



Have your say on a proposal to change the Gerrards Cross Town Council wards

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Overview

We want to hear your view on a proposal to merge:

- **the Gerrards Cross East ward with the Gerrards Cross South ward**

As Buckinghamshire Council, we are responsible for reviewing local governance arrangements to ensure they meet local needs. Local governance arrangements are the processes in place for decision making that affects you and your local area. This includes how you and your local community are represented, such as by your local councillors at council meetings. It also includes who you can contact if you have a query about services in your area.

This review is called a community governance review and investigates whether:

- decisions made in your local area reflect the identity and interests of the local community
- arrangements are as convenient and effective as possible

The proposal

Gerrards Cross Town Council have requested that:

1. the Gerrards Cross East ward is merged with the Gerrards Cross South ward
 - the ward would be named Gerrards Cross South and East ward

Gerrards Cross Town Council propose that the changes would:

- better reflect the community identity
- ensure electoral equality
- promote efficient and effective local government

There would be no change in the overall number of councillors.

This proposal would not result in any changes to the new Buckinghamshire Council wards from May 2025.

Standards and General Purposes Committee considered the request at its meeting on 10 September 2024 and agreed for a CGR to be undertaken. View the meeting report at [buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk](https://www.buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk).

Related documents

Before you respond to this activity, please have a look at the following documents on yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com:

- Map of Gerrards Cross Town current wards and proposed wards
- Community Governance Review of Parishes Terms of Reference

How to have your say

You can tell us your views in one of the following ways:

- complete the online survey at yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com
- complete, and return, a printed version of the survey below
- email us at elections@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- write to us at Gerrards Cross CGR consultation, Electoral Services, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP19 8LB

If you have any questions about this activity, please email us at elections@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or phone us on 01296 798141.

Please tell us your views by 11:59pm on Wednesday 23 October 2024.

What happens next

Your feedback will be considered by councillors, along with other relevant information. We will then consider the future community governance arrangements for the area.

[Standards and General Purposes Committee](#) will consider and approve any draft recommendations and decide on the next stages of the Community Governance Review in Autumn 2024. This is when any final recommendations are expected to be published, if any changes are agreed, and the Community Governance Review ends.

If the proposal is taken forward, the Reorganisation Order would be made in by the end of 2024. The Order would set out the timetable for change.

Privacy

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If you have questions about data and privacy, please email us on dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk. Or write to our Data Protection Officer at Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

Printed consultation survey

1. Do you agree with the proposal to merge the Gerrards Cross East ward with Gerrards Cross South ward?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

2. Please tell us the reason for your answers:

About you

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1. Which of the following describe you?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- I live in Gerrards Cross
- I work in Gerrards Cross
- I study in Gerrards Cross
- I represent or own a business in Gerrards Cross
- I represent a community or voluntary group in Gerrards Cross
- I am an elected representative in Gerrards Cross

- I represent a Parish / Town Council or Town Committee in Buckinghamshire
- I work for Buckinghamshire Council
- Other (please give details below):

2. How did you find out about this consultation?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- Local media (newspaper, radio, TV, website or newsfeed)
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter/X, Instagram, Nextdoor or LinkedIn)
- Buckinghamshire Council website or Your Voice Bucks website
- Email or newsletter from Buckinghamshire Council
- Buckinghamshire Council staff or other professionals
- Through working at Buckinghamshire Council
- Poster or leaflet
- Friend or family member
- Local community or special interest group
- Councillor, town/parish council or community board
- Other (please give details below):

3. Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation (e.g. a business or a voluntary group)?

Please tick (✓) one option

- As an individual (go to question 5)
- On behalf of an organisation

On behalf of an organisation

4. Please provide the following details:

Name of organisation:

Your job title:

End of survey if responding on behalf of an organisation

More about you

We want to hear from as many people as possible to understand the views and needs across Buckinghamshire. The following questions help us see if the communities we serve have had the opportunity to be heard through this activity.

All questions are optional. You can skip any questions you do not wish to answer.

5. What is your postcode?

We want to understand the views of people living in different areas. You don't have to provide your postcode, but it helps us plan and make considered decisions.

6. What is your age?

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of different age groups.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Under 16
- 16 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 to 84
- Over 85
- Prefer not to say

7. Do you consider yourself to have a disability / disabilities, impairment(s) or long term health condition(s)?

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of disabled people, people with impairments and people with long term health conditions.

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- Disability / disabilities
- Impairment(s)
- Long term health condition(s)
- No
- Prefer not to say

8. Are you:

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of different sexes.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

9. How would you describe your ethnicity?

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of different ethnicities.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Asian - British
- Asian - Bangladeshi
- Asian - Chinese
- Asian - Indian
- Asian - Pakistani
- Any other Asian background - Please give details below

- Black - African
- Black - British
- Black - Caribbean
- Any other Black, African or Caribbean background - Please give details below

- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Asian
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black African
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black British
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black Caribbean
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - Mixed or Multiple Ethnic backgrounds British
- Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background - Please give details below

- White - English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
- White - Irish
- White - Gypsy or English traveller
- White - Irish Traveller
- White - European
- Any other White background - Please give details below

- Other ethnic group - Arab
- Other ethnic group - Arab British
- Other ethnic group - Please give details below
- Prefer not to say

Please give other details here:

End of the survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Please return your completed survey by 11:59pm on Wednesday 23 October 2024. You can:

- email it to elections@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- post it to Gerrards Cross CGR consultation, Electoral Services, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP19 8LB