

Potters Bar Community Governance Review First Consultation Responses

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Do you feel a Civil Parish should be created within Potters Bar?

Yes

Yes

TO LOOK AFTER THE PARKS AND UNDERTAKE EVERY NECESSARY ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH

Yes, I feel a Civil Parish should be created. This will allow a Parish Council to be created which will be more sensitive to local needs and help ensure that the local services are maintained. This will enhance the culture of Potters Bar at a time when we seem to be losing it and improve local democracy

Yes, local input is essential

yes - add to the community feel

I was for years Treasurer of "Christmas in Potters Bar" which provided Christmas Lights In PB. I would like a Parish Council to do this in future.

Yes as it seems the local council doesnt take enough action for Potters Bar and chooses to support the other parishes more. We need a civil parish to provide support to the community.

Yes. To give Potters Bar some presence on the map as it always seems to be left out

Yes, Potters Bar needs a bigger voice on it's own community, as it is has no say on detrimental factors to its community

Yes. There is a lack of representation of local interests.

Yes. Local residents want more say in decisions that affect our town such as planning

Yes. Would know what we want

Yes, because it will give local residents more of a voice as to the running of our specific area.

YES IT WOULD BE AN ELECTED BODY

Yes,I feel strongly that local residents should have far more say in local matters.Too many times local people's concern get ignored at a higher level so a Parish Council would be a good starting point for looking after concerns of residents!!

yes

Yes, it gives a stronger voice to residents.

Yes, to provide a first tier access for matters concerning our local area, which is better than having to contact Borehamwood or Hertford

Yes but I believe a Parish Council will represent our area more effectively

Yes, a civil parish would be made up from those that have first hand knowledge of the area and day to day experience, listening to others and understanding there concerns.

It would be good to manage the parks, play areas and open level

Yes. It would assist with holding the council more accountable.

Yes. To give the community a sense of belonging and identiy

Yes, it will go some way to protecting the urban sprawl of Greater London and focus on what is , until now a clearly designayed down surrounded by Green Belt. It would help prptect local amenities and give greater focus to what is needed in terms of community care that will keep residents safe and with all age groups considered.

Yes. We need more representation as a town.

Yes, to help fund community activities and build our community.

Yes, better representation for the local area.

Yes. We have no say in anything at moment. Building work going ahead without redress. Need someone local to look after our town

Yes

Yes because of concerns over local governance and planning issues. It will give residents more direct control.

Yes to enable a Parish Council to be formed

Yes, as lot of things happen in the town like new housing developments and we don't have say and also we need to improve on the roads and some of the services here.

Yes. So that local people, have local matters dealt with by fellow local residents.

Yes, We need our own Civil Parish in Potters Bar to help organise events for the local people
Better financially for local area

Yes. This will provide better management of local issues that would often be overlooked by larger bodies.

Yes I think a civil parish should be created in Potters Bar as who better to make decisions than those that live in in area

Potters Bar is a very contained area. Having a civil parish would clarify its boundaries.

Yes. Because without one Potters Bar is missing out on essential local governance.

Yes,

Yes if it means we get a parish council

Yes if it helps to keep parks etc.

local parish councillors to represent local potters bar issues and residents to report to Hertsmere council

Yes, I feel a Civil Parish should be set-up without delay and it actually beggars belief that this was not done in the 1930s, when the town first began to expand, as it appears we are the only Hertsmere town that remains without a Parish Council.

Yes, better control over local area, events etc

Yes I believe more attention will be given to potters bar and what the residents actually want

Yes, local Government should be close to the people it represents.

Yes, have a say over changes in PB

We need to have a body giving the people in the area more control of their local area. We

Yes. Potters Bar would benefit from the residents having more of a role in decisions at a local level. There has become more and more feeling that we do not have a say in things and this would help residents to feel empowered , even though its at the most basic level of governance.

Yes. Be good for the area.

Yes. Ppl in charge are simply unfit at the moment.

Yes

Yes, I think it would be good to create a Civil Parish so that the locals can vote on things that need to change or things that would be good for PB.

Yes

Yes

We are a thriving local community and defining the area and defining local boundaries is important

I am strongly in favour of a civil parish

Yes

Yes as we are being let down badly by the current system.

I think it's a great idea to benefit the local people who are being taken for a ride

Yes - only locals know what is needed

To ensure the wishes of the immediate community is consulted. To ensure no pressure or rail roading is used to put unsuitable propositions in place. To ensure there is transparency in every plan for Potters Bar.

A town council specifically carrying the wishes of the town

Yes, it will provide local influence on subjects of interest to people in the town.

Better local oversight

Yes, more things will be achieved.

Yes, so the local community can have a voice

Yes, it will give residents a brighter future and more control on decisions

Yes to enable a parish council to be set up

Yes

Yes. Direct voice for local community, boost to local identity.

Yes, to hold the appalling existing Labour Hertsmere Borough Council to account

Yes I think it gives residents a voice and allows them to make their opinions known

Yes - to support local needs and issues. With LGR there is a risk the town's needs will be lost with a bigger unitary Council in place.

Yes

A civil parish in the area

Parish Council

agree

Yes, with the upcoming changes in local government I feel that the new councils will be too large to have any concern for Potters Bar, particularly as PB tends to be on the periphery of the areas of the new councils, and indeed PB is at the periphery of Hertsmere,

Yes, it would help people feel more like a community and allow us to communicate our issues easier

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes - because there is so much potential in Potters Bar which I think could be created by people at a local level

Yes, dependant however on cost and return though

Yes. There is a growing need for enhanced links between local government and the community. There are lots of local issues that need to be reviewed, debated and lobbied.

Yes

Yes

For the purpose of clarity and standardisation, I believe the the whole of Potters Bar should be regularised so that the whole of Potters Bar and its residents have equal civic rights and status.

YES

Not bothered but don't want a huge increase in fees.

Give local people more of a say

YES

Yes. Potters Bar is distinct, and in some ways separate from other parts of the Hertsmere area.

Yes I do want a Civil Parish for Potters Bar. To represent our views and create community events.

Yes to enable a Parish Council

Yes. We would have registered parish within a designated boundary.

Yes. Potters Bar requires a Civil Parish council that will have Potters Bar interests at heart.

Yes. To give a more 'Local Level' access to Borough and County Council.

Yes - to help build a more cohesive community through events

Potters Bar would be better served by people of the parish.

Yes, I strongly support the creation of a Civil Parish and consequent Parish Council for Potters Bar. This is the right time to do so before the expanded local administration areas are created. There is a strong feeling already that Potters Bar has not always been best supported within Hertsmere being

on the periphery of the district and with little in common with Borehamwood. A Civil Parish would concentrate on what is best for Potters Bar as its sole focus and represent the needs of the town with local people fighting its corner within the wider council authorities. Give us a say in what our town wants and listen to the residents.

Better decision making by people who know the area

We have a civil parish and lack of communication and engagement.

All of the above

We would welcome more events and local representation.

Yes. To help bring control of what happens in our area under the local people.

It would give residents more say in local affairs

Yes

Yes, I feel it will benefit the area

YES

Yes

Yes

Yes to maintain the interests of Potters Bar and its residents

Yes

Parish Councillors would be more dedicated to the local area

Yes

Yes potters bar is lacking local control and representation and the area

Yes – I believe a civil parish should be created in Potters Bar. This would provide a stronger local voice for residents and allow decisions to be made closer to the community. A parish council can focus on local issues, improve accountability, and better represent the needs and priorities of the area.

A Civil Parish should be created within Potters Bar as it will encompass issues important to the local community.

Yes to act on behalf of residents

Because it can focus on local issues, Hertsmere and Hertfordshire are too remote and make it difficult to contact them and hold them to account, but they make decisions despite local objections.

Yes

Yes, so that we can have a parish council

Yes. Potters Bar residents generally feel disconnected from local politics. Selling the county capital's town Hall is an example. Lack of Christmas decorations in the town is another. Roads here are riddled with potholes. Fly-tipping throughout Potters Bar (especially on our rural roads) is out of control.

To have more control over planning in potters bar

Yes, to give Potters Bar more autonomy

I'd rather a parish council

Yes It could assist in portraying local opinions and views in a democratic way using people who represent their community

Yes. It would be good to connect at the lowest, grass roots level, within this areas government, for common peoples views to be heard.

Yes

Yes – I believe a Civil Parish should be created in Potters Bar as it would give local residents a stronger voice in decisions affecting the community and allow more focus on local services, facilities and events that matter to residents.

Residents need more control over local decisions

It's important local residents have a say on what happens in Potters Bar

Parish council as Potters bar had one many years ago.

I believe it should be created as it will provide an area for a Parish Council to oversee. I believe the important bit is having the Parish Council.

Yes

Yes, good for the community

Yes. I feel it would give opportunity for focus on issues that matter in Potters Bar.

Yes

Yes - to represent the true local community and engage more with residents and their opinions.

Yes I feel a Civil Parish should be created within Potters Bar, to allow residents etc. to have a better say on how their town, community, local environment etc. is managed.

With the Hertsmere boundaries being played about with at the moment anyway, it feels like a good time to try to set our boundaries.

If Hertsmere is dissolved, local government will become more remote from Potters Bar residents.

Yes, because other areas have one.

I feel a Civil Parish should be created so that the town of Potters Bar is recognised as a specific area with local needs.

Yes. To allow for more targeted governance.

Yes

I feel a civil parish should be created within Potters Bar. The reason for this is the Council headed by Jeremy Newmark is not fairly treating Potters Bar compared to other areas and I would hope a Parish Council may at least have some ability to influence and expose what is happening to this town in terms of HMO's, data centre and unaddressed crime.

Yes, more focus on local infrastructure improvements

Yes, I think Potters Bar should have a parish council to act as the focal point for community issues and better represent the town. I feel it would also create a stronger sense of community.

Yes, it will be a voice for Potters Bar residents

Yes we should have a parish council, Potters Bar is always left out, other areas always get more local amenities.

A Parish Council

Yes, this would give the people of Potters Bar more control over the matters that affect just this area.

Yes, I do as I think views of Potters Bar residents would more likely be listened to and acted on

Yes. I think it would help Potters Bar to have more say in local matters concerning Potters Bar

I would like knowledge of local decisions and possible input

I believe a civil parish in Potters Bar would be of enormous benefit to local residents. For too long in my experience, local people do not believe they are listened to by those on the Borough Council. Those elected to serve on the parish council would be a conduit between the local community and Hertfordshire Council, giving local people a say.

Yes, Potters Bar has equal needs to other nearby communities that have this status

Yes, Local residents would have a better knowledge of their area with one.

Yes

Yes. Focus needs to be more locally based.

Yes. Potters Bar needs its own identity and should not be joined with areas within Hertsmere that do not reflect the same demographics or have the same community values

Yes, makes boundaries clear.

Yes

Yes. To better represent our locality.

Yes, I believe that a more local representation with special responsibilities would offer more representation to residents. This is particularly important with the abolition of the current borough councils. Also, the proposed large residential developments require as much oversight as possible.

yes Hope it will address local issues

Yes, I think it would be a good idea

parish council

Yes . We are making national news for how disproportionately this area is abused.

YES - Formality, giving focus to coordinating enhancement in defined area

Yes - I want more representation for local residents. At the moment I feel no one is listening to locals

We sh

It will be good to have a parish representing our town

Yes. It would provide a central organisation which could give the town clearer sense of an identity of its own rather than being a corner of a much larger entity which is focussed on a bigger town (B Wd) with strong links with Bushey. We sometimes feel forgotten over here in the east divided by the A1 and M25

Yes

Yes

Parish Council

Yes I agree to a Parish Council for Potters Bar as it will improve the services to the community and be able to direct funds to essential facilities to the residents

Yes - local representation

To voice concerns of local people

Yes. We need genuinely local administration for Potters Bar for the activities that are proposed/allowed.

yes

Yes - We should be a community with shared values

Yes. We need a body which operates in the best interests of our community

I support the creation of a civil parish because it would give our community a stronger local voice and more control over decisions that affect us every day. It would help improve and tailor local services, bring more accountability, and allow us to secure funding for projects that benefit residents. Overall, I believe a parish council would strengthen our community and make sure our needs are properly represented.

Yes as it gives the residents a say in issues

Yes, it would give us more control over our town

Yes, more local control.

Yes

Increase local engagement representation and accountability

Yes ,because there are too many HMO that don't seem to have planning permission or the correct certificates. Also too keen to build on green belt . Too many bars/bars that can't all be legally run as they don't seem to have enough customers that would cover the cost of their rates. No regulation on vape shops or so-called mini supermarkets that have food on the street.

More direct accountability

Yes, a Civil Parish would best represent the needs of the local area.

yes

Yes. I would like more local representation in my area

Yes

Yes, to have local representation

Yes

Yes, better able to manage affairs at grassroots level

yes

Yes. I was previously unaware that I am living in an unparished area Potters Bar so would welcome the creation of a civil parish for my area

Yes

A parish council

Yes. It is hoped that the basic facilities would be better and more interest in making the town nicer eg plants in the planters and more trees

Yes

Yes

I think that potters bar is adrift from hertsmere

Yes, because the needs of Potters Bar are different from those neighbouring us.

A Civil Parish should be created for Potters Bar because without it, the higher tiers of local government will not hear the views of the town.

Yes to manage local issues for residents & revue planning applications

Yes very much, especially once Hertfordshire CC is broken up and we are lumped in with Watford and Three Rivers

Yes. Issues within Potters Bar should be dealt with locally

Yes, It is time the residents of Potters Bar are allowed a say in how there money is spent and what is best for the local community and to allow the parish to improve facilities and services .

Yes, I would like another voice for us (community) to hold on to what we have at the minute.

I think is good to connect the residents, specially, young and old residents.

Yes

I think it would provide potters bar with more options

I think we need a parish council, so Potters Bar can decide what we want.

Yes, mirror other areas

Yes, it would give it a separate identity as was the case decades ago.

Yes because there always used to be a Potters Bar Urban District Council. This is not a new idea!

Let people of potters bar make & control decisions for the good of potters bar.

Yes. It would be better to have a more local council covering a smaller area.

