

Crawley Borough Council

Report to Governance Committee

3 February 2026

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – CRAWLEY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS AND 2ND CONSULTATION STAGE

Report of the Interim Monitoring Officer - **LDS/242**

1. Purpose

- 1.1. At the Full Council on 16 July 2025 Councillors resolved, following a Notice of Motion, to undertake a Community Governance Review (CGR) under the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
- 1.2. The resolution was 'The Council resolves to conduct a Community Governance Review to specifically explore the creation of a new parish (Crawley Town Council) on the same footprint as the existing town. It requests that the Governance Committee, with the assistance of council officers, undertakes the necessary steps to complete this review'.
- 1.3. This report sets out the outcomes of the consultation and the proposals for the second stage of the CGR process.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. The Governance Committee is requested to:
 - i. Note the outcome of the consultation set out within Appendix A of report LDS/242
 - ii. To approve the draft recommendations for the Community Governance Review as set out in section 6 and Appendix C of report LDS/242
 - iii. To approve that the second consultation on the draft recommendations commences on 17 February 2026 ending on 31 March 2026, as set out in the previously agreed CGR's Crawley Town Council's terms of reference.
 - iv. To endorse the five principles, as set in section 8 of report LDS/242 and request that further works be undertaken by officers, using the five principles over the potential for asset and service transfers to a Crawley Town Council, if it's established, along with the risks associated and that this information be brought back to a future Governance Committee. This work is separate to the CGR draft recommendations.

3. Reasons for the Recommendation

- 3.1. The Council is required to complete a Community Governance Review within 12 months following a resolution of Full Council in July 2025.
- 3.2. The Terms of Reference for the review requires that the Committee considers the consultation outcomes, and approves draft recommendations, to enable further public consultation to take place.

4. Background

- 4.1. As detailed within section 1 of this report, Full Council resolved at its 16 July 2025 meeting to conduct a Community Governance Review (CGR) under the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, following a Notice of Motion at Full Council at its meeting in July 2025.
- 4.2. The Full Council decision in resolving to a CGR specifically stated that the review was to explore the creation of a new parish (Crawley Town Council) on the same footprint as the existing town. It also requests that the Governance Committee, with the assistance of council officers, undertakes the necessary steps to complete this review
- 4.3. There has never been a CGR held across the Borough and there are currently no town or parish councils within the Borough.
- 4.4. At the Governance Committee on 9 September 2025, Councillors received a briefing presentation that included how a CGR works, the indicative principles that would be used to shape the CGR's terms of reference and a draft timetable.
- 4.5. The Council is required to have regard to the Guidance on Community Governance Reviews issued by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, throughout all stages of the CGR process. It was noted that the principles /aims of the CGR reviews was to bring about improved and stronger community engagement, more cohesive communities, better local democracy and more effective and convenient delivery of local services; ensuring electors across the whole area are treated equitably and fairly.
- 4.6. The guidance and principles, referenced in paragraph 4.4 were considered when drawing up the CGR's Terms of Reference, which was considered and agreed by the Governance Committee at its meeting held on 13 October 2025. The Committee also agreed that the first stage of the CGR consultation on a Crawley Town Council could commence for a 6-week period starting on 17 October 2025.
- 4.7. It should be noted that the term "town council" and "parish council" refer to the same tier of local government and are legally equivalent. Therefore, within this report and in the draft terms of reference the term 'town council' or 'town/parish council' will be used to represent both. Also, for when referencing the term 'ward(s)' in this document it relates to proposed parish wards with the Crawley Town Council, rather than any existing Borough wards.

5. First Consultation stage

- 5.1. On 17 October 2025, a 6-week period of consultation commenced, requesting the views of all interested parties, in relation to the proposed creation of a Crawley Town Council, with the principal boundary of the whole of Crawley. The consultation closed at midnight, on 1 December 2025, in line with the deadlines agreed with the CGR Terms of Reference.
- 5.2. The first stage consultation was widely publicised through the Council's website, social media, and through posters and banners across the Borough as approved in the CGR's terms of reference. There were two documents, a specific leaflet and Crawley Live, delivered to residents' properties to promote the consultation and the CGR process.
- 5.3. The external communication campaign included:
 - A leaflet distribution to households across Crawley via Royal Mail postal service
 - Crawley Live – article featured in Winter edition, which goes to all households across Crawley.
 - Social media – regular posts on CBC owned channels - Facebook and X and Instagram
 - CBC website – full page on CGR as well as banner on homepage promoting consultation
 - CBC News (e-newsletter) – several articles sent out to around 3,000 residents already signed up to receive latest news
 - Posters:
 - community centre noticeboards
 - neighbourhood parade noticeboards
 - noticeboards in Crawley Homes flats (around 200)
 - large poster in Town Hall car park
 - Press release regarding launch of consultation sent to local press including radio and tv
 - Community Development channels – CGR poster distributed via WhatsApp to key communities across the town
 - Digital screen in Queens Square
- 5.4. Responses were welcomed from those who live, work, or have any other interest in the Borough. Views were also sought from West Sussex County Council, and all elected representatives (both Borough and County Councillors, and the Member of Parliament for Crawley).
- 5.5. The Council received 1036 responses to the consultation, which included 17 hard copies, and responses from West Sussex County Council and Crawley's Youth Council.
- 5.6. The lead question in the consultation as to whether a Crawley Town Council should be created, received a 72% response in support of the creation of a Crawley Town Council with 23% saying no to the creation of a Crawley Town Council and the remaining 5% responses being unsure.
- 5.7. Other key findings were that:
 - 98% of respondents agreed that a town council should cover the whole of the Borough.
 - 59% agreed that the town council should be split into wards to match Crawley neighbourhoods compared to 29% saying no and 12% being unsure
 - 96% of responses agreed that there should be dedicated councillor(s) to represent each ward.

- 5.8. A full breakdown of the consultation can be found at Appendix A and West Sussex County Council's response can be also found at Appendix B.
- 5.9. Following the closure of the first consultation, careful consideration has been given to all submissions received. From this, a number of recommendations and principles in relation to the proposed Crawley Town Council have been drafted, which are set out in the next few sections of the report. It contains further information addressing some of the concerns raised within.

6. Boundaries and Wards for the Town Council.

- 6.1. Following the clear and strong consultation response for support of the establishment of a Town Council, the next element is to devise draft recommendations regarding clear boundaries and consider other electoral elements of the Crawley Town Council. It therefore proposed that the external boundary of the Crawley Town Council mirrors that of Crawley Borough Council's boundary and this concept is strongly supported by the first stage consultation.
- 6.2. Crawley's neighbourhoods are long established, as a new town, Crawley was designed and built around the neighbourhood principle, including features of a Community Centre, parade of shops, recreation/ green space, play area and a primary school. Residents identify by the neighbourhoods and have a sense of pride in this association. The logo for Crawley Borough Council (Crawley BC) is based on a tree with 14 leaves, in different colours, with each leaf representing a neighbourhood. The individual leaf colours for each neighbourhood are also represented on respective road signs which also states the neighbourhood's name.
- 6.3. Crawley's neighbourhoods are clearly identified and designing the Crawley Town Council's ward around them aligns to one of the fundamental principles of the Community Governance Review process, that being, 'reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area.' This also links to the key principle of considering community cohesion during the review.
- 6.4. Crawley's traditional 14 neighbourhoods are set out below and are the basis of the proposed Town Council wards.
- Bewbush
 - Broadfield
 - Forge Wood
 - Furnace Green
 - Gossops Green
 - Ifield
 - Langley Green
 - Maidenbower
 - Northgate
 - Pound Hill
 - Southgate
 - Three Bridges
 - Tilgate
 - West Green

Council size

- 6.5. To consider the number of parish Councillors appropriate to represent residents of the proposed 14 wards there were a number of factors and guidance to be considered.
- 6.6. One of those factors to consider is the size of the electorate within the proposed ward, together with the 5-year projected electorate. The 5-year projected electorate has been calculated using

information about the scale and exact locations of future housing developments, as set out within the Local Plan.

