

Lowestoft Community Governance Review

Responses received from launch of Review on 24th March, and during initial consultation phase from 1st April to 13th May 2016

The responses received during the initial consultation period have been anonymised and are given below in date order. Where questions have been asked as part of the submission, the answers have been added to the 'Frequently asked questions' document available on the Lowestoft Community Governance Review webpages at www.waveney.gov.uk/LowestoftCGR

In response to question 2, a small number of residents stated that they felt that the question was not clear. Additional information was sent in these cases to explain the question and the residents were invited to submit any additional comments to be published with their initial response. Further information to explain question 2 was also added to the online survey.

Thu 24/03/2016 16:51

I think its a great idea to create a Lowestoft Town Council with the former crest put in its rightful place on signs etc throughout the town. I think it makes common sense to have councillors elected in the un parished areas, Whitton, Gunton and Corton, Pakefield, Carlton etc every 5 years each returning one councillor.

I hope a Lowestoft town council is soon a reality.

Sat 02/04/2016 10:17

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?

Answer: I think we should have one town council that covers all Lowestoft

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: To have a council in town

Sat 02/04/2016 10:52

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?

Answer: It sounds like a good idea for the town to have a parish

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I'm close to the town centre

Sat 02/04/2016 11:59

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?

Answer: I think that we SHOULD have representation for people living in un-parished areas. Presently the suburbs of Lowestoft have more voice in council matters that concern Lowestoft than the citizens who actually live there. As a result, there is a definite attitude amongst council members that Lowestoft citizens don't care about their decisions and that they can do as they wish, which is make choices "good enough for Lowestoft".

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Kirkley. I live on London Road South in the area that traditionally has been identified as Kirkley. My mother lives in the area and so does my daughter, so we have three Kirkley households with opinions on Kirkley and Lowestoft issues.

Sat 02/04/2016 12:27

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?

Answer: I support the creation of a Lowestoft Town Council, but just the one - the merits of having multiple councils for the Lowestoft area are outweighed by the cost of democracy and administration

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I would say that the community identity of the town is actually split in two (south of bridge and north of bridge) however I don't support having two town councils - would be wasteful and illogical to have two mayors for the town, so although there is a big community identity for Kirkley where I live, the only sensible outcome is one council for Lowestoft as a whole.

Sat 02/04/2016 12:28

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?

Answer: Waste of time and money as we seem to manage as we are.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: We get on and I really do not see another level of "politicians" bringing anything to the party

Sat 02/04/2016 12:32

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?

Answer: I think that with the expansion of Lowestoft, there are parts that have no voice in what is happening in our town. I realise that there are councillors who cover these areas, but they already have extensive wards. therefore to create new wards will be a great asset to the inhabitants and the town in general. This is a wonderful town to live and whatever can be done to improve it can only be to the benefit of the residents and the myriad of visitors we have every year. We are already a landmark in United Kingdom, we need to make it even more so for the future generations.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Living in this part of the town, (Crown Meadow) which has a number of establishments, there is a need to have any work, or proposed work, overseen. We have a number of schools in the are, elderly peoples home's and a conglomeration of roads that are used as a race track quite often. My interest is in the area's is it's future development without public consultation.

Sat 02/04/2016 12:38 (first response – second response below dated Thu 21/04/2016 19:49)

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?

Answer: I do not think this is a good idea as it will increase the amount of council tax that can be raised by Waveney, and in the current economic climate, and the fact that in most wards there are a large percentage of retired people, I believe this is wrong.

What is wrong with the current set up?

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft Carton Ward, the primary being Lowestoft as the identity of the Area.

Sat 02/04/2016 12:45

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?

Answer: At a time when we are being told cuts have to be made and we have to pay more in Council tax, why would we want to create something which will add to more wages and expenses, surely we already have more councillors than we can afford, is it not their job to cover what a Parish Council would cover, so if it is decided to go ahead with this will the councillors whose job is then taken over by the Parish Council be made redundant, or will the residents just be asked to pay for additional costs we do not need.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Surely our community identify is Lowestoft, Different areas of the town are not separate towns and we should be all working together.

Sat 02/04/2016 13:10

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?

Answer: I AM CONCERNED THIS WILL BE ANOTHER LAYER OF BUREAUCRACY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL COST THE TAX PAYER MORE MONEY. I THOUGHT OUR ELECTED WARD COUNCILORS WERE ELECTED TO REPRESENT THE LOCAL WARDS

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: JUST AN ORDINARY MEMBER OF THE LOCAL POPULATION

Sat 02/04/2016 13:39

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?

Answer: My view on this is one of total cynicism. Didn't Lowestoft have a council previously? Which was no doubt dissolved because it suited the pockets of the powers that be, and this idea is no different. I'm guessing there is an ulterior motive for the council wanting to take this action, but just to satisfy regulations they have to put it out to the people first to give the appearance of a modicum of democracy.

You say in your own publicity a new council 'could take over the responsibility for local buildings and

other assets and services' which in my opinion is closer to the truth of the matter. Due to the recent, ideologically and financially dubious 'austerity measures' (Which incidentally I warned WDC about years ago, and was denigrated for my trouble) it seems to be the case that you are being prohibited from doing so because of your own previous ill-advised actions and these changes are now necessary to fulfill your financial intentions of removing as much financial burden from the council as possible.

So in short, I don't care what you do, as any thoughts the public may have will be over-riden if they don't fit within your preferred narrative. As has been shown by the WDC leader Mr Colin Law's recent pronouncements on page two of this weeks Lowestoft Journal regarding the 'referendum' on merging Waveney and Suffolk Coastal councils. Which it has to be pointed out you are required by law to facilitate. The fact that in this case, it is a done deal can be assumed by Arthur Charvonia already being strategic director for both councils, so it must be hard for him to deny any personal interest. Which is just another illustration of the spurious, self-serving, and duplicitous actions of Waveney District Council who although they publicly invite comment (as they are required to do by guidelines) have no intention of listening to any of it.

So will you be "publishing this online"? Personally I doubt it.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I have lived and worked in Kirkley on and off over the years and like it. Anything else is immaterial.

Sat 02/04/2016 14:52

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?

Answer: I am very pleased that WDC have started the process to consult on this important issue. I am firmly behind the creation of a Lowestoft Town Council, which will address the imbalance that has existed within Waveney since 1974. I believe Lowestoft needs to have a voice that is distinct from Waveney as a whole and will enable the residents of the town to be fully, locally and meaningfully represented. I do not feel that there should be any more than one council covering the un-parished areas of Waveney District, and most importantly, there should definitely not be TWO councils created covering north and south of Lake Lothing, as this could be extremely divisive and counter-productive, taking Lowestoft back to a generation when local rivalry existed between the two sides of the town. One new Town Council should be created and will very properly exist to represent ALL Lowestoft residents adequately.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Having lived in Carlton Colville for over 20 years and recently moved back into Lowestoft, I firmly feel that I am a Lowestoft resident and part of the community of Lowestoft as a whole. I have never felt part of a community that forms a ward within Waveney ~ for instance, I am aware that I

currently live within the Whitton ward, but as a resident on a boat in Lake Lothing, I do not relate to anything pertaining to Whitton in any way. Instead, I feel totally part of Lowestoft - I live in Lowestoft and work in Lowestoft and identify wholly with Lowestoft in all its parts, using many facilities within the town as a whole, rather than a smaller locality. Equally, I am aware that many residents in parts of Carlton ward as well as Whitton ward consider themselves to live in Oulton Broad. The actual area that people refer to as Oulton Broad is very difficult to define with any accuracy, and while I partially consider that I live in Oulton Broad, because of where my boat is moored, nonetheless, primarily I consider myself to be a Lowestoft person.

Sat 02/04/2016 15:26

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?

Answer: Why, in these straitened financial times, are there considerations for another level of governance? This will make a 5th level. Who is to fund this? That can only be local tax payers via Council Tax or another tax yet to be introduced. It seems to me any benefits may be marginal yet costly and what will happen to those parts of Waveney District Council which may see their role partly or entirely subsumed into the new body.

I am not in favour of creating a further gravy train for local politicians to feed off.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft - south. Because that is where I live and Lowestoft is small enough not to be sliced into more geographical areas.

Sat 02/04/2016 15:59

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?

Answer: I fully support the plan to form a Town Council to represent the needs of Lowestoft. This is long overdue.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I live in the Carlton Parish. I believe that Lowestoft should be represented by one Town Council made up of nine elected representatives (one from each parish). The Town Council could then be chaired by an elected Town Mayor.

Sat 02/04/2016 16:40

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?

Answer: What we already have is fine, a single town council. BTW Blodmoor is part of Gisleham, not Kessingland.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft. I've lived here & moved around the town Harbour, Kirkley, Whitton, Pakefield variously over the last 39 years. I identify with Lowestoft first & foremost.

Sat 02/04/2016 17:16

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?

Answer: I think that this is an excellent idea and am surprised that it hasn't been put in place earlier.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Kirkley/ Pakefield, living close to the boundaries of the existing wards.

Sat 02/04/2016 17:22

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?

Answer: Very good idea to have local representation.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: South Lowestoft as that is the area I live.

Sat 02/04/2016 18:53

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?

Answer: We think that this would benefit local parishes - allowing residents particular concerns to be more easily heard

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: We have recently moved to Oulton Broad (The Whitton Ward) and feel very much at home having previously been in Kirkley (Carlton Road).

We are both retired pensioners, and the area has several bungalows, one of which we purchased in September, so it suits us well.

There is a bus route which passes close by, and local amenities are near to hand. Our doctors' surgery is within walking distance which is a bonus.

So for us this, is a pleasant area to live.

Sat 02/04/2016 18:59

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?

Answer: I don't really see why we need this, I also don't understand how Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth, Kessingland, Carlton Colville and Souththwold have their's.

I think If we just had the one MP to run Waveney (soon to be East Suffolk) It would be better, as that MP can run the place without annoying locals who lets be honest don't want to modernise, and are stuck in there way and think the government should handle everything for them.

Also I was thinking that Waveney Council should already have the district subdivided into wards or simalar, where they in my view are already making Idea's for the whole district for Business and community.

Also you talk about saving money and making cuts! how does this save money ?

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Unlike about 50% or more uneducated benefits people who have no wish to work and who are better of doing nothing than working. With people starting a family when they are young with no intention of contributing to the community I feel I have sense of purpose to my life.

Some people still won't even go to Norwich to get a job that could pay well because it's too far (It's one hour in the car sometime half an hour) If you've got small minded people like that you have little hope of becoming a big town or someday a city.

Sat 02/04/2016 19:07

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?

Answer: Parish councils enable local people to discuss local issues which may be seen as of little importance to a larger county council. Therefore I feel very positive about the creation of a parish council.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Community identity is very important for the social cohesion of an area and influences the way the population feel about their area.

The Localism Act 2011? introduced new rights and powers to allow local communities to shape new development by coming together to prepare neighbourhood plans and neighbourhood parish councils can use these new planning powers to establish general planning policies for the development of a neighbourhood. This is an important addition to the planning system which should be addressed by the implementation of a parish council.

Sat 02/04/2016 19:47

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?

Answer: Excellent idea. The parishes should be represented to avoid under funding, under commitment from government and local council and to recognise their contribution to the local economy and wider community.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: London Road, Kirkley with its vibrant shops and diverse cafe culture and south beach, arguably one of the best, if not, the best beach on the east coast.

Sat 02/04/2016 19:49

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?

Answer: I agree that creating Parish Councils would be a good idea to give residents more of a say in their local vicinity. It would create more of a feel of community and make residents feel that they have a say in what happens to their own area.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield. It is where I live and spend most of my time.

Sat 02/04/2016 20:01

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?

Answer: Very good idea.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I mainly identify with the whole town. However, because of congestion on the two bridges, I tend to frequent the north part of the town most of the time. I visit the south side 2 or 3 times per week.

I think that the north and south have much more in common than they have differences. A single council with two wards would make sense to me.

Sat 02/04/2016 22:45

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?

Answer: I think that the district council has worked perfectly well for many years supporting the people of Lowestoft, this will just be an additional expense that the town will have to fund, potentially increasing the towns council tax charges.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I am just someone who lives in the district of Carlton and is served by WDC.
Just a point to note - When you are talking to the general public you really should make your questions more meaningful and understandable to the average person.

Sun 03/04/2016 08:20

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?

Answer: Probably a good idea

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Kirkley - I support Age UK's attempts to improve live for older residents of our area

Sun 03/04/2016 08:33

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?

Answer: we do not need more people making rules for the area. Waveney council has already made Lowestoft a no go area as far as shopping and just visiting is concerned.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Oulton Broad because that is the area that we use the most.

Sun 03/04/2016 08:37

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?

Answer: it is clear that this is a revenue raising opportunity. Lowestoft already had a town council and this would make for further tiers of functionaries who are not needed.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I have no idea, I moved here three years ago, I have never belonged anywhere

Sun 03/04/2016 11:12

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?

