

Consultation – Phase One

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	Name	Comment	Working Group's Response
1	Mrs G M O'Mara	I believe the creation of a Parish Council for the above area would be of benefit to all who live in the area outlined on the map. This would allow local people to voice their views to a representative who would more readily understand the possible problems of this particular part of NWLDC	Comments Noted
2	Mrs Stephanie Hancock	I wish to pledge my support for the above. Both Hugglescote and Donington le Heath were here long before Coalville existed and residents deserve the opportunity to voice their opinions on the future of them and I am sure would be only too willing to help enable this to happen.	Comments Noted
3	Steve and Linda Lofthouse	Having lived in Donington for the last 32 years we have often wondered why some areas of NW Leics had parish councils and Hugglescote didn't. It was only when the petition came round earlier in the year that I realised it was possible for any parish to have its own parish council. We are very much in favour of this happening to Hugglescote and Donington le Heath, particularly in the light of the recent housing proposals for the Coalville area. We in Hugglescote want to maintain our own identity, not be swallowed up into the new proposed conurbation. Having a parish council gives a little more control over our destinies, and if we had had one in the past maybe we could have had more influence on the 350 houses which have already been allocated to the Grange Road site - which many of us think is unnecessary. The creation of a parish council will mean that some of our council tax will be spent specifically on Hugglescote and Donington rather than in the Coalville area as a whole and this would be a good thing for our area, provided it is spent sensibly. A couple of other points: a) We found it very difficult to find the terms of reference referred to in the flyer which came round on the council's website. More help could have been given as to its location. b) In the appendix of that report the projected housing figures show 60 new properties on the old Stephenson College site. This is outside the proposed new parish boundary so why is it included in the projected figures?	Comments Noted (a) A link has now been placed directly from the front page to make it easier to find. (b) It is accepted that these properties are not within the proposed new boundary but it is how planning regeneration calculate their figures based on cross boundary issues. We will remove reference to this development.
4	Mr. P T Shelton	Further to your recent circular on the above I write to state my support for this proposal.	Comments Noted
5	John Talbut	I would like to see a parish council created in Hugglescote and Donington le Heath.	Comments Noted
6	David Turner	I want a parish council for Hugglescote and Donington le Heath at least we will have a voice that maybe listen too even though the people currently in their ivory towers at the council are doing what they damn well please. This will help separate the area from Coalville which is currently run down by the council has no ASDA even though the people wanted one this is just one point where they have failed to listen.	Comments Noted
7	Hugglescote	Yes, we would like to see a Parish Council created.	Comments Noted

	Working Men's Club		
8	David Keene Lewis	Yes, in principle. A final decision must be taken only when the costs are known.	Comments Noted
9	Mr N Hull	I support the proposed creation of a parish council for Hugglescote and Donington le Heath.	Comments Noted
10	Mrs P McGowan	I have no major objection to being part of Hugglescote/Donington Parish Council proposals. It would mean of course an alteration to our home address, election boundary and police beats.	Comments Noted. The address/election boundary will not be changed.
11	Mr Ian Abbott	I can see no point as the District Council provides a good service.	Comments Noted.
12	Mrs Janet Abbott	As a resident of St Faiths Drive I would object to the proposal of being included in the creation of a new parish council. Seems we have been included as an afterthought with very short notification. This seems to be an unnecessary creation of yet another governing body possibly incurring additional expense with little or no benefit to residents. We are residents of Coalville and happy to stay that way.	Comments Noted.
13	Clark Robinson	Yes, I would like to see a Parish Council created.	Comments Noted.
14	Mr A Walker	I support the formation of a Parish Council in Hugglescote as, in my view, citizens need representation at parish, district and national levels.	Comments Noted.
15	Kevin Vaughan	I would like to register my support for the creation of a parish council.	Comments Noted.
16	Emily Spencer	<p>Thank you for taking the time to speak to me on Thursday regarding the proposed creation of a parish council for Hugglescote & Donington le Heath. As I am sure you are aware I have been approached by my neighbouring residents with a petition opposing this move. I wanted to make an informed and independent choice about this and I thank you sincerely for discussing this in depth with me and for providing me with the relevant contacts to make a balanced decision. I should firstly add detail about the petition that my neighbours in St Faiths Drive have signed. I fully appreciate that their view is against the parish council and as such I may well be "outnumbered". This petition was presented to me with the facts that I should oppose the move purely as it will incur an increase in council tax. Those with the petition could not substantiate their views with what a parish council would give me or who indeed had proposed it in the first place. I fear that many other residents may have felt compelled to sign the petition on the basis that it was a means of kicking back against a tax increase. However, their view is a valid one and one that I cannot do anything about.</p> <p>I would like to advise you formally that I am very much in favour of a Parish Council, I have contacted my local councillor Paula Purver and also discussed the proposed Parish Council at length with Clark Robinson, a member of the Hugglescote and Donington le Heath forum, the proposers. I would therefore urge the review committee to consider that whilst I may be outnumbered in my views, they are researched, informed and balanced rather than a blanket approach such as a petition.</p> <p>I am very much in favour of a community feel within my neighbourhood. I have a young child and as such use the recreation grounds, open spaces and play areas within the area a great deal. I started</p>	Comments Noted.

