

**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, 8 JUNE 2026**

## **ADDITIONAL PAPERS**

## **CONTENTS**

<b>Item</b>		<b>Pages</b>
10.	<b>COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
	Community Governance Review - Draft Recommendations Council Report	3 - 88
	Appendix A - Consultation Summaries	
	Appendix B - Consultation Responses	
	Appendix C - Unparished Areas of Coalville with Bardon Parish Meeting	
	Appendix D - Coalville Parish and Bardon Parish	
	Appendix E - Thringstone Plan	
	Appendix F - Thringstone included in Whitwick PC	
	Appendix G - Ashby/Packington/Measham	
	Appendix H - Ashby Town/Ashby Woulds	
	Appendix I - ODA PC/Ashby Woulds Plan	
12.	<b>APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES</b>	
	Additional Paper	89 - 90

<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Councillor Nick Rushton Infrastructure Portfolio Holder	
<b>Background Papers</b>	<a href="#">Guidance on community governance reviews</a>  <a href="#">Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007</a>  <a href="#">Council Report – Terms of Reference</a>	<b>Public Report:</b> Yes
<b>Financial Implications</b>	<p>To date an estimated £4,000 has been spent on Stage 1 of the public consultation process managed out of existing budgets. It is estimated that a further £4,000, if the decision is taken to proceed to Stage 2 of the consultation process for all affected areas.</p> <p>The existing budget is sufficient to cover the £8,000 cost. Any additional expenditure arising from the consultation will be approved in accordance with the Constitution.</p>	
<b>Legal Implications</b>	<p>The Council has responsibility for conducting community governance reviews under the Local Government and Public involvement in Health Act 2007. A review is either commenced as a consequence of a valid petition or application being made or by the Council choosing to conduct such a review where it considers it necessary to make recommendations in relation to parished and unparished areas. The legislation and government guidance set out how such reviews should be conducted and these are considered when conducting all stages of this review.</p>	
<b>Staffing and Corporate Implications</b>	<p>Offices have taken the decision to outsource some of the work connected to Stage 1 analysis and progression to Stage 2 consultation to an experienced local government consultant, provided by the Association of Electoral Administrators (AEA). The cost of this is included in the estimate noted above.</p>	
	<b>Signed off by the Head of Paid Service:</b> Yes	

<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To advise members of the outcome of the first stage consultation of the Community Governance Review, to present the draft recommendations and to seek a decision on progression of the public consultation to Stage 2.
<b>Recommendations</b>	<p><b>1. THAT THE PROPOSALS SET OUT IN SECTION 3 BE ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL AS DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW.</b></p> <p><b>2. THAT THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS BE PUBLISHED FOR CONSULTATION PURPOSES FROM 1 JULY 2026 TO 13 SEPTEMBER 2026 INCLUSIVE.</b></p> <p><b>3. THAT THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION BE REPORTED TO FULL COUNCIL ON 16 NOVEMBER 2026.</b></p>

## 1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (the Act), the Council has responsibility for undertaking community governance reviews and deciding on recommendations made in relation to those reviews. A Community Governance Review (CGR) is a legal process whereby the Council will consult those living in the area and other interested parties on the most suitable way of representing people in the areas identified by the review. This means making sure that those living in the area and other interested groups, have a say in how their local communities are represented. The CGR process should consider changes in population or other specific local issues.
- 1.2 Government guidance states that it is good practice to conduct a full CGR at least every 10 to 15 years. As it is unclear as to when the last CGR was carried out for North West Leicestershire, Council agreed to review the current arrangements, along with the possibility of creating parish councils for the unparished areas of the district, to ensure that the electoral arrangements of parishes (the warding arrangements and the allocations of councillors) are appropriate, equitable and understood by their electorate.
- 1.3 The English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 and subsequent implementation have wide ranging implications for local government and its reorganisation. Consequently, there is a desire to review local arrangements – particularly the current unparished areas of North West Leicestershire and other parishes that have recently requested that their areas be reviewed.
- 1.4 As a result, on Tuesday 20 June 2023, Council resolved to undertake a Community Governance Review. However, it was also agreed that no such review would commence until the completion on the Local Government Boundary Commission of England’s (LGBCE) electoral review of North West Leicestershire, provided that it started no later than November 2025. Since then, the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 was issued with wide ranging implications for local government and its reorganisation. Following this, the Council was advised that the recommendations of the LGBCE would not be implemented.
- 1.5 Accordingly, on Tuesday, 4 November 2025 Council resolved to undertake a CGR of four areas within the Council boundaries, including the unparished areas of Coalville and Thringstone.

- 1.6 Prior to the commencement of the CGR Council had also received a request that the following areas be reviewed from Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council:
- the boundary between the parishes of Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Packington.
  - both the number of Town Councillors and their distribution among the current seven wards and any new wards, should they be recommended, of the parish.
  - name of the parish of Ashby-de-la-Zouch to include Blackfordby.
- 1.7 A request was also received from Ibstock Parish Council, that residents be consulted on the boundary of the Parish, with particular reference to the ward of Ellistown and Battram.
- 1.8 To accommodate these potential changes, the Terms of Reference also allowed for the CGR to include all the existing Town and Parish Councils which border any of the four areas under review, as adjustments to their boundaries or electoral arrangements may be required.

## **2.0 CONSULTATION**

- 2.1 The first stage of consultation was carried out between 15 December 2025 and 7 February 2026 and invited electors, residents and other interested persons to put forward their views in relation to the four areas noted above, and, indeed to any other part of the Council area.
- 2.2 A detailed analysis of the results of the consultation is shown in Appendix A to this report, and are summarised as follows:
- For the Coalville area a total of 153 responses were received, with 123 (80.4%) in favour of the establishment of some form of parish council for the area. It is recommended that this be considered at Stage 2 of the consultation.
  - In the area of Thringstone, 54 responses were received, with 51 (94.4%) in favour of a parish for the area. It is recommended that this be considered at Stage 2 of the consultation.
  - Given the nature of the consultation in Ashby-de-la-Zouch responses were more mixed, but 75 (55.6%) of respondents felt that the current parish boundary reflected their personal sense of community. The suggestions put forward by the Town Council are sensible, and it is recommended that they be carried forward to Stage 2 consultation.
  - The consultation for Ibstock showed little consensus and did not indicate a need for any governance change. Only one comment referred to the Battram area, which does not indicate sufficient desire for a boundary change in that area. It is, therefore, not recommended that any changes for this parish be considered in Stage 2.
  - The requested change of name put forward by two members of Whitwick Parish Council for the Broom Leys ward is reasonable, and it is recommended that this suggested change be carried forward to Stage 2.
  - Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council put forward a suggestion for a boundary alteration on their northern boundary with Ashby Woulds Parish Council, and it is recommended that this is also considered at Stage 2 of the consultation.

### **3.0 DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Draft Recommendations are proposed here, for consideration by Full Council. Once approved, there will be a second round of public consultation on those Draft Recommendations as outlined in the timetable shown in the Terms of Reference.
- 3.2 The general principle is that Draft Recommendations must be both clear (easy to understand what the proposal is) and definite (making a recommendation), rather than leaving an area with no Draft Recommendation and leaving a 'blank sheet' for consultation. This allows residents and elected bodies to respond effectively and makes clear the proposed outcome of the CGR for each area. This supports open consultation and democracy, encouraging responses to definite proposals. However, there is one area where the outcome of the initial consultation has left a question mark over the proposed outcome, and in this instance (the unparished area of Thringstone) it is recommended that two alternative options are consulted upon.
- 3.3 No decisions are confirmed at this stage. The consultation process on the Draft Recommendations is an essential part of the CGR, and responses will (by law) be considered in producing the Final Recommendations to Council.
- 3.4 This section of the report presents the rationale and evidence for the Draft Recommendations. The Council is required to publish the reasons for making its decisions as a result of a CGR. As such, the responses to the consultation are included at Appendix B with personal information redacted or removed.
- 3.5 The sections of the report that follow detail each area in turn, with consideration given to the proposal and assessment of each suggestion. The Draft Recommendations shown are as agreed by the Electoral Review Working Party, which were considered by the Party on 3 June 2026.
- 3.6 Note that maps are included where a proposed Draft Recommendation includes a change to an existing boundary or creation of a new boundary. The maps include the external parish boundaries and the internal ward boundary maps, which are based on the existing District wards are being produced for the consultation. The external parish boundary maps can be found at Appendices C to I.
- 3.7 In considering the number of parish councillors to serve a particular area, the following has been used:
- Whilst the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) published guidance in 1988 on the suggested number of parish councillors per parish area based on the size of the electorate, these are non-statutory and there is no requirement for parish councils within an area to have equal ratios of electors to councillors. The statutory minimum number of councillors is five; there is no maximum, although it becomes more difficult and less effective or efficient to maintain an excessively large parish council. This allows North West Leicestershire District Council to consider the current number of parish councillors by area, recognise the different situations within each area, and then assess the appropriate number of parish councillors. There is no requirement for the number of electors represented by a single parish councillor to be the same between different parishes, although they should be comparable between wards of the same parish.

- Where necessary, the current number of electors and parish councillors is shown. In broad terms, the 1988 NALC guidance for the number of councillors per parish area is used. No such guidance exists for parish wards. The current number of parish councillors for the area must, therefore, be considered, along with planned changes and development, and adjusted accordingly, whilst attempting to maintain electoral equality between wards of a parish.

3.8 Once approved by Full Council, there will be a period of public consultation on the Draft Recommendations. Where a parish council, local resident, business or other organisation or body does not agree with a Draft Recommendation, they are invited to respond to the consultation stating their views, their reasons, and any alternative proposal.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Unparished area of Coalville</b>
<b>Proposal</b>	Formation of a civil parish and parish council for the currently unparished area of Coalville.
<b>Assessment</b>	<p>Support for a Coalville Parish Council is driven primarily by concerns about the impending dissolution of North West Leicestershire District Council and its merger into a larger unitary authority post-2027, with respondents fearing that without a Parish (or Town) Council, Coalville, the largest town in the district, will lose its voice in local governance decisions and be left without tier-two representation, a situation many compare unfavourably to Ashby-de-la-Zouch which has long enjoyed its own Town Council.</p> <p>Respondents express a strong desire for community-led, transparent governance with local councillors who understand their area, preferring a ward-based structure of councillors under the name 'Coalville Town Council'. Underpinning this support is a desire for a renewed civic pride and an essential safeguard for local democracy and an opportunity to reverse the town's fortunes and develop a sense of civic identity.</p> <p>Members of the Electoral Review Working Party also considered that Coalville may be more effectively served by establishing two smaller parish councils rather than a single town-wide body. Members considered that the town contains distinct communities with differing priorities, identities and patterns of development, particularly between the established central and western neighbourhoods and the newer growth areas to the east, largely split along the south-western boundaries of the unparished parts of the Greenhill, Broom Leys and Castle Rock wards, as shown on the map.</p> <p>Creating two separate parishes would allow each area to benefit from more focused, locally responsive governance, with councillors representing communities they know well and able to tailor services, priorities and investment to local circumstances. This option is, therefore, considered capable of delivering effective and convenient local government while ensuring that representation remains proportionate to the differing needs and identities within Coalville.</p> <p>It is, therefore, recommended that both options be put to the</p>

	<p>electorate in Phase 2 of the consultation.</p> <p>Further, members were concerned to learn that the Parish Meeting which serves Bardon civil parish has not met for at least the last twenty years, and that residents in the area are, therefore, not receiving any representation at parish level. It was agreed that all residents in the Bardon civil parish area be individually contacted and asked if they wish to join with any future Coalville parish council.</p>																											
<p><b>Draft recommendation</b></p>	<p>Draft Recommendations for Coalville:</p> <p><b>OPTION 1</b></p> <p>It is recommended THAT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A civil parish be created for the currently unparished area of Coalville as shown by the red line on the attached map (Appendix C), but with the possibility of also including the civil parish of Bardon.</li> <li>• A parish council be created to serve the newly created civil parish.</li> <li>• The civil parish be named “Coalville.”</li> <li>• The Council for the civil parish shall have the style of “Parish Council.”</li> <li>• The total number of councillors to be elected to the Parish Council of Coalville is 21</li> <li>• The parish council be divided into wards using the boundaries of the existing wards of North West Leicestershire District Council as shown by the blue lines on the attached map (Plan will be available for the consultation)</li> <li>• The names of the wards and the number of councillors to be elected to each is as shown in the table:</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="475 1458 1374 1809"> <thead> <tr> <th>NAME OF WARD</th> <th>ELECTORATE 2031</th> <th>NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bardon (inc Parish Meeting)</td> <td>2557</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Broom Leys (part)</td> <td>1252</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Castle Rock (part)</td> <td>2330</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coalville East</td> <td>2231</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coalville West</td> <td>2046</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Greenhill</td> <td>2347</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Snibston North (part)</td> <td>1720</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Snibston South</td> <td>2263</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The civil parish and parish council will come into existence on 1st April 2027</li> <li>• Elections to the new parish council will be held on Thursday 6 May 2027 and every four years thereafter.</li> <li>• The total precept to be specified in the Reorganisation of Local</li> </ul>	NAME OF WARD	ELECTORATE 2031	NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS	Bardon (inc Parish Meeting)	2557	3	Broom Leys (part)	1252	2	Castle Rock (part)	2330	3	Coalville East	2231	3	Coalville West	2046	2	Greenhill	2347	3	Snibston North (part)	1720	2	Snibston South	2263	3
NAME OF WARD	ELECTORATE 2031	NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS																										
Bardon (inc Parish Meeting)	2557	3																										
Broom Leys (part)	1252	2																										
Castle Rock (part)	2330	3																										
Coalville East	2231	3																										
Coalville West	2046	2																										
Greenhill	2347	3																										
Snibston North (part)	1720	2																										
Snibston South	2263	3																										

Government Order is £TBC – *The information will be available for the consultation.*

**OPTION 2**

It is recommended THAT:

- Two civil parishes be created for the currently unparished area of Coalville as shown by the red lines on the attached map (Appendix D), but with the possibility of also including the civil parish of Bardon.
- Parish councils be created to serve the newly created civil parishes.
- The civil parishes be named “Coalville” and “Broom Leys.”
- The Councils for the civil parishes shall have the style of “Parish Council.”
- The total number of councillors to be elected to the Parish Council of Coalville is 17, and for the Parish Council of Broom Leys it is 13.
- The parish councils be divided into wards using the boundaries of the existing wards of North West Leicestershire District Council as shown by the blue lines on the attached maps (Plan will be available for the consultation)
- The names of the wards and the number of councillors to be elected to each is as shown in the table:

COALVILLE PARISH NAME OF WARD	ELECTORATE 2031	NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS
Bardon (inc Parish Meeting)	2557	4
Coalville East	2231	3
Coalville West	2046	3
Snibston North (part)	1720	3
Snibston South	2263	4

BROOM LEYS PARISH NAME OF WARD	ELECTORATE 2031	NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS
Broom Leys (part)	1252	3
Castle Rock (part)	2330	5
Greenhill	2347	5

- The civil parishes and parish councils will come into existence on 1st April 2027
- Elections to the new parish councils will be held on Thursday 6 May 2027 and every four years thereafter.
- The total precept to be specified in the Reorganisation of Local Government Order for Coalville is £ TBC – *The information will be available for the consultation* and is £ TBC – *The information will be available for the consultation* for Broom Leys.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Unparished area of Thringstone</b>
<b>Proposal</b>	Formation of a civil parish and parish council for the currently unparished area of Thringstone.
<b>Assessment</b>	<p>The consultation received 55 responses from local residents the overwhelming majority of which expressed support for the formation of a parish council. Supporters cited the need for enhanced local democratic representation, particularly given proposed local government reorganisation, and noted concerns about Thringstone being overlooked compared to neighbouring areas with existing parish councils, the desire to preserve the village's distinct historic identity, and practical issues including inadequate amenities and maintenance.</p> <p>Among those expressing a preference on governance structure, the clear majority (eight comments) favoured a stand-alone Thringstone Parish Council, emphasising the village's distinct character, while only two respondents suggested merging with Whitwick Parish Council. Suggested councillor numbers ranged from seven to 10, with one detailed submission proposing the inclusion of the Gracedieu woodland area and nine councillors.</p> <p>The two respondents opposing the proposal cited concerns about funding adequacy for a small parish and scepticism regarding the value of an additional tier of local government.</p> <p>The unparished area of Thringstone currently comprises of 2044 electors, which would make any stand-alone parish council of reasonable size, raising a modest precept, a fair percentage of which is likely to be spent on Clerk's salary and other administrative costs. It is, therefore, considered appropriate that residents be given the option to explore in depth the possibilities of creating a stand-alone parish council for Thringstone, or of joining with the adjacent Whitwick Parish Council as an additional ward of that parish.</p>
<b>Draft recommendation</b>	<p>Draft Recommendations for Thringstone:</p> <p><b>OPTION 1</b> It is recommended THAT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A civil parish be created for the currently unparished area of Thringstone as shown by the red line on the attached map (Appendix E)</li> <li>• A parish council be created to serve the newly created civil parish.</li> <li>• The civil parish be named "Thringstone."</li> <li>• The Council for the civil parish shall have the style of "Parish Council."</li> <li>• The total number of councillors to be elected to the Parish</li> </ul>

