

Kirklees Community Governance Review

Appendix 1: Overview of Stage 2 Consultation and Final Recommendations

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Kirklees Community Governance Review

Section 1 – Relevant Background Information

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide a summary of the responses received during Stage 2 consultation on the Kirklees Community Governance Review (CGR) and to present the council's final recommendations – as modified by the consultation process.

The review has been carried out over two stages of public consultation: an initial consultation on the terms of reference and existing arrangements, followed by a second consultation on the council's draft recommendations.

Aims and objectives of the Kirklees Community Governance Review

A Community Governance Review (CGR) is a process that allows upper-tier councils to review and make changes to the governance arrangements of parishes within their area to ensure they continue to reflect the identity and interests of local communities and are as effective and convenient as possible.

According to guidance on CGRs from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, good practice for a principal council would be to consider conducting a review every 10-15 years. The last CGR in Kirklees took place in 2008/9.

On 16th July 2025, Full Council agreed the undertaking of a Community Governance Review in accordance with the relevant legal framework and Government guidance. Also, in line with Corporate Governance & Audit Committee's (CG&AC) terms of reference, to delegate to the Committee to agree the terms of reference of the review and oversee delivery.

The Kirklees CGR has focused on those areas of Kirklees which are currently parished, together with relevant adjoining land, to enable the council to consider whether changes are needed to existing parish arrangements.

The review considered views on parish arrangements, boundaries, warding and governance structures in the areas under review.

The review process and timescales

A public notice launching the review was published on 1 October 2025, marking the start of a ten-week Stage 1 consultation period. During this phase of the review, local residents and other stakeholders were invited to submit comments and proposals in line with the terms of reference.

Stage 1 closed on 12 December 2025. On 30 January 2026, a report was presented to the council's Corporate Governance and Audit Committee, summarising the responses received and setting out nine draft recommendations.

Stage 2 consultation took place between 9 February and 20 April 2026 and invited views on those draft recommendations.

Following Stage 2 consultation, the council's Corporate Governance and Audit Committee is asked to consider draft final recommendations for future parish arrangements, for approval by Full Council in September 2026.

Section 2 - Terms of Reference

The council has power under Section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to conduct CGRs. A CGR must be conducted in accordance with the requirements set out in Chapter 3 of Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended) and guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 100(4) of the 2007 Act.

A Review must involve consultation with local people and stakeholders, and consider any representations received.

It is deemed good practice to complete a review within 12 months, with the final recommendations subject to approval by Council.

A CGR is carried out by the principal council and is used to look at the whole or part of a district.

The Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 allows principal councils to determine the terms of reference under which a community governance review is to be undertaken. It requires the terms of reference to specify the area under review and the principal council to publish the terms of reference. If any modifications are made to the terms of reference, these must also be published.

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In accordance with the terms of reference and timeline agreed by Corporate Governance and Audit Committee on 26th September 2025, the Community Governance Review formally commenced on 1st October 2025.

The Review is focused on those areas of Kirklees which are currently parished and relevant adjoining land, to enable the council to consider if any changes are needed to existing parish arrangements.

At present, there are five parish and town councils in Kirklees:

- Denby Dale Parish Council
- Holme Valley Parish Council
- Kirkburton Parish Council

- Meltham Town Council
- Mirfield Town Council

The Review must consider whether community governance arrangements within the areas under review are:

- reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area; and
- effective and convenient to the community in that area

and make recommendations with regard to:

- Creating, abolishing, merging or altering parishes
- The naming of parishes and the style of new parishes
- The electoral arrangements for parishes including the ordinary year of election, the number of councillors to be elected to the council; and parish warding; and
- Grouping of parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping existing parishes.

In doing so, the review is required to take into account:

- the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and
- the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish.

The full terms of reference for the review can be viewed here: [Terms of Reference, Kirklees Community Governance Review](#)

Section 3 – summary and analysis of submissions

This section provides an analysis of the consultation responses relating to recommendations associated with each parish council area and a summary of common or cross cutting themes. The analysis takes account of the feedback provided through both stages of the public consultation, but a more detailed description of the responses received to the first stage of the consultation is contained in [the summary and analysis report published in January 2026](#).

Stage 2 Consultation

Stage 2 of the review was extensively publicised, and stakeholders were provided with multiple submission options to ensure broad and inclusive consultation.

Interested parties were invited to respond through a range of channels, including electronically via the council's website, by email, or by letter. A dedicated contact number was also made available for residents and other stakeholders requiring assistance or seeking information in an alternative format.

Submissions were accepted in any format, but the online consultation documentation and questionnaire – which included both open free text boxes and closed questions to gather feedback – encouraged respondents to provide feedback on the nine recommendations made. Respondents were also encouraged to refer to the terms of reference and analysis of Stage one consultation before making a submission.

Information on the current structure of the five parishes and their electoral arrangements, which included polling district(s), councillors, electorate, electoral forecast data and wards (where applicable) were provided, in addition to maps representing suggested wards and boundaries,

Key stakeholders were directly contacted and invited to make a submission. The main communication channels used to publicise the review were:

- A dedicated webpage containing information about the review and an online submission form, with options to submit responses via post or email.
- Social media messaging - shared via multiple channels, including facebook, LinkedIn, and Next door, at the start of the review, with reminder posts both midway and close to the end of the review – reaching 13,823 users and viewed 22,696 times.
- Email to Parish Clerks, providing them with all relevant information needed to publicise the review in their local communities and on Council websites and local noticeboards.
- Information on the review was included in February's Rural newsletter, issued by the council's Active People and Places Team (covering Denby Dale, Kirkburton, Holme Valley North and Holme Valley South) and in the Dewsbury and Mirfield newsletter, issued in March – both sent out to community groups, schools, businesses, residents, councillors and Kirklees staff who have a community remit.
- Posters promoting the review and signposting people to the consultation were sent to Town and Parish Clerks and all public libraries across Kirklees.
- Attendance at the council's place-based working meetings in March – led by the council's Active Citizens and Places Team - to brief frontline, community-based colleagues on the Review and seek their support in promoting the review.

Letters providing information on relevant recommendations, along with information on how to respond to the consultation, were also sent to households at Calder View, Spring Place Gardens and within Polling District KB1-D (Whitley and Briestfield).

Summary of responses received and draft recommendations

Consultation responses received during the second phase of the review have been analysed in accordance with the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's guidance on community governance reviews and in line with the published terms of reference.

Members of a cross-service Community Governance Review Working Group have met to consider the responses to the consultation and to make recommendations to the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee.

A total of 303 stakeholders responded to the online consultation and a further 9 submitted consultation responses via email.

Overall, the distribution of responses shows a significantly higher level of engagement from respondents in relation to recommendation 5, linked to Meltham Town Council, with more moderate and relatively similar response levels across the remaining areas.

Denby Dale Parish area

Denby Dale Parish Council currently represents 13,644 electors. The Parish Council is made up of 20 councillors across 4 Wards:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling District(s)	No. of Cllrs	Electorate forecast
Denby Dale Parish Council	Clayton West Ward	DD1-O	4	2614
	Denby Dale and Cumberworth	DD2-O, DD3-O, DD4-O	6	4784
	Skelmanthorpe	DD5-O, DD6-O, DD7-O	6	5733
	Emley	DD8-O, DD9-O	4	1613

Current structure of Denby Dale Parish Council

Stage 1 Consultation - recap

At stage 1 consultation, a total of 23 responses were received in relation to Denby Dale Parish Council, with views generally positive about the value of having a parish council and its role in supporting local communities. Over half of respondents agreed to some extent that the council is accessible, represents the area well, is divided into wards correctly and that the area benefits from parish governance, although lower levels of agreement were recorded in relation to serving the whole community and consulting on important issues.

Comments highlighted the importance of recognising the distinct needs of semi-rural communities, alongside some calls for improved communication, greater visibility from councillors, increased funding and stronger influence on local issues such as the environment and planning. Views on boundaries and ward arrangements were mixed, with some respondents suggesting that the current area is too large and that smaller councils could improve representation and engagement, although no significant or detailed proposals for change were provided.

As a result, no specific proposals were recommended for Stage 2 consultation for Denby Dale Parish Council.