YES

I have lived in Potters Bar my whole life (75 years) and have seen the town evolve from the days of being within the county of Middlesex to its current status of being within Hertfordshire and Herts mere. It would be excellent to be able to see Potters Bar being able to realise its identity as a Civil Parish rather than being a satellite of Borehamwood, with which it has never had a proper geographical nor cultural link.

A civil parish should be created in order to specify a local area which can then be represented.

Yes - better representation for residents able to respond to localised needs

Yes, to ensure local representation

Yes - I like the idea of more local representation

Parish Council

Yes so we have representation

Local autonomy on local matters which might not be adequately/fairly dealt with under pending rearrangement of local govt.

Yes, to define an area for a Parish Council

Yes, as it would allow the creation of a Parish Council.

Because the people of potters bar need to be heard and not pushed aside or be lied to.

Yes. I support the proposal to create a civil parish

to give residents a better say in what happens to our town.

Yes but which Parish would we be under out of those identified

Yes - need for greater representation of more specific, localised needs

Yes, to give local voices a greater say in what happens in our local area

Yes

Yes, a civil parish should be ceated in Potters Bar

Yes we need a civil parish. We need the representation.

More local control

Yes, we need local representation to make decisions on our amenities in the town.

Yes

yes, it's more locally focussed

Yes I would like a Civil Parish as I feel we would be better represented

Yes To have local responsibilities controlled locally

It seems Potters Bar has been neglected in Hertsmere and Hertfordshire matters so a local voice would be good.

YES. To reverse the neglect that is seeping in to Potters Bar.

Yes

Potters Bar needs a Town Parish Council because our community deserves a stronger, more accountable local voice. At present, major decisions affecting our neighbourhood—planning, amenities, green spaces, community safety—are made remotely at borough level, often without meaningful local input. A parish council would give residents direct democratic representation, dedicated funding through a modest precept, and the ability to prioritise what matters to Potters Bar: protecting our residential character, improving local services, supporting families and young people, and ensuring transparent, responsive governance. In short, a parish council would put decision-making back into the hands of the people who actually live here.

Yes this would enable a Potters Bar Town Council to be created

Yes, I would like Potters Bar to have a Civil Parish

I think a Parish Council acting as a Town Council would be the best way forward for Potters Bar to reflect the wishes and plans of the residents of the area and to curtail the directives from central government.t

Il would prefer a Parish Council

Yes. the civil parish would create a stronger voice on planning, community representation, enhance local amenities and services and support seeking grants to help the community

Yes Potters Bar is quickly transforming its wards, it would help the greater community responsibility

It gives residents the opportunity to change things that relate to this particular area.

No, I would like a parish council because this enable us (residents of Potters Bar) to have more say on community mattet

Yes because they will provide a good service

Yes. Potters Bar needs representation to address a number of specific issues affecting the town.

Yes

Yes, having previously lived in London Colney, the benefits a parish council brings are hugely beneficial and important.

Yes

Yes because it would provide targeted local support for the area.

Yes. Any group which will have the interests of Potters Bar at its heart should be in place. At present Potters Bar is rapidly turning into a second class town and everything possible needs to be done to save it from its decline

Yes. It will improve, strategic direction, and identification and resolution of issues related to Potters Bar.

I feel a Parish Council will give support for more local matters

Yes, for better community support

Yes. It would provide a greater way for local people.

Yes I believe a Civil Parish Council should be created in Potters Bar. A civil parish council would be closer to the community and understand the challenges locally.

Potters Bar needs an input into matters concerning planning etc

Yes

A parish council would be far more focused on local issues and community

Yes

Yes, I believe Potters Bar should have a parish council, so it has a voice on important matters that affect day to day life.

Likely to improve the upkeep of the area and enhance the community feel.

Yes

Yes, I feel a Civil Parish should be created within Potters Bar. A parish would give the local community a stronger voice in decision-making and allow for more direct input on local issues such as amenities, planning, and community services. It can help ensure that decisions better reflect the needs and priorities of residents.

A Parish Council will provide representation at all meetings relating to Potters Bar and the surrounding areas and a voice for its residents. Being a home owner for the past 20 years in Potters Bar a localised elected body of councillors has always been missing.

Because I like contact to local Councillors to express my views on my immediate area

Yes

Feel that a civil parish should be created to enable the residents of the town a base layer into the governance of the town

Yes. To protect the interests of the people of Potters Bar.

Yes I do.

Yes - we need more of a local voice for Potters Bar to help control the direction it is going in

Establishing a parish or town council can significantly benefit a community by enhancing local representation, improving services, and fostering development. Parish and town councils provide residents with a direct voice in local affairs, ensuring their needs are met and preferences addressed. They also manage and improve amenities like parks and community centres, drive tailored community projects, and attract funding that boosts the local economy.

Yes - as the lowest tier of local government administration

Parish Council

Yes

Yes, because Potters Bar has a clear identity and a strong sense of community, but currently there can feel like a disconnect between local residents and wider council decision-making. Creating a civil parish would help recognise Potters Bar as its own community and give residents a more defined platform to have their voices heard. It would allow local priorities, such as maintaining green spaces, supporting community wellbeing, and preserving the character of the area, to be more clearly represented. Overall, it would strengthen community identity and ensure that Potters Bar's needs are considered in a more focused and meaningful way.

Sheila Drayton

Would have more say in local amenities and how money is spent

Yes. Parish councils would help to bridge the gap in the community, between the young and the old and hopefully generate a much needed dose of happiness to the area.

Yes

Not convinced of the benefits of a Civil Parish assuming the Parish Council can be formed out with
Yes assuming you have to have civil parish before you can become a parish council

I support the creation of a civil parish and parish council for Potters Bar. Having a parish council would give local residents a stronger voice and ensure that decisions affecting the community are more closely aligned with local needs. It would be particularly helpful in addressing issues such as planning, local facilities, and maintaining a safe and supportive environment for families. Overall, I believe it would strengthen community engagement and improve how local matters are managed.
I do, I believe a civil parish would help give Potters Bar a greater identity within both Hertsmere and any new future local authority

Yes more control locally

Yes, as all other areas of Hertsmere seem to have civil parish/council representation.

Yes as it would enhance local democracy, empowering residents to influence decisions directly, and improving community services like parks, playgrounds, and allotments. They increase local representation, reduce duplication of services, foster volunteerism, and strengthen links between residents and higher government levels.

Yes we are missing out on CIL funds and the Town appears to be in decline we need elected members to be actively looking after the Town's interest as is happening within most other areas of Hertsmere.

Only Parish Council should be created

Yes, I think a Civil Parish should be created in Potters Bar because it would give local people a real and stronger voice in decisions that affect their area. It would also make sure local services and improvements are planned and delivered in a way that better matches the needs and priorities of the community.

yes

Yes I do. Many other towns in Hertfordshire have a civil parish. I think we should too. It will provide more local care and consideration as

Potters Bar is big and distinct enough to be represented by a specific geographical area

I feel the formation of a parish council will give residents greater control over local issues like parks, street upkeep and grass root matters

Yes because hertsmere do nothing for Potters Bar. They take away our greenbelt which no one wants them to do build on everything dobt care about their residents

Yes so we can access more CIL funds and have people dedicated to looking after the Town.

Yes. I think this will be a great asset to Potters Bar knowing how well they work elsewhere.

Yes, so decisions can be made at a local level

Yes to enable decisions to be made locally

Parish Council so local residents have a say on what's to happen in the area they live

Yes. Supports local democracy and views

Yes - Helps build healthier and a stronger community

Yes, so that we can get a Parish Council

Yes, I feel they would deal with local matters which often fall by the wayside.

Yes I would like to see a Parish Council

I believe in local politics. There are several issues need resolving in Potte4s Bar that needs local governance. Housing is a big issue as is maintenance of road crossings.

Definitely, the reason being it can check on issues with the most recent this year greedy developers wanting to submit applications for building flats and houses on green belt land, also a check on council decisions the majority of which have not Bremen to the residents liking, plus pot holes in the roads, boundary disputes the list is endlessq

It would be very helpful for the residents of Potters Bar.

Yes

Yes, so that local residents can easily speak to a person about local issues and concerns.

Yes, as I feel that Potters Bar will be better represented.

Yes, it would be good to have local people supporting the community but assume our Council Tax would rise as Councillors and admin charges would have to be funded? Unless it's a voluntary role?

It would give communities more direct control over local issues.

Yes, or even a town council!! We need local representation especially if / when we get merged into even bigger unitary authorities. It is essential that Potters Bar residents get a formal voice.

Yes. Potters Bar has a unique identity and this needs to be formally recognised

Yes

Yes, excepting more development

Yes I do, I feel it's good for our community to be more in-touch and involved in local matters

A civil parish would mean that local government administration is centred on the local community

Yes

Yes, Potters Bar should have its own Civil Parish. In the current setup Potters Bar feels like an afterthought within Hertsmere. We need a more local council to speak for the town. This parish needs to include all of Potters Bar, including the parts currently in Welwyn Hatfield, and if building occurs around the town, it needs to grow.

Yes. With the imminent changes in local government (unitary authorities) we need a locally based council that will represent the interests of the town and its residents

Yes I do believe that a Civil Parish should be created in Potters Bar, especially in the context of the changes over the next couple of years to the district and county councils and creation of unitary authorities means we need a more local, democratic body to support activities in Potters Bar.

Yes a civil parish should be created, it will give better input on local issues.

I feel more control would be given to the residents

It would be good for the community and may help with the development of the area

Yes. because bringing governance regarding amenities closer to residents give them more say in decision-making

Yes, a civil Parish should be created to help give our views on many local things

Yes

Parish council

Yes, I am very concerned about the proposed buildings on the land east of Baker Street and a parish council would feel the concern.

most probably

Yes if that means that local areas will be very well looked after as promised.

Yes - it serves the principle of subsidiarity.

Yes, and also a Parish Council, as Potters Bar needs more representation in line with other areas.

Yes. Potters Bar currently lacks a specific voice which puts it at a disadvantage compared with other local areas.

Yes, a civil parish would provide better local representation and a focused voice for the residents of Potters Bar.

No a Parish Council would be more beneficial as it would enable the residents of Potters Bar to have more say in what happens in Potters Bar.

Yes I feel that we now need a parish council to represent Potters Bar specifically within the new enlarged unitary districts that are being created

Yes, a parish council should be created.

Yes, because local people need a say in what happens in their area.

Yes. Potters Bar is a discrete area and should have an administration to reflect that.

Yes

Yes

The shortage of housing in and near London makes it inevitable that Potters Bar, having expanded hugely after the railway arrived in 1850, will once more expand into the green belt. This will change the character of the areas affected, and create stresses throughout the town. Nonetheless, it will remain a cohesive unit different to the rural area surrounding it, and it is appropriate that it is seen as such governmentally.

Yes Potters Bar should be a Civil Parish as it requires a dedicated group of people living in the area to focus efforts on rejuvenating its high streets and bringing the community together through events like food markets.

YES. I want to highlight that Potters Bar is a distinctive and prestigious area, as we are, being surrounded by green belt.

Local people to be responsible for what happens in our area

Yes

Yes

Need for local residents to have more of a say in matters that truly impact us and work on our behalf.

Yes. Local representation is vital element of democracy, contributing to decisions that are made about people and places in a specific locality.

Yes as they would be ideally suited to understand the challenges that Potters Bar faces and make representations on behalf of residents

Yes

yes

More local representation

Most definitely. Recent events have shown that the broader Hertsmere Council do not have consideration for the resident of Potters Bar often ignoring their requests and feelings in respect of many day to day issues.

yes. a civil parish will be well placed to understand, and respond, to issues affecting the local community.

Yes. In order to form a Parish Council there has to be a Civil Parish.

Yes Potters bar covers a large area and has a large population which should be represented.

Yes

Yes, Potters Bar is one of the biggest towns in hertsmere and needs a voice for its residents

It would be good to have a Parish Council for Potters Bar as there is no one else representing our community. The other Parish councils seem to be putting their communities forward and it might help us do the same.

Yes I think it would benefit this town and tackle every day issues

Yes At least the residents of Potters Bar would feel we are getting a say in how the Borough is being run

YES

Yes local councillors in charge means local problems are looked at.

Yes ; as it would give our residents a greater say in local governance

Yes

Yes - we should have a civic parish. It will give us a more grassroots voice.

Yes. We want stronger, more responsive, hyper-local decision-making for residents of Potters Bar.

I think we need to protect as large an area as we can

Yes, so that it can serve the local community which the councils neglects to do and puts forward specific concerns that a community has

Yes I do, we need to have our own control of local affairs

Yes - With LGR I feel as if the council will become more remote so I would like something more local.

Yes

Yes

To provide a voice for, and represent people living within a small, local area, dealing with local issues.

Yes; I understand this is a necessary step to enable the creation of a Parish Council.

I would like to see a Civil Parish to concentrate and refine responsibilities within Potters Bar to rekindle its own identity.

Yes

Yes, a Parish Council

YES. HOPEFULLY A CIVIL PARISH WILL HELP THE RESIDENTS OF PB HAVE MORE OF A SAY IN WHAT GOES ON IN THE TOWN.

Yes because the unitary authority will be too big and potters bar will be forgotten. Having a civil parish will help keep things local.

Yes

Yes

Yes, because it would ensure that our views and needs were more fairly represented than they are at present.

Yes, smaller, locally focused authorities are more effective in understanding local issues and dealing directly on pursuing them with others.

Yes, a voice in the community

Yes. I feel that the people of Potters Bar should be part of the decision making and support for the local community.

Yes, I believe a Civil Parish is needs to help protect the town from inappropriate expansion within the Green Belt.

Yes - A more local tier of governance

Yes . I think we would have more say in what happens in potters bar

Yes. With all the impending changes, Potters Bar needs a local forum

Yes. Potters Bar is a clearly specific self sufficient town in its own right with its specific character and interests

Yes - so the local area can have direct representation

Yes, so parish council can be established.

Help protect our town from over development and pass on the general local view, that the amount is not feasible.

Yes, as they may be able to assist with planning applications, because of the possible over development of Potters Bar

As long time residents of Potters Bar we would welcome the community aspects of a parish council

Yes as stated it is the first tier to becoming a parish council and where local elected bodies can engage with their community dealing with local issues rather than a directive coming from councillors who have no real knowledge of the needs of the area

Yes

Yes

Yes, I would like to have our local community and its public spaces within a Civil Parish so they can be managed locally..

