbalance of councillor representation between the two "halves" of the ward is unacceptable.	-		Object	Yes	

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	3. I don't believe that creating a parish council in our ward will be the best for all our residents – our synergies and problems and needs surely lie with other coastal areas like West Cliff and Central Ward. We will have a better chance of achieving what we need by being part of the larger Town Council than by being a tiny parish on our own. So, regretfully, I must disappoint you and Sara and will express my opposition as part of the consultation. Kind regards Anne Anne Filer East Cliff & Springbourne Ward anne.filer@bcpcouncil.gov.uk <mailto:anne.filer@bcpcouncil.gov.uk _____ From: REDACTED Sent: 18 June 2025 16:05 To: Councillor Sara Armstrong <Sara.Armstrong@bcpcouncil.gov.uk <mailto:Sara.Armstrong@bcpcouncil.gov.uk>; Councillor Anne Filer <anne.filer@bcpcouncil.gov.uk <mailto:anne.filer@bcpcouncil.gov.uk>; Councillor Anne-Marie Moriarty <Anne-Marie.Moriarty@bcpcouncil.gov.uk <mailto:Anne-Marie.Moriarty@bcpcouncil.gov.uk> Subject: Final Proposal Document is Attached Hello all Final version - slight change to paragraph 3.3 explaining the number of councillors should we fall into BTC REDACTED					
22/06/25 09:10	Please take this as notice that I am utterly opposed to the concept of a parish council, it is just another way to tax residents & another layer of red tape. As a life long resident of Poole I am already more than annoyed & disappointed at the demise of the town I grew up in since the merger of BCP, I cannot stand by & watch a further demise of Poole based on this ludicrous idea of a parish council. My address is [REDACTED] should you wish to reply feel free to contact me via email or at the address stated. Regards [REDACTED]	-	BH17 8BU	Object		Poole Town
22/06/25 10:13	My husband are against the idea of setting up town councils. It was only recently you set up BCP council by merging the three councils with idea that this would improve services for us all. Why now should we need to disperse these services and make lots of different town councils. It would not promote a joined up service just make things more difficult. Better planning and management of BCP council would make things better. It is No from us. [REDACTED]	-	BH15 4NS	Object	Yes	
22/06/25 11:36	Sirs I am writing to say that I am against the proposal to introduce BCP parish/ town councils. The costs and benefits have not been described to any worthwhile extent nor have the powers and responsibilities of this extra layer of beauacracy been defined. I would, however, be fully in favour of disbanding BCP and reverting to separate councils. Yours [REDACTED]	-	BH17 7TD	Object	Yes	

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22/06/25 11:46	[REDACTED] No consultation Council currently does what it wants No one consulted only find out when the bills come through the door. Please no more councillors haven't seen a Councillor at my property in the 30 years I have lived here so why would I want anymore. I am a pensioner hard enough paying my bills without adding unnecessary ones	-	BH17 7LZ	Object	Yes	
22/06/25 15:00	Dear sir/madame, I'm opposed to being in a Parish Council, or a Community Council, or a Town Council. And everday Services should be provisioned by the established BCP Council. Regards [REDACTED]	-	BH5 1NN	Object	Yes	
22/06/25 15:43	My name is [REDACTED] I am writing to object to this proposal on the following grounds. Another layer of decision making and communication will be confusing to residents and staff. This has already been seen to be an inefficient model within the multiple layer approach of the NHS. It is wasteful to the public purse, and stymies innovation - going against the principles of lean services when many departments of the council are still not successfully harmonised from the joining of BCP. The promised savings and investment bids that the "city by the sea" was going to achieve are yet to yield themselves. No detail has been included on which services will be provided locally, or even the benefits of doing so. Smaller parishes in more affluent areas such as Broadstone, will be able to afford to cherry pick their services, so greater inequality is highly likely to be a result across the BCP area. Whilst the NHS STP and STB's are working to reduce inequalities, this move is not going to be working in collaboration or partnership but further muddy the waters and increase miscommunications and poor decision making across the board. The costs of organising and running these extra functions are going to be higher, at a time when residents are already facing rising bills and inflation beyond their means. We cannot afford or need yet another layer of taxation. I look forward to hearing the results of this consultation. Kind regards [REDACTED]	-	BH17 7XE	Object	Yes	
22/06/25 16:25	I strongly oppose your proposal for parish and town councils. This is due to increased costs, the exact amount of which are unknown. Furthermore I don't want an extra council tax bill each year where the annual increases are not capped. Your consultation is not inline with Gunning principles, the second of which is we need to be given sufficient information. You haven't given us precise figures as to how much your proposal will cost us. Your proposal will lead to further unnecessary bureaucracy which is confusing. Moreover, you will be able to cherry pick what you do which will lead to inequality of potential services provided. Kind regards [REDACTED]	-	BH17 7AR	Object	Yes	
22/06/25 17:36	To whom it may concern I think the proposal looks sensible, well-conceived, and would be the logical approach for the area (perhaps with some discussion with Boscombe over the more ambiguous areas). Although I feel I should say more the proposal really says it all. Best regards [REDACTED]	-	BH1 4QJ	Support		East Cliff & Springbourne

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22/06/25 17:59	Hi Sara, Thanks for sharing this. I think this is the most important paragraph that you have mentioned here 'This would respect the wishes of the communities within it, preserve, protect and build on the work that has already been done on the Neighbourhood Forum and Plan to realise our own ambitions as a community. ' I know that everyone has worked tirelessly on the Neighbourhood Plan and the creation of the 'Friends of Eastcliff' group has only just been created. It would be a shame for either of these to be lost, especially as the residents feel the area needs improving and the funding that we have already accumulated to support the area and several charities that will benefit from the funds. You are perfectly right in this paragraph, 'Council rather than have the area subsumed by the extremely large alternative of Bournemouth Town Council where the community's needs may get lost amongst the clamorous entreaties from other areas of the conurbation. It sets out a community led alternative to the creation of a single, large Bournemouth Town Council' Eastcliff and Springbourne has its own share of challenging problems. There is already enough to work through and if we were to join with the rest of Bournemouth this will only enhance the current issues. I do fully believe as do many residents we need to work on our own ward and deal with the current issues and move forward with the Neighbourhood Plan. Many thanks, REDACTED	-				East Cliff & Springbourne
22/06/25 18:05	My response to the recommendations is YES to setting up a town council for Poole. I think it will be good for Poole to be represented in its own right so that residents have more say in what happens in Poole. I am a resident in Merley at [REDACTED] and my name is [REDACTED] P.S. I would like to have done the online survey, but I couldn't login. I never received the email to change my password and when I tried to reregister, my email address wasn't accepted. It has been a very frustrating and time consuming process. I think this may have put many people off responding.	-	BH21 1RT	Support		Poole Town
22/06/25 18:28	Dear Sir/Madam, As a ward councillor and resident of Kinson, I feel it's important to share my concerns which also reflect views of many residents I've spoken to in Kinson. With Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole having gone through the major change of Local Government Re-organisation (LGR) just 6 years ago, I have heard of no appetite to go through another lengthy process of introducing additional layers of governance. Residents just want BCP Council to get on with providing the services they expect to receive and already pay for via their existing Council Tax. However, we are told these new proposed Town and Parish councils are a cure to fund services the current administration has cut or plan to cut in future. In the neighbouring ward of Redhill & Northbourne, it has been suggested an additional precept for a brand-new Parish council will pay for the running of Redhill Park paddling pool. Then on social media someone said that it could pay for Bournemouth Air Festival. What else could this additional precept pay towards? Arts By the Sea (another popular family friendly event to be axed)?	-		Object	Yes	

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	There are these suggestions, yet we are also told Parish and Town Councils have a small remit with a minimal precept but in truth it's down to those councils themselves to set a budget and precept. This could lead to inequality across the BCP area, with wealthier areas such as Broadstone and Southbourne raising a higher precept and thus funding better facilities than for instance Kinson or Creekmoor. Also, adding an additional layer of governance will complicate the system. How will residents know where to direct their concerns if there will be all these new Parish and Town councillors? From the feedback I've received from residents they don't want to pay more for the same services they have been receiving and ultimately want BCP Council to get on with doing what they expect. Most residents are keen to see a restoration of pride in our local area and not keen on wasting money on cycle lane schemes. I strongly urge that the idea of new additional councils is postponed, so that residents have the democratic choice to vote for or against in the 2027 Local Elections. Kind regards Councillor Duane Farr Kinson ward - Conservative					
22/06/25 19:38	A split personality approach to politics This year marks the 140th anniversary of Robert Louis Stevenson writing The Strange Case of Jekyll and Hyde. He wrote it in 1885 as he lived in Skerryvore, a spooky looking villa at the head of Alum Chine in Westbourne. The literary legend even took inspiration from the area for the name of one character—Poole the butler. At the core of Stevenson's story is the corrosive nature of being haunted by a double who mirrors your every move. I was reminded of this spectre when I came upon the suggestion for a series of town, parish, and community councils in the BCP area. There's an ancient expression, beware of your remedies—they may be worse than the original malady. Whatever the short-comings of Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole Council, it seems odd that the cure lies in creating a double. The area is already served by 76 councillors. Are we going to benefit from doubling the number and having a wasteful second tier? I'm really suspicious as to why this idea for a parallel set of councils was proposed. Who will gain from this political fragmentation? Will voters benefit from the extra expense? When BCP Council was formed the hope was a unitary authority would provide clarity. One council would be a lean and efficient way to deal with local government. The beauty of BCP is there is a logic to being a unified whole. We live in a conurbation, so merging the councils made sense. The plans for parish and town councils embrace fragmentation. Areas which have a lot in common would be served by different councils. For example, Poole town council would be separate to Broadstone parish council. I have faith that the existing BCP councillors can serve the community, without the need for this elaborate duplication. Yet someone, somewhere, has decided that one way to achieve more goals is to have two footballs on the pitch. The plan for parish and town councils will create a Dr Jekyll to BCP's Mr Hyde. It will be a horror story.	-		Object	Yes	
22/06/25 20:35	To Whom it May Concern I'm opposed to my area being in a Parish Council, a Community Council, or a Town Council.	-	BH5 2AT	Object	Yes	

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	I would add that everyday services should be provisioned by the established BCP Council. What a complete waste of time and money as well as creating a deprived area out of the Pokesdown and Boscombe community. Even the conservatives didn't stoop this low. [REDACTED]					
22/06/25 20:40	Dear sir/madame, I'm opposed to being in a Parish Council, or a Community Council, or a Town Council. And everyday Services should be provisioned by the established BCP Council. Regards [REDACTED]	-	BH5 1NN	Object	Yes	
22/06/25 20:46	Dear Millie, With regard to the community Governance Review, we would be grateful if you would consider the following points with regard to Queen's Park & Charminster. The area currently has a successful local governance model in the form of the Queen's Park & Charminster Community Forum. It is an existing, grass roots, community group, operating according to the Localism Act (2011), with well-defined boundaries that have been consulted on. The boundaries include our green spaces, retail centre, heritage buildings and residential neighbourhoods. Considerable time, effort and expense has been put into the development of a draft Neighbourhood Plan that will be going out for consultation shortly. This will make the forum a statutory consultee for planning decisions and secure additional CIL funding at the closest point to where development takes place. While a town council could co-opt the Neighbourhood Plan, without a forum to ensure continuity we would fear that it would fall by the wayside at the end of its five-year term and not be renewed. The forum also operates a community charity which has been able to secure nearly £100,000 in grant funding in the past year. These funds are being used to repair, regenerate and upgrade our playparks, green spaces and recreation offers, as well as launching community initiatives to tackle fly tipping, graffiti and more. The forum works at the most granular community level for practically no cost to residents, without the need for expensive administration, additional council tax precept or a new layer of elected bureaucracy. The currently proposed Bournemouth Town Council was not arrived at by consultation from the communities within that area, instead it seems to be acting as a kind of "catch all" for the areas of Bournemouth that sit outside the community generated proposals from the first round of consultations. No submissions were made from our area and there remains no appetite for parish councils in this part of Bournemouth. We would urge the administration to allow our successful model of community governance to continue to deliver for its community and not be subsumed into a town council that is not supported by the residents who live here. Yours sincerely, Cllr Sharon Carr-Brown Cllr Alasdair Keddie	-		Object	Yes	
22/06/25 20:57	I am responding to the consultation in my capacity as a local Councillor, but also as a Bournemouth resident. I strongly disagree with each proposal for a new town and parish council, however especially against those considered for Bournemouth. This is not a party political concern as some have sought to suggest on social media particularly, but one that mirrors concerns shared by Bournemouth Councillors and MPs of all political colours and none (I understand as well as Conservatives, the majority of the Bournemouth Labour Group, many of the Bournemouth Greens, several unaligned Councillors and both Members of Parliament are against these proposals for good reasons).	-		Object		All