Holme Valley Parish area

Holme Valley Parish Council currently represents 21,746 electors. The Parish Council is made up of 23 councillors across 12 Wards:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling District(s)	No. of Cllrs	Electorate forecast
Holme Valley Parish Council	Brockholes Ward	HN1-C	1	1469
	Fulstone Ward	HS5-C	2	1752
	Hepworth Ward	HS4-C	1	893
	Holmfirth Central	HS8-C	2	2033
	Honley Central and East Ward	HN2-C	3	2512
	Honley South Ward	HN3-C	1	1153
	Honley West Ward	HN4-C	2	1672
	Netherthong Ward	HS9-C	2	1845
	Scholes Ward	HS3-C, HS6-C	2	2228
	Upper Holme Valley Ward	HS1-C, HS2-C	2	2076
	Upperthong Ward	HS10-C	2	2307
	Wooldale Ward	HS7-C	3	3529

Current structure of Holme Valley Parish Council

Stage 1 Consultation - recap

At Stage 1 consultation, a total of 34 responses were received in relation to Holme Valley Parish Council, with overall views generally positive about the value and effectiveness of the council. Over half of respondents agreed to some extent that the council is accessible, serves the whole community, represents the area well, is divided into wards correctly and that the area benefits from having a parish council, although only 36% agreed to some extent that it consults them on important issues.

Comments highlighted the positive role of councillors, particularly their visibility, accessibility and support for local events and community groups through grants. The main theme raised was the potential separation of Honley and Brockholes from Holme Valley Parish Council to form a new council, reflecting concerns that the current area is too large and that more localised governance could better reflect community identity and priorities. Other suggestions included changes to boundaries, councillor numbers, ward names and the possible style of the council, while some respondents supported retaining the current arrangements.

In response to representations made, Stage 2 proposals included:

1. Increasing the number of Councillors in Brockholes ward to 2, in line with the National Association of Local Councils guidance on Councillor numbers.
2. Merging Honley Central and East Ward, Honley South Ward and Honley West Ward into a single parish ward, represented by 6 councillors, in line with the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) guidance, reflecting their strong shared community identity.
3. Separating the three Honley parish wards, together with the Brockholes Ward (currently part of Holme Valley Parish Council) to form a new 'Honley Parish Council'. This new

Parish Council would comprise of 6,806 electors. The remaining Holme Valley Parish Council would then comprise of the following Wards, made up of 16,663 electors:

- Fulstone Ward
- Hepworth Ward
- Holmfirth Central Ward
- Netherthong Ward
- Scholes Ward
- Upper Holme Valley Ward
- Upperthong Ward
- Wooldale Ward

4. Changing the names of Fulstone and Scholes Wards to New Mill & Fulstone and Scholes & Hade Edge.

Analysis of responses received at Stage 2 consultation to the above recommendations are set out below.

Recommendation 1, Honley Parish Wards (Central and East, South and West)

Proposals from stage 1 consultation: We asked for views on bringing the three current Honley parish wards together (Honley Central & East, Honley South, and Honley West) – to form one single parish ward. This new ward would elect 6 councillors.

Total responses: 43 (online survey)

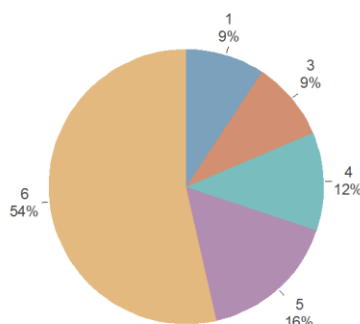
Written submissions: 33 (online survey)

Respondents were asked to rate how the proposal would impact them and their family on a scale of 1 to 6, where 1 represents a negative impact and 6 represents a positive impact.

Overall, responses were largely positive. 53% of respondents selected the highest rating of 6, indicating a strongly positive impact. A further 16% rated the impact as 5, and 12% selected a neutral-to-positive score of 4.

Lower scores were less common. 9% of respondents rated the impact as 3, and a further 9% selected 1, indicating a negative impact. No respondents selected a rating of 2.

Proposal 1, Honley Parish Wards
Bring the three current Honley parish wards together (Honley Central & East, Honley South, and Honley West) to form one single parish ward.



Summary and analysis of written responses

Respondents expressed a range of views on the proposal to bring the three Honley parish wards together. Overall, feedback was mostly positive.

Generally, respondents felt combining the wards made sense and would better reflect Honley as a single community, simplify governance, and lead to stronger local representation and more joined up and timely decision making in the interests of residents:

- *“I believe bringing the three Honley parish wards together into a single ward has clear benefits. In practice, Honley operates as one community with shared services, facilities, and a strong collective identity. The current ward boundaries are not always obvious to residents, and many local issues affect the whole village rather than just one section. Creating a single ward with six councillors would simplify the structure and better reflect how people experience living in Honley. It could also encourage councillors to work collectively for the benefit of the whole community rather than focusing on smaller ward areas. As long as residents across all parts of Honley continue to feel represented and councillors remain accessible, I believe this proposal would provide a clearer and more effective structure for parish governance.”*
- *“Honley is very much one village with a strong community feel. It seems absurd for it to be separate wards and combining them makes much more sense.”*
- *“A better focus on our local community, with hopefully specific solutions to any problems”*
- *“Issues pertinent to our area could be dealt with more effectively and hopefully much quicker”*
- *“Better reflection of the area of Honley as the ward boundaries are meaningless on the ground”*
- *“Honley has its own identity, so this seems to be a logical development”*
- *“I feel this proposal would reflect the interests of residents in Honley positively”*

However, a small number of concerns were raised about the potential impact on democracy, the appropriate number of Councillors for the combined population of the three Wards and fairness between areas, particularly the risk of smaller communities being overlooked:

- *“The reduced number of wards would have a detrimental effect on democracy”*
- *“Future change focus is likely to be concentrated on Honley, with Brockholes being the poor second cousin”*
- *“6 councillors for 6500 people seems oversubscribed, especially if Honley joins with Brockholes so then 8 councillors. 6 across the two areas seems plenty”*

Proposed Final Recommendation

Overall, consultation responses indicate broad support for the proposal to combine the three Honley parish wards into a single ward. Respondents commonly felt that Honley operates as one community with a shared identity, and that a single ward would provide a clearer and more effective structure for parish governance. While some concerns were raised about councillor numbers, the reduction in the number of Wards and the importance of ensuring fair representation and balanced outcomes across all areas, these were limited and did not outweigh the overall support expressed.

On this basis, it is recommended that the council considers approving the proposal to bring the three current Honley parish wards together (Honley Central & East, Honley South, and Honley West) – to form one single parish ward.

Recommendation 2, Brockholes Ward – Number of Councillors

Proposals from stage 1 consultation: We asked for views on proposals to increase the number of councillors representing Brockholes from 1 councillor to 2 councillors.

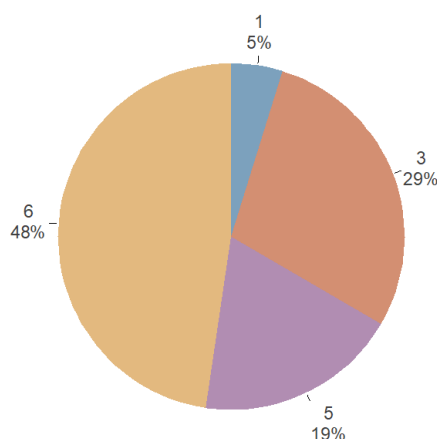
Total responses: 21 (online survey)

Written submissions: 15 (online survey)

Respondents were asked to rate how the proposal would impact them and their family on a scale of 1 to 6, where 1 represents a negative impact and 6 represents a positive impact.

Most respondents indicated that the proposal would have a positive impact on them and their families. Nearly half (48%) selected the highest rating of 6, indicating a strongly positive impact, while a further 19% rated the impact as 5. Around 29% gave a mid-range score of 3, indicating a neutral-to-negative impact. Only a small proportion (5%) felt the proposal would have a negative impact. No respondents selected a rating of 2 or 4.

Proposal 2, Brockholes Ward:
Increase the number of councillors representing Brockholes from 1 councillor to 2 councillors.