Yes I think Potters Bar needs a Civil Parish to protect the town from encroachment from other councils

Yes

Yes, I feel that a Civil Parish should be created within Potter Bar in order that a Parish Council can be created.

Yes . To represent the views of local peopple on local matters.

It might be beneficial to the residents in Potters Bar rather than be merged with other parts of Hertfordshire. However, cost is important.

Yes

Yes

Yes

Given the major change in amalgamating the present Council structures into a higher level organisation means that this is distant from residents and businesses in Potters Bar. This requires the setting initially of a civil parish towards having a Town Council

Yes

Yes. It will help ensure residents are more able to influence what is happening in the local area.

If it gives the residents more focused attention on matters that really affect the area then yes I think it's a good thing. If it's another level of bureaucracy to hinder progress and protection then no I don't agree with it.

I think Potters Bar should be a civil parish and have a parish council.

Yes. To help create a better community

Yes. We need better local representation, control as to how S106 monies are spent and a statutory consultee.

Civil parish

Yes. So that Potters Bar has a voice and the people that support the area can be recognised.

It defines the boundary which best suits the needs of Potters Bar residents

NO

No, why are the local council not doing what you suggest and then to pay for it you want to put up council tax, great idea right now.

Unable to answer at this stage without being made aware of the additional costs..My council tax is high enough.

No- Extra layers of cost and bureaucracy

No. As much as I believe a parish council would benefit the interests of the local community I am terrified about more increases to my council tax to pay for it and the council tax is abhorrently high as it is and has been for far too long.

Not before local government reorganisation

NO stop wasting rate payers money

We do not need it.

No - unclear about the precise impact on council tax

No - unnecessary

No. No increase to already high Council Tax or additional precepts such as green waste collection charges. No need for a Parish Council to deliver services Hertsmere should already be providing. No additional layer of local govt required including additional Cllrs. Creation of unitary authority in 2028.

No. No additional layer of ineffective local govt required. Unitary council to be created

No, the resources should be directed to existing priorities

No do not need the extra cost

no - no need, and extra costa

No. I do not believe an expansion of "government" is necessary. I do not wish to pay additional expense. I do not believe the "council" is capable of the basics, I would not want to create another echo chamber for more discussion, administration and distraction from the core business.

No, as it means increases in council tax and I don't believe parish council can influence Hertsmere council decisions on important matters as planning, as planning is a main concern for residents at the moment.

No. It is just another layer of government bureaucracy. Adds no value but we end up paying more council tax.

No.

No, will just cost more

No, not needed

NO ..IS NOT NEEDED

No I don't, my council tax is quite high already

No, I do not think Civil Parish should be created. This might allow the boundaries to be moved and developers to challenge land and planning decisions.

No, I do not think civil parish could benefit our locality. I am quite happy about the quality of life in Potters Bar and think that adding another body and all the bureaucracy that will comes with it will be a waste of time and money with no gain for us the residents.

No

Not Necessary or required just additional expense

No. The benefits of having a civil parish have not been explained well enough, if at all.

NO - My council tax for a medium house is already in band F which is higher than my parents in a bigger house in Barnet

No. I don't believe that a civil parish would have the same knowledge about the area. And they may not work towards the best outcomes for the residents of potters bar.

I don't want this to happen

No - I don't see the purpose of defining the area as a parish ; particularly as I don't see any value in electing a parish council.

No, because it would add more bureaucracy to government.

I agree with the Civil Parish, because Potters Bar has a clear identity for the rest of Hertsmere and should be recognised as its own area.

A Civil Parish is not required

No

NO. I don't think civil parishes add any real value to a local area.

No, council tax is already too high

NO, I see no benefit from this, and I am not keen to fund another body with no benefit. If there would be any benefit of this, that is poorly communicated, hence my opinion. I can be convinced, but at this point I don't see it.

No Unnecessary cost on rates and another level of bureaucratic for a service already provided by council

No - I don't believe it is needed - costs more - extra layer of bureaucracy

No

No

No. I feel a Parish Council would be best.

No, I do not want an additional layer of Government. How would I opt out of paying for this?

No

No. The local council should be doing their job in any case without further expense by residents

No. There is no need for another level of government administration and bureaucracy. We don't need any more. Residents are already confused about what Hertfordshire does and what Hertsmere does; this will just make it harder.

Annette Truss

No, because I feel that we can look after things ourselves with regards to Council arrangements. Hertsmere Borough Council maintain the parks and green spaces themselves and am happy with service already provided. The council is efficient meaning there's no need add another tier of government.

no , we already pay enough council tax as it is, this parish council is yet another layer that would need to be paid for

No

No, there are many other ways to get the same outcome. A civil parish isn't what a town designed for the future needs and not another tax burden driven by few.

No

No

No. It will cost extra and some current councillors live far away from Potters Bar, so I don't trust them to act in our best interest.

I see no necessity for a Parish Council: it will mean our council tax will increase, as there will be no reduction in respect of services previously carried out by Hertsmere Borough

No It is an unnecessary additional layer of bureaucracy.

No

No. If there is no parish council it would be irrelevant.

No I do not want a Parish Council to be created for Potters Bar. In my view this is an unnecessary expense. In my view it will not provide benefits for Potters Bar residents.

NO, it'll increase council tax

No

No ,we don't need one or the extra expenses.

No

I do not think Potters Bar should have a Civil Parish. It would create another layer of bureaucracy with the attendant costs.

I do not want a parish council because this is a ploy by a small but very vocal group that wants to block all development in Potters bar. They are opposed to anything that will remove one blade of grass from their dog walking areas, which are mainly across the fields in Bridgefoot Lane. This is just the latest stunt, having failed to get the Ombudsman to uphold various complaints about local councillors agreeing to various housing development plans. They do not want any progress

No -because our MP who is closest to the Government and aligns to our wishes to save the Green Belt should represent our requests

No. Extra cost

NO - there are other priorities for taxpayers monies and funding local councilors is not one of them

I do not want a Civil Parish created within Potters Bar. I feel this would little or no benefit to residents and is just another unnecessary layer of bureaucracy.cyy

No, things are fine as they are and extra cost is another burden on us.

No - live in a conservation area that has an article 4 on it without consent. Not wanting more regulations added by a council that does not live in the direct area.

No - I believe that the current local government review should be completed first and allowed to establish itself before adding another layer of bureaucracy into the system

No.

No. It does not need a parish council as we are represented as it is today. No additional cost is required.

No

No unless all parish council cost are covered only by those in that specified area.. Potters Bar has not have a Parish Council , but is expected to pay towards those in other parts of Hertsmere., how would this extra level of government be paid for, Council tax is already to high There are already many costs covered by these taxes which give little benefit To those paying

No.

No do not wish for a parish council

No

No. 1. This could lead to the formation of a Parish or Town Council. I can find no explanation as to why we should have one where we haven't had one before (I think I understand what can and can't be done by a Parish or Town Council). 2. The proposers of this, from what I have seen, don't seem to understand the limitations of such a Council. 3. My impression is that the proposers think, wrongly as I understand it, that such a Council can influence Planning Applications and in particular prevent many of the suggestions in the developing Local Plan.

No

no

No - what would be the point. i can see no benefit of this as it appears to just be a platform for more neighbourhood groups to try and have more theoretical power.

No. The Consultation does not provide any information of the submission by 'residents' of the purpose scope nor benefits of a Cival Parish. '

No - we don't need more layers of governance or costs in our community

No I do not believe a Parish Council would assist the community

NO, just another level of bureaucracy and cost

Unsure

No, as I am not comfortable with the rise in council tax this will bring.

No, I dont understand the need for a Parish Council. It's likely to add cost with no material benefit to Potters Bar residents.

I am not in favour of a Civil Parish as I do not feel it would add much value and I do not want to have to pay additional council tax which is already very high and is challenging in this current economic climate.

No

No we do not need this, everything is fine and we do not need another charge added to our council tax

No councils waste money i cannot afford

No not wanted

Unsure, we need to know the extra cost that then can be considered against the benefits (if any)

No.

No - I consider we have enough representation and its another level of unnecessary bureaucracy dominated by a few local not necessarily representative of the community.

no do not see as necessary

No. I pay enough council tax. This sounds like just another council shakedown. Just like the Police Commissioners. Waste of money.

No I do not support another tier of governing. The cost and lack of power that another body will result in does not warrant creating any form of council. I already find it difficult to pay community charges Another payment is totally unacceptable.

No

No

No - this is already covered and paid for and I don't have faith in local representatives

No, I don't think it is necessary as all functions can be discharged at a larger scale

No. I have lived in Potters Bar and the surrounding area for over 30 years and have never felt that local government was deficient.

I feel there is a need for a specific body to represent the interests of Potters Bar residents. With the proposed council changes this will be diluted within the current structure.

No, another layer of unnecessary bureaucracy. Any problems the Borough which carries weight can sort out.

A strong NO. I think this is just another unnecessary layer of government which will cost more money. I don't believe that the relatively small budgets available will be spent wisely in a data/strategic led manner and will be fretted away on small schemes/projects that will be promoted by a very small minority of people and will have minimal benefits

No. We need no additional division in our local area

No, there is enough governing bodies.

No

no this is not needed

No, can't afford it struggling with Council Tax as it is.

No - It would involve another layer of un-welcome bureaucracy and additional expenditure

No not necessary as these jobs are already covered by council

No I dont believe a civil parish should be created for our local area.

No. Increased Council Tax to be paid by residents for activities which should be being covered already. No guarantee there will be more input for the community or action taken.

No, I can not afford it. I am a hard working taxpayer.

No. Don't see the benefits

NO - see 10

No- Potters Bar should be the heart of everything

No. Change is not necessary as things work well in PB. Maintain the status quo. Avoid unnecessary extra cost.t

No

No - it will be another layer of bureaucracy for Hertsmere when we should be moving to a unitary authority within Herts County Council

I do not feel a Parish Council should be created in Potters Bar. My decision is based on overall increased costs.

Absolutely not. This will increase cost for residents without any improvement to local services and community spirit. It will create a division amongst neighbouring towns in Potters Bar. It will become isolated. As Parish Council is the the lowest tier it will have less power to change or implement anything and it will take longer.. Employing Parish clerks and secretaries will cost the residents more in Council tax. Currently Potters Bar has a very good working relationship with Hertsmere Council and the local initiatives are excellent. Without the need for creating a Parish Council, the local groups and volunteers are very active in making sure Potters Bar stays as a vibrant town of the Borough Council.

No

No, dont want more red tape or increases to council tax

No - another layer of local government is unnecessary and a greater expense for residents.

A Civil Parish should not be created because it will cause an increase in Council Tax, adding a financial burden to an individual. Why make changes to a system that has always worked for Potters Bar. Better not to fix something that is already working.

NO. My experience of Parish Councils in other areas of the UK is that they have no teeth and their recommendations are usually ignored or overturned, even though many hours of work have informed the recommendations. . It is an unnecessary additional layer of bureaucracy, which will cost money to run, which might be more usefully spent elsewhere.

No- It has not the same administrative power of a parish council.

No, because do not see the point as I disagree with creating a Parish Council

No I believe we have enough levels of governance in potters bar/hertsmere not at all

No - As in the previous campaign I started I want my rates REDUCED not increased to fund a council

No, I don't agree with another level of bureaucracy being and having to be funded

No, I have concerns that in my ward there is a rise in Reform voters and I do not wish to have these people potentially affecting local life.

No. I cannot see the need for one.

No. I don't see what that will achieve over existing local councillors. I foresee another layer of political bickering, and additional expense for households.

No. I am strongly against setting up a civil parish in our area. The reason that I am against is that it will be an additional cost for the people living in the community with no added benefits.

No I do not feel a Parish Council should be created in Potters Bar. I believe it to be an unnecessary, costly level of added bueaurocracy.

No, I din't see the need for a Civil Parish because I do not want there to be a Parish Council

No I think it should have a parish council.

No. Would like to keep the current council system

No. Yet Another Layer of Governance will mean more expense - staffing, administrative duties, etc - These are already included within Hertsmere Borough Council, encompassing all our existing services/facilities, etc.

No

No - not enough information about exactly what it can and can't do has been provided

No. Another level of bureaucracy which will cost residents more money via higher local taxation and there is currently no proven need for a new tier of local government in Potters Bar

No. Local Government Reorganisation is supposed to simplify local government. Why remove one layer only to create another (less efficient) layer.

Unsure

Unsure

Unsure, we need to know the extra cost that then can be considered against the benefits (if any)
SHOULD BE THE SAME AS THE REST OF HERTSMERE

See other notes (back page)

I understand the intention behind creating a Parish Council to strengthen local representation. However, I have some concerns based on my experience of existing arrangements. Residents already contribute additional funding in areas such as policing, yet the tangible benefits of this are not always clear. I am therefore cautious about introducing a further precept without a clear and measurable improvement in outcomes. In addition, I have raised concerns locally regarding HMO-related issues, which remain unresolved. As I understand it, these matters sit with the Borough Council, and it is not clear that the creation of a Parish Council would provide any meaningful enforcement capability or lead to faster resolution. Before supporting the creation of a Parish Council, I would need to see clearer evidence of how it would deliver tangible improvements, avoid duplication, and provide better accountability than the current structure.

Yes. It would increase community cohesion and provide a reference for any local issues which might need to be referred to wider local governance.

I'm not sure. I think it might be useful to have a locally elected body who can represent the views of residents to local government but I am concerned about corruption of officials keen to spend CIL payments in their own areas and also worried that a Civil Parish will have more responsibility but less power and finance to enact it's responsibilities - leading to a decline in amenities and services.

Not sure - but it will inevitably cost more

I would like some more information before I could answer the question.

If a Civil Parish is created within Potters Bar, do you feel a Parish Council should be created?

YES

Yes. Give local residents a little more input into events/situations that directly affect them

THERE SHOULD BE PARISH COUNCIL TO RUN AND CO ORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE PARISH

Yes for the reasons stated in question 4, i.e., The Parish Council will be more sensitive to local needs and help ensure that the local services are maintained. This will enhance the culture of Potters Bar at a time when we seem to be losing it and improve local democracy

Yes. Representation is desirable and beneficial

yes - add to community feel

See above

Yes as then some action can be taken from the civil parish into the parish council that can take effect to the local council - Hertsmere

Yes. Potters Bar always seems to fall behind in events and services and always the last to be remembered by Hertsmere District Council. A parish council will give us more presence and plan events directly for Potters Bar

Yes, surely this is the same question, therefore the same reasons as above

Yes, as above - this would enable localised decision-making to improve the area.