- 6.7. Under Section 16, of the Local Government Act 1972, the legal minimum is five parish councillors per council. However, the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) considers that five members is inconveniently small, and it considers that a practical working minimum should be seven and that would represent a total electorate of 900 (NALC 's 1988). In this guidance they include a table of Recommended Number of Councillors to Electorate, with the maximum they recommended is 25 Councillors for populations of over 23,000 residents, which is relevant to Crawley. The Government's Guidance states that "the conduct of parish council business does not usually require a large body of councillors" (Guidance, paragraph 157).
- 6.8. There is no requirement in legislation that the number of councillors should be proportional to the electorate size. The view given in the Guidance is as follows: "In considering the issue of council size, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England is of the view that each area should be considered on its own merits, having regard to its population, geography and the pattern of communities. Nevertheless, having regard to the current powers of parish councils, it should consider the broad pattern of existing council sizes. This pattern appears to have stood the test of time and, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, to have provided for effective and convenient local government." (Guidance, paragraph 156).
- 6.9. With regard to parish wards, the Guidance adds another consideration, which is that the levels of representation and the ratios of electors to parish councillors should be broadly equitable. This report has already noted the emphasis in the Guidance "that each person's vote should be of equal weight so far as possible, having regard to other legitimate competing factors, when it comes to the election of councillors" (Guidance, paragraph 166).
- 6.10. The feedback from the first stage of the consultation from those responses that included a figure for the number of Councillors (excluding responses of none, the average was 13.61 councillors, and the most frequent response was 14 councillors. It can be considered with both equating to 14 councillors and the proposal of 14 wards that would mean one representative per ward. However, this would seem electorally unfair with the significantly different size of the wards where the largest proposed wards would have 9261 electors compared to the smaller wards of 3908 (populations set out in the table below).
- 6.11. Therefore, based on the expected electorate of 87,581 in 2030 and the NALC's guidance of 25 councillors for such a population it is proposed to have a ratio of 3493 electors per ward Councillor. Having a set figure also means there is broadly electoral equity across the Town Council. This aligns with the Government's Guidance that "it is an important democratic principle that each person's vote should be of equal weight so far as possible, having regard to other legitimate competing factors, when it comes to the elections of councillors" to a town council.
- 6.12. Part of the rationale for the maximum number suggested by the NALC is also linked to the potential significant number and variety of assets that the Crawley Town Council would be responsible for across the Town and how many are based within each neighbourhood.
- 6.13. As such, it is proposed that the ward arrangements are as follows, noting it has been possible to create this without changing any existing polling districts:

Proposed Parish Ward name	Polling District(s)	Electorate in expected 2030 (Oct 2025)	Proposed seats	Ratio of seats per electorate
Bewbush	LAA	6325 (6146)	2	1.8
Broadfield	LAB LBA LBB LEB	9210 (9149)	3	2.6
Forge Wood & Wakeham Green	LJC LJB	5273 (4593)	2	1.5
Furnace Green	LD	4513 (4513)	1	1.3
Gossops Green	LEA LAC	3955 (3955)	1	1.1
Ifield	LFA LFB	7163 (7161)	2	2.1
Langley Green	LGA	5516 (5516)	2	1.6
Maidenbower	LHA LHB	6729 (6729)	2	1.9
Northgate & Town Centre	LIA LGB LMD	6000 (4751)	2	1.7
Pound Hill	LJA LKA LKB LKC	9201 (9148)	3	2.6
Southgate	LLA LLB LLC	7293 (6721)	2	2.1
Three Bridges	LMA LMB LMC	6825 (6037)	2	1.9
Tilgate	LNA LNB	5024 (4512)	1	1.4
West Green	LIB	4341 (4194)	1	1.2

- 6.14. The previous table proposes the number of wards, 14, for the town council, along with the suggested names for those wards and the number of Town Councillors for each of those wards. Appendix C details a proposed ward map of the proposals, followed by an individual map for each of the proposed wards. All these elements will be consulted upon within the second consultation.
- 6.15. The proposals do contain two slight variations, to the traditional neighbourhoods. The first relates to the proposed Northgate & Town Centre ward. Northgate neighbourhood traditionally includes the most town centre and their property addresses reflect this. Therefore, it was deemed more appropriate to put them together rather than put the town centre in with Three Bridges, as the Borough ward boundary. The second relates to including Wakehams Green with the new neighbourhood of Forge Wood. The reason for this relates to electoral forecasting especially with the expected growth of Forge Wood. Placing both areas together makes for a more rounded number electorally, across that region of the Town. In terms of local connection, they are adjoining areas, linked by the Balcombe Road and within the same Borough ward of Pound Hill North and Forge Wood.
- 6.16. Unlike Crawley Borough Council where councillors are elected in thirds, town councillors are normally elected to office every four years. As such it is proposed that the Crawley Town Councillors would be elected for a four-year term, commencing in May 2027. Future elections would then take place every four years thereafter, in line with the scheduled parish elections. Further information on parish and town councils can be obtained from the National Association of Local Councils website, www.nalc.gov.uk.

7. Funding, Services, and Assets.

- 7.1. Town Councils are funded through three main sources of funding, via a local precept, through income generation it creates and through external grants or commissioning. The precept for most parish or town councils is their largest funding stream. The level of precept regarding the establish of a Crawley Town Council was the biggest area of concern for residents in the first stage of the consultation.
- 7.2. The level of local precept is not and should not be a determining factor for a community governance review; however, it is fully acknowledged that residents will be curious to understand the likely cost if parish and town councils are established.
- 7.3. The majority of services provided or supported by town councils are discretionary, with the exception of running allotments and it being a statutory consultee on various matters. The size, capacity, ambitions and decisions of the town council, defines the number of services they can provide and the associated costs of the town council. As such it is not possible to provide an indication of the anticipated precept tax for a Crawley Town Council at this stage.
- 7.4. Further work is needed, if the CGR approve the establishment of a Crawley Town Council, before its vesting day to ensure that the most appropriate services/ assets are transferred, both for the new town council and in the best interests of residents. Also, it should be noted that any such proposal to transfer functions need to be agreed by the Crawley Town Councillors once they are in office to ensure they wish or are able to fulfil having responsibility for such services and the associated risks involved.

7.5. To help prioritise the types of services and assets that Crawley residents might and/ or would like the Crawley Town Council to have responsibility for, views were sort within the first consultation in relation to community activities, assets and services. Appendix A details the findings of the prioritisation. It should be noted that services consulted on are currently run by Crawley Borough Council and were not an exhaustive list.

8. Principles for a Crawley Town Council to identify its functions and services

8.1. Following the analysis of responses to the consultation and further conversations with Councillors regarding concerns raised within the first consultation, and to help further shape how a Crawley Town Council could work successfully, a set of five principles has been devised for endorsement by the Governance Committee. The aim of the principles is to shape what functions, services and assets the Crawley Town Council could be responsible for. The principles should be considered as a whole.

8.2. The five principles are:

- Protect and enhance Crawley's New Town/neighbourhood ethos
- Financial stability from its creation, with the ability to generate income to help ensure a low precept
- Maintain the civic and community functions
- Shouldn't create unnecessary duplication
- Provide a local voice for its residents.

These are described in more detail below.

8.3. *Protect and enhance Crawley's New Town/neighbourhood ethos*

8.3.1. Crawley has a distinct history and identity, including its status as one of the UK's original post-war New Towns with unique neighbourhood structures and assets not reflected elsewhere in West Sussex. The town is designed and built around a neighbourhood to keep this sense of community identity and should be brought out in the Crawley Town Council, through its proposed wards, assets and services it can provide.

8.3.2. Crawley's neighbourhoods also contain key facilities which are at the heart of each neighbourhood such as parks/ green space, a neighbourhood parade, community noticeboards and a community centre. These are the facilities that a Crawley Town Council could take responsibility for to ensure they remain for its community.

8.3.3. A Crawley Town Council could assume responsibility for other local assets and services that might otherwise be at risk under the new unitary structures, this would help to retain / protect services Crawley residents value. Also, it can fund, in partnership with the new unitary authority, such as new play facilities or a MUGA (multi use games area), or additional grass cutting across the borough, without taking full control or the day to day running of these services/ facilities.

8.4. Financially stable from its creation, with the ability to generate income to help ensure low precept

8.4.1. The biggest concern raised in the consultation was the cost to residents through any parish precept within council tax charges. For context every £1m spent by any Town Council or even any Borough Council would equate to an extra £27 added to the precept / Council Tax unless funded through other sources. To address this concern of Crawley Town Council's precept being significant, Crawley Borough Council has the unique ability to set up a town council (subject to the finding of the CGR) with a portfolio of assets that can generate income (such as neighbourhood parades). Such income would ensure the opportunity for the Crawley Town Council set a low precept from the outset, even if taking responsibility for a larger set of responsibilities.