Summary and analysis of written responses

Respondents were generally in favour of the proposal and felt that increasing the number of councillors would improve representation and continuity and strengthen local democracy. Several highlighted that Brockholes is a growing area with a significant population and business presence and therefore warrants additional representation to reflect its size:

- *“Brockholes is an ever-expanding ward, and sharing the burden of representing this community can only be good for all and increase the voice of the people on the council.”*
- *“This would increase democracy.”*
- *“More councillors with ideas and energy can only be a good thing.”*

- *“I support the proposal to increase the number of councillors representing Brockholes from one to two. Based on the size of the community and national guidance, it seems reasonable that Brockholes should have greater representation on the parish council. Having two councillors would help ensure that residents have better access to their representatives and would allow the workload to be shared more effectively. It would also provide continuity if one councillor is unavailable and ensure that the views and concerns of Brockholes residents are more consistently represented. Overall, this proposal appears to provide a fairer level of representation for the community.”*
- *“Needs to be fair and balanced with the other wards.”*

A small number of concerns were raised by respondents. One questioned whether increasing councillor numbers would increase costs. Another suggested that if Brockholes is joining with Honley (linked to a separate proposal), an increase in councillors wasn't needed.

A further respondent felt that it would depend on the ability of the councillor to represent the village area and its residents and to understand the wider issues affecting the Holme Valley.

Holme Valley Parish Council submission

It should also be noted that at Stage 1 consultation, in relation to changes to ward sizes, distribution, or representation arrangements, a Parish Council Working Group proposed the following:

- *“We have noted that Brockholes stands out as a ward where the representation ratio appears exceptional, both in comparison with other wards in the Holme Valley and also with any Parish/ Town ward in Kirklees. We take the view that a second seat for the Brockholes ward would bring its representation ratio down to a more reasonable level. This would increase the whole Council to 24 seats, which appears to be consistent with the NALC guidance on appropriate representation for the size of our electorate. “*

Proposed Final Recommendation

Overall, consultation responses indicate support for increasing the number of councillors representing Brockholes from one to two. This is supported by feedback highlighting Brockholes' growing population, the need for improved local representation, and Holme Valley Parish Council's view that the current representation ratio is exceptional when compared with other wards. While a small number of concerns were raised about potential costs and the relationship with wider proposals affecting Honley and Brockholes, these were limited and did not outweigh the overall case for change.

On this basis, it is recommended that the council considers approving the proposal to increase the number of Councillors representing Brockholes Ward from 1 to 2 Councillors.

Recommendation 3 - Create a New 'Honley Parish Council' (Honley & Brockholes)

Proposals from stage 1 consultation: We asked for views on creating a new Honley Parish Council, covering the three Honley wards and the Brockholes ward (currently part of Holme Valley Parish Council).

The new parish would have 6,806 electors. Holme Valley Parish Council would continue separately with 16,663 electors.

Total responses: 47 (online survey)

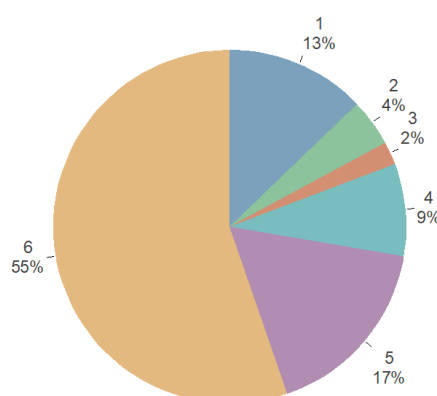
Written submissions: 36 (online survey)

Respondents were asked to rate how the proposal would impact them and their family on a scale of 1 to 6, where 1 represents a negative impact and 6 represents a positive impact.

The results indicate a positive overall view of the proposal's impact. The majority of respondents (55%) selected the highest rating of 6, suggesting a positive impact on them and their families, with a further 17% rating the impact as 5.

A smaller proportion gave mid-range ratings, with 9% selecting 4 and 2% selecting 3, indicating neutral or mixed views. In contrast, relatively few respondents anticipated a negative impact, with 13% selecting 1 and 4% selecting 2.

Proposal 3, Honley and Brockholes:
Create a New 'Honley Parish Council' (Honley & Brockholes)



Summary and analysis of written responses

Supporters of the proposal generally welcomed the creation of a new Honley and Brockholes Parish Council as a way to strengthen local representation and give communities a clearer, more focused voice. Some respondents suggested that a smaller, more localised council would be more responsive to residents' needs, improve accountability, and ensure that funding raised through the precept is spent directly on local priorities. Respondents highlighted the close links between Honley and Brockholes and the benefits of councillors who live in and understand the

area. Other comments suggested that a new council could be more agile, efficient, and community-focused, supporting local initiatives, improving services, and addressing concerns that some areas, particularly Honley, have historically been overlooked within the wider Holme Valley.

- *“The Holme Valley/HVPC area is so diverse and widespread. Splitting it and creating a Honley/Brockholes council would mean decision making can be taken at a more granular level and be more specifically targeted. It stands to reason that the councillors would therefore be more closely responsible to and involved with the residents they represent.”*
- *“Greater accountability of public funds to grass roots. Historically, feeling Honley missed out to investment in Holmfirth centre as it is large.”*
- *“I like the idea of creating a new Honley Parish Council covering the three Honley wards and Brockholes. It recognises the strong local links between these communities and would allow Honley and Brockholes to have a more focused, local voice. Importantly, it would mean that any parish precept raised would be spent locally, rather than being shared across the wider Holme Valley area, which residents often feel doesn’t reflect their priorities. That said, it’s important to consider the practical implications, particularly around staff, administration, and office costs. Setting up a new council would require careful planning to ensure that resources are managed efficiently and that the benefits of local control outweigh any additional costs to residents. Overall, though, I believe this proposal has significant potential to improve local representation and engagement.”*
- *“Brilliant! Giving Honley and Brockholes its own council will give a much greater focus on local needs and activities for these two villages. Whatever name is given it needs to reflect that it is Honley and Brockholes together, and Parish is outdated and misunderstood - better to call it the ‘Honley & Brockholes Community Council’.”*

Those opposed to the proposal raised concerns about increased costs, duplication, and the potential loss of strategic coordination across the wider Holme Valley. Some respondents felt that the existing Holme Valley Parish Council already provides effective support across the area and benefits from economies of scale, enabling larger projects and cohesive planning. Others warned that splitting the area could lead to fragmentation, reduced influence on wider strategic issues, and unnecessary bureaucracy. There were also concerns about whether a smaller council would have the capacity to operate effectively, with some preferring to retain a single, unified parish structure.

- *“The existing HVPC represents a relatively homogeneous area, which most residents relate to. Over the years HVPC has provided suitable support and facilities for the whole valley area e.g. support for Honley Library and the village hall in Brockholes. Splitting into two parishes, would result in administrative and management costs. A split would be returning to a fragmented area as was the case years ago when much smaller local councils existed. In addition, there are strategic elements e.g. decisions relating to future local plans, environmental improvements such as River Holme Connections etc that require a clear and unified response on behalf of the whole valley area rather than parochial divisions within it.”*
- *“All that it means is more bureaucracy and admin costs, Holme Valley Council currently support activity within Honley and the surrounding area through grants, we really don’t need more meetings and parish councillors.”*
- *“The new Honley Council would be too small to function effectively. It will be better to remain part of the larger Holme Valley Council.”*

- *“Seem silly to me, we are all part of the Holme Valley.”*

Holme Valley Parish Council submission

It should also be noted that at Stage 1 consultation, in relation to changes to ward sizes, distribution, or representation arrangements, a Parish Council Working Group proposed the following:

- *“There appears to be some interest amongst members of this Council in dividing the Council into two, separating the Honley and Brockholes wards from the rest of the Holme Valley and therefore forming two new Councils. We ask that this option goes forward in the next stages of the CGR Public Consultation and can provide greater detail if required.”*

Proposed Final Recommendation

Overall, consultation responses indicate a positive view of the proposal from those who responded, with many respondents highlighting the potential for stronger local representation, clearer accountability and a more focused voice for Honley and Brockholes. However, the overall number of responses received was very low in the context of a significant governance change affecting both the proposed new parish area and the remaining Holme Valley Parish Council area.

While the feedback received identifies potential benefits, it does not provide a sufficiently broad or robust evidence base to demonstrate clear community support for establishing a new parish council at this stage. Given the scale and long-term implications of creating a new council, including potential impacts on representation, administration, costs and the wider Holme Valley governance arrangements, the council does not recommend progressing this proposal as part of the current review.

On this basis, it is recommended that the council does not approve the proposal to create a new Honley Parish Council covering the three Honley wards and Brockholes ward, and that current arrangements remain unchanged.

The council will provide further information to Holme Valley Parish Council on how this option could be explored further with residents for future consideration.

