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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 software 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.

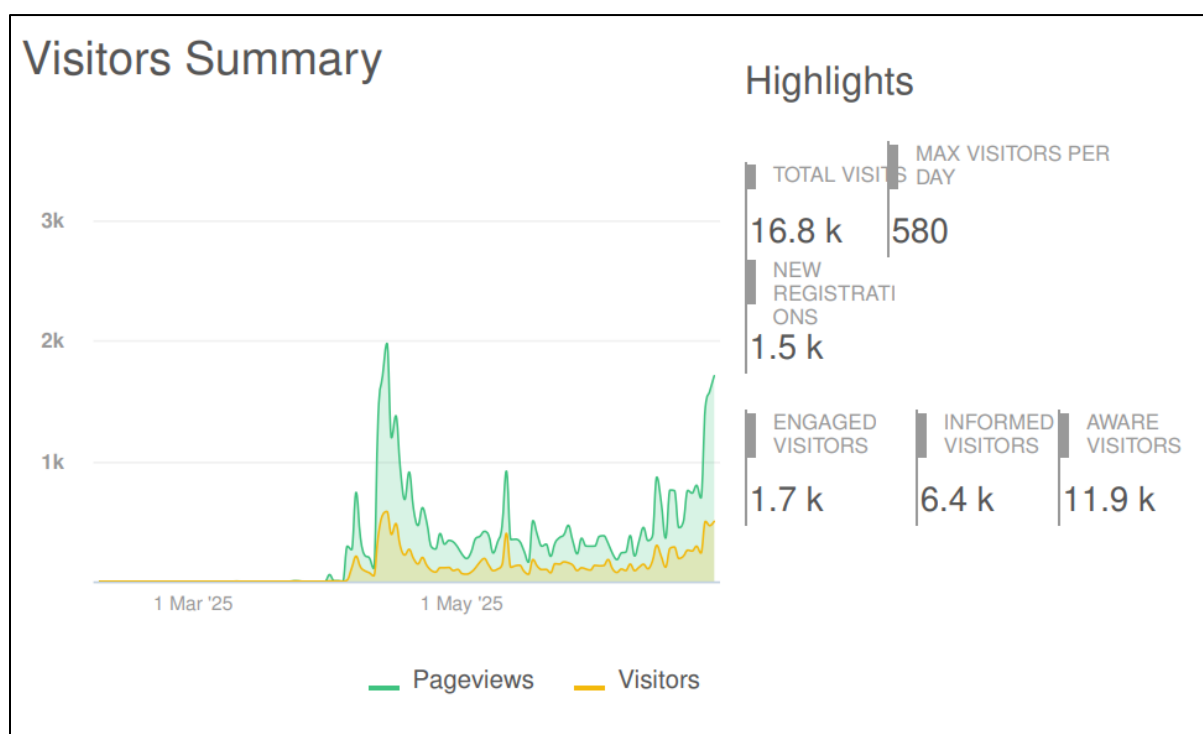
4 Engagement Figures

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 reach¹ of 34,616 people, a total engagement² of 3,072 people and a total of 43,682 impressions³. 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.

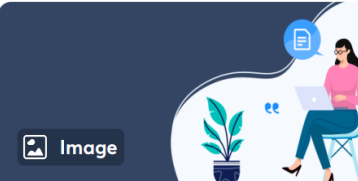
³ The number of times people saw the posts.

 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

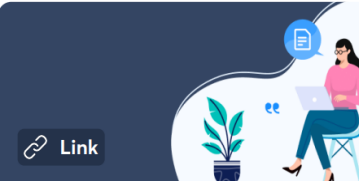
Below is the best performing social media posts based on **impressions**:



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

Who are the parish councillors?

What costs less than a coffee a month?

 Reach	1.9K
 Views	2.7K
 Engagement	19



May. 22 2025

So what does the Parish Council do here in Highcliffe

New Video Series

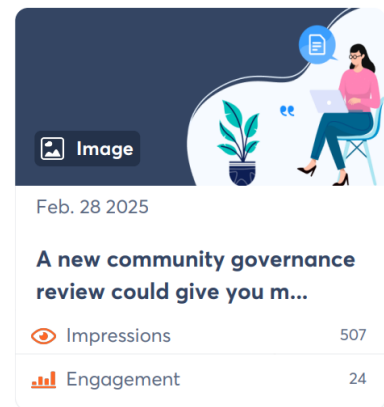
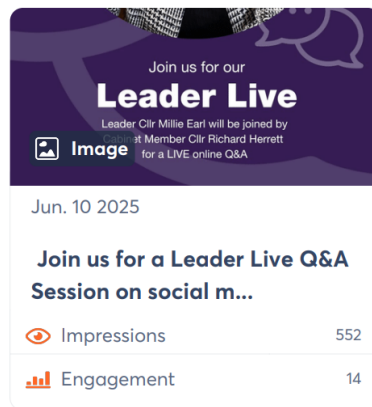
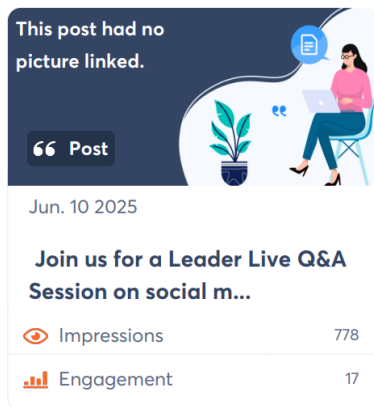
 Reach	1.9K
 Views	2.6K
 Engagement	30



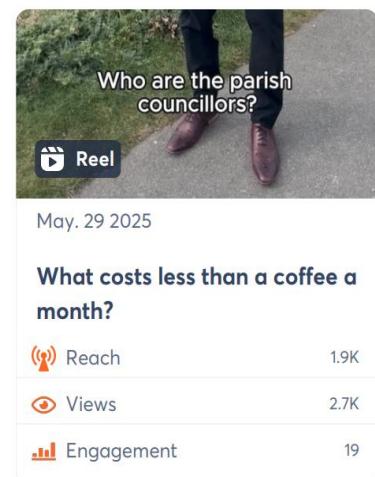
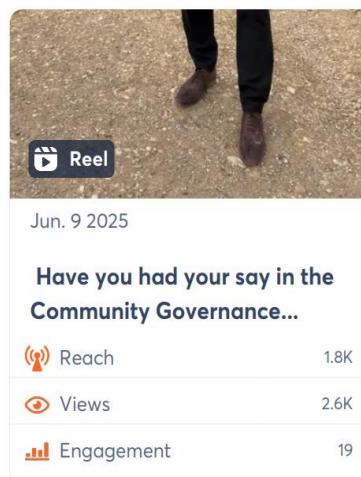
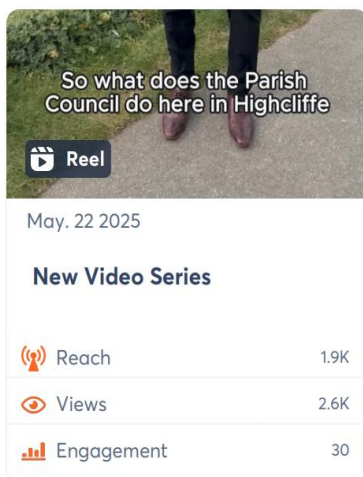
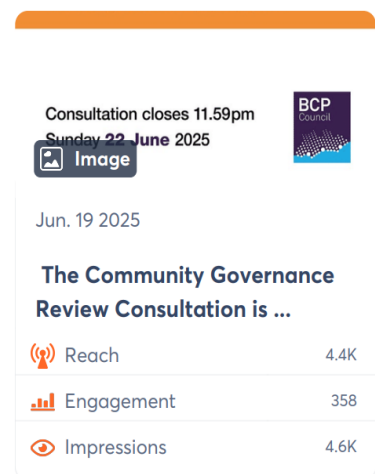
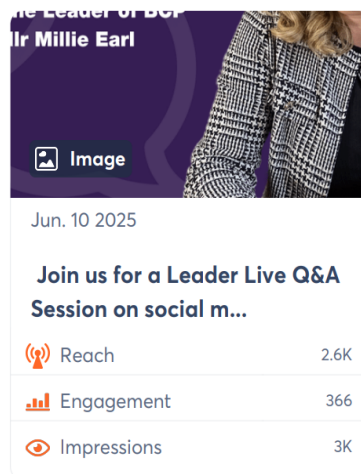
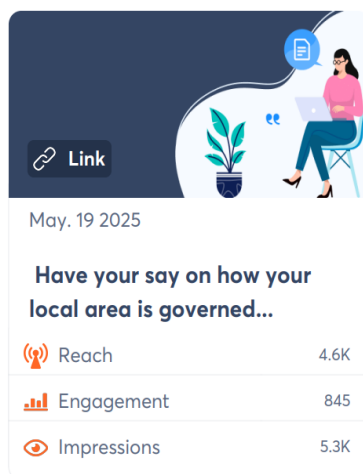
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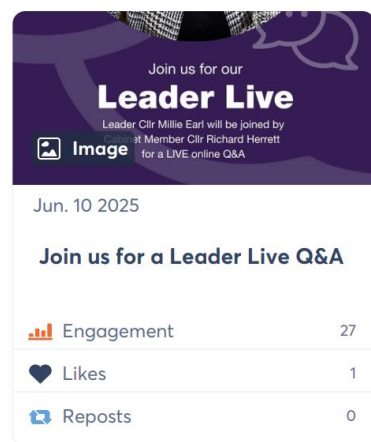
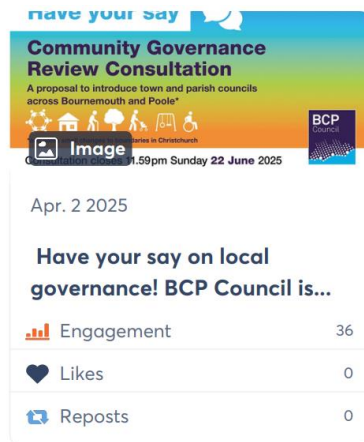
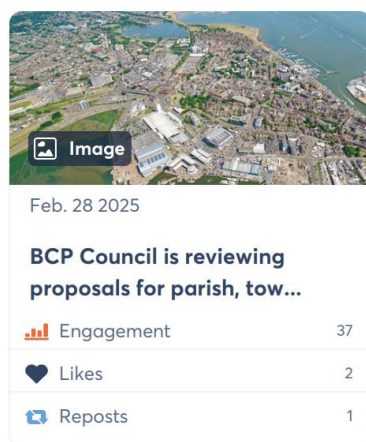
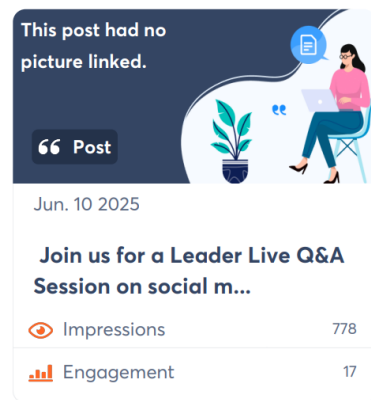
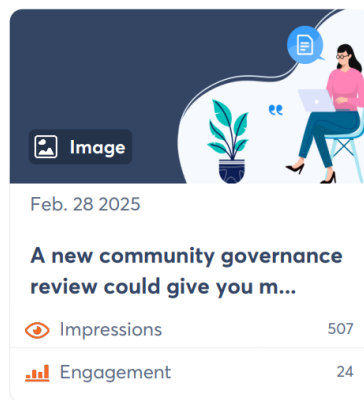
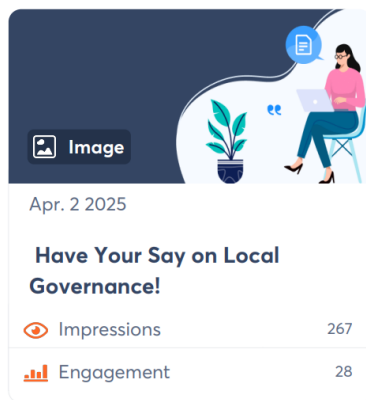
Have you had your say in the Community Governance...

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 Views	2.6K
 Engagement	19

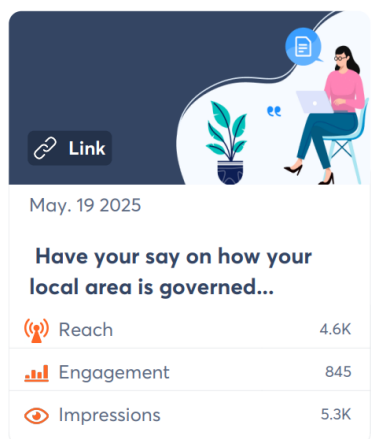
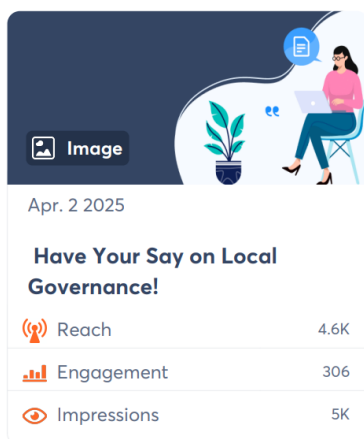
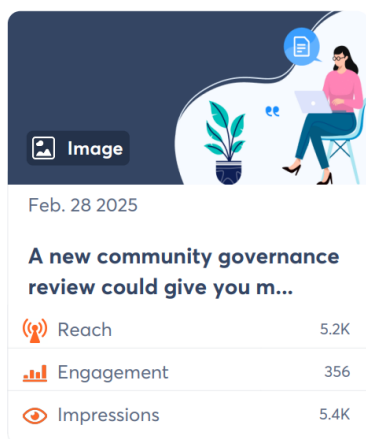


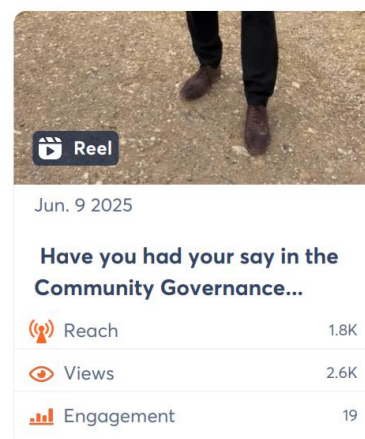
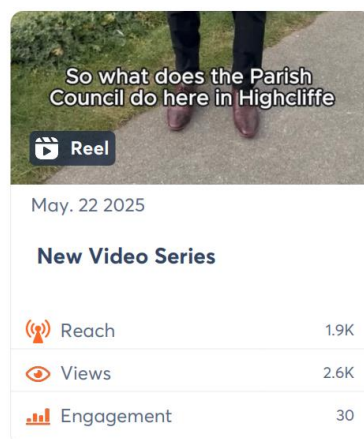
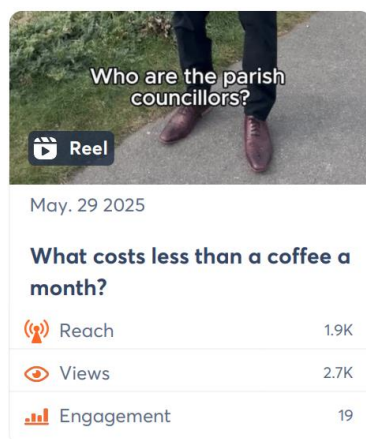
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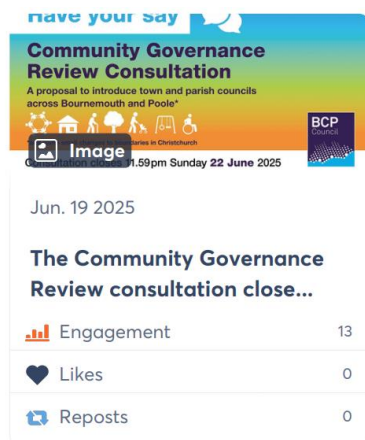
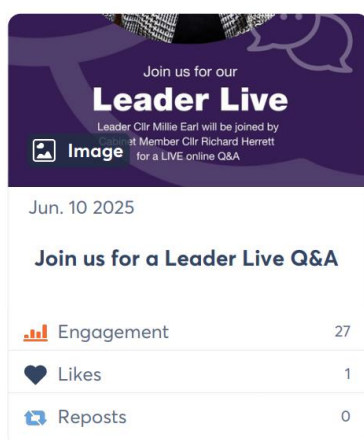
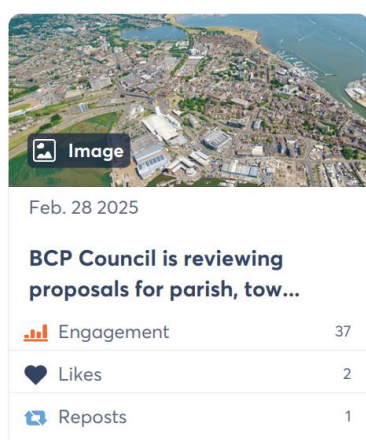


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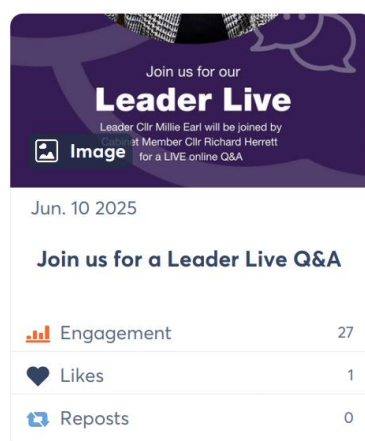
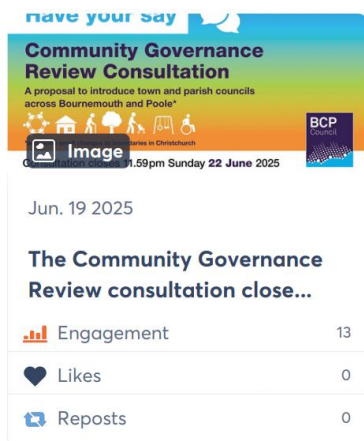
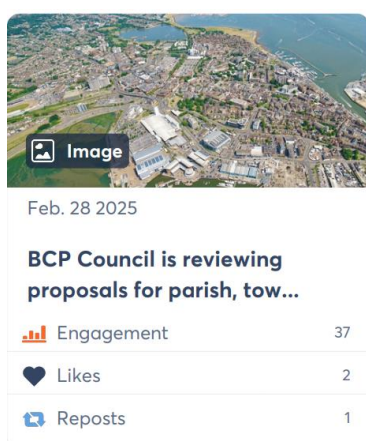




Below is the best performing social media posts based on **likes**:



Below is the best performing social media posts based on **reposts**:



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

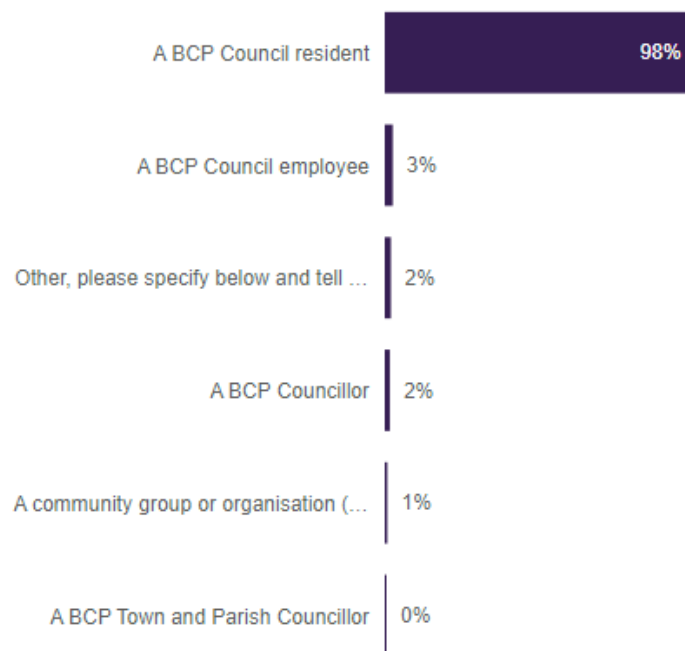
An audio clip recording with the BCP Council Leader, Councillor Millie Earl, was featured on the top of the hour local bulletin of Bournemouth One Radio, as well as on their website on 23rd of April 2025: <https://news.bournemouthone.com/80221/>.

6 Analysis and results

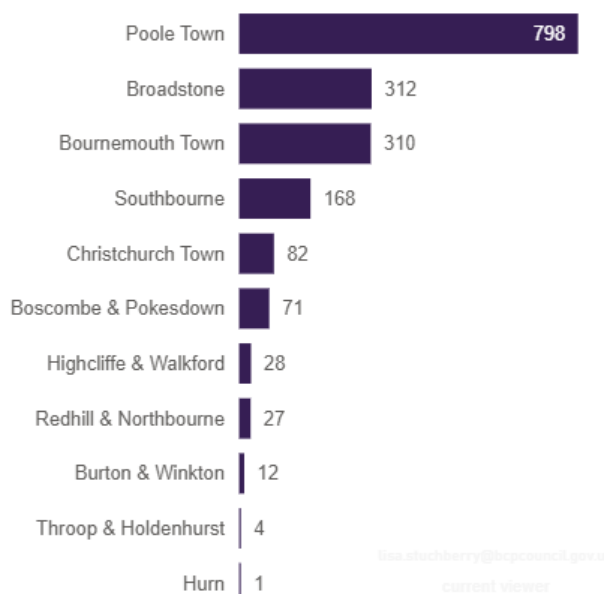
In total 1866 respondents replied to the Community Governance Review survey either online or in paper format.

6.1 Respondent Type

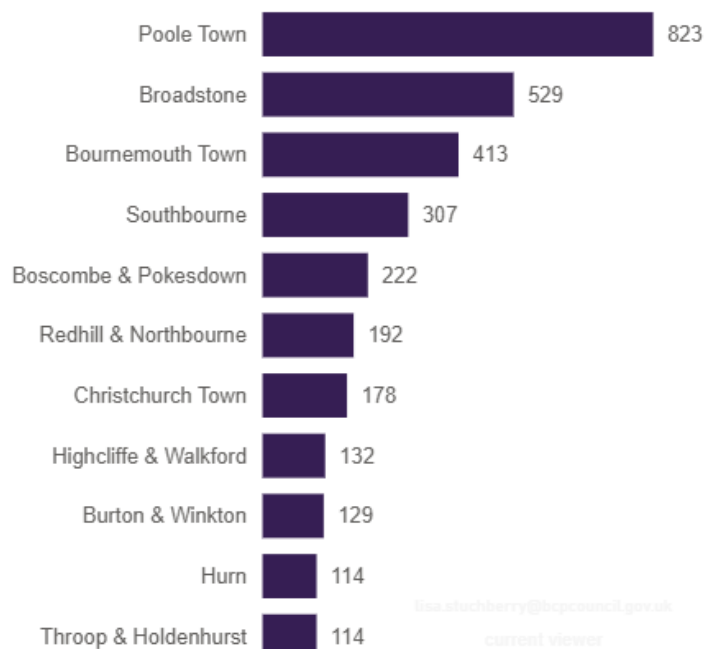
Q. Which of these best describes you?



