

Community Governance Review

Introduction

Middlesbrough Council is undertaking a Community Governance Review to decide future parish council, community council and other local arrangements within the area.

This review will run from **XX** 2021 to **YY** 2022 and will involve two public consultations.

The first consultation will gather the ideas of local communities. The second will make concrete proposals on future arrangements.

You can find the terms of reference for the review here:

Insert link

What is a Community Governance Review?

Principal councils like Middlesbrough Council have the responsibility for undertaking community governance reviews.

A community governance review decides whether parish councils will exist in the area and the boundaries and electoral arrangements for these councils.

The process for carrying out a community governance review is set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and associated guidance published by the Boundary Commission, which you can find here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/8312/1527635.pdf

Why are we consulting?

A community governance review must take account of the views of local people.

We want your views on current parish council arrangements in the Middlesbrough Council local authority area and whether these should change in the future.

However as parish councils do not work in isolation, we also want your views on local community councils and how Middlesbrough Council can work together with parish councils and all other local structures to better engage with you and your community in the future.

This is the first Community Governance Review that Middlesbrough Council has ever undertaken and they are usually only undertaken once a decade, so make sure you have your say!

How can I take part?

You can take part by completing our survey, either online or picking up a paper copy from Middlesbrough House Customer Centre or one of the Council's community hubs or libraries.

You can also email us with any queries or comments you have at CGR@middlesbrough.gov.uk.

What happens next?

The feedback from this consultation will be considered by Middlesbrough Council's Corporate Affairs and Audit Committee on **XX/XX 2022**.

A community governance review will not automatically result in any changes to arrangements within Middlesbrough, but if any are considered necessary then a further consultation on any proposed changes will take place between **XX and YY 2022**.

A final decision about any changes would then be made by full Council on **XX/XX 2022**.

If approved, a Reorganisation Order will then be made to put the recommendations into effect in time for the next elections for town and parish councils in May 2023.

The full timetable for the review is as follows:

Insert timetable

Insert section on where you live: will have to be house number and postcode and survey should then determine which questions should be answered.

Your views on current Parish Councils

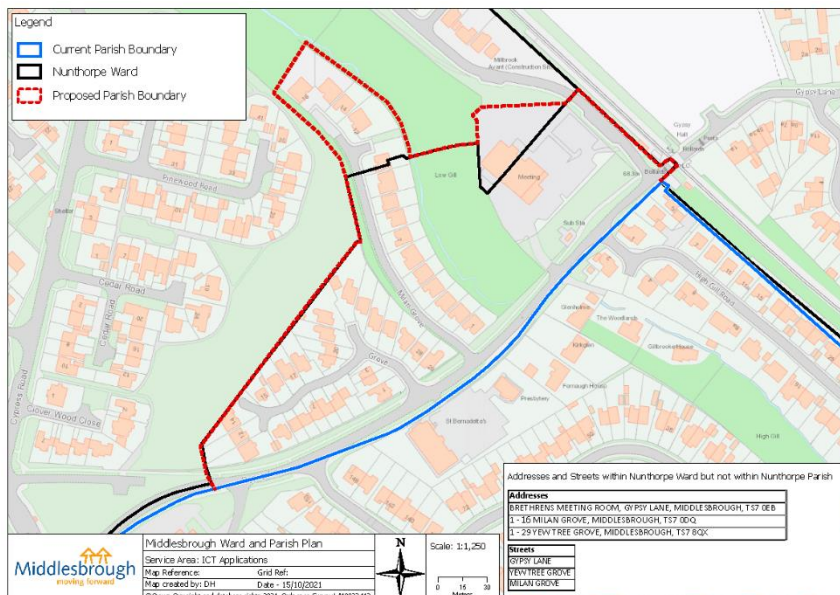
Nunthorpe Parish Council

Only answer Questions 1-4 if you live within the current boundary of Nunthorpe Parish Council.