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	These proposals will lead to increased bureaucracy, with costs especially for staff being duplicated. The mere formation of these Councils will add potentially hundreds of thousands of costs onto residents. With the enforced devolution they will also introduce several tiers of local authority, creating confusion and may even reduce local decision making - with many parish councils struggling to have competitive elections it may well be the case that individuals who put themselves forward will be appointed by default who are making decisions, rather than the existing councillors who are accountable to the electorate. I would also like to put on record my concerns about the fact that many in power have strongly signalled that the results of this consultation may be completely disregarded - I would strongly urge each of us making the decisions following this consultation to strongly consider the damage that ignoring the results would do the legitimacy of this council. I for one would struggle to look my residents in the eye and encourage them to submit their views on any other council proposal that goes to consultation. I hope the proposals for any changes are rejected in their entirety. I am responding by email rather than completing the consultation, as I agree with the many residents who have found the consultation document itself convoluted, confusing, difficult to register for. Many residents have expressed concern that this is by design to stifle responses, however having not designed the consultation I am of course unable to comment on this point. Thank you Cllr Cameron Adams Kinson & West Howe					
22/06/25 21:00	I object to this proposal as we do not need another layer of administration for areas that should automatically be covered by the current structure. There is also a BIG question mark over the cost of implementation of this new proposed structure. It is NOT necessary and is a stealthy way of getting more money from council tax payers. [REDACTED] Broadstone	-		Object	Yes	
22/06/25 22:15	I strongly disagree as a resident of Poole/Creekmoor with all the questions on the online/paper survey A to H I strongly disagree as a Cllr on behalf of my residents with all the questions on the online/paper survey A to H I have had substantial representations made to me by my residents, against the proposals for a Poole Town Council, being the area of which Creekmoor would be included For the following reasons; Opposition to the Introduction of Town and Parish Councils in Bournemouth and Poole I oppose the proposed introduction of Town and Parish Councils in Bournemouth and Poole on behalf of my residents and myself on the grounds of serious procedural, democratic, and practical concerns. This initiative, far from empowering local residents, represents an opaque and divisive restructuring of local governance, pursued without public mandate, adequate scrutiny, or fiscal clarity. It risks fragmenting services, deepening inequalities, and undermining local trust. _____ 1. Manufactured Demand and Misframed Necessity The proposal appears less a response to community demand and more a politically engineered project. Despite repeated assertions that Town and Parish Councils are a natural progression or even a governmental requirement, the facts speak otherwise. The relevant central government guidance is just that guidance, not mandate. The discretionary power to initiate this Governance Review lies entirely with BCP Council leadership. To date, no convincing evidence has been provided that there exists any significant, organic call from residents for these additional tiers of government. The narrative of a community-driven need, lacks	-	BH17 7TD	Object	Yes	

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	foundation, instead, this has the clear appearance of a top-down imposition, with all our communities rights trailing behind a politically motivated initiative. _____ 2. Questionable Democratic Legitimacy and Politicised Framing Cllr Millie Earl, Leader of BCP Council, has publicly stated: “It is the democratic right of those who are elected to deliver THEIR mandate, and as Lib Dems, WE campaigned quite a lot on delivering Community and Town Councils.” However, scrutiny of that claim reveals a striking disconnect. The term “Community Councils” featured only fleetingly and vaguely in one election leaflet, buried in small print, undefined, unexplained, and never subject to public deliberation or widespread understanding. To characterise this as a democratic mandate stretches the term beyond credibility. The issue at hand is not the fulfilment of an electoral promise, but the strategic invocation of discretionary powers. By conflating a barely acknowledged campaign line with full democratic authorisation, the Council's leadership risks presenting assumption as consent. More troublingly, Cllr Earl has made clear her intention to press forward with these plans regardless of public opposition. This effectively reframes governance as imposition rather than representation. The community’s voice is being treated as a procedural formality, not a central democratic determinant. Which narrative are we being asked to accept: that this initiative is an act of mandate fulfilment, or a discretionary political choice to empower residents under the Localism agenda? Both cannot simultaneously be true. In truth, what we are witnessing is the deliberate use of governmental guidance to push through a structural change that conveniently enables new taxation powers, via uncapped precepts, during a time of acute BCP Council budgetary challenges. This approach appears designed less to reform and more to impose further financial Council Tax demands on all residents without political accountability. _____ 3. Lack of Transparency and a Skewed Consultative Environment Transparency, an essential feature of democratic reform has been sorely lacking. Key elements of the proposed arrangements, including the scope of services and likely costs, remain frustratingly vague. Residents have been asked to endorse a framework that is more aspiration than plan. Worryingly, BCP communications have strayed from neutral presentation into persuasive advocacy. Promotional content has included statements such as: “Bournemouth and Poole residents one step closer to having greater influence on local issues.” This is not a headline it is a presumption. It creates the impression that the decision is all but settled, subtly steering public perception towards acceptance. Such language erodes the integrity of any claimed impartial consultation process and undercuts confidence in the Council's commitment to listen. _____ 4. Risk of Service Inequity and Community Tension The proposed system would permit each Town or Parish Council to choose which non-statutory services it wishes to deliver. This inevitably risks creating a postcode lottery of provision wherein residents of neighbouring Parish and Town Councils doing nothing other than the statutory obligated services as stated publicly by Cllr Andy Martin, receive unequal services based purely on their local council’s funding choices or priorities. Cllr Mike Cox has candidly acknowledged that BCP can no longer afford to provide many non-statutory services. If this is the rationale for devolving them, the likely result is a stark disparity, as stated above some Parish/Town Councils may take on services, others may not. Communities able to absorb higher precepts may retain amenities, others may lose them altogether. This raises serious concerns around equity, fairness, and social cohesion.					

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	What is being presented as "local empowerment" may in practice become fragmented governance, deepening divisions rather than addressing them. _____ 5. Financial Ambiguity and Regressive Taxation Town and Parish Councils can raise council tax via uncapped precepts, yet residents have not been provided with even a range of potential costs. The literature accompanying the consultation references only minimal comparative figures, omitting worst-case or median estimates entirely. If the smallest plausible figures can be shared to promote support, then the refusal to share more realistic or upper-bound figures appears strategic and, frankly, disingenuous. At a time when many families face the most severe cost-of-living pressures in a generation, asking them to accept an undefined financial burden for unspecified services is both ethically questionable and fiscally irresponsible. _____ 6. Added Bureaucracy and Obscured Accountability This plan proposes an extra layer of local governance, effectively massively multiplying the number of Cllrs involved in local decision-making. Far from clarifying roles and responsibilities, this added complexity risks deepening the very confusion residents already experience about who does what, and who is accountable. Rather than addressing the governance challenges faced by BCP, this proposal risks replicating them in miniature, creating 6 smaller entities with variable resources, unclear remits, and untested capacity. _____ Conclusion: Democratic Overreach Disguised as Localism This proposal is neither locally demanded nor transparently presented. It is not a reform borne of community vision, but one pursued through political discretion and dressed in the language of empowerment. The governance review process has been initiated not in response to residents requests/needs, but as a vehicle for revenue redistribution and political legacy with residents expected to carry the unknown costs. The process has been strategically structured, communicatively biased, and substantively opaque. Far from enhancing democratic engagement, it risks undermining it, replacing a meaningful community voice with procedural tokenism. I therefore urge BCP Council to abandon this process and re-centre the conversation on the people it claims to empower. Let us focus not on new bureaucracies, but on strengthening the structures we already have and make BCP Council work. Let us be honest about the financial realities and courageous enough to face them transparently, not obscure them through technical manoeuvre. This is not the right reform, not the right time, and not the right method. _____ [REDACTED]					
22/06/25 22:59	Hello BCP My details: [REDACTED] Council area: Southbourne I am struggling to make sense of some of the detail. Not sure about quite a few points. I suspect most constituents won't really know much of what's going on with this. I am provisionally in favour of an elected local council, but this is primarily because I was deeply alarmed that an unelected neighbourhood forum might apply and be accepted to 'shape' policy for my area, introducing policies by referendum with hardly anybody bothering to vote (eg re neighbourhood plan) which I would strongly disagree with. Its all very well having unpaid volunteers but will they have the energy and committment.	-	BH6 4DT	Support		Southbourne

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	I hear you want non-political voluteers, but I think party people are safer because they have to consider how their party will fare as resuklt of their actions - and there is more chance of competing policies being offered pre-election. With volunteers you can get a lot of unrepresentaive activists and zealots. You should be able to reject a candidate you disagree with. Candidates must publicise their main policy interest before poll. Dont understand the block voting system...is that what it will be?. I really dislike calling it a 'community' council. This is a loaded term. It should be Southbourne Council or Southbourne Town Council (like Broadstone Town Council). 'community council' sounds awful and carries no weight - Town is redolent of firm foundations tradition, stability, civic participationn and civic history. What is meant by "in the style of a town or community etc council" - are there differences? Non-discretionary statutory duties: only Neighbour Plan it seems: candidates must be clear explicit and comprehensive in full disclosure of their policy intentionds/activism..else be 'impeachable' or similar if trying to implement policies not clearly and unequivocally presentede pre-election. Discretionary duties: candidates publicise their intentions/viewpoints/concerns/activist leanings in all these areas also. I believe the draft propsals points should not be implemented for reasons given above: (d) the style of the parish of Southbourne be set as a community It should be set as a Town (e) the parish should have a parish council in the style of community council It should be in the style of a Town (or anything other than 'community' (f) the name of the community council should be Southbourne Community Council It must be Southbourne Town Council or Southbourne Council Preferable for me if it party political candidates get involved. Cost: probably ok but my E band ctax is already about 15% of my income so I think makes me not too well off really. Whatever happens - no no no to any unelected neighbour forum taking charge. But worried that if few candidates with this propsal it may end being almost as bad More to say/ask but no time. Regards, [REDACTED]					
23/06/25 10:33	Re: The above. Strong local residents' associations in the BCP area (similar to TVRA) can achieve results without additional bureaucracy and primarily extra costs. Thus any local issues are dealt with Swiftly, Cost effectively and without any external influence. Regards [REDACTED]	-	BH12 5HE	Object	Yes	

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Councillor Millie Earl
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council
BCP Council Civic Centre
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Our Ref: TH05497 2 December 2024

Dear Millie and Graham,

Re: Community Governance Review

I am writing regarding the Community Governance Review of BCP Council area. I have serious concerns about the introduction of additional town or parish councils.

I am writing as the Member of Parliament for Bournemouth East and, to that end, I am particularly focused on our town's needs. I appreciate that local people, MPs, and councillors belonging to Christchurch and Poole may take different views and their different experiences are important to consider. As you will see in the letter, I really am motivated by the desire for our region to thrive and grow together.

The Council's creation and ongoing transformation has been difficult for the region because of the ways Conservatives have run things locally and nationally. While it will be the case that local government reorganisation continues in the longer-term, there are signs that the Council's position is strengthening. Supported by your local Members of Parliament and a new Government, the Council has a brighter future.

The Council is running out of money because the last Conservative Government short-changed our region on every front and the last Conservative leaders of the Council bungled the spending of the little money we received. There are money matters to resolve and I am fighting Bournemouth's corner with the Government, including recent meetings with local government ministers Jim McMahon MP and Baroness Taylor of Stevenage, the Transport and Education Secretaries, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The new Government has already provided more money to BCP Council and to help local parents and guardians and schools with more money for SEND and education. The new government is providing more support for vulnerable people, health, and transportation needs, too.

As we have discussed at length, a new devolution deal, one of the kind that the Labour Government is offering to councils, could open the way to BCP Council taking on more control with additional powers and money.

With the Council's stability growing and new opportunities opening up, it would be wrong to go backwards. Adding more layers of bureaucracy, especially when this could involve citizens paying more council tax, would be a huge leap backwards.

Let us consider the prospect of the people of Bournemouth paying more in council tax. It's just wrong. Although town and parish councils do not have to raise a precept to fund services

that BCP Council might offload to them, they can't do much without raising a precept. Really, the only way town and parish councils could pay for the services they end up running, like parks, leisure centres, bin collections, and libraries, is by pushing local people's council tax up even higher.

At a time when people are rightly concerned about inequality in local services and the harm inequality does to people's life chances, BCP Council should not be creating yet more inequality in local services. The richer parts of BCP would have better services than poorer parts because these richer parts could levy a greater precept than the poorer parts.