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.



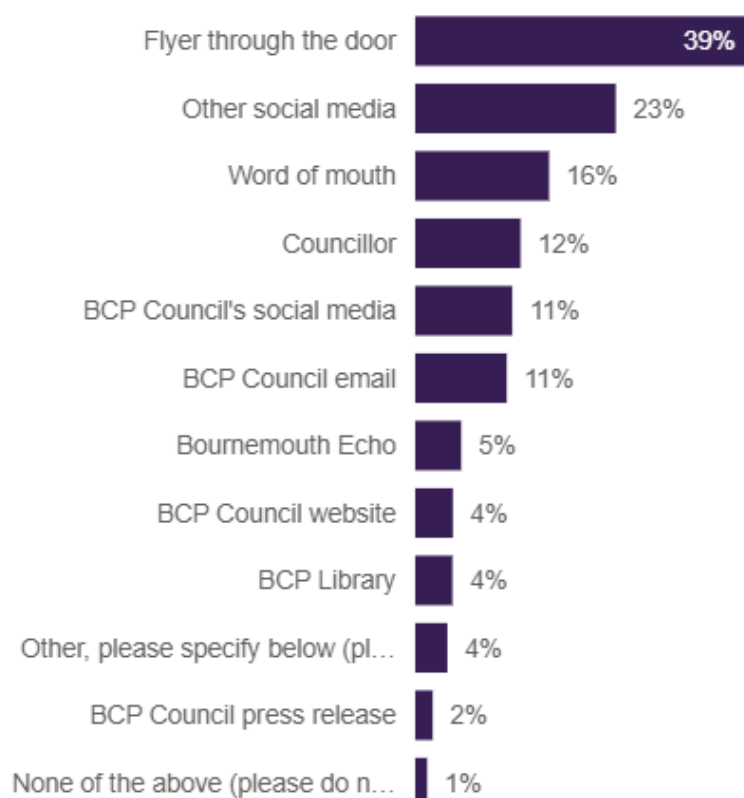
6.2 Consultation Awareness

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.

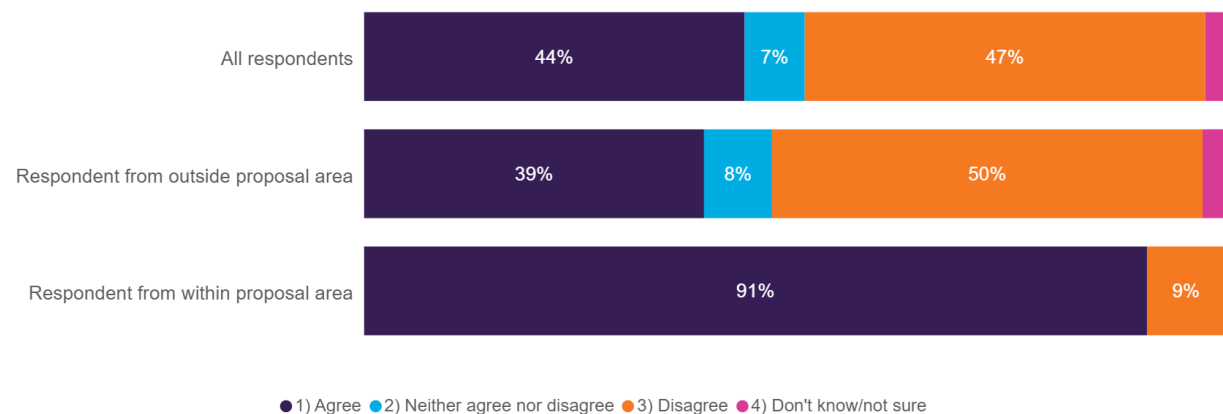
How did you find out about this consultation?



7 Burton and Winkton

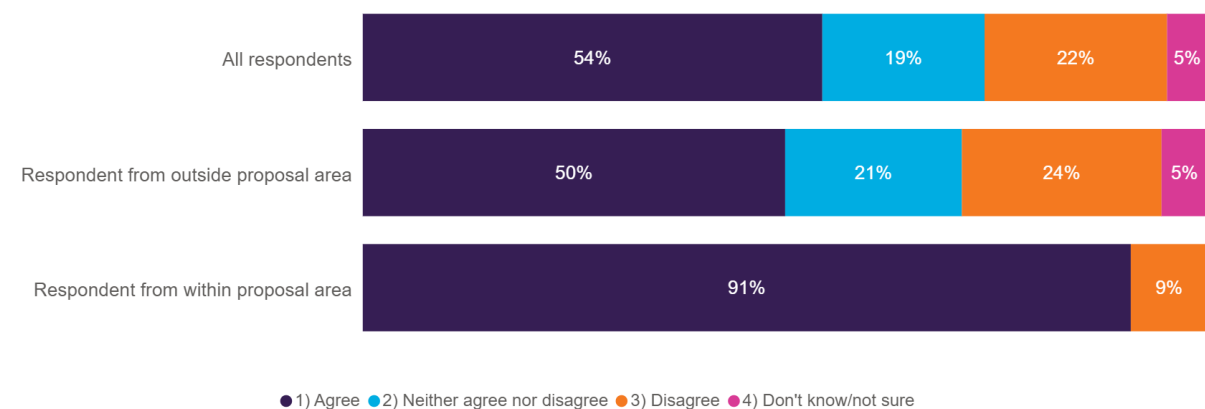
There was a total of 129 responses to this section of the survey.

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



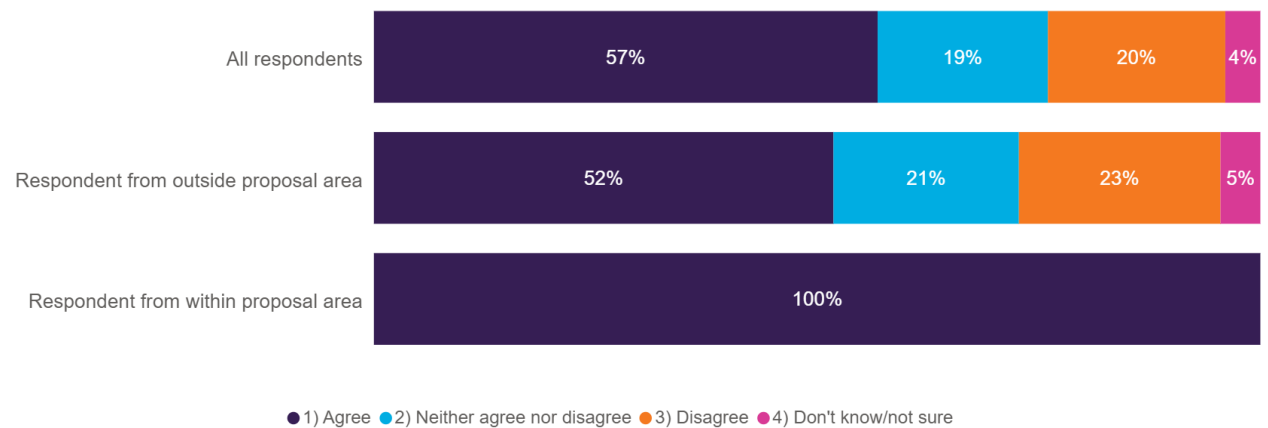
Bases: All respondents – 129; Respondents from outside proposal area – 114; Respondents within proposal area – 11.

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?



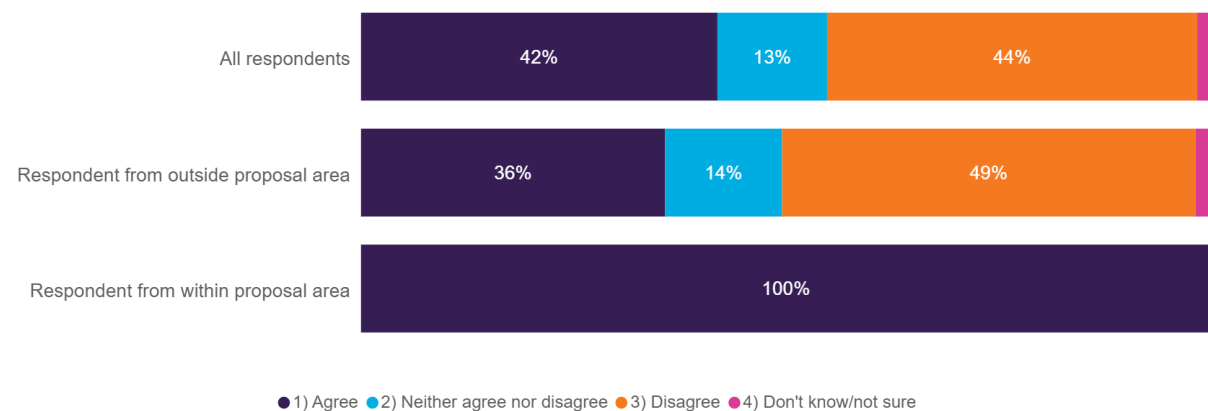
Bases: All respondents – 125; Respondents from outside proposal area – 110; Respondents within proposal area – 11.

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



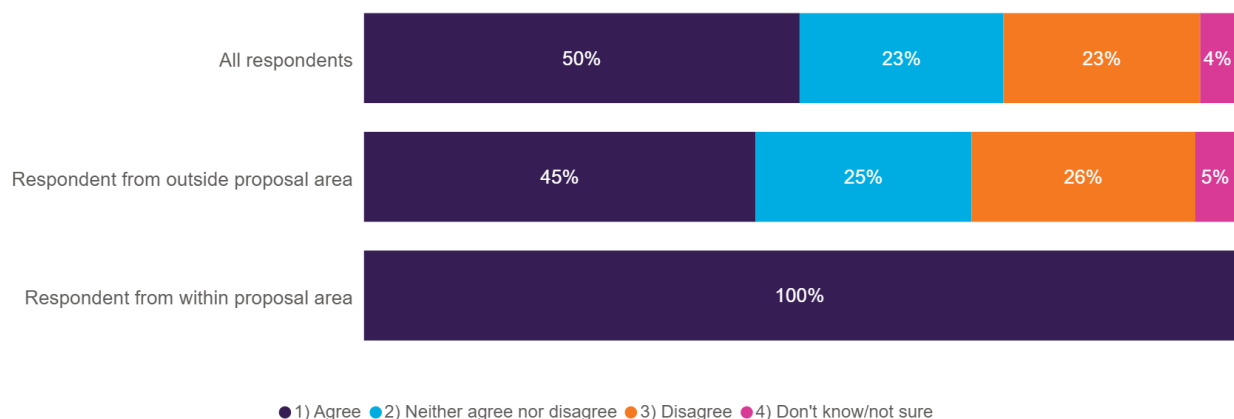
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Qd. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish of Burton and Winkton should continue to have a parish council?



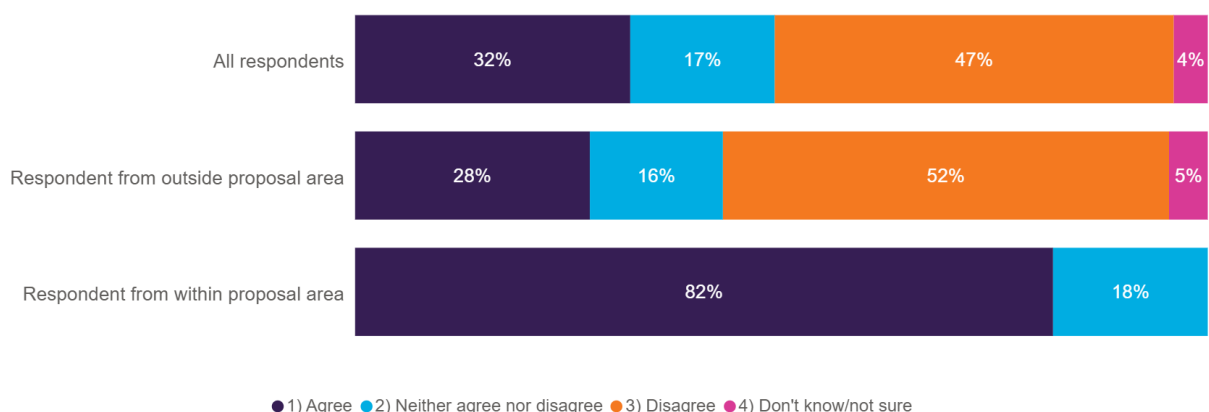
Bases: All respondents – 124; Respondents from outside proposal area – 109; Respondents within proposal area – 11.

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.

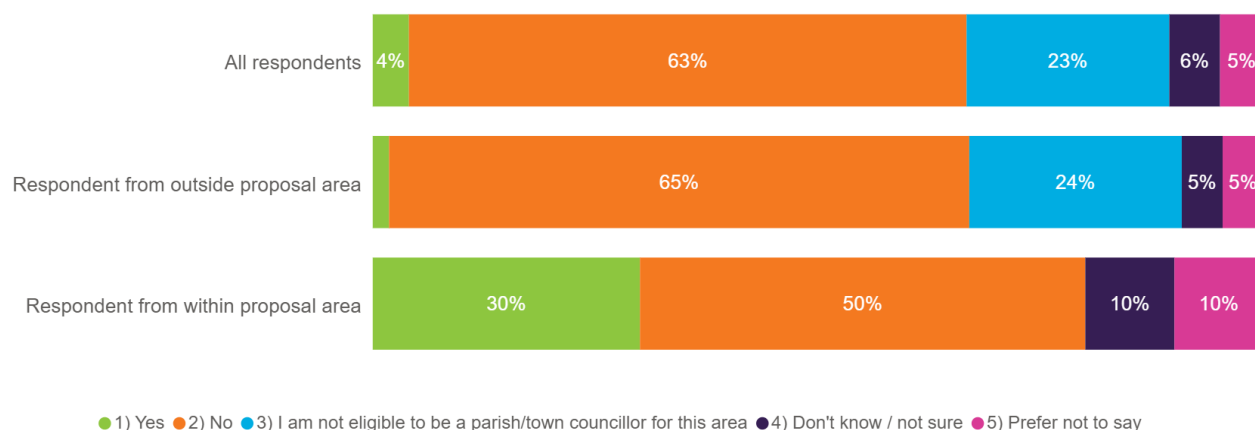
Qf. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish council for Burton and Winkton shall consist of 10 councillors?



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.

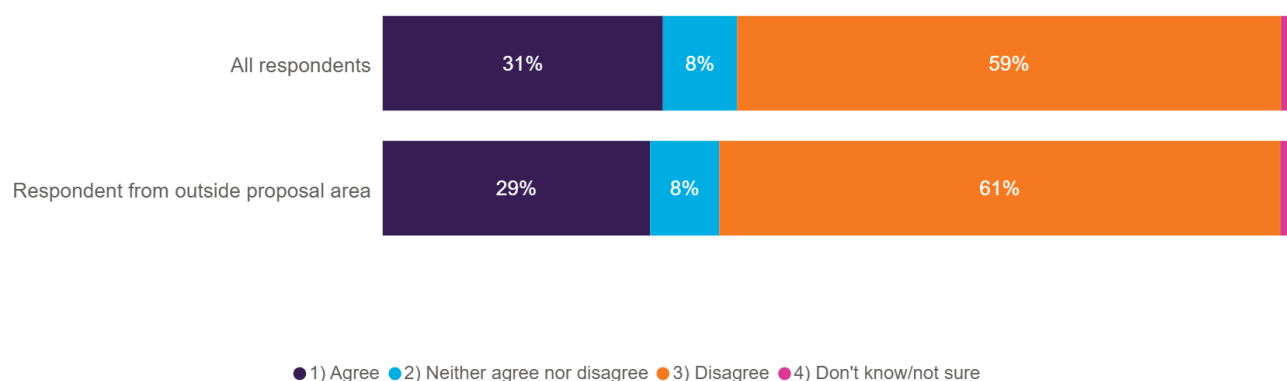


Bases: All respondents – 123; Respondents from outside proposal area – 109; Respondents within proposal area – 10.

8 Hurn

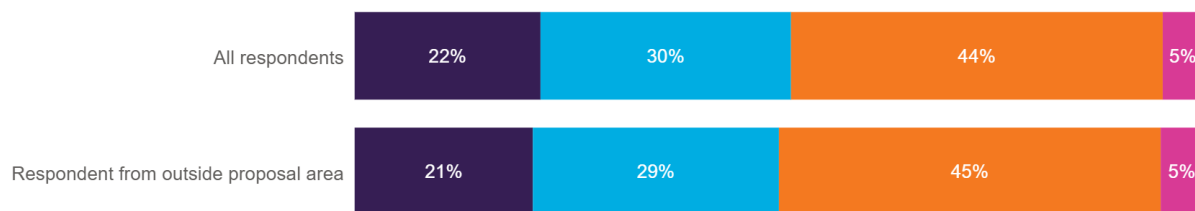
There was a total of 114 responses to this section of the survey.

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.

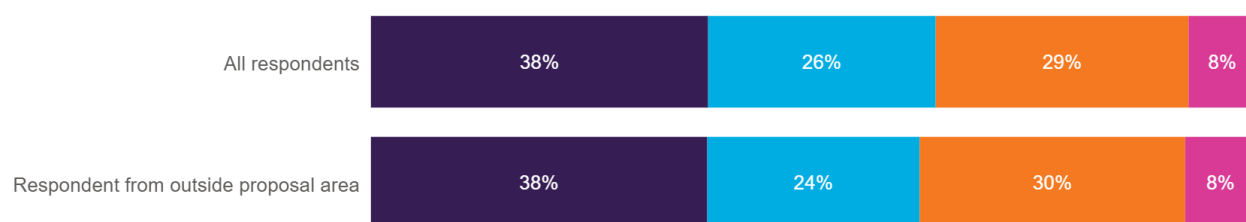
Qb. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the boundary of the existing parish of Hurn be altered as shown on the plan above?



1) Agree 2) Neither agree nor disagree 3) Disagree 4) Don't know/not sure

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

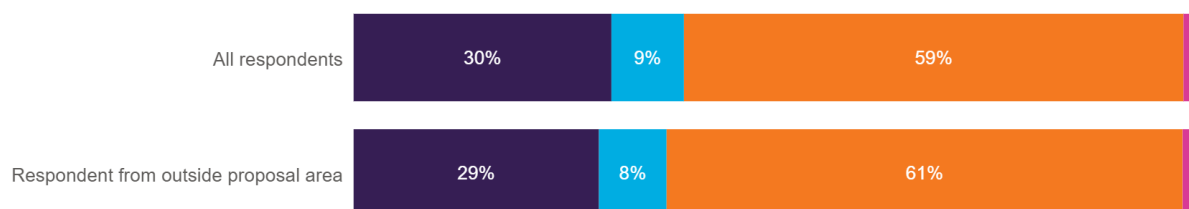
Qc. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish of Hurn should not be altered?



1) Agree 2) Neither agree nor disagree 3) Disagree 4) Don't know/not sure

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

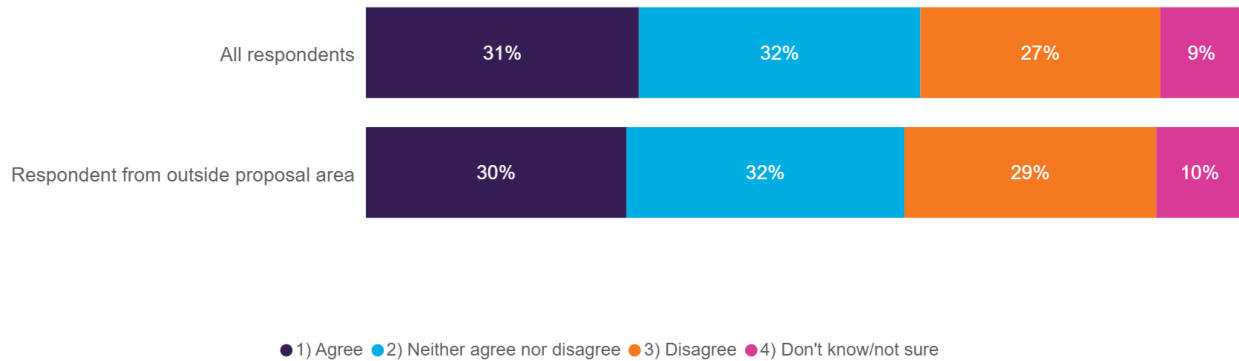
Qd. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish of Hurn should continue to have a parish council?



1) Agree 2) Neither agree nor disagree 3) Disagree 4) Don't know/not sure

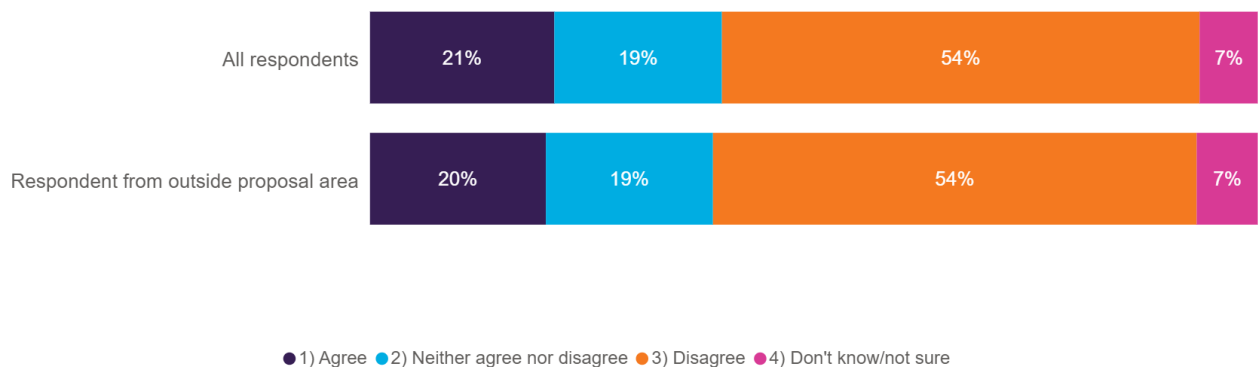
Bases: All respondents – 105; Respondents from outside proposal area – 100; Respondents within proposal area – 0.

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.