Yes. Potters Bar residents need to have decisions made for an on behalf of them by a Parish Council.

Yes. See above

Yes. As above.

AGAIIN YES AS IT WOULD BE AN ELECTED BODY

Yes I do for the same reasons mentioned above.

i know how it works in the Welham Green area, and seen our the local area is looked after

Yes, Potters Bar is too large for a general meeting of residents to be useful.

Yes, to have a human to contact rather than a menu or a "bot"

Yes but I believe a Parish Council will represent our area more effectively

Yes. It would be useful to have local people on the Council without layers of beurocracy in the borough council (Hertsmere Council)

Yes. A conduit through which issues can be raised with the council.

Yes. For effective governance of local issues in the Potters Bar area

Yes, provided they are representative of the town's demographic and have an expansive but protective focus.

Yes. We need more representation.

Yes, to be democratic.

Yes, better representation for the local area.

Yes the more say potters bar has the better

Local represenatation

Yes because because it will enhance local representation and community identity

Yes- to ensure the needs of Potters Bars' community are not ignored or overlooked

Yes, same reasons above

Yes. Local matters for local people to decide.

Yes,Why not as Borehamwood, South Mimms and Estree have Civil Parish

Yes

Yes, a Parish Council would be necessary to address local issues and communicate with other relevant bodies

Yes I believe a Parish Council should be created in Potters Bar. Too often decisions are taken in Hertsmere that are detrimental to Potter Bar

Yes. The specific needs and views of Potters Bar residents are otherwise easily ignored or discounted.

Yes. Because it would be foolish to have a Civil Parish without a Parish Council!

Yes

Yes

yes see reply above

Yes, I feel that a Parish Council should be created without delay following the creation of a Civil Parish. This would provide Potters Bar with greater autonomy and a formal, democratic voice over its immediate affairs - something that is sorely lacking at the present time.

Yes

Yes

Yes, for local responsibility and accountability

Yes, have a say over changes in PB

We need to know who is representing our views of the local area and their opinions.

Yes. A council would be needed in order to help with decision making and creating priorities.

Yes. Local people will protect the area.

Yes

Yes, this would give residents of PB more of a say in local matters that affect us all

Yes. Its good to have a governing body to decide on issues.

To enable Potters Bar residents to have more of a say in what happens in Potters Bar, especially as local government transitions to unitary authorities.

Yes

With the reorganisation of local government taking it less local then having a local council for local matters will be important

I am strongly in favour of local views being represented within a Parish Council

Yes

Yes as a parish council would have more opportunities to make a real difference.

Yes , it would hopefully bring a voice to the residents

Yes - locals need a greater say in our own town

Whatever is created it has to be for the GOOD of this town.

Yes. The local community must be represented at ground level by fellow towns people

Yes, it will be of benefit to people in the town, providing local influence on matters of interest.

Yes, so as to allow for local accountability and a focus for the local community

Yes, more things will be achieved for residents of Potters Bar.

Yes

Yes, to give more control and better local decisions

Yes to enable all local residents to be democratically involved in future development in the area

Direct voice for local community, boost to local identity.

Yes. Improvement in our local community

Yes, to hold the appalling existing Labour Hertsmere Borough Council to account

No not necessarily, the community can action and come together themselves

Yes - so that a group of people who care about local issues can run it

Yes - forums should be open and transparent

To help with maintaining things that the council do not

Yes

ok

Yes, a Parish Council is required to control the various activities which the precept will finance

Yes, it would make it more accessible for people to raise their concerns and help manage problems in the town

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes. If people are elected, there is a greater sense of responsibility.

See answer 4 above. It's no good having another tier of bureaucracy, costing money, for no positive reason

Yes, see previous explanation

I think it would provide residents with more input about what is happening in Potters Bar.

Yes

As I understand it, I believe that the whole of Potters Bar should have the same civic rights and therefore believe that the area I live in should also come under a Parish Council.

YES

Yes so residents can have their say

YES

A Parish council for Potters Bar would be able to address the specific issues and concerns of the Potters Bar residents and community in a way the broader remit of the Hertsmere Borough Council simply cannot.

Yes to Parish Council to represent our views and create community events

Yes more say for local people

Yes. Because they would or should be in touch with what the majority of local residents feel are the most responsible ways of managing our civil parish area.

Yes. Same as above

Yes. To give a more co-ordinated approach and voice to very local issues.

Yes, to administer it and identify and act on priorities

Yes, so as to achieve things not covered by Hertsmere council.m

Yes a Parish Council should be created with people who live locally and have the best interests of the town and its residents as their driver.

Yes. Agin, more control and input from people who actually live and experience the day to day life.

Yes. I believe a Civil Parish should be created within Potters Bar because it would give local residents a stronger voice in decisions that directly affect their community. A parish council could focus on local priorities such as maintaining public spaces, supporting community initiatives, and improving communication between residents and higher levels of government. This more localised form of governance can help ensure that the specific needs and character of Potters Bar are better represented and preserved. I would also like clarity on who would be responsible for grass verges in Potters Bar. For many years, residents have faced ongoing issues with vehicles parking on grass verges, causing damage and frustration. Responsibility appears unclear, with Hertfordshire and Enfield authorities directing residents back and forth, along with highways, without any clear resolution. In over 16 years, no single body has taken ownership of this issue. If a Civil Parish is created, it is important that responsibilities like these are clearly defined so that problems can be properly addressed rather than passed between authorities.

To best deal with local issues

Yes The Parish would have known representatives whom we would expect to be enthusiastic

Yes. Because of the need to bring control of what happens in and around Potters Bar to the people who live here.

Yes to give people more say and hopefully get things done quicker

Yes

Yes, I feel it will benefit the area

YES

Yes

Yes, so local issues can be effectively managed and local residents have a voice.

Yes The more people are involved the better

Yes, a body responsible for local areas and events controlled by locally elected people sounds like a great idea

Provided the local parishioners are also invited to meetings

Yes

Yes local people should be making local decisions

Yes – if a civil parish is created, a Parish Council should also be established. A parish council provides the governance structure needed to represent local residents, manage community services, and make decisions on local issues. Without a parish council, the civil parish would have limited ability to act effectively or influence matters that directly affect the community.

A Parish Council should be created as it will be the voice of the community on local issues.

Yes to represent Potters Bar

Yes for the same above reasons i have already given,

Yes

Yes. The other towns in Hertsmere have parish councils so I think Potters Bar should have one.

Undoubtedly. Perhaps the current rampant growth in CMO's might be controlled more effectively.

Yes, will have the interests of residents

Yes, so local people with keen interest in the town have a say.

Yes. Because we hopefully would have more control of what goes on in our own community.

I prefer the title of Potters Bar Town Council

Probably a good idea. They could decide what directions the civil parish goes in.

Yes, it would be more efficient and effective for the local Parish Council to raise and manage local issues.

Yes – a Parish Council should be created as it would provide proper structure and accountability, giving local residents representation and ensuring local issues, services and community matters are managed effectively.

Again it's about local people having a say about local issues

I believe a Parish Council should make decisions concerning the town rather than a Council which covers a larger area and doesn't appreciate the local problems

Yes

I want a route in to express concerns about issues to local government.

Yes

Yes, good for the town and development

Yes as above. We are at south-eastern end of Hertsmere and the proposed reorganisation of Local Govt to likely combine Hertsmere with Watford and Three Rivers, will leave us even more on the outskirts than we are now. Links to those two areas are very weak

We need local representation

Yes - to represent the local community, listening to their views, deliver services, and improve quality of life of residents.

The elected Parish Councillors will have the authority to make decisions on behalf of the parish, particularly planning which is currently a bone of contention within Potters Bar, due to the proliferation of HMOs and the potential loss of precious green belt land. in

With the current political landscape looking uncertain and the potential for devolution being incorporated it feels like a good time to try to gain more control locally on decisions that impact the residents.

Yes. To help deal with local matters.

Yes to represent Potters Bar, it's overlooked by Hertsmere, Borehamwood is the priority

I feel a Parish Council should be created as that issues related to Potters Bar can be dealt with by local representatives

Yes. To better represent local priorities and needs

This would bring an interest and responsibility in being part of their local community. This would also allow the parish council to encourage the Parish Council to take part in promoting local services and amenities.

Yes to offer more voice to local residents as this is not happening under the current system. The elected members of local government are not implementing an article 4 as is the wish of the Potters Bar residents.

Yes, better to have it elected

The council would be elected from local residents and would be able to better represent the town.

It would speak up on behalf of Potters Bar residents

Yes of course, a council we vote for and are responsible for Potters Bar

We will have closer ties to the Management of the area

Yes, this too would give the people of the town more control over matters that affect the area.

Yes, I do as I think views of Potters Bar residents would more likely be listened to and acted on

Yes. It seems a sensible way to provide guidance and input to the decision making.

Yes. As above

Yes. The influence of a Parish Council will help guide decisions that protect local neighbourhoods and strengthen residential pride in their close community. Those elected on to the Council would be able to comment on local planning applications and developments, a particular 'hot potato' in Potters Bar currently (HMO's).

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Yes, whilst we remain a smallish community an elected council would be better able to deal with the people trying to make us into a city!

Yes. It is good to be represented by a local parish council.

Yes. To facilitate that all important focus dependent upon the best way forward for local people.

Yes Potters Bar needs to be able to voice its own opinions on local issues.

Yes as a Parish Council would listen to the views/concerns of its residents and act on their behalf.

Yes

Yes. To improve local government.

Yes, see response to question 4.

yes

Yes, to oversee it

Yes, we need to elect a group of councillors who work for good of our community. Opposite to what Hertsmere is doing currently

YES - local residents, local observations, local solutions

Yes - if this provides more control to local residents

yes it should . Setting up a parish council gives the local community a formal voice, allowing them to manage local assets, have a say in planning decisions, and provide services that meet local needs.

I feel that it is really important to have a local parish to make local decisions. Especially with all the new developments and other changes that are going on in the town.

The answer is really the same as above but , of course, the local parish/town councillors would represent local interest and administer them as well as having more formal and informal links with Hertsmere Council. As I understand it the poison of party politics does not usually permeate parish councils with the benefit being that useful enquiries to local parish councils about borough matters that affect the parish will be met with party-disinterested response

Yes - to improve the upkeep of the area

Yes because it will deal with more day to day local matters rather than the borough councillors

Yes

It will enable local residence voices to be heard on issues within Potters Bar it will also improve amenities such as parks, library and protect the community from anti social behaviour ie: fly-tipping

Yes - local representation

Influencing planning applications, managing local projects

Yes. Local councillors are the most effective way of consulting on and representing the views of the population.

so we have a say in our town.

Yes - see above

Yes. Potters Bar needs a elected body that works in the town's best interests, with local knowledge and understanding of the needs of the community

A parish council would give our area a stronger local voice, improve accountability, and help deliver services that reflect what residents actually need. It can respond quickly to local issues and bring in funding for community projects, making the area better for everyone.

Yes again it gives us a say in community and issues

Yes, it would give us better control over our town

Yes,

this would give residents a stronger local voice, especially with the proposed move to a larger unitary authority and concerns about future development

Good to have local elected people to support the community

Yes ,because there are to many HMO that don't seem to have planning permeation or the correct certificates. Also to keen to build on green belt . To may barbershops that can't all be legally run as they don't seem to have enough customers that would cover the cost of their rates. No regulation on vape shops or so-called mini supermarkets that have food on the street.

So that local can keep up to date with any developments and have someone they can apply to concerning any local problems

Yes, in order to reduce election costs.

yes

Yes. To have local people who know the area to talk to about any issues.

A civic parish would have more say in improving services and facilities.

Yes to provide a voice for electors

Yes local people for local issues

Yes improve local amenities

we need more autonomy in our area

Again, I feel deprived by not being included in the area of Potters Bar Parish Council so would welcome such a creation

Yes

It would help create a sense of a place with an identity

Yes. It would be good to have representation and people the residents can contact re town issues

Yes

Yes

A parish council hopefully will represent residents and understand the worries of residents

Yes, because this can be different from the national government and their policies

A Parish Council should be created. Without a Parish Council, who would represents the views of the civil parish to the higher tiers of local government?

Yes see above

Yes we are a town of over 26000 and need to vote in our representatives

Yes. There needs to be responsibility for the management

Yes for the good of the residents of Potters Bar

Yes, I would like another voice for us (community) to hold on to what we have at the minute.

Would be a good place to the community

Yes as the Civil Parish will require governing and links to the higher rated council areas and also need councillors

Would have more say in what happens in porters bars

Yes we need a parish council , feel Potters Bar is forgotten.

Yes, as above

Let people of potters bar make & control decisions for the good of potters bar.

Yes. It makes sense to have local people discussing local situations.

Potters Bar is hardly connected to the remainder of Hertsmere and needs it's "own voice." Parish Councils provide a base from which District & County Councillors can get into politics. PB residents don't feel allegiance to Hertsmere, but to Potters Bar. Local coordination of voluntary groups and activities would raise quality of life. and MPs. A Potters Bar "voice" on planning issues would emerge.

It is important to have named individuals to whom residents can address a query.

With the imminent change to a Unitary authority, it is imperative that local views are able to be heard and representatives in the form of Councillors are able to exercise the powers of a Parish Council.

Yes, to better respond to local needs, organise civic events and related matters, collective representation

Yes, to ensure local representation

Yes - to ensure representation

Yes

Yes to have elected representatives

Yes. deal sensitively with local issues

Yes, we need local representation with some powers.

Yes, since local issues could be resolved much more effectively, and large community projects could be organised easily.

Because it would have people that live in potters bar, that love potters bar and that don't want to see potters bar being destroyed.

Yes. I brings local government to the local level

yes, we need local people to represent the best interests of our town

Yes

Yes - to ensure democratic approach in dealing with local issues

Yes, to give local voices a greater say in what happens in our local area

To support the community

Yes

Yes definitely. We need someone to speak for Potters Bar in the wider council.

Yes, improved local control, we need me control from local people.