Adding more councils would make it harder for people to hold their elected officials to account. Turnout at unitary council local elections is low. Town and parish and parish councils have truly abysmal turnouts. Adding another layer of politicians won't make life better for local people nor encourage them to have faith in local democracy.

I would not want the Council to draw the wrong conclusion from low turnout at recent local elections – this is not the result of a lack of democracy, this really is the result of a lack of faith in the ability of BCP Council to make life better following years of poor Conservative governance. With the creation of the new councils, it will be harder for BCP Council and these councils to work together and make our life better, so local people's faith in democracy will have no alternative but to drop yet again.

I urge the Council to get back to its original vision for the area – the idea that all three boroughs can do more together and are stronger together. Adding more councils and increasing council tax takes us away from this vision and makes life harder for many.

As a councillor for ten years, many of them in the cabinet and as a deputy leader, I have enormous respect for local government. One of my motivations for standing for Parliament was to give power and control to local government – it is this desire which explains why I wish to put powers and funding with BCP Council, not new councils.

In the nearly five months since I have been your MP, we, and your officers and senior councillors, have met many times on a range of issues. I value the relationship that we are building and believe we can achieve a lot for BCP.

I look forward to seeing you on Friday.

With kind regards,

Tom Hayes MP
Labour Member of Parliament for Bournemouth East

Submission to the BCP Council Community Governance Review

From: [redacted], Chair of the Talbot Village Residents' Association (TVRA)
Date: May 24th 2025

Dear Community Governance Review Committee,

As Chair of the Talbot Village Residents' Association, I am writing to formally respond on behalf of our residents. to BCP Council's ongoing Community Governance Review.

Firstly, the whole premise of the proposals is flawed. On the one hand it is argued that you cannot give any estimates of a likely precept because it would depend upon what powers the Town Council choose to take upon themselves. Yet the proposals put forward are supposed to bring about improved and stronger community engagement, more cohesive communities, better local democracy and more effective and convenient delivery of local services; ensuring electors across the whole area are treated equitably and fairly. That is entirely dependent upon what powers the Town Council chooses to adopt. If you don't know what powers are likely to be adopted, you cannot know whether it would meet your stated aims or not.

The draft recommendations document (Section 6.2) states that retaining the current arrangements *"would not deliver the enhanced community governance sought in the government guidance."* This assertion is unsubstantiated and disregards successful, existing models of community led governance, such as TVRA. Our residents' association already fosters community cohesion, collaboration with stakeholders and active democratic participation without the need for an additional governance layer.

Over the past several weeks, TVRA has undertaken extensive local consultation to gauge the views of Talbot Village residents regarding the introduction of parish or town councils. We have sought to provide a clear, balanced understanding of the possible implications and have encouraged active engagement from our community.

The results of this comprehensive consultation were unambiguous. The overwhelming majority of Talbot Village residents do not support the introduction of parish or town councils in our area. We do not believe that the proposals will bring about the stated aims, for the reasons set out below.

Our Engagement and Consultation Process

We have:

* Shared clear explanations via social media platforms outlining the advantages and the disadvantages of introducing Parish and Town councils.
• Invited comments and feedback from residents across our digital platforms and mailing lists.
• Conducted a public poll to measure support or opposition within the community.

- Held an open community meeting, attended by all three ward councillors to allow residents to ask questions and share concerns directly.

Key Reasons for not supporting proposals

Residents raised numerous concerns and objections, which can be summarised as follows:

1. Additional Financial Burden

We strongly disagree with the contention that the level of council tax is not a determining factor for a Community Governance Review. It is unreasonable to expect us to sign up to an open ended financial commitment without clear limits or guarantees of value.

Introduction of parish or town councils would impose a new parish precept on residents, effectively increasing Council Tax bills. These costs are not capped and could rise year on year, with little or no control or meaningful accountability to local residents. There is deep concern that agreeing to parish councils now could open the door to BCP Council withdrawing services, expecting the Parish Council to take them on, placing the financial burden squarely on local residents through additional precepts. Residents do not wish to commit to a model where services currently provided as part of the standard Council Tax could be repackaged and recharged at a local level under the guise of "*local empowerment.”*

2. Duplication of Services and Bureaucracy

Many residents feel that a new tier of local government would duplicate existing services already provided by BCP Council or local community groups. This will introduce unnecessary bureaucracy, slowing down decision making and increasing red tape.

3. Concerns Over Representation and Accountability

Parish councils are seen as potentially less transparent and accountable, with limited oversight and low electoral turnout. Residents question how well these councils would reflect the views of the wider community.

Section 4.7 and 6.3 of the BCP document refers to a *“democratic deficit”* in unparished areas. However, this is not supported by any evidence. In fact, low turnout, uncontested seats, and lack of engagement in parish elections elsewhere suggest that parish councils could worsen, rather than improve, democratic participation.

4. Fear of Fragmentation and Division

~~The~~ proposals will lead to fragmentation of the wider community, creating artificial boundaries and weakening the collective identity of the area because the proposed Town Council boundaries are not co-incident with the BCP ward boundaries . For example the Talbot and Branksome Woods ward would be split between Bournemouth and Poole Town Councils. Apart from causing confusion as to responsibilities, it will lead to inequity between areas, particularly in terms of funding and service delivery.

This split is illustrated in Figure 3 of the draft recommendations. It clearly shows Talbot and Branksome Woods ward divided between two town councils. This directly contradicts the review's goals of community cohesion and clarity.

5. Satisfaction with Existing Local Engagement

TVRA already serves as a well established, active and effective platform for community engagement. Our partnership work with BCP Council including our local Councillors and other stakeholders has proven successful without the need for a formal parish structure.

6. Lack of Clarity on Powers and Benefits

What tangible powers would a Parish or Town Council actually hold and how those powers would benefit Talbot Village? There is a lack of clear evidence that parish councils would lead to meaningful improvements in local services or quality of life.

The review acknowledges (Section 6.2) that it cannot confirm what powers the proposed town councils will hold. It is contradictory to assert that these undefined powers will deliver stronger democratic outcomes or better services. A decision of this magnitude should not proceed without this basic clarity.

7. Risk of Political Entrenchment or Low Participation

Parish Council elections historically suffer from low voter turnout and in some cases, councillors are appointed unopposed. This risks creating insular bodies that may not represent the diversity or interests of the wider community. Without robust democratic participation, parish councils can become echo chambers or vehicles for special interests, rather than genuinely serving local needs.

8. Unclear Governance and Oversight Framework

Unlike BCP Council, Parish Councils do not benefit from the same level of scrutiny, standards committees, or access to professional officers for legal and policy guidance. This raises concerns about oversight, financial prudence and safeguarding, especially given that they would control public funds

9. Better Alternatives Already Exist for Community Empowerment

Rather than introducing a formal new tier of governance, better mechanisms for empowering communities already exist such as Community Interest Companies,

Neighbourhood Forums, or formalised Residents' Associations with delegated consultative powers. These can deliver local input and engagement without additional taxation or bureaucracy.

If the goal is enhanced community engagement, there is no need to replicate or replace structures that are already working. TVRA and similar groups across BCP have shown that grassroots initiatives can be highly effective without incurring new public costs.

10. Risk of Undermining Ward Councillors' Roles

Residents elect BOP ward councillors to represent their interests and oversee local issues. Introducing parish councils could confuse accountability and lead to tension or duplication between elected parish councillors and BCP ward councillors. For Talbot Village, this would be exacerbated by splitting the current BCP Council ward, making it difficult for BCP and Town Council's to work together. This dual-representation model risks reducing overall effectiveness.

11. The proposed Poole Town would have 42 Councillors, 17 wards and an electorate of almost 118,000. That is much too large "to bring about improved and stronger community engagement, more cohesive communities, better local democracy and more effective and convenient delivery of local services; ensuring electors across the whole area are treated equitably and fairly." As stated in point no. 5, our current arrangements are better suited to achieving those aims.

The scale of the proposed Poole Town Council, as outlined in section 6.3.5, makes it larger than many full district councils. A 42-member body spanning approx 118,000 residents is unlikely to foster the close-knit engagement and community identity that the review claims to promote.

Conclusion and Request

In light of the above and as a result of our inclusive and transparent consultation process, the residents of Talbot Village oppose the formation of a Parish or Town Council for our area.

While section 6.1.1 of the draft review suggests there have been *"requests from residents"* for new parish councils, this has not been the case in Talbot Village. Our consultation evidence points in the opposite direction, with clear, consistent opposition from the majority of local residents.
We urge BCP Council to recognise the clear will of our community and to respect the outcome of this-grassroots consultation. We recommend that no changes be made to our current governance arrangements at this time.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]
Chair, Talbot Village Residents' Association

To: The Community Governance Review Committee
Subject: Objection to the Proposal to Create a Poole Town Council

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing as a long-term resident of Talbot Village, located within the area proposed to fall under the newly recommended Poole Town Council. I wish to register my strong objection to the creation of this council and the wider principle of establishing new parish and town councils across Bournemouth and Poole.

Although I am proud to live in a place with such rich history and community identity, I believe the proposed structure is unnecessary, confusing, and potentially detrimental to our local area.

1. An Unnatural Division of Communities

Under the proposals, Talbot Village, currently aligned within the Talbot & Branksome Woods ward, will become part of the Poole Town Council, while our neighbours in Talbot Woods are proposed to fall under Bournemouth Town Council. This arbitrary boundary ignores our real-world, everyday relationships and community ties.

The suggestion that Talbot Village and Talbot Woods should now fall under different town councils is disruptive and divisive, especially when we are one ward under the current BCP Council structure. We share schools, roads, green spaces, and priorities and fragmenting that for administrative neatness serves no benefit to residents.

2. Undefined Benefits and Unclear Purpose

According to paragraph 1.3 of the CGR report, the justification for a Poole Town Council stems in part from the Charter Trustees' frustration at not being able to do more to support local events and fundraising. There seems to be some ambiguity here. ' While I sympathise with those sentiments, it is not clear how a town council would provide a more effective or affordable solution or whether it would be proportionate.

The document suggests (paragraph 1.4) that the new Town Council would "allow additional freedoms to support other activities throughout Poole," yet no specifics are given as to what those activities are, how they would be managed, or at what cost. This vague phrasing leaves residents in the dark about what we are agreeing to — and at what financial burden.

3. Additional Bureaucracy Without Clear Value

As detailed in paragraph 1.12, the Task and Finish Group acknowledges the need to ensure electoral equality, but the proposed warding for the Poole Town Council already exhibits up to a 10% variance in elector-to-councillor ratios. This fails to meet the ideal guidance and demonstrates how difficult and unwieldy managing such a large and diverse town council would be in practice.

Rather than delivering more localised, community-focused decision-making, the proposed Poole Town Council would consist of 42 councillors across 17 wards (paragraph 2.2). This is not a small parish model that brings democracy closer to people. It is effectively a second-tier local authority, adding layers of complexity, cost, and confusion.

4. Risk of Increased Costs and Taxation

One of the most significant concerns for me and many others in Talbot Village is the potential cost of this proposal. Paragraph 1.3 confirms that Charter Trustees currently levy a modest precept. A Town Council, however, would have far greater powers to raise council tax, with no cap and no guarantees of improved services.

The CGR report does not offer even illustrative financial estimates for residents to consider. How can the community support a model that offers no transparency about how much we will pay or what we will receive in return?

5. Better Alternatives Exist

We already benefit from active residents' associations in this area that work in partnership with councillors and BCP Council officers. These associations provide a voluntary, grassroots framework for local engagement, without additional layers of taxation or administration.

Rather than introducing a costly new body, BCP Council could strengthen existing structures by improving officer liaison, investing in neighbourhood partnerships, and ensuring communities like Talbot Village have a strong voice without fragmentation.

Conclusion

I do not believe the proposed Poole Town Council will benefit residents of Talbot Village. On the contrary, it will:

- Fragment unified wards like Talbot and Branksome Woods
- Introduce new taxes with no clear service improvements
- Add a burdensome second layer of governance
- Undermine existing, effective community mechanisms

I therefore respectfully urge the committee to reject the recommendation for the creation of Poole Town Council and instead maintain the existing Charter Trustees model, which has served our historic town with dignity and efficiency.

Yours sincerely,

PROPOSAL FOR AN EAST CLIFF AND SPRINGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

1. Background

1.1 During Stage 1 of the BCP Community Governance Review in the final quarter of 2024, the only question residents were asked was "do you want a parish or not?" There was no suggestion at that time that if residents said no, communities would be swept up into an 'everywhere else in BCP' parish as outlined in the Stage 3 consultation documentation.