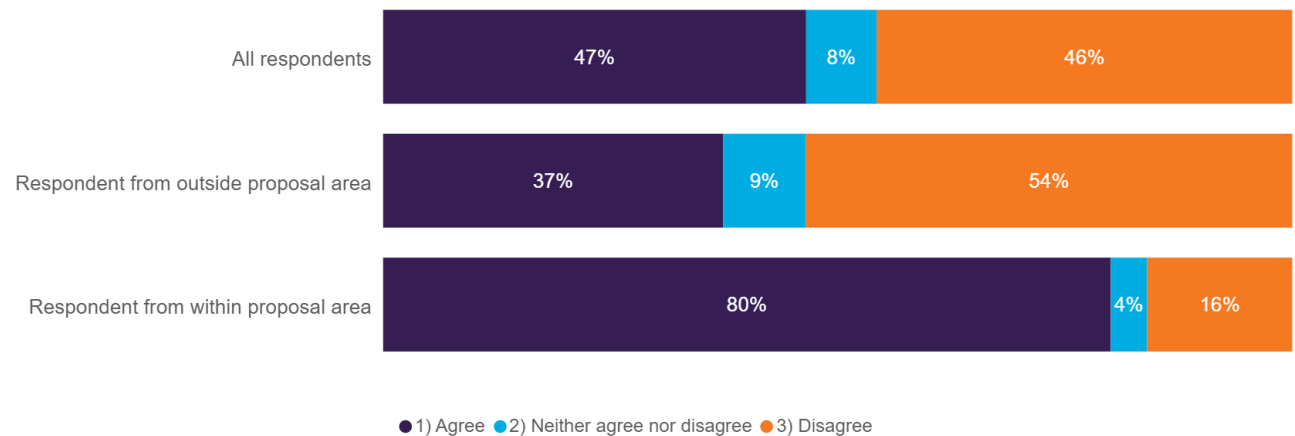
Q. Standing as a councillor. In order for a local council to operate it will need to have councillors. We would like to understand the level of potential interest of residents in standing as councillors. Without any obligation, please tell us if you or members of your organisation, would consider standing 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

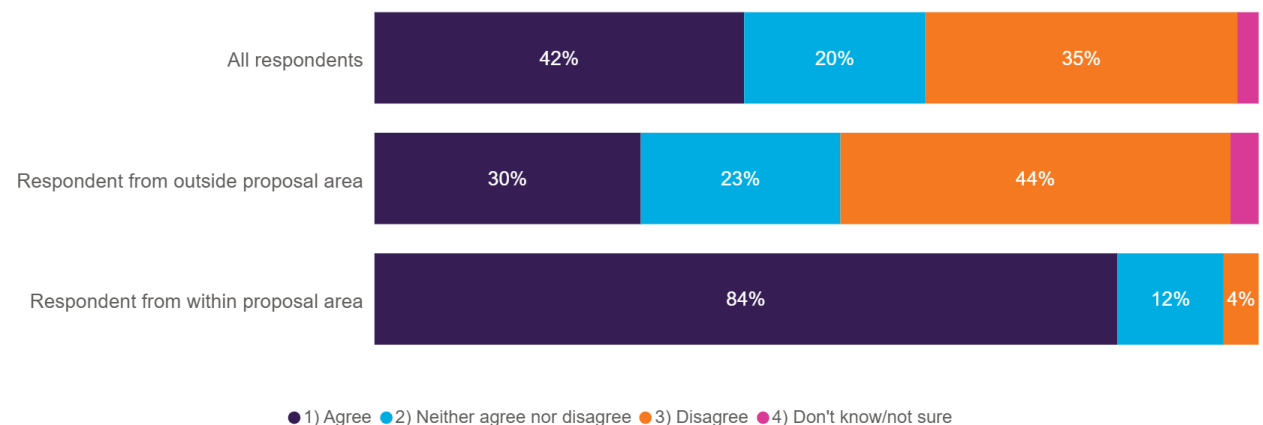
There was a total of 132 responses to this section of the survey.

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



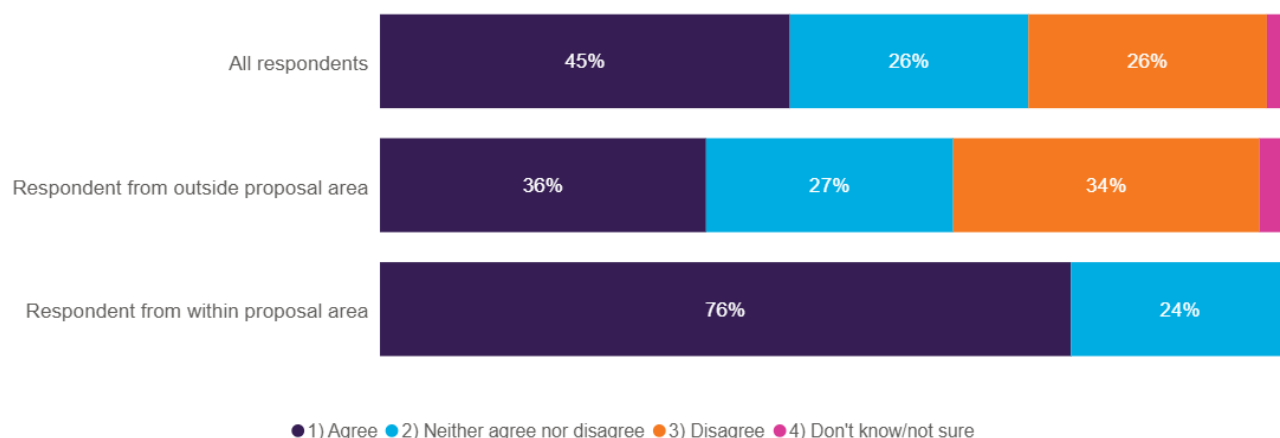
Bases: All respondents – 129; Respondents from outside proposal area – 99; Respondents within proposal area – 25.

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?



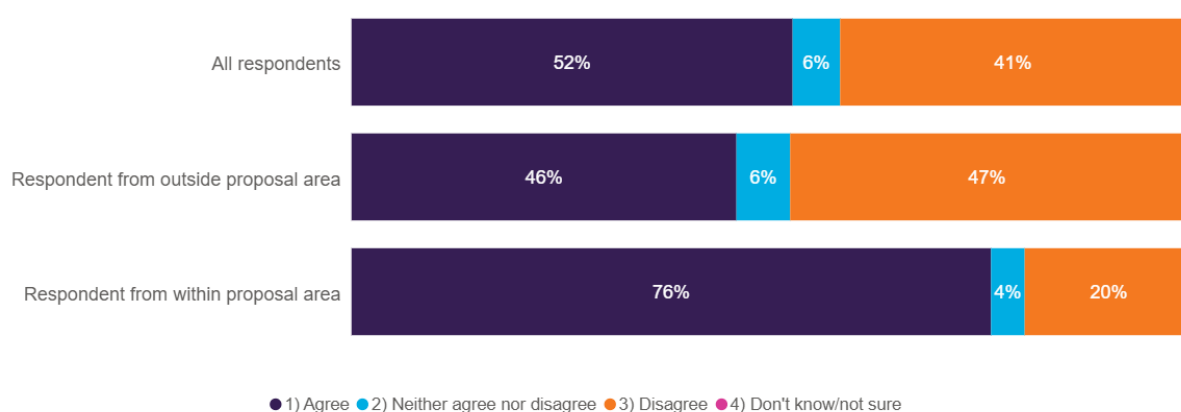
Bases: All respondents – 122; Respondents from outside proposal area – 93; Respondents within proposal area – 25.

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



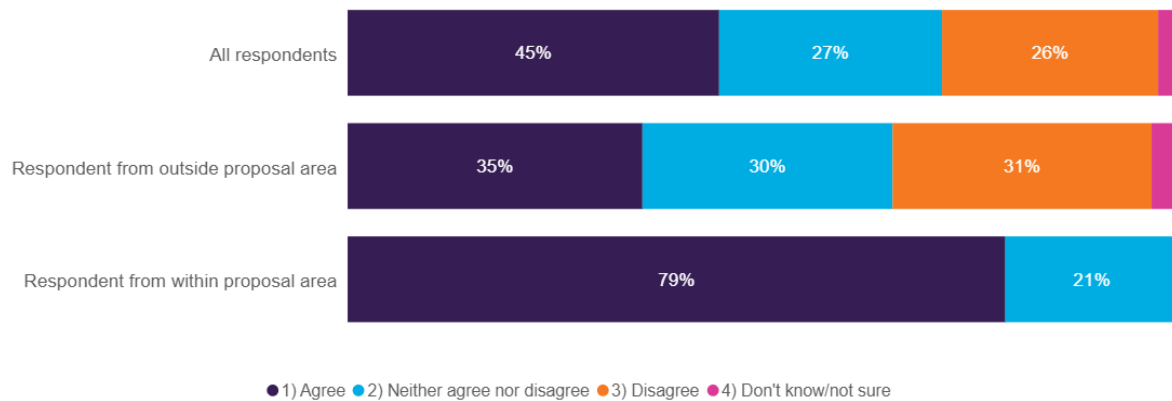
Bases: All respondents – 122; Respondents from outside proposal area – 92; Respondents within proposal area – 25.

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



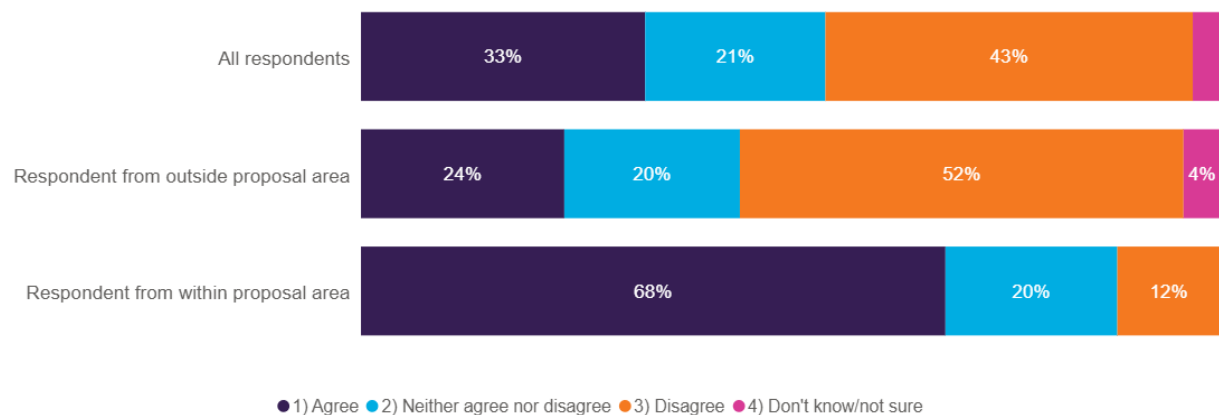
Bases: All respondents – 124; Respondents from outside proposal area – 94; Respondents within proposal area – 25.

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.

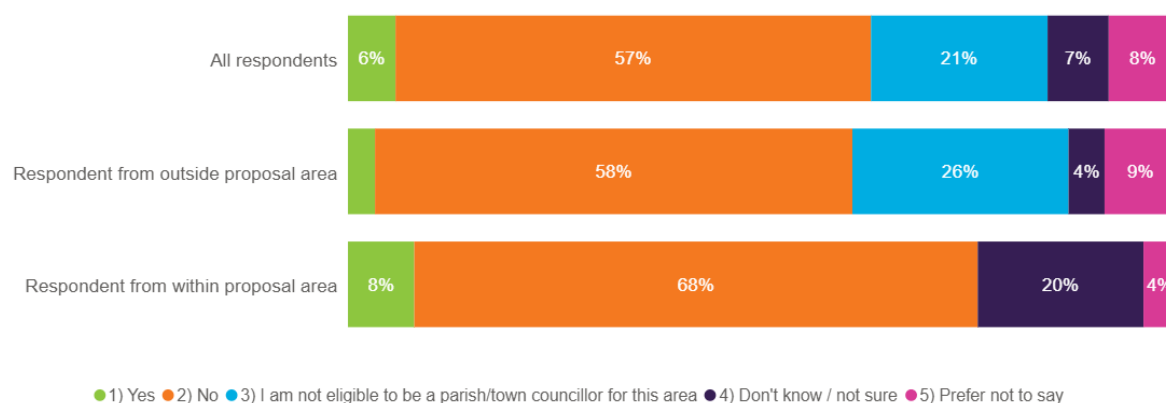
Qf. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish council for Highcliffe and Walkford consist of 11 councillors?



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

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.

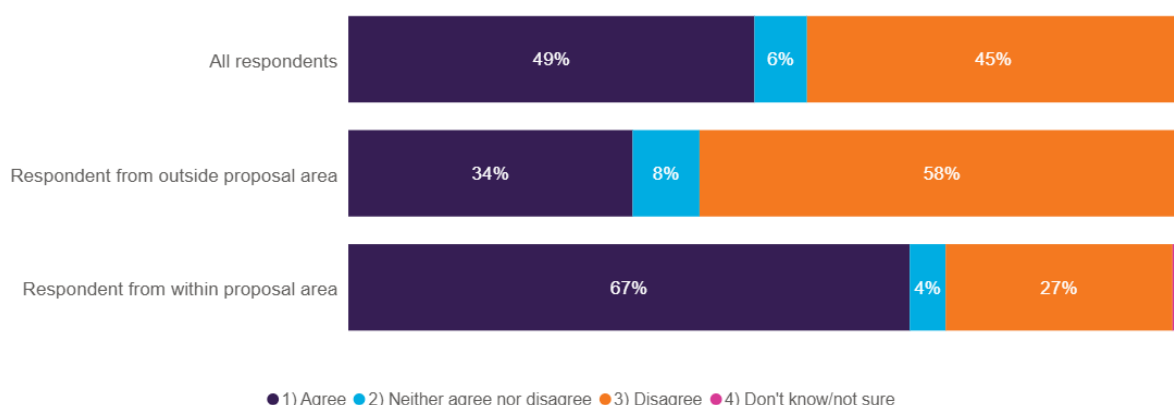


Bases: All respondents – 122; Respondents from outside proposal area – 92; Respondents within proposal area – 25.

10 Christchurch Town

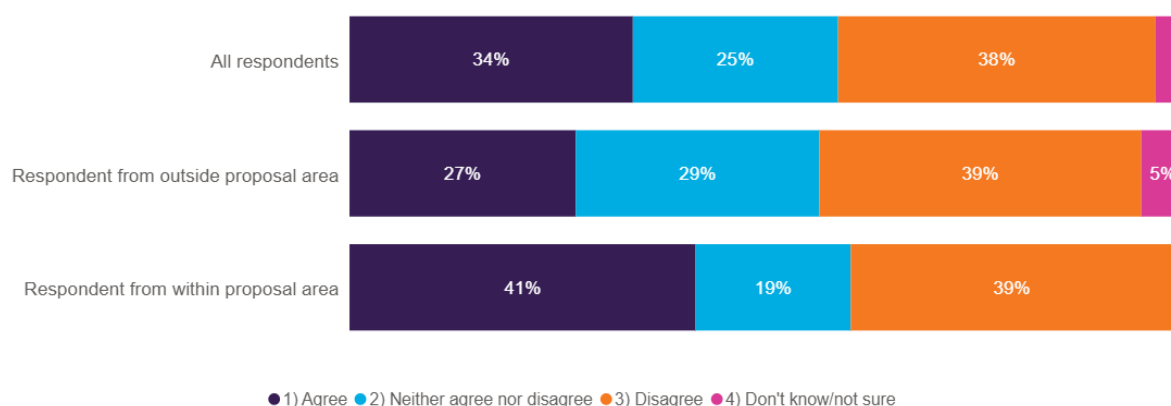
There was a total of 178 responses to this section of the survey.

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



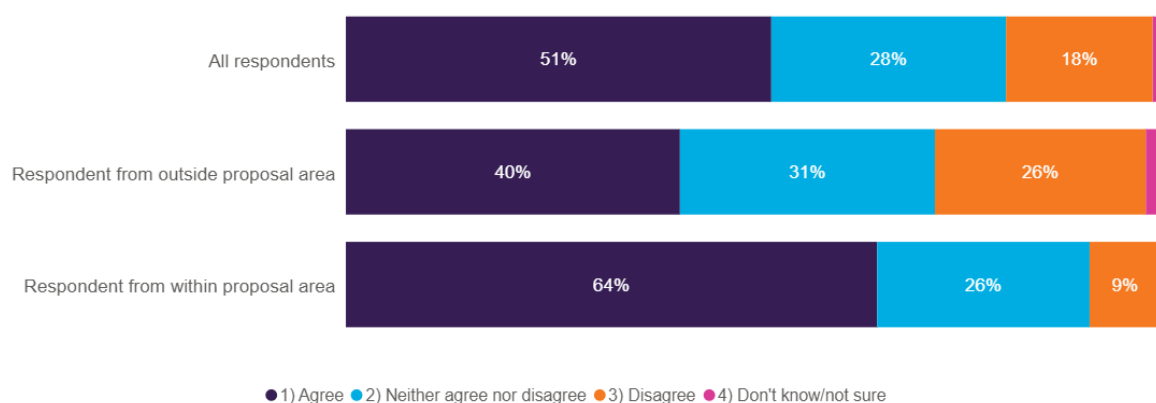
Bases: All respondents – 175; Respondents from outside proposal area – 100; Respondents within proposal area – 70.

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.

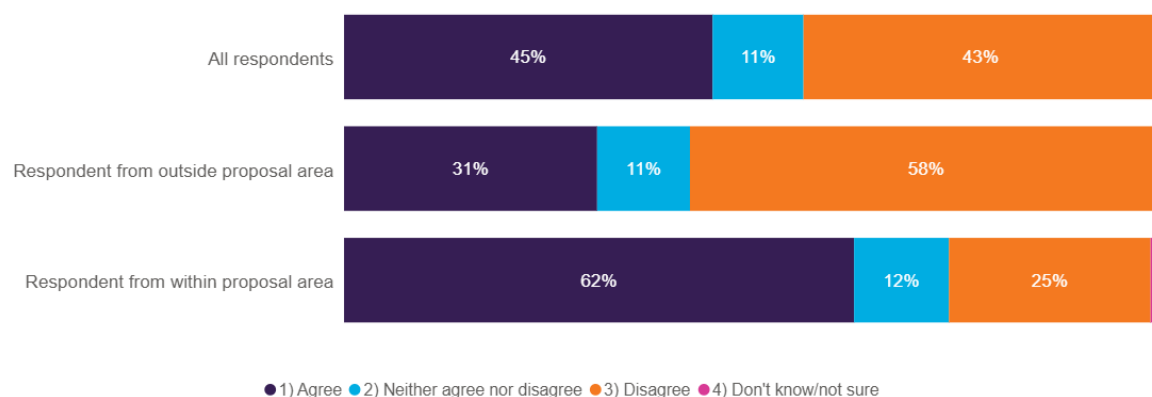
Qc. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the name of the parish of Christchurch Town should not be altered?



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

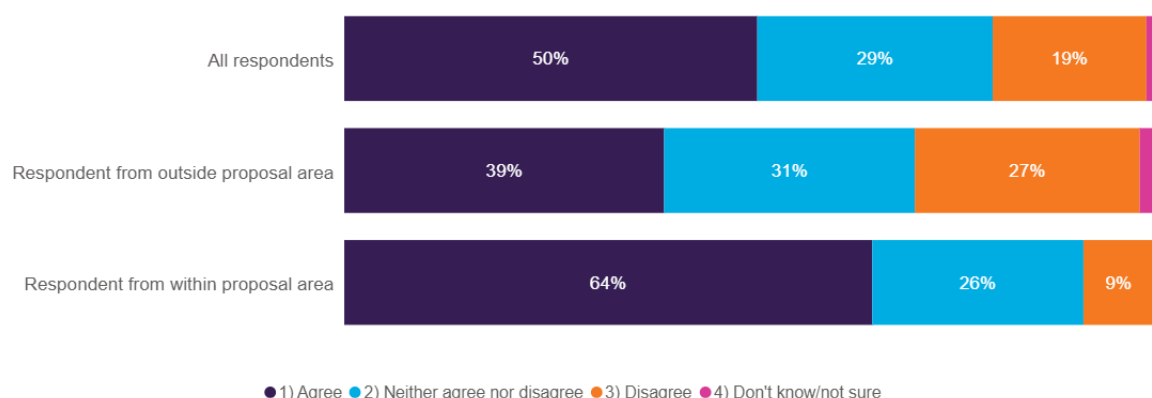
Qd. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish should continue to have a parish council in the style of a town council?

All respondents



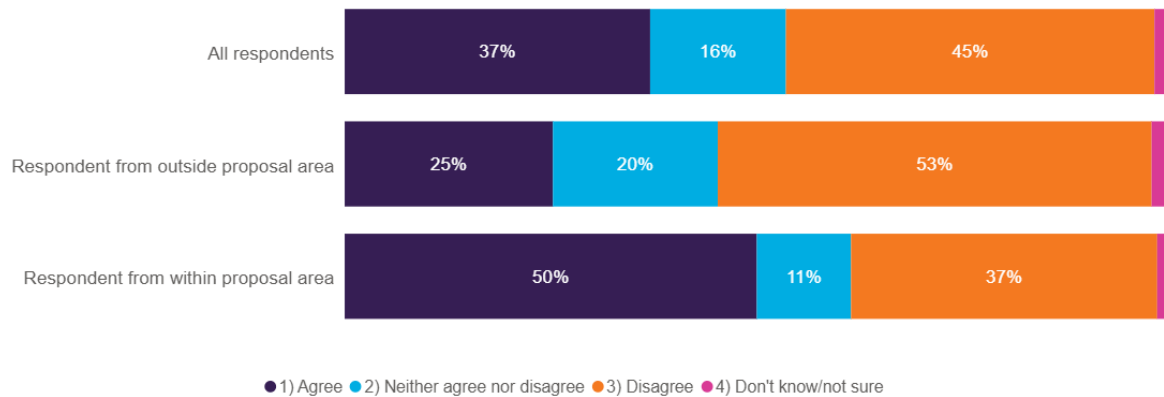
Bases: All respondents – 171; Respondents from outside proposal area – 97; Respondents within proposal area – 69.

