

How to have your say . . .

We will be conducting three phases of consultation and inviting residents and stakeholders to have their say at each stage.

Initial phase of consultation

The initial phase will seek residents' views on two questions:

Q1: *What are your views on the creation of one or more Town/Parish Councils to represent the people of Lowestoft and the surrounding area?*

Q2: *What do you consider to be your area of community identity and why?*

Responses can be submitted online at www.waveney.gov.uk.

Or, if you prefer, a paper form to be completed can be collected from: Marina Customer Services Centre, Lowestoft NR32 1HH, or Riverside, 4 Canning Road, Lowestoft NR33 0EQ.

Second phase of consultation

A draft proposal, based on the responses to the first consultation, will be published in July 2016. We will advertise this in the local media and on our website; however we will not be writing to residents again at this stage. If you respond to the initial consultation and provide us with your email address, we will contact you to advise you when the second phase of consultation begins. We will also hold drop-in sessions where further details, including maps and other supporting information will be available.

Final phase of consultation

The final proposal will be published in October 2016 and will be followed by a short phase of consultation to collect any final comments.

For further information please visit our website: www.waveney.gov.uk

If you require assistance or would like this document in an alternative format, please call us on 01502 562111 or email:

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A democratic voice for
Lowestoft



Should Lowestoft
have a town or
parish council(s)?
We want **YOUR**
views



Full details at
www.waveney.gov.uk
Take part in the first
consultation before May 13th

 **Waveney**
District Council



What's happening?

We have sent you this information because you live in Lowestoft or the surrounding area; the area covered by a review that could see the creation of a new town or parish council(s).

This leaflet explains:

- What a Town/Parish Council could do for you
- What effect it might have on you

A 'Community Governance Review' for Lowestoft and the surrounding area will look at the creation of one or more new Town/Parish Council(s) to represent local people and give them a voice on issues that affect their local area. It is important that residents take part in the review process and give us your views. You can help to decide the shape of local government in your area.



What would a new town or parish council do?

A new Town or Parish Council(s) would give residents the same opportunities and voice as those in other parish areas such as Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth, Kessingland, Carlton Colville, Southwold and others.

It would give residents representation for their local area, with direct decision-making on issues affecting local people.

It would have various powers to provide and run services and facilities in your area.

It could also provide funding towards local projects, activities and initiatives that would benefit your area.

It would be formally consulted on planning applications affecting the area.

It could take over responsibility for local buildings, other assets and services that are presently run by other bodies, for example, the town hall, parks, play areas, statues and toilets.

Councillors would be directly elected by local residents.

A new council(s) would replace the Lowestoft Charter Trustees. The Charter Trustees function in a purely civic and ceremonial role. A new council could elect a Mayor to represent the area.