8.4.2. Income should not be the only factor when evaluating what assets should or could be transferred to the Crawley Town Council. Crawley Borough Council must also consider the risks associated with such assets, which include:

- *Liquidity – insufficient cashflow to maintain or service capital investment or replacement*
- *Regulatory – compliance issues creating legal, reputational or financial risk*
- *Operational – service failures, equipment damage, accident or safety failures requiring significant resources to resolve*
- *Strategic/Market - Competition or changing trends reduce usage and revenue*

8.4.3. Crawley Borough Council should avoid transferring assets where the above risks (for instance the cost of capital replacement) are of a scale that exceeds the scale of Crawley Town Council, and in so doing put the asset or Town Council at risk.

8.5. Maintain the civic and community functions

8.5.1. Crawley has a rich history of civic and community events and functions, with the ceremonial role of the Mayor a central and important symbol for the town.

8.5.2. Under Local Government Reorganisation, the Crawley mayoralty will cease to exist unless there is a decision to transfer it over to an established parish, or a set of Charter Trustees are formed to be responsible for the function. Subject to the findings of the Community Governance Review, it is proposed that Crawley's mayoralty would transfer to the Crawley Town Council.

8.5.3. This priority would also allow the Crawley Town Council to take on the role of wider community leadership within Crawley, including supporting and working with communities and the voluntary sector, and retaining facilities of community benefit that are important to residents. This could also include supporting and/or organising community events specific to the local community.

8.6. To provide a local and cohesive voice for its resident

8.6.1. A key factor of a Community Governance Review is to ensure that parishes/a town council are representing the communities and residents within the boundaries.

- 8.6.2. With the establishment of a new unitary authority, that new council will need to take decisions that reflect the wider area it serves. Crawley will no longer have its own unified voice; its ability to shape future services or facilities may be limited. A Crawley Town Council will provide that dedicated voice for Crawley. This would align with most areas within West Sussex, which already have parishes or community councils to provide such community voice. A town council would ensure that Crawley does not miss out on this ability.
- 8.6.3. The draft recommendations include ward-based town councillors, which means retaining more local-level representation compared to that of a new unitary councillor. Town councillors also represent the wider area in one elected body and as such, the creation of one town council is likely to improve community cohesion.
- 8.6.4. The findings of the consultation also support this principle as the two main benefits identified were to improve local decision making and to have better community representation.

8.7. *Shouldn't create unnecessary duplication*

- 8.7.1. Concerns have been expressed by Councillors and in the public consultation that the establishment of a town council could add an unnecessary layer of local government and lead to unnecessary additional cost to residents. To address this, the principle of “*shouldn't create unnecessary duplication*” has been devised.
- 8.7.2. This principle of unnecessary duplication can also be considered in respect of the cost of running services. Wherever possible Crawley residents should not be ‘double charged’ where through their Council Tax they would contribute to the running of assets and services elsewhere in the new unitary. They should not pay again via the precept for the same service within Crawley.
- 8.7.3. Rather the types of services and assets that a Crawley Town Council would be responsible for should aim to be self-financing meaning resident would not be paying twice, as the precept should not be needed. Alternatively, the precept could be used enhanced or provide a different version of a service for Crawley residents compared to the rest of the unitary.

9. Second Consultation stage and Draft Recommendations

- 9.1. It is proposed that the consultation on the draft Recommendations commences on 17 February 2026 and to end on 31 March 2026, as set out in the agreed Community Governance Review's terms of reference.
- 9.2. The aspects being consulted upon are highlighted within recommendation 2.1.ii.
- 9.3. In terms of advertising the consultation it will follow the same processes defined within the Community Governance Review's terms of reference and will repeat the methods defined in section 2 of this report. Following reports that some households did not receive related literature, a different delivery company will be used. It should be noted, however that there is no legal requirement relating to community governance reviews to provide leaflets or equivalent doors drops as part of the consultation process. The Council chose to do this to boost resident knowledge and participation in the Community Governance Review.

10. Options Considered

10.1. Not recommending proposals to move forward with the CGR process and the proposal for the creation of a town council was considered but rejected. It was rejected for two reasons:

10.1.1. The consultation responses were, overall, positive in relation to the creation of a Crawley Town Council for the current Borough of Crawley and as such the CGR

10.1.2. This would be contrary to the Council's Corporate Plan 2025-2028, specific priority of *Town Council - Create a Town Council which will protect and champion the new town offer for the residents of Crawley, subject to the findings of the Community Governance Review.*

11. Implications

11.1. Financial Implication – The costs to date and anticipated costs for the CGR is to be funded from the community development earmarked reserve.

11.2. The cost for the second leaflet drop will cost approximately £7,000, an increase by £1000 from the original leaflet drop. The change in cost was as a result of changing supplier to ensure that as many as possible / all properties with the Borough receive a copy of the second leaflet along with the regular Crawley Live. The total expenditure and any virements required to increase the budget will be reported through the Council's budget monitoring process.

11.3. The total expenditure required to set up a town council is unknown at this stage as this would be dependent on the results of the consultation. Further information will be provided in budget monitoring reports and the budget for 2026/27 if required.

11.4. Legal implications – the Council will undertake the review in accordance with the following legislation and guidance:

- The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007
- The Local Government Act 1972
- Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008
- Guidance on Community Governance Reviews (DCLG/LGBCE)
- AEA Guidance on Community Governance Reviews

12. Background Papers

12.1. [Notice of Motion – Establishing a Community Governance Review to Investigate a Crawley Town Council – 16 July 2025](#)

12.2. [Full Council minutes – 16 July 2025.](#)

12.3. [Governance Committee reports and Minutes - 13 October 2025.](#)

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Community Governance Review – Survey Results

Background

Crawley Borough Council conducted a Community Governance Review (CGR) to gather views on whether a Town Council should be created for Crawley, as from 2028, Crawley will become part of a new unitary authority covering a wider area.

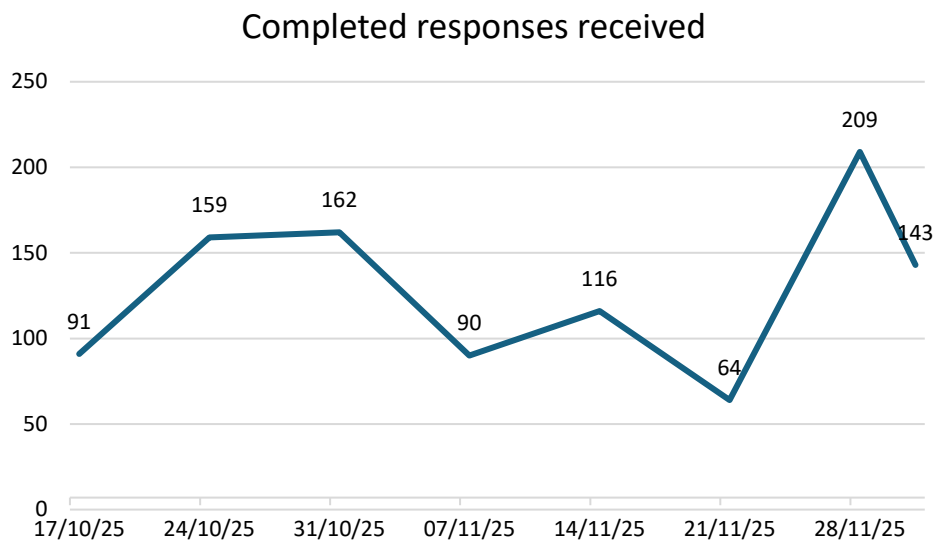
This means Crawley would no longer have its own dedicated council. A Town Council could provide local representation and make decisions on some community services and facilities. CBC therefore sought views from the public how Crawley should be represented in the future to help shape any proposals.

Consultation Strategy

The consultation formally began on 17th October and closed on 1st December, at which time Royal Mail delivered flyers to Crawley households. These flyers contained a QR code to provide access to the on-line survey. In addition, a press release was published in the Crawley Live, and the council’s website and social media channels also announced the consultation. Paper copies of the survey were made available at the Town Hall to those who needed them.

Overview of the Consultation

The consultation ran over a six-week period. The table below reflects the responses received each week.