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



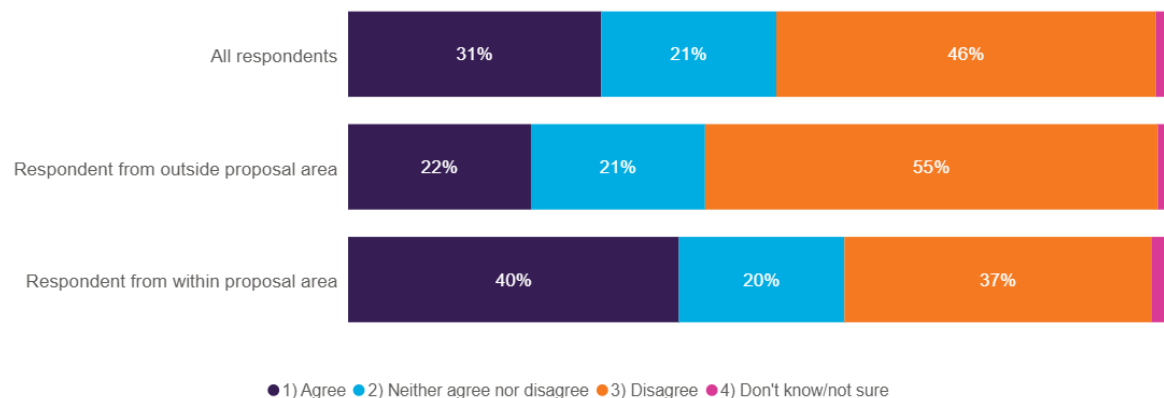
Bases: All respondents – 171; Respondents from outside proposal area – 95; Respondents within proposal area – 70.

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



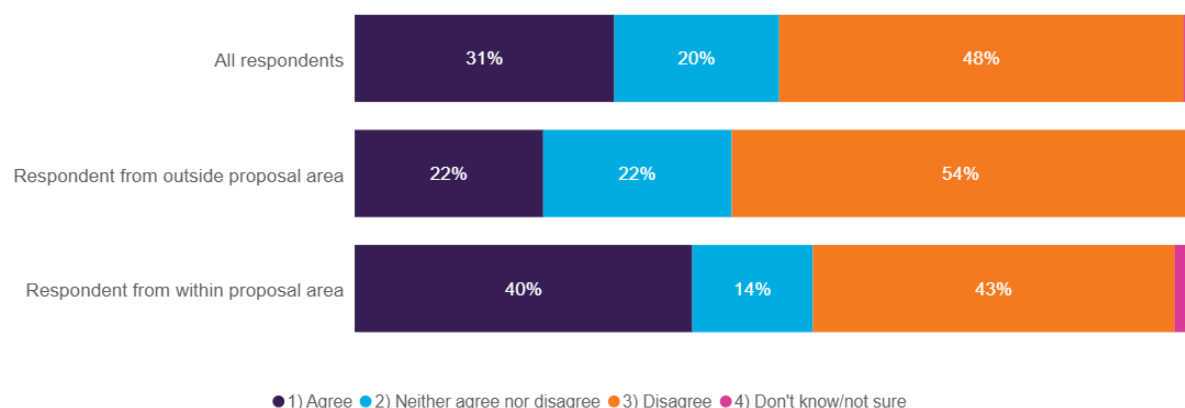
Bases: All respondents – 170; Respondents from outside proposal area – 95; Respondents within proposal area – 70.

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.

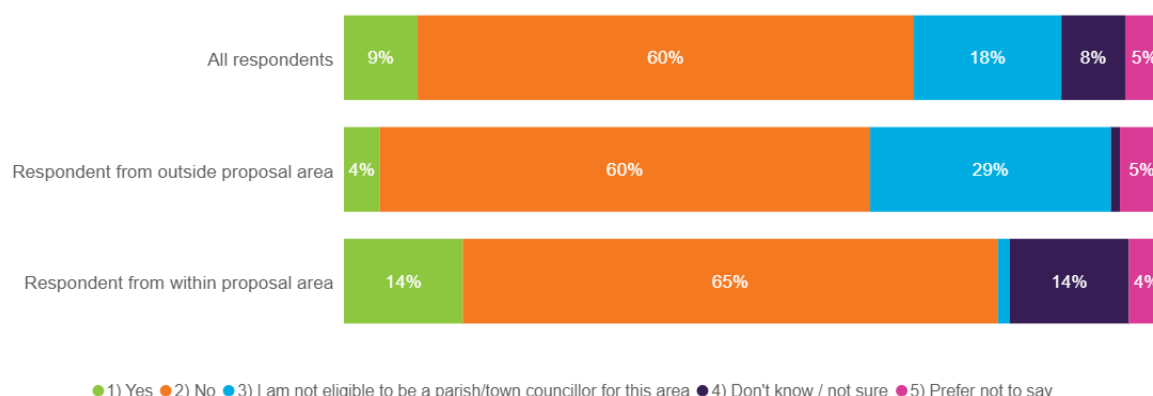
QH To what extent do you agree or disagree the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Friars Cliff - 2 councillors; Grange - 3 councillors; Jumpers & St. Catherine's - 6 councillors; Mudeford & Stanpit - 2 councillors; Priory - 6 councillors



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

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.

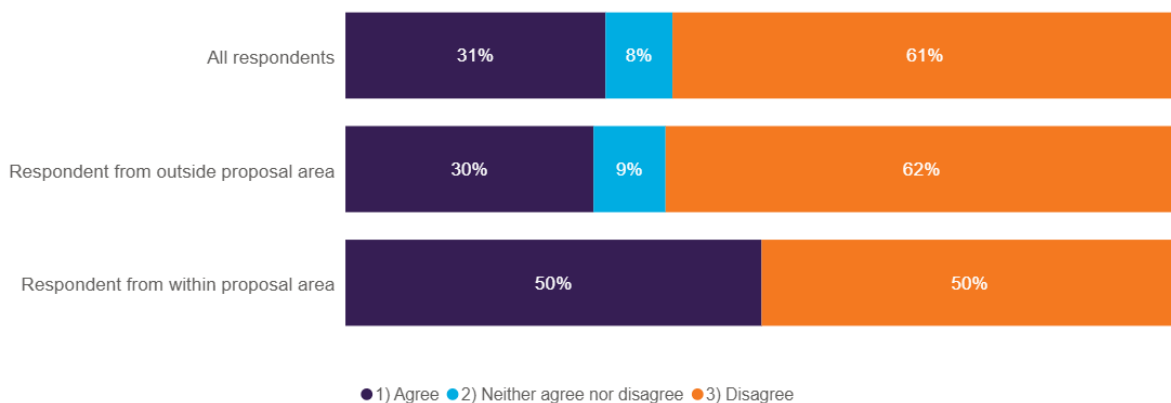


Bases: All respondents – 167; Respondents from outside proposal area – 92; Respondents within proposal area – 69.

11 Throop and Holdenhurst

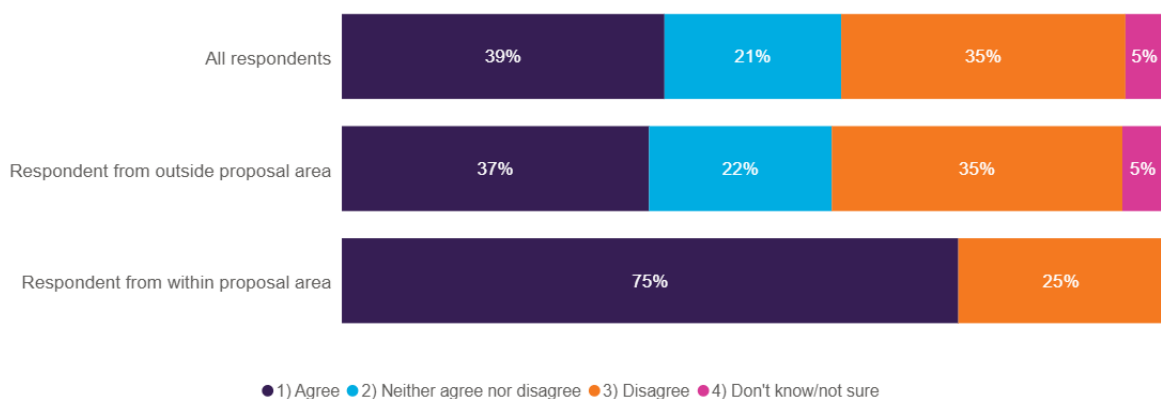
There was a total of 114 responses to this section of the survey. 104 respondents from outside the area responded and 4 respondents who live in the proposal area responded.

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?



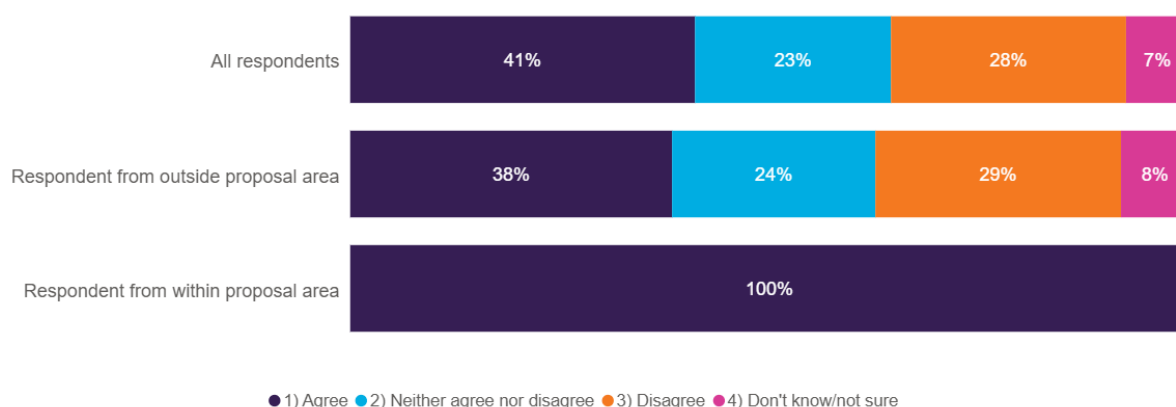
Bases: All respondents – 112; Respondents from outside proposal area – 104; Respondents within proposal area – 4

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?



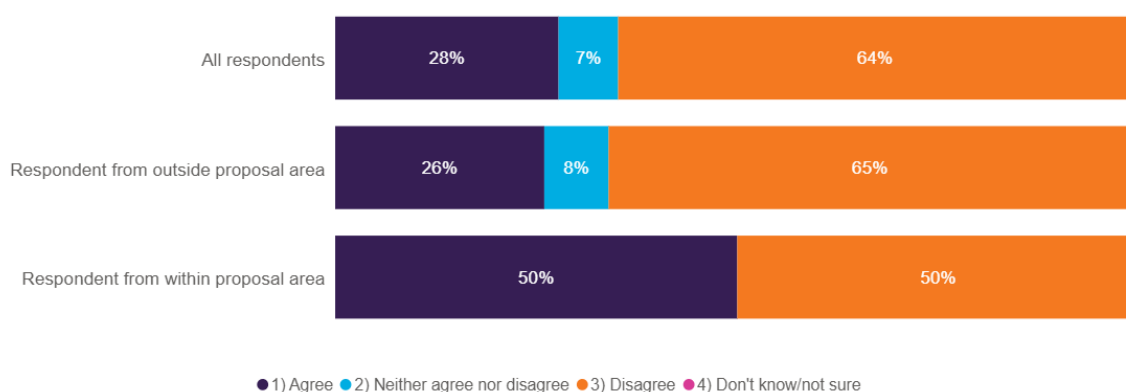
Bases: All respondents – 107; Respondents from outside proposal area – 99; Respondents within proposal area – 4.

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



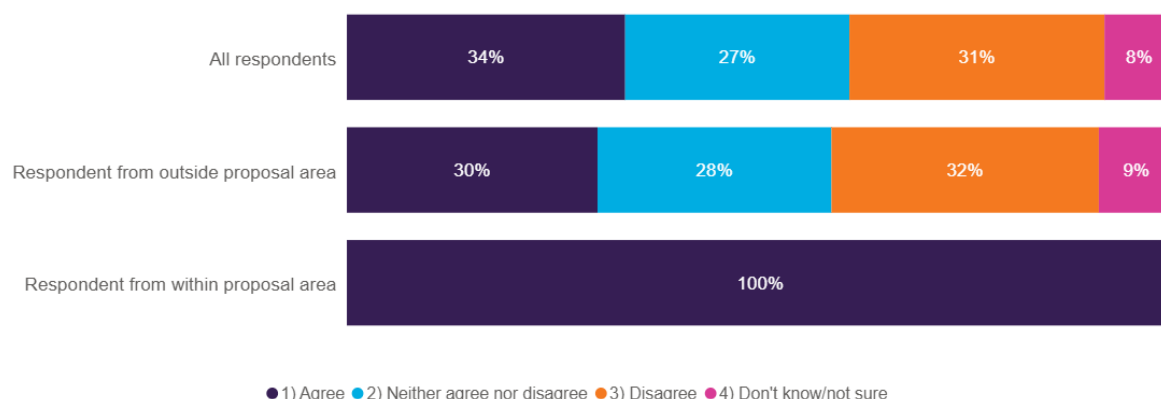
Bases: All respondents – 107; Respondents from outside proposal area – 99; Respondents within proposal area – 4.

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



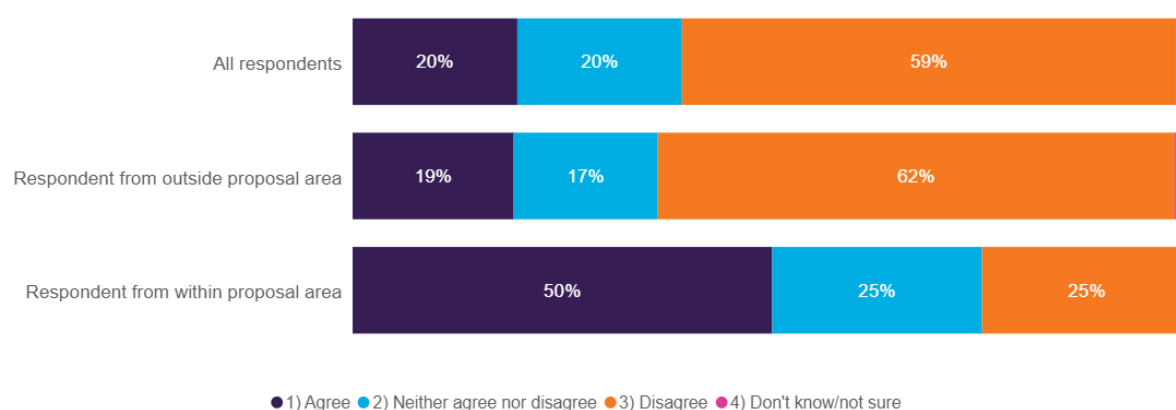
Bases: All respondents – 108; Respondents from outside proposal area – 100; Respondents within proposal area – 4.

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.

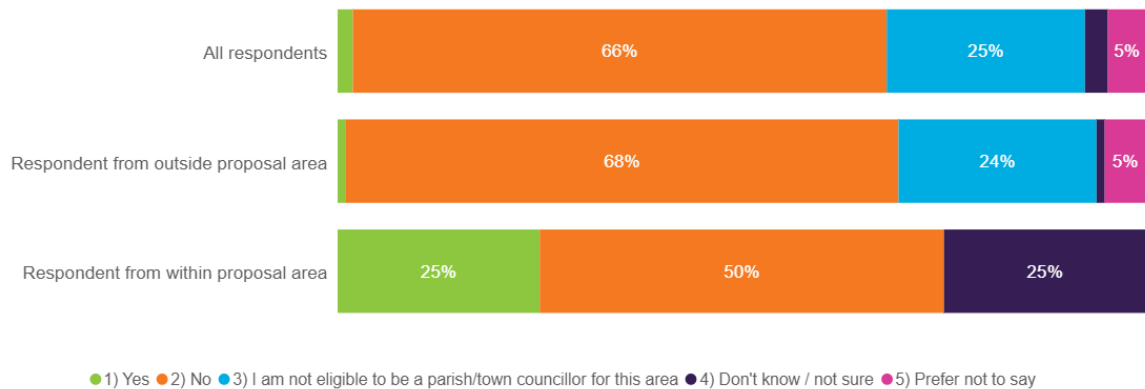
Qf. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the parish council for Throop and Holdenhurst shall consist of 7 councillors?



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.

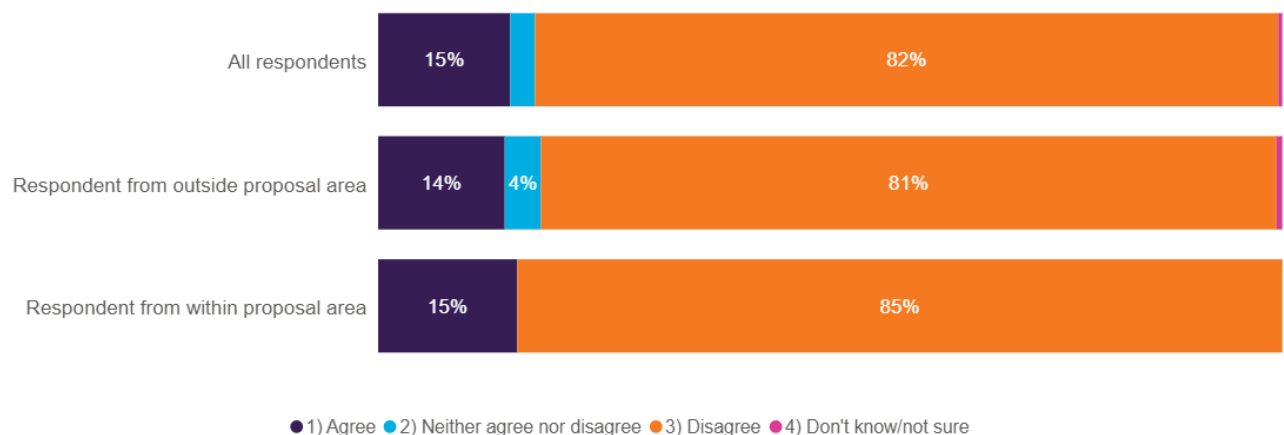


Bases: All respondents – 106; Respondents from outside proposal area – 98; Respondents within proposal area – 4.

12 Boscombe and Pokesdown

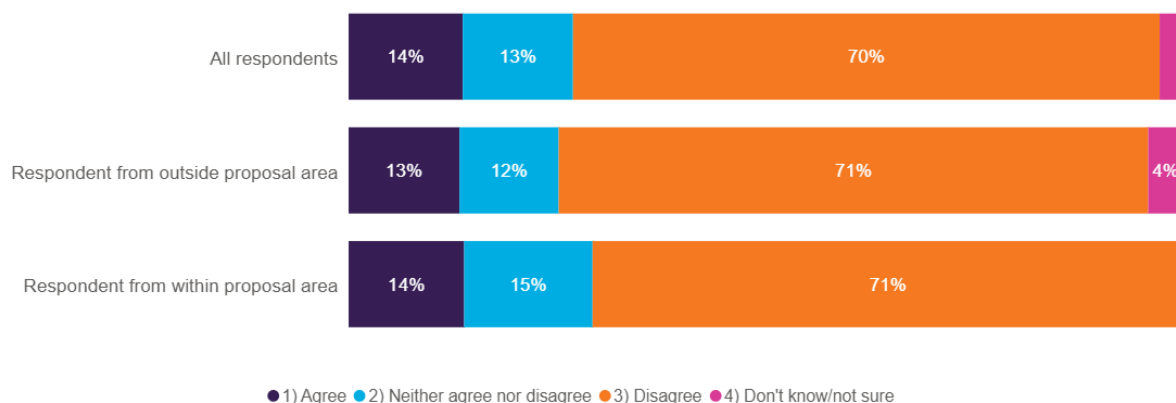
There was a total of 222 responses to this section of the survey.

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



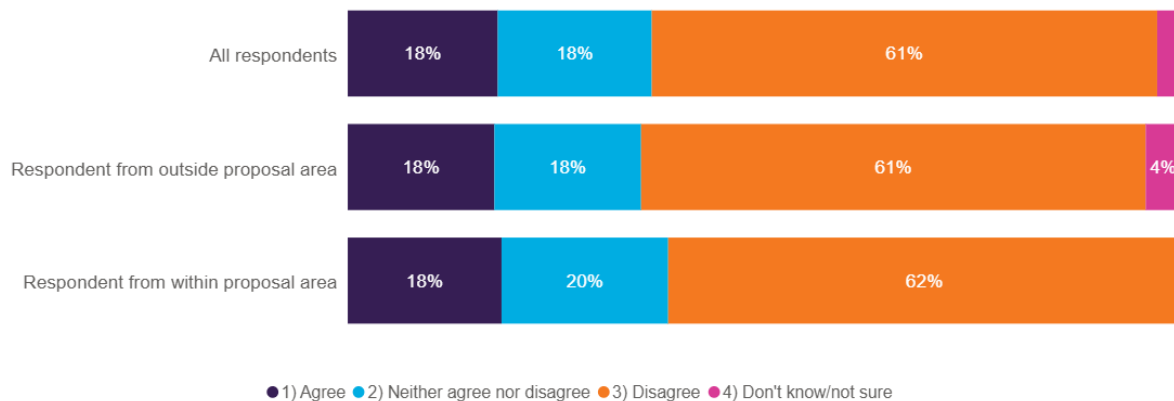
Bases: All respondents – 219; Respondents from outside proposal area – 150; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

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?