Recommendation 4 - Renaming Two Holme Valley Parish Wards

Proposal from stage 1 consultation: We asked for views on renaming Fulstone and Scholes wards to better reflect the communities they cover:

- Fulstone to be renamed New Mill & Fulstone
- Scholes to be renamed Scholes & Hade Edge.

Total responses: 26 (online survey)

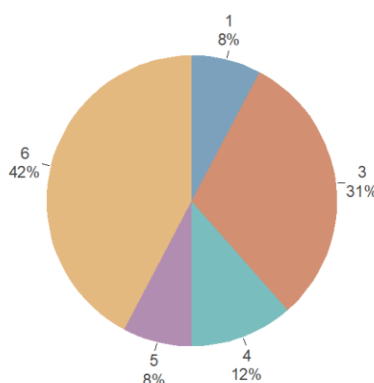
Written submissions: 18 (online survey)

Respondents were asked to rate how the proposal would impact them and their family on a scale of 1 to 6, where 1 represents a negative impact and 6 represents a positive impact.

Responses to this question were generally positive. Of the 26 responses received, the most common score was 6, selected by 42% respondents, indicating a strongly positive expected impact. A further 19% chose 4 or 5, meaning that around 62% of respondents overall anticipated a positive effect.

31% of respondents selected 3, suggesting a more uncertain view, while only 8% selected a rating of 1, with no respondents selecting 2.

Proposal 4,
Renaming two Holme Valley Parish Wards: Renaming Fulstone and Scholes wards to better reflect the communities they cover



Summary and analysis of written responses

Responses to the proposal to rename Holme Valley parish wards were generally supportive or neutral, with limited opposition.

Most respondents felt that revised ward names would better reflect local communities and improve understanding of geographic areas, and some feedback emphasised the importance of ensuring distinct communities are clearly recognised within ward names.

- *“We are a village (Hade Edge) within our own rights. The size of the village has grown recently and I believe we should be named as a part ward with Scholes rather than being grouped as part.”*
- *“Why not. The new name says it all and will give the communities a sense of belonging and being together of Scholes.”*
- *“As long as ward boundaries aren't changing. Don't see a problem.”*
- *“Hade Edge is a community and should be recognised.”*
- *“I'm happy with this change. The new ward names make more sense and better reflect the communities, especially New Mill and Hade Edge. I have no concerns at all.”*

A small number of respondents queried the need for change:

- *“How can anyone know how these changes will affect anyone ... it's not clear what the implications are other than a change of name.”*
- *“If nothing else is changing, then I don't understand a name change. Scholes is Scholes, hade edge is hade edge, like wise for the other 2 ...why combine them?”*

Holme Valley Parish Council submission

It should also be noted that at Stage 1 consultation, in relation to Ward or other name changes, a Parish Council Working Group proposed the following:

- *There was very broad support for requesting that the wards of Fulstone and Scholes should have name changes which more appropriately reflect their present-day composition and to help the electorate to understand and identify with the ward in which they live but also retain the historic identity. We therefore propose the new names of New Mill & Fulstone and Scholes & Hade Edge and ask that this go forward in the next stages of the CGR Public Consultation. We believe that, in addition to our local knowledge of the communities, the data on the distribution of the village populations justify this proposal.*

Proposed Final Recommendation

Overall, the consultation feedback supports the view that the proposed ward names would provide a clearer and more accurate reflection of the communities within each area. As the proposal does not alter ward boundaries or representation arrangements, and opposition was limited, the change is considered proportionate and consistent with the review's aim of ensuring parish arrangements reflect local identity and community interests.

On this basis, it is recommended that the council considers approving the proposal to rename Fulstone and Scholes Wards, to better reflect the communities they cover, to:

- **New Mill & Fulstone**
- **Scholes & Hade Edge.**

Kirkburton Parish Area

Kirkburton Parish Council currently represents 19701 electors. The Parish Council is made up of 25 councillors, across 8 Wards:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling District(s)	No. of Cllrs	Electorate forecast
Kirkburton Parish Council	Flockton	KB3-D	2	1709
	Kirkburton	KB6-O, KB5-O	4	3712
	Kirkheaton	DA6-S	4	3303
	Lepton	AL5-H, AL6-H, AL7-H	5	5040
	Lepton and Whitley Upper	KB2-D, KB4-D	2	1796
	Shelley	KB7-O	3	2359
	Shepley	KB8-O	3	2275
	Thurstonland/Farnley Tyas	KB9-O, KB10-O	2	2060

Current structure of Kirkburton Parish Council

Stage 1 Consultation - recap

At Stage 1 consultation, a total of 40 responses were received in relation to Kirkburton Parish Council, with views generally positive about the council's role in serving local communities and the value of parish governance in a semi-rural area. Over half of respondents agreed to some extent that the council is accessible, serves the whole community, represents the area well, is divided into wards correctly and that the area benefits from having a parish council, although 37% agreed to some extent that it consults them on important issues.

Comments highlighted the visibility and responsiveness of parish councillors, the value of the council's grants scheme in supporting community projects and volunteer activity, and the importance of providing a local voice within the wider Kirklees area. Some respondents suggested improvements to communication and engagement, including more regular updates, wider use of digital channels and clearer information on how funds are spent.

The strongest theme was boundary alignment, with several respondents supporting the inclusion of Whitley and Briestfield within Kirkburton Parish Council following recent district ward changes, although one respondent opposed this and some raised concerns about the size of the parish.

In response to representations made, Stage 2 proposals include:

1. Extending the external boundary of Kirkburton Parish Council to include polling district KB1-D. Due to the rurality of the ward and the clear sense of community in this area of Whitley and Briestfield, it is proposed that the area of KB1-D remains a separate parish ward, named Whitley and Briestfield ward, and has 1 Councillor to represent the village on the parish council.

Analysis of responses received at Stage 2 consultation to the above recommendation are set out below.

Proposal 5 - Kirkburton Parish – New Whitley & Brierfield Ward

Proposals from stage 1 consultation: We are asking for your views on extending the Kirkburton Parish Council boundary to include the Whitley and Brierfield area. This would form a new parish ward represented by 1 councillor.

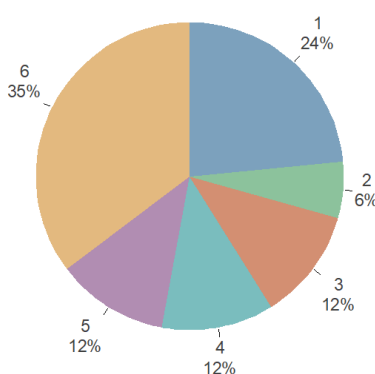
- **Total responses:** 17 (online survey)
- **Written submissions:** 16 (online survey)
- **Email submissions:** 5

Those who responded to the consultation online were asked to rate how the proposal would impact them and their family on a scale of 1 to 6, where 1 represents a negative impact and 6 represents a positive impact.

Responses to this question were mixed but overall, more positive than negative. Of the 17 responses received, the most common score was 6, selected by 35% of respondents, indicating a strongly positive expected impact. Overall, 59% chose a score of 4, 5 or 6, suggesting they felt the proposal would have a positive effect on them and their family. However, 29% of respondents selected 1 or 2, indicating concerns about a negative impact, while 12% chose 3, suggesting an uncertain view.

Of the five email submissions, two were in favour of the proposal and two provided strong objections. A further submission was received from the Parish Council, which is set out in full below.

Proposal 5
Kirkburton Parish, Whitley & Brierfield Ward: Extend the Kirkburton Parish Council boundary to include the Whitley and Brierfield area



It is worth noting that of the 17 respondents, all home postcodes covered the Whitley and Brierfield area. A total of 205 properties were written to as part of this process.

Summary and analysis of written responses

Although the impact scale indicates a slightly more positive response overall, the written comments present a much more mixed picture.

Supportive responses tended to focus on Whitley and Briestfield having a stronger rural identity and closer alignment with Kirkburton than with their current arrangements, with some residents feeling the change could improve local representation and help address concerns that the area is currently overlooked:

- *“Whitley and Briestfield village identities are more comparable with villages surrounding Kirkburton than in the current Dewsbury area.”*
- *“Whitley & Briestfield ideally situated to become part of Kirkburton Parish.”*
- *“I am supportive of this proposal, as these villages are now part of the Kirkburton ward. They have a similar “feel” to the rest of the Parished area, being small rural communities who have historic links with Grange Moor.”*
- *“I feel it would be extremely beneficial to the community as our needs will be similar to those already in the Kirkburton area. They are all small rural areas with the challenges this brings in our modern society. Currently Whitley and Briestfield are totally different to the rest of the area, and it feels like the needs of the community are ignored.”*

However, opposition was also expressed, particularly around the potential for an additional parish precept, limited or unclear benefits, and the perceived lack of geographic fit. Respondents also questioned the rationale for the change and raised concerns about added bureaucracy and representation.