1.2 If that had been specifically mentioned, the outcome of the consultation may have been very different – particularly in view of the timeline published in that Stage 1 consultation document which says:

Stage Four – Final Recommendations	23/06/2025 to 29/08/2025	10 weeks	Consideration of further submission received and prepare final recommendations Council resolves to make a Reorganisation Order

Table 1: Timeline extract from Stage 1 Consultation Documentation

1.3 The final sentence "Council resolves to make a Reorganisation Order" implies that reorganisation WILL take place, regardless. It is important to note that currently there seems to be no appetite amongst residents in the ward whatsoever to be part of a new town council. The preferred option would be to have no Bournemouth Town Council and to continue as we are.

1.4 Stage 3 consultation documentation, which emerged from the stage 1 consultation, includes a recommendation to create a Bournemouth Town Council and a Poole Town Council that sweeps up 'everywhere else in BCP' that was not included in the proposed new parish councils of e.g. Southbourne along with that of Boscombe and Pokesdown

1.5 The community has spent the last two years working towards the creation of a Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Plan. The consultation to designate the Neighbourhood area has only recently concluded and the outcomes are not yet known. BCP Cabinet is due to receive a report of those outcomes and agree whether to designate an area and a forum or not on 16 July 2025.

1.6 There is also a newly formed 'Friends of East Cliff and Springbourne' Community Action Group which has a role to hold funds, distribute them for community benefit and co-ordinate community action and volunteers for all who live, work, study, visit or worship in the East Cliff and Springbourne area.

1.7 Our preferred option is to allow that process to run its course without being swept up into a parish. If we are to be forced to abandon this approach against our wishes under this local government reorganisation then we firmly advocate for East Cliff and Springbourne residents to be given the opportunity to establish their own Parish/Community Council if they so wish. This would respect the wishes of the communities within it, preserve, protect and build on the work that has already been done on the Neighbourhood Forum and Plan to realise our own ambitions as a community. Residents need to be given this other option (rather than be swept up into Bournemouth Town Council) as a choice at the very least.

1.8 It would therefore be sensible, and fitting, to allow local communities to rethink their views on parishes and make suggestions regarding which grouping would suit them best during the Stage 3 consultation.

1.9 This document has been prepared by East Cliff and Springbourne residents who propose the setting up of an East Cliff and Springbourne Parish/Community Council rather than have the area subsumed by the extremely large alternative of Bournemouth Town Council where the community's needs may get lost amongst the clamorous entreaties from other areas of the conurbation. It sets out a community led alternative to the creation of a single, large Bournemouth Town Council.

2. Proposal for an East Cliff and Springbourne Parish Council

2.1 This proposal recommends the creation of an East Cliff and Springbourne Parish/Community Council that covers the area of the current East Cliff and Springbourne (EC&S) electoral ward along with the part of the East Cliff Conservation area that lies outside the electoral ward to the west as shown in Figure 1 below.

2.2. There are two trains of thought – one is to have wards as shown in Figure 1. The other is to have just one ward covering the whole of the area outlined in Figure 1.

2.3 The proposal includes Boscombe Chine Gardens (which is also included in the proposed Boscombe and Pokesdown Parish Council but lies in the EC&S ward). But it excludes Electoral Polling District EC6 as that forms part of the Queens Park and Charminster Neighbourhood Forum and is more aligned to that community. See map below.

Figure. 1: Proposed East Cliff and Springbourne Parish council area Showing Polling Areas (map courtesy OpenStreetMap)

2.4 A Parish/Community Council format has been chosen over that of a Town Council as there is no need for an elected mayor. There are two suggestions about warding the new East Cliff and Springbourne Council.

2.4.1 Split the area into two wards thus:

- East Cliff Ward covering areas EC1 and EC2 and the part of the Conservation area to the west (including Boscombe Chine Gardens)
- Springbourne Ward covering areas EC3, EC4 and EC5. EC5 currently covers a handful of houses on the north of Knyveton Road which lie within the Conservation area so the boundary could be slightly adjusted so they remain in the Conservation area ward.

2.4.2 Just have one ward covering the whole of the area with a suitable number of councillors.

2.5 Further justification for the setting up of a specific Parish/Community Council for East Cliff and Springbourne includes these facts:

- There is a coherent community identity across ward and conservation area boundaries
- The proposed parish aligns with the proposed neighbourhood area
- It will provide a common district centre and civic infrastructure
- It includes all existing overlapping residents' forums and networks
- It includes the Neighbourhood Forum(s)
- It includes the Coastal Business Improvement District
- There are distinct local issues due to the seafront and the overlap with the town centre area
- The area shares community assets such as green spaces, GP Surgeries, Springbourne Library
- There is a common desire to preserve and protect the heritage of the area – the area is distinct in character and history compared to the rest of the town.

2.6 The overall aim of the parish will be to deliver effective low-cost, place-based governance without burdening residents with unnecessary administrative overheads.

3 Parish Councillors

3.1 The Local Government Act 1972 states there should be a minimum of five councillors on a Parish Council. Conversely the National Association of Local Councils guidelines suggest the minimum number of councillors on a Parish Council to be seven (with a maximum of 25).

3.2 Using Electorate and Projected Electorate figures, and assuming there are approximately 500 electors in the area of the Conservation Area outside the electoral ward, as well as guidance about elector-to-councillor ratio variance being within +/-10%, given in the consultation document, there are two possible ways of organising the proposed Parish Council area. One where the area is split into two wards and one where there is no ward structure

3.2.1 Table 2 outlines the number of councillors required should the area be split into two wards. The elector-to-councillor ratio would be 1052:1 with the resultant variances ranging between -1% and +1% which is a far more balanced and fairer outcome compared with that of +10.9% offered in the consultation document where East Cliff AND Springbourne would only have four councillors out of a total of 38.

Parish ward	Electorate 2025	Projected Electorate 2030	Seats	Elector Ratio	Variance from average
East Cliff (EC1, EC2 + 500)	4211	4255	4	1064	+1%
Springbourne (EC3, EC4, EC5)	6093	6264	6	1044	-1%
Total	10314	10519	10		

Table 2: Proposed Ward/Councillor Ratio within EC&S by Polling Station Area

3.2.2 However, there is some discontent over the fact that Springbourne will have more councillors than East Cliff in this scenario, so an alternative option is offered. There is no legal requirement to split a parish council into wards so, there could be just one ward covering the whole of the area. Table 3 below gives some options on numbers of councillors - variance is not required in this instance.

Electorate 2025	Projected Electorate 2030	Seats	Elector Ratio	Notes
10314	10519	4	2630	Number of councillors proposed in BCT but breaches the Parish Council guidance of a minimum of 7
		7	1503	Minimum number of councillors according to guidance
		10	1052	Number of councillors suggested if EC&S is split into wards.

Table 3: Possible Number of Councillors if No Warding Takes Place

3.4 Other considerations include:

- Council Size: no more than 10 councillors
- Staffing: .5 clerk could be shared with another parish/community council area
- Meeting frequency: bi-monthly with hybrid option
- Community Powers: small grants fund, community events/public liability insurance, local environment improvements
- This structure satisfies statutory requirements while remaining lean, transparent and proportionate.

4. Conclusion

4.1 There a considerable sense of community within the East Cliff and Springbourne area as is evidenced by the request to set up a Neighbourhood Area Forum within the ward which has yet to be determined.

4.2 Local residents therefore humbly request that you accept their request for the formation of an independent East Cliff and Springbourne Parish Council as opposed to being included in the proposal for an extremely large Bournemouth Town Council.

BCP Council Community Governance Review Stage 3 Consultation

Gervis Meyrick Estate Consultation Response

1. We recognise that the Council has made a choice to undertake a Community Governance Review covering the BCP area with the stated aim of improving community engagement and establishing more cohesive communities, better local democracy and more effective delivery of local services.
2. Given those aims, we do not believe that a single parish of Bournemouth as proposed, covering the area outlined in the Consultation Documents and comprising of 11 parish wards should be formed. We note that during the first stage of consultation no submissions in favour of this option were received, indicating an overwhelming lack of community support for the idea.
3. Delivery of local services should be properly resourced and managed to ensure consistency of service provision, avoidance of needless duplication of administrative costs and greater efficiencies in purchasing power.
4. Should a Parish Town Council for Bournemouth be established, we disagree with the proposed boundary. We strongly believe that the East Cliff forms a very distinct and sustainable community and should form a separate parish council.
5. Furthermore the proposed boundary for Boscombe and Pokesdown parish council requires further thought as it is not co-terminus with the BCP Council wards. Boscombe Chine Gardens provides a significant recreational green space for the East Cliff, and residents live adjacent to the gardens. Therefore, in the interests of establishing a more cohesive community and better local democracy, East Cliff residents should have a say in how the site operates.
6. It has long been established that the section of seafront between Bournemouth and Boscombe Piers is a principal location for the hosting of major events to support the local economy. The consultation proposes that this site is split into separate management entities under Boscombe & Pokesdown Parish Council and Bournemouth Town Council. We see this adding an unnecessary layer of complication when it comes to approval and management of major events. We strongly believe that the area between the piers should come under an East Cliff parish ward.
7. We further believe that the East Cliff, as a distinctive community, should incorporate the area to the west of Meyrick Road and bounded by Bath Road and Christchurch Road. We believe that, properly considered, the boundaries of an East Cliff Parish Ward would largely, subject to proper review, follow those of the East Cliff Conservation Area, designated in 1987, revised in 1988 and referenced in the current Bournemouth Local Plan and draft BCP Local Plan. The boundary should reflect an area of similar character and simply following BCP political boundaries does not appropriately reflect community, physical form, use or activity. Excluding the area of the East Cliff west of Meyrick Road would run counter to the consultation aim of establishing a more cohesive community.
8. Given the complete lack of appetite for and engagement to date from residents in the shaping of the parish proposal option in this consultation covering the East Cliff, we strongly request that the Council directly engages with key community stakeholders, including the Estate, to ensure proposals

are further developed with their input. Without this, the stated aims of establishing more cohesive communities, better local democracy and more effective delivery of local services cannot effectively be delivered.

9. We believe that the current proposals tabled have been ill-conceived and require further thought by the Council before new options which have received community input or endorsement are re-consulted.

[redacted]: AJ Emery Consulting, on behalf of the Gervis Meyrick Estate

20th June 2025

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Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Jackie Edwards

Comments and Observations submitted:
From what I have read there is far more opposition than support. With no clear guidance to costs and an extra layer of bureaucracy in a time when household budgets are tight then plans for Parish and Town Councils must be dropped. Residents' voices must be heard and whilst numbers were low in responding compared to actual number of residents it is clear they do not want this extra tax burden. Quite rightly residents are asking why they should pay twice for services. Services which are being eroded and are being noticed as disappearing more and more by residents such as the state of our roads, weeds in gullies, grass not cut, library hours reduced and the list goes on.

Form submitted by jackie.edwards@bcpcouncil.gov.uk address at 4.35pm on Wednesday, 20 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Cllr Peter Cooper

Comments and Observations submitted:
Hamworthy Ward – Community Governance Review Feedback
Observations and Questions from Councillor Peter Cooper
In reviewing the consultation responses for Hamworthy Ward, it's clear that views are relatively balanced regarding the preservation of local identity and the sense of loss following the merger with BCP. A recurring theme in the open comments suggests that this issue has been compounded by widespread misinformation—particularly from Conservative and Poole Engage sources—regarding the financial implications of a potential precept and the perception of an additional layer of bureaucracy. This misinformation appears to have been actively disseminated through a determined social media campaign, which may have influenced public perception and engagement with the consultation. How does the Task and Finish Group intend to address and clarify these misconceptions to ensure that future communications and decisions are based on accurate and transparent information?
Additional Questions:
• Will there be any concessions or exemptions for residents on low incomes in relation to any future precept?
• Would a future Town Council have the authority to determine such concessions, and what mechanisms might be used to implement them?
• Could a Town Council assume responsibility for local assets, and what would be the process for identifying, transferring, and costing these assets?
• What steps will be taken to ensure that elected Town Councillors, if a council is established, are adequately trained and supported to carry out their roles effectively?