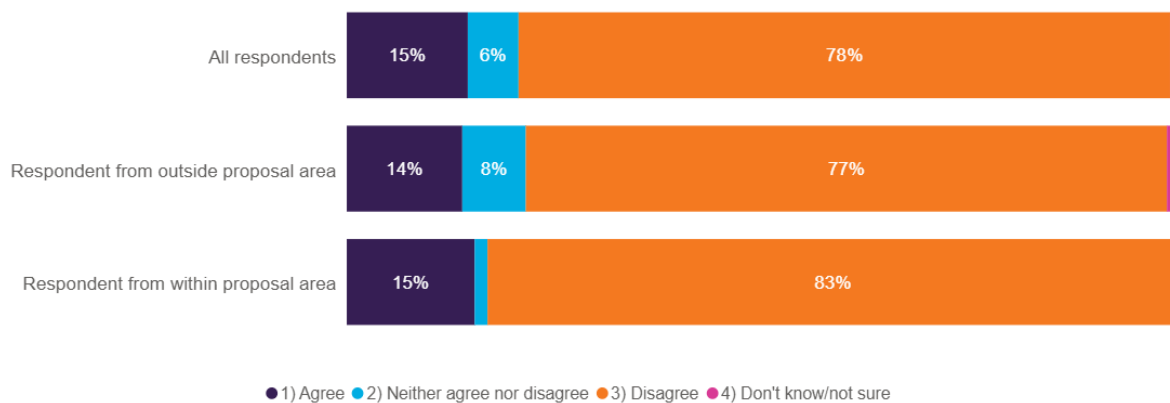
Bases: All respondents – 212; Respondents from outside proposal area – 143; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

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



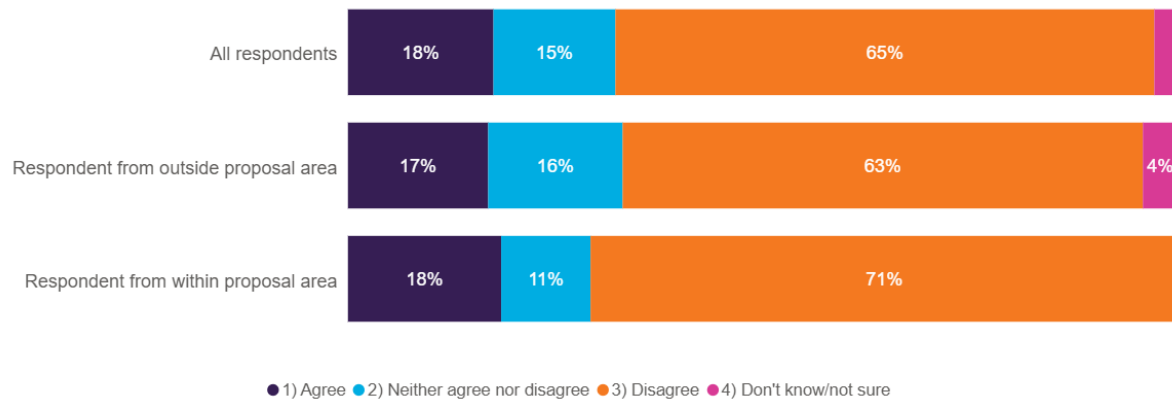
Bases: All respondents – 211; Respondents from outside proposal area – 142; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

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



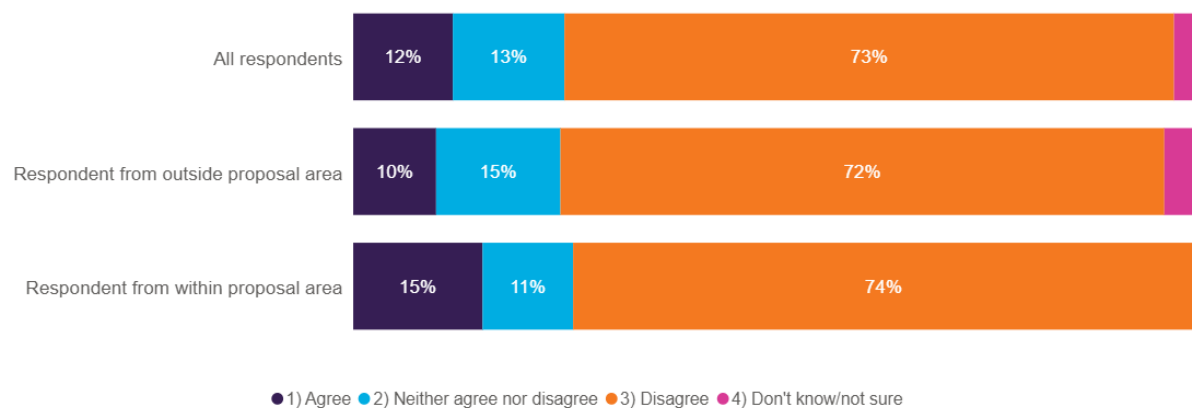
Bases: All respondents – 213; Respondents from outside proposal area – 144; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

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



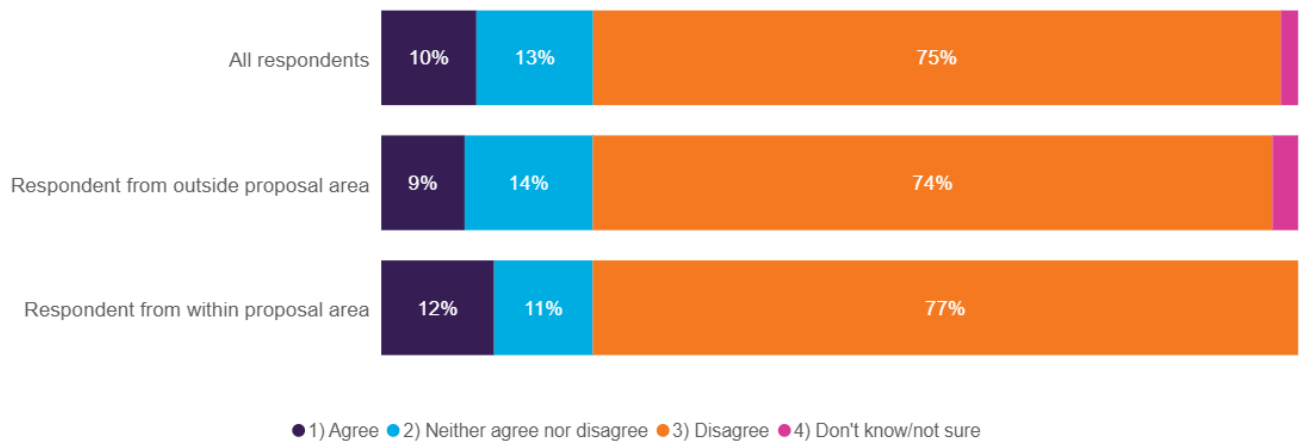
Bases: All respondents – 211; Respondents from outside proposal area – 142; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

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



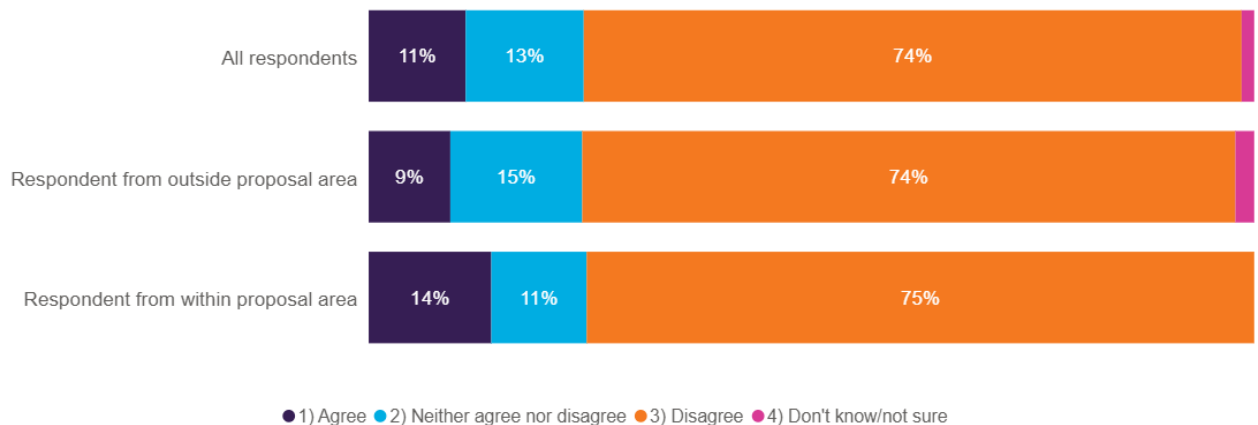
Bases: All respondents – 211; Respondents from outside proposal area – 142; Respondents within proposal area – 65.

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.

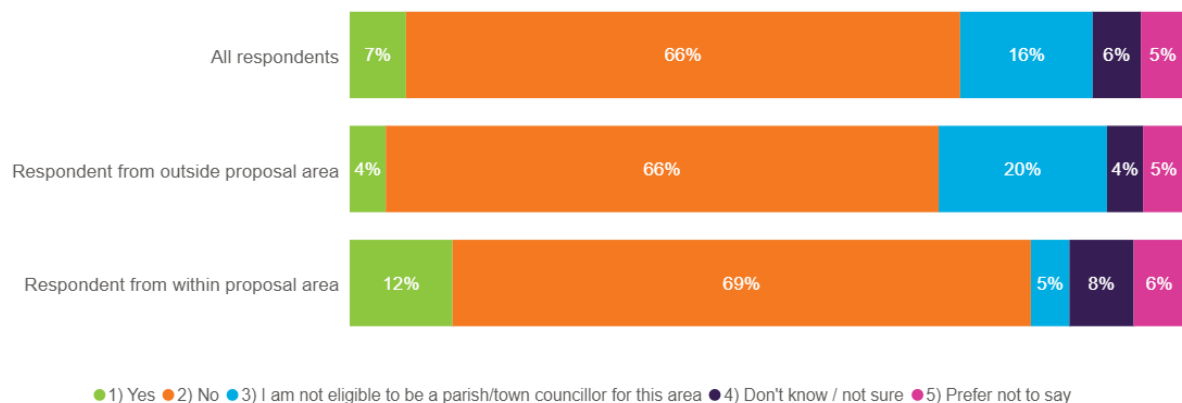
Qh To what extent do you agree or disagree the respective wards be as follows: Boscombe Spa & Shelley Manor – 4 councillors; St Clements & Boscombe Hospital – 3 councillors; Portman Manor & Pokesdown Central – 3 councillors; Boscombe North & Pokesdown Hill – 4 councillors



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.

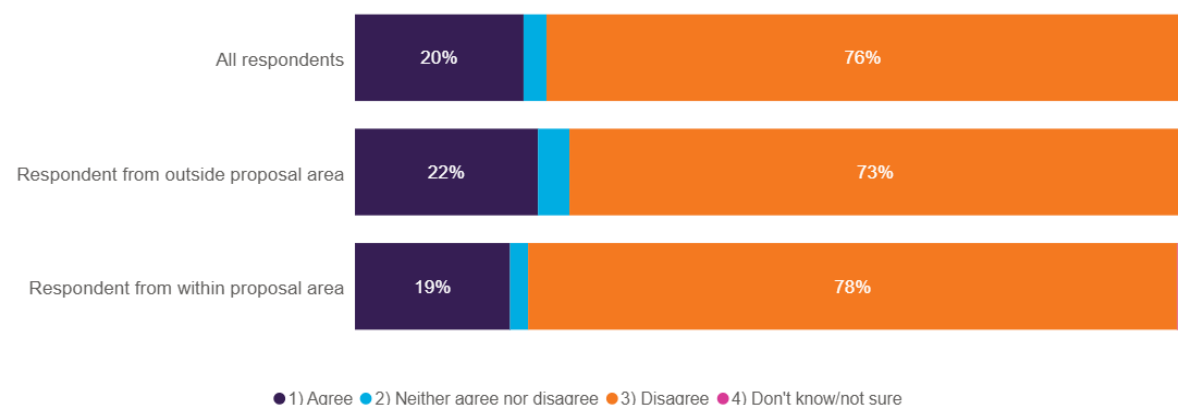


Bases: All respondents – 208; Respondents from outside proposal area – 139; Respondents within proposal area – 65

13 Bournemouth

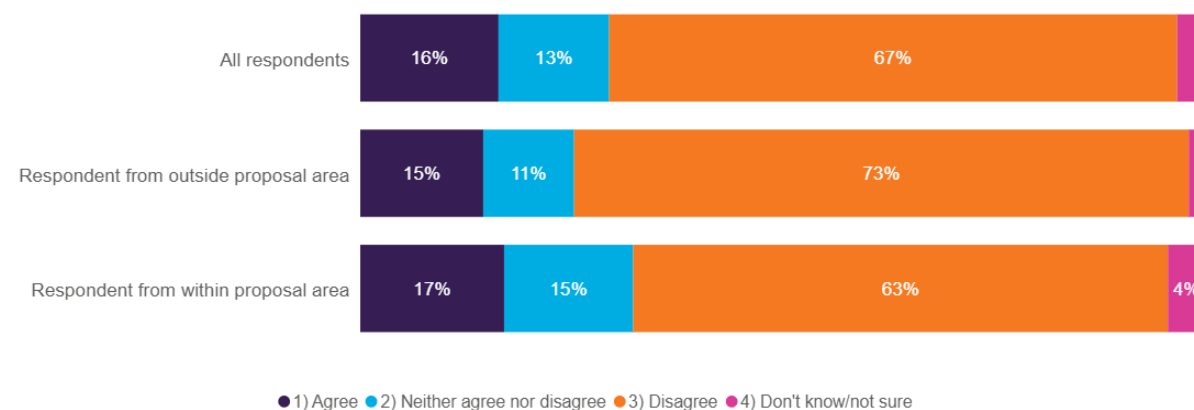
There was a total of 413 responses to this section of the survey.

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



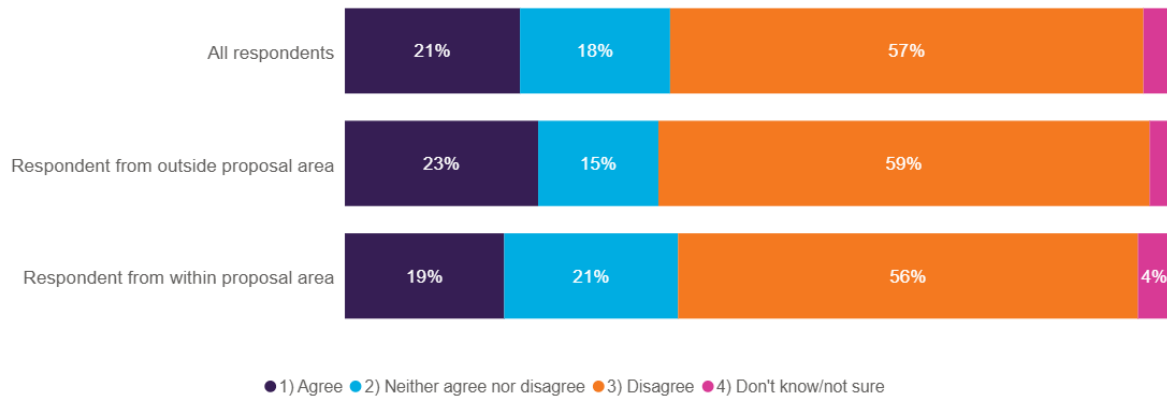
Bases: All respondents – 402; Respondents from outside proposal area – 160; Respondents within proposal area – 232

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?



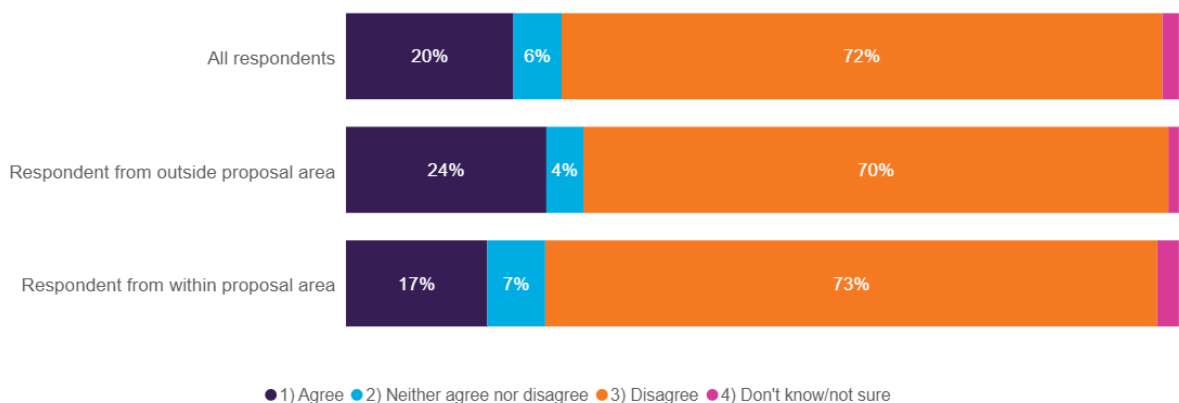
Bases: All respondents – 397; Respondents from outside proposal area – 158; Respondents within proposal area – 229

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



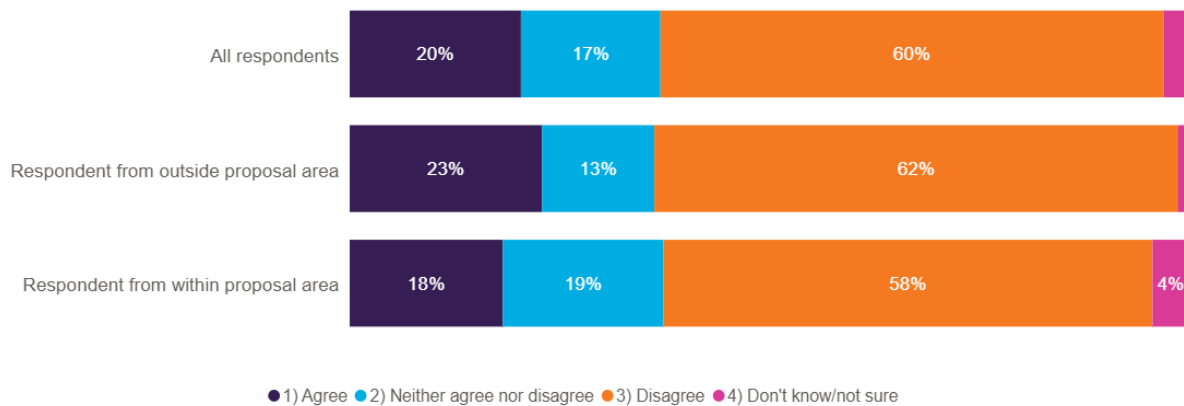
Bases: All respondents – 396; Respondents from outside proposal area – 158; Respondents within proposal area – 228

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



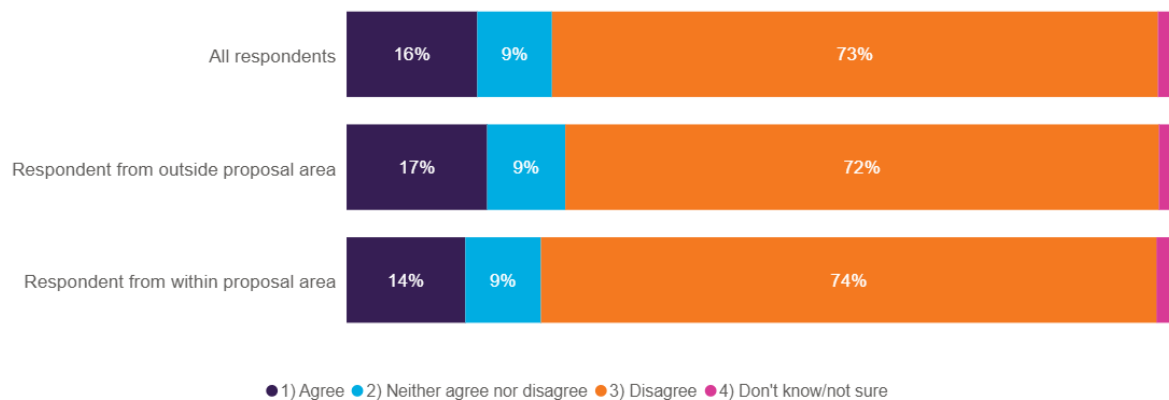
Bases: All respondents – 398; Respondents from outside proposal area – 158; Respondents within proposal area – 230

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



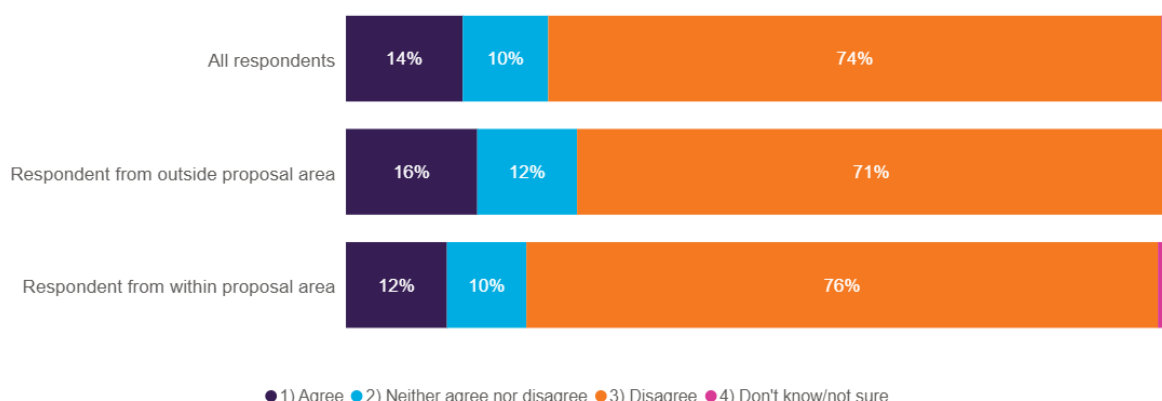
Bases: All respondents – 397; Respondents from outside proposal area – 157; Respondents within proposal area – 230

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



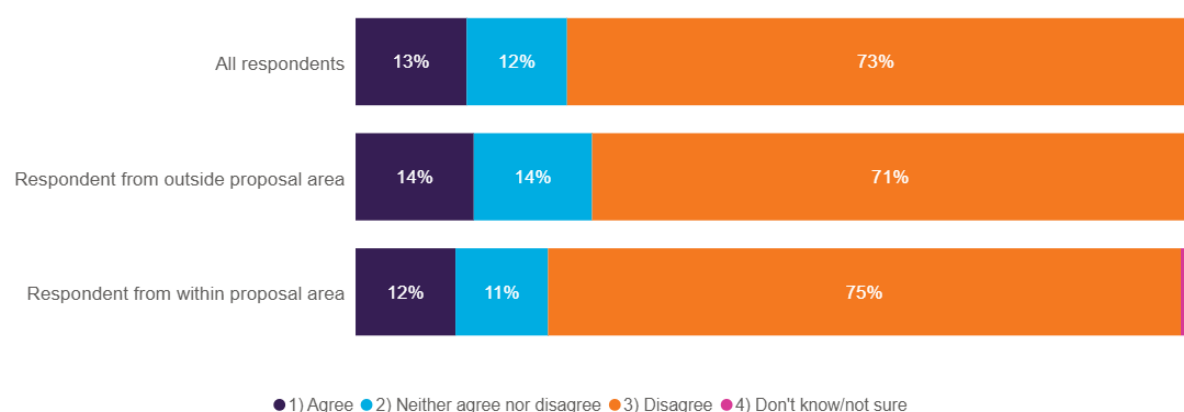
Bases: All respondents – 399; Respondents from outside proposal area – 159; Respondents within proposal area – 230

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

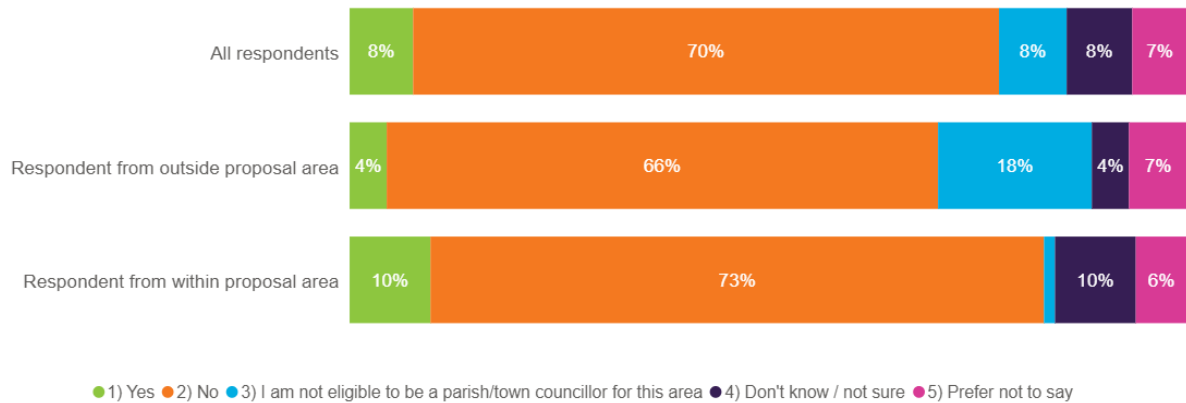
Qh To what extent do you agree or disagree the the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Bournemouth Central – four councillors; East Cliff & Springbourne – four councillors; Kinson – five councillors; Littledown & Iford – three councillors; Moordown – three councillors; 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.