	<p>Council of Thringstone is nine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The parish council shall not be divided into wards.</li> <li>• The civil parish and parish council will come into existence on 1st April 2027</li> <li>• Elections to the new parish council will be held on Thursday 6 May 2027 and every four years thereafter.</li> <li>• The total precept to be specified in the Reorganisation of Local Government Order is £ <b>TBC</b> – <i>The information will be available for the consultation.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>OPTION 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the currently unparished area of Thringstone become part of the civil parish of Whitwick, and that the Thringstone area becomes a separate ward of that parish and is served by three elected members. (Appendix F)</li> </ul>
--	---

<b>Parish area</b>	<b>Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council</b>
<b>Proposal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The addition of two extra members to the Money Hill ward.</li> <li>• Changes to the boundary with Packington Parish Council to align the boundary to the A42.</li> <li>• Changes to the boundary with Ashby Woulds to include the area known as “Boothorpe” within the Ashby-de-la-Zouch TC area.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment</b>	<p>The first stage consultation received 135 responses, generating 246 individual comments across five consultation areas covering community representation, parish boundaries, council naming, councillor numbers, and general feedback.</p> <p>Overall sentiment was positive, with respondents praising the Town Council's higher profile since the introduction of the Business Improvement District, its proactive community engagement, and popular events such as the Christmas Fayre, Soapbox Derby, and monthly farmers markets. However, concerns were raised about representation for newer developments including Money Hill and Spring Avenue, while Blackfordby residents remained divided between those seeking closer integration with Ashby and those preferring a distinct identity or separate parish council.</p> <p>On specific questions, 69 respondents felt their community was suitably represented (29 disagreed), 75 believed the parish boundary reflects their community identity (23 disagreed), 43 supported including 'Blackfordby' in the Council's name while 76 opposed it citing cost and identity concerns, and opinion was evenly split on whether councillor numbers should change (44 yes, 51 no, 40 unsure).</p>

	<p>Key suggestions for change included adding two councillors to Money Hill ward to reflect 2031 population projections and including Boothorpe within Ashby Town Council given its access is only via Blackfordby and using the A42 as a natural boundary. Other comments concerned more day-to-day matters related to the running of the Town Council which are outside the scope of this review.</p>
<b>Draft recommendation</b>	<p>Draft Recommendations for Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The addition of two extra members for the Money Hill ward of Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council</li> <li>• Amending the boundary between Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council and Packington Parish Council so that it runs along the A42 between the Leicester Road and junction 12 with the B4116 – see blue line on attached map (Appendix G)</li> <li>• Amending the boundary between Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council and Measham Parish Council so that it runs along the A42 between junction 12 with the B4116 south-west to the existing boundary and running south along the B4116 to the existing boundary – see blue line on attached map (Appendix G)</li> <li>• Amending the boundary between Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council and Ashby Woulds Parish Council to include the Boothorpe area within Ashby Town Council– see blue line on attached map (Appendix H)</li> <li>• The Boothorpe area which is to be added to Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council extended to the north to include Askew Way, Hepworth Road, Butterfly Gardens, Bluebell Grove, Windmill Close and Oakway Drive, etc - see blue line on attached map (Appendix H).</li> </ul> <p><b>Please note:</b> Any fixed assets of either Parish Council within the areas of land in question will transfer ownership to the parish council within the amended boundaries.</p>

<b>Parish area</b>	<b>Whitwick Parish Council</b>
<b>Proposal</b>	Change the name of the existing “Broom Leys” ward to “Hall Lane ward”
<b>Assessment</b>	<p>This proposal arose from the Stage 1 consultation as a suggestion from two members of Whitwick Parish Council</p> <p>This suggestion assumes that the ward name in this area for any new Coalville Town Council is indeed “Broom Leys,” which is reasonable, and it would not be sensible to have two adjacent wards in two different parishes which share the same name as each other. Subject to further consultation, this change is recommended.</p>

<b>Draft recommendation</b>	<p>Draft Recommendations for Whitwick Parish Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the existing “Broom Leys” ward is renamed as “Hall Lane” ward, this being conditional upon a new parish council being created in the Coalville area which also uses “Broom Leys” as a ward name.</li> </ul>
-----------------------------	--

<b>Parish area</b>	<b>Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council</b>
<b>Proposal</b>	Amend the boundary to the north of ODA Parish Council so that roads around the southern parts of Donisthorpe Lane and Moira Road be included within the parish boundary (and thus removed from Ashby Woulds Parish Council). See red line on attached map. (Appendix I)
<b>Assessment</b>	This is a second encroachment onto Ashby Woulds PC (in addition to the Boothorpe suggestion, above). ODA PC has provided an outline of its rationale for transferring this area of land, and a more detailed submission will be requested during Stage 2 consultation for consideration. Consultation to take place with Ashby Woulds PC and <u>all</u> the electors in the affected area.
<b>Draft recommendation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amend the boundary between Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council and Ashby Woulds Parish Council to include the southern part of Donisthorpe Lane and Moira Road within Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council – see red line on attached map (Appendix I).</li> </ul> <p><b>Please note:</b> that any fixed assets of either Parish Council within the areas of land in question will transfer ownership to the parish council within the amended boundaries.</p>

#### 4.0 NEXT STEPS

- 4.1 Once Full Council has agreed the draft recommendations, the Community Governance Review will move into a structured Stage 2 consultation designed to give electors and stakeholders a clear opportunity to comment on the proposals. The consultation will run between 1 July 2026 to 13 September 2026, and the Council will publish all relevant maps, explanatory material, and supporting evidence on its website and make hard-copy information available on request. All local government electors in the affected areas, along with parish councils, community organisations, and other interested bodies, will be invited to submit representations.
- 4.2 During the consultation period, the Council will actively promote awareness of the review through its usual communication channels to ensure that residents understand the proposals and how to respond. All representations received will be logged, analysed, and reported in a transparent manner, with particular attention given to how they relate to the statutory criteria of community identity and effective and convenient local governance. At the close of Stage 2, officers will prepare a comprehensive summary of the consultation findings to support

members in determining the final recommendations which will be brought to Council on 16 November 2026.

<b>Policies and other considerations, as appropriate</b>	
Council Priorities:	Planning and regeneration Communities and housing Clean, green and Zero Carbon A well-run council
Policy Considerations:	Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Guidance on community governance reviews issued by LGBCE and MHCLG
Safeguarding:	The Council will publish all consultation responses that are received, but all personal details will be redacted.
Equalities/Diversity:	The consultation process will be accessible to all residents and stakeholders in the affected areas.
Customer Impact:	Generally, the provision of services closer to the client population will have positive impacts upon those in the local area, as those services are more dynamically tailored to their needs and those of the local area.
Economic and Social Impact:	None at this time.
Environment, Climate Change and zero carbon:	Consultation methods are carefully considered to avoid paper consultation where possible, although this will still be available to those who require it.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	Consultations will be undertaken as part of all stages of the CGR process, and methodology will be detailed in a separate report.
Risks:	Should a decision not to continue with the review be taken, then the community governance arrangements for North West Leicestershire will remain as they are.
Officer Contact	Rochelle Tapping Interim Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer <a href="mailto:rochelle.tapping@nwleicestershire.gov.uk">rochelle.tapping@nwleicestershire.gov.uk</a>

## Community Governance Review – Coalville (Unparished Area)

### Consultation Summary Report

#### 1. Purpose of Report

This report summarises the responses received during consultation on the potential creation of a new parish for the unparished area of Coalville.

#### 2. Summary of Responses

Total responses: 153

In favour (Yes): 123 (80%)

Against (No): 22 (14%)

Not sure / Neutral: 8 (5%)

#### 3. Responses in Favour (Yes)

Strong support for improved local representation and dedicated voice for Coalville

Concern about loss of influence under future local government reorganisation

Desire to improve town centre, infrastructure, and civic pride

Recognition of Coalville as a distinct town requiring its own council

Need for parity with neighbouring parished areas such as Ashby and Whitwick

Support for warding arrangements to ensure fair representation across communities

Desire for local decision-making on planning, investment, and services

#### 4. Responses Against (No)

Concerns about increased council tax and financial burden on residents

Perception of unnecessary additional layer of governance and bureaucracy

View that existing District and Parish arrangements are sufficient

Risk of duplication, inefficiency, and confusion over responsibilities

#### 5. Not Sure / Neutral Responses

Uncertainty regarding overall benefits compared to costs

Concerns about additional bureaucracy and governance complexity

Questions on how a new Town Council would interact with existing parish councils

Requests for further clarity on structure, boundaries, and representation

#### 6. Conclusion

The consultation demonstrates strong overall support for the creation of a Town Council for Coalville. Support is primarily driven by the desire for stronger local representation, protection of local influence during reorganisation, and improvements to community identity and local decision-making. Opposition is limited and focuses mainly on cost and bureaucracy concerns. Neutral responses highlight the need for further clarity on implementation and structure.

# Community Governance Review – Thringstone

## Consultation Summary Report

### 1. Purpose of Report

This report summarises the responses received during consultation on the potential creation of a new parish for Thringstone.

### 2. Summary of Responses

Total responses: 54

In favour (Yes): 51

Against (No): 2

Not sure: 1

### 3. Responses in Favour (Yes)

The majority of respondents supported the creation of a parish council for Thringstone.

Key themes included:

- Desire for stronger local representation and a dedicated voice for the village
- Concerns regarding future local government reorganisation and loss of local influence
- Need to improve community identity, cohesion, and preserve village character
- Ability to address local issues such as anti-social behaviour, maintenance, parking, and infrastructure
- Access to funding through a parish precept to support local improvements and community initiatives
- Desire to achieve parity with neighbouring parished areas such as Whitwick
- Support for greater community engagement and local democratic involvement
- Suggestions regarding council structure, including councillor numbers, warding, and governance arrangements

### 4. Responses Against (No)

A small number of respondents opposed the creation of a parish council. Key concerns were:

- Potential additional cost and financial burden on residents
- Perception that an additional layer of governance may increase bureaucracy without clear benefit
- Questions regarding whether the size of the village would allow for effective delivery

## **5. Not Sure / Neutral Responses**

One respondent indicated uncertainty. Key considerations included:

- Whether there would be sufficient local interest and commitment to staff a parish council
- Ensuring fair representation across all groups within the community
- Consideration of alternative arrangements, including potential merger with neighbouring parishes

## **6. Conclusion**

The consultation demonstrates strong support for the creation of a parish council in Thringstone, with the majority of respondents highlighting the benefits of improved local representation, community engagement, and ability to address local issues. Opposition was limited and primarily focused on financial and governance concerns.

## **Community Governance Review – Ashby de la Zouch and Blackfordby Consultation Summary Report – Current Governance Arrangements**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

This report summarises responses received to the consultation questions relating to the current governance arrangements for Ashby Town Council, including representation, parish boundaries, council name, councillor numbers/warding, and wider comments regarding local governance.

### **2. Summary of Responses**

A substantial number of responses were received during the consultation process.

Overall responses indicate broad support for existing arrangements, with mixed views on boundaries, identity, and representation, and varied opinions on councillor numbers and warding.

### **3. Representation by the Current Town Council**

A majority of respondents indicated that they feel suitably represented by the Town Council.

Positive feedback referenced community engagement, local knowledge, and responsiveness.

Some respondents raised concerns regarding communication, visibility of councillors, and influence over higher tiers of government.

### **4. Parish Boundaries and Community Identity**

Views were mixed on whether current parish boundaries reflect community identity.

Some respondents felt boundaries are appropriate, while others expressed confusion or lack of awareness.

There were differing views regarding Blackfordby, with some seeing it as part of Ashby and others as a distinct community.

Specific concerns were raised about boundary anomalies and alignment with local communities.

## **5. Name of the Town Council**

The majority of respondents did not support changing the name of the Town Council.

Concerns included loss of identity, increased complexity, and cost implications.

Some respondents supported including Blackfordby to better reflect the area served, or suggested a more inclusive name.

Others felt the name was of less importance than effective governance and communication.

## **6. Number of Councillors and Warding Arrangements**

There was no clear consensus on councillor numbers or warding arrangements.

Some respondents supported changes to reflect population growth, particularly in areas such as Money Hill.

Others felt current arrangements are appropriate, while a smaller number suggested reducing councillor numbers.

Common themes included maintaining balanced representation and aligning wards with communities.

## **7. Wider Governance and Service Delivery Comments (Not Review related)**

Respondents highlighted the importance of communication and clarity regarding roles and responsibilities across different tiers of local government.

There were calls for stronger influence of the Town Council in planning decisions.

Concerns were raised about population growth and maintaining community identity.

Some comments focused on service delivery and accountability for local issues.

## **8. Key Overall Findings**

Overall, there is strong support for maintaining a local Town Council.

Current arrangements are generally viewed as effective but may require future adjustments.

Key debates centre on boundaries, Blackfordby's role, and representation levels.

Respondents emphasised the importance of communication, accountability, and local identity.

## **9. Conclusion**

The consultation indicates that while existing arrangements are broadly supported, there is an expectation that governance structures should evolve to reflect future growth and community needs.

Ensuring effective local representation and communication will remain key priorities.

# **Community Governance Review – Ibstock Parish**

## **Consultation Summary Report – Current Governance Arrangements**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

This report summarises responses received to consultation questions relating to the current governance arrangements for Ibstock Parish Council, including representation, parish boundaries, and wider comments regarding local governance and service delivery.

### **2. Summary of Responses**

A range of responses were received from residents across Ibstock and surrounding areas. Overall, responses indicate mixed views on the effectiveness of current arrangements, with a significant proportion expressing dissatisfaction or uncertainty about representation and communication, alongside some positive feedback reflecting recent improvements. Strong recurring themes relate to lack of visibility, awareness, and engagement.

### **3. Representation by the Current Parish Council**

Views on representation were mixed, with a notable number of respondents indicating dissatisfaction or uncertainty. Key themes included limited awareness and visibility, concerns about responsiveness, and a perception that residents do not know who councillors are or what they do. Some respondents reported lack of response when contacting the Parish Council, while a smaller number provided positive feedback about recent improvements. A significant number selected “Not sure”, indicating low engagement overall.

### **4. Parish Boundaries and Community Identity**

Responses show mixed and often unclear views regarding parish boundaries and identity. Many respondents stated they do not have a clear sense of community identity linked to the Parish Council, while others felt boundaries are appropriate. Concerns were raised about fragmentation, including views that Ibstock is split across multiple areas. There were also comments about specific areas feeling less connected, along with concerns that ongoing development is affecting community identity and cohesion.

### **5. Communication and Engagement (Not Review-Specific)**

Communication and engagement was the strongest and most consistent theme across responses. Residents reported a lack of accessible information about meetings, decisions, and activities, and highlighted poor visibility of governance structures. Comments also indicated that information is not presented in accessible or

easily understandable formats, and that engagement opportunities are limited. There were calls for greater transparency and improved communication with residents.

#### **6. Wider Governance and Service Delivery Comments (Not Review-Specific)**

Respondents raised broader issues including housing growth and infrastructure pressures, concerns about the impact of development on village character, and the need to maintain community identity. There were also calls for the Parish Council to have greater influence in planning decisions and to ensure resources are used for the benefit of the wider community.