Answer: What is the cost ratio benefit.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Oulton Broad/Lowestoft. All services are well run.

Sun 03/04/2016 11:56

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?

Answer: It would cost more money and might not be any better than the existing arrangements

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I live near the harbour where there is some flood risk, and I have to cross the bridge to go to and from work. So a third crossing and flood defences/drainage is important to me and this area. I work at Pontins so that area is important to me as well.

Sun 03/04/2016 20:27

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?

Answer: We need more democracy in this area and more consultation about public projects.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Kirkley. I have lived here for 25 years.

Sun 03/04/2016 21:03

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?

Answer: I think Lowestoft should have its own independent voice as other town / parish councils are making their voice heard with their views and opinions but Lowestoft does not yet have one, but needs one.

Town and parish councils should also have a definitive list of obligations / services that they are responsible for delivering - taking over services from county and district councils that can become more localised based on local demographics.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft as a whole. The town used to be split north and south but has come together over recent decades and is now one big community.

I don't see myself as a 'pakefield' or 'Carlton' resident, just Lowestoft.

I feel that segregating the wards will undo the community of Lowestoft and could damage local relationships and community cohesion.

We are one town.

Mon 04/04/2016 09:43

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?

Answer: Yes, a good idea. A town council to cover all un-parished areas south of the river and one to cover all those north of the river

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Kirkley, but as there is no boundaries between any of the parishes south of the river e.g. no green spaces or specific natural or man made features, one town council to cover all will unite the parishes better

Mon 04/04/2016 09:47

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?

Answer: It is a good idea as long as they are not too small as I think some of the proposals are

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Nice area to walk and live but there are problems that a parish council would be able to hopefully solve

Mon 04/04/2016 09:57 (first response – second response below dated Fri 22/04/2016 13:22)

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?

Answer: Excellent idea, parish governance is one of the two most important levels of government, and therefore also of democracy

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Exact boundary I would not know, but to be inclusive of all social groups, easy contact with elected councillors, and be careful not to form a sort of cabal by making boundaries around social grouping according to housing types, employment etc

Mon 04/04/2016 10:04

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?

Answer: Leave things as they are and do not waste any more money.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: A householder who is not getting value for money for his council tax.

Mon 04/04/2016 10:19

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?

Answer: I think this would be beneficial to the community as it would give more control over issues that affect local areas.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: The existing ward boundary seems at this point to be a sufficient.

Mon 04/04/2016 11:41

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?

Answer: It sounds a very good idea unless it results in a Council Tax increase

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield has a much different "feel" to the rest of Lowestoft. It's quieter than other areas and is like a village. Most don't say they live in Lowestoft but live in Pakefield. The proposed change I believe would give the area a more defined character.

Mon 04/04/2016 11:58

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?

Answer: Do we need another layer of beaurocracy. This will involve a precept which will increase our council tax bill. Having worked as a Parish Clerk I am aware that Parish Councils have very little power.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Council Tenant in Sheltered Housing

Mon 04/04/2016 12:03

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?

Answer: I think a Town/Parish council is a good idea. It will give the town a good sense of identity.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Gunton area. It is a small enough area to feel a sense of community.

Mon 04/04/2016 12:05

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?

Answer: I am very much in favour of this proposal for all the reasons stated

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Oulton Broad, because that is where I live and most of the larger issues within this area are common to my interest

Mon 04/04/2016 12:19

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?

Answer: A good idea for more democracy on local issues and giving local people an input to the running of the town in general

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: My area is really Carton Colville which has always had it's own identity. Therefore I would have Carlton amalgamated with Carton Collville. When I was younger we would cycle down Long

road and once reaching the end at the "crossroads" all the countryside to the west was Carlton Collville.

Just as an idea have Carton amalgamated with Carton Colville as I describe, have Pakefield the same as with Kirkley and Gunton and Corton but have Harbour, Normanston and St. Margarets branded as Lowestoft Central and Oulton and Oulton Broad amalgamated. This would be a bit simpler while retaining area identities.

Mon 04/04/2016 12:24

I think that Lowestoft – ‘unparished’ as parts are, not to mention the appalling neologism – should again become a district with its own council, it is obviously a town after all, so that the what the Charter Trustees currently do may become formal, as in e.g. electing a mayor and that we the voters have a greater chance to influence our affairs.

That said, my one concern is that we already elect councillors for the ‘unparished’ parts, so wouldn’t need another layer, so perhaps the existing members covering these wards could ‘double up’.

I have to say that if the ‘parish’ or ‘town’ councils function efficiently then it may well render the whole concept of a Waveney District Council otiose. Do we need yet another layer between the most basic representative bodies and the county council?

Mon 04/04/2016 12:50

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?

Answer: Long overdue in the process of bringing decision making home.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: CARLTON. As a stand-alone parish council this would be too small. Included into the existing Carlton Colville Town Council or combined with a Whitton Parish Council this would form an appropriate administrative unit. I currently sit as a Carlton Colville town councillor so am aware of how well local government can work at this level. With the potential formation of an East Suffolk District Council there will be a need for a level of administration closer to the people. The establishment of similar parish councils for Kirkley, Pakefield, Normanston, etc would fill this void.

Mon 04/04/2016 12:53 (First response – second response below dated Mon 04/04/2016 13:15)

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?

Answer: Is this just another tier of government?

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Easy access to The Southern Norfolk Broads

Mon 04/04/2016 13:15 (Second response – first response above dated Mon 04/04/2016 12:53)

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?

Answer: Is this just another tier of powerless government?

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: We are within easy reach of the most southerly of the Norfolk Broads. This area should be made attractive enough to appeal to tourists who are looking forward to finding a pleasant environment. There is very little promotion of this asset.

Mon 04/04/2016 13:23

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?

Answer: Very necessary to have local representation.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: As present "Harbour ward" area. The area has its own problems/interests that need to be looked after.

Mon 04/04/2016 13:49

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?

Answer: I think Lowestoft desperately needs its own voice. As the second largest town in Suffolk it's ridiculous that the people are lumped in with small villages that have a very different demographic and voting pattern.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I consider myself to be part of Lowestoft and Suffolk- Waveney seems an arbitrary authority

Mon 04/04/2016 13:53

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?

Answer: Waste of money

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: It has no identity - just somewhere to live

Mon 04/04/2016 14:14

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?

Answer: I have had some experience with Parish Councils and feel that it will be difficult for them to manage changes and also to find people who are willing to become Councillors who do more than just turn up for meetings (sometimes)!!

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I do not feel that I belong to Oulton and would rather be part of a Lowestoft community, although we are also quite near to Gunton as well. Seems we are in the edge of three possible parishes?

Mon 04/04/2016 14:40

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?

Answer: Totally against the idea

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I feel part of Pakefield but not so I want an expensive further layer of local government imposed on me

Mon 04/04/2016 14:47

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?

Answer: We do not need any further levels of bureaucracy than we have already, particularly when they are also talking of a new East of England devolved government, there are already too many bureaucrats, administrators, paper shufflers etc having too many meetings, conferences, seminars, writing reports and analysis, burying the world in legislation and paperwork, so as to justify their own existence. We cannot afford it and we do not need it!

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: N/A

Mon 04/04/2016 14:48

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?

Answer: Parish councils to represent the individual areas. There is too much divide between North and South Lowestoft for one town council.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft with a focus on Carlton Colville and Kirkley.

Mon 04/04/2016 14:57

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?

Answer: I am all in favour. It would make decisions more relevant & personal to each area. We all understand our own areas & their needs better than anyone. Certainly better than people right away in Ipswich.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Whitton. That's the area I vote under.

Mon 04/04/2016 14:58

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?

Answer: Totally un-necessary!

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: This question is pure waffle. Please re-phrase using the vernacular?

Mon 04/04/2016 15:15

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?

Answer: Quite unnecessary

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: South Lowestoft

Mon 04/04/2016 16:21

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?

Answer: I think this will be a waste of tax payers money. At a time when key services are being cut by the council it is ludicrous to spend money on changing the type of council we have.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I consider myself to live in the district of Waveney.

Mon 04/04/2016 17:17

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?

Answer: Seems to make sense

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield is my community, because I enjoy living here, the friendliness of neighbours and the area itself

Mon 04/04/2016 17:43

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?

Answer: Think it would be a good idea to have town councils/subdivided wards such as Kirkley,Pakefield,Whitton.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Kirkley as its were I live and what happens in this area is the most important.

Mon 04/04/2016 18:29

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?

Answer: I believe a local voice is important and that there should be equal representation across the council's area.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: The ward of Pakefield as it is the are I was born and grew up in and it still has its own strong, village identity.

Mon 04/04/2016 18:46

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?

Answer: A BAD idea

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Carlton Colville. I don't want to be part of Lowestoft and the STIGMA that comes with it.

Mon 04/04/2016 19:37

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?

Answer: I feel that a single town council would be best

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft, The areas cause rivalry and animosity like it used to, and in the modern era the world is all about dropping borders and integration. We are one town and we all should be proud of it.

Mon 04/04/2016 20:00

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?

Answer: X

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: X

Mon 04/04/2016 20:09

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?

Answer: Can't see the point.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I don't think we have one.

Mon 04/04/2016 21:07

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?

Answer: Yes I would like to see a Lowestoft Town Council. But, All persons elected should Not be Persons already elected to Waveney District Council or Suffolk County Council.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft Town . Born and breed in Lowestoft and feed up with all the outsiders who come up with stupid ideas and quangos created to talk and talk, wasting time and money and at the end Nothing but chaos.

Mon 04/04/2016 22:37

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?

Answer: I live in Pakefield and I think there should be a Parish Council to represent this area

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Although it is officially part of Lowestoft, I think Pakefield has it's own community of shops and people, and should have a representative to speak on behalf of the people who live here

Tue 05/04/2016 10:14

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?

Answer: A town council with members from the designated parishes or wards

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I feel that being a member of the town community is enough, if that council is made up of local reps.

Tue 05/04/2016 10:45

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?

Answer: I strongly believe that we need less layers of government not more and that the layers we do have should be reduced in both number of layers and number of councillors etc.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Suffolk since it is our County. Waveney is just an area.

Tue 05/04/2016 11:42

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?

Answer: Good idea in principle

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I see that someone has lumped Gunton with Corton. I would like to ask the reason for this. Corton and Gunton are two totally separate communities, they do not even share the same vicar. Corton shares its priest with Hopton and these two are much more natural bedfellows. Corton has its own identity and lots of things going on there, such as the Corton in Bloom, the Playing Fields Association and their Corton Woods Group and so does Gunton especially with the Church, Woodland Group and Burial Park. How can you justify Kirkley and Pakefield each having their own council, but not Gunton and Corton? It seems grossly unfair. If Gunton is lumped with Corton then I am against the proposed Parish Council.

Tue 05/04/2016 12:09

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?

Answer: Very important to create more of either town or parish councils as Lowestoft continues to expand.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Like most people in the area that I live, I think that the environment maybe quite an important feature of the area.

Tue 05/04/2016 12:11

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?

Answer: I am against any more levels of local government and the expense which attends them.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: N/A in view of my opposition

Tue 05/04/2016 13:51 (first response – second response below dated Wed 06/04/2016 18:31)

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?

Answer: My views are - these unanswered questions.

Who will decide whether there is 'one or more'?

Who will decide the boundaries of the 'one or more'?

Who will be eligible to stand as a councillor?

What will be the length of the term of office?

Will there be all-out elections or in thirds?

Who will Clerk the meeting?

Will the powers be comparable to those of a Parish Council?

Will the meetings be 'Meetings in Public' or 'Public Meetings'?

When will I get these questions answered?

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Cotmer Road, Carlton Road, Hall Road - the area contained within the boundary of these roads. Also known as Oulton Broad.

Tue 05/04/2016 13:59

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?

Answer: I have never understood why Lowestoft does not have a Town Council. I think it should have one.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I live in Kirkley which is my area of identity and it should be represented on a Lowestoft Town Council

Tue 05/04/2016 14:03

I have lived in Lowestoft for approximately 12 years and have long been puzzled by the fact that it does not have a Town Council.

This would seem to be a glaring anomaly in that much smaller towns dotted around the County, have Town Councils.(e.g. Beccles has its own Town Council with a much smaller population.)

As an ex District Councillor in North Hertfordshire I appreciate the need for local level representation and for consistency in the structure.

It may be that the location of the Waveney District Council in Lowestoft has been thought to be the appropriate level of representation, but in my opinion this is not the right approach.

An analogy can be drawn from the case of Westminster Parliament being based in England which apparently denies England the right to its own devolved centre of Government. A right not denied to Scotland and Wales.

This mixed up thinking along with possible concerns about the cost of another level of government has led to the current situation in my opinion.

I therefore strongly support the concept of a Town Council for Lowestoft with an appropriate number of wards based on the existing parishes and with the number of Town Councillors based on the population of each Ward.