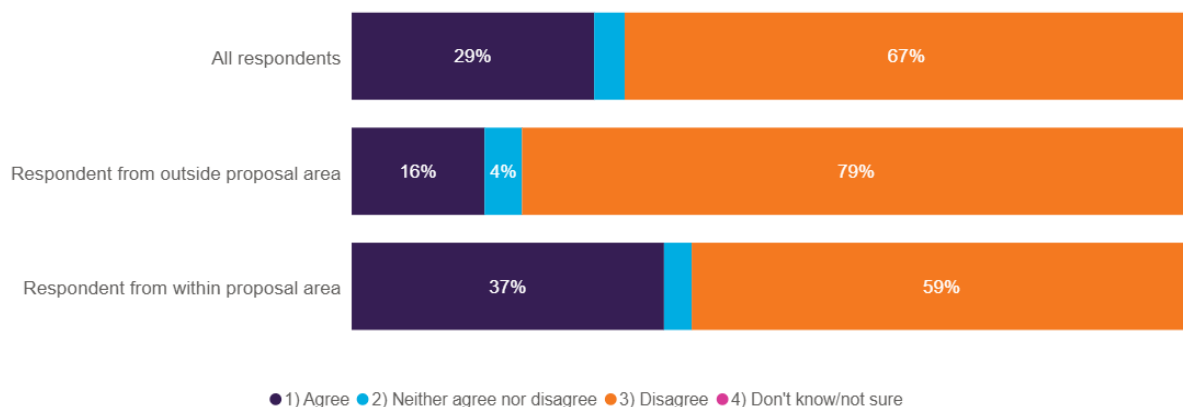


Bases: All respondents – 399; Respondents from outside proposal area – 159; Respondents within proposal area – 230

14 Broadstone

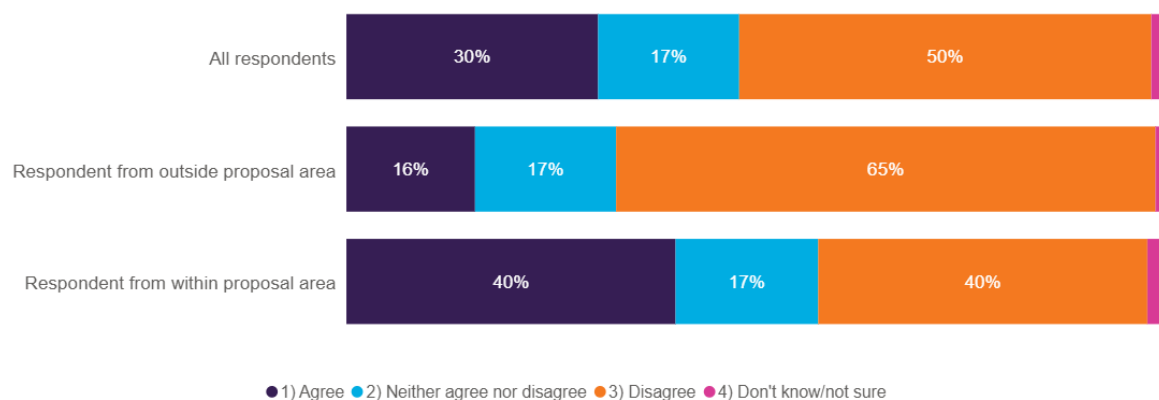
There was a total of 529 responses to this section of the survey.

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



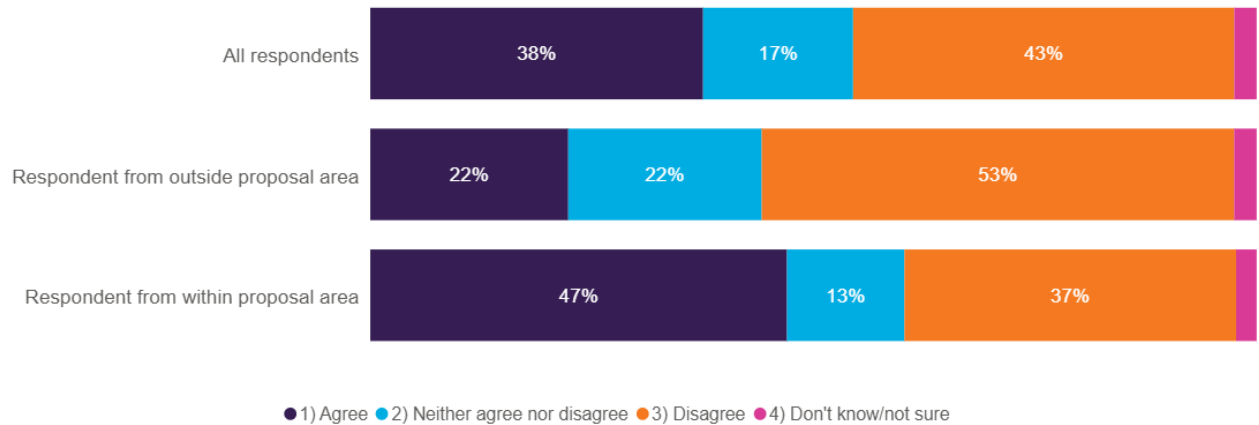
Bases: All respondents – 525; Respondents from outside proposal area – 203; Respondents within proposal area – 305.

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?



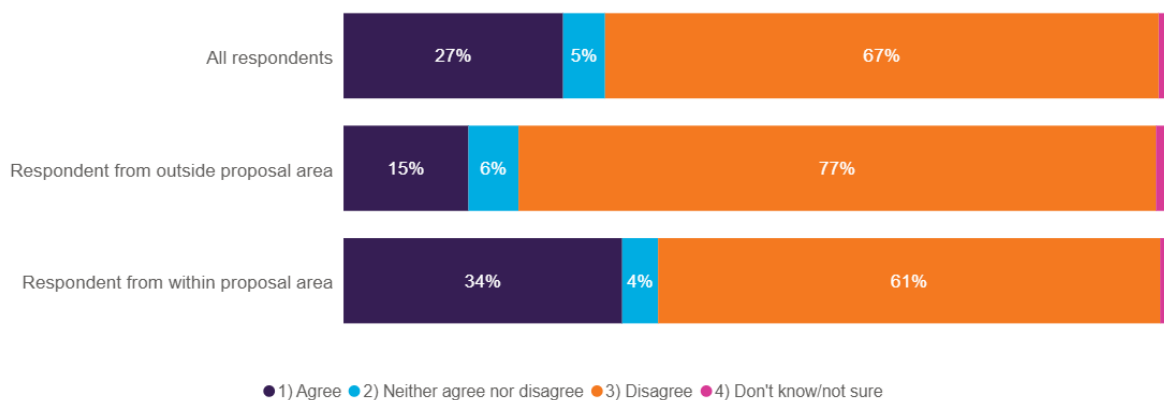
Bases: All respondents – 515; Respondents from outside proposal area – 199; Respondents within proposal area – 301.

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



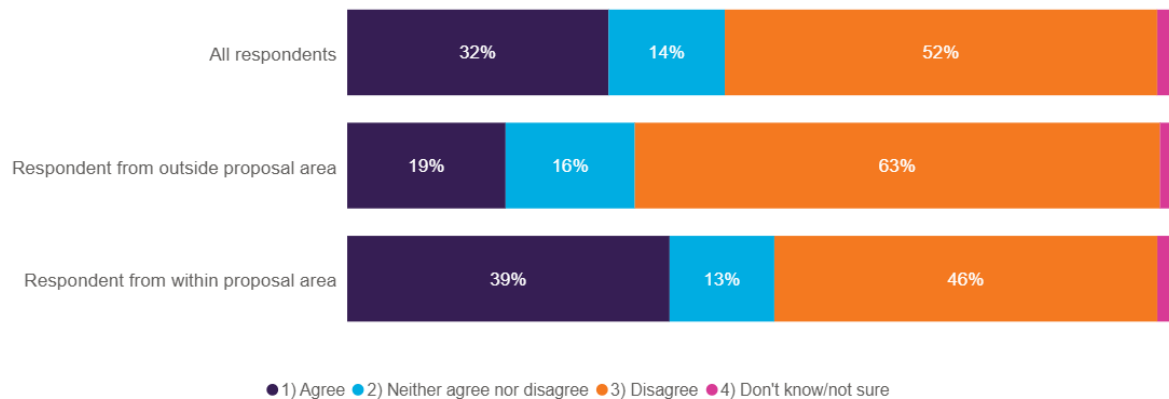
Bases: All respondents – 514; Respondents from outside proposal area – 197; Respondents within proposal area – 302.

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



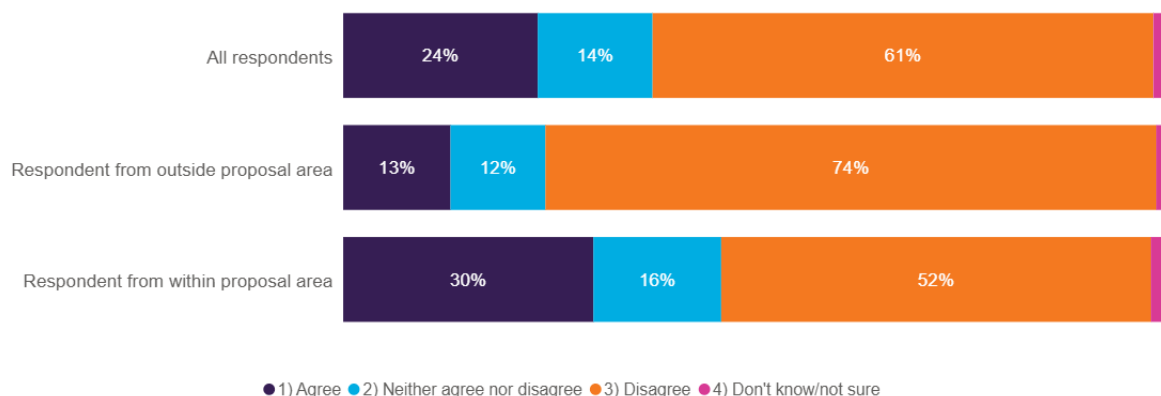
Bases: All respondents – 511; Respondents from outside proposal area – 198; Respondents within proposal area – 299.

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



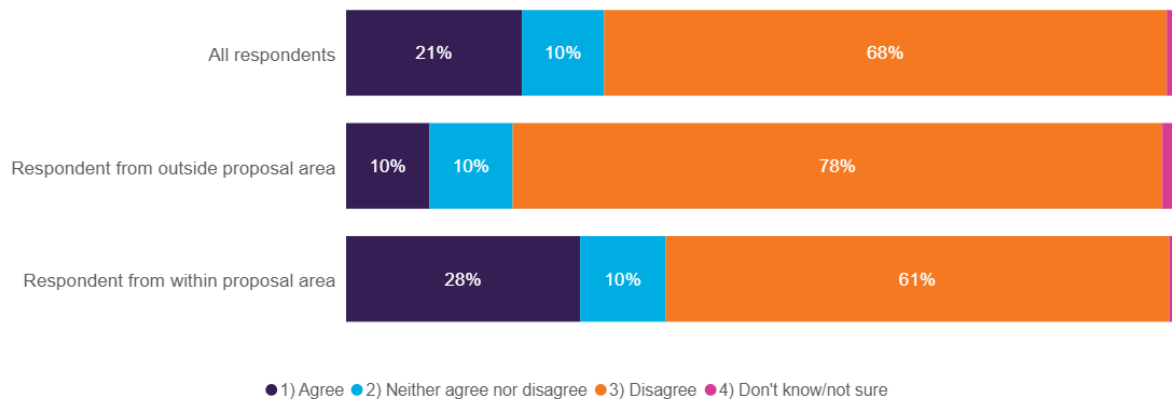
Bases: All respondents – 514; Respondents from outside proposal area – 199; Respondents within proposal area – 301.

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



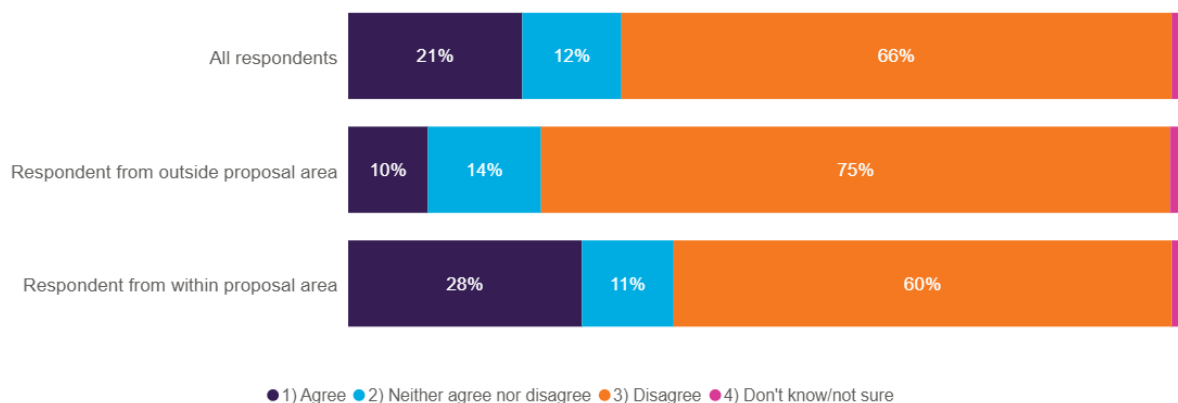
Bases: All respondents – 515; Respondents from outside proposal area – 199; Respondents within proposal area – 302.

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.

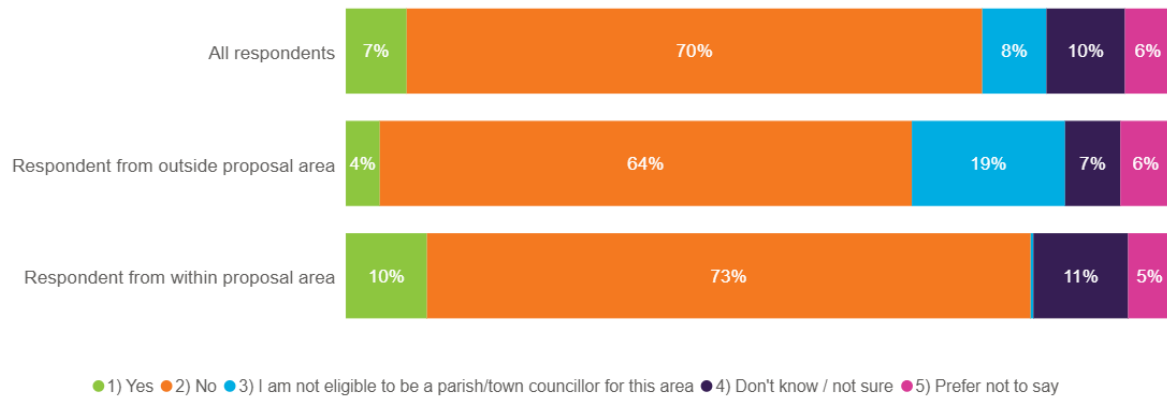
Qh To what extent do you agree or disagree the the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Clump - 4 councillors; Golf - 3 councillors; Recreation - 4 councillors; Spring - 3 councillors



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.

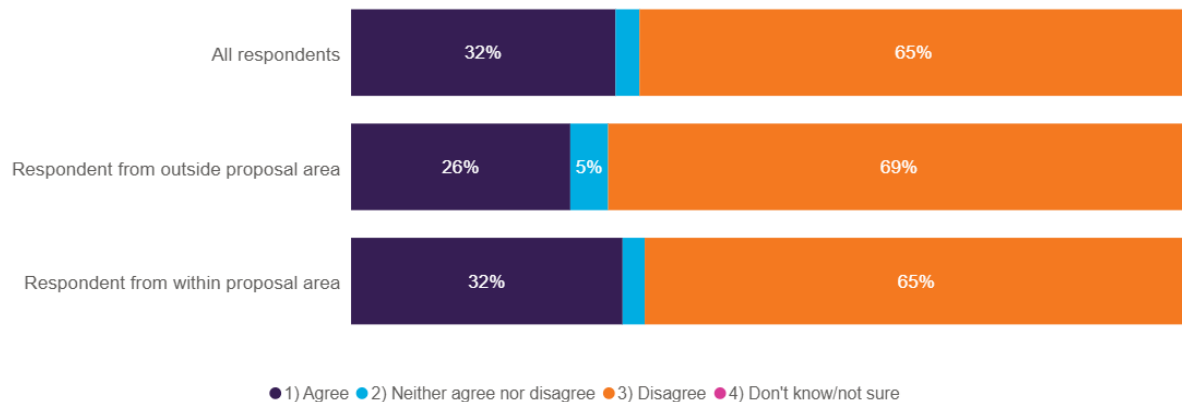


Bases: All respondents – 515; Respondents from outside proposal area – 194; Respondents within proposal area – 305

15 Poole Town

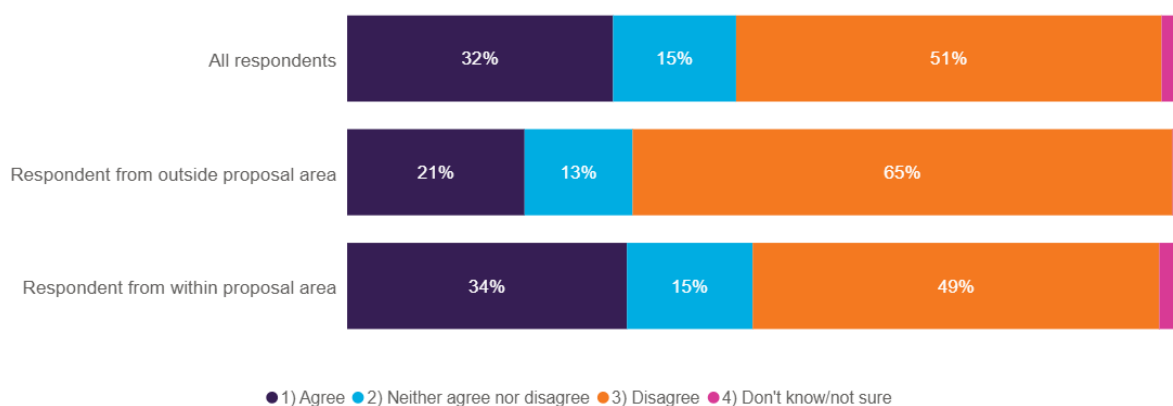
There was a total of 823 responses to this section of the survey.

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



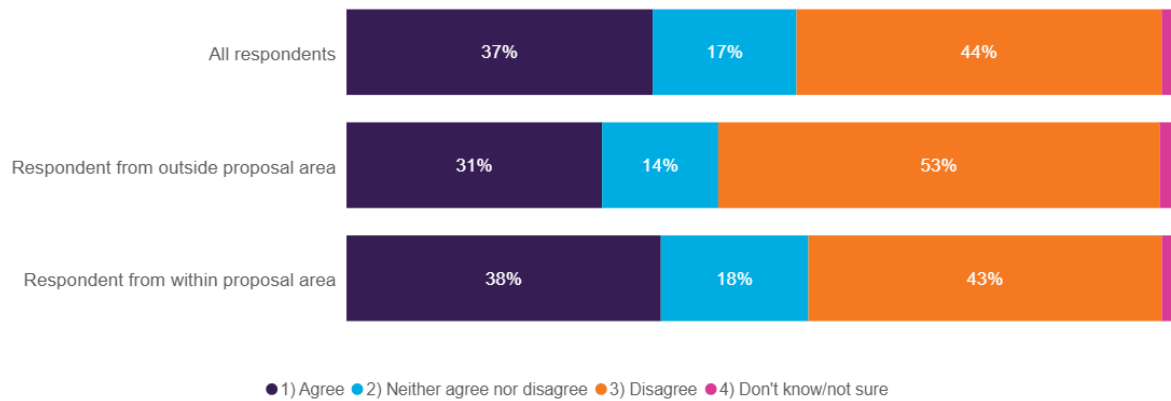
Bases: All respondents – 809; Respondents from outside proposal area – 111; Respondents within proposal area – 683

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?