#### **7. Key Overall Findings**

There is no clear majority view on the effectiveness of current governance arrangements. However, widespread concerns were expressed regarding communication, visibility, and engagement. Views on representation were mixed, with many residents feeling disconnected. There is also uncertainty around community identity and boundaries, alongside strong concerns about development and growth.

#### **8. Conclusion**

The consultation indicates that current governance arrangements in Ibstock are not consistently understood or experienced positively by residents. While some respondents recognise recent improvements, the prevailing themes highlight a need to improve communication, visibility, and engagement, and to consider how governance arrangements can better reflect community identity and support future growth.

Id	Name1	Would you like to see a Town Council set up to represent your area?	Please provide any additional comments you would like to be considered by North West Leicestershire District Council with regards to the potential creation of a town council in Coalville (for example,
2	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	
3	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
4	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	This is urgently needed before North West Leicester combines with Melton etc or Coalville residents will have no say in how their area is managed.
5	Resident of Coalville	No	Not a good idea. It would likely lead to duplication of effort plus costs due to lack of economies of scale. Not to mention confusion as many people already misunderstand or are unaware of the distinction between County and District Councils.
6	Resident of Coalville	Yes	In order to ensure good governance for the future
7	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
8	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
9	Resident of North West	Yes	
10	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Name, Coalville Town Council Does not need to be split into wards How many Councillors- possibly up to 8
11	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	I answered no as 'my area' is served by Whitwick Parish Council. However, I would like to see a town council for Coalville.
12	Resident of North West	Yes	
13	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Something needs to be done to breath life back into our once thriving town it's very drab litter everywhere weeds dirty shop fronts we should be proud of our town like we were in the 70s 80s
14	Resident of Coalville	Yes	It would be nice for Coalville to have its own town council to separate us from Ashby, as the current NWLDC seems to concentrate more on Ashby than its administrative home.
15	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
16	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
17	Resident of North West	Yes	

18	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
19	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
20	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	It does seem anomalous that Coalville should not have a town council when others in the area do. In respect of Thringstone I would apply the same logic , although of course, this would be as a parish council. Given that NWLDC will cease to exist as a tier of local government in the foreseeable future it is essential that all residents have local representation so that their voices are not lost within a single large tier of local government.
21	Resident of North West	Yes	
22	Resident of Coalville	Yes	We would like a town council to help the people of coalville but let's please keep the political infighting out of all meetings please
23	Resident of North West	Yes	
24	Resident of North West	Yes	Like to see Coalville get a town council
25	Resident of Coalville	Yes	As the reorganisation of the county will increase the size of each area it covers so we need a Coalville council to offset this decrease in democracy and to give Coalville a voice
26	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Ashby has enjoyed a town council for many years. The advantages this brings are clear and obvious, greater investment, greater sense of civic pride and a stronger focus for a town that has declined markedly in recent years. Yes, wards would be a good idea, perhaps three for each ward? Independent councillors should be encouraged, particularly as party politics has rarely served the town well
27	Resident of Coalville	Yes	

28	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	We don't need more spending on more politicians. We need less politicians and more spending on public services. Politicians are bad for this country and creating more of them is a stupid idea. Labour's plans to get rid of pointless Police and Crime commissioners are an example you should be following. I'd advocate for abolishing pointless Parish Councils. Have District Councillors pick up the slack and invest the money on public services.
29	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Yes it should be split into wards in order to service all surrounding areas properly. A councillor for each sub area, i.e Hugglescote, Ellistown etc.
30	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	It costs too much and puts council tax up
31	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	Reducing ALL levels and amounts of governance should be the priority. There is already too much state intervention and interaction in our lives.
32	.	No	Hhh
33	Resident of Coalville	No	Let us be honest that nothing gets done when there are too many committees. We would end up paying more local taxes I expect.
34	Resident of Coalville	No	We don't want separate town council. This will be costly arrangement. We don't want to pay extra council tax bill. Current council tax is already too much. Also we pay management cost for our planned area. Why our planned area is not managed by NWLDC?
35	Resident of Coalville	Yes	We feel It would be beneficial to have a Coalville Town Council. This would include Wards for Broomleys, Greenhill and Coalville Town Centre. An alternative would be to move boundaries and include Broomleys with the Whitwick Parish Council. As such there would be councillors in each new designated Ward.How many we're not sure.
36	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
37	Resident of North West	Yes	

38	Resident of Coalville	No	A Town Council would cost money, where would that money come from, an increase in Council Tax maybe? If it ain't broke don't fix it, I'm guessing the idea is more for more jobs for the few.
39	Resident of Coalville	No	We have Council's office in town what is good enough, everything now days is sorted remotely anyway. Creating another Council will only increase a cost and potentially raise our Council's bill in future
40	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Call it Coalville Town Council, A chair and 7 members, one ward to start with.
41	Resident of Coalville	Yes	With a huge population growth in coalville in the past few years the district and county council are now out of touch. The question would be how many wards but Coalville/hugglescote is now virtually one with it also Extending into Ellistown and donnington le heath. Where would the council meet,number of councillors maybe 10 at most, depends on wards. Coalville is the biggest local town yet no representation?
42	Resident of Coalville	Yes	It would be helpful to have a town council but only if the town council area includes all of the Coalville urban core.  It would be grossly inequitable for Coalville residents to pay to fund a town council when residents of parishes areas: eg. Hugglescote, Whitwick, and Ellistown do not contribute to the higher running costs but benefit from them equally (and often live much closer to Coalville town centre than many who live in unparished areas).  It would be helpful if the town council area was warded roughly in alignment with the existing district wards including the current parish councils covered by Whitwick, Hugglescote, Ellistown and Ravenstone.
43	Resident of North West	Not sure	How much will it cost? How will this affect the parish councils?

44	Resident of Coalville	Yes	<p>Would also like a Parish Council. I have previously been a Councillor in Ellistown, but would love to represent this area, where I've lived for 27 years.</p> <p>How many electorate per Town Councillor are you proposing ? Are your intentions to have one per Ward or 2, given the proposed increases in population</p> <p>Your maps are very badly out of date. Lots of homes have been built in the last 10 years in the area.</p>
45	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	<p>genuinely community-led, inclusive, and transparent in how it operates.</p> <p>If established, I believe the name Coalville Town Council would be clear, recognisable, and reflective of the town's identity and heritage.</p> <p>In terms of structure, the council should be of a manageable size, large enough to fairly represent the town but not so large that it becomes inefficient. A council of around 15–20 councillors would seem proportionate for a town the size of Coalville.</p> <p>I strongly believe the town council should be split into wards, to ensure all areas of Coalville are properly represented and that no single part of the town is overlooked. Ward boundaries should reflect existing communities and neighbourhoods, and be reviewed periodically to ensure fair representation as the town changes.</p> <p>Finally, it is important that any town council actively engages with residents, community groups, and voluntary organisations, and works collaboratively with wider Council. Clear communication, accountability, and value for money should be central to its operation from the outset.</p>
46	Resident of Coalville	Yes	<p>Split into wards and probably two councillors in each ward.</p> <p>It depends on what is meant by Coalville. Dose it include Bardon and surrounding areas?</p> <p>Would it mean each area having a parish council?</p>

47	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Coalville has its own culture. I think it could benefit from having a Council of its own, separate from the surrounding villages with their different needs, and not at risk from neglect.
48	Resident of Coalville	Yes	<p>The purpose of a town council is to act as the local legislative body, representing citizens by making laws (ordinances), managing budgets, and overseeing essential services like public works, safety, and recreation, ensuring the community is well-governed, fiscally responsible, and its specific needs are met through democratic processes and direct engagement with residents.</p> <p>Key Functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislation &amp; Policy: Passing local laws (ordinances), setting zoning rules, and establishing policies for the town.</li> <li>Budget &amp; Finance: Approving the town's budget, managing taxpayer money, and deciding on funding for services.</li> <li>Service Provision: Overseeing essential services like police, fire, sanitation, parks, and community programs.</li> <li>Community Representation: Acting as the voice of residents, bringing local concerns to higher government levels, and promoting community well-being.</li> <li>Strategic Planning: Guiding the town's future development, infrastructure, and economic growth.</li> <li>Citizen Engagement: Holding public meetings, facilitating public comment, and ensuring transparency in decision-making</li> </ul>
49	Resident of Coalville	Yes	An equal representation from all the inner parishes of Coalville. Opportunities for ideas to be heard from residents and possibly acted upon, within reason of said options being viable and equal to all
50	Resident of Coalville	Yes	If we no longer have a District Council we need something with more “teeth”, those areas without a Parish Council to speak for them need a voice. We’re losing local powers not having them increased under the current “devolution” proposals of the current government.
51	Resident of Coalville	Yes	

52	Resident Outside of District	Yes	<p>I used to live near Coalville and use it regularly for shopping. Coalville lacks it's own council that fights for local residents with that responsibility currently lying with NWLDC, which has caused animosity locally and with other Towns and villages such as Castle Donington and Ashby de la Zouch.</p> <p>With plans for NWLDC to merge with other councils, it makes sense to ensure Coalville retains some local representation by creating a town council before it gets swept up into an event bigger council</p>
53	Resident of Coalville	No	<p>I feel it would create another layer of bureaucracy for all decisions and considerations. Much better to push ahead with ideas and improvements rather than delaying with further consultation</p>
54	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	<p>I think that this is an excellent idea. Having lived in Coalville in the past and it being my local town for nearly 20 years, it seems rudderless and without local input. My hope would be that a town council can focus on improving how the town looks and feels to residents and visitors and avoids those costly projects that don't really deliver anything as has happended in the past. This idea has my full support</p>
55	Resident of Coalville	Yes	<p>The obvious name should be Coalville Town Council. The proposed total area is quite large so I feel it would be better split into wards except for Coalville East and West which I think should be consolidated into 1 (super) ward. There is no easily understood dividing line to distinguish East and West and I am sure that most people living in the area, A: would not be sure which area their house was in anyway and B: consider Coalville as their home town not just East or West. There are national recommendations to the number of councillors per ward and I suggest this is adopted as an initial response with the option to amend once up and running.</p>
56	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	<p>Coalville needs and must have a Town Council to ensure local issues and concerns will be put forward to new council and give the local people a voice and to be heard. A Town Council will understand, explain and fight for local issues, which the larger new council will not understand without this safe guard.</p>

57	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	I would like to see a youth town council as well as an adult town council. By people representing the wards around Coalville it would be fairer. We don't provide enough facilities for our youth and they get bored. Also, a broader range of shops would be helpful. With all the new houses we need to protect our green spaces, especially as we're meant to be part of the national forest.
58	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	Broomleys/castle rock/Greenhill won't have their own parish councils? Pay tax for the town council but have no representation? Why are you adding layers of red tape back in now Labour are stripping it out. What a waste of public money!
59	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
60	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Keep Whitwick parish council and set up Coalville town council and Thringstone parish council. This is important as NWLDC will soon be abolished and the most likely and best replacement is a single Leicester & Leicestershire authority as proposed by LCC
61	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	The council we have already wastes too much money so adding another layer will simply waste more! More gold plated pensions etc that we can't afford! Another layer of council to wade through before getting to any one who be held responsible or actually do anything! The law breaking and misappropriation of funds is already unacceptable why add more misery!
62	Resident of Coalville	Yes	I'm sure coalville would benefit from a positive voice representing the town. I have recently moved to the area from Birmingham and really enjoying the east midlands. But while I see towns like Harborough, Loughborough and Ashby having a positive outlook, Coalville in contrast seems resigned to corrosion of its civic pride, its town centre, and its local services. It needs a good tidy up and an attitude shift in its residents
63	Resident Outside of District	Yes	The name of the parish should be "Coalville" with its council being called "Coalville Town Council". The Agar Nook and Greenhill area could be a separate parish but just 1 parish is probably better as those other 2 areas don't seem to be distinct enough to be separate parishes.
64	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
65	Resident of North West	Yes	A group of people who have the future and current profile of Coalville at heart
66	Resident of North West	Yes	

			If the debacle of a plan for reorganisation of district and county councils goes ahead, then govt of Coalville is likely to become very remote from the town. It will be increasing important that some functions of local government are managed more locally.
67	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
68	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
69	Resident of North West	Yes	
70	Resident of North West	Yes	
71	Resident of Coalville	Not sure	What would this achieve? More levels of bureaucracy?
72	Resident of North West	Yes	
73	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	Thringstone should become a part of Whitwick Parish Council. Thringstone has more in common with Whitwick than Coalville.
74	Resident of North West	Yes	Coalville Town
75	Resident of Coalville	Yes	In light of the size & population of the potential town council it should split into wards of 2000 to 2500 population with 2 councillors for each ward
76	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	It was always a fundamental flaw of the Local Government Act 1972 not to provide main urban centres such as Coalville with a town council when successor parishes were created for other UDC areas such as Ashby and the Wouds. While new parishes have already been created for Ellistown & Battleflat, Hugglescote & Donington le Heath and Whitwick, this upcoming reorganisation presents an opportunity for a complete rethink. I would like to see a Greater Coalville Town Council created to include the whole of the former Coalville UDC area in a single authority which would benefit from economies of scale, creating an authority capable of delivering all appropriate local services and having both political and financial
77	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Coalville Town Council, maybe 10 councillors and split into wards.
78	.	No	
79	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Although not a resident of Coalville, It seems sensible for a Local Council for the Town to be created. Other smaller villages have local representation and with the forthcoming changes to Local Govt in Leicestershire it is appropriate to have a local Council for The Town.

80	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Coalville has been neglected for decades and needs a town council to improve its recreation areas and centre shops with all the new housing estates being built in the area we need something like Rushcliffe country park behind the leisure centre a large play area, sensory area and skateboard park and allow ice-cream vans and catering vans to cater there at a reasonable fee to help with the upkeep, the council should also offer reduce or even better free business rates for shops in Coalville to encourage retailers to come to the town
81	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	A town council is necessary for Coalville as the population is increasing and it will help with governance and embracing the increasing diversity of people who live or work in the town.
82	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
83	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Coalville and district town council. Independent not political as it shows bias. Someone who can speak up for the town and get things done properly.
84	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Coalville is a growing town and needs proper political representation to ensure Residents have a say in how their Town is to be run
85	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
86	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Now a good time as interest locally has been spurred on by creation of local group Coalville CCAN with HQs in memorial square. Very enthusiastic people who have set up CCAN.
87	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	I believe that we should have a town council to protect our jobs with in our area
88	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Name: Coalville Town Council Generally keep existing wards Incorporate Bardon and Hugglescote within new council One councilor for wards under 1500 electors, 2 councillors for other wards.
89	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	

90	Resident of Coalville	Yes	I have missed not having a say in services that affect us . I read about Hugglecotes activities in community voice. We do not have anything like that.
91	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Not sure	Whilst smaller, local councils empower your community there may be a tendency to create another level of bureaucracy - and therefore effectiveness - that cheeses residents off. The balance between a dictatorship and an efficient council is lean. Please don't create another level just for the sake of it. Thanks. Anthony
92	Coalville CAN (Communities and Neighbours)	Yes	<p>Coalville CAN believes there is a need for an organisation with decision making powers to champion Coalville and have the good of Coalville as their main focus and priority.</p> <p>Coalville has suffered from this lack of voice and championing of our town. Decisions should be made as close to possible to the lives of the people affected. Given the only option offered in this consultation, CCAN supports a town council for Coalville.</p> <p>We do not have a strong view on the name nor the number of councillors or wards though it is important all areas and voices are represented.</p>

			<p>I would like Coalville Town Council to cover ALL of Coalville. That means including Greenhill, Bardon, Broom Leys as well as Snibston and the town centre.</p> <p>It would make sense if Whitwick, Ravenstone, Thringstone and Hugglescote were also included.</p> <p>A full-size Town Council would have the resources it needs to take over responsibilities delegated from the forthcoming Unitary Council.</p> <p>It could be called Coalville Urban Council.</p> <p>There would need to be at least 15 Councillors to cover each of the current District Wards (with two for Hugglescote St Johns as it is oversized and needs dividing into two):</p> <p>Bardon  Broom Leys  Coalville West  Coalville East  Greenhill  Hermitage  Holly Hayes  Hugglescote St Mary's  Hugglescote St John's (2)  Snibston North  Snibston South  Ravenstone &amp; Packington  Thornborough  Thringstone</p>
93	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
94	Resident of Coalville	Yes	I would like to see the area in which I live have more input and say about what happens with our council tax.
95	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
96	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	un parished areas