Yes, we have significant challenges here including the loss of greenelt to development and a busy junction with the National Motorway network attracting in large multi national businesses.

Yes

Probably

Yes, we need representation in the wider council

Yes To have local people responsible

Yes

YES. To reverse the neglect that is seeping in to Potters Bar.

Yes if the parish council are able to organise more community events and activities

If a Civil Parish is created, Potters Bar should have a Parish Council so residents have a dedicated, local democratic body focused solely on our town's needs. A Parish Council would give the community stronger representation, more accountability, and the ability to prioritise local issues like planning, amenities, and neighbourhood character—something the borough structure alone cannot provide

A Parish council would give a voice to the people of Potters Bar and enable local issues to be heard

I feel a Parish Council would better represent the residents' feelings.

I think a Parish Council acting as a Town Council would be the best way forward for Potters Bar to reflect the wishes and plans of the residents of the area and to curtail the directives from central government.t

Yes. A Parish Council would give a voice to the residents

Yes - reasons are in answer 4 above answer

The parish council should also exist to help community representation

Yes. It gives more authority to the local inhabitants who know what changes and events might be useful.

Yes, as above

Yes because it's good for community

Yes, local councillors that live in the area and can represent residents on issues relating to the town

Yes. All current decisions are made in Borehamwood for Potters Bar.

Yes, it's important

Yes

Yes because it would help to provide targeted support for the local area.

Yes see above

Yes, it will improve implementation of future improvements and problem solving in Potters Bar.

There are lot of local issues such as illegal dumping of rubbish and potholes that need addressing

Yes, for better community support

Yes, as we would need councillors to manage the parish area

yes i believe a parish council should be created to better serve the specific needs of potters bar.

Will hopefully lead to creation of Neighbourhood Development Plan

Yes, more local control

I feel a Parish Council would benefit Potters Bar by giving a more specific focus to local problems

Yes

Yes, I believe Potters Bar should have a parish council, so it has a voice on important matters that affect day to day life.

Will 1) ensure action, activities etc; 2) define roles and responsibilities etc; and 3) provide accountability.

People of the town can have a better way of saying what they want through a more localised council.

Yes, if a Civil Parish is created, a Parish Council should also be established. A parish without a council would have limited ability to act, whereas a council provides a formal structure to represent residents, manage local services, and allocate funding effectively.

Above all else and taking into account the population of Potters Bar, a Parish Council is required as opposed to a Civil Parish.

Because local people have better input on current issues

Yes

A directly elected parish council should be formed to both represent and also be accountable to the residents of the town

Yes. Otherwise who will actually administer the civil parish? What is the point of creating it with no leadership?

It will give residents a direct voice in local affairs, and thus a better chance of our community needs being met. We would have a chance to air our preferences. Amenities should improve with a civil parish and would attract funding that could boost the local economy which larger councils do not qualify for.

Yes - Without a Parish Council the creation of a Civil Parish is limited in what it can do for the residents of Potters Bar

Yes, Establishing a parish or town council can significantly benefit a community by enhancing local representation, improving services, and fostering development. Parish and town councils provide residents with a direct voice in local affairs, ensuring their needs are met and preferences addressed. They also manage and improve amenities like parks and community centres, drive tailored community projects, and attract funding that boosts the local economy.

Yes so that local voice can be better heard, local events/things organised like Christmas lights, play/open areas managed for the community

A Parish Council should be created

Yes

Yes, because a parish council would provide the structure needed to turn local voices into action. It would create a direct, accessible layer of representation focused specifically on Potters Bar, improving communication, transparency, and accountability. Parish councils can also support practical improvements by organising community initiatives, maintaining local spaces, and accessing funding that may not otherwise be available at borough level. This would help deliver visible, positive changes while keeping decision-making closely connected to residents.

Yes. Be good to have Potters Bar interests looked after

Definitely as it would create a far better sense of community and hopefully residents would have more say in what happens in Potters Bar

Yes. Parish councils would help to bridge the gap in the community, between the young and the old and hopefully generate a much needed dose of happiness to the area.

Yes. A Parish Council is required to provide a voice for Potters Bar residents at a time when Hertsmere Council based as it is in Borehamwood seems increasingly remote. The impending local government reorganisation is likely to result in a larger local council with a civic centre even further removed.

A Parish Council required to improve representation for the individual with the Borough Council getting larger

Yes as I think the local community would be more involved with a parish council

es, I believe a Parish Council should be created if a Civil Parish is established in Potters Bar. A parish council is essential to ensure that the civil parish is properly represented and managed. Without an elected council, there would be limited structure to act on local priorities or to engage effectively with residents. An elected parish council would provide accountability, transparency, and a clear channel for residents' voices to be heard on matters such as planning, local facilities, and

community wellbeing. It would also enable more proactive management of local initiatives and improvements that directly benefit the community. Overall, the creation of a parish council would ensure that the civil parish functions effectively and delivers meaningful value to residents.

Yes, I believe a Parish Council would give Potters Bar a greater voice within Hertsmere, Hertfordshire and any new local authority.

Yes, relevant decisions for local area

Yes, There seems very little point in having a Civil Parish, without having a council to represent it.

Yes as it would provide a direct voice for local communities, influencing planning, managing amenities like parks and street lighting, and boosting local quality of life. It would represent local interests to higher authorities, offer funding for community projects, and provide services tailored to locals

Yes answers as above.

Yes, Parish Council Should be created. The reason is simple, the residents of Potters Bar hill have a meaningful say in Local matters.

Yes, I think a Parish Council should be created because it would give local people proper representation and allow decisions to be made by people who understand the needs of Potters Bar. yes to give our local community a voice once a larger Unitary Authority is in place

Yes we need to be in keeping with all of the other local towns.

Yes - to make decisions that impact the local area better

Yes. Local residents would have more control over local issues

Yes as above

Yes for the reasons previously given.

Yes to control how the money is spent.

Yes, so decisions can be made at a local level in the interest of the local population

Yes, to allow decisions about the area to be made locally

Yes ..So local residents have a say on what's to happen in the area they live

Yes. Local people can be elected.

Yes - Helps build healthier and a stronger community

Give more control to local people for local issues

Yes.

Would be good for the people of Potters Bar

I am happy to pay extra in my council tax to ensure local governance on issues. I have a young family and want Potters Bar to flourish for the next generation.

Yes, like the surrounding boroughs it's important to have residents opinions. I support the community in general.

It would be very helpful for residents of Potters Bar.

Yes

So that there is an opportunity to elect local councillors as and when required.

Yes, as I feel those who are representing Potters Bar will act on its best interests.

Yes, but same reason as above

Councillors usually live in the community, so they understand local concerns better than larger district or county authorities. Residents have easier access to decision-makers. Improved Community Services, Parish councils can manage or support: Parks and playgrounds, Community halls, Allotments, Public benches, bins, and lighting * Local events and festivals 3. Stronger Voice in Planning. They are consulted on local planning applications. They can influence development decisions and neighbourhood plans.

Absolutely yes! Or even a town council. Potters Bar is a unique community and we need local representation to represent local views. I recognise this is limited but it would still give us a formal voice and means to ensure our local community is heard! This is especially important when we go

into larger unitary authorities when already Potters Bar needs have been completely overlooked and the wrong decision made!! Potters Bar cannot be adequately represented in SW Herts!!!! We NEED a parish or town council.

Yes Potters Bar needs local representation to have its views heard. This has been sadly missing for many years

Yes to provide local impartial security for Potters Bar going forward

Yes

As Above answer

By having a Parish Council we would have local people who understand the area managing the Parish

Yes

Yes, definitely. I am not sure what the point would be without a parish council to represent us.

There need to be elected individuals who will represent and be accountable to the town's residents.

Yes. We will require Parish Council to undertake the leadership of the Civil Parish, communicate with the citizens and ensure that things are done effectively.

Yes, a Parish Council should be created, it will be able to put the views of local residents on issues in the area.

Yes to bring back power to the residents

Yes because it would help the community of Potters Bar

Yes, as an elected body of local councillors would be responsible for its management.

Yes, a Parish Council should be created to represent the local residents in various local matters

Yes

Feel parish council is better for Potters Bar

Yes.

yes, so that there is more accountability at a very local level

Yes, to overlook the civil parish.

Yes - it also serves the subsidiarity principle.

Yes, because of the proposed reorganisation and the fact that Potters Bar is the only area of Hertsmere without this level of representation.

Yes. Representatives are needed to raise issues concerning Potters Bar.

Yes, I believe a Parish Council should be created. Again, a Parish Council would provide better local representation and a focused voice for the residents of Potters Bar. A Parish Council would also have the ability to provide an enhanced community focus, looking after playgrounds, allotments and lead on organising community events.

Yes a Parish council should be created as it would give the residents of Potters Bar local representation, have a say in local planning applications etc, as well as take care of parks and represent the people of Potters Bar views and hopes for the area.

Yes Please see my answer to the previous question

Yes

Yes, so local people have a say in who the councillors are.

Yes. No point in having a Civil Parish the size of Potters Bar without administrative functions.

Yes. Would better represent my communities' aspirations and views and could organise events for our community

The stresses referred to above will be better managed by a town council (however named). It will also be good to have more local say in use of the considerable CILs which will accrue.

Yes a Parish council should be created as Potters Bar has enough residents and area which means it will need an official body with clearly defined vision and goals. To develop Potters Bar in the next 5 years, a plan, budget and timeline will be essential.

YES. I want a local body that can act in Potters Bar interests, in future local government and support the local organisations. We are a distinctive area.

We need local people to decide on the area we live in

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes. It makes it very clear from the outset that there are individuals who are responsible and accountable for specific decisions, and ensures that due processes around managing communication, consultation and feedback are carried out professionally and comprehensively.

If it helps to get the concerns of the residents of Potters Bar, yes

Yes

yes

Yes, more local representation

Definitely. Last year's Christmas lights fiasco showed that due diligence had not been conducted prior to the 'big switch on' event and whilst this was a great idea in principle it was spoiled by the lack of communication with the previous administration on location of power points, ability of the new hardware to work with what was already available etc. We need a local team to truly work for the benefit of local residents.

yes. a civil council will be better able to understand, and respond, to local issues affecting the community.

Yes, to get the decision making process focused on the people of Potters Bar, and not just thinking about the whole of Hertsmere.

Yes each area needs to be individually represented

Yes, greater voice and control to PB residents, especially with LGR

yes definitely, as different areas have different needs

Yes. We need to elect people who want to help our parish and not push things onto us.

I know potters bar is very neglected , such as reliable bus services road maintenance and difficult get around and generally not very well maintained by Hertfordshire county council

Yes for the same reason as above

YES - Potters Bar is completely ignored by Hertsmere, we need a more local council.

Yes. Means local problems would be looked at. Hopefully.

of course ! when we have a parish , it makes sense to run it via a council .

Yes

YES - Potters Bar feels as if it has been left out evidencing some of Hertsmere's planning decision and introduction of safeguards.

Yes. If a Civil Parish is created, a Parish Council should also be established, because it provides the democratic structure needed to make decisions, manage the parish precept, and ensure local priorities in Potters Bar are properly represented.

We need to protect as large an area as we can

Yes I do, that way we can manage the needs of the Town

Yes- We need representatives to be able to go to the new local authority and represent the views of Potters Bar community.

Yes

Yes

To enable people to have responsibility for what happens in their neighbourhood.

Yes I think a Parish Council should be created. My brother lives in an area with a Parish Council and they make a difference to their local community.

Yes, but I would like to see fresh (local) faces, not the usual regular counsellors.

Local decisions can be taken by the by the people affected.

Yes, a Parish Council will give a strong and required voice for Potters Bar.

YES. SAME ANSWER AS ABOVE.

Yes, so that local issues can be dealt with locally.

Yes

Yes, but even if it isn't we should definitely have a Parish Council to ensure that our views and interests are fairly represented. We feel extremely under-represented right now and we have been since Hertsmere was created and we lost Potters Bar Urban District Council in 1974.

Yes - and I feel that even if it is not, a Parish Council should be created to serve the needs of the local community, as I don't feel they are being met right now.

Yes

Yes voice for the community

Yes. This may have more power to influence wider decisions regarding Potters Bar community

Yes, as above.

Yes, to manage the issues effectively

Yes same reason

Yes. With all the impending changes, Potters Bar needs to have its own forum so that its needs are represented.

Yes. We need an official body on a permanent basis to represent us as specifically Potters Bar residents.

Yes. Local people should be involved in the provision of local facilities.

Yes, so local interests can be better represented.

Yes, as per answer 4.

Yes, residents will have more influence with local issues

Absolutely, I would like the elected councillors who are at the grass roots of what the community have concerns about, EG the HMO subject in Potters Bar where anti social behaviour is becoming a problem they know what their electorate want and need, we are fed up being neglected and the poor relation to borehamwood who seem to get priority to schemes and funding!

Yes

Yes

Yes, I would like to have local people caring for our community and the public spaces. Provided there are enough people interested in being elected.

Yes. I think Potters Bar should have a Parish Council to. Represent the wishes of the people of the town especially in light of the creation of Unitary Councils. Otherwise we will be even more overlooked than we already are.

Yes

Yes, I consider it important that a Parish Council should be created in order to give Potters Bar clear representation in any new unitary local government for Hertfordshire.

Represent views of locality

Yes, it might be beneficial.

Yes, gives opportunity for better input on local matters

Yes

Parish Council?town Council - to ensure that local democracy is retained, and that local people have a voice in their town activities and development.

Yes. Local councillors are more in touch with local feelings.

There should be a PARish COuncil just for Potters Bar. It will focus attention that feels under attack and help protect the community as a whole from over development and greedy developers who don't care about our community just money. .

Yes.

Yes. To meet needs of and give voice to residents

Yes. Same reasons as above

Yes

Yes

Yes, it would be the most appropriate method of understanding local resident's needs

There is better accountability with a Parish Council

No. See reason at Q5 above.

I do not want a parish council because it will become yet another blocking device for building houses in the area

No as per response in 4 -why create more layers. more differing views and additional cost to the residents?

No. Extra cost

NO - there are other priorities for taxpayers monies and funding local councilors is not one of them

See above answer. I do not want either a Civil Parish or a Parish Council as they will have little or no benefit to residents and are an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy.

no, answer above

No - a Parish Council will not represent the residents of that area with enough power to do anything. Do not want to pay any precept or be subject to political motivation.