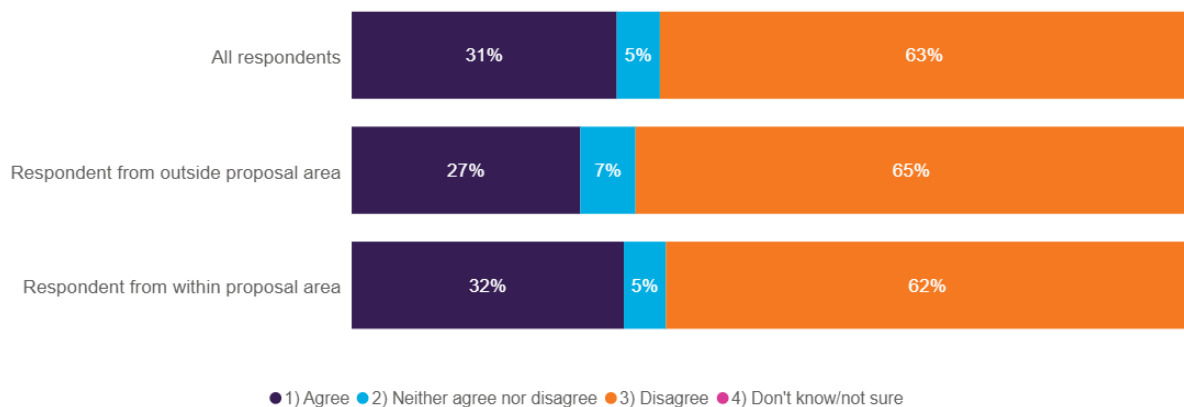
Bases: All respondents – 799; Respondents from outside proposal area – 108; Respondents within proposal area – 676

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



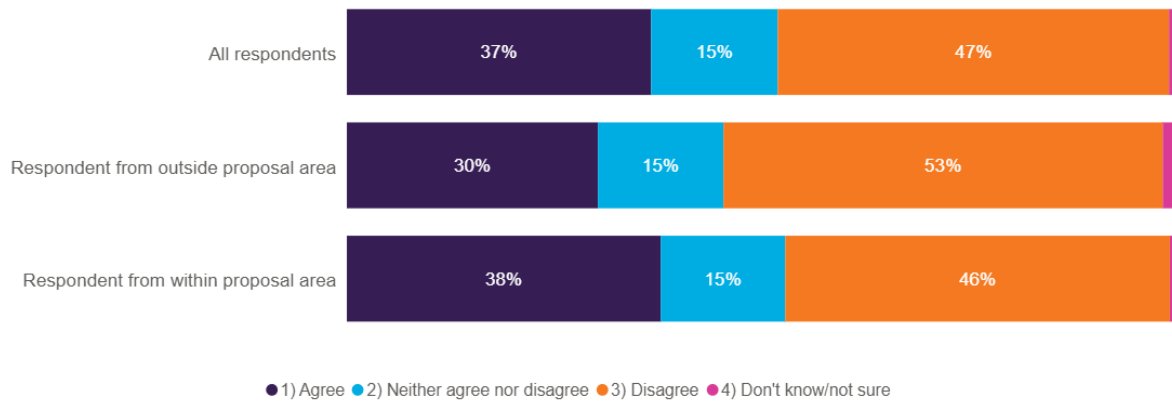
Bases: All respondents – 801; Respondents from outside proposal area – 107; Respondents within proposal area – 680

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



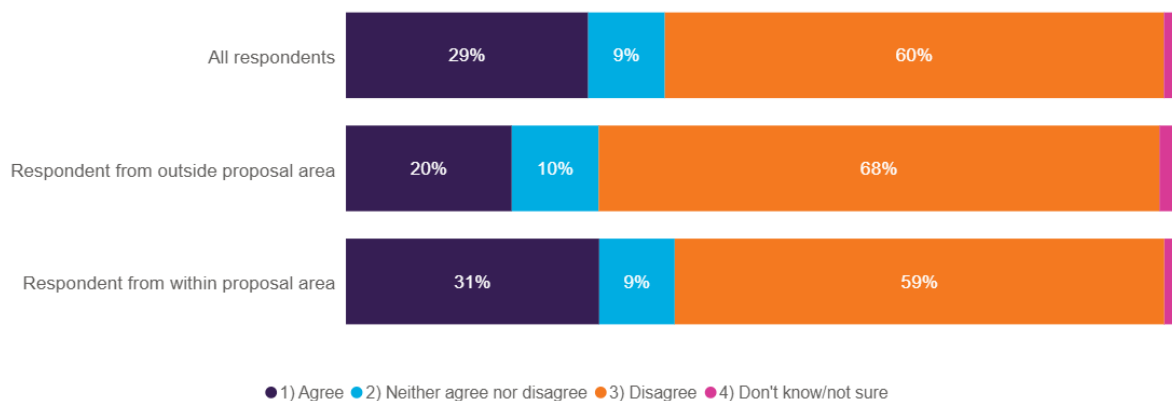
Bases: All respondents – 802; Respondents from outside proposal area – 107; Respondents within proposal area – 682

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



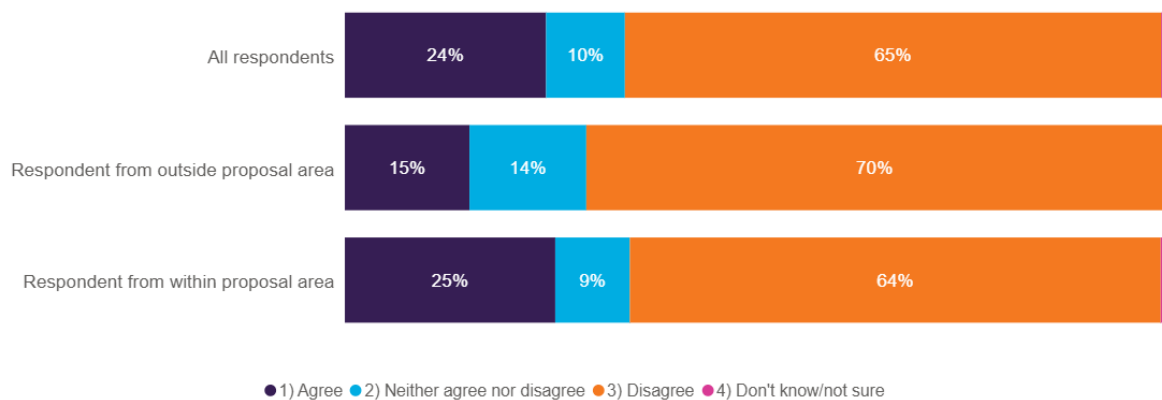
Bases: All respondents – 801; Respondents from outside proposal area – 106; Respondents within proposal area – 681

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



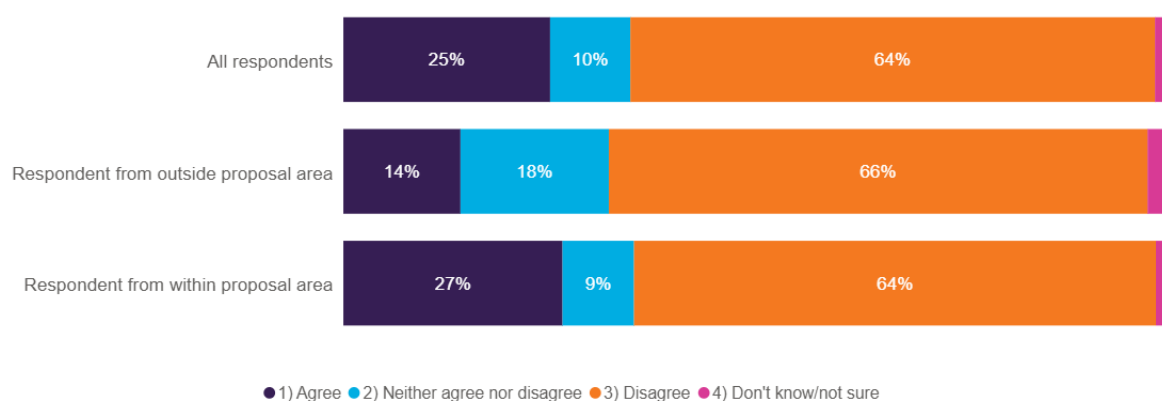
Bases: All respondents – 801; Respondents from outside proposal area – 105; Respondents within proposal area – 681

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

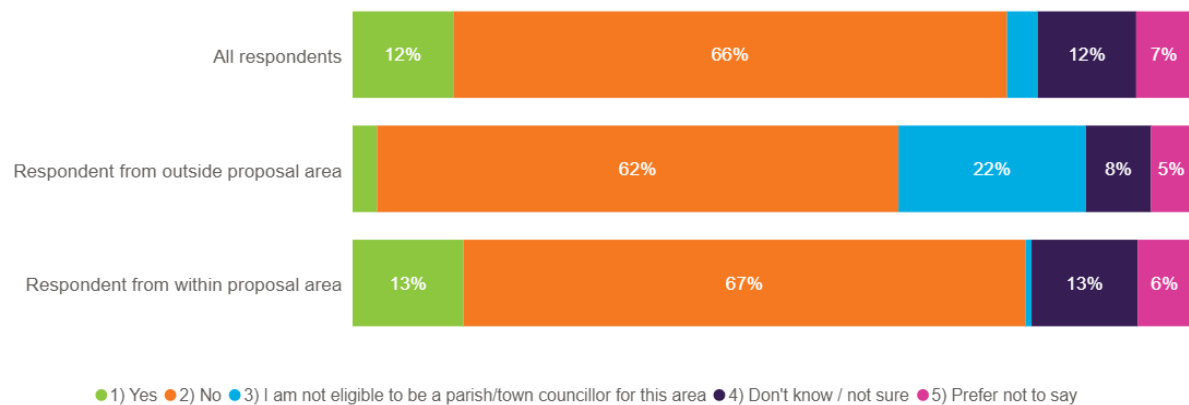
Qh To what extent do you agree or disagree the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Alderney – 2 councillors; Bearwood – 2 councillors; Bourne Valley & Branksome East – 3 councillors; Branksome West – 3 councillors; Canford Cliffs – 3 councillors; Canford Heath 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.

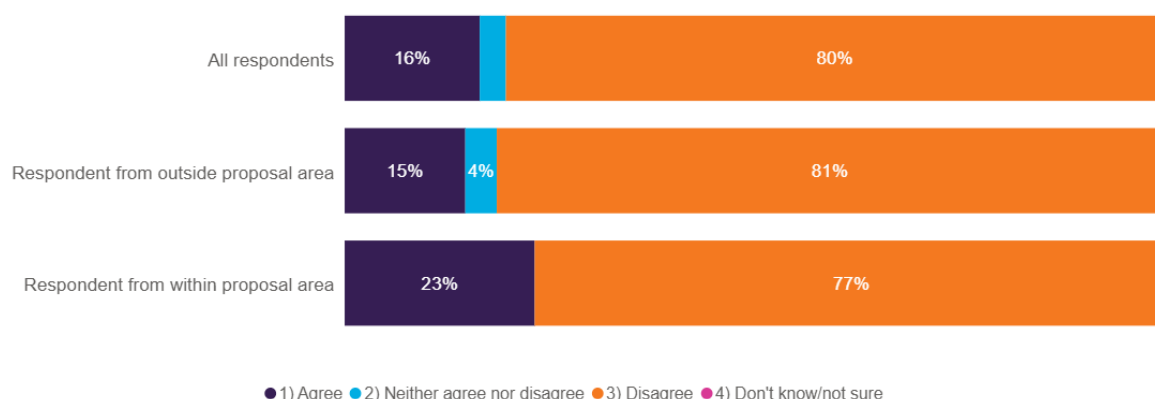


Bases: All respondents – 800; Respondents from outside proposal area – 103; Respondents within proposal area – 681

16 Redhill and Northbourne

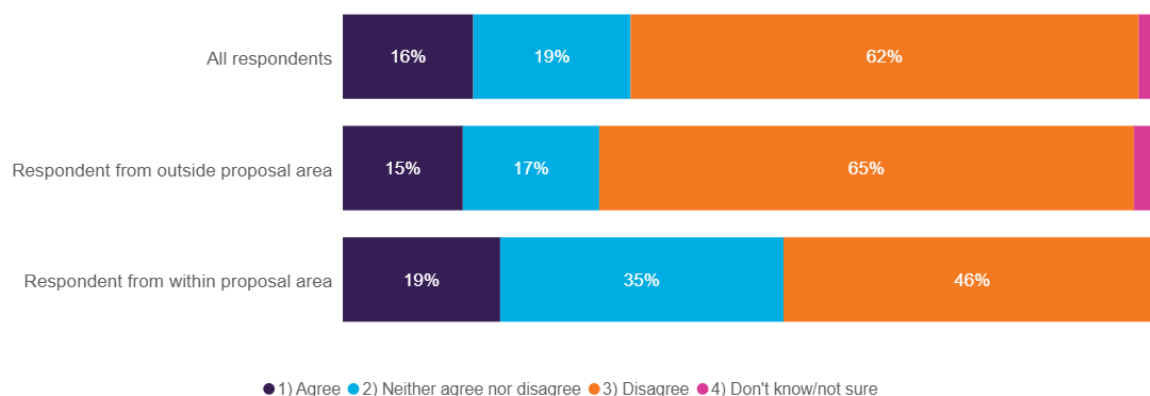
There was a total of 192 responses to this section of the survey.

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



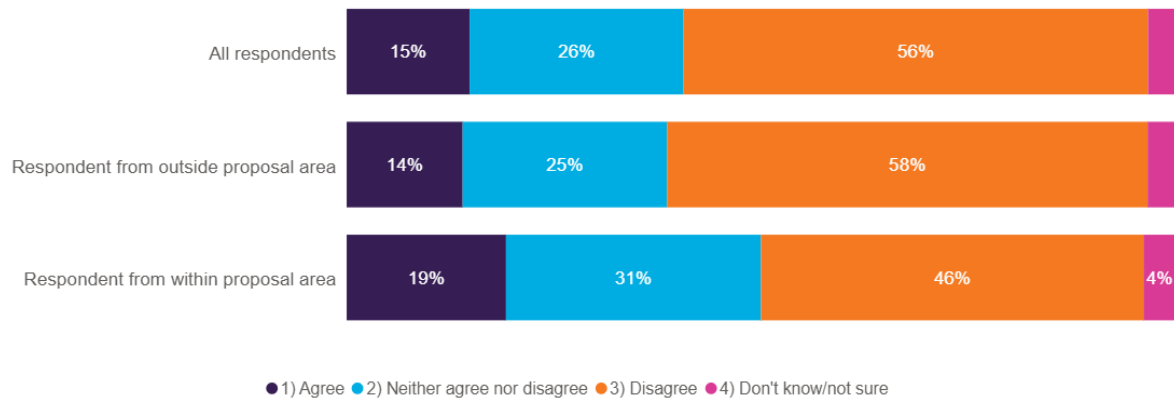
Bases: All respondents – 189; Respondents from outside proposal area – 157; Respondents within proposal area – 26

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?



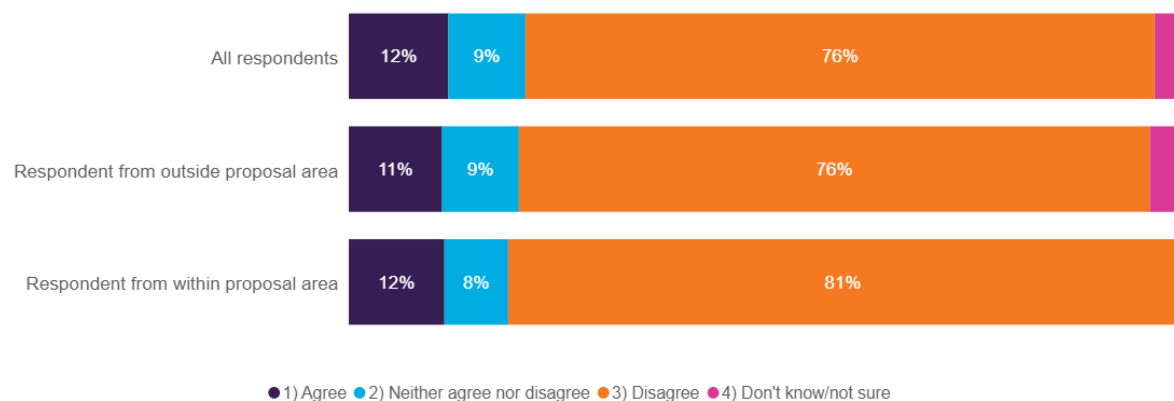
Bases: All respondents – 182; Respondents from outside proposal area – 150; Respondents within proposal area – 26

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



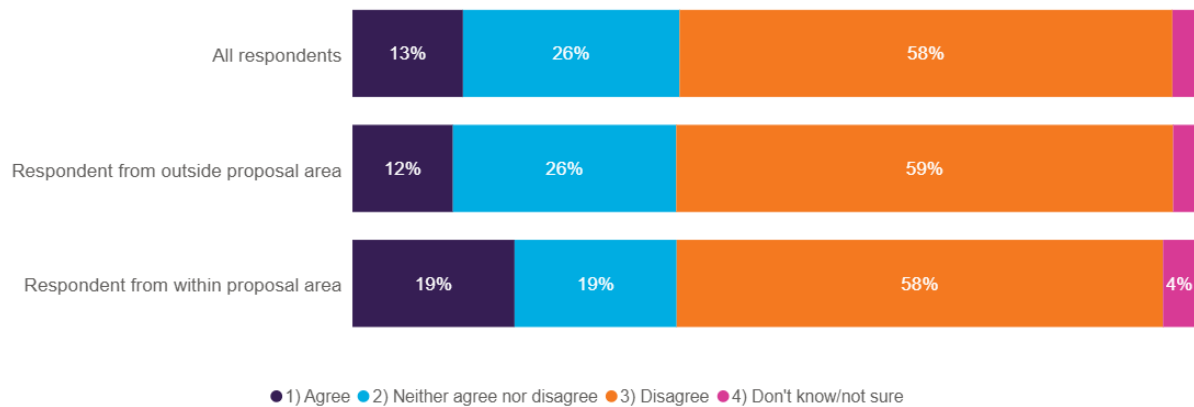
Bases: All respondents – 182; Respondents from outside proposal area – 150; Respondents within proposal area – 26

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



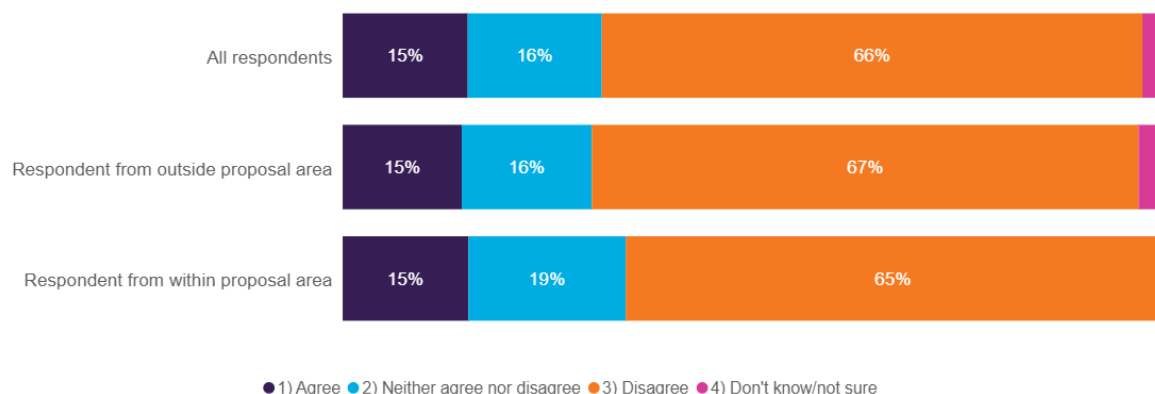
Bases: All respondents – 183; Respondents from outside proposal area – 151; Respondents within proposal area – 26

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



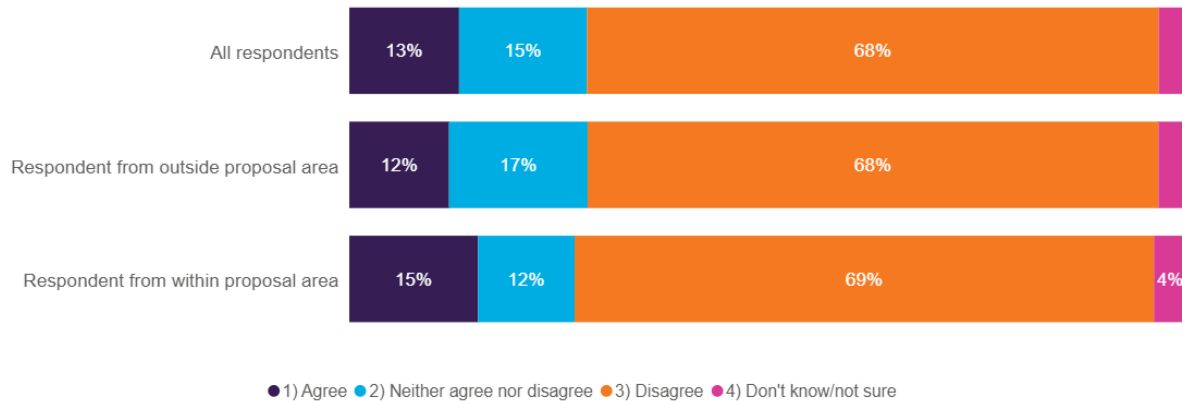
Bases: All respondents – 183; Respondents from outside proposal area – 151; Respondents within proposal area – 26

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



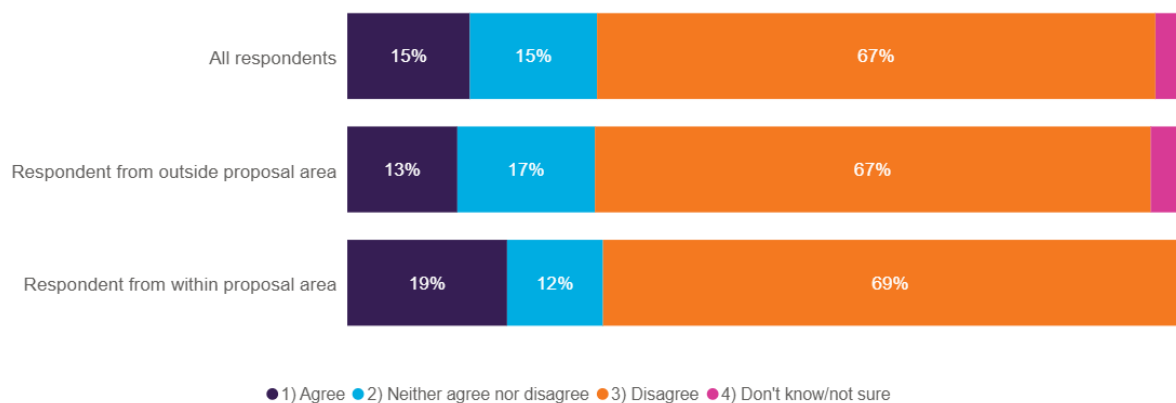
Bases: All respondents – 183; Respondents from outside proposal area – 151; Respondents within proposal area – 26

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

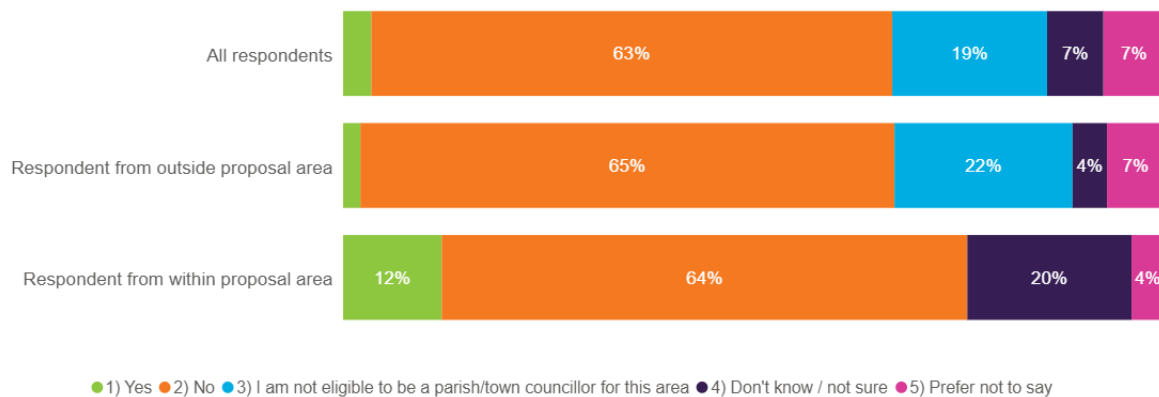
Qh To what extent do you agree or disagree the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Ensbury Park - 3 councillors; Northbourne - 3 councillors; Redhill Park - 3 councillors



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

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 Redhill and Northbourne?