Tue 05/04/2016 15:49 (Respondent resides outside Review area)

As a former local parish councillor, now retired, I am strongly in favour of the re-parishing of the Lowestoft urban area.

I believed at the time (on the reorganisation of local government, in 1974) that it was a grave mistake on Lowestoft's part not to adopt successor-parish council status in the way that Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and Southwold did - and I still hold that view. The town has lost out badly by not having a forum of its own - something that is probably also true of the Gunton, Oulton Broad and Pakefield areas.

My main interest, however, as a committed recorder of Lowestoft's history, is in the former chartered borough (status granted in 1885). I believe that a new Lowestoft town council would be a most useful local forum and watchdog and could provide the redundant Town Hall with a new lease of life - making an ideal venue for a newly instituted council to meet.

My suggestion is that all the various annexes could be demolished, leaving the core building to fulfil its original function. A good deal of the land freed up could then be sold for in-town housing development (of the kind present on the southern side of Compass Street, perhaps) and the money accruing from the sale invested in a dedicated fund to keep the Town Hall building in good repair - thereby maintaining an essential component of the town's history and urban environment.

There is a great deal more that I could say - but enough is enough.

Tue 05/04/2016 16:11

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?

Answer: Lowestoft as an entity seems to be lacking in identity without a town or parish council and the area of Gunton where I live - East of the A12 - has its own community but no voice in the wider Waveney district. It would be beneficial therefore to create a parish or town council to cover the north end of the town i.e north of the river separate from the south. This may sound divisive but would reduce the number of parish/town councils and subsequent costs. It is debateable whether smaller divisions within north and south areas would be helpful.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I tend to identify with Gunton area, east of the A12. The trunk road is a clear 'boundary' .

Tue 05/04/2016 17:01

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?

Answer: Local issues can be understood

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Gunton Park Residents Association, St Peters Church Council, Gunton Woodland Burial Park.

All these groups are voluntary and it would be nice to have Parish Councillors to discuss matters

Tue 05/04/2016 17:11

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?

Answer: We already contribute to the Corton Parish Council but live in an un-parished area according to the published map. I only see yet another opportunity for increased charges to be levied with little or no real benefit to the local community. Over the last few years we have seen an "Adult social care precept" added and more recently "The green bin tariff" added, when previously all these costs were part of the District or county council costs. I don't see any of their charges going down but additional charges being added whilst the county council continues to wave the "We have not made any increases" banner. Nonsense.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I consider the Corton Village Parish to be our local community area, it is near to hand and it contains pubs, churches, a shop and playing fields.

On the other hand Gunton Hall Holiday village, the Tesco shopping area, the surrounding fields, the Pleasure Wood Hills Theme Park and finally the Dip Farm golf and football pitches create a sizeable social and physical barrier to Gunton.

Tue 05/04/2016 17:14

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?

Answer: I am very much for it, believing that, particularly in this instance, smaller modules will be able to represent more people far more easily, rather than having a large body where single voices being heard is much more difficult.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: My area of community is Oulton Broad, possibly with the addition of Oulton Village. because I have lived here now for 30 years, and I have always felt that Oulton Broad for too long has been absorbed into the larger blanket of Lowestoft. Also, small is easier.

Tue 05/04/2016 18:13

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?

Answer: I think that this is a good idea, local people know what their local community needs

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Our local residents hall. Because this is the centre of the community and holds a variety of events, also it can be hired out for functions

Tue 05/04/2016 18:24 (first response – second response below dated Wed 06/04/2016 09:27)

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?

Answer: I not in favour of any extra governance

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Central Lowestoft is my area although I do not feel that this affects by community feeling or and identity. It would be too parochial and I like to think in terms of wider horizons. As far as locality is concerned I tend to relate more to Norfolk rather than Suffolk

Tue 05/04/2016 18:33

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?

Answer: There is no need to do this, what we have already has worked well for long enough so why change? If there is a change it will only mean taxpayers paying more

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Gunton is my area due to living on the former Gunton Manor land

Tue 05/04/2016 18:46

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?

Answer: I think it is important that people have local representation. However the costs involved worry me as to whether it will add more to council tax. Having attended many parish council meetings I believe the influence a parish council can bring is a good thing

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Oulton Broad why because it feels right geographically

Wed 06/04/2016 07:03

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?

Answer: Good Idea we need a local voice le Bus routes unsuitable for many residents speeding vehicles near unsuitable paths used by cyclists incorrectly and so on.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: currently in Whitton but close to Everitt Park and Lake Lothing consider this more locally as Oulton Broad use local shops oulton broad Bridge road ?Whitton is more like Kirkley to us.

Wed 06/04/2016 08:48

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?

Answer: One town Council for Lowestoft broken up into wards that would represent the unparished and parished areas would allow the larger town issues to have one voice and smaller localised issues to be dealt with by the warded areas.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield. As I live in the ward of Pakefield.

Wed 06/04/2016 09:27 (second response – first response above dated Tue 05/04/2016 18:24)

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?

Answer: This is my second submission. I have never regarded Waveney District Council as being particularly democratic or a true representation of the residents. Decisions seem to be made without proper consultation and where consultations are held the views of those consulted seem to be ignored. Therefore, given this frame-work and ethos I see no point in another layer of governance.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Central Lowestoft but I have no sense of community identity as much of the town and its environs seem alien to me. Luckily I have a very good local councillor in the form of Keith Patience.

Wed 06/04/2016 10:05

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?

Answer: A waste of money. In this age of austerity I would have thought money and effort would be better directed to providing services for residents. Your leaflet is full of 'It could-', 'It would-', all very vague. Why put in another layer of bureaucracy which needs to be funded. We have plenty of Councillors and County Councillors to represent residents.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft - and simply because that is where I live and have done for forty years. I don't feel under represented or jealous of other communities that may have a town council or parish council.

Wed 06/04/2016 10:30

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?

Answer: Because each Parish has different needs/priorities according to the various people living there: (age, ethnicity, income &c) it is important to have Parish councils that really represent these specific needs

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: More of a "village" really, we all seem to get on nicely with each other on the whole. [not really sure what you mean by this question!!]

Wed 06/04/2016 10:35

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?

Answer: I THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE A PARISH COUNCIL TO REPRESENT PAKEFIELD

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS. I RUN A SMALL BUSINESS TEACHING CRAFTS. IT WOULD BE WORTH INVESTING IN A DECENT "WHAT'S ON" BOARD FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME TO ADVERTISE IN AN AREA SUCH AS THE SEA FRONT SO PEOPLE CAN USE THE LOCAL AMENITIES AND BUSINESSES. AS A RESIDENT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE BINS BY THE SEAFRONT CARPARKS AS THE EXISTING ONES OVERFLOW AT WEEKENDS AND MAKE THE PLACE LOOK UNATTRACTIVE TO BOTH TOURISTS AND RESIDENTS.

Wed 06/04/2016 10:48

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?

Answer: I think that this move will just add another layer of bureaucracy at a cost to me and other residents of Lowestoft. The benefits which are given in the FAQ's do not seem to be a very important to me and my wife and would appear to me to be more relevant to village life such as Hopton and Corton. I receive updates from the meetings of these parish councils and I must say that these meetings seem to have no real purpose and therefore cannot see that application of local councils to residential areas such as where we live would be very relevant.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Gunton and Corton. We really believe that we are more closely associated with Gunton than Corton although we are effectively separated from Gunton by the holiday camp and Pleasurewood Hills

Wed 06/04/2016 11:05

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?

Answer: Just so long as things don't get even more long winded than normal, because more people are on committees and arguing about things I am all for it.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: very behind the times and run down in places. Traffic is a real problem, not just 'the bridge' but the flaming railway crossing in Oulton Broad causing so much of the holds ups.

Wed 06/04/2016 11:14

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?

Answer: I am in favour. I feel that this idea could help the people of Lowestoft who I think feel someone cut off and even apathetic towards politics. Making an even more local body such as a town council would help this improve and for the residents to take more pride in their town

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Not entirely sure what you mean by this.

Wed 06/04/2016 11:23

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?

Answer: In full agreement for local governance electing local people who are in tune with the residents desires

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Oulton Broad and Oulton, this area comprises a significant number of higher band council tax properties with differing priority views for the local area.

Wed 06/04/2016 11:24

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?

Answer: What is the difference is between our current Town council and the new town/parish councils. I'm in Harbour ward and we have 3 active councillors who respond to emails and queries affecting me personally or my immediate environment. Your letter states that we are NOT currently represented?

The letter seems to be suggesting that we are being given the option to have what we have already?

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: The area I live Harbour ward and the creative community I am part of though do not live necessarily close to

Wed 06/04/2016 11:25

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?

Answer: A Town council should represent the views of local people and work for the benefit of the community

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Born in South Lowestoft, living in North Lowestoft. I use parks and shops and other facilities throughout the town.

Wed 06/04/2016 11:45

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?

Answer: Lowestoft certainly needs a voice and an identity which it does not have now that we are just a part of WDC.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I live in Kirkley but I identify with the whole area of Lowestoft including Oulton Broad although I have a stronger affinity to the South side of town as I have always lived here

Wed 06/04/2016 12:40

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?

Answer: I believe we should have more!

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Kirkley and pakefield

Wed 06/04/2016 12:43

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?

Answer: Agree strongly

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield. Recognised historic community

Wed 06/04/2016 13:26

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?

Answer: Sounds like a good idea. Better to have accountable people deciding on Lowestoft plans.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Kirkley. Not sure on the why. I live in Kirkley that is my community.

Wed 06/04/2016 13:57

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?

Answer: I presume that Waveney District Council is proposing to abandon Lowestoft and move on to a more lucrative funding scenario outside the town (after wasting several millions of our council tax payers pounds on an unnecessary new HQ). I would welcome the return of a Lowestoft town

council, providing that all monies raised through the council tax remains to be spent within the boundaries of the town for the good of local residents.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Being geographically the most easterly point of the British Isles must play a significant part in the town's identity and an emphasis on making Ness Point a "must go to" destination, equal to Land's End/John O'Groats, should be a most important factor in developing Lowestoft and Oulton Broad's role as an interesting holiday centre.

Wed 06/04/2016 14:30

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?

Answer: I support more Councils to represent the people more effectively locally

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield, Issues such as the Tramways Hotel Tesco bid illustrates the need for a strong local voice for this area

Wed 06/04/2016 15:08

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?

Answer: The creation of a single Lowestoft Town Council to represent the population and business community of 'greater' Lowestoft is of great importance in addressing the democratic deficit of the area. I am of the opinion that the Town Council should include the former Lowestoft Borough area together with the existing parishes of Corton, Oulton, Carlton Colville and Gisleham; in addition the new council should be sub divided into wards to enable more focused representation of the numerous neighbourhoods.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: The area that has been known in the past as the Gunton Old Hall neighbourhood, which is that area bounded in the east by the former Lowestoft to Yarmouth railway line, in the west and south by the A12 highway and in the north by the open space area to the south of Tesco/Travellodge; this is a self-contained area with two access roads and a shared sense of community

Wed 06/04/2016 15:11

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?

Answer: I believe there should be one Town Council for Lowestoft. This will be needed if the views of Lowestoft people are to be made known in the light that WDC is to merge with Suffolk Coastal to form an area too large for the people in the north of Suffolk to make their views known.

Localised parish councils (for example for Oulton Broad) may put the views of the area to the new East Suffolk District Council but I know that parish councils do not have much clout on large decisions (e.g. Oulton Parish Council protested at the 750 property development in their area but were ignored).

Another factor to be considered if another nine parish councils were formed is finding enough people to represent each area (and they would be more costly to run).

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Oulton Broad, as I have lived in this area for nearly 50 years

Wed 06/04/2016 15:28

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?

Answer: I think it's a good idea. I have previously lived in Blundeston where I attended parish meetings, I feel this gives you an insight to what is happening & going on in your area. The feel of the community working together to resolve issues & discuss issues & make the community a better place.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Oulton broad because that's where I live.

Wed 06/04/2016 18:13

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?

Answer: I support

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Oulton

Wed 06/04/2016 18:31 (second response – first response above dated Tue 05/04/2016 13:51)

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?

Answer: Not a good idea.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Cotmer Road, Colville Road, Hall Road boundaries - Oulton Broad.

Wed 06/04/2016 18:53

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?

Answer: Waste of money .

Another way of passing off the services that you currently provide to other bodies.

You should be looking for economies rather than creating duplication. The public will pay more for less The council Tax will go up due to increased precepts for the new parish but you will not reduce the districts element (I.e. You will not pass on any savings to the electorate) why should we pay for democratic ward councillors for the County district and parish?

you could consider getting rid of the district council and replace with parishes or town councils.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: There isn't one .

and I have seen little community spirit in Lowestoft at all.

But I have in outlying villages.

The community spirit in the villages is not due to Parish councils it's due to the people who live there.