Comment
The outcomes of the Community Governance Review were notably shaped by a surge of negative and often ill-informed commentary on social media. Much of this misinformation centred around exaggerated claims—such as warnings of a dramatic increase in the council precept and the imposition of costly new layers of democratic bureaucracy. These narratives caused genuine concern, particularly among residents on low incomes, including many in Hamworthy, where financial pressures are already keenly felt. While there is strong local sentiment in favour of retaining Poole's distinct identity following the BCP merger, the fear generated by these claims led some to question whether the review would serve their interests. Regrettably, there was no coordinated counter-campaign to challenge or clarify these assertions. Those of us who were on the receiving end of the misinformation chose not to enter into public debate, maintaining neutrality in order to preserve the integrity of the process. However, this silence allowed misleading narratives to dominate the conversation, potentially distorting public understanding and engagement with the review. sorry to repeat but folk are concerned as am I

Community Governance Review – more questions
This document addresses common concerns and misinformation surrounding the Community Governance Review, with a focus on residents in Hamworthy and Poole. It aims to clarify key issues and provide accurate information.
Q1: Will the Community Governance Review result in a huge increase in council tax (precept)?
Q2: Is this review creating expensive new layers of bureaucracy?
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Q3: Why didn't councillors respond to the misinformation on social media? (i remained neutral as best i could)
Q4: I live in Hamworthy, and I'm worried about costs, but I also want to keep Poole's identity. What does this mean for me?
Q5: Was there a campaign to counter misinformation?

Form submitted by peter.cooper@bcpcouncil.gov.uk address at 5.14pm on Wednesday, 20 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Patrick Canavan

Comments and Observations submitted:
On behalf of the Labour councillors across Bournemouth can I thank you for circulating the data from the consultation on the Community Governance Review. It is our view that the results confirm that there is no appetite for the creation of these councils in Bournemouth.

With Boscombe there were a total of 183 responses but only 9 comments which were generally in support with 70 in opposition. The numbers responding from outside the area is not surprising given that Boscombe borders a number of other areas which would be impacted by this proposal. It is also revealing that the dashboard shows that 82% of respondents were opposed to the creation of a separate council for this area. This is entirely in line with what we have told you before and demonstrates the fact that there is no community support for this idea.

Similarly, the proposal for Southbourne had a total of 254 responses with 28 generally supportive but 81 against. The issue of the boundaries between Boscombe and Southbourne was raised previously, and this is an evident concern in the responses that have been received. I can only repeat that the proposed boundaries were entirely artificial and created unnecessary division within the community. Notwithstanding the issue of boundaries 74% of respondents were opposed to this idea so, despite some social media campaigning in favour, this has been firmly rejected.

Regarding the creation of a town council for Bournemouth there were 333 responses but only 28 which were generally supportive and a 93 in opposition. The boundaries of this proposal never made any sense, and it was simply a means by which the remainder of Bournemouth could be encompassed within a single town council. There is no commonality with the areas covered and the opposition to this idea comes as no great surprise.

With the proposal for Redhill there were 147 responses but only 6 in general support and 60 in opposition. It is interesting that 54 of those opposed were from outside of the area but again that is not surprising given that this proposed area borders closely on other areas such as Kinson.

The results for Poole are more closely balanced but we would once again make the point the border between Poole and Bournemouth is still a sensitive issue. Any boundary for a new town council in Poole should not encroach on areas that are seen as being part of Bournemouth and we feel the Task & Finish Group should give careful consideration to where that boundary is drawn if it wishes to proceed.

In summary there were only 917 responses for all the areas within Bournemouth with 71 being in general support and 304 in opposition. Given this we are requesting that the Task & Finish Group determine that no further action is taken to create Town/Parish Councils within Bournemouth.

Cllr Patrick Canavan
BCP Labour Group Leader

Form submitted by Patrick.Canavan@bcpcouncil.gov.uk address at 9.08am on Thursday, 21 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Michelle Dower

Comments and Observations submitted:
I found how the responses were set out were complicated. The table seemed to illustrate various sets of data : those for, those against, and reasons for being against.
Although I am aware that residents of Kinson Ward did respond, I cannot see those results anywhere. Based on what I have read in these documents, it appears that most BCP residents are against CGR.

Form submitted by Michelle.Dower@bcpcouncil.gov.uk address at 3.30pm on Thursday, 21 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Lawrence Williams

Comments and Observations submitted:
The consultation appears to overwhelmingly not support the need for the adoption of Parish and Town Councils, certainly in Bournemouth. The feedback I have received from residents has mirrored this.

Form submitted by lawrence.williams@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 3:22 PM on DDDD, 22 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Stephen Bartlett

Comments and Observations submitted:
It is clear that resident's responses are overwhelmingly against the creation of a Parish Council for the Redhill and Northbourne Ward.

Form submitted by stephen.bartlett@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 1:12 PM on 24 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Margaret Phipps

Comments and Observations submitted:
I am commenting regarding the consultation results for Hurn. I note that of the 78 respondents none of them live in Hurn. I get the impression that many will have offered objections because they generally oppose new Parish Councils in their own areas, so have commented on other areas as well. It is telling that no-one from Hurn commented either way, which tells me that Hurn residents have no issue with the how the Parish Council operates. The first Hurn Parish Council Minute book shows that the initial Parish Meeting was held on 4th December 1894 at 6.30pm when 6 Cllrs were elected. The first full meeting of Hurn Parish Council was at 4pm on 22nd March 1895. Hurn is a Historic Parish which has been in existence for over 130 years. I suspect it is the oldest Parish Council within BCP. I am of the opinion that the Parish Council should continue it's good work as it is, with the same amount of Cllrs. Regarding Boundaries, Christchurch Town Council suggested two small changes (previously noted as A and B), which The Parish has no problem with, as long as there are no maintenance costs or obligations for land which would now be included within the Parish Boundary. I am of the opinion that Hurn Parish Council is a valuable local Statutory Body which represents it's residents well. It should be left to continue to do so.

Form submitted by Margaret.Phipps@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 2:53 PM on 24 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Eleanor Connolly

Comments and Observations submitted:
My ward is affected by the Southbourne Council and Boscombe & Pokesdown Council proposals. Looking at the responses, the level of opposition to the councils shown in the responses compared to the level of support is resoundingly clear. The responses reflect that there has been a small group behind the proposals rather than there being a groundswell of community appetite for the idea. Firstly I hope you will take note that for many of the comments listed as 'agreeing', their comments make it very clear that they are not in fact supportive (e.g. bottom of p8 of the Southbourne responses). For many others listed as 'agreeing', they set very significant caveats in their comments, such as disagreeing with the boundaries or number of wards. I hope that is reflected when quoting numbers for and against. Even setting aside that objections far outweigh support, it is clear that only a few dozen respondents living in the area have actually expressed agreement with the proposals as stated, out of a population of tens of thousands. I would hope for evidence of significantly higher levels of public support if a new council were to have buy-in from the community, clear interest in public participation in elections and enough local support to give it a chance of making it a success. I note my concerns about the boundary between Southbourne and Boscombe & Pokesdown are reflected in many comments, both within Southbourne wards and surrounding wards. Looking at the responses, I do not see support for boundary that would serve community cohesion. As comments have noted, Southbourne Grove/Seabourne Road is the heart of the Southbourne and Pokesdown communities but is where the boundary between councils would be. The boundary cuts through a built-up area, and would not be "easily identifiable" as set out in the CGR Guidance. The CGR guidance is clear that community cohesion and local identity are at the heart of what it should be about. If the boundaries aren't right and don't reflect local identity, then the proposals should not go ahead - it is on those grounds that I believe we cannot say community cohesion is enhanced by the proposals, based on the comments received. In short, my views on the specifics of the Southbourne and Boscombe proposals align with those sent be Cllr Canavan, that even these councils have been clearly rejected by the communities, along with the rest of Bournemouth.

Form submitted by Eleanor.Connolly@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 3:59 PM on 24 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
John Beesley

Comments and Observations submitted:
In terms of the Westbourne & West Cliff Ward there appears to be very little support for the Community Governance Review proposals for a Town Council. The figures speak for themselves. The comments make it clear what the majority of residents feel, and their distain for another layer of local government when all they want is for the existing BCP Council to provide the good and reliable services for which they are already paying at an increasing level of cost every year. The proposals coming forward, just six years after Local Government Reorganisation, are not what most residents were expecting, and they cannot understand there to be any advantages to them in terms of the existing services provided and value for money for them as hard pressed council tax payers. The consultation makes this and many other objections extremely clear, and I conclude that it would be a very brave (or foolhardy) Council that would make such a change against the overwhelming views of those who have responded. Although we are constantly being told that the cost of a Town Council is not a consideration, the truth of the matter is that it is a very real concern to many residents, particularly the elderly in this Ward who are on fixed incomes and who are struggling as it is with the cost of living. They are being attacked on all sides for more and more of their savings and fixed incomes, from both the national government, and from local government. Most of those I speak to receive no support from being able to claim benefits and are trying to make ends meet without becoming a burden on the state. These proposals will inevitably make matters even worse for those residents, and indeed the additional bureaucracy will inevitably grow and become even more costly as it always does in the public services in the UK. I urge the Council to heed the consultation responses and not to proceed further, especially as it affects the residents of this Ward with proposals for a Bournemouth Town Council.

Form submitted by john.beesley@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 8:59 PM on 24 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Olivia Brown

Comments and Observations submitted:
The consultation results show a very mixed response across Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole. Although this is disappointing, as I believe a small precept and an additional layer of local autonomy could be beneficial, I feel that the recent reorganisation to form BCP Council has influenced how residents view further changes to local governance. Having met with residents in my ward, there was some interest in the process, albeit from a small group. However, for many, the idea of being part of a wider Bournemouth Town Council did not appear to offer enough clear benefit to them as a community.

Form submitted by Olivia.Brown4@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 2:06 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Cllr Duane Farr

Comments and Observations submitted:
Based on the results of the consultation for establishing a new Bournemouth Town Council, residents of Kinson ward would not be happy if the proposals go ahead considering 76% of Bournemouth respondents said they are against the proposals. I see no reason in progressing plans for a new Bournemouth Town Council, spending council taxpayers' money on holding additional elections, to elect more councillors, hiring new town clerk etc and charging residents an additional precept for no new services, instead paying extra for what should already be done. There would be no advantages to our residents and find myself unable to support it. BCP Council needs to get back to basics, delivering the essential services our residents expect, instead of wasting officer hours on creating an additional layer of governance, when it has only been 6 years since the creation of BCP Council which was brought about to simplify things for residents and save money.

Form submitted by Duane.Farr@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 4:23 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
David d'Orton-Gibson

Comments and Observations submitted:
I will answer in respect of two areas, Redhill and Northbourne, where I live and Bournemouth Town where the ward I represent is located. Redhill and Northbourne Overall 80%* of respondents are against the idea of a parish council. This is slightly worse when you consider the respondent who said “agree” but then in the text was clearly strongly against the proposal. Even amongst the “agree” respondents, there is not agreed area with some thinking the ward boundaries are fine and others wants parts of other wards included. Feel free to utilise anything I say in any response you choose to make. Redhill and Northbourne, 80% of respondents say no. Of the XX% who agree, they don't agree on what they want. One wants part of Moordown included, another thinks Winton West should be included, another wants Kinson and Bearwood included and yet another thinks it should include Ensbury Park (though another "agree" says it should not include Ensbury Park). A couple of people think New Rd (up to the bridge) and Keeble Road should be included. This clearly shows who there is no clear coherent vision for a Redhill Parish. One respondent said Ensbury Park should not be included and that 3 councillors is excessive, the proposal is for 9 councillors for the parish. Another says "agree" but the comment is "This seems unnecessary and potentially costly development which we really do not need. I am strongly against the changes" Therefore the text makes it clear they are against the parish but they are listed as an "agree" response. I am not sure if this is a coding error or the respondent has not understood the question. Likewise, one "disagree" respondent says there is no clear identity and another says there is a clear identity. Another said “agree” and then said “”Why change for change’s sake?? Just to tick boxes??”, this does not sound like a comment of someone supporting the parish proposal? 27 people responded from within the area, but 192 responded about the area. Obviously, the views of those from within the area is of greatest importance. However, as several people were suggesting increasing the size of the area, some of those outside the area may have been within the area they thought should have been included (thought several of these were “agree” respondents). There were only 4 people (counting the text replies (not sure why this disagrees with the figures below but it may be that they made no text comments.), out of about 4,000 who live in the area, who agreed to the proposal. 15 people outside the area (out of about 163) were in favour, though why someone from “commons” or “Christchurch Town” should feel a strong view about Redhill and Northbourne is not clear. Postcode not matched 6, Agree 2, disagree 4 Respondent outside BCP 2, Agree 2, disagree 0 Respondent outside R&N 155, agree 21, disagree 127, neither agree or disagree 6, Don’t know 1. Respondents in R&N 26, Agree 6, disagree 20 It is overwhelmingly clear that the residents of Redhill and Northbourne do not want to have a parish council. This is true for those living in the area, those living outside the immediate Redhill and Northbourne area, and on no identified postcode. The only area (2 respondents) to support the proposal are those living outside the BCP area and they can effectively be ignored. The range of reasons does include cost (which will be unavoidable just to run elections and provide clerking and IT support for any councillors. However, there are a range of other objections including the area not being a natural community, introducing confusion of responsibility, 9 elected members for what has only 2 BCP councillors and others. Listen to the people now, or listen at the next election. Bournemouth Town. This proposal is so obviously artificially constructed. It is a clear attempt to get rid of the charter trustees by parish everything in the charter trust area. I stopped being able to type any more text in at this point so another submission

