



BOROUGH WIDE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW CONSULTATION

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In my July 2025 Blog titled “Subsidiarity – Definition & Principles”, I explained it’s relevance to the CGR. Following a decision made by SHBC on the 16th July they have launched a borough wide CGR. The review method is initially by a public consultation from 24th July until 19th September. [Below you will see an important COMMENT for Windlesham residents to consider].

The CGR is to make sure that our local governance arrangements across Surrey Heath will be effective and reflect the interests of local communities following the planned change to Unitary Authorities which will incorporate and therefore dissolve the Borough function.

The online (or by post) Consultation invites residents to share their views on how their local community should be represented, including current parish boundaries, levels of representation and how governance is to be structured at the local level.

Complete the consultation on line

<https://surreyheath.jotform.com/251984573734065>

Or request a paper copy from cgr@surreyheath.gov.uk or phone 01276707100

When the consultation is closed on 19th September it will be evaluated by Democratic Services and they will present draft recommendations to the council on 22nd October.

COMMENTS: Before completing the consultation please consider that it is important for Windlesham residents to know that the review is in part prompted by the March 2024 request to create a new, one ward, parish for Windlesham village, by demerging from the existing 3 villages combination, which has existed since the 1974 local government changes.

This is within the context of assessing the governance arrangements of both parished and unparished areas across the borough, prompted by the creation of unitary authorities under which functions currently carried out by SHBC will be transferred to a, larger, unitary authority which will combine with current SCC functions.

CGR outcomes are to improve public engagement and strengthen local democracy with enhanced local accountability and to ensure that all communities will benefit from strong and effective local representation, including in the currently unparished areas such as within Camberley and Frimley.

It will also seek, to assess whether existing parish arrangements, including those for Windlesham Parish Council, remain appropriate and fit for purpose, in relation to the expected outcomes and to meet the desire for greater autonomy with control of our own affairs, including best use of the CIL monies to support the infrastructure, soft and hard, required to offset the significant levels of development being experienced, exceptionally, in our village. With the application of the very local knowledge we would also be in a position to play a greater role in supporting our local voluntary and community groups, particularly where support from higher-tier authorities may be diminishing – acting with others by choice when it is in our best interest.

It is your choice but I believe that it is in our best interest to have a Parish Council to suit the scale of our very special village community and urge you to take this opportunity to write this in to the spaces available for comment in the consultation.

windlesham.life is about opinions so yours are welcome.