- *“I have read the proposal re parish council and strongly object to the suggestion for BRIESTFIELD joining a parish council. It is a level of bureaucracy we do not need and an extra year on year payment I do not want.”*
- *“Why would I want to pay even more tax.”*
- *“I object to this proposal as Whitley and Briestfield centre is at least 5 miles from Kirkburton, and all the existing villages within the Kirkburton Parish Council are no more than 3 miles from Kirkburton contained within the curtilage of Huddersfield. Extending the parish boundary to include Whitley and Briestfield could mean someone who lives a further 3 miles from the proposed boundary could legally apply to be a parish councillor at Kirkburton from for example Dewsbury, Batley, or even Middlestown in Wakefield or Horbury. There would be no connection between that person and the area covered by Kirkburton. In addition, by adding this area and these villages Kirkburton Parish Council would have one more councillor totalling 26, which is more than the maximum of 25 that is allowed. If villagers are unhappy with the current boundaries in their villages, as they feel isolated, they should be contacting their current ward councillors and be lobbying them to do more in their area to help them feel included. Please ensure the proposal to add them to Kirkburton parish council does not go ahead.”*
- *“We strongly object to this proposal. Historically, there has never been any association of any kind between Kirkburton and Whitley / Briestfield. At no time have they ever been physically or geographically associated, nor associated in any way by community, local governance, or identity. We live in Whitley village. Historically this village was part of the ancient parish of Thornhill which included the hamlets of Briestfield and Fallhouse, and which was amalgamated as part of Thornhill into the Dewsbury borough in 1910. The geographical, community, local governance, and identity of the Whitley and Briestfield area is therefore very firmly aligned with the Dewsbury district. Kirkburton on the other hand, has historically been associated and aligned with the Huddersfield district of local government and parishes for over 130 years. Therefore, there can be no justification for the proposed boundary change, and we note that no adequate justification has been provided within the letter received. The scant information supplied bears no relation*

whatsoever to current and historical facts, so that the proposal lacks validity, lacks legal grounds for change, and would not be in the interests of residents in this area. We also strongly object to the proposal to introduce an additional parish council tax charge following an unwarranted and invalid change to the existing parish boundary arrangements. The existing arrangements have functioned well enough over many years, and nothing can justify an additional levy on Whitley and Briestfield residents.”

Kirkburton Parish Council response to the consultation:

I am writing to confirm that Kirkburton Parish Council has ratified the recommendation of the Council's Management and Finance Committee (Minute MF70) in respect of the Council's submission to Kirklees Council regarding parish council size and ward councillor representation as part of the Community Governance Review.

Members resolved to recommend that the following arrangement be submitted: merging the proposed parish area of Whitley and Briestfield with the Lepton and Whitley Upper parish ward; allocating four councillors to Lepton (a reduction from five) and three councillors to the new combined ward (an increase from two); and retaining twenty-five councillors overall. This recommendation has now been ratified by Full Council and forms the Council's formal submission to the Community Governance Review.

Proposed Final Recommendation

Overall, consultation responses indicate a mixed position and do not demonstrate clear community consensus in favour of change. While some respondents identified potential benefits relating to local identity, alignment with Kirkburton and improved local representation, these were balanced by concerns regarding additional cost, rationale for change, geographic fit and the potential impact on existing community identity and local connection.

On balance, the feedback received does not provide a sufficiently strong or consistent basis to support progressing the proposal as consulted on. It is therefore recommended that the council does not approve the proposal to extend the Kirkburton Parish Council boundary to include Whitley and Briestfield, and that current arrangements remain unchanged.

Meltham Parish Area

Meltham Town Council currently represents 7006 electors. The Parish Council is made up of 12 councillors and is not warded:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling District(s)	No. of Cllrs	Electorate forecast
Meltham Town Council		HN5-C, HN6-C	12	7640

Current structure of Meltham Town Council

Stage 1 Consultation - recap

At Stage 1 consultation, a total of 12 responses were received in relation to Meltham Town Council, with views generally positive about its role and value to the local community. Half or more of respondents agreed to some extent that the council is easy to contact, serves the whole community, represents the area well, has sensible boundaries and that Meltham benefits from having a Town Council, although lower levels of agreement were recorded in relation to consultation on important issues and whether the area is correctly warded.

Comments highlighted Meltham's strong community identity, the local visibility of councillors and the mayor, and support for the council's contribution to local groups, events and amenities. A small number of boundary-related comments were received, and a separate proposal to merge Meltham with Almondbury and Dalton as part of a larger council area.

In response to representations made, Stage 2 proposals included:

1. Splitting Meltham Town Council into two wards following the existing polling district boundaries:
 - Polling district HN5-C would have approximately 2471 voters, this area could become Meltham North ward and be represented by 4 Councillors.
 - Polling district HN6-C would have approximately 5169 voters, this area could become Meltham South ward and be represented by 8 Councillors

Analysis of responses received at Stage 2 consultation to the above recommendation are set out below.

Proposal 6 Meltham Town Council – Create Meltham North and South Wards

Proposals from stage 1 consultation: We are asking for your views on creating two new Meltham wards:

Meltham North (2,471 electors – 4 councillors)

Meltham South (5,169 electors – 8 councillors)

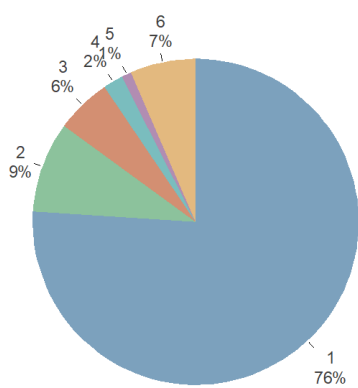
- **Total responses:** 201 (online survey)
- **Written submissions:** 192 (online survey)
- **Email submissions:** 3

Those who responded to the consultation online were asked to rate how the proposal would impact them and their family on a scale of 1 to 6, where 1 represents a negative impact and 6 represents a positive impact.

Responses to this question were strongly negative overall. Of the 201 responses received, 85% anticipated a negative impact (scores 1–2), with score 1 the most common response by a large margin (76%). Only 9% expected a positive impact (scores 4–6), while 6% gave a neutral-to-negative score of 3.

Of the email submissions received, all three were against the proposal, including members of the Town Council.

Proposal 6,
Create two new Meltham wards



Summary and analysis of written responses

Consultation responses relating to this proposal show overwhelming opposition. A significant majority of respondents reported that the proposal would have a negative impact on them and their families, with very few identifying any positive benefits.

Respondents consistently emphasised that Meltham is a single, cohesive community with shared services, facilities and identity. Many felt that splitting the town would undermine this unity. A major concern was the unequal distribution of councillors between the proposed wards leading to reduced influence and inequitable decision-making.

Many responses highlighted that the proposal could create a “north vs south” divide, potentially increasing tension and reducing collaboration within the community. Respondents often queried the rationale for the proposed change, particularly where it was not clear how it would deliver tangible benefits for the community.

There were repeated concerns about additional administrative costs, complexity, and inefficiency, with respondents suggesting resources would be better directed towards service improvements.

A recurring message was that the current arrangements are working well and are providing effective representation across the town. Many respondents explicitly stated that change is unnecessary and potentially damaging:

- *“This proposal would divide the community giving greater voting power to the south of Meltham, the 12 councillors should represent the whole of Meltham, taking in all views when making decisions.”*
- *“Please leave this alone as you are creating confusion in a system that works fine as it is. Creating wards will divide a small town that thrives from cooperation as a single entity.”*
- *“Today we have 12 councillors that represent the whole of Meltham. This seems to be the fairest method of representation and reflects the size of the community. We do not have two communities in Meltham, so I don't see any point in splitting the council into two wards. This proposal just seems to be a way of counting votes a bit easier, but even that is not a given as each ward would be counted separately. Meltham is one community and should be represented as such.”*
- *“It would disenfranchise many living in the north ward due to the inbuilt majority of the south having 8 councillors, should there be disagreement. Meltham is small enough, with a mature local council, not to be divided. Layers of bureaucracy when none is needed.”*
- *“Any such divide in communities can only be a negative, the ethos of community us coming together where this is against this, the practicality of the voting process would be in increased and more costly too.”*

Meltham Town Council response to the consultation

Concerns raised regarding the proposal were also mirrored in correspondence sent on behalf of the Town Council, which questioned the rationale for the change, noting that no clear justification appeared in the consultation feedback. Concerns were also expressed about the risk that splitting the town could undermine Meltham's strong sense of community, potentially creating divisions between areas.