Form submitted by David.dOrtonGibson@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 4:48 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Cllr Marcus Andrews

Comments and Observations submitted:
I've looked at the Poole Town results mainly. I see there were 394 responses from within the area. I've not seen any comment as to whether there was proof of multiple responses say with one person using 3-4 separate email accounts. But I am aware there was a lot of mis information being fed out [like £400+ more council tax for a band D dwelling]. Which must have seen the data corrupted as the 'facts' have not been given The Poole Town outcome excludes Broadstone. The adult population of Poole Town thus needs to exclude that Ward. So a quick Google check shows there are about 75,000 adults [i.e. over 18] who could have commented for Poole: but only 394 did. By the way, are you sure there are no under 18 respondents? Say 15-16yo's? Anyway, a quick calculation gives a very low/poor 0.5% response rate. What do the other 95.5% think or want? I assume we have done more scientific research with an outside opinion poll organisation. What does that show? As Chair of the Poole Cherbourg Twining Assoc I know the loss of Poole BC [with the Poole Charter Trustees a toothless substitute] has impacted on the ability for the 2 towns to work together to promote cultural exchange etc ever since BCP came into existence. Cherbourg Civic officers and elected members would much prefer to see an active Town Council where the Mayor led endeavours to see business connect with French counterparts. Our 'twin' [only 62 miles away] has a whole department with staff and a portfolio holder whose brief is 'international relations': they have links with several other towns & cities. We could link up in a smaller way with Newfoundland. I'm aware a town in Italy wants to have a 'link'. A Town Council should come into existence. One with a small budget with an actual civic building [with staff of course dedicated to the Town cause], The legacy of 777yrs that Poole has had a Mayor can not be left to 'rot away on a tree'. I sure the folk in the 394 who said NO, if told the modest cost in practice [& that there was a real risk of the legacy of 777yrs being lost] would accept a small town Council. By small I fear the large numbers of Councillors brief floated is too great. Over in Christchurch Town they struggle to get good calibre Councillors. I am aware in Burton & Hurn in the past they even co-opt members. So, I would like to see the numbers reduced by 40% or so. It can rise by or or two when the couple of thousand new dwellings are built in my Ward of Bearwood & Merely! I've been doing regular 'door knocking' and holding twice monthly surgeries in my Ward with my x2 co Ward Councillors Brown & Burtonover the past several months. Very, very few have raised the matter. We did deliver a leaflet to each household saying the consultation was happening with our contact info Of the 3-4 people who did discuss the matter 2 were concerned about the cost. I sought to explain it had not been decided: it was for newly elected Councillor to decide. The other 2 said they would be happy generally, but only if we joined (that is Merley) with Wimborne Town! I said that was not possible. But many do look to that Market town for shops schools doctor etc.

Form submitted by Marcus.Andrews@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 5:20 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Peter Sidaway

Comments and Observations submitted:
This whole process has been very interesting. Firstly, there was nowhere near enough education of the public or the Councillors to make this consultation really valid. It looks like (from the results and other communications) that many people had no idea what the CGR really meant Looking at the results, it looks clear to me that there are not enough responses to make it a valid sample. The results of those who did complete the survey show that they are overwhelmingly against it. In my view that is because of the failings of the point I made above which allowed for a massive misinformation campaign by those against. That is also clear from the responses. Why would people from outside of an area respond in such numbers? Why are comments so similar? I'm afraid the process was flawed. Continuing that theme, why was it leaked? Because the very people who were against have worked throughout to undermine the process. The dashboard is very clear in terms of percentages but not always numbers. As for the analysis report, it is hard to link that back to the data. Why for example does is say the in Broadstone, of those within the proposal area 50 generally supported but 54 generally opposed but you cannot make a link back to the data. The questions in the survey had something like 7 or 8 options but I don't think we can see that level of data or any weighting applied to them, apologies if that is in there somewhere. So overall, I think it was a flawed process in terms of timing, education and questions and given the results, I cannot support it's implementation.

Form submitted by Peter.Sidaway@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 6:05 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Annemarie Moriarty

Comments and Observations submitted:
There is no demonstrable public support for the creation of a Bournemouth Town Council, with consultation responses showing a clear majority of residents opposed to the proposal. Within East Cliff and Springbourne ward, residents have already taken meaningful steps to strengthen local engagement and representation. Over the past two years, the community has been actively working towards the establishment of a Neighbourhood Forum and the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. The consultation to designate the Neighbourhood Area has only recently concluded, and Cabinet have just formally agreed the forum area. We now need time to develop this plan without external forces further complicating the picture. Alongside this, the newly formed 'Friends of East Cliff and Springbourne Community Group is already delivering tangible benefits. This group will coordinate volunteer efforts, already manages community funds, and will support initiatives that serve residents, workers, students, visitors, and faith communities alike. These developments reflect a community-led approach to local governance that is already active, inclusive, and responsive. The wider consultation findings within which East Cliff and Springbourne residents are included reinforce this local direction. Of the 333 individuals who provided qualitative feedback, only 23 expressed general support, while 93 opposed the proposal outright. Within the proposed area, just 12 residents were in favour, compared to 57 who rejected the idea. Concerns extended beyond general opposition. A significant 228 respondents raised issues around governance and administration, citing duplication of roles, increased complexity, and confusion over responsibilities. Many questioned the logic of introducing another layer of local government so soon after the formation of BCP Council, which was intended to streamline services and reduce bureaucracy. The consultation process itself was criticised by 41 respondents, who described it as poorly communicated, lacking transparency, and insufficiently informative. Several called for any significant changes to be subject to a public vote, reflecting broader concerns about democratic accountability. Taken together, the evidence points to a community within East Cliff and Springbourne that is already organising effectively and does not require an additional formal governance structure. The combination of strong local opposition, active grassroots initiatives, and the absence of a compelling case for change makes it clear that the proposal for a Bournemouth Town Council should not proceed. I recommend that the Working Group acknowledge the consultation outcomes and the strength of existing community-led efforts within East Cliff and Springbourne and discontinue further consideration of this proposal.

Form submitted by Anne-Marie.Moriarty@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 6:15 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Mike Cox

Comments and Observations submitted:
The consultation results have been significantly distorted by a misinformed minority. Unless there are specific reasons in relation to an answer which falls within the guidelines then these should be discounted. Despite it was pleasing to note that there was still support for Christchurch Town council although that was diminished by people from outside the Town wanting to the work of the Town Council

Form submitted by Mike.Cox@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 7:43 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Cllr Bernadette Nanovo

Comments and Observations submitted:
I am so impressed that so many Southbourne residents and those connected to Southbourne engaged with the CGR. It is a testament to the work that Southbourne Councillors have done with Southbourne Forum to bring information to residents through the many public meetings we held. Most of the replies showed that residents were very well informed and care deeply about Southbourne, Tuckton and Hengistbury Head. Many who disagreed with the proposal still went on to make suggestions and said that if Bournemouth Town Centre was going to have a Town Council, they would rather have a Southbourne Community Council (or Southbourne & Tuckton Community Council) than join with Bournemouth. Others were concerned about the boundary of a Southbourne council. Some residents seem to mis-understand the motives of those who brought them the information about the CGR and thought that Southbourne Forum Committee Members or even the BCP Councillors were going to gain somehow from a community council. This may have been as a result of the mis-information that was put out on social media. The only winners from a local council would be the residents. Some others used the CGR to make political points. However, because of the interest in a Community Council we now need to examine all the responses and perhaps do more work around costs and benefits, as residents are rightly concerned about what they would get in return for the additional precept on their council tax bill. Thank you.

Form submitted by Bernadette.Nanovo@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 8:55 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Emily Harman

Comments and Observations submitted:
I have reviewed a few of the consultation responses that most effect me and my residents. It is heartening that the results are 50/50 for those that live in the area being 'for' and 'against' and I must say is a real breath of fresh air. We all know that people are far more likely to be motivated to 'complain' than to 'compliment'. I shall comment in particular on Poole Town as that encompasses Parkstone - the ward I was elected to represent. Whilst it is clear that much misinformation is still abound (you've only to look at the vitriol on social media that was prevalent throughout the whole of the CGR consultation period and my own anecdotal evidence that many responses have been based on conjecture) I must say my own experience throughout the process was mostly positive face to face engagement with residents and local residents groups who realised that currently a Poole Town Council is the best option available to residents to address many of the frustrations and issues that face many of us. Lots of individuals that I have spoken to in my role whilst initially sceptical or unsure of the concept have accepted that Poole Pride is worth fighting for and establishing a town council, whilst not a perfect solution, is the only viable option before us today. People want a VE/VJ day celebration organised by the council. People want Christmas lights. People want to restore a sense of Pride in Poole. A Town Council is the only viable way this can currently be achieved. In addition I would like to add my own comments regarding the current council consultation process and the potential for the opportunity to abuse and skew the result by those that may so wish. Anecdotally I have heard accounts of door to door paper copies being distributed by some that it may be argued have sought to 'skew' the process. I have seen aggressive and confrontational posts on social media. I have seen many online posts that would seek to derail the process and to accuse the consultation process of being 'political'. I would strongly argue that it is in fact the opportunity to deny our residents the chance of having a truly local voice that promotes community and cohesion that is in fact the real political motivation here. Upon election I promised to put the residents of Poole first. The people of Poole want to restore pride and want to be heard. A Town Council will do just that. I am in full support of a Poole Town Council.

Form submitted by Emily.Harman@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 9:06 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
John Challinor

Comments and Observations submitted:
Given the level of opposition to the proposed new town & parish councils across Poole - including Broadstone - there surely is no way that these can be implemented. As much as the consultation tried to downplay the additional costs that residents would have to bear, there is clearly no appetite from council tax payers to be saddled with this financial burden. The creation of Neighbourhood Forums is enabling areas to focus on their particular needs and use additional receipts from CIL - at very little cost to the council. More of these would be a better way to support individual communities.

Form submitted by John.Challinor@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 9:31 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Councillor Andy Hadley

Comments and Observations submitted:
The misleading campaigning against "double Council tax" has significantly affected results, as has people "voting" about this area from elsewhere in the conurbation, and outside it. The responses from Poole Town Ward itself were 62% in favour of the Town Council being formed, but from what I can see this is not reflected across the wider area that a Poole parish/town council would cover. The literal comments would be the most useful, but I found it really difficult to scroll through these and get a feel for the valid concerns and reasons for support. It would have been really helpful to see a word-cloud or other analysis. Many of the concerns raised relate to costs and we need the working group to concentrate on bringing out the themes both for and against the changes, and the context and legislation which may render some of the themes ineligible for deliberations by Cabinet and Council, and in a way that can honestly be explained to the public. I think it would also be very helpful for the WG report to highlight the areas that BCP have already had to stop or reduce funding for (eg Events, paddling pools, place marketing, street cleansing), and some worked examples of how parish/Town Councils have helped communities in other Authorities to retain public ownership and involvement in how high streets, parks and open spaces and other shared community facilities get used, maintained and developed. Also clarity on the "do nothing", ie what BCP Council can continue to do, and what realistically will not get done. The Charter Trustees have been entirely neutered, but if the Town/Parish Council were not to proceed, then some challenge would be needed to the wither and die approach that has been forced upon us. Again, how Charter Trustees elsewhere have avoided such constraints would be helpful. The decision on whether to go for Parish/Town Councils in the various areas is for Council to make, I hope that the WG will focus on the rounded views and options for each area, rather than attempt to finalise a single recommendation, as i think that will be difficult and divisive to achieve.

Form submitted by Andy.Hadley@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 9:38 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Sandra Mackrow

Comments and Observations submitted:
If permissible, please take my comment as a resident of BCP. I felt that social media posts and the sharing of `opinions`, to be scaremongering. Some `quoters` became hostile and impatient with the due process that was required to be followed.