You have only to look at the disgusting litter and dog mess in and around the town to see that a lot of people in Lowestoft have no identity or care for the area in which they live.

Finally you are obviously sold on this proposal but in your literature you have neither outlined the possible disadvantages (or the tangible benefits) for Citizens.

Nor given any costing information as to the savings or additional cost that citizens will receive or bare.

It's a bit like voting to come out of Europe an ill informed jump into the unknown.

Better with the devil you know!

Wed 06/04/2016 19:49

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?

Answer: I agree, but should be kept to a minimum, I believe 3, Lowestoft North, Lowestoft South and Oulton Broad

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Oulton Broad, because we live in Oulton Broad and have two railway stations which is why I also believe the Oulton Broad parish boundaries should consist of the North side of the railway on the south side of the Broads (which are currently parts of the Carlton and Whitton wards), all of the Oulton Broad (part of the river Waveney) would then actually be in Oulton Broad and not shared with the wards previously mentioned. With regards to the unparished section south of Sands Lane, the Oulton Broad parish boundary could be extended to Sands Lane.

Wed 06/04/2016 20:08

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?

Answer: I think that it has the potential to more fully involve people in bettering their local area.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield's history as a fishing community, sadly devastated by cliff erosion. We still have some local shops!, but we miss the butchers & bakers. Thankfully, Tesco was not progressed in the Tramway Hotel.

Thurs 07/04/2016 (by post)

I have attended several packed meetings on this subject and all present were very keen, but unfortunately nothing was done by those in charge. It's ridiculous that a town of this size is not represented in our county.

I feel if anything more happens in my lifetime it will be something of a miracle!! Plenty of money spent, of course, on Southwold.

Thu 07/04/2016 11:32

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?

Answer: A good idea, it gives local people local representation with hopefully less bureaucracy from central government. Waveney has long been needing this.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: The area as you identify on the maps, broken down by 'areas' within the town, e.g. Normanston, Harbour, etc and a council representative should be appointed to represent that area as is the case in many other towns and cities up and down the country so that a democratic representation is appointed by the local community (residents) annually to the council. There are many local needs which differ from area to area. This way the views of all would be taken into account, not just the majority as is the case with the recent government election which saw a man who does not live in the locality representing the town in Parliament, which seems rather contradictory to democratic beliefs.

Thu 07/04/2016 12:26

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?

Answer: I believe that this is the right thing to do, we should have the right to voice our opinions and have some say in decisions made within our town.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield... We're on the outskirts of Lowestoft and it has a good reputation behind it

Thu 07/04/2016 12:40

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?

Answer: Better for the town if people making decisions actually live in Lowestoft and understand the problems

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pensioners and young people

Thu 07/04/2016 16:49

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?

Answer: I think there should be a Lowestoft Town Council particularly if Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils merge !

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft. A parish council would not have the same influence over town-wide decisions

Thu 07/04/2016 16:57

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?

Answer: In answer to the question "Should Lowestoft have a town or parish council(s) ? My answer is a definite "Yes" - the more so if there is to be amalgamation of the next tier of local government in the future.

Although parish councils give the feeling that the locals have a strong voice, I am not sure whether in fact a town council formed from the voters in the parishes is not stronger. I suppose you could argue that both parish and town would be fine.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: It depends upon the matter under consideration. Primarily I have a greater affinity with Oulton and Oulton Broad than, say Colville or Kirkley, but in terms of Suffolk, then my concern is for Lowestoft.

Thu 07/04/2016 19:23

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?

Answer: It would be a positive thing to do.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I don't really consider any to be. There doesn't seem much sense of community identity in our area.

Thu 07/04/2016 20:08

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?

Answer: I think it is a good idea - all parishes should be represented by a council, feeding their views into the Town council. Parish councils should have a small amount of money they can allocate to worthwhile projects within the parish.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Oulton Boad - it is the area I have lived in for the past 50 years. It has a very definite identity and is a vital part of the wider economy - especially the tourist economy.

Thu 07/04/2016 20:29

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?

Answer: This would give direct representation on issues affecting local people

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Appreciation of beach frontage and awareness of tourism . Small shop outlets particularly in London Rd South

Thu 07/04/2016 21:42

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?

Answer: That you should have more town councils, more voices and opinions are better than one. To be truly democratic this will give a broader sense of personalities, opinions and opportunities for all. This would make more sense to support the community.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Kirkley. Because we have a Kirkley high street and lots of people who believe they live in Kirkley, and are of a 'Kirkley type'.

Fri 08/04/2016 10:43

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?

Answer: According to the "Centre for Aging Better" councils play a key role in helping people enjoy a good later life, so having a Town/Parish council should benefit the older residents, of which my area has quite a considerable amount. It also believes having good health, sufficient income and good social connections are key components in enjoying life, especially in later years. I have joined quite a few clubs and organisations to help me integrate into this new area for me. I moved here in July 2011 and now even do a little work on the Patient Involvement Panels of the NSFT and the CCF of the NIHR in London. Having local councils would help all aspects of improving residents lives, and it

would encourage prosperity into the town which is vital to fund the regeneration of Lowestoft. So having local councils would be of great value in enhancing the lives of all the people of Lowestoft

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: The residents of St Margaret's are recorded as mainly professional, elderly and home-owners. There are many schools, Lowestoft College (UCS) and churches. Lowestoft, in general is a close-knit community that doesn't like change or anything different. With the collapse of the fishing industry, and other industries, the mood of the people of Lowestoft has reflected this loss. However new investment has been promised and the general atmosphere is becoming more optimistic, inclusive and trusting of outside influences. I moved into the St Margaret's area nearly 3 years ago and Lowestoft 5 years ago. I epitomise someone who is different and I also reflect the changing face of health. I now have more understanding of why I have received the treatment I have here, despite the distress it has caused me. My work in medical research is helping to find better solutions in the NHS and care industry for staff and patients alike in every aspect of all our lives

Fri 08/04/2016 12:34

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?

Answer: I would be happy to see a process move forward. The town centre of Lowestoft, in which I live, I believe needs a new impetus and fresh ideas to improve it.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Having just moved into the area I consider myself to be living in the town centre, within walking distance of high street shops and on main roads and transport links, although also coastal walks and parklands. The best of both worlds.

Fri 08/04/2016 15:27

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?

Answer: Great idea for local representation given how Lowestoft tends to be governed from Ipswich so much and they seem to see us as Norfolk, often forgotten.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I'd have to understand the question to answer it.

Fri 08/04/2016 17:02

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?

Answer: Unsure at this time

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Oulton Broad north of river

Fri 08/04/2016 17:04

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?

Answer: Waste of resources - reverse the Cabinet system and reintroduce the old style Committees, this would enable elected councillors to handle the ward business. We do not need yet another layer of fat cat politicians getting their slice of tax payers money for very little work.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft

Fri 08/04/2016 18:59

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?

Answer: An excellent idea hopefully giving the local resident more information and involvement in local issues

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: in business.
because local issues reflect upon our business success.

Sat 09/04/2016 11:24

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?

Answer: Good idea. People who live in and know Lowestoft making decisions about Lowestoft, makes perfect sense to me.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Waveney District Council

Sat 09/04/2016 11:35

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?

Answer: It would introduce another layer of pointless bureaucracy and add cost to council tax payers.

Parish Council opinions are routinely ignored by District and County Councils.

Parish/Town Councils have no "teeth" and are merely talking shops.

The District Council have, in the preamble to the Terms of Reference for this proposal, made it clear that they intend to proceed with this scheme .

Councillor Colin Laws is reported as saying, in reference to the intended referendum on merger of District Councils, that the electorate are ignorant of the issues involved and there is no obligation to take notice of their opinion in that referendum.

This consultation is a meaningless token gesture and will not in any circumstances influence the outcome of the proposal.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Kirkley is a part of Lowestoft,. It has no separate identity.

Sat 09/04/2016 11:56

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?

Answer: Lowestoft has always had small parishes centred around the church and created small communities and strong links with everyones neighbours. So parts of Lowestoft have quite unique areas which have and are being swamped by the ever expanding population growth. I believe that creating more parishes would bound Lowestoft as a whole a better place and better communication between theses separate areas and enable these areas to have a better strong voice in what is lacking in their area. Green spaces and woodland have disappeared or carved up eg Kirkley Fen which was the 'peoples parks' given to the people in that area on the death of someone local. It was promised now of the park would be taken when new road was put in land was use and it is now very inaccessible and a long roundabout way of getting to it.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Recently moved here but still think of it as Oulton Broad and that was what I was told as a child - we would go to Oulton Broad for the park on special occasions and listen to the bands on the Band Stand on Sundays.

Sat 09/04/2016 12:12 (first response – second response below dated Thu 21/04/2016 18:34)

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?

Answer: Lowestoft is a town so it should be town a town council. However if parish is cheaper then let it be parish. However we would rather have a third bridge crossing so all the money possible should be spent on the third crossing and not on more people claiming expenses for meetings that are not going to get us anywhere.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Gunton park. This is the area we moved to 40 years ago. Since then the area has deteriorated with unchanged boundary's being extended & green plant exceeding on to pathways. We also suffer a lack of dog mess bins compared with Beccle's area.

Sat 09/04/2016 12:14

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?

Answer: Go for a town council but incorporating ALL existing parish (or what ever you call them) councils into one council. Why? 1) less cost 2) speed of decisions 3) central accountability.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft

Sat 09/04/2016 13:02

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?

Answer: An unnecessary level of local bureaucracy that will serve no purpose other than to increase Council Tax.

This was obviously dreamed up by crony capitalists.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: The whole of Lowestoft, because I was born north of the river & now live south of it.

Sat 09/04/2016 17:25

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?

Answer: In my opinion Lowestoft and the immediate surrounding areas should have Parish Councils. I would like to have someone represent our views and issues in our local area as well as the rest of Waveney district.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I reside near Gunton and Corton. I consider I identify with both areas and would like to be involved with what is decided in the areas of both.

Sat 09/04/2016 18:16

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?

Answer: I do not feel that is necessary to add town/parish councils to Lowestoft, I feel this will be an additional layer that is not required

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I consider the community identity to be the area that Waveney covers which I realise consists of differing needs.

Sat 09/04/2016 19:37

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?

Answer: In favor ,providing they have enough power to be effective., while remaining accountable to the public.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Though I live in Kirkley I identify strongly with Pakefield. Can not think of anything that I identify particularly with these areas, Just like to support local services in general.

Sun 10/04/2016 09:55

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?

Answer: I AGREE. GIVES ALL RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A VOICE ON LOCAL MATTERS AFFECTING THEM.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: MY COMMUNITY IDENTITY IS PAKEFIELD, HOWEVER I CONSIDER MYSELF A RESIDENT OF THE GREATER COMMUNITY OF LOWESTOFT, WHICH HAS THE GREATER RESPONSIBILITY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE - THE ELEMENTS WHICH ENABLE COMMUNITIES TO TICK.

Sun 10/04/2016 10:15

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?

Answer: I support the approach. It should help to resolve the many outstanding items that are needed in Lowestoft to improve the ambiance and visual appearance of the town.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: kirkley - we have an identity, history and a easily defined bounday

Sun 10/04/2016 10:31

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?

Answer: Good idea.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Kirkley

Sun 10/04/2016 11:17

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?

Answer: I think it is important to have one or more Town Councils to represent people of Lowestoft and the surrounding area so as we can have a voice.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I live in North Lowestoft, near the Triangle and the old High Street. I consider this to my area of community identity because it is where I live and I access the businesses and amenities around here. I feel there is a strong community feel to this area and this is one of the reasons I like living here.

Sun 10/04/2016 14:31

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?

Answer: I do not support as it will not be a cost effective use of public funds, nor do I think that a town the size of Lowestoft (the largest by far within the District of Waveney) needs a Town Council.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Norfolk & Suffolk; smaller local authority units seem to be ineffectual

Sun 10/04/2016 15:48

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?

Answer: Central Lowestoft needs a town council for itself-the surrounding areas should have parish councils -eg:Pakefield, Kirkley, etc-needs of each area are very different

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield seems to have some degree of community although this is changing with the demise of the older people and the increased number of rented and holiday properties-I think the community will not exist in a few years' time with so many people coming and going; many of the people moving in contribute nothing to the community- maybe if there was a smaller more local parish council it could compensate to some extent for this. I think that this is the only area of Lowestoft with any identity at all.

Sun 10/04/2016 16:19

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?

Answer: Don't do it. Parish councils are a useless tier of government .

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Your question is not clear

Sun 10/04/2016 22:49

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?

Answer: Leave things alone, I don't want or need an extra layer of local Government. I do not feel unrepresented and I certainly do not want any excuses for increasing my Council Tax!

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: All of Lowestoft.

Sun 10/04/2016 22:50

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?