97	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Hopefully this would allow more things to be decided and done for the benefit of the town and its community. The town can be split into wards and if local people are involved they would have the best idea of what is required to improve the whole area. It is clear to see the backwards step the town has taken over the past 20-30 years and even more in the last 10 years and we hope to move forward for the general improvement of the area.
98	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	We already have a Parish Council. Coalville should have a Town Council as it's been very badly treated by the District Council over the years. I am strongly against any attempt to alter Huggdonpc or any amalgamation into an area council.
99	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
100	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Coalville council consisting of 7 councillors
101	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Would like to see a local person looking after the area we live in. Including environmental issues such as over house building, slow fast road and protect our villages.
102	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	It will more than likely to cost on the ever increasing rates
103	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Coalville Town Parish I think 2 councilers to cover north and south
104	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	I Think a town council for Coalville will be very good and overdue Will give local community more control
105	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Needs to be local people that care about local issues, real people not people who are just
106	Resident of Coalville	Yes	I think the town needs to have 5 or more councillors in order to get an appropriate level of consistency for the town. No more spending silly money on a town square that's cost 2 million and is a waste of space.
107	Resident of Coalville	Not sure	Each area of the 4 areas has different needs and characteristics, so a council representing
108	Resident of Coalville	Yes	

109	Resident of Coalville	Yes	We need to have a council who will work for us and to make Coalville move self governing towards its own people
110	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Split in to wards for even representation
111	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
112	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	My support for all town councils, Thringstone, Ibstock et Al. Is very positive, as long as the officials that run the council's are committed to the local community they serve & not for their own interests
113	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	We as the community need the final say as the council for Coalville has made SO many bad errors on the centre and Tesco and Asda and the area going into complete disarray
114	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	
115	Coalville Town FC	Yes	Coalville Town Council it's about time people in Coalville decided how things were done locally and not the people of Ashby. We are always second best when it comes to investment and it's time for change
116	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	The town cubncil should have increased powers over planning applicatiion decisions instead of being just a consultee
117	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	<p>If the District Council is merged into a larger devolved unit it will increase the distance between the people and any form of informed local governance.</p> <p>Decisions will not be taken by individuals with understanding of the communities and the local detail will be lost amongst macro socio-economic concerns. This idea goes against the principle of subsidiarity, that social and political issues should be addressed at the most immediate or local level possible, promoting decision-making closer to the affected individuals.</p> <p>Therefore, it is most important that a town council is installed as form of compensation for the removal of NWLDC. I would suggest that the council be called Coalville Urban Council.</p> <p>Excessive councillors and wards will serve to complicate service delivery and encourage political disagreement in lieu of actual progress on the ground.</p>

118	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	
119	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	I would welcome a Town council as it would give the local people more opportunity to input in the decisions that would help support Coalville. 10 Councillors, from different neighbourhoods to represent viewpoints from all communities.
120	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Split into wards with a representative from each ward plus up to 4 more just representing the area as a while. . Coalville and District Town Council.
121	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Once local government reorganisation is complete, Coalville should have a town council to represent the interests and identity of the town.
122	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	I think the west Leicestershire District Council do a good job. So my thoughts are to stay with them. I think there's a lot to sort out like road works . Not having loads of road works happening at one time . Find some of the long time road works to be put in holidays while kids away from school because not so many cars on roads. I understand you class it as traffic calming. But it also causes lateness. Accidents. People getting hurt. We need more traffic wardens. To stop People just parking where they like on double yellow lines , on Zebra Crossings. Ect. More cctv everywhere. Where I live in flats Park View I think we need more cctv. I just had my car scratched all down my N/S passenger side all the way down . I was told it could of been builders again but it looks like to me done deliberately. All the way down. I believe because where I parked. In parking area near bins but down towards the other flats , not park view flats. Because someone did not like me parking there. Even though if there's a place we can park we are allowed to park. But some people think it's there right to park there. That's the fourth time my car as been damaged in the Park View car park.
123	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Volunteer counsellors like they used to have I'm really passionate about the town..
124	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Excellent idea. We have waited for too long for this. Coalville Town Council is a good name. Split the town Into wards. Not sure how many or how many councillors. The councillors should all live in their respective wards. Certainly not live out of the county like in Warwickshire.

125	Resident of Coalville	Yes	3 Wards: Coalville central: Coalville south: Coalville north: Coalville South
126	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	A ward for Hugglescote. Lots of new houses being built which is great but I fear the impact on the community/services has not fully been taken into account so representation is needed.
127	Resident of Coalville	Yes	After the District Council has been dissolved it is important to still have some local governance in the unparished Coalville area. This could be a similar structure to the current Coalville special expenses committee. Coalville & Thringstone parish Council would be a sensible name, unless the people of Thringstone request their own parish council.
128	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	Cost more on the council tax bill get rid of them all
129	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Seems ludicrous that Coalville does not have a town council. This will be doubly important if North West Leics is forced to join with Loughborough Blaby and Melton District Councils.
130	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Coalville is the capital town of NWL and should be represented. Ashby TC is a useful service.
131	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	Prefer NW Leicestershire to viewed overall to bring the community together have the overview over the services Separating the councils causes divide and in fighting and more paperwork and bureaucracy
132	Resident of Coalville	Yes	I'm not sure how I think it should work. Would Ashby-de-la-Zouch be a comparable model?

			<p>I strongly support a ward-based structure for the proposed town council. Coalville is a diverse area where different neighbourhoods face unique challenges and requirements. To ensure no area is overlooked and to minimise geographic bias, each ward should have dedicated representation. This ensures that the council acts as a collective that understands the needs of the entire town rather than focusing on a single centre.</p> <p>I propose the following:</p> <p>1) Equal Representation: Each ward should elect a representative to advocate for their specific local issues.</p> <p>2) Decisive Leadership: The council should be led by a Chairperson (or Town Mayor) who serves as a member of the collective.</p> <p>3) Deadlock Resolution: In the interest of administrative efficiency, the Chair should hold a casting vote. This ensures that in the event of a tie, the council can reach a definitive resolution and continue its work without gridlock.</p> <p>Coalville Community Council, Coalville Town Council or Coalville and District Council seem reasonable suggestion for the name.</p>
133	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
134	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
135	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Split into wards based on population, better engagement with residents, support for local community initiatives, and greater transparency around local decision making.
136	Resident of Coalville	Yes	it would be nice if cooperative party branch in leicestershire run the council as i am disability officer it would help support businesses and communities
137	Resident of Coalville	Yes	I feel people on the town council should be people who live in the area or wards and have knowledge of what people want and need there. Youth clubs would be a good start for example.

138	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Not sure	I live in Hugglescote and am happy with how the current parish council works with and supports the local community in providing a healthy and safe environment to live and work in. I'm unsure as to how the creation of a Coalville Town Council will fit into the current relationship that is in place with NWL. The new town council should be warded similar to existing PC's but be mindful of the PC wards that exist currently and do not encroach upon them. This would lead to a confusion of who does what and when not only with new & existing councillors but also residents
139	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	The largest town in the area deserves a council.
140	Resident of Coalville	Not sure	I support the formation of a new parish council which incorporates the wards of Broom Leys, Castle Rock and Greenhill. It would be nice if the new parish council were called Broom Leys Parish Council to tie in with the historic links to the church boundary.
141	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	
142	Resident of Coalville	Yes	
143	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	
144	Resident of Coalville	Not sure	I think there should be a parish council formed for the Castle Rock, Greenhill, Agar Nook area
145	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	
146	Resident of Coalville	No	

147	Coalville Heritage Society and Snibston Heritage Trust	Yes	<p>establishes a Town Council. Within the current proposal for Leicestershire post-2027 Coalville risks having no tier two local government representation and this is unacceptable for a town the size of Coalville.</p> <p>The current provision provided by North West Leicestershire District Council through its Special Budget arrangements for Coalville have work reasonably well over the many years I have been aware of the funding but this is ad hoc and is not on par with other Town and Parish Councils who provide specific service to their local community. Coalville must not be in a position where these local services are delivered at some distance from the local community who will, or may, not have local representatives to hold accountable for the service delivery and management of the town. I also believe that representatives working for the local community must be from that community as local representatives will understand the people, communities, heritage, culture and infrastructure of the town.</p> <p>The geographical extent of the Coalville Town Council must also include the current wards of Green Hill, Broom Leys, Castle Rock, Snibston North and South and Coalville East and West as it is highly likely these wards will be reorganised as part of the national Local Government Devolution Reorganisation.</p>
-----	---	-----	--

148	Coalville Heritage Society	Yes	<p>It is essential that post-2027 Local Government Devolution Reorganisation that Coalville establishes a Town Council. Within the current proposal for Leicestershire post-2027 Coalville risks having no tier two local government representation and this is unacceptable for a town the size of Coalville.</p> <p>The current provision provided by North West Leicestershire District Council through its Special Budget arrangements for Coalville have work reasonably well over the many years I have been aware of the funding but this is ad hoc and is not on par with other Town and Parish Councils who provide specific service to their local community. Coalville must not be in a position where these local services are delivered at some distance from the local community who will, or may, not have local representatives to hold accountable for the service delivery and management of the town. I also believe that representatives working for the local community must be from that community as local representatives will understanding the people, communities, heritage, culture and infrastructure of the town.</p> <p>The geographical extent of the Coalville Town Council must also include the current wards of Green Hill, Broom Leys, Castle Rock, Snibston North and South and Coalville East and West as it is highly likely these wards will be reorganised as part of the national Local Government Devolution Reorganisation.</p> <p>I do not see the point of merging a new Town Council with established Parish Councils around the town of Coalville, such as Hugglescote, Bardon, Ravenstone, etc. I also feel that Thringstone needs it own Parish Council rather than bring that in with Coalville as they have their own identifiable heritage and communities.</p>
-----	----------------------------	-----	---

			<p>It is essential that post-2027 Local Government Devolution Reorganisation that Coalville establishes a Town Council. Within the current proposal for Leicestershire post-2027 Coalville risks having no tier two local government representation and this is unacceptable for a town the size of Coalville.</p> <p>The current provision provided by North West Leicestershire District Council through its Special Budget arrangements for Coalville have work reasonably well over the many years I have been aware of the funding but this is ad hoc and is not on par with other Town and Parish Councils who provide specific service to their local community. Coalville must not be in a position where these local services are delivered at some distance from the local community who will, or may, not have local representatives to hold accountable for the service delivery and management of the town. I also believe that representatives working for the local community must be from that community as local representatives will understanding the people, communities, heritage, culture and infrastructure of the town.</p> <p>The geographical extent of the Coalville Town Council must also include the current wards of Green Hill, Broom Leys, Castle Rock, Snibston North and South and Coalville East and West as it is highly likely these wards will be reorganised as part of the national Local Government Devolution Reorganisation.</p> <p>I do not see the point of merging a new Town Council with established Parish Councils around the town of Coalville, such as Hugglescote, Bardon, Ravenstone, etc. I also feel that Thringstone needs it own Parish Council rather than bring that in with Coalville as they have their own identifiable heritage and communities.</p>
149	Snibston Heritage Trust	Yes	
150	Resident of Coalville	Yes	<p>Coalville Parish Council</p> <p>Local councillors one from each party who actually live in the area</p> <p>Don't think it should be split into wards</p>
151	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	I think it should be left as it is NWLDC, but Coalville Town Council works.

152	Resident of Coalville	Yes	Response: Yes. As the Disability Officer for the Co-operative Party, I strongly support a Town Council. Coalville needs a local democratic body that is closer to its residents, but it must be built on co-operative principles of equity and inclusion.
153	Resident of Coalville	Yes	I feel this should be represented by councillors who know the area well enough to help residents with what needs to be done also the name of the council is important

## Thringstone Consultation Responses

ID	Name2	Would you like to see a Parish Council set up to represent your area?	Please provide any additional comments you would like to be considered by North West Leicestershire District Council with regards to the potential creation of a parish council in Thringstone (for ...
2	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	This is urgently needed before North West leicester joins with Melton etc so that the residents will have some say in how their area is managed.
3	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	
4	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
5	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	
6	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	I think it most important for Thringstone to have a P.C. I hope the relevant Councillors can readily be found.
7	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	The Friends of Thringstone organisation achieved remarkable things for the village with very little funding. Much more could be achieved with a parish council funded by a parish precept.
8	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Thringstone & Whitwick Combine
9	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	I think would be great for Thringstone & help install more community spirt and give villager a sense of control as well as pride in their village. Whitwick parish Christmas decorations & lights have looked wonderful it would be nice if Thringstone had something similar.
10	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
11	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	I believe Thringstone would benefit from having it's own Parish Council.
12	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	A Parish council is required to ensure local issues are heard and understood by the new larger council, making sure local people have a voice and will be heard. A Parish council will understand local issues and will be able to explain these issues to the larger new council.

13	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Thringstone is very seperate from Coalville. Coalville needs a town council as Ashby is. and Thringstone should be represented by a parish council, as whitwick is. NWLDC will soon cease to be.
14	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	Thringstone used to have a parish council until the 1930s then that disappeared. Everybody else at the moment, with the exception of Coalville Town it seems, has a parish council, and with the possible demise of the Coalville Special Reserves, we will not be able to get any funding for our village. Friends of Thringstone has been working full tilt on the village since its inception in 2005 and would ideally like to work with a parish council to further the interests of the village.
15	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	
16	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	Having worked with a number of parish councils my only concern is that membership would be outweighed by local politicians. I think we really need a PC but with a majority of residents - not politicians. This way, local people can have some input and power behind decisions affecting their community.
17	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	Would it be divided into wards like Whitwick Parish Council? Would the number of councillors be related to the population of each ward or the village as a whole? Who would organise and pay for the election process?
18	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	I would dearly love to see Thringstone retain its own historic small village identity. The sprawling mess that is Whitwick is being swallowed up by Coalville, and I believe that we deserve to be solely responsible for maintaining our unique heritage. If there is no Thringstone Parish Council, I fear within a few years we shall just be an anonymous part of the urban sprawl of Coalville.
19	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	A Parish Council for Thringstone is currently missing from local government. To put Thringstone on an equal democratic footing with Whitwick and other Parishes, this omission should be rectified as soon as possible. A Parish Council for Thringstone should be instituted without delay.