Form submitted by Sandra.Mackrow@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 9:52 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Cllr Hazel Allen

Comments and Observations submitted:
I reviewed the results for the proposed Bournemouth Town Council / Parish area. There were 10 responses for residents living in my ward - Bournemouth Central Ward. 1 agreed - with no comment. 1 answered - don't know and all the rest disagreed. Although this is a small sample it is in line with the full response which shows residents are clearly not supportive of the CGR proposal by a strong majority. I really hope that the administration and particularly the Leader and Cabinet hear the definitive voice of BCP residents and not push these changes forward. I also note that some responses within the agree list added comments that actually suggested clearing that they are actually strongly against. I hope these anomalies will be taken into account .

Form submitted by Hazel.Allen@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 10:11 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Cllr Mark Howell

Comments and Observations submitted:
Respondents in my ward (Poole Town) were clearly in favour of creating a town council, but this was an outlier in terms of general results. Poole Town ward residents see a town council as a means of protecting and enhancing Poole's identity, which has been undermined by BCP Council. In assessing the results more generally, they have clearly been skewed by concerns about the cost of the process/administration of town councils, which we were informed by Richard Jones were invalid for the purposes of the consultation. Although consultations are not ballots, many members of the public view them as such. It would therefore be difficult for councillors to decide to create a town council where the headline for/against responses are negative. Therefore, although people who objected on invalid grounds may have also objected on other valid grounds, it would be useful to know the proportion of objectors who have based their submissions partly on invalid grounds and may have on balance supported a town council if they were able to exclude financial considerations from their calculations.

Form submitted by Mark.Howell@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 10:13 AM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Cllr Sara Armstrong

Comments and Observations submitted:
Response to the Community Governance Review – East Cliff and Springbourne Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Community Governance Review. I am writing to reflect the views of residents in East Cliff and Springbourne (ECS), based on both formal feedback and wider community engagement. I would like to thank residents who took the time to respond to this complex consultation. I comment hoping I have understood the complexities of navigating the dashboard! The contrast in engagement levels between the ECS Neighbourhood area designation and the governance review is striking. Over 200 residents participated in the Neighbourhood area consultation, demonstrating a strong interest in shaping local priorities. In comparison, only 199 responses were received from people living in the whole of the actual Bournemouth Town Council area, with just 25 responses coming from ECS. This disparity highlights a clear lack of appetite for this form of governance among ECS residents. Of those 25 ECS respondents, 84% opposed the creation of a Bournemouth Town Council. Their concerns were consistent and clear. I have to agree I share their concerns.
_____ Summary of Key Concerns from ECS Residents 1. Cost of Living Pressures Residents are concerned about the financial impact of introducing a parish precept, with amounts unknown, especially during a time of economic strain. 2. Bureaucracy and Duplication There is strong resistance to adding another layer of governance that could blur responsibilities and reduce efficiency. 3. Preference for a Neighbourhood Forum ECS has now been formally designated for a Neighbourhood Forum and is actively working towards a Neighbourhood Forum and Plan for the area. This model is seen as more effective, empowering communities from the ground up without the added bureaucracy or cost of parishing. 4. Lack of Community Cohesion in Proposed Boundaries The proposed Bournemouth Town Council area is seen as too wide and lacking in shared identity. 5. Need for BCP Council to Improve First Residents feel BCP Council should focus on delivering effective services before introducing new governance structures. 6. Limited Support Based on Specific Concerns A small number of residents supported the proposal due to concerns about health and social care spending not reflecting local needs. _____ The Boscombe proposal, which includes part of EC1, received only 14 responses from residents of ECS—86% of which were against it. This further reinforces the lack of enthusiasm for parishing in the area. EC1 should not be included in a Boscombe Council. It is included within the ECS designated neighbourhood area. Given ECS's active engagement in developing a Neighbourhood Forum and Plan over the last 2 years to determine it's own destiny, in the event of Bournemouth Town Council being established and only in the event of BTC being established - I believe that ECS residents should be given the extra opportunity to choose their preferred governance structure – a parish for East Cliff and Springbourne which fully embraces it's newly forming Neighbourhood Forum and Plan which is currently not on the table. If BTC is not created then this option is not required to be put. There is no clear mandate or interest in ECS to be part of BTC. In conclusion, I do not support the proposal for a Bournemouth Town Council. The feedback from ECS residents highlights a lack of interest, significant concerns about cost and complexity, and a clear preference for community-led planning through a Neighbourhood Forum. Neighbourhood forums offer a more agile, inclusive, and cost-effective way to empower communities—without the burden of additional governance layers. I urge the Task and Finish Group to take this feedback seriously and ensure that any future governance changes reflect genuine community demand and do not impose unnecessary burdens on residents.

Form submitted by Sara.Armstrong@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 10:37 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Cameron Adams

Comments and Observations submitted:
I think the results are clear - people in Kinson, and people across Bournemouth and Poole do not want to see the imposition of these town and parish councils. The feedback I received on the consultation document itself was that it was burdensome, difficult to fill in and inaccessible, yet many persevered to express the strength of their feeling. Regardless of the value of town and parish councils (which I think there is much value to in the right circumstances) - by pursuing this against the clear wishes of the majority this council will continue to look increasingly out of touch, and ignorant of the people we claim to serve. I think should any of these proposals (For Poole, Bournemouth, Redhill, Southbourne or Broadstone) proceed against the wishes of the vast majority of those who we claim to represent, we will have absolutely no legitimacy in the face of our residents - many of whom have seen this whole process as a predisposed stitch up. How can we ever look them in the face and ask them to consider answering another consultation if we ignore this one.

Form submitted by Cameron.Adams@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 10:46 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Crispin Goodall

Comments and Observations submitted:
In consulting with residents in Parkstone Ward, I am aware that the Residents' Associations talked to were mainly in favour of a Poole Town Council. There were however comments that a town council for Poole would be unwieldy and from further research, I am concerned about the quality of those who may choose to stand as town councillors. Many of the leaders of the local communities felt that their workload was sufficient and they weren't going to stand for further office. If that puts a few backs up and encourages good people to stand, then so be it. I found that once a precept was explained in terms of the good it can do for a town council, and the fact the the money was ring fenced and cannot be swallowed up by BCP then attitudes tended to change. I also found that encouraging residents to look at other town councils e.g. Bridport and Corfe Mullen and how these areas had succeeded in making their areas happier, also swung views. Conversely there were residents in the Ward who felt 'their' money e.g. CIL payments should be kept within the Ward and did not wish to see money being disbursed via deals being done in other Wards. Whilst reading the report I was struck by the sheer volume of 'anti town councils' that smacked of social media rhetoric. In our Ward the venom associated with the closure of one of the Poole Park gates, from one of the commentators, is not borne out by the support that we, as councillors had, from most of our residents. My hope is that should we proceed with the creation of a town council in Poole there will be enough good people who will step forward and make the town a better place.

Form submitted by Crispin.Goodall@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 10:46 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Councillor Anne Filer

Comments and Observations submitted:
I am surprised at the consultation results and to see how little appetite there is throughout most of BCP for any change. On a personal level, I would not like to see "my" town of Bournemouth fragmented and divided into neighbouring areas which could have differing services and levels of service. In my ward of East Cliff & Springbourne residents are definite in their desire not to be part of a Bournemouth Town Council and I completely support them. They equally have no desire to be part of a Parish and I am again entirely in support of them and agree with both positions.

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Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Jamie Martin

Comments and Observations submitted:
Throughout the process to date, when speaking with my ward residents about the CGR, the topic has either been met with no interest whatsoever or outright negativity. The responses to the Bournemouth Town Council proposal from my residents, and beyond, are coherent with the majority of opinion that has been put to me since day 1 of this review. It is clear there is no appetite across Bournemouth for Town Councils, there is no appetite for the Bournemouth Town Council proposal within which my ward sits, and that it would be completely without controversy for the Task and Finish Group to not progress these proposals.

Form submitted by Jamie.Martin@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 11:13 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Tony Trent

Comments and Observations submitted:
I will not comment on the general principle except to express concern that this process has been abused by certain members who turned it into one sided propaganda, and using aspects that we were told was not part of what we could consult on (the cost), which some of us requested to be included until corrected. They have done a diservice to the process, one which many of those concerned should have held as part of the skewed and rushed consultation on the creation of BCP Council in 2015/16/17. As far as the ward I represent, and the area I have lived in most of my life, I noted comments about the naming of the proposed ward, Alderney. That has been the name of the ward that has included Wallisdown, Poole, since 1983. Before that (1974 - 1983) it was in Upper Parkstone and Wallisdown North. One comment (I struggled to identify more than once when I looked through the individual comments) suggests the two sides of Wallisdown should be a single authority. Under BCP it is, and any Town Council would not cover the aspects that there is concern about. As I have argued in the past when the Boundary Commission has looked at the area, the unifying factor for the fluid ward, that was Alderney, and is now Alderney & Bourne Valley, is the open space we share and cherish. Apart from upper level issues like Wallisdown Road, Alder Road, and bus links, the main matter of concern in the area of Wallisdown (which also includes parts of BH4 - Bloxworth Road and Bridport Road) is the protection of the open space we share, and the arson and anti-social behaviour that affects it and threatens it. If you go back 40 years you will see how much passion and commitment residents showed in their bid to protect it when a major road scheme was proposed. As I have said, I have lived in Wallisdown, Poole, Dorset for 70 plus years, and value the area I live in - hence my focussing on that one aspect. The remaining discussion will be difficult, though I suspect some will just carry on politicising it - which was never what the process was about. None of us know who would run a Town Council if it were created next year, as indeed none of us can be sure who will run BCP Council post May 2027.

Form submitted by Tony.Trent@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 11:18 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Cllr George Farquhar

Comments and Observations submitted:
I looked at x4 proposals and the % response below indicate to reasonable members of the public that Parishing is not the wish of those responding to the consultation Boscombe East & Pokesdown 15% agree 82% disagree Bournemouth Town 20% agree 76% disagree Southbourne 23% agree 74% disagree Poole Town 32% agree 65% disagree This should be all the evidence that the Task and Finish Group should need to consider make their recommendations to Cabinet and Council NOT to Parish these four proposals

Form submitted by George.Farquhar@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 11:57 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Sandra Moore

Comments and Observations submitted:
I agree with the residents who thought that 42, the proposed total number of councillors for a Poole TC, is excessive and that 4 councillors for Canford Heath is also too many. I would also prefer Canford Heath to remain as one ward and not be divided into two wards. Canford Heath is very much one community and should not be split. Residents were very concerned that a TC would cost too much money, despite my reassurance that the costs could easily be kept to a minimum; sadly, the dreadful, wildly inaccurate accusations being made, mainly via social media, were clearly too extreme and made too frequently to be ignored. It can be seen from many of the incorrect comments that a number of residents were unable to make an informed decision based on facts and it is my opinion that the Community Governance Review has been ruined by the sharing of this misinformation. The consultation results have now been leaked and the subsequent comments being made via social media are straight from the gutter. I think, as a Council, we have the right to expect a formal Government prescribed review to be treated with more respect by members.

Form submitted by Sandra.Moore@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 12:37 PM on 25 August 2025

Community Governance Review - Councillor Response Submission

Councillor name:
Sharon Carr-Brown

Comments and Observations submitted:
The responses received reflect the feedback I've had personally in my area, that there is no appetite for parish councils in Bournemouth. A couple of responses from Queen's Park and Charminster do support the principle but many more do not, citing the reasons I've previously given, such as the unnecessary extra layer of bureaucracy, cost and the arbitrary division of parts of our town that would inevitably lead to differing levels of service. These divisions are the very opposite of what we should be striving for in our town and go against the point of the last CGR and the creation of BCP. Comments reflect my view that our energy should go into making BCP work, making our systems responsive to local need and ensuring the 'enabling' council model that we've heard about actually works. We have already started this work in our area with our Neighbourhood Forum, Plan and local charity. This should be the focus. People's comments reflect that they do want responsive services, and thriving, beautiful high streets, but they don't want that at the expense of somewhere else or via an added precept when they already pay so much. No application for a parish council was made from our area in the first round and there is absolutely no support for QP&C to be within a Bournemouth Town that is a mish-mash of left-over parts of Bournemouth. The proposal as currently put is unworkable for our area. I would urge the Working Group to not go ahead with any individual parishes within Bournemouth and most definitely not the Bournemouth Town suggested here. The comments clearly do not back this approach overall or even from within the areas that have made an application.

