

# Community Governance Review

## 1. Introduction

### **What is this consultation about?**

At a meeting of Full Council on Wednesday 18 June 2025, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council agreed to carry out a review of the most suitable ways to represent residents at a community level across the whole borough.

### **Why are we consulting you?**

Parish and town councils can play an important role in providing local services and empowering communities. We want to make sure the existing governance arrangements across the borough continue to be robust and representative.

By undertaking this review now residents and community groups will have the opportunity to consider parish and town councils in light of the local government reorganisation, which will see the existing two-tier arrangement of district and borough councils and Surrey County Council replaced with new unitary authorities on 1 April 2027.

### **How your responses will be used**

Your response to this consultation will help to shape future proposals for parish and town councils in the Reigate and Banstead area, and it will be published on the Council's website. You are not required to include any personal information to respond to this consultation, but any personal information you provide will not be published.

After this consultation closes, Reigate and Banstead Borough Council will develop and publish its draft recommendations and seek the public's views on those proposals during a second round of consultation, from 7 November 2025 until 16 January 2026.

### **How to answer**

Please indicate your answers to the questions by marking the relevant box with an "X" and writing your comments in the free text boxes.

Please return your completed survey using the "Freepost RBBC CONSULTATIONS" envelope provided.

### **About parish and town councils**

Parish and town councils (also known as 'local councils') are elected bodies made up of local people representing the interests of their communities, usually unpaid. They can vary in size and function but typically they represent the community voice, for example as a statutory consultee on planning matters, they may manage some local services, such as allotments or parks, and seek to improve quality of life in the area.

### **Further information**

This consultation will close at **17:00 on Thursday 18 September**. If you have any queries, or want to request a copy of the survey in an alternative format, please email [engagement@reigate-banstead.gov.uk](mailto:engagement@reigate-banstead.gov.uk) or contact the customer contact centre by telephone on 01737 276 000 or via SMS if you are deaf or hard of hearing on 07834626468 (Monday - Friday between 10am and 4pm).

### **Data protection**

This survey includes optional questions inviting you to provide your name and email address, and will only be used to invite you to comment on the second consultation once the Council has developed draft recommendations.. No other personal identifiable data will be collected. Data will only be held while we undertake this work. Data will not be shared with a third party. If you have any queries about how the council uses personal data, please read our [privacy notice](#) or contact our data protection officer on [data.protection@reigate-banstead.gov.uk](mailto:data.protection@reigate-banstead.gov.uk)

## 2. About you

### 1. Your name (optional)

### 2. If you wish to be contacted about the next consultation on draft recommendations, please provide an email address.

### 3. Which of these options best describes how you are responding today? (please select all that apply)

I am a resident living in the Reigate & Banstead area		I am responding in my capacity as a Borough Councillor	
I am responding on behalf of a community group, residents association, or other local organisation		I am responding on behalf of a local business	
I am responding in my capacity as a Parish/Town Councillor		I am responding on behalf of a Parish or Town Council	

#### 4. Where do you live?

<b>Banstead area</b>	
Banstead	
Burgh Heath	
Chipstead	
Hooley & Netherne	
Kingswood & Lower Kingswood	
Nork	
Tadworth & Walton	
Tattenham Corner	
Woodmansterne	

<b>Redhill and Reigate area</b>	
Earlswood & Whitebushes	
Meadvale & St Johns	
Merstham	
Redhill	
Reigate	
Salfords	
Sidlow	
South Park & Woodhatch	

Horley area	
Horley	
Langshott/The Acres	
Meath Green	
Westvale Park	

Other	
Other	

If you have selected other, please specify.

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### 3. About your organisation

In some areas of the authority there are local residents' associations, community forums, area committees, that make a distinct contribution to the community.

We are also keen to hear from local businesses, local public and voluntary organisations, such as schools or health bodies.

To help us understand whose views you represent, please tell us about your organisation.

If you are completing the survey as a representative of multiple organisations, please complete an individual survey for each organisation.

#### 5. Is this response the official response of your organisation?

Yes	
No	

#### 6. Name of organisation

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## 7. Organisation type

Business group	
Local business	
Parish or Town Council	
Residents association	
VCS organisation	
Other	

If you have selected other, please specify.

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## 8. Where is your organisation located?

Banstead area	
Banstead	
Burgh Heath	
Chipstead	
Hooley & Netherne	
Kingswood & Lower Kingswood	
Nork	
Tadworth & Walton	
Tattenham Corner	
Woodmansterne	



<b>Redhill and Reigate area</b>	
Earlswood & Whitebushes	
Meadvale & St Johns	
Merstham	
Redhill	
Reigate	
Salfords	
Sidlow	
South Park & Woodhatch	

<b>Horley area</b>	
Horley	
Langshott/The Acres	
Meath Green	
Westvale Park	

<b>Other</b>	
Other	

If you have selected other, please specify.

