

Potters Bar Community Governance Review

Second Consultation Response Form

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Your Details

1. Please provide your full name:

2. Tell us how you are connected to Potters Bar (tick all that apply):

- ☐ Resident of Potters Bar
- ☐ Work or own a business in Potters Bar
- ☐ Member of a local community group within Potters Bar
- ☐ Local Councillor
- ☐ Other: _____

Proposal 1: Warding Arrangements

Where a parish council is created, it may be divided into parish wards. 'Warding' may be appropriate where it supports effective and convenient local governance, ensures a fair distribution of representation, enables councillors to focus on defined local areas, reflects patterns of community identity, or assists in balancing the ratio of electors to councillors. It also means that if a vacancy arises in a ward, for example, due to the resignation of a councillor and an election is called, the by-election that will take place to fill the vacancy will involve only the electors of the ward in which the vacancy arose. This will be significantly less expensive than if the parish council was not divided into wards because in that case, every elector in the Potters Bar parish would be eligible to vote in the by-election and the larger the election, the greater the cost to the public purse and ultimately to local residents.

Potters Bar is currently divided into eleven polling districts (listed below) across four wards. It is the Council's proposal to create use the polling district boundaries as a template for the parish wards in Potters Bar. These arrangements will assist in ensuring that when borough council and parish council elections occur on the same day that of electors will be able to vote in both elections at the same polling station.

Borough Ward	Polling District	Electorate (as of 01/06/26)
Potters Bar Furze field	MIMMS HALL	2722
	CRANBORNE	678
	WYLLYOTTS	912
Potters Bar Park field	LITTLE HEATH	2608
	THE WALK	1130
Bentley Heath & The Royds	ELMFIELD	1726
	SUNNYBANK	1471
	WROTHAM PARK	1247
Potters Bar Oak mere	THE CAUSEWAY	1215
	OAKMERE WEST	1116
	OAKMERE EAST	1955

3. Do you agree that the parish council for Potters Bar should be divided into eleven parish wards as described above?

☐ Yes ☐ No

4. If you answered No, do you have any other proposals?

Proposal 2: Number of Councillors

A parish council by law must have a minimum of five councillors. The Council is proposing that councillor representation should align with the existing Hertsmere Borough Council polling districts/proposed parish wards (see proposal one). This would mean that one Councillor would be elected from each of the eleven areas.

5. Do you agree with the proposed number of councillors?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6. If you answered No, please state the number of councillors you consider appropriate for Potters Bar and provide your reasons.

7. Do you agree with the proposed division of councillors?

☐ Yes ☐ No

8. If you answered No, do you have any alternative proposals? Please provide reasons for your response.

Parish Precept and Funding Arrangements

9. Do you have any comments on the parish precept and funding arrangements?

Wider Impact and Additional Comments

10. In relation to the proposals set out above, please explain how you consider they may affect you, your neighbourhood or the area as a whole.

11. Please provide any further comments you wish to submit as part of this consultation.