Form submitted by Sharon.Carr-Brown@bcpcouncil.gov.uk at 12:49 PM on 25 August 2025

Councillor Gavin Wright

My feedback for the community governance review consultation is that in all of the areas that currently do not have a town or parish council there is an overwhelming majority of residents that do not want a town or parish council.

On the first and most important question ***"To what extent do you agree or disagree that a parish or town council should be established***" The overwhelming answer is that the residents disagree. Now the answer to that question has been received there is no point in moving on to discuss the other questions in the consultation because the first question is a resounding no.

The feelings and opinions of the residents have been asked for. They should now be listened to. We asked all residents to take time to read the information given to them and make informed decisions on the questions in the consultation. We cannot now turn around after this and ignore them or say that this is a consultation not a referendum. In short the community governance review should be stopped immediately and save a lot of time and money that could be wasted pursuing town and parish councils in BCP.

Councillor Vikki Slade

I have been following the negativity about CGR but I have to be clear that those who stood on a Lib Dem ticket stood with a proposal to undertake CGR and introduce parish or town councils

I am concerned that people do not understand the difference between a referendum and a consultation and that there has been a lot of manipulation and mis information about what a town council can do.

Broadstone has been interested in progressing a TC for many years and I am therefore deeply disappointed we have not got a majority in favour.

However I note that from the responses the number who actually came from broadstone was fairly low. The idea that a small number (50-150) people might stand in the way of something that 2000 people who voted in the election knew they would be getting is worrying.

Looking at the data on the question of general support or general objection the numbers are even. 50 v 54.

Of the overall responses (426) only 265 of these respondents live in Broadstone, while 161 of these respondents live outside of Broadstone.

To give a small example, the Neighbourhood Forum - with the assistance of BCP Cllrs secured a fund to improve the public realm at what we are now calling Wallace Square. We were not allowed an extra bin and the current one is rusty and brings the area down. £850 was the quote for a new one, and this cannot be funded. How ridiculous that our community cannot get a bin ....

If a town council does not go ahead I would like to know what is going to be done to ensure every community has guaranteed funding for projects.

Broadstone is an affluent place and as a result rarely are able to secure funds. We have our CIL but this is highly limited.

I continue to support progressing a town council for broadstone.

I do not feel I can comment on the other places as I have not had time to digest their responses.

FEEDBACK FROM EXISTING PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

HURN PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Richard,

Thank you for the analysis report for Hurn.

In our opinion the lack of responses from Residents of Hurn indicates they are happy with the current situation. The feedback we receive is that Residents appreciate the work of the Parish Council. They understand Cllrs represent the interests of Hurn and its Residents and stop their interest being lost within BCP Council. Councillors understand the area and the impact of any decisions on Hurn. It is not appropriate for Hurn to be merged with another Council.

As stated in the Parish Council's response to the Consultation. 6 Councillors works well for Hurn and should not be changed. The stated objection to 6 Councillors for a small number of Residents does not appreciate the background and history of Hurn. The number of Councillors does not impact the precept or the weight given to Hurn as a Statutory body. As the Parish Council already exists there will be no additional cost.

The small changes to the boundaries suggested by Christchurch Council (areas A and B) are acceptable to the council providing the changes do not result in any additional responsibilities on the Parish Council.

We note that all the objections are from outside of Hurn. They appear to be a generalised objection to Parish/Town Councils and are not specific to Hurn.

Kind Regards

Clerk to Hurn Parish Council

FEEDBACK FROM EXISTING PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

HIGHCLIFFE AND WALKFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Richard,

Pleas find below the response to the CGR from the Chairman on behalf of HWPC.

Executive summary

Although these results relate only to the HWPC section of the consultation, the contents raise huge concerns about the reliability and validity of the wider responses. I've had concerns for some time that the consultation and the public debate have been hijacked by a particular group, for reasons that have nothing to do with what's best for BCP residents. If the other parish results are anything like HWPC's, then those fears will have been well & truly realised.

Based on what I've seen, it's hard to see how these results can be given any credibility. These appear to be generated by a public debate based on hysteria & misinformation, which regrettably has been allowed to fester without proper challenge. I'd urge BCP councillors to address this before it's too late.

Notably, that debate has been conducted without any involvement from the existing local councils within BCP. Nor have I seen DATPC involved, or indeed any acknowledgement of the 10,000 town, parish & community councils already in existence across England, many of which have been thriving for decades. The debate has excluded those with experience, in favour of those with none.

If BCP is serious about wishing to promote parishing across Bournemouth & Poole, I can only suggest councillors join that debate, doing so proactively and decisively, before it's utterly overwhelmed.

Analysis of HWPC data - main HWPC consultation

There were 93 respondents to the main HWPC consultation - 78% of which were from people outside the parish. There were 24 comments from parish residents (mostly supportive about HWPC), compared to 109 from outside (mostly negative about HWPC). Of the parish residents, only 2 were generally opposed.

Of the comments from people outside the parish, 22 generally opposed the existence of HWPC, 37 complained about the administration, services & benefits of HWPC, and 11 objected to the cost of HWPC.

The 'other comments' section yielded similar results. There were 46 respondents - 83% of which were from people outside the parish. There were 12 comments from parish residents, compared to 49 from outside. Of the comments from outside the parish, again 13 generally opposed the existence of HWPC, 14 complained about the administration, services & benefits of HWPC, and 11 objected to the cost of HWPC.

This is an extraordinary outcome, which demands a double-take.

So: the overwhelming majority of responses objected to matters which have absolutely no effect on them whatsoever, and which they probably have absolutely no experience of. We have people complaining about the cost of HWPC, who will never have to pay a penny towards it. We have people complaining about the management of HWPC, who have no idea how it's managed. We have people demanding the abolition of HWPC, who have no knowledge of what it does.

I fail to see how we can possibly give this consultation any credibility at all. The majority view here is broadly that HWPC is a waste of money, poorly managed and should be abolished. Yet this is based on the responses of people from outside the parish and who appear to have no experience of it.

Analysis of comments

There are potentially two trends emerging from the freeform comments on HWPC, both of which BCP will need to consider.

Firstly, no balanced discussion of the results can be had without reflecting on how poorly-informed many of these responses are. And this goes far beyond simply expressing an alternative point of view.

- One opponent writes: "*Don't forget the area voted not to have a Parish Council in a referendum before it was established. The referendum result was simply ignored*". Yet in reality there's never been any referendum about PCs in BCP.
- The same respondent adds: "*The costs involved in administering the council could be spent elsewhere*". They seem to be arguing that if HWPC didn't exist, the money could be 'saved' and spent in a different part of BCP. Yet if HWPC didn't exist, obviously the money would never be raised in the first place. And how does spending the money 'elsewhere' benefit HWPC residents?
- Another writes: "*We have a Town Council which has council representatives for each area. We do not need more levels of administration*". Yet the only TC here is in Christchurch, which is not getting 'more' layers of admin, since obviously it already has one.
- Another writes: "T*here should not be new councils set up at extra cost*". Yet HWPC already exists; it is not a 'new council'.
- And on it goes: "*Why is there no explanation of cost to implement the overall recommendations? It's hard to comment on other areas that have changes without understanding the cost*". Yet HWPC's precept is publicly available, and anyone liable to pay the precept will already have that cost on their CT statements.

Interwoven among these is the repeated insistence that HWPC is a waste of money, from people who do not live here. This is yet another reason why the exclusion of representatives from existing local councils has been so damaging. Those with no experience or understanding of PCs seem to have overwhelmed the public debate.

Secondly, most of the negative feedback is aimed not at HWPC, but at the entire project. This leads me to suspect that these comments, and these respondents, have pasted similar feedback in all of the consultation sections.

These comments in particular stand out:

"Town and parish councils should be removed as they add an unnecessary layer of councils for no added benefit."

"The parish council should be abolished. It is a waste of tax payers money and adds unnecessary bureaucracy."

"There should not be new councils set up at extra cost, where there would be no benefit & possible increase in council tax."

"This adds additional unnecessary cost to us all."

"Creating parish/town councils will be adding another level of unnecessary bureaucracy and cost with no tangible benefit and worse accountability."

"The creation of parish councils will be damaging for BCP Council, enabling greater fragmentation and corruption, preventing the change the area needs."

"We do not need a parish council as well as BCP."

"I disagree with the continuation of current parish councils within BCP Council and I disagree with the establishment of any new parish councils in BCP."

If BCP wants to understand more about the results, I'd recommend extracting data around how many users responded & commented to multiple sections. This will help BCP understand how many responses are in good faith. In my view, it would be essential to identify the number commenting across multiple sections using the same language, regardless of whether they live in them and regardless of whether the parish exists or not.

It's important for this process to be managed so as to support a proper democratic outcome. But I can't see how to accurately investigate and represent the data and comments without also giving the kind of analysis that I'm suggesting here.

Finally

To the question of implied criticism of HWPC. I'm proud to represent this council and this community. I personally engage with hundreds of parish residents who reap the benefits of the work we do in maintaining local spaces, supporting local groups, projects and charities, and funding local events. I also stand in front of up to 100

members of our local residents' association every quarter, and am always happy to field any questions or comments.

I have never heard any of these residents complain about the cost of the council nor call for its abolition. In fact, if we have any complaint, it's that HWPC isn't doing enough. This is the reality.

As noted, I will be reaching out to BCP separately, but please do share this onwards as part of the response to the formal process. I would be very happy to speak to the T&F Group, and indeed to the Overview & Scrutiny Board when this matter comes before them. I did ask to participate in the first OSB review of this matter at the start of the year, but was told this could undermine the consultation process. Given how the absence of local-council representatives has allowed misinformation to overwhelm the debate, this feels very ironic.

Many thanks, all best wishes

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

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HIGHCLIFFE AND WALKFORD PARISH COUNCIL – ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK

Dear all

I'm writing to make a request, in relation to the CGR consultation. I've had concerns related to the consultation for some time, but having now seen the HWPC-only results, those concerns have been well and truly realised.

It's been quite obvious that the public debate has been overwhelmed by a certain group, for reasons that seem to be entirely political. This debate has been marked by hysteria & misinformation, which regrettably has been allowed to fester without proper challenge. If the HWPC results are representative, then this tiny minority has dictated and prejudiced the outcome of the entire consultation.

One of the incredible things about that debate is its dismissal of the existing BCP Town Councils & Parish Councils. There could have been many ways for experienced parish officers & members to be involved in showcasing the responsibilities, achievements & successes of their councils, whether in BCP's public presentations or its committee meetings. I personally made a proposal at the start of the year to join the relevant OSB meeting (which was rebuffed), and have made similar proposals in relation to September's meeting (those emails have not been acknowledged). As a result of this, the debate has excluded those with experience, in favour of those with none. Ignorance and mischief have reigned.

This is perfectly clear in the HWPC results, and I presume in the others too. The overwhelming majority of HWPC responses were from people outside our area. They variously reported that HWPC is a waste of money, poorly managed and should be abolished. We have people complaining about the cost of HWPC, who will never have to pay a penny towards it. We have people complaining about the management of HWPC, who have no idea how it's managed. We have people demanding the abolition of HWPC, who aren't affected by it and have no idea what it does.

In the HWPC results, there are at least a dozen complaints based on entirely false information. Many complain about local councils generally. And perhaps the most incredible thing is the idea that town & parish councils are alien to English council landscape, when there are over 10,000 across England, many of which have been thriving for decades, even centuries.

It's hard to see how we can possibly give these results any credibility at all. The same tiny group that lobbied so hard against parishing during the consultation, is now lobbying hard for the results to be respected. But that would mean HWPC should be abolished, and presumably CTC and the others too.

All of which brings me to my request: that when this item comes to OSB in September, you could invite experienced voices from outside BCP - not to give a tiny 150-word statement, but to sit and contribute with the committee. I'm not only the

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Chair of one of those unheard parish councils, but also outside BCP Council politics. I can provide an informed and non-partisan view on what its like to be part of a parish council, insight into the enormous benefits for the local community, and a view on the challenges too. To this you could add Neil Wedge, chief exec of DATPC. I could suggest one or two other members of neighbouring local councils.

Obviously Highcliffe has nothing to gain from the potential adoption of local councils in Bournemouth or Poole. But I do think it would be a tragedy for residents of those communities if they didn't get the chance to access the benefits that ours do. And having that informed debate, allowing experienced voices to explain what that could look like, is surely essential for a democratic outcome.

I look forward to hearing, all best wishes

Adam

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Chair, Highcliffe & Walkford Parish Council

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Suggested HWPC ward boundary – N-S along Hinton Wood Avenue & Castle Avenue, then west along Lymington Road and south to the coastline

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