Answer: The current system seems fine to me, the creation of another layer of local government would inevitably lead to an unwelcome increase in Council tax. Lowestoft forms a major part of the area represented by Waveney District Council and therefore I feel the needs of the town will not be overlooked by the council in it's present form in future. In short, leave things as they are please!

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I work in two places on the North side of Lowestoft, live on the South side and socialise and walk dogs in various parts of the town. I therefore see all the areas mentioned in the Un-Parished map provided by you to be my area of community.

Mon 11/04/2016 07:07

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?

Answer: I think we should create Town/Parish Councils so we have more control over the things that are important in our area

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I live in Pakefield, I work in Kirkley and I Love Lowestoft. I care about all 3 areas and what happens to them

Mon 11/04/2016 (by post)

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?

Answer: It is time “power” was devolved to localities i.e. “parishes”. In all fairness, WDC has too large an area to oversee and consequentially can miss community problems right under their noses. Local parish councils will be able to deliver remedies as and when required.

Far too long Kirkley and Whitton have been ignored: therefore it is paramount that they both have a voice which can be heard. WDC was created along long time ago and consequently out town has lost it's identity.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: For the reasons above. During my lifetime Kirkley has degenerated into what it is today. It is used to be a thriving, bustling area with good shops and facilities (as indeed Lowestoft itself). Despite the efforts of a few designated individuals and groups, an elected Kirkley Parish Council would have a greater input than our WDC.

Mon 11/04/2016 (by post)

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?

Answer: Let's improve on what we've already got. I'm not sure more councillors means more or better. Let's concentrate our resources on working on what we've got – I believe Lowestoft is particularly strong on providing for children and special needs. Perhaps the needs of 'everyday people' could also be looked at more?

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Very much the iconic St. Margaret's Church visually. The beach and promenade are very precious to me and I enjoy the High Street. I feel we are so lucky to have such a centrally located train station and 3 theatres and two cinemas (I include the Marina Theatre). Born in Sydney, 30 years in London – I feel truly privileged to have found Lowestoft. Or did it perhaps find me?

Mon 11/04/2016 12:10

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?

Answer: The extra layer of Government could be a good idea to bring accountability closer to ground level. I think there are three options each with advantages and disadvantages. Either the nine un-parished areas each get a parish council, which would retain decision making at the lowest level. Or the nine areas form one LDC, which would have more power than the individual parishes but would be less representative. Thirdly a combination. For instance Harbour, Normanston and St Margarets could form a collective town council with the other areas forming individual parish councils or joint parish councils, e.g. Kirkley and Pakefield and Carlton and Whitton.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I am firmly a resident of Pakefield. For me I think the best of the three options outlined in Question 1 would be to have a Kirkley and Pakefield combined parish council.

Mon 11/04/2016 14:58

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?

Answer: There are two significant proposals under consideration at the moment affecting the governance of our local area viz. a Mayor for East Anglia and the Waveney/Suffolk Coastal Council merger. Accordingly, it may well be more appropriate to consider the desirability of the introduction of a local Council once these, rather more strategic, issues have been resolved. For example, if the Council merger goes ahead then some may feel that the case for a local town council might be stronger.

Incidentally, one wonders why the views of the public are being sought on the local issue but not on the Council merger or the creation of the post of Mayor.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: South of Lake Lothing simply because of the inconvenience of crossing the water. One would like to think that will diminish when the third crossing becomes a reality.

Mon 11/04/2016 18:26

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?

Answer: It could be a good move, but at this stage I am not sure how it might affect me and how much it will cost.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: North Lowestoft, Gunton and Oulton Broad, because what happens here effects me most.

Mon 11/04/2016 19:28

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?

Answer: I have no objection to Lowestoft getting its own Town/Parish council(s) to bring it into line with other towns and villages in Waveney.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: An area broadly in line with the Normanston ward boundary.
As well as being where I live it is also the area that I use for most of my social activities.

Mon 11/04/2016 21:24

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?

Answer: I feel residents are best placed to air the views on issues connected to their living spaces.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Not sure what you need here but if you are asking what affects the area I live in most then it has to be traffic problems due to the lack of exits to reach main routes. This is not overly important, just a personal gripe. Overall we just need a local spokesperson for other issues that may arise.

Tues 12/04/2016 (by post)

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?

Answer: I am very much in favour of a town/parish council being formed to represent the people of Lowestoft, providing that they are local and have the town future at heart and not from further afield and do not have much idea about what is happening on our doorstep.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Keeping the town's heritage alive and not knocking down our history such as the beach village, and other fine buildings. As someone who goes to the HWC as a volunteer twice a week, I look at journals going back to 1880 up to 1980, I see many old fine buildings which have been demolished and their history has gone forever. If it continues we will have no visible history left.

Tues 12/04/2016 (by post)

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?

Answer: Thirty years ago, I was District Secretary and Solicitor to Waveney District Council. Local Government was re-organised in 1972 with the intention of improving the provision of local government services. The then existing Town and Parish Councils (urban and rural) were abolished and succeeded by Waveney District Council. The current proposal is backward looking and implies failure of the 'new' arrangements. Whereas the problem was the collapse of Lowestoft's industries and businesses since the 1970's. Joining the European Union led to the destruction of our fishing industry. Government decisions to de-trunk the A12 and not to go ahead with improvements to road links to East Anglia has the worst effect on Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth, who are unable to recover. I agree with the present policy of sharing local government staff and the proposal to combine Waveney and Suffolk Coastal Councils. Extra town and parish councils would be a pointless waste of council taxpayers money.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Oulton Broad because we have lived here for forty five years. Our son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren live here too.

Tue 12/04/2016 12:19

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?

Answer: Who has proposed the creation of another tier of Government and who has defined the area?

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: If you agree with the proposal for another tier of government it is important to create a big enough area. Other discussions have been looking at an East Anglian area. Lowestoft in the context of today should include all of Corton, Oulton, Carlton Colville and Kessingland. Such areas join Lowestoft often as urban links. Without such areas the proposal has no merit.

Tue 12/04/2016 12:33

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?

Answer: Could benefit the town and help the Government better allocate funds to support the community. A good opportunity for local residents to help by highlighting necessary improvements the town needs.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Living in the center of town in the Ward area, the main identity is the town centre but also the Sparrows Nest park, the north beach and Ness Point area. These are areas which are unique to Lowestoft and part of the town's individuality.

Tue 12/04/2016 15:12

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?

Answer: an excellent idea local politics for local people by local people, a voice for lowestoft

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: i believe the town is one large community with the town centre and seafront as focal points

Tue 12/04/2016 16:00

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?

Answer: I THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA, PROVIDING THAT HAVING PARISH COUNCILS DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH EUROPEAN FUNDING, WHEN KIRKLEY WANTED TO CALL ITS SELF A VILLAGE DURING THE REGENERATION SCHEME SOME YEARS AGO THIS WOULD HAVE CAUSED A PROBLEM BECAUSE OF APPLYING FOR FUNDS FROM THE CORRECT BUDGET, I.E. FUNDS FOR VILLAGES CAME FROM A RURAL FUND AND KIRKLEY IS NO LONGER A VILLAGE UNFORTUNATELY. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT AT THE TIME OF THE REGENERATION SCHEME RESIDENTS REPRESENTATIVES WERE TOLD THAT THEY WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT SAY IN HOW THINGS WERE RUN, SOMETHING THE COUNCIL CHANGED AS SOON AS THEY COULD THEREBY ALLOWING FUNDS FROM THE REGENERATION SCHEME TO BE USED ON SERVICES THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED IN THE COUNCIL BUDGET.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: KIRKLEY

Tue 12/04/2016 19:30

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?

Answer: I am really supportive of this proposal but I definitely think that there should be several Parish Councils that are created, as well as a Town Council for Lowestoft.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I live in Kirkley and I think that it has a unique character all of its own - in a good way! We have a lovely park (Fen Park), Kirkley Gardens, a lovely beach and shopping area with lots of independent shops, which I try very hard to support. I think Kirkley has an 'bad' reputation due to the less pleasant areas near to KFC and the town centre.

There is a strong sense of community in Kirkley and there is a core group of people who are working hard behind the scenes to improve Kirkley. I would favour having a Kirkley Parish Council rather than a Town Council that included Kirkley, as I think that Kirkley would be overlooked and the actual town centre would take all of the attention/support/funding.

Wed 13/04/16 (by post)

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?

Answer: It could work providing any representatives come from the parish they represent or work there to have respect of local people i.e. a parish with schools needs an ex-teacher or parents whose children have/do attend the local schools in the parish. The government has finally recognised that local town and people know the area and people better than they do and all the problems Lowestoft faces. I know a high proportion of the Lowestoft townsfolk through work and charitable work, which I am still presently doing – they are worried that funding any new parish councillor posts will have an adverse affect on council taxes, money set aside (i.e.) for road repairs being used to your new scheme. Perhaps if via the Lowestoft Journal or the likes, the 'truth council be told'.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Denmark Road is in the (hub) of the town, we have the Railway Station, the new bridge will be near by. I love being here because in 5 mins I can be in the High Street for the shops etc., 10 mins over the bridge I do not have to put up with long waits at bus stops or hours trying to master the traffic. As I am now 66 years of age these above benefits have improved my life, I don't need a car

and its expense to maintain and pay for, (sociality) is an identity of Denmark Road, Wetherspoons, Marina Theatre, Over 60's club, library and In Time club, Lowestoft College is not far away, which makes the area suitable to live in for any family. Denmark Road area is a busy and proactive area to live in.

Wed 13/04/2016 08:41

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?

Answer: I would support the option for a town council for Lowestoft which includes representatives from "wards" as in Beccles.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: As I live, work and worship in Pakefield, I identify most strongly with Pakefield as my locality and community. However, I am also concerned with the bigger issues affecting the whole of Lowestoft eg. traffic and transport links, the economy.

Thu 14/04/2016 11:50

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?

Answer: I would support the proposal

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Anything north of Lake Lothing as traditionally this physical "barrier" is considered by local people to split Lowestoft into two. For instance, I am aware that developers find housing sites they have on each side of the lake do not compete with each other for sales as people do not tend to move "across the water".

Thu 14/04/2016 12:12

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?

Answer: It is a good idea that will enable the views of those living in these historically individual villages to express and influence how their area is run and maintained.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield historically has been a fishing village

Thu 14/04/2016 16:09

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?

Answer: I think its a very good idea for Kirkley as it will give us a better voice and ability to change things for the good of the ward.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I feel the Kirkley centre is like a hub for Kirkley and along with our excellent shops, cafe's and beach make it a great place to visit and live.

Thu 14/04/2016 20:15

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?

Answer: It would be good for each area to have more focuses representation. But isn't there a Lowestoft Town Council that already do this and wouldn't it mean you require more resources and therefore more costs which we are then likely to incur?

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Kirkley because that's where I live

Thu 14/04/2016 20:55

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?

Answer: I think its a good idea.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield. It has a different community feel to other areas.

Thu 14/04/2016 21:40

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?

Answer: it is a good idea

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: whitton as we help and use the community hall

Fri 15/04/2016 08:55

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?

Answer: Local people are aware of the local problems within the local area. At present many decisions are taken for Lowestoft and Waveney as an entity to the detriment of small communities.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield. Born here and retired here. The community is centred around the church, the local residents who use the beach and foreshore. Businesses in town do not want to develop certain areas in this location because they selfishly feel it would be detrimental to their business. People in this area should not be penalised because of the greed of large stores. Pakefield has an identity which should be preserved.

Fri 15/04/16 (by post)

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?

Answer: Having given due consideration to all the information received I feel that this area would be best served by a single town council split into wards which would give each area a voice enabling local opinions to be aired and hopefully listened to and not ignored. I cannot see a good reason to have too many tiers of local government which would involve extra meetings and delay final decisions i.e. town and parish councils.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I consider my area of community identity to be Oulton Broad as I use the north station when travelling and the post office in Gresham Avenue. I also use the local optician, take-aways and shops.

Fri 15/04/16 (by post)

I as a householder in the town of Lowestoft, does not want the Administration of the local Council changing to a Parish Council, as this will only create more smaller Administration Units for such a large place, and reduce the Town Budget for works, etc; to be spread too thin and too much in expense cost for Admin. I was a Senior Site Agent for the London Borough of Southwark, before I retired. I am a qualified and experienced Project Manager, I was a time-served tradesman, and qualified Industrial Engineer. Let us use the Council we already have, with the finances they can draw on.

Fri 15/04/16 (by post)

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?

Answer: I think it is a good idea to have a new town or parish councils. As it says in the information pack, as they would listen to local Lowestoft residents views. On cuts to NHS, Fire Brigade, and Emergency Services, Lifeboats, Coastguards, Beach life guards etc. etc., just when the local Magistrates Court is due for closure as well causing much travel as well as disruption. A good idea and much needed. Let local people in Lowestoft have more say in these matters. They and their families and their descendants have worked in farming, shipbuilding and fishing industries for most of their lives. We need to pray for the next generation to guide them on the right path.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: It's good to see gardens being tended at Britain Road, Coppice Court and other areas, and 'Whitton Life' drop-ins run by London Road Baptist Church with Churches Together in the area that is where the community spirit is. The theme is 'there are always people and families worse of than we are'. We have to go out to them and show that we care!