No - I feel that this is a way of creating more layers of government which is not necessarily a good thing particularly when they are predominantly concerned with preventing development within the area

No.

No. As per above

No

No . This will be more costs with little improvement on the service provided by Hertsmere

Of course, there needs to be people to run the civil parish.

No - do not wish for a parish council

No unnecessary expense adding to the existing burden for little or no return

No. For the reasons stated in my answer to '4'.

no, not needed

no

No. Parish Councils are generally staffed by elderly people with nothing better to do who are only interested in their self importance. Working at a District Council i am well aware that Parish Councils think they have all the power in the world and treat council employees terribly. They in fact have almost no power and are just a group of busybodies. I see no benefit to me as a resident to being represented by such a group.

No. The Consultation does not provide any information of the submission by 'residents' of the purpose scope nor benefits of a Parish Council.

No - we don't need more layers of unnecessary governance or costs in our community

No I do not believe a Parish Council would assist the area

NO, as above

With the cost of living crisis and the exorbitant Council Tax, any more Parish Council would increase our Council Tax which is most unwelcome

No, as stated above, due to the rise in council tax this will cause.

I think that a Civil Parish is entirely pointless.

No, please see above for reasons

You stated in your leaflet that there would be an additional charge on council tax bill.

No for the same reason to question 4

No not needed or wanted

No

Unsure

More management from councillors to improve community facilities.

No - see reason above

no do not see any need

No. See above.

No see above.

No

Limited Powers to stop over development

No - extra cost

No. It will create an unnecessary additional tier of governance at unwelcome expense. In addition, experience suggests that it will be difficult to recruit councillors once those with the enthusiasm to seek the creation of a parish council no longer wish to serve.

No. I don't see the need for an additional layer of local government, especially if it will increase my council tax to pay for it.

I feel there is a need for a specific body to represent the interests of Potters Bar residents. With the proposed council changes this will be diluted within the current structure.

No, same reason as above.

A strong NO. I think this is just another unnecessary layer of government which will cost more money. I don't believe that the relatively small budgets available will be spent wisely in a data/strategic led manner and will be fretted away on small schemes/projects that will be promoted by a very small minority of people and will have minimal benefits

No. We need no additional bureaucracy's (or cost) in our local area

No, it is another tier of government needing more taxation.

No

again, no this is not needed

No, Council Tax is too high.

No - as answer above

No not necessary to have parish council

This is another example of an irrelevant waste of money.

No. Increased Council Tax to be paid by residents for activities which should be being covered already. NNo guarantee there will be more input for the community or action taken.

No, a parish council will be more expensive. Council Tax already high.

No as above

NO - see 10

Yes

No. Why develop top heavy tiers of governance?

No there is no need for a parish council

No - same reason as Qu 4

No - because of difficulties in maintaining service standards and risk community isolation from the County.

Absolutely not, the reasons are as above.

No

No, dont want more red tape or increases to council tax

No - unnecessary and costly.

A Civil Parish should not be created because it will add a financial burden to a system that has always worked for Potters Bar for decades.

N/A

Yes

No. Potters Bar has many active community /voluntary organisations which bring people together in their chosen activities and create community spirit. A parish Council would inevitably diminish that community spirit by being seen as the official organisation taking over responsibility for everything. In addition it inevitably it would become another tier of Party political politics with political parties dominating, destroying community cohesion.

No I believe we have enough levels of governance in potters bar/hertsmere

not at all the hertsmere area covers this. its only going to complicate matters and also inflict more civil (right word) servants on us, : end result never any good come of it. you only have to look at the recent go ahead given to unbelievably poor decisions regarding the dreadful plans.

No - As above plus we have elected councillors

No, I don't agree with another level of bureaucracy being and having to be funded

No, as before, I am concerned about the political leanings of people who may want to be on the council. I would not want monies going towards flags that could be divisive.

No. Same as before. Why do we need one at extra expense.

Yes, otherwise the Civil Parish seems to be headless.

No. I am strongly against further layer of government as they lead to added costs but no added value for the residents.

No, unnecessary, costly, and of no benefit.

No, I don't feel confident that a Parish Council here would reflect my views and concerns

Yes. Potters Bar and its residents need to be represented in the same way that Hertsmere, Aldenham, Elstree and Borehamwood, Shenley, south mimms and ridge are. We need local elected councillors supporting our towns needs.

NO

No, Councilors would only be interested in promoting / backing items on the agenda to promote gains in government or local polling

Yes. It would be useful to have local people on the Council without layers of beurocracy in the borough council (Hertsmere Council)

Yes. A conduit through which issues can be raised with the council.

Yes. For effective governance of local issues in the Potters Bar area

Yes, provided they are representative of the town's demographic and have an expansive but protective focus.

Yes. We need more representation.

Yes, to be democratic.

Yes, better representation for the local area.

Yes the more say potters bar has the better

Local represenatation

Yes because because it will enhance local representation and community identity

Yes- to ensure the needs of Potters Bars' community are not ignored or overlooked

Yes, same reasons above

Yes. Local matters for local people to decide.

Yes,Why not as Borehamwood, South Mimms and Estree have Civil Parish

Yes

Yes, a Parish Council would be necessary to address local issues and communicate with other relevant bodies

Yes I believe a Parish Council should be created in Potters Bat. Too often decisions are taken in Hertsmere that are detrimental to Potter Bar

Yes. The specific needs and views of Potters Bar residents are otherwise easily ignored or discounted.

Yes. Because it would be foolish to have a Civil Parish without a Parish Council!

Yes

Yes

Not necessarily

yes see reply above

Yes, I feel that a Parish Council should be created without delay following the creation of a Civil Parish. This would provide Potters Bar with greater autonomy and a formal, democratic voice over its immediate affairs - something that is sorely lacking at the present time.

Yes

Yes

Yes, for local responsibility and accountability

Yes, have a say over changes in PB

We need to know who is representing our views of the local area and their opinions.

Yes. A council would be needed in order to help with decision making and creating priorities.

Yes. Local people will protect the area.

Yes

Yes, this would give residents of PB more of a say in local matters that affect us all

Yes. Its good to have a governing body to decide on issues.

To enable Potters Bar residents to have more of a say in what happens in Potters Bar, especially as local government transitions to unitary authorities.

Yes

With the reorganisation of local government taking it less local than having a local council for local matters will be important

I am strongly in favour of local views being represented within a Parish Council

Yes

Yes as a parish council would have more opportunities to make a real difference.

Yes, it would hopefully bring a voice to the residents

Yes - locals need a greater say in our own town

Whatever is created it has to be for the GOOD of this town.

Yes. The local community must be represented at ground level by fellow towns people

Yes, it will be of benefit to people in the town, providing local influence on matters of interest.

Yes, so as to allow for local accountability and a focus for the local community

Yes, more things will be achieved for residents of Potters Bar.

Yes

Yes, to give more control and better local decisions

Yes to enable all local residents to be democratically involved in future development in the area

Direct voice for local community, boost to local identity.

Yes. Improvement in our local community

Yes, to hold the appalling existing Labour Hertsmere Borough Council to account

No not necessarily, the community can action and come together themselves

Yes - so that a group of people who care about local issues can run it

Yes - forums should be open and transparent

To help with maintaining things that the council do not

Yes

ok

Yes, a Parish Council is required to control the various activities which the precept will finance

Yes, it would make it more accessible for people to raise their concerns and help manage problems in the town

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes. If people are elected, there is a greater sense of responsibility.

See answer 4 above. It's no good having another tier of bureaucracy, costing money, for no positive reason

Yes, see previous explanation

I think it would provide residents with more input about what is happening in Potters Bar.

Yes

As I understand it, I believe that the whole of Potters Bar should have the same civic rights and therefore believe that the area I live in should also come under a Parish Council.

YES

Yes so residents can have their say

Dont know enough about all of this

YES

A Parish council for Potters Bar would be able to address the specific issues and concerns of the Potters Bar residents and community in a way the broader remit of the Hertsmere Borough Council simply cannot.

Yes to Parish Council to represent our views and create community events

Yes more say for local people

Yes. Because they would or should be in touch with what the majority of local residents feel are the most responsible ways of managing our civil parish area.

Yes. Same as above

Yes. To give a more co-ordinated approach and voice to very local issues.

Yes, to administer it and identify and act on priorities

Yes, so as to achieve things not covered by Hertsmere council.m

Yes a Parish Council should be created with people who live locally and have the best interests of the town and its residents as their driver.

Yes. Agin, more control and input from people who actually live and experience the day to day life.

Yes. I believe a Civil Parish should be created within Potters Bar because it would give local residents a stronger voice in decisions that directly affect their community. A parish council could focus on local priorities such as maintaining public spaces, supporting community initiatives, and improving communication between residents and higher levels of government. This more localised form of governance can help ensure that the specific needs and character of Potters Bar are better represented and preserved. I would also like clarity on who would be responsible for grass verges in Potters Bar. For many years, residents have faced ongoing issues with vehicles parking on grass verges, causing damage and frustration. Responsibility appears unclear, with Hertfordshire and Enfield authorities directing residents back and forth, along with highways, without any clear resolution. In over 16 years, no single body has taken ownership of this issue. If a Civil Parish is created, it is important that responsibilities like these are clearly defined so that problems can be properly addressed rather than passed between authorities.

To best deal with local issues

Yes The Parish would have known representatives whom we would expect to be enthusiastic

Yes. Because of the need to bring control of what happens in and around Potters Bar to the people who live here.

Yes to give people more say and hopefully get things done quicker

Yes

Yes, I feel it will benefit the area

YES

Yes

Yes, so local issues can be effectively managed and local residents have a voice.

Yes The more people are involved the better

Yes, a body responsible for local areas and events controlled by locally elected people sounds like a great idea

Provided the local parishioners are also invited to meetings

Yes

Yes local people should be making local decisions

Yes – if a civil parish is created, a Parish Council should also be established. A parish council provides the governance structure needed to represent local residents, manage community services, and make decisions on local issues. Without a parish council, the civil parish would have limited ability to act effectively or influence matters that directly affect the community.

A Parish Council should be created as it will be the voice of the community on local issues.

Yes to represent Potters Bar

Yes for the same above reasons i have already given,

Yes

Yes. The other towns in Hertsmere have parish councils so I think Potters Bar should have one.

Undoubtedly. Perhaps the current rampant growth in CMO's might be controlled more effectively.

Yes, will have the interests of residents

Yes, so local people with keen interest in the town have a say.

Yes. Because we hopefully would have more control of what goes on in our own community.

I prefer the title of Potters Bar Town Council

Probably a good idea. They could decide what directions the civil parish goes in.

Yes, it would be more efficient and effective for the local Parish Council to raise and manage local issues.

Yes – a Parish Council should be created as it would provide proper structure and accountability, giving local residents representation and ensuring local issues, services and community matters are managed effectively.

Again it's about local people having a say about local issues

I believe a Parish Council should make decisions concerning the town rather than a Council which covers a larger area and doesn't appreciate the local problems

Yes

I want a route in to express concerns about issues to local government.

Yes

Yes, good for the town and development

Yes as above. We are at south-eastern end of Hertsmere and the proposed reorganisation of Local Govt to likely combine Hertsmere with Watford and Three Rivers, will leave us even more on the outskirts than we are now. Links to those two areas are very weak

We need local representation

Yes - to represent the local community, listening to their views, deliver services, and improve quality of life of residents.

The elected Parish Councillors will have the authority to make decisions on behalf of the parish, particularly planning which is currently a bone of contention within Potters Bar, due to the proliferation of HMOs and the potential loss of precious green belt land. in

With the current political landscape looking uncertain and the potential for devolution being incorporated it feels like a good time to try to gain more control locally on decisions that impact the residents.

Yes. To help deal with local matters.

Yes to represent Potters Bar, it's overlooked by Hertsmere, Borehamwood is the priority

I feel a Parish Council should be created as that issues related to Potters Bar can be dealt with by local representatives

Yes. To better represent local priorities and needs

This would bring an interest and responsibility in being part of their local community. This would also allow the parish council to encourage the Parish Council to take part in promoting local services and amenities.

Yes to offer more voice to local residents as this is not happening under the current system. The elected members of local government are not implementing an article 4 as is the wish of the Potters Bar residents.

Yes, better to have it elected

The council would be elected from local residents and would be able to better represent the town.

It would speak up on behalf of Potters Bar residents

Yes of course, a council we vote for and are responsible for Potters Bar

We will have closer ties to the Management of the area

Yes, this too would give the people of the town more control over matters that affect the area.

Yes, I do as I think views of Potters Bar residents would more likely be listened to and acted on

Yes. It seems a sensible way to provide guidance and input to the decision making.

Yes. As above

Yes. The influence of a Parish Council will help guide decisions that protect local neighbourhoods and strengthen residential pride in their close community. Those elected on to the Council would

be able to comment on on local planning applications and developments, a particular 'hot potato' in Potters Bar currently (HMO's).

comment strengthen residential pride in their close community. strengthen residential pride in their close community. Those serving on the Council would be in a position to comment on planning applications, giving the community

This seems the most sensible arrangement but it is not essential unless there is clear evidence or authoritative opinion that this is best

Yes, whilst we remain a smallish community an elected council would be better able to deal with the people trying to make us into a city!

Yes. It is good to be represented by a local parish council.

Yes. To facilitate that all important focus dependent upon the best way forward for local people.

Yes Potters Bar needs to be able to voice it's own opinions on local issues.

Yes as a Parish Council would listen to the views/concerns of it residents and act on their behalf.

Yes

Yes. To improve local government.

Yes, see response to question 4.

yes

Yes, to oversee it

A civil parish is inclusive. it is not just a parish connected to a church of england.

Yes , we need to elect a group of councillors who work for good of our community. Opposite to what Hertsmere is doing currently

YES - local residents , local observations, local solutions

Yes - if this provides more control to local residents

yes it should . Setting up a parish council gives the local community a formal voice, allowing them to manage local assets, have a say in planning decisions, and provide services that meet local needs.

I feel that it is really important to have a local parish to make local decisions. Especially with all the new developments and other changes that are going on in the town.