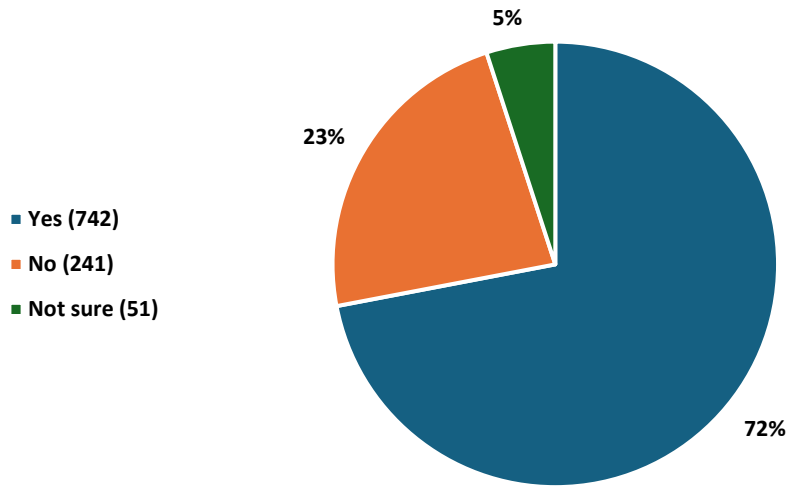


Respondent profile

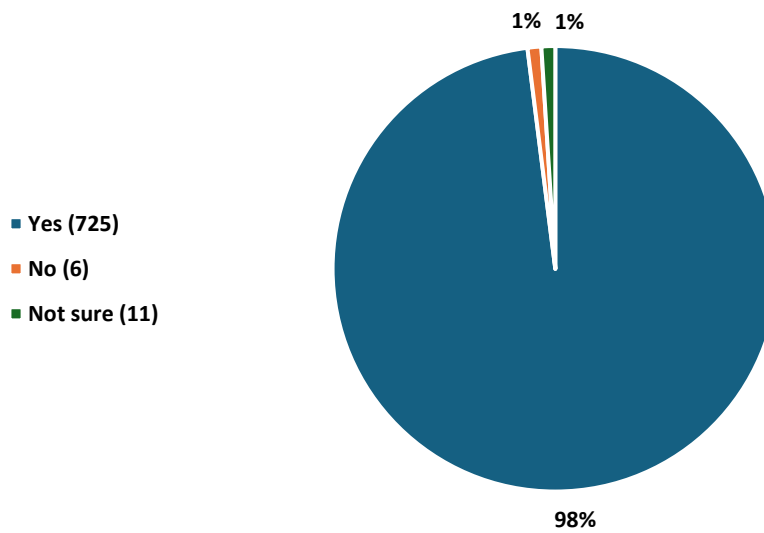
Respondent type (Q1)	Count	Percentage
Resident of Crawley	986	90%
Local business owner or business representative	40	4%
A representative of a local community group or organisation	39	4%
Work in Crawley	23	2%
Other (see appendix 1)	10	1%

Post code area (Q2)	Count	Percentage
RH10	654	63%
RH11	354	34%
Other (see appendix 2)	26	3%

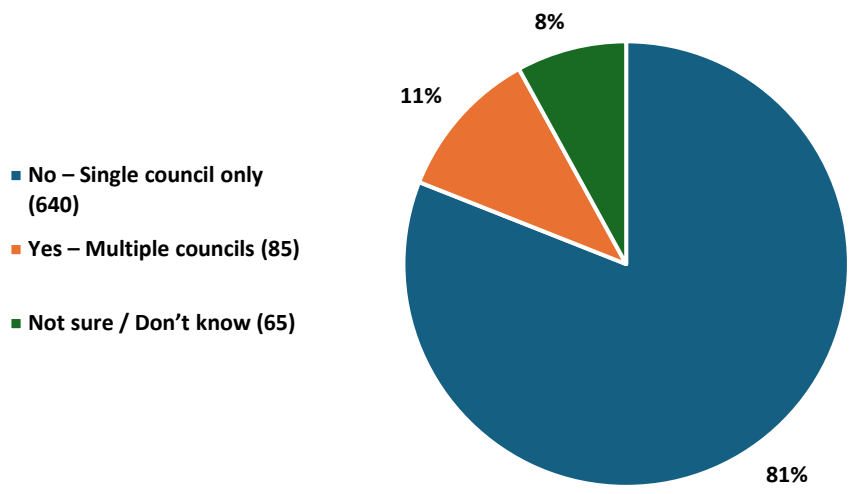
Q3: Do you think a town council should be created in Crawley once it is part of a wider unitary authority?



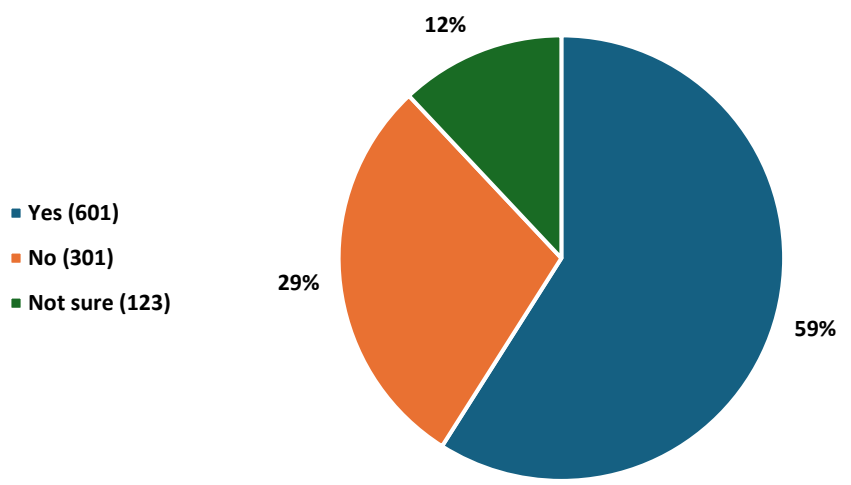
Q4: Should the town council cover all of Crawley?



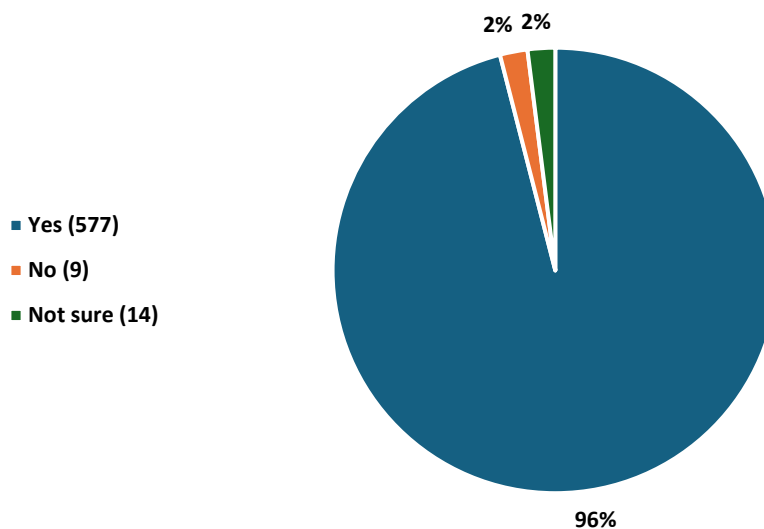
Q5: Should multiple town/parish councils be established within the borough and which area/s should be covered in each?



Q6: If a Crawley-wide town council is established, should it be split into wards to match Crawley neighbourhoods?



Q7: Should there be dedicated councillors to represent each ward?



Q8: How many councillors should represent residents on the town council?