20	Resident of Thringstone	Not sure	Commitment is needed. Are there enough people who could dedicate time to this and represent all groups including minority groups. Could Thringstone merge with Whitwick Parish Council and become Whitwick and Thringstone z
21	Resident Outside the District	Yes	There should be 1 parish for the Thringstone area named "Thringstone" with it's council called "Thringstone Parish Council". This area is distinct enough to be a separate parish and since the creation of "Ellistown and Battleflat" in 2002 and "Hugglescote and Donington-le-Heath" and "Whitwick" in 2011 this area has been separate from the rest of Coalville unparished area.
22	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	Long overdue, Thringstone has always been the forgotten village.
23	Resident of Thringstone	No	I'm not sure it is in the best interest of the village. I think its size & population would mean it would get a very small amount of funding, but its rural and need would mean it requires more.
24	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	Thringstone lacks a central hub and cohesion. Without friends of thringstone and *Name Redacted* ( who can't continue for ever) it will be impossible for anything to get done. The various organisations would have a central body rather than pulling against each other and form a united front. This would help the community spirit to improve which nowadays it sadly lacks
25	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	A suitable name would be Thringstone Parish Council. I suggest 7 members
26	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	

27	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	<p>Thringstone is a big enough community to have its own representation. A local parish council would cement the village in allowing it to make some decisions for itself.</p> <p>Name? Thringstone Parish Council.</p> <p>Councillors? no more than 10 absolute maximum. I feel it would be important to make sure that the Melrose Road area of the village has at least one councillor to speak up for it. Some of the villages longest residents live there and its important that the rest of the village listen to what they have to say.</p>
28	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
29	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	<p>I'd love for a parish council to be introduced to the village. Every other village in the surrounding areas receives support, whilst we get absolutely nothing. This includes no grit bins on new build estates, no Christmas decorations at all, no Remembrance Sunday commemorations, we've got cars parked all over footpaths leaving it difficult for wheelchair users, overgrown jittys, children's play areas have been removed, inadequate street lighting and that's just to name a few, but yet the council tax seems to increase year upon year. A parish council could provide the support that the village needs.</p>
30	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	<p>We definitely need a parish council for the village, we seem to get the dregs of everything. Planning permission was granted for two youth residential care homes on Main Street, Thringstone and whilst I understand the importance of these residencies during the planning application residents were assured that there would be no issues with parking. If you try to pull out of Glebe road there's cars fully parked on the pavement leaving people unable to see if there's any cars coming, they're parking on the corner of Glebe Road which is also causing a hazard, this has been reported to Coalville council on numerous occasions but it falls on deaf ears.</p>
31	Resident of Thringstone	No	<p>We're always told, we are short of money. I'm not convinced how adding another layer of bureaucracy will save money or improve things.</p>

32	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	It is important that any Parish Council consider the nature, layout and overall structure of a village such as Thringstone and how the nature of the village is maintained without any pressure from Central and Local Government on such matters such as house building or development of the surrounding areas. All too often we see enormous house building schemes being approved without any consideration of civic amenities, infrastructure including road planning. Houses spring up without any consideration of road capacities & condition, provision of shops, doctors and even basic facilities . Our roads are already overcrowded and dangerous particularly with an increased growing population.
33	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
34	.	Yes	
35	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
36	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
37	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	Thringstone is a growing village and needs representation
38	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
39	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	THRINGSTONE parish council and no more than 7 councillors
40	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	Thringstone needs a Parish Council as a voice at local level. It needs a better community feeling. There are several very busy shops, businesses and Estate Agents in Thringstone. I'm sure we wouldn't have any trouble finding Councillors and volunteers.
41	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	I believe anyone applying to be a parish councillor should have been a resident for a minimum of 5 years. The building that the parish council should use must be an existing building, this building to be big enough to host charitable events for the community. Anyone with experience is helpful but not a necessity as long as they're passionate. Someone within the ranks who has business experience would be helpful. I believe a minimum of 3 main people to head the parish council.

42	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	I think it would be great to have a parish council in Thringstone and for the local community to make decisions which are best for our local area and residents...
43	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	In recent years thringstone is becoming to look unkept, untidy and in serious need of local people who care for the village. There has also been several reports of a dangerous dog in the area which the police are yet to provide answers on, it would be beneficial for someone to represent the local people in these situations. As this dog had attacked many people including my father and his dog.
44	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	To give local residents a say in what is happening in our village
45	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	It would be nice to have more representation in the village with people working solely for the community of Thringstone.
46	.	Yes	
47	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	Thringstone Parish Council to tackle issues e.g Dog Fouling, Vandalism, Shop Lifting within the local Co Op store, Littering. Thringstone is currently being neglected by the Police who claim to be acting on issues within the village e.g Speeding during the evenings, Drug runners on E-Scooters blinding people with bright head lights. Unsociable behaviour within the church yard again in which the Police claim to have been monitoring. If any of what the police claim was in fact true why is there still problems within the village. We need a parish council to represent the voices of the village within local council meetings and help us tackle those serious problems which are being ignored at all levels. All of the problems seem to have fallen on deaf ears. Hopefully the parish council will engage with the MP Amanda Hack to address those problems.

48	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	<p>Subject: Community Governance Review Consultation response.</p> <p>I am writing in response to the current Phase 1 consultation as part of the Community Governance Review, specifically regarding governance arrangements for the unparished area of Thringstone.</p> <p>I strongly support the establishment of a new parish council for Thringstone.</p> <p>Reasons for my support:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It would provide enhanced local democracy and representation. A parish council would give residents a direct, elected voice on local matters that directly affect our community. Currently, decisions can feel distant, made at the district level without sufficient focus on our specific needs. This is particularly important in light of the proposed local government reorganisation which would abolish North West Leicestershire District Council and merge it into a larger unitary authority. Such changes risk creating a “democratic deficit” by consolidating power in bigger entities, potentially overlooking hyper-local issues in small villages like Thringstone. A parish council would help preserve and strengthen community-level representation under this transition.</li> <li>2. It would provide improved community engagement and identity. Establishing a parish council would help foster a stronger sense of local identity and belonging in Thringstone. It would provide a formal mechanism for residents to discuss and influence issues such as local facilities, green spaces, community events, highways maintenance, and small-scale improvements that matter most to us.</li> <li>3. It would provide the ability to deliver local improvements. Parish councils have the power to precept (raise a modest amount via council tax) to fund local priorities, such as maintaining play areas, supporting village halls, providing additional litter bins, or organising community activities. This would complement rather than duplicate the work of the principal authority and becomes</li> </ol>
49	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	We need more here. One side of Thringstone has a park for the kids the other side has nothing.
50	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	We need representation from within the village , from people who know the village and its people well.

51	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	
52	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	Thringstone and Gracedieu 7 councillors
53	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
54	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	
55	Resident of Thringstone	Yes	Thringstone Parish Council

# Ashby Consultation Responses

Id	Name1	Do you feel your community is suitably represented by the current town council arrangement?	Please provide any comments.	Does the current parish boundary reflect your sense of community identity?	Please provide any comments.1	Do you think the name of the town council should change to reflect the communities that it represents (for example, should it include 'Blackfordby' in its name?)	Please provide any comments.2	Should the number of councillors or warding arrangements change?	Please provide any comments.3	Please provide any additional comments you would like to be considered by North West Leicestershire District Council as part of the review of local governance for Ashby Town Council. Please note all
1	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		No		
2	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		Not sure		Yes		Yes		
3	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	Town Council has a much higher and better profile since the introduction of the BID	Yes		No		No		
4	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	The Elected people are not competent enough	No	Blackfordby's sense of community has long since disappeared as a result of residential over-development	Yes	Blackfordby's name should be included in all new revisions	Yes	We really only need one representative	I will only reply to this once I see what is being proposed by the Review
5	Resident of Packington	Yes	The council engages with the community and organises various events which foster a feeling of togetherness	Not sure	Not too sure where the current parish boundary line is!	No	Blackfordby already gets included in a lot of events etc. instigated from within Ashby and the people who live there must be worried that they will one day be swallowed up by Ashby. Also, if the boundary is to be extended to take in Blackfordby, why not Coleorton as well?	Not sure		They do a great job.
6	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes		Yes		No	Blackfordby is not geographically part of Ashby so should not be called Ashby Blackfordby	No		
7	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		Not sure		No	Any additional bureaucracy is unwelcome	
8	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		No		
9	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		Yes		Not sure		No		

10	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure	Not sure who my councillor is that represents where I live. Only hear outcome of meetings if there are significant issues being discussed. The only councillor who appears to communicate is Pejman Zamani.	Not sure	Don't know what the boundary is.	Not sure	How many communities are included in the town council. Maybe a more generic name like Ashby Parish Council if they're all within the Parish boundaries.	Not sure	Not sure how this is subdivided and whether the workload is reasonable.	I wonder how many people actually know and understand the politics and potential impact of this review if there is limited knowledge of the boundaries and division of councillor support for the respective areas being asked to respond.
11	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No	We are a separate town from Blackfordby and we each have our own identity	Not sure		
12	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	I believe so although don't fully know. I want Blackfordby to be part of Ashby. It is frustrating that we are in Leicestershire but have a DE postcode and Swadlincote address.	Not sure		Yes	It would be better if Blackfordby was formally part of Ashby. The address means that there is often confusion and means we don't fully feel part of things.	Not sure		Blackfordby should have an Ashby address including post code. This would align with our Leicestershire county location. Swadlincote is in Derbyshire and therefore doesn't make sense. We want to be fully part of Ashby, North West Leicestershire and Ashby Town Council.
13	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Not sure		No		No		
14	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure	I don't know what the current arrangements are	Yes	I'm not sure how a boundary can provide a sense of community identity. If people use services in Ashby then they are part of the community, whether or not they are over a boundary.	No	Names make not a lot of difference - it's straightforward two-way communication and transparency that matters to people.	Not sure	I don't know how changes would affect anything that currently happens.	It would be really great to have a clear map of which organisation is in charge of maintenance of the roads/paths so if there are any issues, it is easy to report and track (i.e. potholes, overgrown areas, difficult to access paths etc.). Currently, there are too many options and no-one - even those who work at the councils themselves - are fully aware of who is responsible.
15	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		Yes	At the moment it shows the Blackfordby as a distinct area within NW Leics.	Yes	The council name should reflect the communities being served	No		
16	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	The village seems well controlled.	Yes	Maintaining the villages integrity is important.	Yes	Blackfordby is an integral part of the area.	No		
17	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		Not sure		Yes		Not sure		

18	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure	I'm not sure yet what the proposals are, but I'd say comparing Willesley to Blackfordby and other wards, it seems Willesley is over-represented with councillors, which obviously bears a cost for the council. It seems like Willesley's size would justify just 2 councillors.	No	The A42 provides a natural boundary on the wards of Willesley, Castle and Money Hill extend a little way beyond the A42, given the low number of homes and residents in this area, I'm not sure why they've been included in the Ashby wards. Those areas of Willesley and Castle certainly seem more like Packington. Where Ivanhoe and Blackfordby extend to Norris Hill and just beyond certainly feels more like Moira. I don't really consider that area to be Ashby at all.	No	You have to draw the line somewhere! Let's not make it unnecessarily longer and spend money changing everything! The name is absolutely fine and I'd consider a needless change to be a waste of resident's money and a breach of your duties to spend it wisely.	Yes	Yes, too many councillors for Willesley. Ward areas extend too far into areas with very few residents, like towards Packington, or Moira.	
19	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		Not sure		No		Not sure		
20	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		Yes		Yes		No		
21	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No		Not sure	Where is the boundary?	Yes	If blackfordby is to be a part of the council, it should be named .	Not sure	How many wards do we have?	More involvement and input available for local people in the parish/ward with better communication avenues available.
22	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		Yes		Not sure		
23	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	We are covered by the appropriate number of councillors	Yes		No	If all the wards are named it over complicates it.	No		
24	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		Yes		Not sure		
25	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		Yes	Money Hill will need greater representation	
26	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		Yes		No		No		
27	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure	Not sure what they actually do	No	There is no community - set of housing estates getting bigger with less and less to do. The high street is poor full of charity shops, vape shops, barbers and nail bars. We have to leave Ashby by car to shop/ for entertainment etc	No	Cosmetic change no value	Not sure	Can't comment as not aware of workload	The Town Council has a thankless task and are probably working with one hand tied behind their back. In 2025 highlights are the soap box Darby, Christmas Fayre in Market St, monthly farmers market. The closure of Market St for town events is a real positive for which many thanks.
28	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	Seems to be working well as it is	Not sure		No	If people are aware of the boundaries easier to you biggest town name	Not sure		

29	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	Ashby Town Council always seems very proactive when it comes to any issues concerning the village	Yes		Yes	What's in a name? Not much really, but by changing it then the Town Council does sound as if it cares about our village community.	Yes	Another councillor for our growing village would be very welcome	
30	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		Not sure		Yes		Not sure		
31	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	Don't feel you provide adequate support and help in and around the community as there is constantly issues	Not sure		No		No		
32	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	It needs more representation of us for more local concerns.	No	They are not in the younger age demographic	Yes	It should be more localised for local people	Not sure	N/A	Ashby is expanding so it will become more diluted towards the outskirts of the catchment coverage and therefore needs more representation in its own right further afield.
33	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		Not sure		Yes		No		
34	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		Yes		No		No		
35	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		Yes		Not sure		
36	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	I feel that the community is well represented by the parish council, but the voice of the parish council and therefore the community is ignored by other layers of government (ie the District and county councils) to our detriment	Yes		Yes		Not sure		Please listen more to the voice of local people via its elected town council, rather than ignoring its views at the District level
37	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	It is just right	Yes	I identify with Willesley	Yes	It makes sense to be inclusive	No		
38	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure	I think Ashby is well represented but unsure of how each ward (example - we are Castle Ward) is represented	Not sure	Bit confused as to why Blackfordby and Boundary are in the Ashby remit as Ashby should cover Ashby only?	No	Ashby should represent Ashby	No	Looking at the numbers, I think it is fine but more would also help distribute the work and give councillors more chance to actually meet and talk to the residents of Ashby	I think Ashby council does a great job and I know budgets are tight. I still think the railway line should be made into a cycle path to attract more visitors and tourists to help get shops occupied - it is a shame the high street is looking bare of choice.
39	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		No		
40	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		No		No		No		

41	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	I think the town council does a good job it is just overruled by the district when it shouldn't be.	No	The town has grown so much it is stretching everything out	No	I think it should be something like Ashby and surrounding villages council rather than naming any of them as it will just be missing some where off	Yes	The population and the size of the area has grown so much that the councillors are not as effectively tied to a discernible area	
42	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No		Yes		No	The town council is such a minor administrative layer of local government its name is really not important and it requires no inflation. More practically it does not need a long and verbose name.	Yes	Town councillors should not be permitted to be District or County councillors concurrently. The town council should not be a political organisation and town councillors should represent only the interests of the local community - not their political affiliation at District, County or even national level.	
43	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	Local views are ignored.	Yes	Ashby-De-La-Zouch knows its identity already.	No	It should stay as it is.	No	No real need.	Listen and act on the views of local people and not ride rough shod over them.
44	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		Not sure		No		Yes	Not enough info is shared to give an informed view nor the cost of such numbers	
45	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		No		Ashby and Blackfordby should be kept as 2 distinct places. Otherwise we risk one massive merging of all the towns along the A511 all the way to Burton. With destruction of green space and countryside for wellbeing and identity.
46	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		No		
47	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	Nothing needs to change	Yes		No	Ashby is it's own identity and includes the local villages	No		
48	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		Yes		Not sure		
49	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		No		

50	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	The current Town Council are considerate of their community providing services that reflect our needs.	Yes	The parish boundary does represent a sense of community for Ashby.	No	The majority of the area represents Ashby and would deflect its origins with a name change.	No	Not at present, but may need adjusting in the future with all the current housing development being undertaken, which in it self could destroy the town if sufficient infrastructure measures are not taken.	The local governance for Ashby Town Council currently works well and I see no need for any fundamental changes.
51	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	Excellent Council	Yes		No	Ashby is Ashby	No		
52	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure	Unsure why we are included within both Ashby and Ashby Woulds districts. Would be simpler to just fold Blackfordby into Ashby Town	Not sure	As per comments in sectuon 5	Yes		Yes	Blackfordby would come out of Ashby Woulds	
53	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No	The other wards aren't named.	No	Ward size shouldn't just be reflected by the number of people. The size of the area and the identity of the area matter as well.	
54	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure	If its not broken why fix it and it does not feel broken to me	Not sure	??	Not sure		Not sure		Why change
55	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Not sure	Not sure why Blackfordby is included within Ashby de la Zouch Town Council	No		Not sure		
56	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		Yes	Money hill is projected to get bigger so needs the equivalent ratio of councillors.	
57	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	Town Councils need more power, especially if District Councils dissapier. They have more local knowledge.	Not sure		No		Not sure		
58	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Not sure	Don't know who actually properly represents the Council arrangements when needing to know who I can trust to effectively to help with real people and real problems, issues etc.	Not sure	For people living outside the Parish but nearby need assurances that they count too	Not sure	Not sure with the inclusion of Blackfordby as don't know much about the area	Yes	These need to change for the better. Again Wardens should be there primarily to help people not just to hound people	I haven't lived in Ashby all my life and feel that generally it could be a more inclusive area for people to live in who might be considering to live here or work in.  A prime example of this would that maybe Councillors could consider in how other areas across the Country manage this. To be used as an example Warwickshire Council are good at what they do.