Fri 15/04/16 (by post)

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?

Answer: I think it would be a VERY GOOD idea.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield

Fri 15/04/2016 11:21

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?

Answer: I think it will give people a voice in local issues.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Carlton Colville because that is where I live.

Fri 15/04/2016 12:26

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?

Answer: I'm all in favour of a Lowestoft Town Council because I feel that the people of Lowestoft should have far more of a say in their local affairs. Ipswich is too 'remote', and we often get the impression that Ipswich councillors have absolutely no idea of what is right or appropriate for our town. We live here, and they don't.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I live in Oulton, so I suppose my area of community identity is Oulton. But it's just a small part of Lowestoft town now, and so what's decided for the town as a whole affects us all far more than what's decided for our immediate areas. But what's decided for the town often seems to come from Ipswich. I think that the people of Lowestoft, who live here, should have a far greater say on what's good or bad for the town. We live in it, work in it, shop in it, take our leisure activities in it.

Fri 15/04/2016 14:45

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?

Answer: Its about time that Lowestoft had a voice of its own

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Kirkley because Kirkley is considerably older than Lowestoft and about time it had its own voice.

Fri 15/04/2016 14:47

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?

Answer: Seems correct in principle. As things stand it seems inconsistent that some parishes of the Lowestoft borough have parish councils and others do not

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I understand Dell Rd comes under Carlton Colville parish council but seems slightly odd to me in that it is now regarded as south Oulton Broad

Fri 15/04/2016 16:54

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?

Answer: More personalised representation is required without the involvement of party politics.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield was originally separate from Lowestoft and needs representing by the local people who have lived there long enough to possess detailed knowledge of the area.

Fri 15/04/2016 17:18

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?

Answer: good idea

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: ?

Fri 15/04/2016 21:28

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?

Answer: I moved to Lowestoft from an area that did have a parish council. I think it is a positive contribution to area and would support this view for Lowestoft.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I think we would benefit from having lots of smaller Parish councils. So separate one for Kirkley, Whitton, Carlton, Carlton Colville, Pakefield etc etc. That way you can really focus and know everything that is going on in that area. Therefore, doing your utmost to improve things in that area.

Sat 16/04/2016 08:50

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?

Answer: I am undecided as you are not saying the cost and what you want to transfer to the new council,

If there is to be council it needs to be for the whole of the unparished area and not split up

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft it is the town i was born in

Sat 16/04/2016 10:33

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?

Answer: More levels of unnecessary bureaucracy at a time when other services are being merged. You should not be doing this at a time of austerity - unless the positions are unpaid and volunteered.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft - This is where we live

Sat 16/04/2016 18:26

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?

Answer: All areas of Waveney should have Parish representatives not just the village locations.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Oulton Broad side of Ashburnham Way

Rosedale estate & Burnthill estate.

Mainly residential much like a village location.

Sun 17/04/2016 08:32

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?

Answer: What is the object of the exercise? What difference will it make?

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Oulton Broad Ward, community. Because I live here.

Sun 17/04/2016 19:33

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?

Answer: I think there should be a Town Council for Lowestoft to deal with issues affecting the town as a whole. Members of the council should all reside in the town and not be members of Waveney District Council. Subdividing into several wards could be considered if there is sufficient interest from local people but it may be better to have three or four larger 'wards' such as North Lowestoft, South Lowestoft, Oulton Broad.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I think my area of community of identity is probably North Lowestoft.

Mon 18/04/2016 00:38

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?

Answer: I think it would be positive to have a council that serves a smaller, local community.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft in general but mainly the north end of town where I live.

Mon 18/04/2016 11:12

Polite email.

I think a parish council sounds good in principle .But as a council tax payer do we really need another salary to fund.

It doesn't end with the salary,you then have expenses on top of that and secretaries and their salaries along with pensions.

On speaking to a lady just two doors up from me,after losing her mum and dad a few months ago after caring for them for a few years,and very well too,I must add,they have a disabled space marked outside their house.When she informed the council that the space was no longer required and could they please remove the markings from outside her house she was told they didn't have money available for that sort of thing.So how can we suddenly afford these new salaries if we haven't got the money to spare for the basics.

And just drive in and out of Lowestoft via the front and experience those speed ramps Even at ten miles an hour never mind twenty they are terrible shouldn't we be sorting these sort of things out first before spending money on more salaries.

And I read in your brochure about revamping old buildings ,where is the money coming from for that.Another waste of tax payers money to stand derelict.

Mon 18/04/2016 11:17

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?

Answer: I think it will be good thing for Lowestoft

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Whole of Lowestoft and the town centre being the centre of the whole community

Mon 18/04/2016 13:49

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?

Answer: I think that creating a parish council to represent the area that I live in (Gunton) is a good idea.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: My area of community identity is Gunton.

Tue 19/04/2016 10:37

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?

Answer: If it can be run properly, I think it would be a great idea for the local community to part govern itself.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield. I have been a resident here for 25 years and try to be involved in many aspects of it's community.

Tue 19/04/2016 11:44

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?

Answer: I do not believe that yet another layer of government is of any benefit to myself or any part of the wider community. It would be just another hoop to jump through in order to get any thing done or to get any answers to questions you may have, however it will without doubt end up having to be paid for from the public purse ie. my council tax

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Where I live there is not any community identity or spirit. Very seldom does anybody speak to or engage with their neighbours mainly due to the fact that the majority of properties are rented and people do not tend to stay long term or have any great desire to improve their surroundings. The area is more in line with a dormitory town that people shut the door & (if in work) return to for food and sleep.

Tue 19/04/2016 21:56

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?

Answer: If a town council is formed it should be a single body for the whole of Lowestoft, not split in to 'parishes', although the option of two councils (south and north Lowestoft) does not appear to be under consideration. Some potential parishes seem very inappropriate e.g. linking Gunton with Corton which already has a parish council.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: North Lowestoft as I believe it is an area with a strong cultural identity.

Wed 20/04/2016 08:02

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?

Answer: Rather than increasing levels of governance by creating more tiers of government the direction of travel should be the other way and towards a Suffolk Unitary Authority. The days have long since passed when faced with a problem residents contact councillors directly, their first port of call is directly to council officials or service managers. Furthermore, additional Town or Parish councils will hinder the democratic process by extending the time taken to implement District and County policies mandated via the ballot box at their respective elections. While your FAQs point out that parish and town councillors don't receive allowances, their administration costs will be considerable and add additional precepts to the already high levels of Council Tax. On any measure, the costs outweigh the benefits.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft: it's a logical, geographically defined area that has been in place for centuries as opposed to the more recent artificial construct of 'Waveney', followed by Suffolk, East Anglia, England and Great Britain.

Wed 20/04/2016 14:12

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?

Answer: Yet another level of expense. Even if all representatives received no salary - expenses to attend meetings, plus mileage, etc. can only add to costs of local government

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: We have lived here to 2 years, and Gunton is all that we hoped for. Quiet residential area with reasonable kept public footpaths, roads, etc.

Wed 20/04/2016 16:32

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?

Answer: I would like the creation of a Town/Parish Council to represent the view of the people in the various Lowestoft areas.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Gunton And Corton, this is where I live and a very unique area of the town.

Wed 20/04/2016 19:04

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?

Answer: I believe it could be good idea. However reading through information gained, I am concerned at what the precept will be set at. Parishioners will be asked to help pay to maintain parks, flower displays, play areas, statues and toilets. Also if the responsibility of the refurbishment and maintenance of the Town hall is the responsibility of the town or parish council this would cause an enormous rise in the precept.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I find this question very confusing and am not entirely sure at what it is being asked.

Wed 20/04/2016 19:37

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?

Answer: In theory, this sounds a good idea as we will have local representation by presumably local people who have the powers to make a difference in areas that we care about. However, if this means several more layers of 'government' by the vociferous few who have a bee in their bonnet on their pet subjects it may not turn out to be such a good thing! It may also be difficult to find suitable candidates who wish to stand as parish councillors, which would be a pity, as on balance I think we should give it a try.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: My community area is VERY local, i.e. Crestview Drive and the surrounding streets. I do not feel particularly aligned with the surrounding areas of say, Oulton (the other side of Millennium Way) or St Margarets (The other side of Hollingsworth Road) or Gunton, or Normanston, although there are activities I take part in in all these areas.

Thu 21/04/2016 (by post)

With reference to the pages sent to me regarding Town/Parish councillor, from what I can understand my opinion is that it would be in the interest of Pakefield and Kirkley to have a joint parish council covering the two areas as they seem to have similar responsibilities such as coastal part, shops, businesses, churches, schools, cemeteries, living accommodation etc. and sharing the bridge to Lowestoft Town Railway.

Thu 21/04/2016 11:09

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?

Answer: This is a good thing as it will give local communities a voice on issues, actions and outcomes that directly affect them. Town/parish councils will assist Waveney District Council in understanding the views of the communities that are affected by the decisions they make before they make them and therefore promote proactive actions, decisions and outcomes.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: As my address is clearly within the boundrey of Packfield I identify this as my community area. However I also consider the all myself to be part of all the communities within Waveney District Council.

Thu 21/04/2016 11:16

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?

Answer: In favour

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Gunton. I live there

Thu 21/04/2016 17:08

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?

Answer: we dont a Town or Parish council happy with the district one

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: shop floor worker

Thu 21/04/2016 17:19

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?

Answer: I don't want new council(s).

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Kirkley because I live there.

Thu 21/04/2016 18:34 (second response – first response above dated Sat 09/04/2016 12:12)

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?

Answer: TOWN COUNCIL YES. PARISH IF ITS CHEAPER.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Gunton. Lowestoft

Thu 21/04/2016 19:49 (second response – first response above dated Sat 02/04/2016 12:38)

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?

Answer: I do not wish to have a parish council as it is only a way for the councils to raise more revenue at the expense of the current rate payers. As it is the council tax is too high for this areas wages and the poor service that we receive.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: My area of community is Lowestoft has been for the last 100 years plus so why change it now. As I said previously it is just a means to raise additional revenue for the local council. Please inform me if I have been wrongly informed.

Fri 22/04/2016 13:22 (second response – first response above dated Mon 04/04/2016 09:47)

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?

Answer: great idea depending on what authority they will have

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: peaceful and hopefully crime free with the new idea because at the moment it is peaceful but not drug and crime free

Fri 22/04/2016 13:56

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?

Answer: It is my belief that the creation of a Lowestoft Town Council will enable the electorate to feel more involved in decisions being taken locally, thus strengthening democratic processes.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Decisions being taken at District Council level can, at times, appear to be remote. Having a Town Council for Lowestoft will afford us similar opportunities to those currently being enjoyed by other town councils within the district of Waveney

Fri 22/04/2016 18:21

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?

Answer: Good idea if it has some real powers , does not add another level of bureaucracy and if there is no additional cost to its creation

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft Town. I do not think the idea of parishes in the town would work.

Fri 22/04/2016 23:10

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?

Answer: a) If there is to be an enlarged East Suffolk District Council, then I think that there should be a Lowestoft Town Council because the concerns of a large town are quite different from the requirements of the large rural expanse that occupies most of the area.

b) The Waveney District Council in its present form could be dissolved, leaving Lowestoft separated from the market towns within the combined East Suffolk Council.

c) If there is to be a devolved East Anglian Assembly (Norfolk, Suffolk & Cambridgeshire) then there is no real need for the separate county councils. In that case there would be a definite opportunity for a Lowestoft Town Council.

d) A Town Council from councillors elected from each ward would suffice. There is no need, nor sufficient community identity, to warrant parish councils within the town boundary.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft - the town, despite its industrial and economic decline in recent decades, is still a good place to live, with many positive attributes. We should all be proud to live in Lowestoft, and we should all do more to take care of our local environment. It is bad enough that the town is physically divided by Lake Lothing without further political division into parishes. Hopefully the new bridge will be built, and help to unify North and South Lowestoft.

Sat 23/04/2016 16:06

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?

Answer: I think it would be good to have a small and close network for my area, to enable more control on the public areas

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I live in Kirkley and feel that this is my close community, because we have our own shops, park and the beach

Sat 23/04/2016 18:40

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?

Answer: Agree that Pakefield should have a parish council - do not want a town council for the whole of Lowestoft

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield - this is a functioning community with groups like Promoting Pakefield, Youth Groups, Churches, a Theatre, Open Spaces, a Small Fishing Community, Schools and Specific Services for Older People, Sports and Social Clubs.

It has been an identifiable area for some hundreds of years and a parish council with delegated powers that councillors can exercise through consultation with groups mentioned will give greater autonomy to our area.