Including responses of '0' (none):

- **Average:** 11.90 councillors
- **Most frequent response:** 0 councillors (114 responses)

Excluding responses of '0' (none):

- **Average:** 13.61 councillors
- **Most frequent response:** 14 councillors (74 responses)

Community Activities

Rank which Community Activities are most important to you with 1 being the most important and 8 being the least important

Q9

Importance	Priority or focus area	Avg. score
Most important	Local consultation and engagement	2.66
	Neighbourhood planning	2.87
	Community grants	3.63
	Community events	4.19
	Community noticeboards	4.89

	Town Mayor	5.13
	Memorials	5.97
Least important	Town-twinning	6.67

Local Facilities

Rank which Local Facilities are most important to you with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important

Q10

Importance	Priority or focus area	Avg. score
Most important	Community centres	2.21
	Bus shelters	3.27
	Allotments	3.30
	Public seating	3.73
	Cemeteries	4.13
Least important	Crawley Museum	4.35

Large facilities

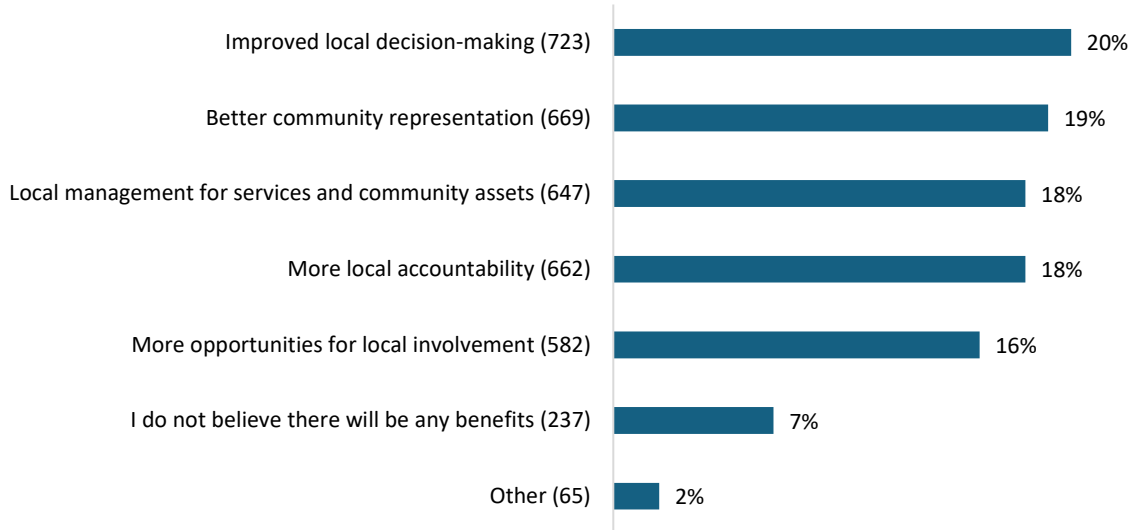
Rank which Large Facilities are most important to you with 1 being the most important and 9 being the least important

Q11

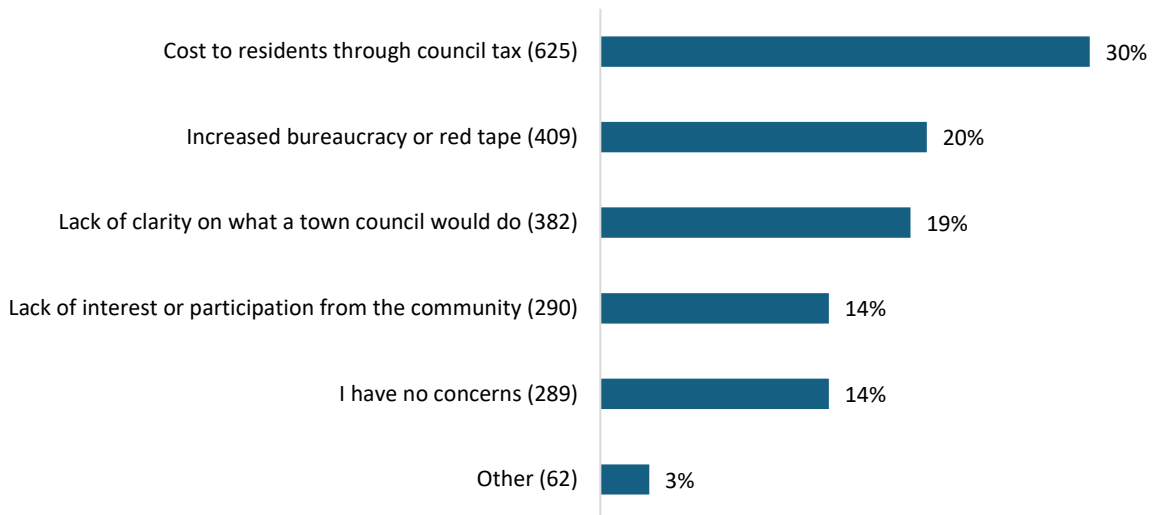
Importance	Priority or focus area	Avg. score
Most important	Green spaces	3.66
	Tilgate park	3.72
	Play areas	4.01
	Neighbourhood parades (council-owned)	4.45
	Tilgate Zoo	4.69
	Leisure facilities (e.g. K2 Crawley, The Hawth)	4.95
	Large car parks (e.g. Orchard Street, K2)	6.10

	Car parks near the parades	6.30
Least important	Car park electric charging points	7.13

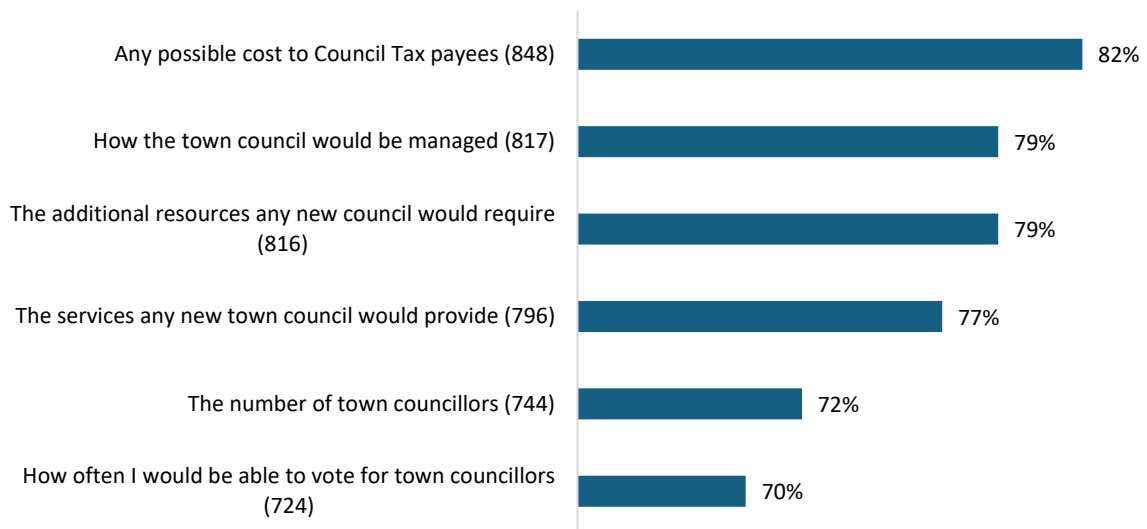
Q12: What do you believe would be the main benefits of having a town council for Crawley? (Multiple choice)



Q13: Do you have any concerns about having a town council for Crawley? (Multiple choice)



Q14: Please indicate which areas you would like more information about regarding the role and responsibilities of a town council (multiple choice)



Q15: Please indicate which any additional areas you would like more information about:

Additional areas of information	Q15
Comment themes	Rank
Cost and financial impact/implications	1
Details of decision-making powers and ability to make changes	2
Relationship between town council and unitary authority	3
Communication and transparency of information with residents	4
Details around voting, meetings, election processes	5
Volunteering and engagement opportunities	6
Concerns about crime, anti-social behaviour and safety	7
Clarity on duties and scope of the town council	8
Impact on jobs and employment of staff	9
How complaints will be handled and oversight ensured	10

Appendix 1: Respondent profile

- Family in Crawley, Crawley Town season ticket holder
- Volunteer citizens advice Crawley
- RESIDENT OF COPTHORNE
- WSCC Councillor
- private tenant
- live just outside Crawley but use its facilities
- Resident of mid Sussex
- Former employee of the Council
- Retiree
- East Sussex resident, use facilities