59	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Not sure		Yes		Yes	Where the ratio of electors to representatives is significantly higher than current e.g. as Money Hill developments increase	
60	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	As the new housing estates grow, there may have to be some readjustments to reflect the increase in population in the new areas like Money Hill.	Not sure	Not sure there is a difference in "identity" within the differing wards within the Ashby area. I don't feel different in "Ivanhoe" compared to folks in "Hastings" or "Castle"	Not sure	In the old days of District councils then Blackfordby was included in the name, but you need to listen to how strongly Blackfordby residents feel about it. Balance that against the expense of changing the names and the accusations of change for changes sake.	Not sure	Blackfordby currently has the least number of residents per councillor so are over represented. Money Hill may soon be under represented. So there may have to be some readjustments of wards or councillors to keep the representation fair.	
61	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		Not sure		Not sure		
62	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	Ashby Town Council has served the local population very well in the past, giving local people a voice and ensured it was heard.	Yes	We are served very well by the Town Council	Yes	Yes to ensure the people of Blackfordby understand they a voice on the Town Council	Yes	Blackfordby should increase its wards representatives to 3 town coucils to bring it in line with the other Ashby wards	Its very important for local councils and residents to have a voice and be heard, so the new larger council will have a better understanding of local issues
63	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		No		
64	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		No		
65	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		Not sure		Yes	With the ever increasing population within Ashby, I feel more councillors will be needed	
66	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure	I feel that the district council does not listen to the town Council sufficiently	Not sure	I dont understand how the parish councils divide and feel we should be one community and not competing with eachother	Yes	If Blackfordby is deemed part of the councils it should be included	Not sure	I wish the counsellors worked for all the a rea and not in competition with eachotjer. What happens in one area affects everyone.	
67	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		Not sure		Yes		Not sure		

	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No	Because it is the town council, so it should have the name of the town. Otherwise, where do you stop? Ashby, Blackfordby, Moria, Donisthorpe, Willesley etc etc Town Council . Becomes a bit of a mouthful	Not sure		
	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		Yes		
	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	With living on the Leicestershire side of Boundary, overlooking Blackfordby, we tend to be forgotten	No	See above, apart from waste collections which really is are only link	Yes		Not sure		
	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	Castle and Willesley should reduce by 1 each	
	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	I do not agree that a boundary review or change of name is necessary. Blackfordby should be removed from Ashby as they have no affinity with the Town of Ashby. Blackfordby should have its own parish council similar to current villages in NWLDC area	No	Blackfordby has no affinity with Ashby Town	No	Blackfordby should have its own Parish Council similar to other areas of NW Leicestershire	Not sure	Without Blackfordby there may have to be some balancing of the Wards	Blackfordby was included with Ashby some years ago when Local Government were re-organised there was no logic to this and certainly no consultation at the time.
	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	More councillors needed	Yes		No	fine as it is	Yes	increased to give a voice to an expanding community and their needs	Ashby seems to be a poor relation on the grand scale of things. we need to feel thsat we are fully represented
	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	Change is not appropriate at this time. Stop wasting money. This will only incur unaffordable cost. Don't need any more councillors either.	Yes	The boundaries are fine and the villages need to retain their own identities.	No	The town name is historic and doesn't need a name change.	No	No more councillors. Reduce them if anything.	Whoever's idea this is need to look at the wider picture and the timing of any changes f this change. Stop creating work that increases our taxes. I'm sure whoever s on this project could be employed elsewhere better. Are you just not in touch with what's going on in your community and what is really important?
	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		Yes		

76	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	There has been significant building on the west side of town. Residents of the estates off Spring Avenue & Bishops Avenue require representation on the Council	Not sure		Yes		Yes	Yes for reason above, see answers 4 & 5
77	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		No	Could include Packington and Blackfordby, both	Yes		Yes	
78	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	Ignored residents opinions when granting planning permissions to undesirable developments	Yes	Ashby is a town in it's won right and should not governed by people it chooses - not people in Coalville or Leicester	Yes		No	The town Council should be allowed to vote on veto commercial developments like the "secure unit" - this development was planned, voted for and pushed through the system by people who do not live near it and who will not suffer the consequences. This is just one example of many bad decisions implement by NWLDC - ASHY should decide on it's own Planning rules
79	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure	there seem to be a lot of councillors for a small area i come under Willesley and there are 2 councillors seems we could manage with just one	Not sure	I come under Willesley but really I think we too far from that area	No		Yes	need fewer
80	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		Yes		Not sure	I live in Shellbrook, which is a small but separate community - but adding it to the name, along with Blackfordby, I could make it very cumbersome	Yes	If the projected electorate figures are accurate leaving arrangements as they are would result in an imbalance in the ratio of councillors to electors
81	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	The Town Council already does a great job, I am very happy with the way they operate.	Yes	The Town Council represents the community it serves, Ashby is a better place to live because of the council. With the changes to NWL and planned mergers, the role of the Town Council will become increasingly important to ensure that local views, local democracy and governance is not lost. Communities matter!	Yes	The council covers Blackfordby so it should be included in the name.	Not sure	I hope that with the impending merger considerable thought is being given to how Town Councils roles will be reflected in the new arrangements. Their role must not be weakened.

82	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	The town council is well run, however it seems to be focused on incidental matters ie a dog pooping in the cemetery etc, rather on how to make Ashby a fantastic place to shop etc	Yes		Yes		Yes		
83	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	A level of representation of around 1:1000 seems satisfactory. Money Hill will, under the forecast projections, require an additional councillor. Blackfordby's number of councillors should be kept under review - 1:600 can be justified if there are specific and unusual issues necessitating this level of representation	Yes		Yes	"Ashby (de-la-Zouch) and Blackfordby" would seem appropriate	Yes	As above, there needs to be extra provision for Money Hill based on current electorate projections and Blackfordby's provision, which is generous, should be kept under review	
84	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	Too many councillors arguing amongst themselves	No		No		Yes	Too many	
85	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	The Ashby TYown Council do a very good job and could enhance their service by expanding their scope of work.	No	The boundary should include the area over the A42 for 1/2 a mile towards Coalville to include the new business parks.	Yes		Yes	We are a rapidly growing town and need extra representatives.	ATC could take a stronger role re Town Planning using our own Neighborhood Plan.
86	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes	Blackfordby is larger than Packington which has it's own parish council.	Yes	Although at the edge of the parish, we feel part of the village.	Not sure		I believe the staff at ATC are reason enough to remain part of it rather than forming our own. They are all first class. Welcome the chance for Blackfordby to be recognised.
87	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		Not sure		

88	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	Considering the continued building of new properties in the area I would support the town council's application to NWLDC for a review of boundaries, number of councillors and funding etc. Also that if Blackfordby is to be included within the Ashby Town Council area of responsibility a change of name to reflect this should be considered to s	Not sure	Yes	Already mentioned.	Yes	Given the burgeoning boundaries of Ashby due to multiple property developments it may be time to create a new ward and therefore an additional councillor responsible for it. Maybe Money Hill? - yo	
89	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes	No	Its long enough as it is	Yes	Money Hill is growing at a rapid rate - either more councillors are needed for this expanding ward, or the boundaries need to change	Would it not be better if Blackfordby had its own parish council, like Packington (which is closer to Ashby)?
90	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		Not sure	No		No		
91	Ashby de la Zouch Town Council	No	Large variances between wards in electors per councillor are projected by 2031 due to the Money Hill development.	No	The boundary between Ashby de la Zouch and Packington could be rationalised to align with the A42. There are three tranches of land impacted – one to the south of the A42 close to junction 12, one to the north of the A42 and one to the south of the A42 close to Leicester Road but excluding New Packington. New Packington should remain part of Ashby de la Zouch. The hamlet of Boothorpe is much more closely associated with Blackfordby than Ashby Wolds. The only road to Boothorpe passes through Blackfordby. Boothorpe should be included in Ashby de la Zouch parish.	No	There has been no pressure from electors to change the name. It is not supported by the two ward members. It would place an unnecessary financial burden upon local taxpayers.	Yes	We feel that with impending local government reorganisation that it would not be a good time to reduce the total number of councillors. Consequently, we are suggesting that the forecast imbalance in representation for 2031 should be reduced by adding an additional two councillors to the existing Money Hill ward. Given the uncertainty surrounding the rate of Money Hill development, it would be a matter of judgment as to whether this full adjustment is appropriate prior to 2031.
92	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure	I'm a newcomer to Ashby	Not sure	No		Not sure		
93	Resident of North West	Yes		Yes	No		No		

94	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		Not sure		
95	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	Ashby has expanded in the last 10 years and the current boundaries no longer reflect these developments!	No		No		Yes	The more people reflecting people's views can only be a positive	We need the Town council to be focused on developing Ashby into amazing place it could be
96	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		No	The ratio of councillors to electors looks fairly well balanced across the wards.	
97	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		No		No		No		
98	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		Not sure		Yes		Yes	Fewer	
99	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	The number of councillors needs to be increased as a single tier to replace present two tiers of district and county councils will lead to more work and decision making falling on the town council.	Not sure	One wonders if Blackfordby should have a separate parish council	No	This would be expensive to change to include Blackfordby in its name.	Yes	The number of councillors needs to be increased as a single tier to replace present two tiers of district and county councils will lead to more work and decision making falling on the town council.	I would go along with Ashby Town Council's view of any minor changes to the parish boundary.
100	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		No		
101	Resident of North West	Yes		Yes		No		No		
102	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Not sure		Not sure		Not sure		Not sure		
103	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure	I don't know what is in the agreement.	Yes		No		No		
104	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		Yes		No		No		
105	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		No	I feel part of our Community is also Packington and Smisby	Yes	Ashby District Council	Yes	To include representatives from Smisby/Packington	Finances are tight and expansion of the area may create problems... I haven't the knowledge though to say if this is the case.
106	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No	We are in boundary and don't have any communication regarding representation	No		Yes		Yes	Should be more as size of community has increased	
107	Resident of North West Leicestershire	No		Not sure		Yes		Yes	As the population of Ashby and the surrounding area increases more Councillors will be needed and should be representative of all communities and neighbourhoods.	

108	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure	Councillors aren't always up to date with current issues happening in Ashby	Yes		No		Not sure	Keep it local for residents to access it and to listen to the views of residents, incorporating these views into the policies affecting our community.	
109	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	under represented	Yes		Not sure		Yes		
110	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Not sure	Would be happy if Blackfordby was included with Ashby.	Yes		No		Yes		
111	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		Not sure		No	Ashby is Ashby	Not sure		
112	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes	They are very supportive and communicate well.	Not sure		Not sure		Not sure		
113	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure	Sorry just moved back to Ashby	Yes		No		No		
114	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		Yes		No		
115	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	Don't know who they are or how they can be contacted	Not sure	Not bothered about boundaries, just wish every day services were done properly if at all eg FILTHY UN-. Do Council people ever walk around the areas they represent ??????????????? SWEPT FOOT WAYS	No	Get the real jobs done instead of navel gazing over meaningless stuff such as this	No	For one who has the misfortune to qualify, and who needs to fully open my car door to get in and out of any vehicle the shortage of "disabled" parking facilities in the town have hardly changed since a job move brought me and my family here in 1988	I am old enough to remember previous changes to local governance none of which improved basic services, they just seemed to cost more
116	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	Ashby residents lose out on amenities to neighbouring towns yet provide substantial tax revenue	No	The Money Hill Ward is too large to represent the community	No	Blackfordby requires its own council	Yes	Reduce the ward size & reduce the number of councillors most are ineffective	
117	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	Yes for Blackfordby but see question 6 re Boothorpe being excluded.	No	I live in a small hamlet, Boothorpe. The only access to the hamlet is via Blackfordby but the hamlet falls under a different council, Ashby Woulds TC. All community links are with Blackfordby. The current boundary makes no logical sense and isolates a community from support from local councillors linked to Blackfordby.	Yes		Not sure	See above - Boothorpe to be part of Ashby (& Blackfordby) TC not Ashby Woulds TC.	I think council boundaries should reflect communities and their local links. Boothorpe is much closer aligned to Blackfordby and therefore Ashby TC, and feels isolated from Ashby Woulds TC.
118	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		Not sure		No		Not sure		

119	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	Blackfordby village is but the hamlet of Boothorpe falls under Ashby Woulds PC.	No	Boothorpe is a hamlet which can only be accessed via Blackfordby yest sits under a different council, Ashby Woulds PC.	Yes		No	Blackfordby should be a minimum of 2 councillors.	I feel boundaries should reflect communities and their local links. Boothorpe's connections are with Blackfordby, and by association Ashby, not Ashby Woulds.
120	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		No		
121	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No		Yes		No		No		Nobody seems interested in the townspeople's welfare; the public transport is delayed as it comes from Leicester or burton, this includes the school bus 29S, and we need a small bus station like Swadlincote have - for safety reasons. Rival buses pull in at the same time and passengers with children disembark in the middle of market street. We need a hospital and nhs dentist, another GP surgery. Nobody cares unless it affects them!
122	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		No		
123	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		No		
124	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		Yes		No		
125	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	Who are they?	No	Ashby is my home	No		Yes	Faceless ineffective amateurs	Single tier unitary authority is the answer as long is it is not Leicestershire County Council
126	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No		No		
127	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	Lets go back to taking control and be Ashby Urban Council and get rid of the Coalville Council	No		No	No different to ofthe parts of the Paris IE Packington	Yes	Very little being seen from the current ones with a couple of exceptions. KH and PZ	Get rid of NWLDC
128	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	No	The town council should have more power to veto planning permissions granted by District	Yes		No		Not sure		Too many planning decisions are made without respecting the views of local residents. The granting of Loudan House to house potentially dangerous inmates in one of many examples. NWLDC takes too much notice of Government policy and not enough of the concerns of people who actually live in Ashby. This has to stop
129	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		Not sure		Not sure		
130	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		No	We live in Ashby de la Zouch leave it be please	No		

131	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes	Money Hill Ward will get much bigger with the new housing and may need dividing or more support given to it in time.	Yes	I think so, I would need more context on this to answer fully.	Not sure	Blackfordby is a village, not sure how this could be added to the name. Could have a strapline with it in maybe?	Yes	In regards to Money Hill when that is at full capacity for sure.	
132	Resident of Packington	No	I live too far away from Ashby. I should be aligned with Packington Parish.	No	Same answer as no 5	Yes		Yes	Too many wards. Why not one Councillor for Ashby and one for Blackfordby.	
133	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure		No	Ashby and Blackfordby should be separate	No	Ashby-de-la Zouch is the largest town	No		
134	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Yes		Yes		Not sure		Yes		
135	Resident of Ashby de la Zouch	Not sure	On the whole I feel the town is suitably represented but there could be listings of Councillors out in the public eye.	Not sure	There should be more notifications of this either publically or by leaflets.	Not sure	It could include 'Blackfordby' in its name as it is within the jurisdiction.	Yes	There needs to be reliable unbiased warding arrangements working for the good of people.	Generally is seems well represented but I believe there is room for improvements that could be made.

# Ibstock Consultation Responses

ID	Name2	Do you feel your community is suitably represented by the current parish council arrangements?	Please provide any comments	Does the current parish boundary reflect your sense of community identity?	Please provide any comments2	Please provide any additional comments you would like to be considered by North West Leicestershire District Council as part of the review of local governance arrangements for Ibstock Parish Council...
1	Resident of Ibstock	Not sure	Never hear anything much about them	Yes		
2	Resident of Ibstock	No	We don't know who represents us on the Parish Council and rarely, if ever, hear about the Parish Council doing anything. On the few occasions we have contacted them the response has been extremely negative.	Not sure	I have no idea what our sense of community identity is. We get on well with our neighbours and other people around us but beyond that the notion of an identity seems strange.	It is important that any changes do not cherry-pick areas that are perceived as 'nice middle-class areas' leaving other areas out on their own. Communities only work because they reflect everyone that lives and works in them.
3	Resident of Ibstock	Yes		Yes		
4	Resident of Ibstock	Yes		Yes		

5	Resident of Ibstock	Not sure	As a resident are the meetings shown anywhere and decision for example in a free magazine	Not sure	Is the boundary continually updated for let's say new houses etc	As a resident I think it's important that all councils share their decision making strategies with its residents and decisions should in some respect reflect the majority and not the minority
6	Resident of Ibstock	No	Anytime I have tried to contact my parish council i have been ignored. I am starting to think nobody is there at all. Never received a response.	Yes		
7	Resident of Ibstock	No	Dont have any information	Not sure		There is no evidence the there is a parish council for Ibstock operating.
8	Resident of Ibstock	No		No		
9	Resident of Ibstock	No	Who are they and what do they do?	Not sure	Never had any information on them, so unable to honestly comment. How much do they cost?	If I honestly knew what they did and who they are, I'd be better able to comment.
10	Resident of Ibstock	No	no sign of trying to improve anything in the village, not much information around for people to know who is representing the parish	Not sure		

11	Resident of Ibstock	Not sure	I am concerned with the phrase "community is suitably represented" - are you suggesting a more diverse membership is required?	Not sure	Kindly provide ALL houses with the current parish boundary	
12	Resident of Ibstock	Yes	Yes i feel that the current set up works at Parish Level, more than 13 cllrs may be to many to reach decisions etc.	Yes	It does, however there could be an argument that Battram may be more aligned to Ellistown than Ibstock.	
13	Resident of Ibstock	No	Not visible and very little planned fir Christmas	Not sure		
14	Resident of Ibstock	Not sure		Not sure		
15	Resident of Ibstock	Not sure	I hear very little and when I have had a problem in the past the parish clerk wasn't helpful at all although that was around 2016. I haven't had any contact, support or anything from them since.	No	I cant tell which I fit into and I dont have a sense of identity or community from the parish council. To me, they seem to not be accessible unless you attend a meeting in person.	I dont understand what it means from reading the documents. Using phrases like governance and terms of reference, although I understand them, they are not terms that most local people will recognise. They need to be explained in terms that people who dont work in public services will understand. It is very unaccessible.