1. Have you ever attended a meeting of Nunthorpe Parish Council?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Don't know
2. To what extent do you think you get value for money from Nunthorpe Parish Council?
 - Scale
3. How well do you think Nunthorpe Parish Council engages with and represents you and your community?
 - Scale
4. Do you think Nunthorpe Parish Council should continue?
 - Yes
 - No – it should be abolished. Why?
 - Don't know

Only answer Questions 5-7 if you answered 'Yes' to Question 3 **and** are a resident of Nunthorpe or Marton East **wards**.

5. Nunthorpe Parish Council has proposed that its boundary is changed to include 1-29 Yew Tree Grove, TS7 8QX, 1-16 Milan Grove, TS7 0DQ and the Brethrens Meeting Room site, Gypsy Lan, TS7 0EB (please see the map below).



Do you agree with this proposal?

- Yes
- No – the boundary should stay the same. Why?
- No – there should be a different boundary. What and why?
- Don't know

6. Should Nunthorpe Parish Council undertake more activities, either on behalf of Middlesbrough Council, or independently?

- Yes. Which activities?
- No
- Don't know

7. Would you be prepared for Nunthorpe Parish Council to raise its precept to fund or part-fund these additional activities?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Only answer Questions 8-11 if you live within the current boundary of Stainton and Thornton Parish Council.

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

- Scale

- Scale

- Yes
- No – it should be abolished. Why?
- Don't know

12. Stainton and Thornton Parish Council has proposed that its boundary remains the same (please see the map below).



- Yes
- No – there should be a different boundary. What and why?
- Don't know

13. Should Stainton and Thornton Parish Council undertake more activities, either on behalf of Middlesbrough Council, or independently?

- Yes. Which activities?
- No
- Don't know

14. Would you be prepared for Stainton and Thornton Parish Council to raise its precept to fund or part-fund these additional activities?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Your views on establishing new Parish Councils

15. Do you think any new parish councils should be established in Middlesbrough?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If you answered yes, please tell us:

16. ... what you would call this Parish Council?

- Free text

17. ... the proposed boundary of this Parish Council?

- Mapping function

18. ... what you would like this Parish Council to do?

Tick all that apply

- Work with Middlesbrough Council to influence service levels in the parish (e.g. grass cutting) and respond to planning applications and consultations.
- Be involved in planning the future of the parish (e.g. providing a vision for parks, land and development) and running local community centres, shops and events.
- Community support and inclusions activities (e.g. volunteering, befriending, job clubs, youth clubs and fundraising).
- Delivering some services and assets on behalf of Middlesbrough Council (e.g. footpaths, grounds maintenance, car parks, community centres).
- Taking accountability for and delivering its own services and assets (e.g. play areas, allotments, public conveniences).

Please use the space below to let us any further detail on your proposal and any other comments you may have (e.g. on electoral arrangements, such as how many councillors you would expect the Parish Council to have).

Your views on Community Councils

19. Do you know if your local area is currently represented by a Community Council?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

20. Have you ever attended a meeting of your local Community Council?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

21. How well do you think your Community Council engages with and represents you and your local community?

- Scale

22. Do you think Community Councils should continue?

- Yes
- No – they should be abolished. Why?
- Don't know

23. If you answered 'No' to Question 22, how do you think Middlesbrough Council should better engage with local communities, particularly in those areas that are not served by a Parish Council? This might include establishing larger area partnerships, covering multiple wards, for example. What functions would your proposed structures undertake?

24. If you answered 'Yes' to Question 22, do you think any changes should be made to the current boundaries of Community Councils?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If Yes, please tell us what changes you would propose:

25. If you answered 'Yes' to Question 22, do you think any changes should be made to the way Community Councils work? This could include Community Councils undertaking additional activities and / or receiving additional support from Middlesbrough Council.

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If Yes, please tell us what changes you would propose:

26. Do you think there should be a community council and a parish council operating in the same area?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

27. If you answered 'Yes' to Question 26, how should Community Councils and Parish Councils work together in areas that have both? This may include Community and Parish Councils working separately on some issues and together on others.

Insert equality monitoring.