The answer is really the same as above but , of course, the local parish/town councillors would represent local interest and administer them as well as having more formal and informal links with Hertsmere Council. As I understand it the poison of party politics does not usually permeate parish councils with the benefit being that useful enquiries to local parish councils about borough matters that affect the parish will be met with party-disinterested response

Yes - to improve the upkeep of the area

Yes because it will deal with more day to day local matters rather than the borough councillors

Yes

It will enable local residence voices to be heard on issues within Potters Bar it will also improve amenities such as parks, library and protect the community from anti social behaviour ie: fly-tipping

Yes - local representation

Influencing planning applications, managing local projects

Yes. Local councillors are the most effective way of consulting on and representing the views of the population.

so we have a say in our town.

Yes - see above

Yes. Potters Bar needs a elected body that works in the town's best interests, with local knowledge and understanding of the needs of the community

A parish council would give our area a stronger local voice, improve accountability, and help deliver services that reflect what residents actually need. It can respond quickly to local issues and bring in funding for community projects, making the area better for everyone.

Yes again it gives us a say in community and issues

Yes, it would give us better control over our town

Yes,

this would give residents a stronger local voice, especially with the proposed move to a larger unitary authority and concerns about future development

Good to have local elected people to support the community

Yes ,because there are to many HMO that don't seem to have planning permeation or the correct certificates. Also to keen to build on green belt . To may barbershops that can't all be legally run as they don't seem to have enough customers that would cover the cost of their rates. No regulation on vape shops or so-called mini supermarkets that have food on the street.

So that local can keep up to date with any developments and have someone they can apply to concerning any local problems

Yes, in order to reduce election costs.

yes

Yes. To have local people who know the area to talk to about any issues.

A civic parish would have more say in improving services and facilities.

Yes to provide a voice for electors

Yes local people for local issues

Yes improve local amenities

we need more automony in our area

Again, I feel deprived by not being included in the area of Potters Bar Parish Council so would welcome such a creation

Yes

It would help create a sense of a place with an identity

Yes. It would be good to have representation and people the residents can contact re town issues

Yes

Yes

A parish council hopefully will represent residents and understand the worries of residents

Yes, because this can be different from the national government and their policies

A Parish Council should be created. Without a Parish Council, who would represents the views of the civil parish to the higher tiers of local government?

Yes see above

Yes we are a town of over 26000 and need to vote in our representatives

Yes. There needs to be responsibility for the management

Yes for the good of the residents of Potters Bar

Yes, I would like another voice for us (community) to hold on to what we have at the minute.

Would be a good place to the community

Yes as the Civil Parish will require governing and links to the higher rated council areas and also need councillors

Would have more say in what happens in porters bars

Yes we need a parish council , feel Potters Bar is forgotten.

Yes, as above

No. It will have very limited powers, particularly with planning matters, and will put an extra charge on the Council Tax which many may not be able to afford

No. Experience has shown that a Parish Council has no real power, only talking about matters.

Why should we pay more on our Council Tax for this?

Let people of potters bar make & control decisions for the good of potters bar.

Yes. It makes sense to have local people discussing local situations.

Potters Bar is hardly connected to the remainder of Hertsmere and needs its "own voice." Parish Councils provide a base from which District & County Councillors can get into politics. PB residents don't feel allegiance to Hertsmere, but to Potters Bar. Local coordination of voluntary groups and activities would raise quality of life. and MPs. A Potters Bar "voice" on planning issues would emerge.

It is important to have named individuals to whom residents can address a query.

With the imminent change to a Unitary authority, it is imperative that local views are able to be heard and representatives in the form of Councillors are able to exercise the powers of a Parish Council.

Yes, to better respond to local needs, organise civic events and related matters, collective representation

Yes, to ensure local representation

Yes - to ensure representation

Yes

Yes to have elected representatives

Yes. deal sensitively with local issues

Yes, we need local representation with some powers.

Yes, since local issues could be resolved much more effectively, and large community projects could be organised easily.

Because it would have people that live in Potters Bar, that love Potters Bar and that don't want to see Potters Bar being destroyed.

Yes. It brings local government to the local level

Yes, we need local people to represent the best interests of our town

Yes

Yes - to ensure democratic approach in dealing with local issues

Yes, to give local voices a greater say in what happens in our local area

To support the community

Yes

Yes definitely. We need someone to speak for Potters Bar in the wider council.

Yes, improved local control, we need more control from local people.

Yes, we have significant challenges here including the loss of greenbelt to development and a busy junction with the National Motorway network attracting in large multi national businesses.

Yes

Probably

Yes, we need representation in the wider council

Yes To have local people responsible

Yes

YES. To reverse the neglect that is seeping in to Potters Bar.

Yes if the parish council are able to organise more community events and activities

If a Civil Parish is created, Potters Bar should have a Parish Council so residents have a dedicated, local democratic body focused solely on our town's needs. A Parish Council would give the community stronger representation, more accountability, and the ability to prioritise local issues like planning, amenities, and neighbourhood character—something the borough structure alone cannot provide

A Parish council would give a voice to the people of Potters Bar and enable local issues to be heard

I feel a Parish Council would better represent the residents' feelings.

I think a Parish Council acting as a Town Council would be the best way forward for Potters Bar to reflect the wishes and plans of the residents of the area and to curtail the directives from central government.

Yes. A Parish Council would give a voice to the residents

Yes - reasons are in answer 4 above answer

The parish council should also exist to help community representation

Yes. It gives more authority to the local inhabitants who know what changes and events might be useful.

Yes, as above

Yes because it's good for community

Yes, local councillors that live in the area and can represent residents on issues relating to the town

Yes. All current decisions are made in Borehamwood for Potters Bar.

Yes, it's important

Yes

Yes because it would help to provide targeted support for the local area.

Yes see above

Yes, it will improve implementation of future improvements and problem solving in Potters Bar.

There are lot of local issues such as illegal dumping of rubbish and potholes that need addressing

Yes, for better community support

Yes, as we would need councillors to manage the parish area

yes i believe a parish council should be created to better serve the specific needs of potters bar.

Will hopefully lead to creation of Neighbourhood Development Plan

Yes, more local control

I feel a Parish Council would benefit Potters Bar by giving a more specific focus to local problems

Yes

Yes, I believe Potters Bar should have a parish council, so it has a voice on important matters that affect day to day life.

Will 1) ensure action, activities etc; 2) define roles and responsibilities etc; and 3) provide accountability.

People of the town can have a better way of saying what they want through a more localised council.

Yes, if a Civil Parish is created, a Parish Council should also be established. A parish without a council would have limited ability to act, whereas a council provides a formal structure to represent residents, manage local services, and allocate funding effectively.

Above all else and taking into account the population of Potters Bar, a Parish Council is required as opposed to a Civil Parish.

Because local people have better input on current issues

Yes

A directly elected parish council should be formed to both represent and also be accountable to the residents of the town

Yes. Otherwise who will actually administer the civil parish? What is the point of creating it with no leadership?

It will give residents a direct voice in local affairs, and thus a better chance of our community needs being met. We would have a chance to air our preferences. Amenities should improve with a civil parish and would attract funding that could boost the local economy which larger councils do not qualify for.

Yes - Without a Parish Council the creation of a Civil Parish is limited in what it can do for the residents of Potters Bar

Yes, Establishing a parish or town council can significantly benefit a community by enhancing local representation, improving services, and fostering development. Parish and town councils provide residents with a direct voice in local affairs, ensuring their needs are met and preferences

addressed. They also manage and improve amenities like parks and community centres, drive tailored community projects, and attract funding that boosts the local economy.

Yes so that local voice can be better heard, local events/things organised like Christmas lights, play/open areas managed for the community

A Parish Council should be created

Yes

Yes, because a parish council would provide the structure needed to turn local voices into action. It would create a direct, accessible layer of representation focused specifically on Potters Bar, improving communication, transparency, and accountability. Parish councils can also support practical improvements by organising community initiatives, maintaining local spaces, and accessing funding that may not otherwise be available at borough level. This would help deliver visible, positive changes while keeping decision-making closely connected to residents.

Yes. Be good to have Potters Bar interests looked after

Definitely as it would create a far better sense of community and hopefully residents would have more say in what happens in Potters Bar

Yes. Parish councils would help to bridge the gap in the community, between the young and the old and hopefully generate a much needed dose of happiness to the area.

Yes. A Parish Council is required to provide a voice for Potters Bar residents at a time when Hertsmere Council based as it is in Borehamwood seems increasingly remote. The impending local government reorganisation is likely to result in a larger local council with a civic centre even further removed.

A Parish Council required to improve representation for the individual with the Borough Council getting larger

Yes as I think the local community would be more involved with a parish council

es, I believe a Parish Council should be created if a Civil Parish is established in Potters Bar. A parish council is essential to ensure that the civil parish is properly represented and managed. Without an elected council, there would be limited structure to act on local priorities or to engage effectively with residents. An elected parish council would provide accountability, transparency, and a clear channel for residents' voices to be heard on matters such as planning, local facilities, and community wellbeing. It would also enable more proactive management of local initiatives and improvements that directly benefit the community. Overall, the creation of a parish council would ensure that the civil parish functions effectively and delivers meaningful value to residents.

Yes, I believe a Parish Council would give Potters Bar a greater voice within Hertsmere, Hertfordshire and any new local authority.

Yes, relevant decisions for local area

Yes, There seems very little point in having a Civil Parish, without having a council to represent it.

Yes as it would provide a direct voice for local communities, influencing planning, managing amenities like parks and street lighting, and boosting local quality of life. It would represent local interests to higher authorities, offer funding for community projects, and provide services tailored to locals

Yes answers as above.

Yes, Parish Council Should be created. The reason is simple, the residents of Potters Bar hill have a meaningful say in Local matters.

Yes, I think a Parish Council should be created because it would give local people proper representation and allow decisions to be made by people who understand the needs of Potters Bar. yes to give our local community a voice once a larger Unitary Authority is in place

Yes we need to be in keeping with all of the other local towns.

Yes - to make decisions that impact the local area better

Yes. Local residents would have more control over local issues

Yes as above

Yes for the reasons previously given.

Yes to control how the money is spent.

Yes, so decisions can be made at a local level in the interest of the local population

Yes, to allow decisions about the area to be made locally

Yes ..So local residents have a say on what's to happen in the area they live

Yes. Local people can be elected.

Yes - Helps build healthier and a stronger community

Give more control to local people for local issues

Yes.

Would be good for the people of Potters Bar

I am happy to pay extra in my council tax to ensure local governance on issues. I have a young family and want Potters Bar to flourish for the next generation.

Yes, like the surrounding boroughs it's important to have residents opinions I. Support the community I general.

It would be very helpful for residents of Potters Bar.

Yes

So that there as an opportunity to elect local councillors as and when required.

Yes, as I feel those who are representing Potters Bar will act on its best interests.

Yes, but same reason as above

Councillors usually live in the community, so they understand local concerns better than larger district or county authorities. Residents have easier access to decision-makers. Improved Community Services, Parish councils can manage or support: Parks and playgrounds, Community halls ,Allotments, Public benches, bins, and lighting * Local events and festivals 3. Stronger Voice in Planning. They are consulted on local planning applications. They can influence development decisions and neighbourhood plans.

Absolutely yes! Or even a town council. Potters Bar is a unique community and we need local representation to represent local views. I recognise this is limited but it would still give us a formal voice and means to ensure our local community is heard! This is especially important when we go into larger unitary authorities when already potters Bar needs have been completed overlooked and the wrong decision made!! Potters Bar cannot be adequately represented in SW Herts!!!! We NEED a parish or town council.

Yes Potters Bar needs local representation to have its views heard. This has been sadly missing for many years

Yes to provide local impartial security for potters bar going forward

Yes

As Above answer

By having a Parish Council we would have local people who understand the area managing the Parish

Yes

Yes, definitely. I am not sure what the point would be without a parish council to represent us.

There need to be elected individuals who will represent and be accountable to the town's residents.

Yes. We will require Parish Council to undertake the leadership of the Civil Parish, communicate with the citizens and ensure that things are done effectively.

Yes, a Parish Council should be created, it will be able to put the views of local residents on issues in the area.

Yes to bring back power to the residents

Yes because it would help the community of potters bar

Yes, as an elected body of local councillors would be responsible for its management.

Yes, a Parish Council should be created to represent the local residents in various local matters

Yes

Feel parish council is better for potters bar

Yes.

yes, so that there is more accountability at a very local level

Yes, to overlook the civil parish.

Yes - it also serves the subsidiarity principle.

Yes, because of the proposed reorganisation and the fact that Potters Bar is the only area of Hertsmere without this level of representation.

Yes. Representatives are needed to raise issues concerning Potters Bar.

Yes, I believe a Parish Council should be created. Again, a Parish Council would provide better local representation and a focused voice for the residents of Potters Bar. A Parish Council would also have the ability to provide an enhanced community focus, looking after playgrounds, allotments and lead on organising community events.

Yes a Parish council should be created as it would give the residents of Potters Bar local presentation, have a say in local planning applications etc ,as well as take care of parks and represent the people of Potters Bar views and hopes for the area.

Yes Please see my answer to the previous question

Yes

Yes, so local people have a say in who the councillors are.

Yes. No point in having a Civil Parish the size of Potters Bar without administrative functions.

Yes. Would better represent my communities' aspirations and views and could organise events for our community

N/A

The stresses referred to above will be better managed by a town council (however named). It will also be good to have more local say in use of the considerable CILs which will accrue.

Yes a Parish council should be created as Potters Bar has enough residents and area which means it will need an official body with clearly defined vision and goals. To develop Potters Bar in the next 5 years, a plan, budget and timeline will be essential.

YES. I want a local body that can act in Potters Bar interests, in future local government and support the local organisations. We are a distinctive area.

We need local people to decide on the area we live in

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes. It makes it very clear from the outset that there are individuals who are responsible and accountable for specific decisions, and ensures that due processes around managing communication, consultation and feedback are carried out professionally and comprehensively.

If it helps to get the concerns of the residents of Potters Bar, yes

Yes

yes

Yes, more local representation

Definitely. Last year's Christmas lights fiasco showed that due diligence had not been conducted prior to the 'big switch on' event and whilst this was a great idea in principle it was spoiled by the lack of communication with the previous administration on location of power points, ability of the new hardware to work with what was already available etc. We need a local team to truly work for the benefit of local residents.al

yes. a civil council will be better able to understand, and respond, to local issues affecting the community.