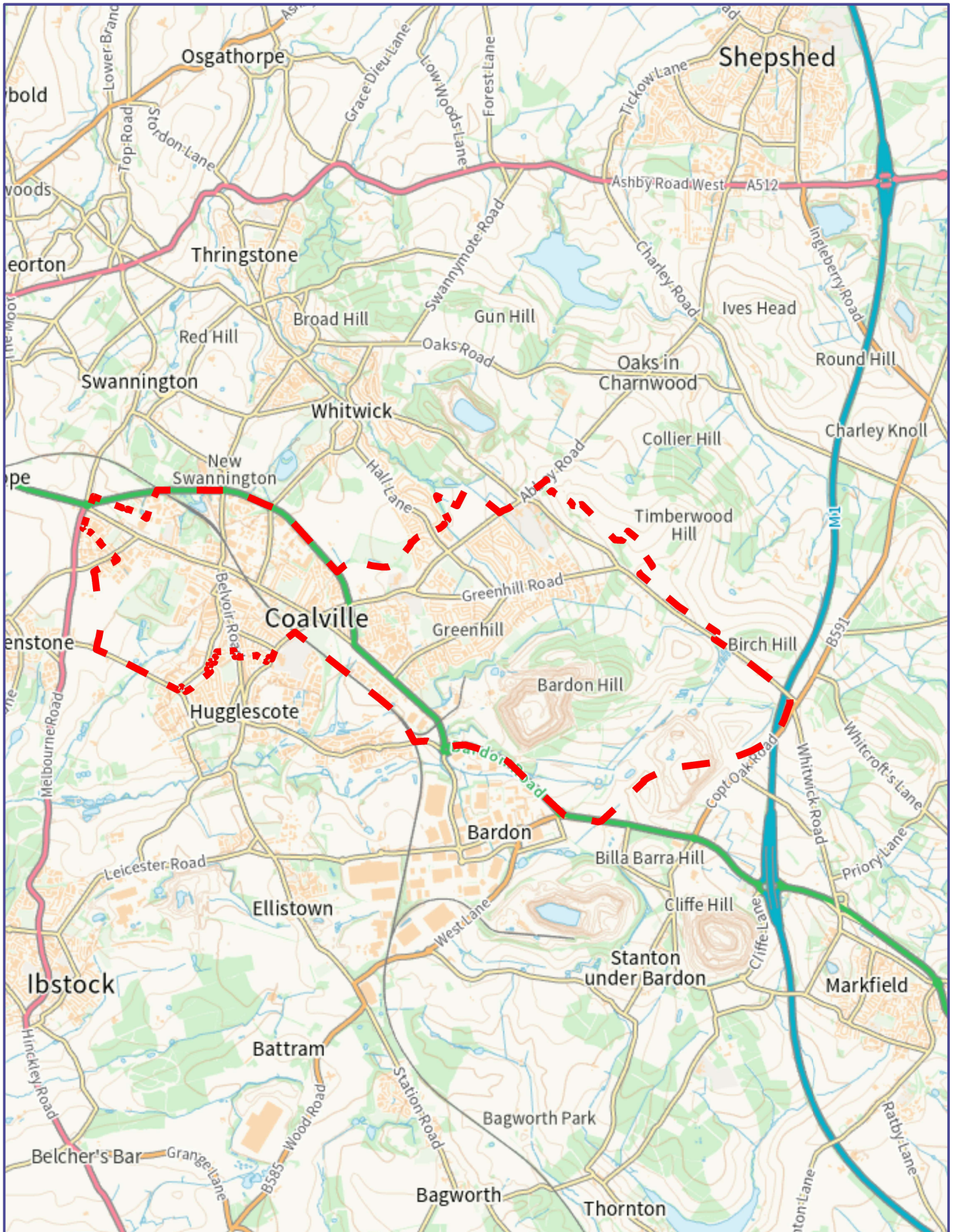
16	Resident of Ibstock	Not sure		Yes		Ibstock PC does a great job
17	Resident of North West Leicestershire	Yes		Yes		
18	Resident of Ibstock	Yes	Ellistown parish council have been very effective.	Yes	As long as Ellistown retains its boundaries I'm happy.	
19	Resident of Ibstock	Yes		Yes		
20	Resident of Ibstock	Yes	Doesnt need to be any bigger as current council struggle already	Yes		
21	Resident of Ibstock	Yes	Now we have a clerk who works for the Parish and a new Parish Council who are making a positive impact on the parish	Yes	Ibstock is a big parish and has reached it's maximum reach when considering the new developments which are coming	We have a great parish council
22	Resident of Ibstock	No	It makes no sense that the village is split into 3, the whole of Ibstock should be one separate Parish with it's own Parish Council	No	The village is split in 3, think it is more important the whole of the village is kept together, smaller surrounding villages should be put in different Parishes if it is deemed that Ibstock is too big it shouldn't be to the detriment of keeping the village together.	

23	Resident of Ibstock	Not sure		Yes		
24	Resident of Ibstock	Yes	NA	Yes	NA	NA
25	Resident of Ibstock	Yes		Yes		There is room for improvement in communication between parish council and residents especially when planning changes such as the housing developments. Parish council should then have more influence over District council.
26	Resident of Ibstock	Not sure	There has been issues with the Parish council members and I'm not sure the parishioners and properly represented.	Not sure	Ibstock snuggles for identity as the planners keep allowing the expansion of village/town without the infrastructure. As such it has become a dormitory town with no cultural identity.	Protect the countryside for food security and stop the building of houses on green fields. This will allow Ibstock to consolidate and build an identity and hopefully infrastructure to build a community.
27	Resident of Ibstock	No		No		No more houses in 13 years living our village we have had 5 big houses estates been built enough is enough! We moved here for a village life not a town.
28	Resident of Ibstock	Yes		No		

29	Resident of Ibstock	No	As a one street village, I have never met my parish councillor	No	We're second fiddle	
30	Resident of Ibstock	Not sure		No		
31	Resident of Ibstock	No	The Parish council and its councillors should look to utilising its resources more for the benefit of the village rather than small individual areas which benefit only a few.	Yes	This is a very old village with its own history and identity which should be nurtured and maintained for future generations.	
32	Resident of Ibstock	Yes		No		
33	Resident of Ibstock	Not sure		Not sure		

This page is intentionally left blank

# Unparished Area of Coalville and Bardon Parish Meeting



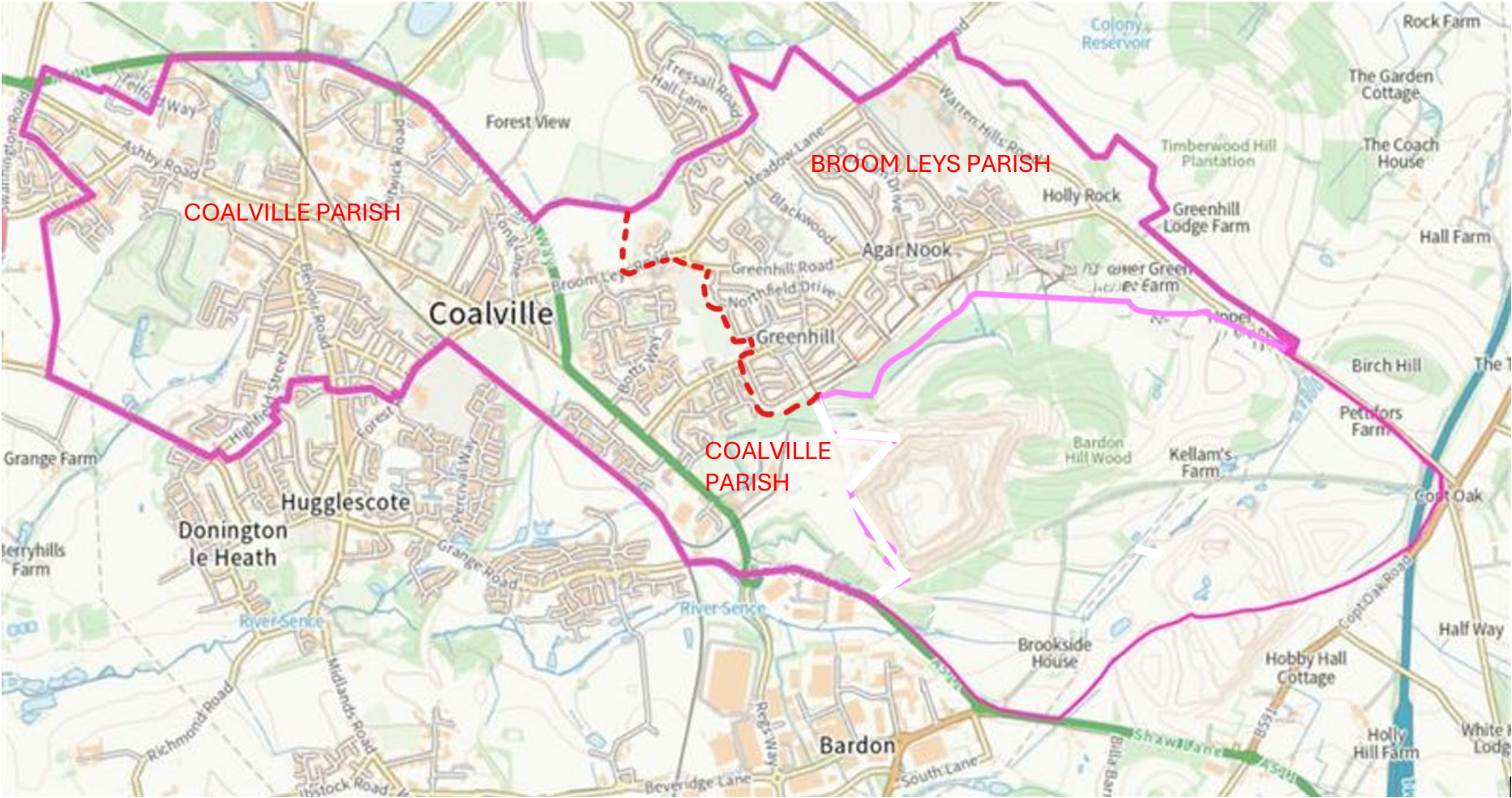
Scale: 1:50,000

GraphicsLayer2  
75

This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of his Majesty's Stationery Office.  
Crown copyright - Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings  
North West Leicestershire District Council  
License No: 100019329 2012

This page is intentionally left blank

Option 2 – Coalville Parish Council and Broom Leys Parish Council



77

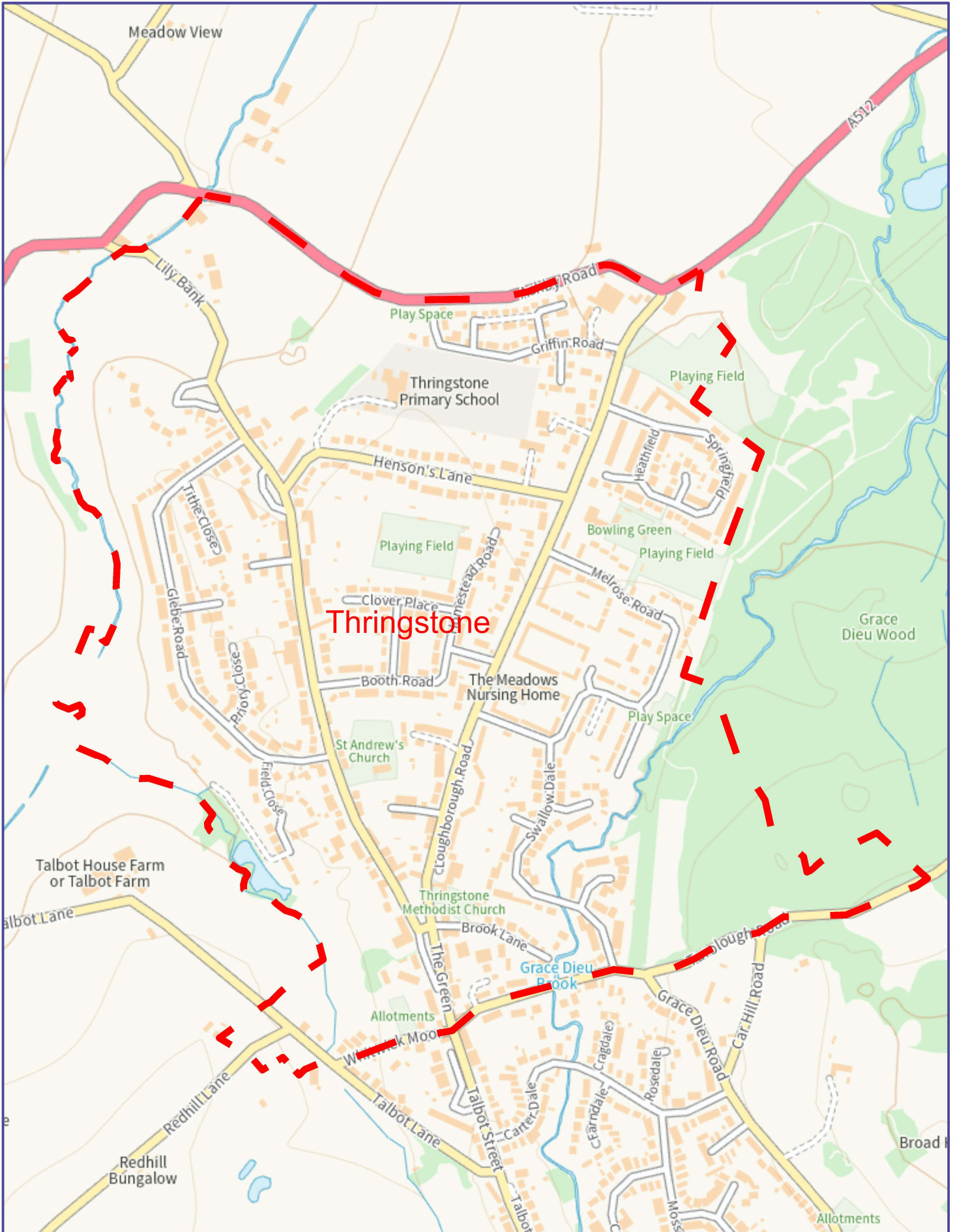
This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of his Majesty's Stationery Office. Crown copyright - Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings

North West Leicestershire District Council


License No: 100019329 2012

This page is intentionally left blank

# Unparished Area of Thringstone Appendix E



Scale: 1:7,000

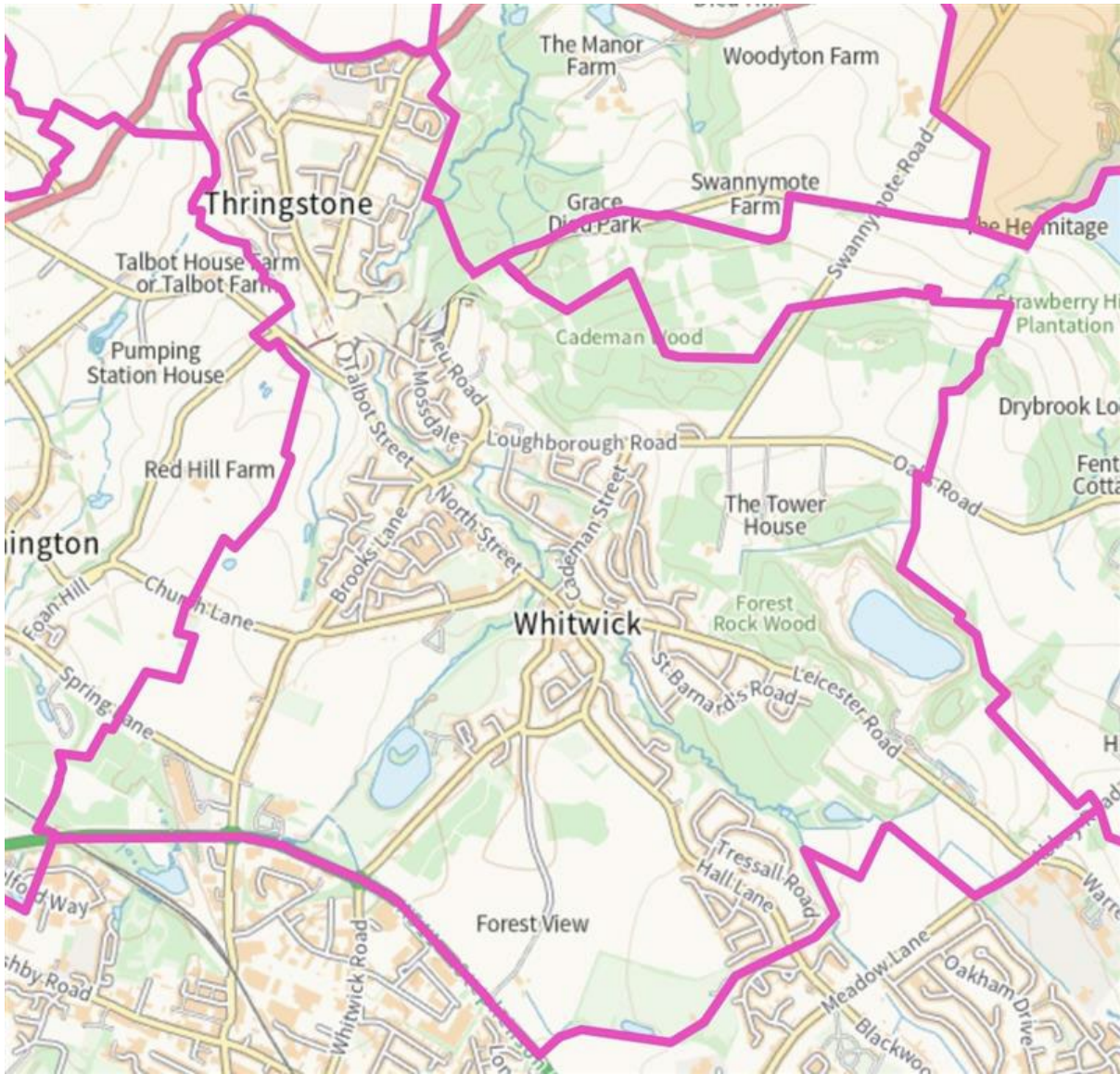
 Proposed New Boundary 79

This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of his Majesty's Stationery Office. Crown copyright - Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings

North West Leicestershire District Council  
License No: 100019329 2012

This page is intentionally left blank

Unparished Area of Thringstone and Whitwick Parish Council



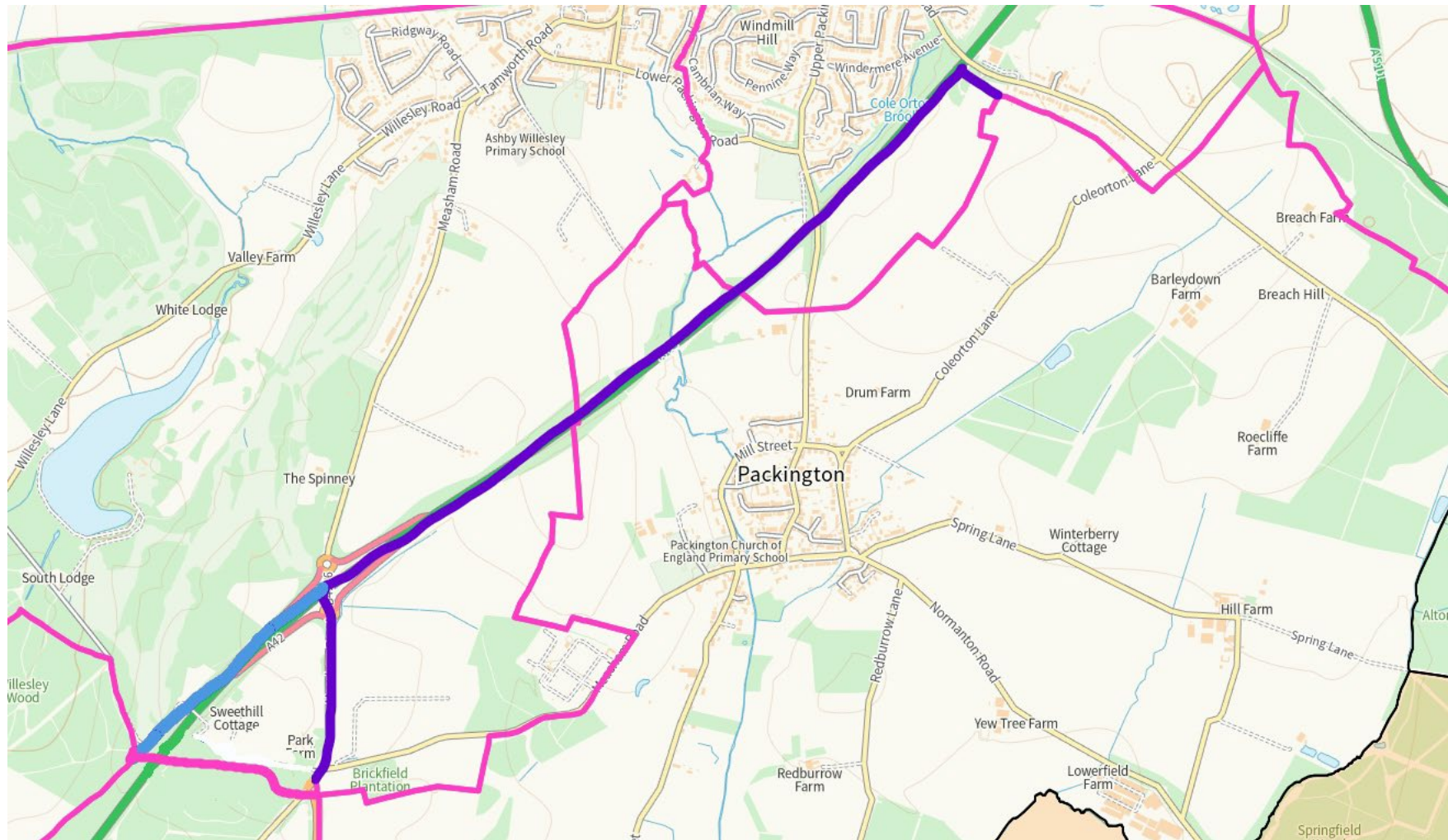
This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of his Majesty's Stationery Office. Crown copyright - Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings

North West Leicestershire District Council

License No: 100019329 2012

This page is intentionally left blank

Ashby Town Council, Packington and Measham Boundary Proposals



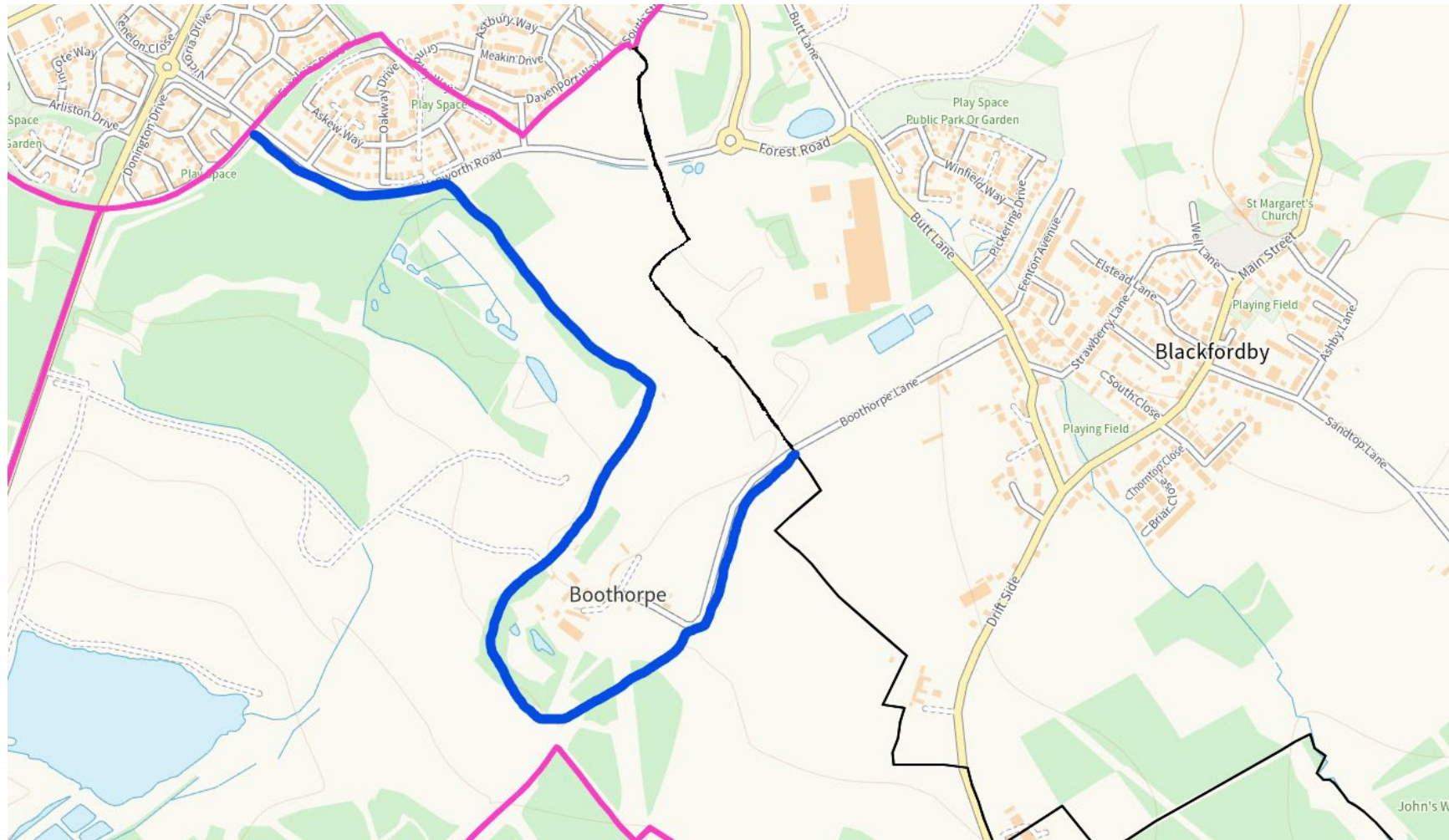
This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of his Majesty's Stationery Office. Crown copyright - Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings

North West Leicestershire District Council

License No: 100019329 2012

This page is intentionally left blank

Ashby Town Council/Ashby Woulds Boundary Changes



85

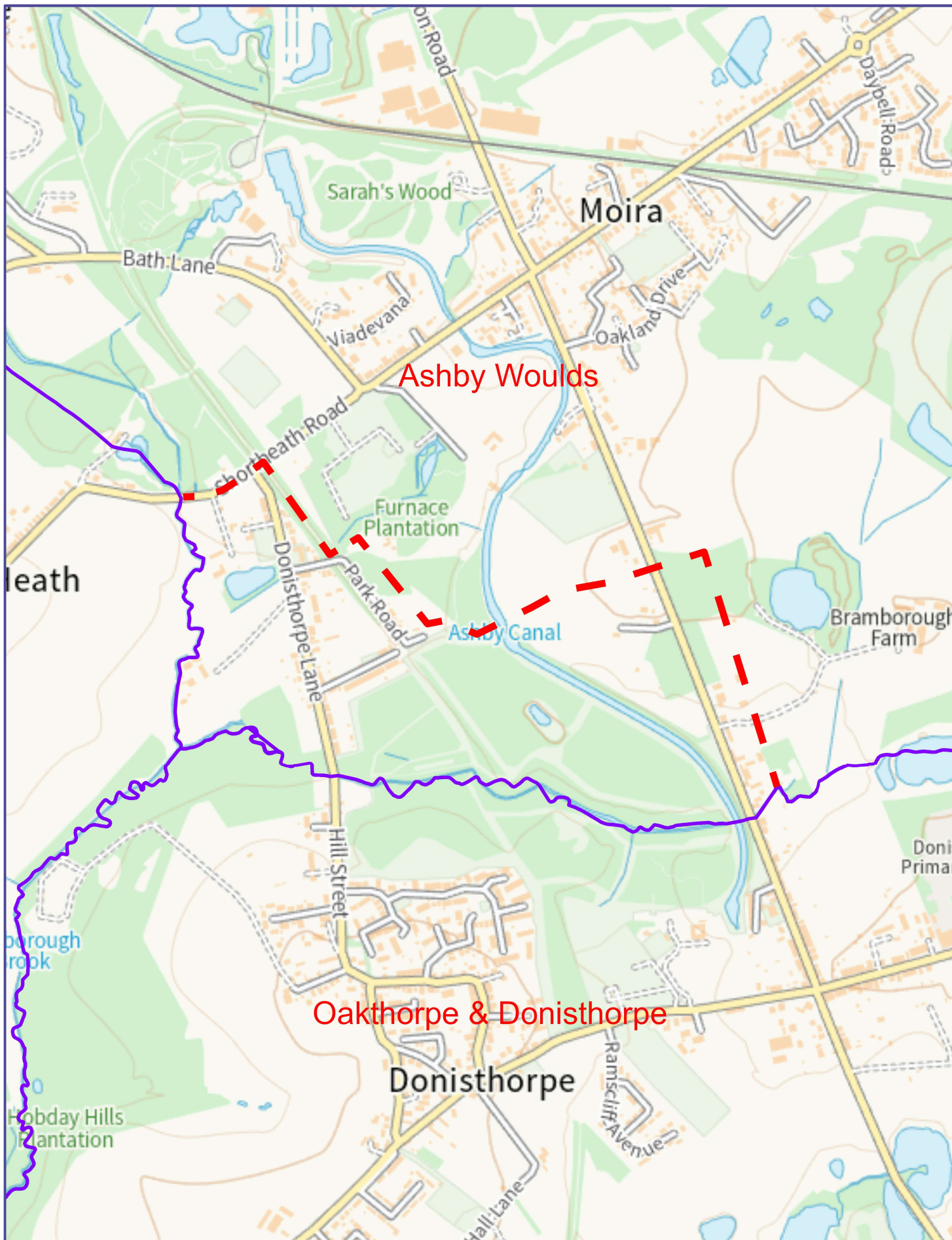
This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of his Majesty's Stationery Office. Crown copyright - Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings

North West Leicestershire District Council

License No: 100019329 2012

This page is intentionally left blank

# Donisthorpe Parish and Ashby Woulds Boundary Change



Scale: 1:10,000

- Existing Parish Boundary 87
- - - Proposed New Parish Boundary

This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of his Majesty's Stationery Office.  
 Crown copyright - Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings  
 North West Leicestershire District Council  
 License No: 100019329 2012

This page is intentionally left blank

**COUNCIL – 8 JUNE 2026**

**ITEM 12 – APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

**1.0 NOMINATIONS**

- 1.1 Following the publication of the report a nomination was received for Councillor R Johnson to be appointed as the representative on Cliffe Hill Quarry Liaison Committee. No further nominations were received.
- 1.2 As only one nomination has been received, an amended recommendation 2 is set out below.

**RECOMMENDATION 2:**

**THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR R JOHNSON TO SERVE ON THE CLIFFE HILL QUARRY LIAISON COMMITTEE.**

This page is intentionally left blank