Proposed Final Recommendation

Overall, consultation responses demonstrate clear and substantial opposition to the proposal to create separate Meltham North and Meltham South wards. Respondents consistently emphasised that Meltham is viewed as a single, cohesive community with shared services, facilities and identity, and raised concerns that dividing the town could undermine this unity, create unnecessary division, and lead to unequal representation between areas. Concerns were also raised about the lack of clear justification for the change, additional administrative complexity and potential costs.

Given the strength and consistency of opposition, and the absence of clear community support for the proposal, it is therefore recommended that the council does not progress the proposal to create two new Meltham Wards – Meltham North and Meltham South - and that current arrangements remain unchanged.

Mirfield Parish Area

2.7.1 Mirfield Town Council currently represents 15,738 electors. The Parish Council is made up of 16 councillors across 5 Wards:

Parish	Parish Ward	Polling District(s)	No. of Cllrs	Electorate forecast
Mirfield Town Council	Battyeford Ward	MF1-S, MF2-S	5	5702
	Hopton	MF7-S, MF8-S	2	2721
	Crossley	MF3-S	3	2878
	Northorpe	MF4A-S, MF5-S	3	2552
	Eastthorpe	MF6-S	3	2751

Current structure of Mirfield Town Council

Stage 1 consultation – recap

A total of 17 responses were received in relation to Mirfield Town Council, with views generally positive about the council's role, effectiveness and contribution to local identity. Over half of respondents agreed to some extent that the council is easy to contact, serves the whole community, is divided into wards correctly, has sensible boundaries, represents the area well, consults on important issues and that Mirfield benefits from having a Town Council. Comments highlighted the council's support for local events, community facilities and civic identity, with respondents valuing its role in maintaining a strong sense of place.

Boundary issues were the main theme raised, with suggestions to include areas such as Spring Place Gardens, Fisherman's Walk and Calder View within the Town Council boundary, reflecting residents' identification with Mirfield and access to local services.

Mirfield Town Council also emphasised the importance of protecting the town's established identity, addressing boundary anomalies, reviewing councillor numbers and warding arrangements, and undertaking further local consultation.

In response, the draft Stage 2 proposals included:

1. Amending Mirfield Town Council boundary to include the voters in the MF4B-D polling district residing in Spring Place Gardens, and this area be included in the adjoining Northorpe ward.
2. Moving all dwellings in the Calder View development, currently within the Kirkburton Parish Council boundary, into the Mirfield Town Council Boundary. Should this proposal to amend the external Town Council Boundary receive support during stage 2 consultation, we would propose to seek a related alteration from the LG BCE to amend the Mirfield District ward boundary, so that the Town Council boundary is coterminous with the ward.
3. In line with the National Association of Local Councils guidance on Councillor numbers, increase the number of Councillors in Mirfield Town Council to 21 from 16.

Analysis of responses received at Stage 2 consultation to the above recommendations are set out below.

Proposal 7 Mirfield Town Council – Include the MF4BD (Spring Place Gardens) Area

Proposals from stage 1 consultation: We are asking for your views on residents living in the Spring Place Gardens area becoming part of Mirfield Town Council, within the Northorpe ward.

Total responses: 16 (online survey)

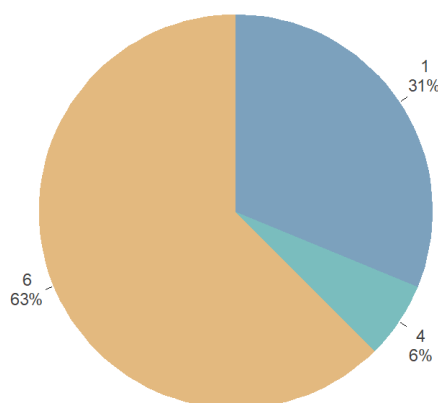
Written submissions: 11 (online survey)

Respondents were asked to rate how the proposal would impact them and their family on a scale of 1 to 6, where 1 represents a negative impact and 6 represents a positive impact.

Responses were strongly positive overall. Of the 16 responses received, 69% reported a positive expected impact (scores 4–6), with 6 the most common response (63%). 31% anticipated a negative impact (score 1), and no respondents selected neutral scores (2 or 3).

It is worth noting that 9 of the responses gave Spring Place Gardens as a home postcode, all of which gave an impact rating of 6, except one response, which reported an impact of 4. All written responses in this post code area expressed support for this proposal. A total of 70 properties were written to as part of this process.

Proposal 7
Spring Place Gardens (Mirfield TC): Residents living in MF4BD (Spring Place Gardens) area becoming part of Mirfield Town Council, within the Northorpe ward



Summary and analysis of written responses

The responses indicate a mostly positive overall view of the proposal for Spring Place Gardens to become part of Mirfield Town Council. Supportive comments were largely centred on local identity and community connection, with several respondents stating that they already consider themselves to live in Mirfield, use Mirfield services and facilities, or have addresses and everyday links associated with the town:

- *“I already see myself as living in Mirfield but it would be better to have the Council Ward set to Mirfield. I am also happy to pay for the local Parish in my Council tax.”*
- *“The Town Council provide support for a lot of events that we attend. The estate may also now get some of the issues we have been asking for help with, without passing the estate from one set of ward councillors to another.”*
- *“I have always associated myself as a community member of Mirfield. I contribute to Mirfield community and attend church in Mirfield. Please correct the boundary. It’s also very frustrating that half our estate is in Mirfield and the other half isn’t.”*
- *“Our address is Mirfield so should sit under Mirfield town council.”*

The three opposing responses cited concerns around an increase in Council Tax and perceived lack of direct benefit. Another respondent stated that the change would make no difference to them whatsoever.

Mirfield Town Council response to the consultation

The Town Council discussed the proposals at its meeting on 4th February 2026 and provided the following minute from that meeting:

MTC134/2005 Community

To receive an update/discuss/note on the following items:

1. To receive an update on Community Governance Review stage 1 and decide any action necessary – Report was circulated prior to the meeting Cllr Bolt Proposed MTC welcome Stage 1 of the review by proposing the houses of the two developments move within the Mirfield boundary Cllr Lees-Hamilton Seconded Vote: All in favour

Proposed Final Recommendation

Overall, consultation responses indicate support for the proposal for the Spring Place Gardens area becoming part of Mirfield Town Council within the Northorpe ward. Support was particularly clear from respondents living the Spring Place Gardens postcode area, who highlighted identity and everyday connections with Mirfield, as well as the potential for clearer local representation. While a small number of concerns were raised about an increase in Council Tax and the level of direct benefit, these were limited and did not outweigh the overall support expressed.

On this basis, it is recommended that the council considers approving the proposal to amend the Mirfield Town Council boundary to include the voters in the MF4B-D polling district residing in Spring Place Gardens, and this area be included in the adjoining Northorpe ward.

Proposal 8 - Move the Calder View Development into Mirfield Town Council

Proposals from stage 1 consultation: We are asking for your views on the properties located in the Calder View development moving from Kirkburton Parish Council into Mirfield Town Council.

If this proposal is supported, we would also ask the national boundary body (LGBCE) to adjust the Mirfield district ward boundary to match.

Total responses: 17 (online survey)

Written submissions: 6 (online survey)

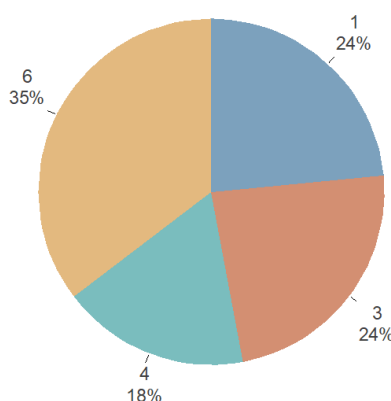
Email submissions: 1 (town council)

Respondents were asked to rate how the proposal would impact them and their family on a scale of 1 to 6, where 1 represents a negative impact and 6 represents a positive impact.