Three respondents who live in the proposal area said they would consider standing for election as a local councillor in Redhill and Northbourne.

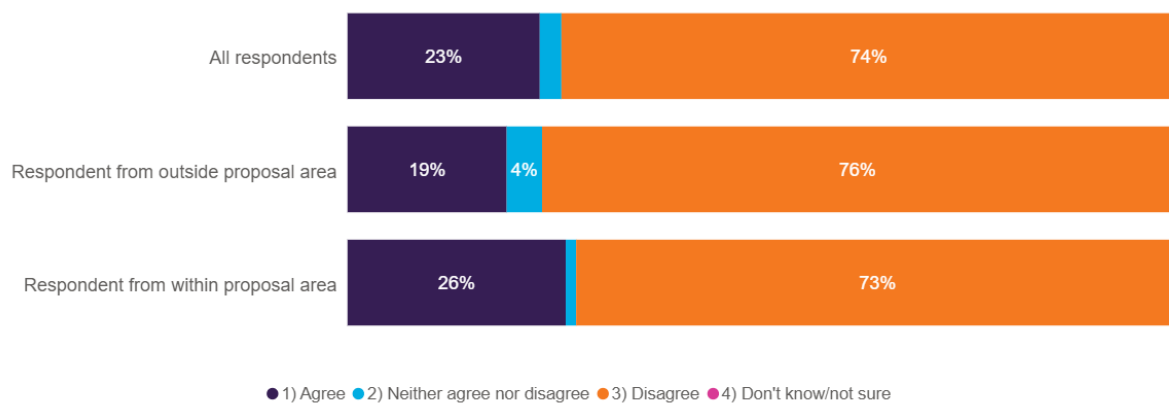


Bases: All respondents – 175; Respondents from outside proposal area – 143; Respondents within proposal area – 25

17 Southbourne

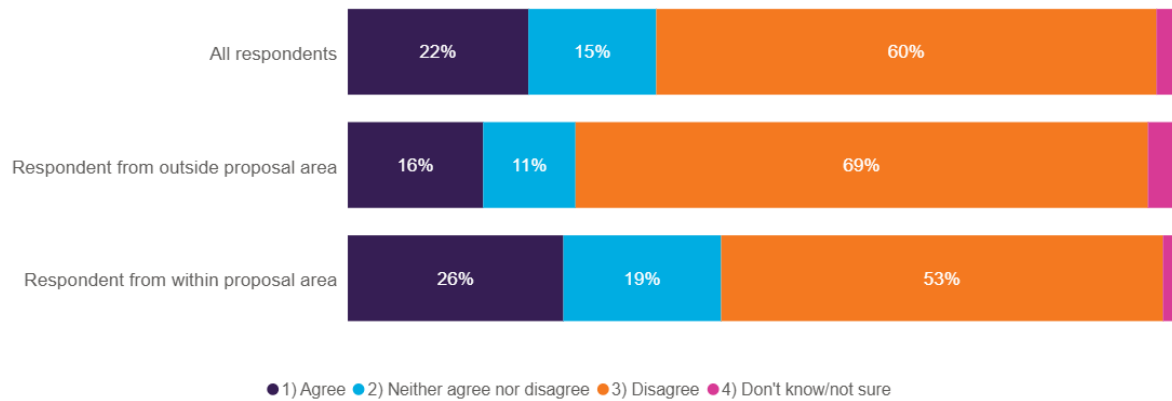
There was a total of 307 responses to this section of the survey.

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



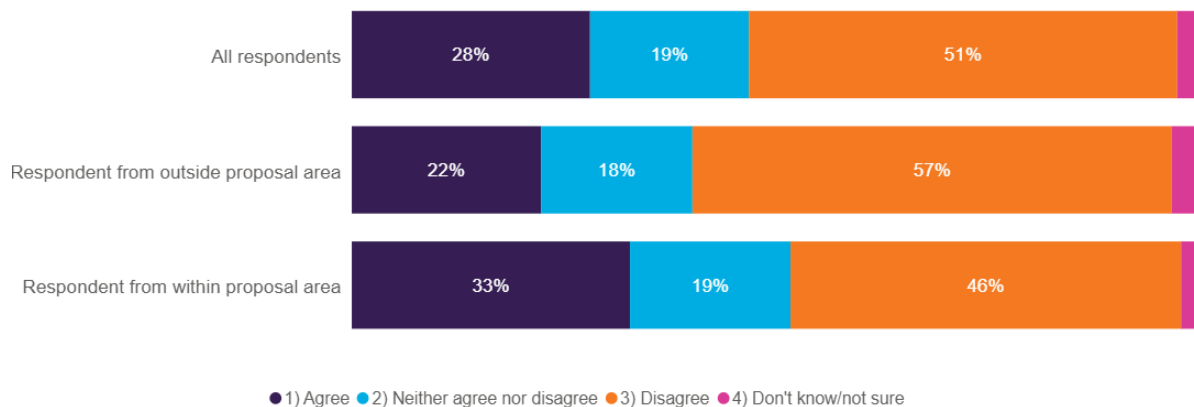
Bases: All respondents – 307; Respondents from outside proposal area – 141; Respondents within proposal area – 160

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?



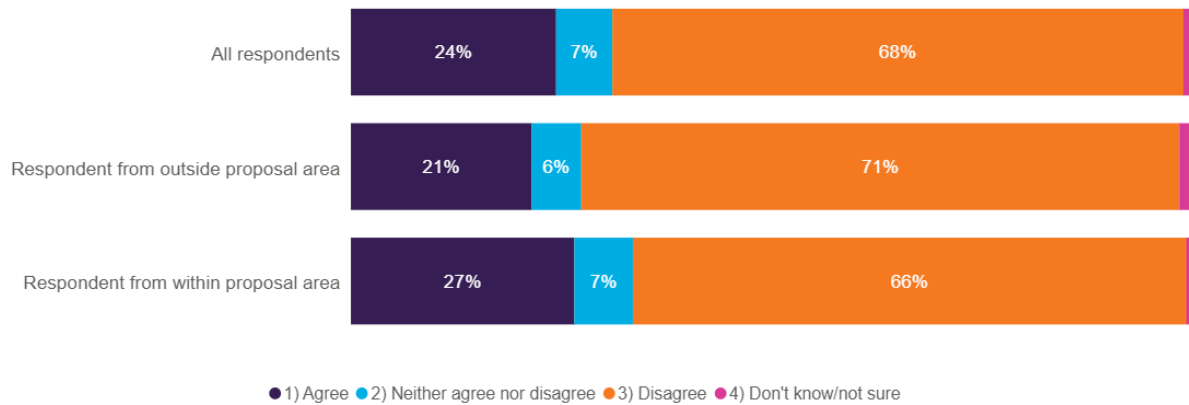
Bases: All respondents – 299; Respondents from outside proposal area – 135; Respondents within proposal area – 158

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



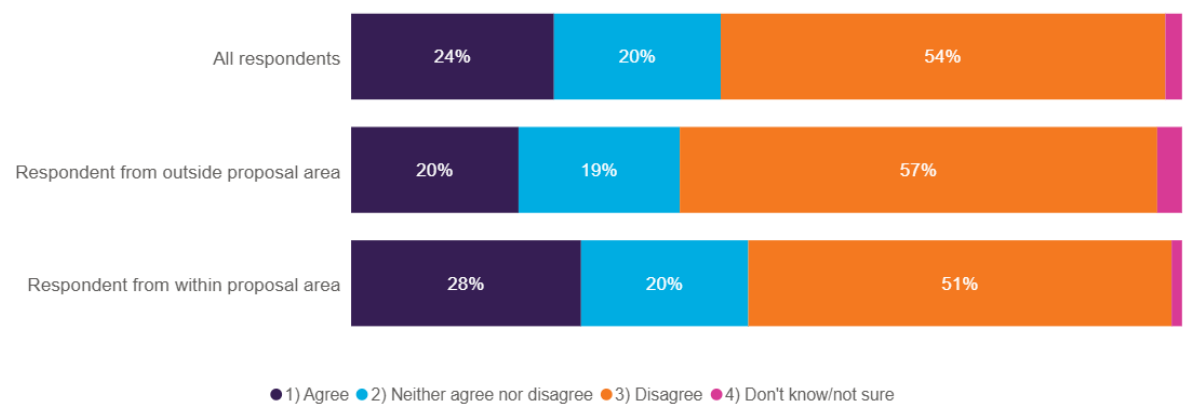
Bases: All respondents – 298; Respondents from outside proposal area – 134; Respondents within proposal area – 158

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



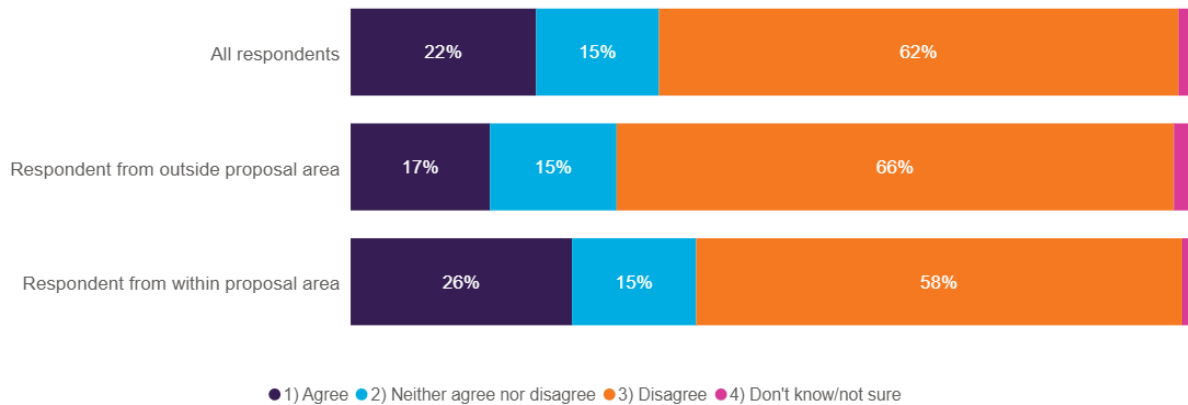
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Qe To what extent do you agree or disagree the name of the community council should be Southbourne Community Council



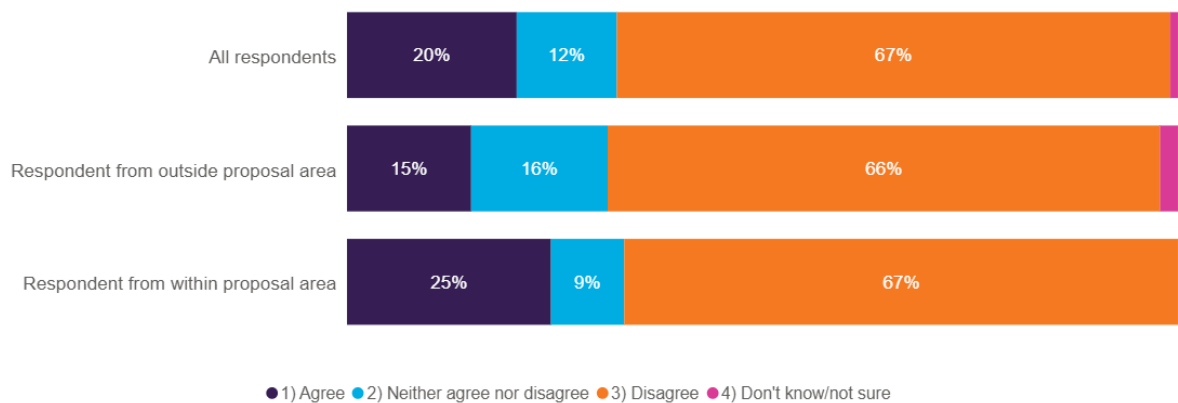
Bases: All respondents – 299; Respondents from outside proposal area – 134; Respondents within proposal area – 159

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



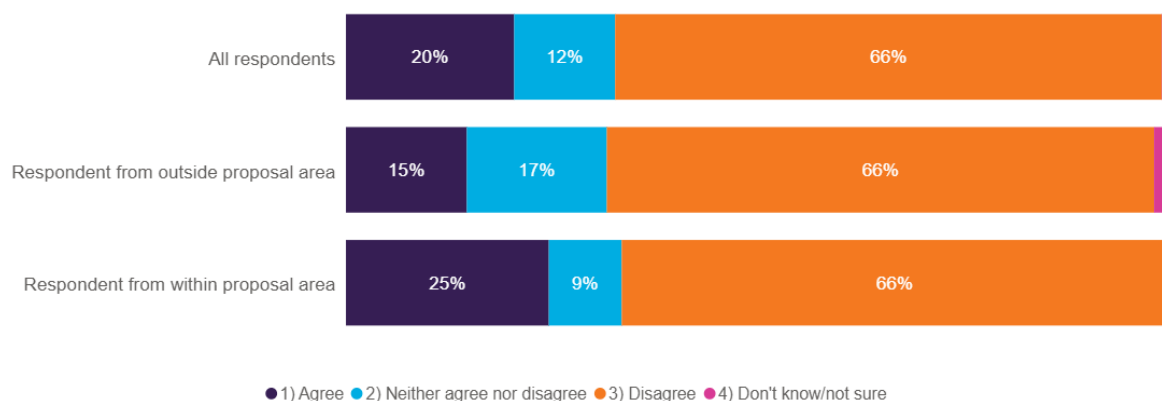
Bases: All respondents – 295; Respondents from outside proposal area – 133; Respondents within proposal area – 156

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

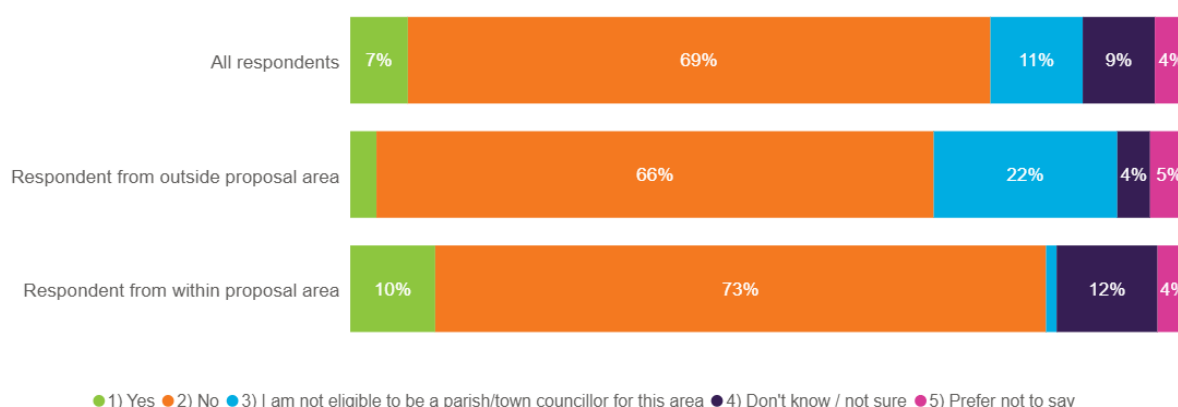
Qh To what extent do you agree or disagree the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows: Tuckton, Hengistbury Head and Wick – 4 councillors; Beaufort – 4 councillors; Southbourne Overcliff – 4 councillors



Bases: All respondents – 295; Respondents from outside proposal area – 130; Respondents within proposal area – 159

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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

Have your say



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*and some small changes to boundaries in Christchurch

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Consultation closes 11.59pm Sunday **22 June 2025**

18 Appendix 4 - Consultation leaflet

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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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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 raused 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 bureaucracy costing additional precepts to local people when the parish council does not have skilled expertise 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 them.	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 residents seems excessive	Disagree	Highcliffe & Walkford	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudford, 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

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
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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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



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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 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.

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.

Theme	Number of respondents		
	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.



“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**

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**.



“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”.”

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.

Theme	Number of respondents		
	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.”

“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

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.”

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 recommendations. 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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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 purely 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

Q14 – Is there anything else you would like to say about 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
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

Q14 – Is there anything else you would like to say about 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
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

Q14 – Is there anything else you would like to say about 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
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.

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.

Theme	Number of respondents		
	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.

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

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."

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.

Theme	Number of respondents		
	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.

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.”

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 or 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	Mudford, 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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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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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 Mudford will not be Mudford 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	Mudford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
C33	Highcliffe & Walkford	Friars Cliff area should move from CTC to Highcliffe and Walkford, increasing number of councillors and name should include Friars Cliff.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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 simply an outlier to Christchurch whereas we belong in the Highcliffe and Walkford area.	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living outside proposal area	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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 between 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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

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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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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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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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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 not 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 Walkford 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	Mudford, 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 cuuncil	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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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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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.

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.

Theme	Number of respondents		
	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**.



"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."

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

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 it is up to them."

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.

Theme	Number of respondents		
	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**.



"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."

“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	Mudford, 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
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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D15	Christchurch Town	All works well and delivers to the community	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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 unnecessary and does 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	Mudford, 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 unnecessary and delaying form of administration. Anything that speeds up local authority decisions is to be welcomed.	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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 that 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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 Christchurch 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 entirety	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 support 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	Mudford, 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 costs	Agree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should not be abolished	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, 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	Mudford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4

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D159	Christchurch Town	No	Disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudford, 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	Mudford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D163	Christchurch Town	No	Neither agree nor disagree	Christchurch Town	respondent living in proposal area	Mudford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	BH23 4
D164	Christchurch Town	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
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	Mudford, 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 enough.	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

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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 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.

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.

Theme	Number of respondents		
	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.”

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.”

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**,

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."

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.

Theme	Number of respondents		
	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.”

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.”

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.”

“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 councillors 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 bureaucracy costing additional precepts to local people when the parish council does not have skilled expertise 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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
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.

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.

Theme	Number of respondents		
	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.”

“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.”

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.”

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.”

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.

Theme	Number of respondents		
	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.”

“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 in the 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 on 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-l (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 we'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 not unless there are clear descriptions for each role. The more you separate the areas and have separate councillors the more there 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 improved 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 unnecessary layers to local government. "e" disagree as I do not believe a town council is needed. "f" disagree as it is unnecessary 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 unnecessary 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 not need 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 and 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 Broadstone 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 Approval. 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 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 NIMBYism. g. the local neighbourhood 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 current 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 Council 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 unnecessary 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 bureaucracy 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 disappeared 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 councillors.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 Christchurch council merged 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 councillors	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	Unnessessry 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. Unpublished 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 council.	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 densely 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 disolvment 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 bureaucracy, 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 addition 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 committed 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 contempt.	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 would 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 uncoded 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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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 is the 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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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.

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.

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.

Theme	Number of respondents		
	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.”

“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

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.



“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.”

“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

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."

“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.”

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.

Theme	Number of respondents		
	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."

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."

“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.



"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."

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.



“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.”

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.”

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 covered 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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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 Council 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 undoubtedly 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 residents 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 councillors, 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 Authority 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 council 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 seems 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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G183	Redhill & Northbourne	Disagree with the concept of creating an additional tier of local authority administration, having sought to delay 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

Q39 – Is there anything else you would like to say about 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
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 responsibilities 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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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 with 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 Authority 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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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. 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 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.

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 Redhill and Northbourne.

147 respondents provided feedback to this question. 23 of these respondents live in Redhill and Northbourne, while 124 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.

Theme	Number of respondents		
	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**

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."

"There 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."

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.”

“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."

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.

Theme	Number of respondents		
	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**.



“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.



"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."

“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 Ensburry 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 negligible	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 as 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 like 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 Inot 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 entry 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 unnecessary 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 not 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 recommendation 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-electors 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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		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 residents 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 manner. e) This divides 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 is an unnecessary level of bureaucracy and an informal council parish council could be created under the existing charter system g)-h) The number of councillors should be less than present BCP councillors supporting 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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588	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 has 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 Authority 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 bureaucratic 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 poverty and taxation is at the highest level since the second world war. Boscombe is one of the most deprived areas 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 Farquhar 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 unnecesary	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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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 carried 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 spend 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 Authority 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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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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Row	proposal area	comment	agree/disagree it should be established	respondent proposal area	respondent from proposal area	respondent ward	respondent postcode
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

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Boscombe and Pokesdown

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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 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

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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.

Theme	Number of respondents		
	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.

Theme	Number of respondents		
	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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14	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
15	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
16	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
17	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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18	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 position 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
19	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
110	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
111	Southbourne	Agree 'a', 'b', 'c'	Agree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5

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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
115	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
116	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
117	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. Seaford 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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136	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
137	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
138	Southbourne	(a) I do not 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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139	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
140	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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141	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
142	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 Seafeld 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 Seafeld Road would respect this by: - keeping all properties on Seafeld Road north of Cranleigh Road together in the same ward - keeping all properties on Seafeld Road between Cranleigh Road and Carbery Avenue together in the same ward - keeping all properties on Seafeld 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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143	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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144	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
145	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
146	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
147	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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152	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
153	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
154	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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155	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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156	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
157	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
158	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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159	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
160	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
161	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
162	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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169	Southbourne	A-H - I disagree with the creation of a parish council being made as this will likely lead to increased bureaucracy and unnecessary 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 discriminate 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
170	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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171	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
172	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
173	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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174	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
175	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
176	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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177	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 community 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
178	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
179	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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180	Southbourne	Extra layer of bureaucracy which is totally unnecessary	Disagree	Southbourne	respondent living in proposal area	West Southbourne	BH6 5
181	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
182	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
183	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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184	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
185	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
186	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
187	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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188	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
189	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
190	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
191	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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192	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
193	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
194	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
195	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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196	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
197	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
198	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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690	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 thriving 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 minimum 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 only 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 residents 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 Bournemouth 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 ██████████ 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 ██████████ 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 Seafeld, 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 ██████████. 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 undoubtedly 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 amiumt of money that is likely have been spent 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 council 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 accompli. 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 rubbish 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 unnecessary, 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 wielding 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 vital 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 lessen 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	Mudford, 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 and 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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1380	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

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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 not 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

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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
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.

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.

Theme	Number of respondents		
	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."

“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.”

“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.”

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.



“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!”

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.

Theme	Number of respondents		
	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."

“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

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'!”

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

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."