Appendix 2: Respodent postcodes

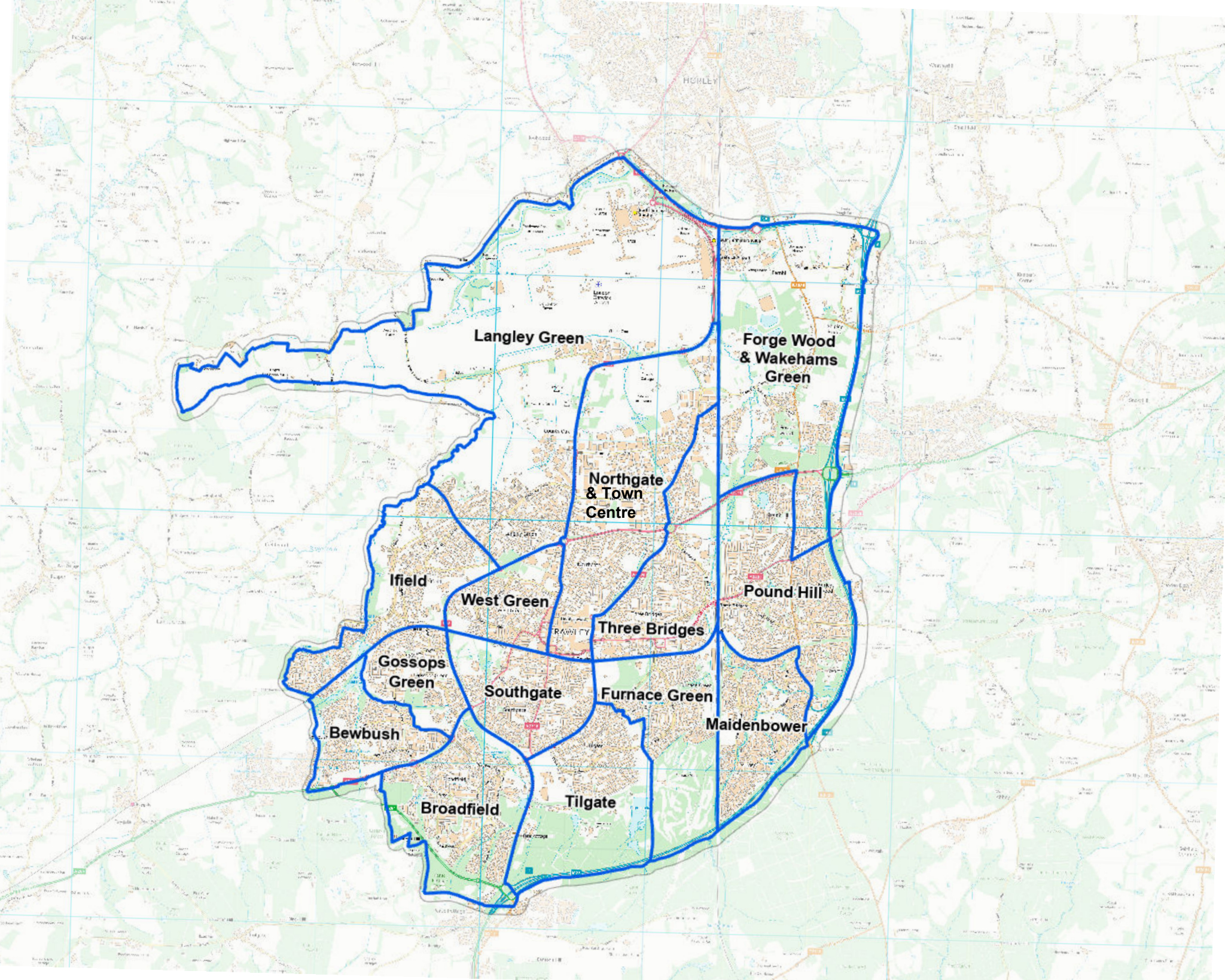
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- RH13 1
- Incomplete 8

West Sussex County Council response to Community Governance Review

Please see below West Sussex County Council's formal response to the Community Governance Review, as a stakeholder. I apologise for the slight delay in confirming the response:

The County Council does not object in principle to the creation of a Crawley Town Council, but:

- (a) Expresses concern about the timing due to local government reorganisation and recommends that any such creation should be delayed because of this, until a clearer picture of the future roles of town and parish councils is established, including consideration of the finally confirmed footprint of the future unitary authority that will cover the Crawley area.
- (b) Believes there should be a local binding referendum on the final proposal, to establish a full democratic mandate.
- (c) Advises that a referendum to establish a new town council clearly highlights that a new town council would have the ability to precept local residents, of which currently there is no capping mechanism.
- (d) Recommends that any referendum and/or future consultation should seek to provide as much information as possible for residents on the implications of a new town council, including matters such as potential asset transfer and consequential precept levels.