Responses to this question were mixed, but overall more positive than negative. Of the 17 responses received, the most common score was 6, selected by 35% of respondents, indicating a strongly positive expected impact. Overall, 53% chose a score of 4, 5 or 6, suggesting they felt the proposal would have a positive effect on them and their family. 24% of respondents selected 3, indicating a neutral or uncertain view, while a further 24% chose 1 or 2, reflecting concern about a negative impact.

Proposal 8

Calder View: Properties located in the Calder View development moving from Kirkburton Parish Council into Mirfield Town Council ward



It should be noted that nobody giving a WF14 8JG (Calder View) postcode completed the survey (either as a home, workplace or business address). A total of 14 properties were written to as part of this process.

Summary and analysis of written responses

Written submissions were limited. Just one supportive response to the proposal was submitted. The respondent felt that it made sense to do this as the entrance to the estate is in the Mirfield Ward.

Two opposing responses cited a preference for existing arrangements to remain unchanged.

A separate issue was also raised by members of Thornhill Angling Club, who highlighted that the club would be directly affected by the proposal and felt the site should also be included within Mirfield Town Council's boundary because of its physical access, proximity to the affected properties, and strong operational links with Mirfield.

Mirfield Town Council response to the consultation

The Town Council discussed the proposals at its meeting on 4th February 2026 and provided the following minute from that meeting:

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1. To receive an update on Community Governance Review stage 1 and decide any action necessary – Report was circulated prior to the meeting Cllr Bolt Proposed MTC welcome Stage 1 of the review by proposing the houses of the two developments move within the Mirfield boundary Cllr Lees-Hamilton Seconded Vote: All in favour

Proposed Final Recommendation

Overall, while survey responses suggest some moderate support for the proposal, the level of engagement was limited, and no responses were received from households within the Calder View development itself. Written submissions were also limited and did not provide clear evidence of community support from the area most directly affected. Although Mirfield Town Council supported the principle of moving the development within the Mirfield boundary, the consultation evidence does not demonstrate a clear or consistent basis for change at this stage.

Given the low level of engagement, the absence of responses from residents in the affected area, and the lack of clear community consensus in favour of change, it is therefore recommended that the council does not approve the proposal to move the Calder View development from Kirkburton Parish Council into Mirfield Town Council and that current arrangements remain unchanged.

Proposal 9, Increase Mirfield Town Councillors from 16 to 21

Proposals from stage 1 consultation: We're proposing to increase the number of councillors on Mirfield Town Council to 21 councillors in total.

Total responses: 17 (online survey)

Written submissions: 6 (online survey)

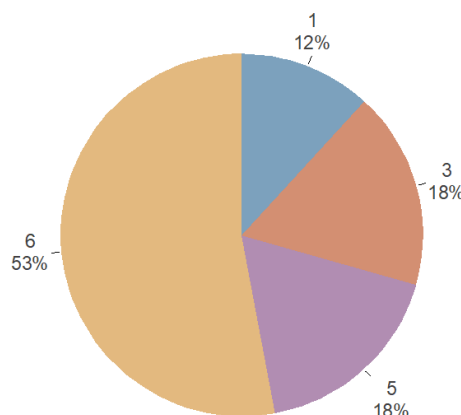
Email submissions: 1 (town council)

Respondents were asked to rate how the proposal would impact them and their family on a scale of 1 to 6, where 1 represents a negative impact and 6 represents a positive impact.

Responses were positive overall. Of the 17 responses received, 71% reported a positive expected impact (scores 4–6), with 6 the most common response (53%). 18% were neutral-to-

negative (score 3), while 12% anticipated a negative impact, indicating only limited concern among respondents.

Proposal 9
Increase Mirfield Town Councillors from 16 to 21



Summary and analysis of written responses

Written responses to the proposal were limited and were more mixed. The main supportive comment suggested that having more councillors could increase capacity to work on behalf of Mirfield residents.

Concerns from two respondents focused on whether additional councillors are necessary, with one feeling there are already enough councillors and that increasing numbers could add bureaucracy or slow decision-making.

One respondent indicated conditional support, suggesting they would only see value in the change if it led to visible improvements such as better roads, fewer potholes and more efficient services. Another comment highlighted the need for clearer public information about the role of town councillors, particularly that they are volunteers, and operate differently from Kirklees councillors.

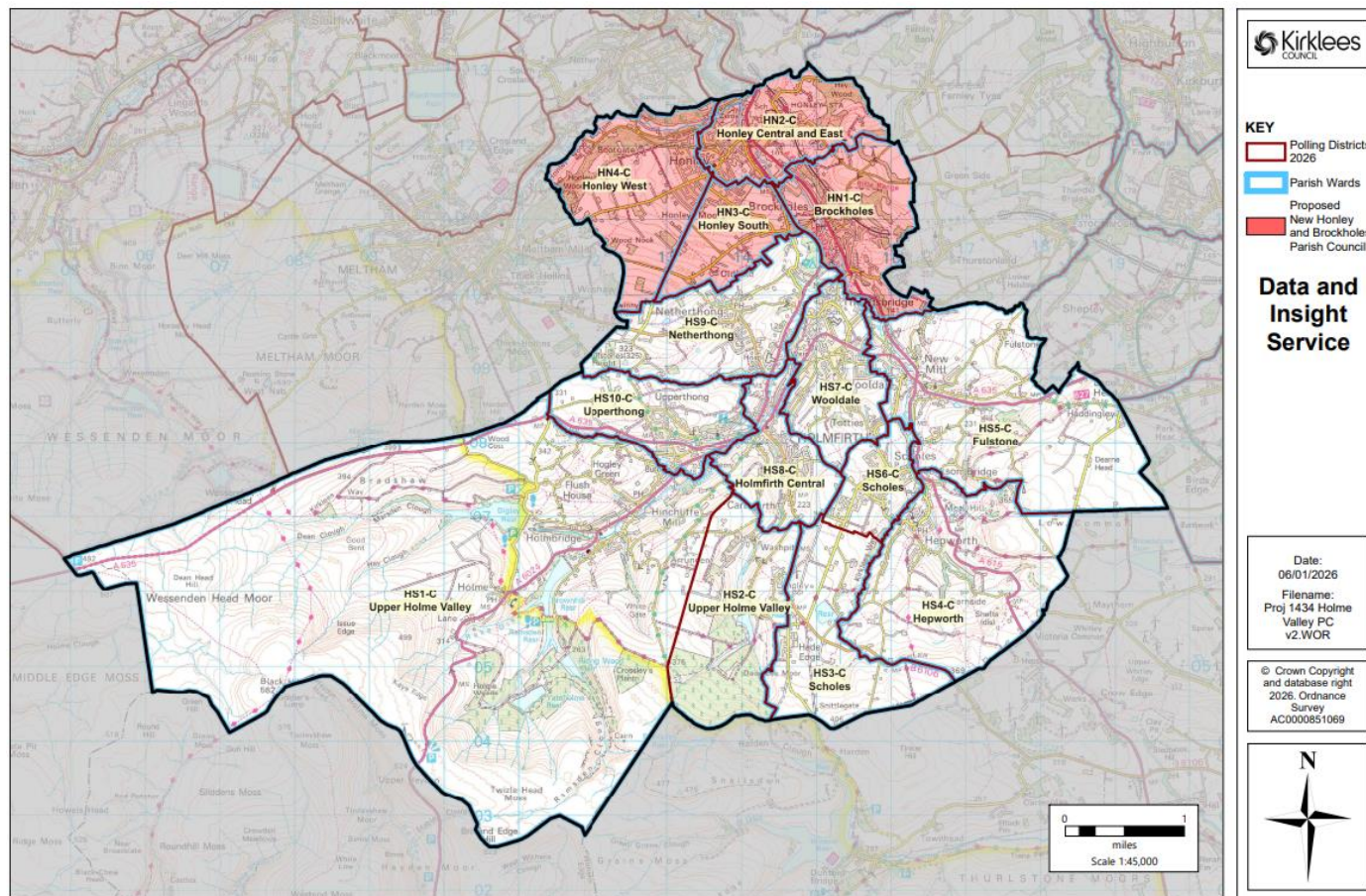
Proposed Final Recommendation

Overall, consultation responses indicate support for the proposal to increase the number of Mirfield Town Councillors from 16 to 21. Although the number of written responses were limited and some concerns were raised about whether additional councillors were necessary, the survey results showed a positive overall response, with most respondents indicating that the proposal would have a positive impact. Increasing councillor numbers would also provide additional capacity to represent the electorate and support wider engagement across Mirfield's communities.

