

Tell us your ideas  
about parish and town  
councils

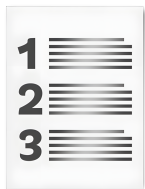


# Community Governance Review



St Albans City and District Council wants to know whether any changes should be made to parish and town councils in the district.

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# What's happening?



Central Government has decided that St Albans City and District Council will be closed down in 2028. The county council and district / borough councils in Hertfordshire will be replaced with one or more bigger local authorities.



Before that happens, the council wants to find out if changes should be made to local town and parish councils.



To do this, they are carrying out something called a Community Governance Review.

# What are parish and town councils?



Parish and town councils organise events for the community and sometimes take care of parks, play areas, and allotments.



Harpenden, Harpenden Rural, Redbourn, Wheathampstead, London Colney, Sandridge, Colney Heath, St Michael and St Stephen have a parish or town council.



The centre of St Albans doesn't have a parish or town council.

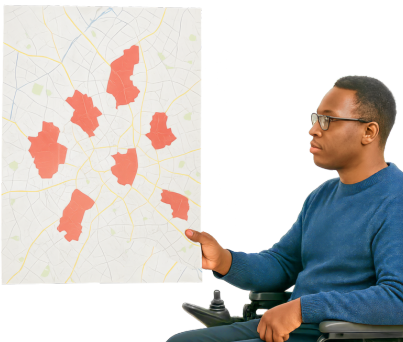


We will listen to the views of local people to make sure that any changes reflect the community.

## These are some of the things that we can look at during the CGR:



Should a new parish or town council be set up? For example, should a parish council be created for the unparished area of central St Albans?



Should the area that an existing parish or town council covers be changed?  
Should it be split into smaller parts called "wards"?



How many parish or town councillors should there be?  
When should the next elections be held?

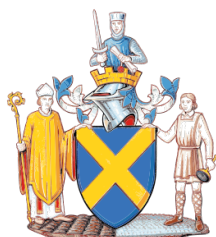


Should any existing parish or town councils be:

- merged
- grouped
- or, abolished?



Should the name of an existing parish or town council be changed?



St Albans City and District currently has a mayor, city status, and a coat of arms. What should happen to these when the district council's abolished?

# How to have your say about parish and town councils



We're asking people to let us know what they think between **4 August** and **6 October 2025**, and between November 2025 and February 2026.



To take part, email your views to us at **CGR@stalbans.gov.uk**.



Or you can write to us at: **CGR, Electoral Services, St Albans City and District Council, Civic Centre, St Peters Street, St Albans, AL1 3JE.**





# Find out more



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