It will enable democratic decisions to be made locally and with a focus being possible on the issues that affect Pakefield.

Sun 24/04/2016 12:29

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?

Answer: It is a good idea for the people of Lowestoft to have a more representative body. It is odd that all the other regions of Waveney have town or parish councils and Lowestoft alone does not.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: The whole of Lowestoft is too large an area, so possibly a north and south council, although that still seems quite a large area. Personally I relate to Oulton Broad, but I see on your map that this is regarded as north of the river so far as elections are concerned. The area of community one considers are relevant depends on what is being considered - for example, my street is 'local' for me for some things - such as street lights, whereas the whole town is 'local' when considering a major issue such as a new river crossing.

Sun 24/04/2016 17:15

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?

Answer: I think that the people of Lowestoft should have a town council to make decisions on matters that only effect Lowestoft, rather than have these decisions made by district councillors that represent the more affluent market towns.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Although I live in Whitton Ward, I do not live on the Whitton Estate, and do not like being associated with it. I feel a community identity with Oulton Broad, as my address is South Oulton Broad. I also feel a sense of community identity with the town of Lowestoft, as this is the centre of the larger community.

Sun 24/04/2016 21:41

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?

Answer: I THINK THE TOWN COULD DO WITH A VOICE TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF LOWESTOFT TO LISTEN TO THEIR NEEDS TO IMPROVE THE TOWN BY THE PEOPLE FOR THE PEOPLE.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I AM A SINGLE PARENT ON A LOW INCOME LIVING IN AN AREA WHICH COULD DO WITH IMPROVING.

Mon 25/04/16 (by post)

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?

Answer: I think the need for Lowestoft to have a Town Council is very great. We are on the very edge of Suffolk and County Council services seem to be concentrated in and around Ipswich. Waveney District Council also covers a large area and Lowestoft's needs seem to be inadequately considered. A town council would offer more immediate democratic accountability and would have more genuine interest in the regeneration and development of the town. A recent example has been the incredibly slow progress of very disruptive roadworks in the Town. I am sure these could have been completed much more quickly if a Town Council were representing our needs.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft as a whole. I am especially concerned at the deterioration of the High Street which could offer so much more and has many of the most interesting buildings in the town. I am a recently bereaved carer and have been part of the carers "community". I think family carers get very little support and a more local council could address this.

Mon 25/04/16 (by post)

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?

Answer: A very good idea. You will be able to have one's say, face to face, and hold some one responsible. Since we have lost parish councillors, the whole area has gone downhill. When you ring the departments, about cleaning the roads and spraying the rights of way which is public, you get no where, might as well not to bother and waste money for phone calls. The weeds in some of public right of way, is dreadful.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Harbour Ward. We are close to the docks, swing bridge etc.

Mon 25/04/16 (by post)

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?

Answer: 3 scenarios –

- 1) Regional elected Mayor (god forbid) more staff; costs to us. Lowestoft must have one strong voice
- 2) Merger with Suffolk Coastal. Ok but Lowestoft must have one very strong voice

- 3) Stay as Waveney then the parishes should have each a voice. (Hopefully very small cost) and do without a town council

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Don't truly understand the question. Have lived here since 1955 with short working breaks and retired here. 3 of 4 children live here. Enjoyed local club life when younger.

Mon 25/04/16 (by post)

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?

Answer: We need a strong Town Council for Lowestoft.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I believe strongly in the kindness and friendship given to me of true Lowestoft people who care deeply for others.

Mon 25/04/2016 10:42

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?

Answer: My response is linked to boundary issues as follows. I was surprised that despite my address being extremely close to St Michael's, the parish church of Oulton, it falls within the Oulton Broad district. I acknowledge that my postal address used is Oulton Broad. My polling station in the last election was the church itself, although I acknowledge that it will be at the Commodore Mission, within the Oulton Broad district, at the next election. There seems to be anomalous boundaries in my corner of Oulton/Oulton Broad and the roads between Sands Lane and Clarkson Road which need to be considered and maybe reviewed. I can't see the sense of parish and political boundaries being different.

Having discovered therefore that I do not have representation by a parish council I would like to have that opportunity. The Oulton Parish Council meets regularly and has achieved a great deal for its residents so I would like to hope that an Oulton Broad one could do the same.

The fear of a very large increase in traffic along my road due to the Woods Meadow development and insufficient primary school places until the new school is built there are major concerns in our area at present. A child whose home is about 100m from Oulton Broad Primary has been turned down for a place because the year group is full and is having to be taken through Oulton Broad to Elm Tree primary by bike or taxi as her mother can't drive. This is appalling but she is living in the same area as myself so doesn't have anyone locally to support her case.

A Town Council, with ward representation would be equally welcomed as small areas do have very differing needs within the Lowestoft urban area.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Oulton. As explained in previous answer.

Mon 25/04/2016 12:20

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?

Answer: I don't believe that we should create any more councils at all.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: My identity would be "Lowestoft"

Tue 26/04/2016 (by post)

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?

Answer: 1 Council for Lowestoft and the surrounding areas would save duplication. We are NOT a city spread out over a large area and the concerns of our neighbouring area reflect and combine with our concerns for the place we live. What "representation" will we have over and above Waveney District Council?

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I am a resident of Lowestoft – and therefore take an interest in the whole town area (not just where I live). My main concern may be Oulton Broad in particular, but that doesn't mean that I have no concern for neighbouring areas including the town area itself and all road routes – a problem of traffic anywhere invariably means a log-jam of the whole town. With terraced housing and streets designed in the 1920-30 period (many households not owning a car – nowadays sometimes 2 cars and a caravan) all streets in the town have become 1-way streets with cars parked (day and night) on both sides! A solution to our traffic problem would be to create a one way grid system with all streets officially one way, and the removal of the 'priority from the right' – traffic in Lowestoft travels in convoys of up to 50 cars – no-one will (or has to) give way and often the last cars are arriving from a distance unseen to the waiting driver!

Tue 26/04/2016 (by post)

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?

Answer: It's a good idea as our local area will be better represented and believe that we will get better value for money. We think this will be a vital safeguard if the county council merges. Our only concern is where the funding for this will come from.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: We think our area of community is not just where we live but also the shops and facilities of Pakefield. Why? – this is the area that service us and our community

Tue 26/04/2016 (by post)

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?

Answer: We are lucky in Lowestoft town centre because we are well represented by various groups but I think to have a parish council will give us the people a bigger voice and we will need this if the county council merges.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: The lack of housing in my part of town means there is a lack of "community". Only trouble is where the money for parish councillors will come from.

Tue 26/04/2016 12:34

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?

Answer: With the expansion of Lowestoft it may be a good idea to create one or more Parish councils.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Oulton Broad as this is where I own my home.

Tue 26/04/2016 13:01

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?

Answer: I think we need the residents & area of LOWESTOFT to have more separate representation, to stand for our particular problems, which often differ greatly from other Waveney areas such as Southwold, Beccles etc. This would be even more crucial in the event our authority is merged with that of Suffolk Coastal & the much greater merger with other East Anglian counties.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: All areas south of the bridge, as we have lived most of our lives in this area.

Tue 26/04/2016 18:41

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?

Answer: Parish council

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Oulton broad. Separated from lowestoft

Wed 27/04/2016 10:34

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?

Answer: I feel there should be a body to represent specific areas. May be a Town Council as opposed to a Parish Council

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield. It's villagey and rural as against the urbanisation of Lowestoft itself

Thu 28/04/2016 07:51

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?

Answer: Lowestoft is best represented by a single Town Council divided into wards reflecting community interests.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: We see ourselves as Lowestoftians. The St. Margaret's area does not have a distinct Parish identity and I feel it should be represented as a ward in a Town Council.

Thu 28/04/2016 08:55

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?

Answer: I feel that there are sufficient layers of governance in place at present and the creation of further bureaucratic roles and the imposition of additional taxes to pay for them is not required or justifiable.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I consider myself to live in North Lowestoft. I live in this area through necessity as it is close to work and housing is comparatively low cost, I would not choose to live in Lowestoft if I had the financial means to live elsewhere.

Thu 28/04/2016 13:32

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?

Answer: A single Town Council for a town the size of Lowestoft would defeat the objectives of giving local people a voice on local issues. The various parishes currently without a council are too divergent to have common requirements, and as such seems pointless.

If the current Parish / Town councils such as Kessingland and Carlton Colville are successful it would seem to make sense to keep all other parishes in the town the same.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: If local people ask me "where do you live"? I always respond by saying "Burnt Hill". It is the information on the Estate Agents description given to us when we moved here 40 or so years ago when it was the last residential estate this end of town. It did have local shops then, however, further development has seen the area incorporated and somewhat lost its individual identity.

Thu 28/04/2016 14:37

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?

Answer: I am in favour of a local parish council for Kirkley so that local issues can be addressed by local residents. I have only recently moved into the area and am quite alarmed by many aspects of living here, in particular matters connected to rubbish, rubbish collection and the lack of litter bins

to name a few. I think that any moves to put more power into the hands of residents living in the community can only be a good thing. We have 3 councilors in Kirkley but it seems to be that only one of them is proactive and bothers to answer his emails. The other two are a waste of space. So if parish councilors could be elected to have a bit more control over the area, I would be all for it.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I consider that I live in Lowestoft as that is what my address is but also feel a part of Kirkley at the same time. I've got to know a few of the small businesses in the Kirkley area and there is definitely a feeling that Kirkley has its own identity within the wider area of Lowestoft.

Tue 03/05/2016 (by post)

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?

Answer: In favour of giving residents representation for their local area, certainly we should be consulted on planning applications affecting the area. Lowestoft should have had a green belt long ago. We have lost valuable local open spaces, and good farmland has disappeared forever. Trees with TPO's on them have been cut down and never replaced and nobody was prosecuted. Great damage is being done to the local environment.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: The village of Pakefield

Thu 05/05/2016 (by post)

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?

Answer: Sounds a good idea but too small an area to get an overall picture of every item. Could become dominated by some individuals to suit their own wishes. More aggressive members might persecute weaker members. Could lead to a need for a very busy ombudsman with wisdom of Solomon. Present situation not perfect, but much better than the small areas suggested. Present situation leads to a wider overview and less change of a few dominant individuals running their area according to their own interests, politics, social views etc. Now I am convincing myself it could lead to a sort of tyranny, instead of the greater democracy intended by suggested change to several little communities. Would smaller areas have enough members with enough time to serve?

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Present area of Lowestoft Borough creates a sense of community all belonging together – which we all need to combat the increasing violence and hatred in society and the horrors of those

who knife perfect strangers in the street or set fire to other people's houses. Present Borough of Lowestoft has been going on for over 100 years – "if it ain't broke, don't mend it!". Spintered, we would never get third river crossing, look how London Marathon rouses national pride. We need more public action like procession on to war memorial, concerts at Marina Theatre etc. Border disputes – e.g. in middle ages, first parishioners to find a dead vagrant would push him over the border to avoid expense of burial.

Thu 05/05/2016 15:19

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?

Answer: I support the creation of several area councils. It currently feels as though those in power are not consulting locals on what their view are - and it seems such a shame not to make use of a greater pool of people that are directly impacted by decisions. Whether powers are devolved from Waveney DC to parish councils or whether the new bodies simply provide an advisory role to begin with, can be decided at a later stage.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield (even though I'm officially 2 doors inside Kirkley)

Thu 05/05/2016 18:02

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?

Answer: In favour, as we feel it should improve democracy at a local i.e. town level.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: We consider ourselves to be part of Lowestoft Town Community, rather than Gunton.

Fri 06/05/2016 (by post)

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?

Answer: I think the best solution is a Lowestoft Town Council and the town to be sub-divided into wards. This is similar to the Beccles model.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I have an immediate community e.g. Oulton Parish but also have the wider community of Lowestoft Town as a further identity.

Fri 06/05/2016 09:35

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?

Answer: I feel it should be that we beneficial for us to use our own monies on what we actually need and feel more of a community that helps each other when needed

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: My Parents have lived in Lowestoft for 20yrs and I myself for 1 year. I like the fact that lowestoft is a comunity as a whole and no doubt all comuniies come together in great times of need, I think however different areas need different things and looking after in different ways. I feel Kirkley and other wards would benefit from this . Each having their own identity would be good news i feel.

Fri 06/05/2016 12:42

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?

Answer: It would be a good thing. It would be good to be given the chance of having a greater say on what happens in the immediate area on things where you feel you have a greater degree of local knowledge around where you live. It would be hopefully easier to highlight concerns on issues and have a louder voice to get these resolved.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Gunton. The area around Gunton has its own character away from the busier centre of Lowestoft and feels like a community in its own right with voluntary groups helping maintain local woodland as well as Gunton Warren.

Fri 06/05/2016 14:50

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?