Yes, to get the decision making process focused on the people of Potters Bar, and not just thinking about the whole of Hertsmere.

Yes each area needs to be individually represented

Yes, greater voice and control to PB residents, especially with LGR

yes definitely, as different areas have different needs

Yes. We need to elect people who want to help our parish and not push things onto us.

I know potters bar is very neglected , such as reliable bus services road maintenance and difficult get around and generally not very well maintained by Hertfordshire county council

Yes for the same reason as above

YES - Potters Bar is completely ignored by Hertsmere, we need a more local council.

Yes. Means local problems would be looked at. Hopefully.

of course ! when we have a parish , it makes sense to run it via a council .

Yes

YES - Potters Bar feels as if it has been left out evidencing some of Hertsmere's planning decision and introduction of safeguards.

Yes. If a Civil Parish is created, a Parish Council should also be established, because it provides the democratic structure needed to make decisions, manage the parish precept, and ensure local priorities in Potters Bar are properly represented.

We need to protect as large an area as we can

Not sure as we don't know what a local parish would undertake in their responsibilities

Yes I do, that way we can manage the needs of the Town

Yes- We need representatives to be able to go to the new local authority and represent the views of Potters Bar community.

Yes

Yes

To enable people to have responsibility for what happens in their neighbourhood.

Yes I think a Parish Council should be created. My brother lives in an area with a Parish Council and they make a difference to their local community.

Yes, but I would like to see fresh (local) faces, not the usual regular counsellors.

Local decisions can be taken by the by the people affected.

Yes, a Parish Council will give a strong and required voice for Potters Bar.

YES. SAME ANSWER AS ABOVE.

Yes, so that local issues can be dealt with locally.

Yes

Yes, but even if it isn't we should definitely have a Parish Council to ensure that our views and interests are fairly represented. We feel extremely under-represented right now and we have been since Hertsmere was created and we lost Potters Bar Urban District Council in 1974.

Yes - and I feel that even if it is not, a Parish Council should be created to serve the needs of the local community, as I don't feel they are being met right now.

Yes

Yes voice for the community

Yes. This may have more power to influence wider decisions regarding Potters Bar community

Yes, as above.

Yes, to manage the issues effectively

Yes same reason

Yes. With all the impending changes, Potters Bar needs to have its own forum so that its needs are represented.

Yes. We need an official body on a permanent basis to represent us as specifically Potters Bar residents.

Yes. Local people should be involved in the provision of local facilities.

Yes, so local interests can be better represented.

No, A civil parish is sufficient to give the local views and protect the area.

Yes, as per answer 4.

Yes, residents will have more influence with local issues

Absolutely, I would like the elected councillors who are at the grass roots of what the community have concerns about, EG the HMO subject in Potters Bar where anti social behaviour is becoming a problem they know what their electorate want and need, we are fed up being neglected and the poor relation to borehamwood who seem to get priority to schemes and funding!

Yes

Yes

Yes, I would like to have local people caring for our community and the public spaces. Provided there are enough people interested in being elected.

Yes. I think Potters Bar should have a Parish Council to. Represent the wishes of the people of the town especially in light of the creation of Unitary Councils. Otherwise we will be even more overlooked than we already are.

Yes

Yes, I consider it important that a Parish Council should be created in order to give Potters Bar clear representation in any new unitary local government for Hertfordshire.

Represent views of locality

Yes, it might be beneficial.

Yes, gives opportunity for better input on local matters

Yes

Unsure, Where is the "oversight" body for governance concerns of Parish Councils? PBSIGRA corresponded with Sir Dowden's office - they checked with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government as they cant quite believe it either - it is correct no "oversight" body exusts. this is going to seriously impact Potters Bar, if we get one, when there appears to be no clear route for oversight - where procedural transparency and proper decision-making processes issues may occur. Unlike a complaint against an individual parish councillor, there is currently not an oversight route for these complaints..

Parish Council?town Council - to ensure that local democracy is retained, and that local people have a voice in their town activities and development.

Not necessarily

No, as above, why do we need so many councils, justs add red tape and extra cost

Unable to answer at this stage without being made aware of the additional costs..My council tax is high enough.

No- see answer to question 4

No. As much as I believe a parish council would benefit the interests of the local community I am terrified about more increases to my council tax to pay for it and the council tax is abhorrently high as it is and has been for far too long.

If unitary authority does not have a mechanism for considering the individual ward's views then YES

NO as above

We do not need it. It will cost more money.

No - unclear about the precise impact on council tax

No - core responsibilities currently well managed by Borough Council. New responsibilities are an unnecessary luxury

No. As above. No additional council tax, no additional layers of local govt needed, no additional cllrs required

No. No additional taxation for services that should already be provided

No, the resources should be directed to existing priorities

No do not need additional red tape or costs

no - no need, and extra costs

No. I do not believe an expansion of "government" is necessary. I do not wish to pay additional expense. I do not believe the "council" is capable of the basics, I would not want to create another echo chamber for more discussion, administration and distraction from the core business.

No, as it means increases in council tax and I don't believe parish council can influence Hertsmere council decisions on important matters as planning, as planning is a main concern for residents at the moment.

No. It is just another layer of government bureaucracy. Adds no value but we end up paying more council tax.

No. The council should be doing this and not charging residents even more money to do their job. This is ridiculous in a cost of living crisis when people are suffering, struggling and stagnating in poverty.

No, will just cost more

No, not needed

Ni

No I don't, my council tax is quite high already

No Parish Council will add another layer of bureaucracy.

Following the same line above Parish Council will add more and more bureaucracy, potential for local conflicts and unnecessary tension between neighbours..

No

NO See above

No. Refer to previous answer.

No - Waste of money

Yes. So that local people can make decisions about the local area.

No I don't as we will pay more in council taxes

No - I have familiar experience of a parish council in a part of North Yorkshire and my observation is that no value is added. Certain items go for review by the council but it effectively is just an additional bureaucratic step.

No, because it would increase the council tax and provide only marginal benefits.

I do not support the creation of a Parish Council at this time.

It is not required - would result in further charges to residents

No we do not need yet another level of local government and associated costs.

NO. I don't think that many families can afford the extra precept charged to fund a parish council. I don't think that people are aware of how much the precept will be. (average £100 a year for a band D). I don't think the cost of the precept represents value for money and I think the very few limited things a Parish Council could do are already covered by other local organisations that a free for local people.

No, council tax is already too high

NO, Again I don't wish to fund another organisation without any clear benefit. My council-tax has increased 70% (!) in the last 3 years and services remained the same. Someone would need to put forward a reasonable argument that another increase is going to benefit me in any way.

No Unnecessary cost on rates and another level of bureaucratic for a service already provided by council

No - definitely not needed - costs more and is an extra level of bureaucracy- decision making within a local authority is difficult enough without having more people involved in that process

No - due to added council tax

No, an extra tier of governance is not necessary

YES. I feel it could represent us with small issues not likely to be dealt with by the borough Council

No, I don't want more government at my cost

No

No. Reasons same as above

No. There are already lots of levels of bureaucracy with politicians getting paid to talk. We don't need any more. I am very happy for Potters Bar to be managed as part of Hertsmere (or even Hertfordshire). As well as saving money, a wider group managing the area gives a better perspective and is not so insular and nimbyish.

DO NOT AGREE TO A PARISH COUNCIL

No, because I feel that we can look after things ourselves with regards to Council arrangements. Hertsmere Borough Council maintain the parks and green spaces themselves and am happy with service already provided.

no , not needed

No. Another unnecessary level of bureaucracy that just increases the amount of council tax (that is already high) with no real benefits easily identifiable.

No. Nobody needs this.

Everything working okay as it is.

No

No. As stated above.

I do not agree with having a further layer of local government; which will entail additional cost
Unnecessary bureaucracy.

Anything that's going to cost more money on my council tax is not a bonus.

No. It appears that the powers of the council will be very limited and it will just end up costing money.

No I do not want a Parish Council to be created for Potters Bar. In my view this is an unnecessary expense. In my view it will not provide benefits for Potters Bar residents.

As above

No

No, as above not needed.

No. See reason at Q5 above.

I do not want a parish council because it will become yet another blocking device for building houses in the area

No as per response in 4 -why create more layers. more differing views and additional cost to the residents?

No. Extra cost

NO - there are other priorities for taxpayers monies and funding local councilors is not one of them
See above answer. I do not want either a Civil Parish or a Parish Council as they will have little or no benefit to residents and are an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy.

no, answer above

No - a Parish Council will not represent the residents of that area with enough power to do anything. Do not want to pay any precept or be subject to political motivation.

No - I feel that this is a way of creating more layers of government which is not necessarily a good thing particularly when they are predominantly concerned with preventing development within the area

No.

No. As per above

No

No . This will be more costs with little improvement on the service provided by Hertsmere

No - do not wish for a parish council

No unnecessary expense adding to the existing burden for little or no return

No. For the reasons stated in my answer to '4'.

no, not needed

no

No. Parish Councils are generally staffed by elderly people with nothing better to do who are only interested in their self importance. Working at a District Council i am well aware that Parish Councils think they have all the power in the world and treat council employees terribly. They in fact have almost no power and are just a group of busybodies. I see no benefit to me as a resident to being represented by such a group.

No. The Consultation does not provide any information of the submission by 'residents' of the purpose scope nor benefits of a Parish Council.

No - we don't need more layers of unnecessary governance or costs in our community

No I do not believe a Parish Council would assist the area

NO, as above

With the cost of living crisis and the exorbitant Council Tax, any more Parish Council would increase our Council Tax which is most unwelcome

No, as stated above, due to the rise in council tax this will cause.

I think that a Civil Parish is entirely pointless.

No, please see above for reasons

You stated in your leaflet that there would be an additional charge on council tax bill.

No for the same reason to question 4

No not needed or wanted

No

More management from councillors to improve community facilities.

No - see reason above

no do not see any need

No. See above.

No see above.

No

Limited Powers to stop over development

No - extra cost

No. It will create an unnecessary additional tier of governance at unwelcome expense. In addition, experience suggests that it will be difficult to recruit councillors once those with the enthusiasm to seek the creation of a parish council no longer wish to serve.

No. I don't see the need for an additional layer of local government, especially if it will increase my council tax to pay for it.

I feel there is a need for a specific body to represent the interests of Potters Bar residents. With the proposed council changes this will be diluted within the current structure.

No, same reason as above.

A strong NO. I think this is just another unnecessary layer of government which will cost more money. I don't believe that the relatively small budgets available will be spent wisely in a data/strategic led manner and will be fretted away on small schemes/projects that will be promoted by a very small minority of people and will have minimal benefits

No. We need no additional bureaucracy's (or cost) in our local area

No, it is another tier of government needing more taxation.

No

again, no this is not needed

No, Council Tax is too high.

No - as answer above

No not necessary to have parish council

This is another example of an irrelevant waste of money.

No. Increased Council Tax to be paid by residents for activities which should be being covered already. No guarantee there will be more input for the community or action taken.

No, a parish council will be more expensive. Council Tax already high.

No as above

NO - see 10

No. Why develop top heavy tiers of governance?

No there is no need for a parish council

No - same reason as Qu 4

No - because of difficulties in maintaining service standards and risk community isolation from the County.

Absolutely not, the reasons are as above.

No

No, dont want more red tape or increases to council tax

No - unnecessary and costly.

A Civil Parish should not be created because it will add a financial burden to a system that has always worked for Potters Bar for decades.

N/A

Yes

No. Potters Bar has many active community /voluntary organisations which bring people together in their chosen activities and create community spirit. A parish Council would inevitably diminish that community spirit by being seen as the official organisation taking over responsibility for everything. In addition it inevitably it would become another tier of Party political politics with political parties dominating, destroying community cohesion.

No I believe we have enough levels of governance in potters bar/hertsmere

not at all the hertsmere area covers this. its only going to complicate matters and also inflict more civil (right word) servants on us, : end result never any good come of it. you only have to look at the recent go ahead given to unbelievably poor decisions regarding the dreadful plans.

No - As above plus we have elected councillors

No, I don't agree with another level of bureaucracy being and having to be funded

No, as before, I am concerned about the political leanings of people who may want to be on the council. I would not want monies going towards flags that could be divisive.

No. Same as before. Why do we need one at extra expense.

Yes, otherwise the Civil Parish seems to be headless.

No. I am strongly against further layer of government as they lead to added costs but no added value for the residents.

No, unnecessary, costly, and of no benefit.

No, I don't feel confident that a Parish Council here would reflect my views and concerns

No. Will lead to an increase in council tax (it's high enough already!) and Parish Councils have limited power to bring about change

No. As stated in No 4.

No

No - need more information

No proven need for such new layers of local government in Potters Bar

If a civil parish were created, then yes, it should have a parish council to ensure democratic accountability. But a Parish Council would not be needed if there is no civil parish.

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I understand the intention behind creating a Parish Council to strengthen local representation. However, I have some concerns based on my experience of existing arrangements. Residents already contribute additional funding in areas such as policing, yet the tangible benefits of this are not always clear. I am therefore cautious about introducing a further precept without a clear and measurable improvement in outcomes. In addition, I have raised concerns locally regarding HMO-related issues, which remain unresolved. As I understand it, these matters sit with the Borough Council, and it is not clear that the creation of a Parish Council would provide any meaningful enforcement capability or lead to faster resolution. Before supporting the creation of a Parish Council, I would need to see clearer evidence of how it would deliver tangible improvements, avoid duplication, and provide better accountability than the current structure.

I'm not sure. I think it might be useful to have a locally elected body who can represent the views of residents to local government but I am concerned about corruption of officials keen to spend CIL payments in their own areas and also worried that a Civil Parish will have more responsibility but less power and finance to enact its responsibilities - leading to a decline in amenities and services.

Yes and No! Yes because it may allow residents to feel more involved, and no because it will cost and will have very limited powers, if any

Don't know, need more information

Support the idea in principle but wait to see final proposal. The timing of the review is unfortunate. The results of the LGR will be published next month: if Hertsmere and WelwynHatfield end up in the same unitary authority it would make sense for the Town Council to cover Little Heath (part of WH) as well. We suggest the second phase of the consultation should be deferred.