Langley Green

**Forge Wood
& Wakehams
Green**

**Northgate
& Town
Centre**

Pound Hill

Ifield

West Green

Three Bridges

Furnace Green

**Gossops
Green**

Southgate

Maidenbower

Bewbush

Broadfield

Tilgate



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Ifield Mill Pond

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Waterfield Primary School

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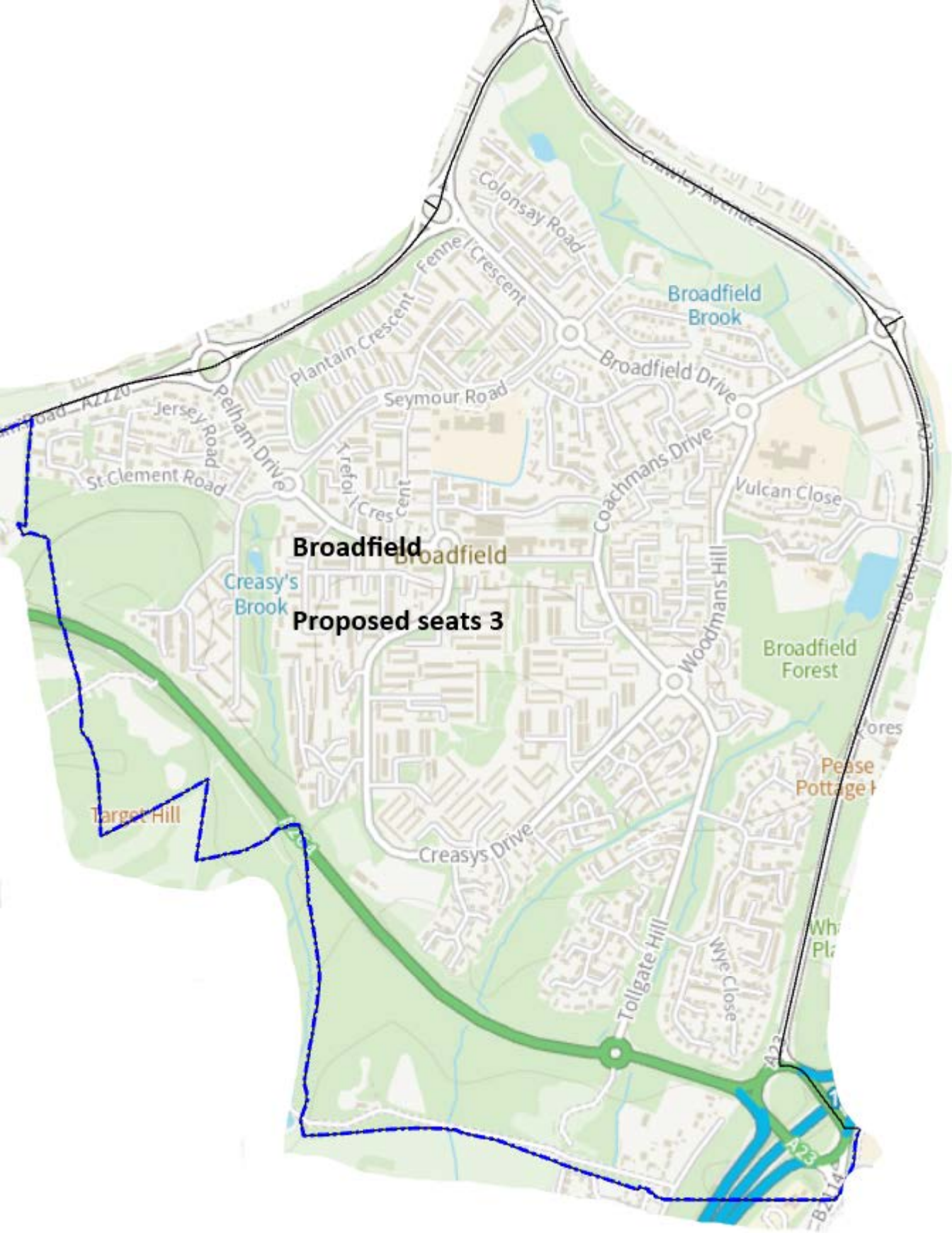
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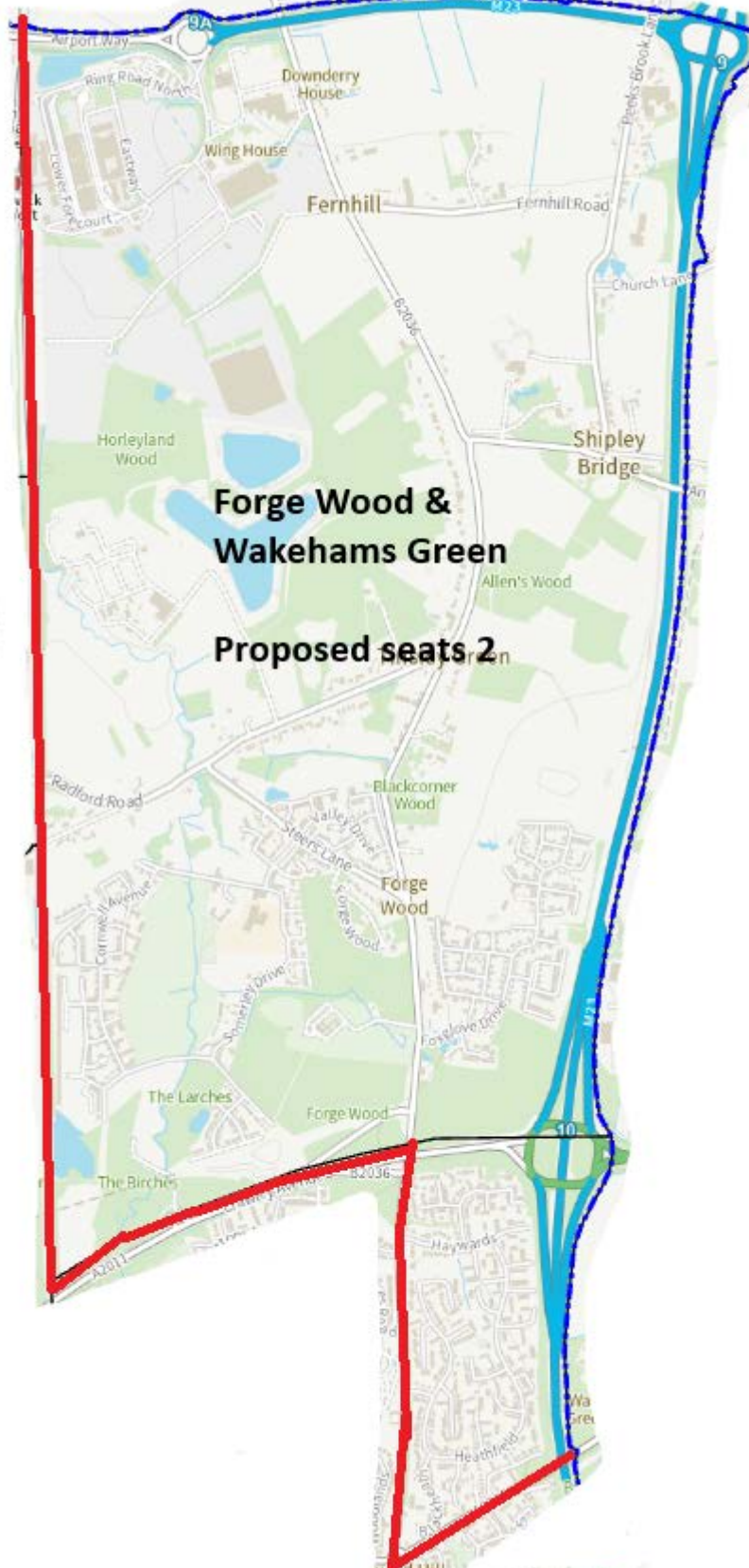
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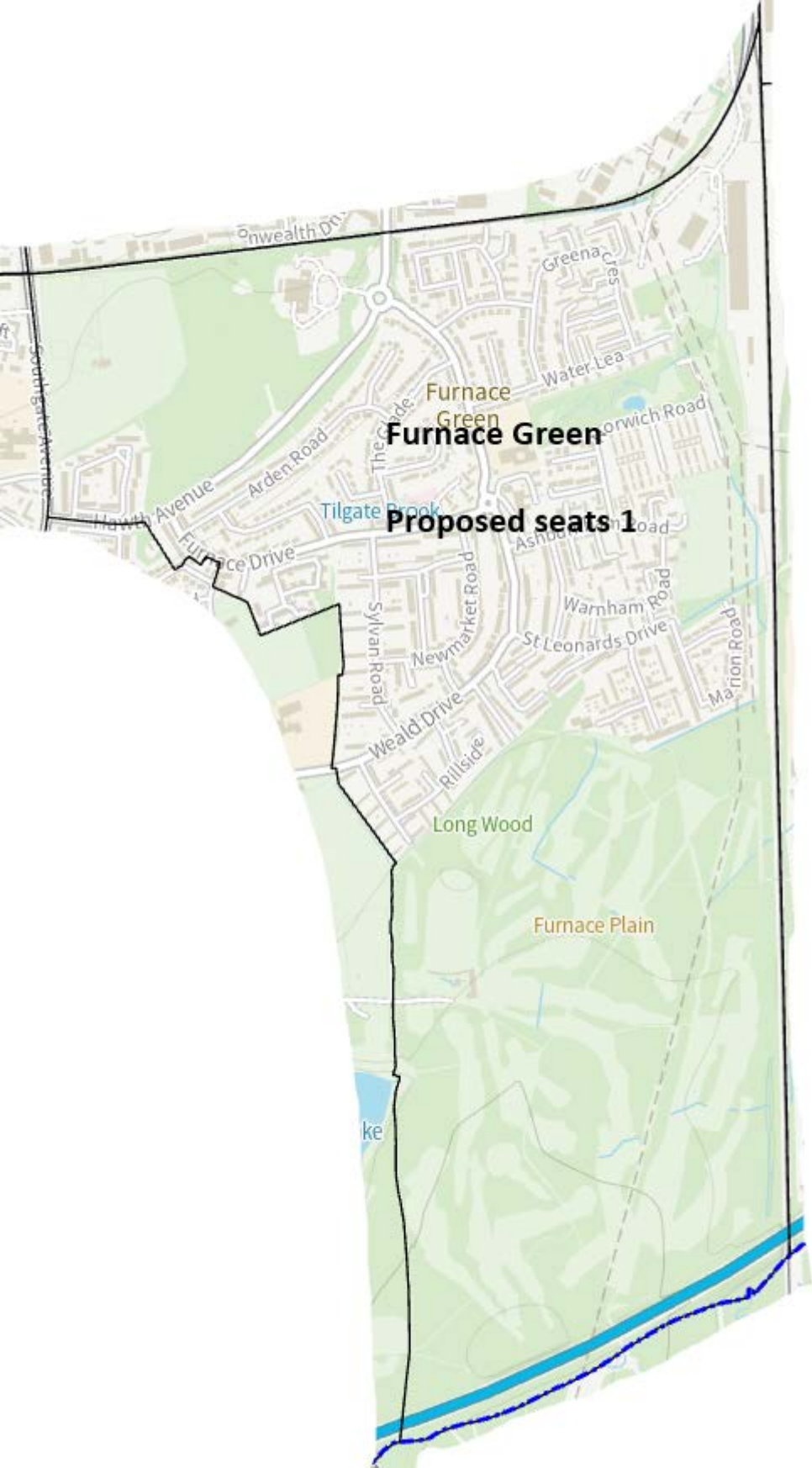
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Ifield Mill Stream

