

## **Community Governance Review**

Town and parish councils are the first level of local government. They provide communities with a democratic voice and a structure for taking community action. East Herts has 46 town and parish councils.

A community governance review (CGR) is the process to consider whether existing town and parish council arrangements should be changed. These changes can include:

- The creation or dissolution of a parish / town council
- Separating or altering the boundaries of an existing parish / town council
- The name of a parish / town council
- Changes to the electoral arrangements (e.g. changing the number of councillors)



## Why is this Consultation happening?

It is the responsibility of the council to undertake Community Governance Reviews under the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Draft recommendations about changes to community governance in your area have been proposed.

## How do we do this?

We are asking the public, parish council and any interested parties whether they feel their communities are represented and whether there should be any changes made to current governance arrangements.

We are carrying out a public consultation to seek the views of the community about the draft recommendations. The consultation is open until Monday, 12 May 2025.

For more information about this review and what it means to you, please visit our website, email electors@eastherts.gov.uk or phone 01279 655261.

