



**Community Governance Review for Burnham Market**  
**Consultation Results and Analysis**

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## 1. Background

Burnham Market Parish Council have requested a reduction to the number of their parish councillors.

The proposal is to reduce the number of councillors from 11 to 8. Burnham Market Parish Council have stated that they have “struggled to keep more than 8 regular parish councillors and have only managed 11 once in the last three years”. A reduction in numbers will help the Council remain quorate and thus able to conduct Council business.

On 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024, the council Cabinet resolved to allow Borough Council officers to conduct a Community Governance Review in response to this request.

The Terms of Reference for the review required a consultation. The purpose of the consultation was to gather opinions on the proposal.

## 2. Methodology

The consultation opened on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and terminated on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

The Borough Council welcomed representations from any person or body who wished to comment or make proposals on any aspect of the matters included in the Review.

Representations were made in the following ways:

Online: Dedicated online survey on the Borough Council’s website.

By Email: [elections@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:elections@west-norfolk.gov.uk)

By Post: Electoral Registration Officer, The Borough Council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk, Kings Court, Chapel Street, King’s Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 1EX

## 2.1 Online survey questions

Question Number	Question Title
1.	Please enter your name
2.	Please enter your postcode.
3.	Do you support this proposal?  Yes No
4.	Do you have any comments on the proposal?
5.	Would you like to be kept informed of future proposals relating to this review?
6.	If yes, please enter your contact details

## 3. Participation

Total number of submissions: **1**

Number of submissions to online survey: **1**

Number of 'other' submissions: **0**

Total number of respondents included on submissions: **1**

Total number of respondents on register of electors for Burnham Market: **0**

Number of electors registered for Burnham Market at close of consultation: **631**

Percentage of registered electors from Burnham Market that made a submission: **0%**

## 4. Results of online survey submissions

Number of responses: **1**

Verified Responses: **1** (Electoral Registration – Unmatched. Council Tax – Matched to Burnham Market Parish Council area)

Proposal Supported: **No**

Percentage of respondents supporting proposal: **0%**

Percentage of respondents opposing proposal: **100%**

Percentage of respondents appearing of register of electors: **0%**

Comments:

*“It is not democratic to reduce the number of councillors needed to discuss and vote. The council considers important issues which affect the whole community, residents, businesses and tourists and should have the broadest representation. Rather than seeking to reduce the number of councillors effort should be put in to attracting more people to stand and / or addressing the reasons why more in the community are putting off from standing”.*

## 5. Next Steps

These results will be submitted to Cabinet for the scheduled 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 meeting. Following any decision(s) made, proposals will then be submitted to Full Council for the scheduled 29<sup>th</sup> July meeting.