Hyde Hill Brook

Rectory Lane

Langley Lane

Warren Drive

Ifield Green

Friston Walk

Findon Road

Climping Road

Ifield Drive

Parsons Road

Bedivere Road

Shipleigh Road

Overdene Drive

Hillmead

Hyde Drive

Capsey Road

Peveril Road

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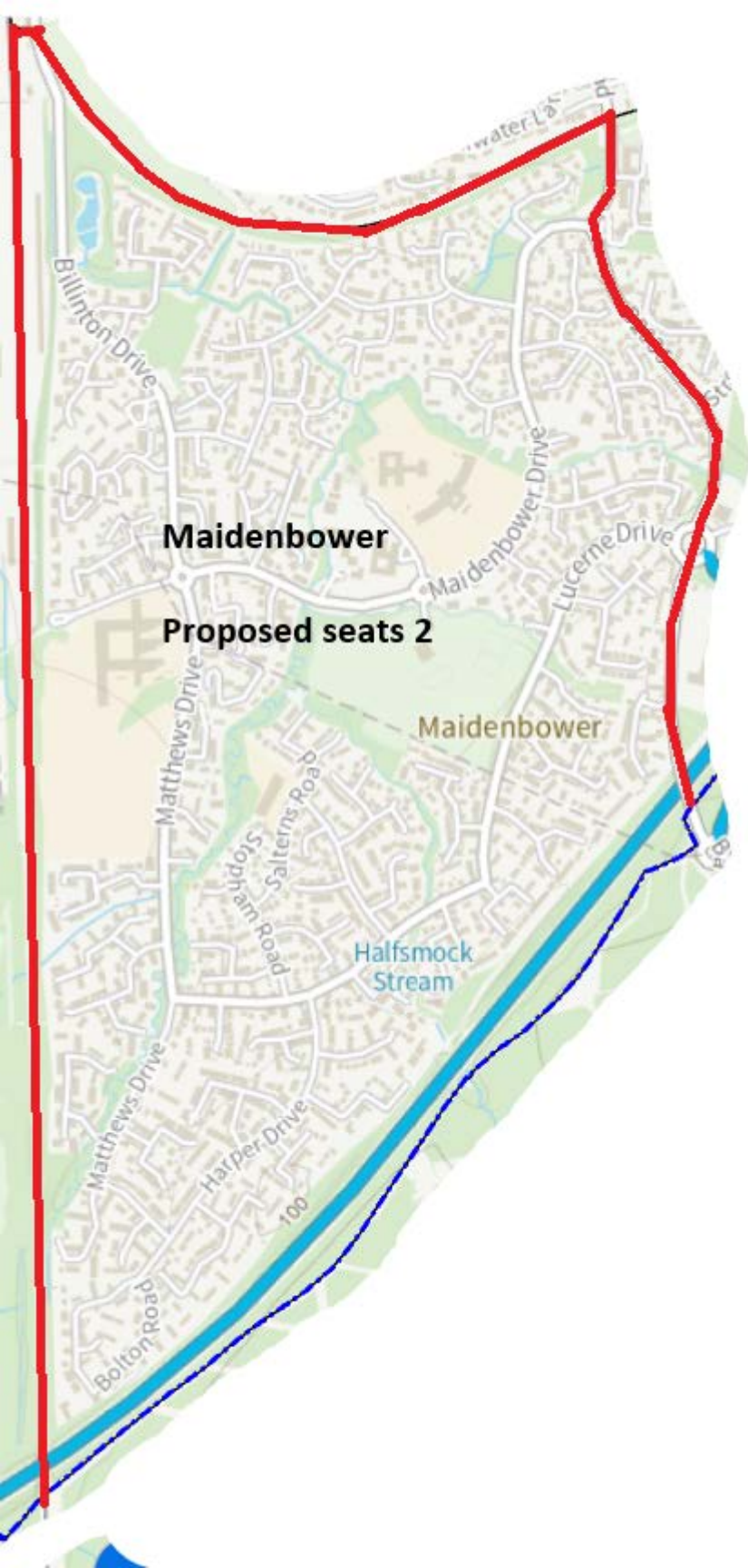
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Matthews Drive

Salterns Road

Stopham Road

Matthews Drive

Harper Drive

Bolton Road

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Water Lane

A detailed street map of Northgate and Town Centre, outlined with a thick black border. The map shows a network of roads, green spaces, and buildings. Key features include Rowley Cottage, Rowley Farmhouse, Huntsgreen Wood, Lowfield Heath, County Oak, Fleming Way, Kelvin Lane, Kelvin Way, Manor Royal, Magpie Wood, Crawley Avenue (A2011), Woodfield Road, and The Boulevard Northgate. A red dot is located at the bottom left corner near Station Way. The text 'Proposed seats 2' is overlaid on the map in the central area.

Northgate & Town Centre

Proposed seats 2



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Proposed seats 3

Pound Hill

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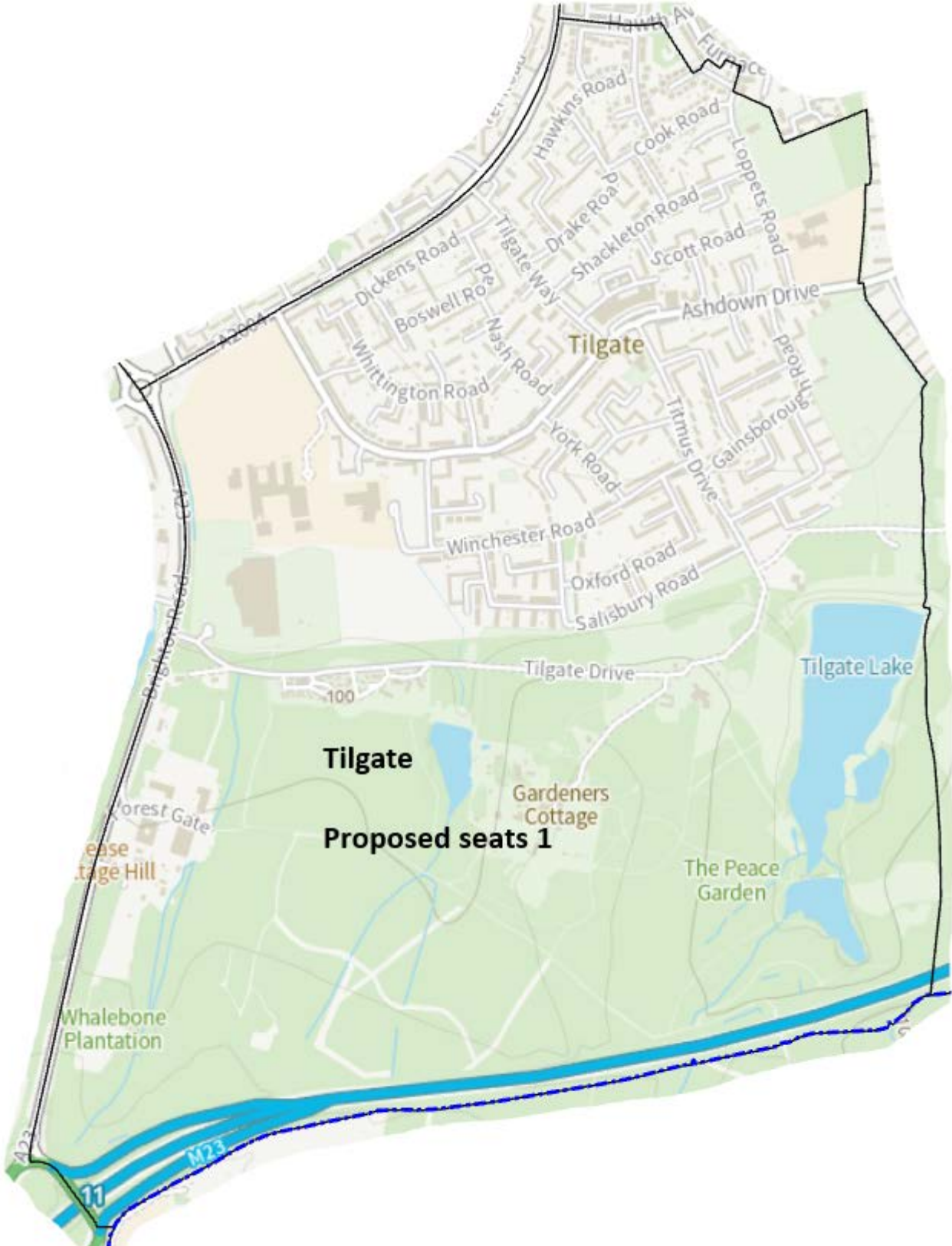
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Worth Road
The River
Pearson Road
The Pasture
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Burleys Road
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Wakehams Green Farm
Barleys Wood



Tilgate

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The Peace Garden

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West Green

West Green

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Snell Hatch Cemetery

Public Park Or Garden

West Green Primary School

Crawley Hospital

Ilfield Road Allotments

St Peter's Church

Playing Field

Bowling Green

West Green Park

Tennis Court
Tennis Court

Play Space

Windmill Court

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