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## 9. Your role / position

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## 4. Existing town and parish arrangements

For areas of the borough which are already served by a parish or town council, this review will consider whether the existing arrangements continue to be appropriate or if they should be updated.

Reigate & Banstead Borough currently has two local councils, [Horley Town Council](#) and [Salfords & Sidlow Parish Council](#), which set their own budget requirements and are funded through a separate charge, or 'precept', which is collected alongside Council Tax. Currently the precept for a Band D property is £55.21 in Horley and £33.06 in Salfords & Sidlow per year.

## 10. Which existing parish or town council would you like to comment on?

Salfords & Sidlow Parish Council		Horley Town Council	
Both		I do not wish to comment on existing parish or town council arrangements	

## 5. Salfords & Sidlow Parish Council

**11. Do you feel the boundaries of Salfords & Sidlow Parish Council are correct and reflect local communities? Copies of current boundary maps are available to download on the [Reigate & Banstead Borough Council website](#).**

Yes	
No	
Not sure	

**12. Please give reasons for your view. If you think the boundaries should be updated or changed, please give details of where the boundaries of communities are. Copies of current maps are available to download on the [Reigate & Banstead Borough Council website](#).**

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**13. Do you feel the number of councillors in Salfords & Sidlow Parish Council is appropriate? Currently there are 8 parish councillors representing 2,767 electors in the Salfords & Sidlow parish area.**

Yes	
No (the number of parish councillors should be changed)	
Not sure	

If no, please provide details.

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**14. Do you feel the name of Salfords & Sidlow Parish Council reflects the local communities?**

Yes	
No (the parish council name should be changed)	
Not sure	

If no, please provide details.

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**15. If you have any other comments about Salfords & Sidlow Parish Council arrangements, please tell us here.**

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## 6. Horley Town Council

**16. Do you feel the boundaries of Horley Town Council are correct and reflect local communities? Copies of current boundary maps are available to download on the [Reigate & Banstead Borough Council website](#).**

Yes	
No	
Not sure	

**17. Please give reasons for your view. If you think the boundaries should be updated or changed, please give details of where the boundaries of communities are. Copies of current maps are available to download on the [Reigate & Banstead Borough Council website](#).**

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**18. Do you feel the number of councillors in Horley Town Council is appropriate? Currently there are 18 town councillors representing 20,321 electors in the Horley Town Council area.**

Yes	
No (the number of town councillors should be changed)	
Not sure	

If no, please provide details.

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**19. Do you feel the name of Horley Town Council reflects the local communities?**

Yes	
No (the town council name should be changed)	
Not sure	

If no, please provide details.

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**20. If you have any other comments about Horley Town Council arrangements, please tell us here.**

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## 7. New town and parish arrangements

The majority of the communities within the Borough do not have a parish or town council. For these areas, the review will consider whether local communities would be better served by having a parish or town council.

Local councils can play a crucial role in providing local services and involving people in their local community. This could be at a town, community, neighbourhood, parish or village level. Typically, these 'local councils' represent the community voice, for example as a statutory consultee on planning matters, they may manage some local services, such as allotments or parks, and seek to improve quality of life in the area.

They are elected bodies made up of local people representing the interests of their community. They can vary in size and function and a town council will usually have a civic / ceremonial Mayor.

Local councils set their own budget requirements and are funded through a separate charge, or 'precept', which is collected alongside your existing Council Tax. For example, the precept for a Band D property in Horley for 2025/6 is £55.21 (and £33.06 for Salfords & Sidlow) per year.

Elected councillors for local councils are not usually paid but may be able to claim certain expenses.

**21. Do you feel a new parish or town council should be created in any part of the Borough?**

Yes	
No	
Not sure	

**22. If so, please provide details. Where possible, include information about where the boundaries should be drawn and possible names (you may submit a map to help with this), and explain how and why this reflects the boundaries of the communities. Copies of current maps are available to download on the [Reigate & Banstead Borough Council website](#).**

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**23. Please include map(s) of your proposed parish council boundaries. Where possible, boundaries should follow other electoral boundaries (e.g. county divisions and parliamentary constituencies) and natural boundaries (e.g. rivers and railway lines) without dividing towns and communities.**

**24. If you have any other comments about possible new town and parish arrangements, please tell us here.**