Answer: I am in favour of the establishment of town or parish councils, particularly at a time when an East Anglian Mayor and/or council mergers are being considered, as I feel that the more immediate local interests are in danger of having no representation on these larger bodies.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield/Kirkley. These adjoining areas share concerns about the coast and access to services.

Sat 07/05/2016 11:47

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?

Answer: I agree we should have a local parish council

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: London Road South

Sun 08/05/2016 09:51

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?

Answer: Happy with existing District Councillors to represent my area

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield because this is on sign

Mon 09/05/2016 (by post)

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?

Answer: I think it would be lovely to go back to a Lowestoft Borough Council. It was very successful until it finished in 1974.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I identify myself as a Kirkley resident having been born here in 1934 and never lived outside the area except when I was evacuated to Derbyshire in the war. I don't wish to see a Kirkley Parish set up, it would be an added expense and the Borough Council should cover it successfully.

Mon 09/05/2016 14:36

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?

Answer: I think it would be a very good idea if it means that there would be a local councillor very interested and involved in the Gunton/Corton area.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I consider Gunton to be my area as it is where I live.

Mon 09/05/2016 14:39

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?

Answer: We are currently and have been for some years in a recession. Money is tight for all business, the public, local and central government. There are cuts everywhere. The council has spent some 13 million pounds on a replacement for the Tow Hall, on top of this an undisclosed sum for fixtures & fittings, carpeting, office furniture to state a few. WE are now told the council may very well be merging in the future with Suffolk Council. This in its self will be costly. Surely with yet another tier of Local Government with even more expense in administration alone is another call on all residents to fund this.

Our Councillors tell us that they always work for the best interests of the residents of wards/parishes who elected them and make a big thing of this at all times. Why then is there a need for this? Councillors state they are ALREADY representing their Wards to the best of their ability. If this is so there is very little the town residents will benefit.

Recessions are here for many years and I hoped that decision makers would learn. Don't spend anything that is not beneficial to the residents and spend on items that would BE NICE. Maybe nice for a few!

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: As it is now. We all know where we live and the area we live in. And perhaps if the proposals for combining the two Councils come to fruition, we may have to do something all over again. At yes, more cost!!

Mon 09/05/2016 15:07

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?

Answer: I think it would be a very good idea for Lowestoft and surrounding areas to have their own Town/Parish Council. I feel this is a way for local residents and businesses to have some control over what happens in their neighbourhood and to protect and improve the assets and services within it.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I feel very much that I am a resident of Oulton Broad and not Lowestoft.

Mon 09/05/2016 16:51

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?

Answer: Would be a good idea

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield. I have lived in the area for over 40 years.

Mon 09/05/2016 19:39

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?

Answer: I support the idea of creating a town council, although have concerns about it's funding.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft

Mon 09/05/2016 22:20

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?

Answer: I do not think that Lowestoft needs any Town/Parish Councils. We have enough local Government already and I feel that our local councillors are there for us if we need anything or have any problems. This is what I have done in the past and I have been well served by the local councillors.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I was born in Lowestoft and have lived in Lowestoft all of my life and hope to continue to do so for many years to come! For me the answer is easy therefore my community identify is Lowestoft for the above reasons.

Tue 10/05/2016 (by post)

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?

Answer: Lowestoft has needed an elected council for a long time as it seems nobody speaks for it. Those towns of Waveney DC who do have a council appear to achieve much more and be paid more attention by WDC. Lowestoft is the biggest urban entity with all the ensuing problems but e.g. Oulton Broad and Harbour wards do not have much in common. Therefore, it is difficult to see how one council could deal with all matters. BUT WE MUST HAVE AN ELECTED BODY TO SPEAK FOR LOWESTOFT – WE DO AFTER ALL HAVE A TOWN HALL!! WDC seems to favour south of the bridge to the detriment of e.g. Harbour ward and Gunton and Corton ward.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: As a walker/biker my area of community identity is the (east) coastal area, north and south of the bridge.

Tue 10/05/2016 09:25

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?

Answer: I think it is any unnecessary level of bureaucracy.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft - because whilst living in the postal area of Gunton from a work, social and community perspective I move out of Gunton.

Tue 10/05/2016 11:20

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?

Answer: I would prefer a single Parish Council for the whole of the Lowestoft town area not currently served by existing Parish Councils

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Both Pakefield (based on residence for over 30 years), and Lowestoft, because of family links over several generations with various areas of the town.

Tue 10/05/2016 12:04

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?

Answer: In general it would appear to be a good idea, however, the boundaries that are shown on the map do not appear to represent the areas associated with the parishes e.g. Whitton takes part of Oulton Broad and St Margaret's extends into Oulton. Therefore a review of the boundaries would need to take place in order for there to be clear identity for the population of the parish.

More details should be provided to the actual cost of the new elected bodies and how many people would make up the councils this is not clear in documents provided.

How will the election of these new parish councils be carried out?

My overall concern is the cost as the services that would be undertaken by these new councils are the responsibility of the District council at present and should be provided out of the council tax. Is this part of the budget to be transferred to the new councils to administered?

It also needs an explanation on the processes for achieving the results of the services that the parish council are responsible for, who actions the decisions, will it go to the District council for agreement etc.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: When asked where do you live I would say Lowestoft or Oulton Broad, however, the community I live in is Oulton Broad because any effects or changes that may be made to the area by the District or County councils decisions (increase housing developments, roads or transport changes) may have a direct effect on the area where I live.

Tue 10/05/2016 16:34

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?

Answer: Total waste of money. There will be a precept to pay for services that are already provided by the District Council. The council tax payers will be paying more for something they already get. No more layers of government. And that goes for the Anglian Regional Mayor as well.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I live in Kirkley. South of the blessed bridge between the town and Pakefield. Slightly different feel to the areas on either side.

Tue 10/05/2016 21:57

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?

Answer: In favour...in principle!

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Oulton Broad. "Carlton" is a non-entity, and we're certainly not in Carlton Colville...although I visit there for a drink. Lowestoft is the nearest town....where I might shop every few weeks.

Wed 11/05/2016 11:44

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?

Answer: Much more information required before a decision can be made about the costs to the Townspeople if they are to be responsible for services currently provided by WDC

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft is the community the Town is growing in size and population and areas previously considered "villages" are now an integral part of the Town.

Wed 11/05/2016 17:45

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?

Answer: This potentially offers a real democratic voice for the people of these areas, however, there are concerns. Firstly, if there is a transfer of assets, how will financial support be offered to Parish Councils? The argument might run that they can levy precepts, yet this might entrench inequality across the district as some wards are clearly more affluent than others. Secondly, if assets in significant need of refurbishment and maintenance are transferred, how will these new Parish Councils be able to meet these new substantial liabilities?

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Pakefield because there is a clear village identity comprising a Primary and High School, an art gallery, a community theatre and a community of shops, pubs and a post office. It has all the characteristics required to inspire some degree of local identity.

Wed 11/05/2016 18:43

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?

Answer: A Town Council should represent Lowestoft.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Resident of Lowestoft

Thu 12/05/2016 (by post)

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?

Answer: I feel we should have a north and south Lowestoft for the two parish councils. I feel that it is more involved in the parish council, so our views can be heard and requirements for the local area.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I would like a north and south parish council for both areas have different needs.

Thu 12/05/2016 (by post)

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?

Answer: In the past I have had difficulty in contacting our local councillor to enquire about problems e.g. grass cutting, bin emptying etc. and found it a waste of time. So to have a more personal councillor to contact and one who has a more personal knowledge of the community can only be a good thing. As long as it is not another "layer" to funded by our rates (not duplicating).

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Geographically we are in St. Margaret's ward I believe, if that's what's meant by the question!

Thu 12/05/2016 12:13

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?

Answer: This would be a good idea to represent local people better and have more influence on how to priorities spending.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Kirkley, as this is were I live, use services such as GP and dentist and do shopping.

Thu 12/05/2016 14:11

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?

Answer: Anything that, at the present time, increases the costs or adds to the complexity of local government is to be avoided. WDC ward councillors represent these areas already, are they not doing their job? Not that this consultation will have any impact on what I am sure has already been decided, but no thanks.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft

Thu 12/05/2016 14:31

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?

Answer: I believe that it would be a good idea to create one or more Town/Parish Councils to represent the people of Lowestoft.

The residents of Lowestoft deserve to have their interests heard and to have their say into how the local facilities and services are run.

The area concerned is of great environmental importance both in a natural and business sense. It contains areas of great natural beauty including Oulton Broad, Carlton Marshes Nature Reserve, The Gunton area and Lowestoft Sea Front, and parks which provide recreation and relaxation, all of which make for an area of enviable desirability.

From the business point of view, tourism and renewable energy play a significant part in generating wealth for the area, which is expected to expand considerably in the foreseeable future. This will

require housing, retail and business premises and schooling accordingly, the structuring of which needs to be done thoughtfully and sympathetically, taking residents views and wishes into account. It is important that people living in the area have as much say as possible into how the region is being developed. A Town/Parish council that is then subdivided by 'wards' sounds a suitable answer to this area of great diversity.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I consider myself to live in Oulton Broad, which area I feel has it's own rural identity. It has a wealth of local shops, pubs, restaurants, Post Offices, a school, train stations and buses. Oulton Broad is also an area of natural beauty with it's own park, boating, sports and recreational facilities.

Fri 13/05/2016 (by post)

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?

Answer: Pointless! It will be just another cost on the council tax. You have to hope people volunteer to sit on the parish council. The local councillors do not do any thing to improve the community currently.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Local people organising things for themselves i.e. the Pakefield beach clean up 3 times a year. (Not the one done by Norse, or the nation organised one).

Fri 13/05/2016 09:32

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?

Answer: I AGREE AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE PARISH COUNCILS

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: PAKEFIELD AS IT IS A MORE ACCURATE AREA THEN LOWESTOFT WHICH CATEGORISES EVERYONE AS ONE NOT EVERYTHING EFFECTS EVERYONE

Fri 13/05/2016 09:36

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?

Answer: PARISH COUNCIL GOOD IDEA

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: PAKEFIELD, GIVES IDENTIFICATION, LOWESTOFT IS A LARGE AREA.

Fri 13/05/2016 13:35

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?

Answer: At present, Lowestoft Town does not have local area representation as other areas within Waveney District do. Obviously, it is important that this undemocratic anomaly is corrected as soon as possible.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: My community area is Lowestoft Town and is the heart of local community with the shops, transport and social centres that all other town and parish councils benefit from. Proper representation is essential.

Fri 13/05/2016 14:24

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?

Answer: The concept is a sound one however the devil is in the detail such as how many Parishes will there be? How many Parish Cllrs will be on each one? Will each Parish Council wish to sign up to being part of a larger umbrella Town Council? Will it encourage greater democratic participation or result in division and less joined up approaches to the issues that are important to the town? The issue of cost is also important ie how much do the various amenities provided for and paid for by Waveney Council Taxes within the unparished area of Lowestoft cost ie public toilets, play areas, playing fields etc. In the future how will the costs (to be borne by the new parish council) be raised? In addition if a housing development yields funds via S106/ CIL how will that be divided up amongst various parish councils if they are all within the area of the development?

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Firstly as a Pakefield Cllr I identify with Pakefield which has a distinctive identity I feel and people who live and work there feel it too, secondly Kirkley (although I live on the edge of it) because London Road South always feels like a tight knit community where people know each other, and thirdly Lowestoft as a whole - I identify particularly with the beach and the sea as to me Lowestoft is the beach and seaside first of all.

Fri 13/05/2016 14:57

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?

Answer: I approve, in particular for Oulton Broad and Lowestoft because, at present, Lowestoft does not have a voice - too much is decided by Waveney District Council.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: I live in Oulton Broad, but consider there is a need for Lowestoft to have a stronger voice in how important issues are decided. I was particularly incensed when Councillor Colin Law stated in the press that local people did not understand the issues discussed at Waveney District Council as well as the councillors on that body so their opinions were not important. If those were not his exact words then they were more than just implied. That is insulting. The fate of the Old Town Hall; the construction of the New Hall south of the river, and the likelihood of meetings to be held in another town if we are joined with Suffolk Coastal, is evidence of a total lack of forward thinking and strategic planning besides being an appalling waste of public money.

Fri 13/05/2016 17:25

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?

Answer: A second tier of councilors is not required at an extra cost to residents

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft as the smaller communities have been incorporated into one as the town expanded

Fri 13/05/2016 17:45

My view is that parishes such as Kirkley, Pakefield, Gunton etc are not at all represented and they are suffering due to a lack of nuanced directive in the the worse way. Community is central to the survival and development of a place and it's people.

Fri 13/05/2016 23:59

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?

Answer: Support in principle. However, this could be perceived as being a concession for the democratic deficit caused by the creation a large authority by the merger of WDC and SCDC - a proposal which seems inevitable despite statements to the contrary.

Q2) What do you consider to be your area of community identity, and why?

Answer: Lowestoft, (North). I have minimal identity with my actual parish (Gunton)