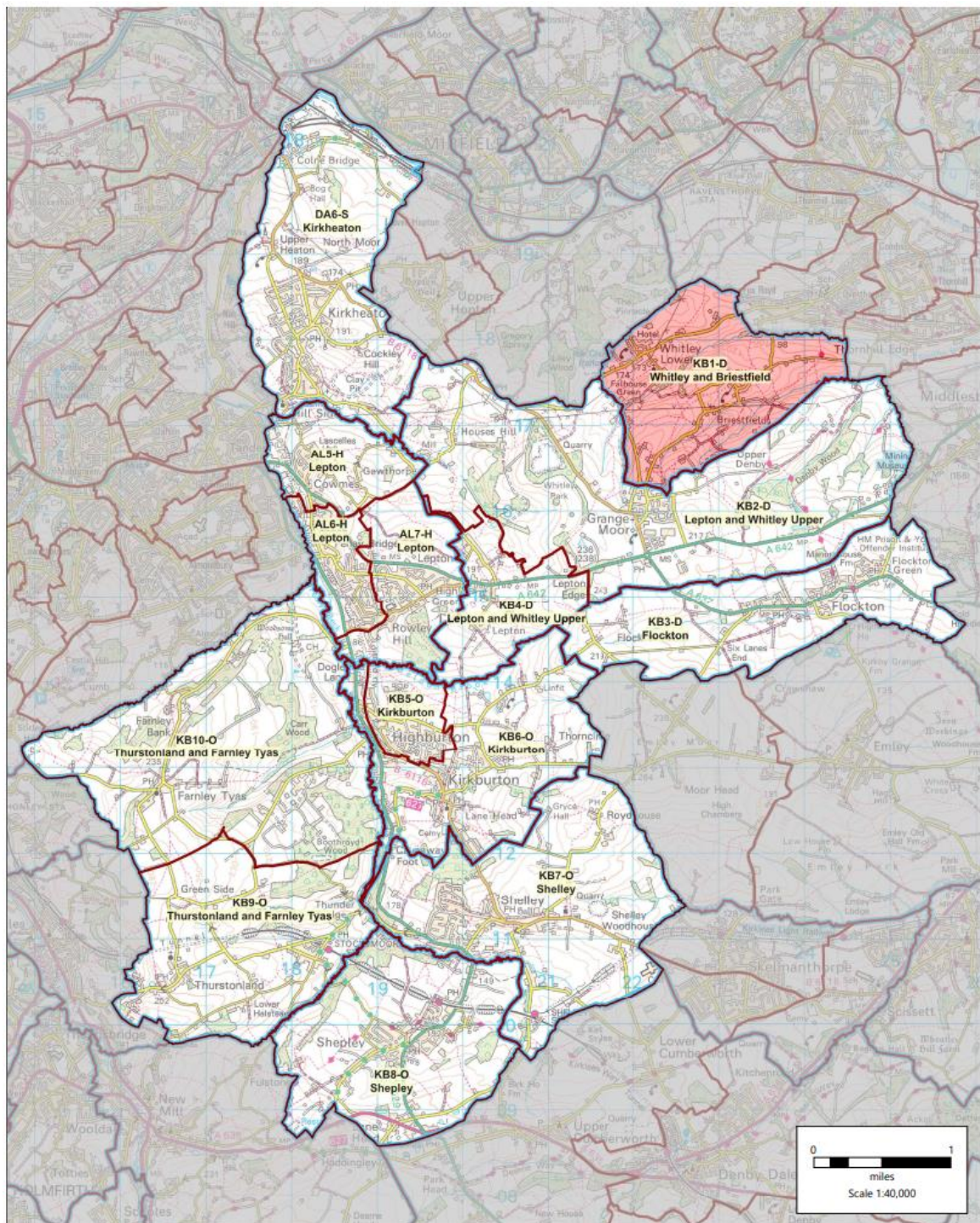
On this basis, it is recommended that the council considers approving the proposal to increase the number of councillors on Mirfield Town Council from 16 to 21.

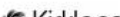
Section 4 - maps of stage 2 consultation proposals

Proposed Parish Boundary – Holme Valley Parish Council & Honley and Brockholes Parish Council

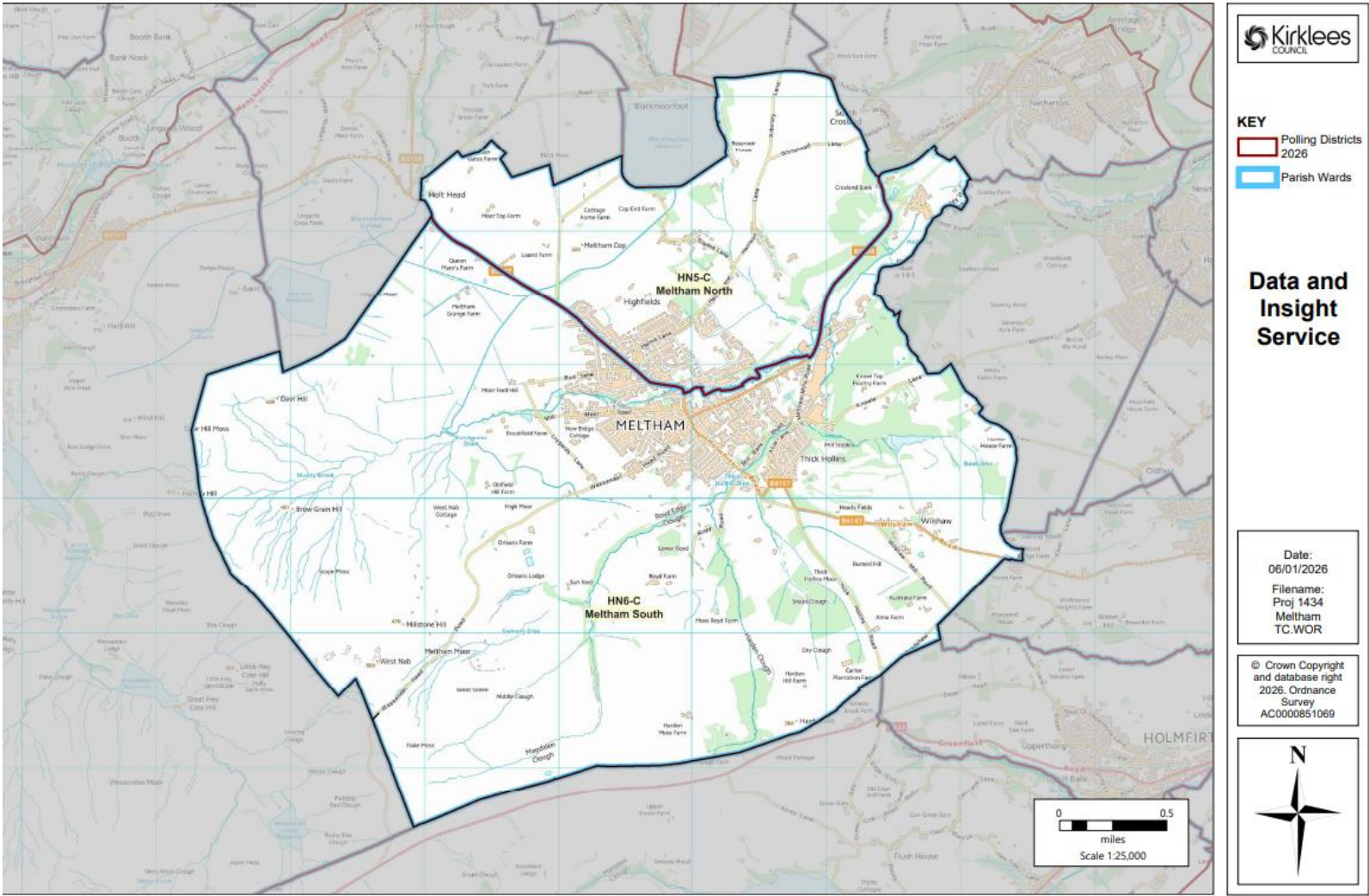


Proposed Parish Boundary, Kirkburton Parish Council, including polling district KB1-D



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Proposed Town Council Wards, Meltham Town Council, including polling districts HN5-C and HN6-C



Proposed amendments to Mirfield Town Council Boundary