		<p>looking at details for the Hugglescote and Donington le Heath Forum and was surprised to see that many of their activities and projects I was already aware. Ventures like the Hugglescote Bear statue and the youth groups such as U group, I feel positive to the community. The ventures from the forum seems to represent a body of people who have the local community at its heart. It was with great interest then, that I realised it was this forum that wanted to establish a Parish Council. I understand their ethos that they want to create a village feel, that by having a Parish council that has the local community at its heart, this reinforces that community feel.</p> <p>I understand that by having a Parish Council, the Coalville Special Expenses charge on my council tax would be replaced by the precept charge. I also understand that there is no way of knowing what this may be until the Parish Council was established and they provided costs for the work/maintenance that they wanted to carry out. But on balance, my council tax charges increase anyway and so the fear of an increased charge, to me, is a futile one. Of course the charges may not go up either. The point is this one, that currently I pay the coalville expenses charge, coalville being an expansive area. Therefore my money could be supporting works in places more further afield such as Thringstone, Bardon etc. By agreeing to a Parish Council I would know that my money would be having a direct benefit and impact on my immediate environment, benefitting my immediate community which for me is vital.</p> <p>I would like to thank those involved for suggesting an expansion to proposed Parish Boundary, to state that I would welcome this move. I am also aware that my neighbours in both St Faith's Drive and St Vincent's Close are mostly against this. For this reason I can foresee that the Parish Council could well go ahead but without the amended extension to the boundary. Should this happen, I personally would be saddened, but I can see that within my street I am of course in the minority. I truly hope that Hugglescote and Donington le Heath are successful in their application for a Parish Council. The ventures already in place by the forum have proven that their members have the best interest of the local community at heart. I wish them every success in establishing the "village" feel that they strive for the area and hope that a Parish Council will enable them manage local money with the best interests of the local people.</p> <p>I would also like to take this opportunity to thank both yourself, Councillor Purver and Clark Robinson for taking the time to explain the workings of a Parish council etc to me and allowing me to form an informed unbiased opinion. One of which I hope will be taken into consideration.</p>	
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AGAINST

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1	Mr Dennis Hill	<p>In principal I am in favour of local democracy but in this case I have some reservations.</p> <p>1 Given the reluctance of NWLDC (councillors and officers alike) to make any worthwhile decisions within a reasonable timescale, and then disregard the opinions of the majority of voters, another level of government would slow things down even further.</p> <p>2 I feel the submission of a petition for the formation of a Parish Council should only have been the</p>	The submission of the petition was in compliance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

		<p>result of a democratic process. A full village mail shot followed by a properly organised meeting is the correct way of furthering any proposition.</p> <p>3 Recent press reports of the behaviour of the Battleflat/Ellistown Parish Council hardly appear to show that such bodies act in any way except to further the ideals of the members with little regard for the views of anybody else.</p> <p>4 Given that the entire country is going through a quite severe financial recession, the timing is wrong. Every effort needs to be made to restrict public spending (all major political parties agree) and the addition of further charges onto the Council Tax with little benefit to anyone is unacceptable.</p> <p>My personal view, as a resident of some 45 years, is that this petition has been submitted by a section of residents who only seek to further their own views, possibly to the detriment of the majority. As a consequence, I find myself unable to support the formation of a Parish Council until everyone within the proposed boundaries has been consulted by the petitioners and the majority view accepted by all</p>	<p>and all persons in the affected areas are being consulted.</p> <p>The timetable is governed by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and this is instigated as soon as a petition is received.</p> <p>All persons in the affected areas are being consulted.</p>
2	Mr Jack Grew	I do not like change for change's sake. I was born and bred in Coalville and want it to stay the way it is.	Comments Noted
3	Mr B A Kimberlin	I have mixed feelings because on one hand it would allow residents to air their views for and against prospective projects within the parish, but on the other it could attract narrow minded individuals to seek office who may attempt to force policies through in a non democratic way, for example:- There is an issue in the neighbouring parish of Ellistown, where an elected member of the parish council managed to push through a non democratic motion which blocked local hauliers from refuelling their heavy goods vehicles on a filling station forecourt that is just inside a weight limit, whilst allowing other HGV's to travel further into the weight limit to access a brick yard that is in the next village!! As we have various types of businesses in Donington Le Heath and Hugglescote and a school etc. a parish council might not be a good idea.	Comments Noted
4	Mr John Ratcliffe	<p>If the proposal simply concerns Hugglescote residents then I would have no objection. If, however, due to the proposed boundary change, I am involved, then I have objections.</p> <p>I objected to the proposal at the outset since</p> <p>(a) I regard my location as being in Coalville</p> <p>(b) I have no wish to be involved in Hugglescote activities</p> <p>(c) I object to the proposed boundary being moved up to the Railway Bridge, thus bringing my property within the compass of the proposal.</p> <p>When the lady canvasser presented the petition in the Summer months it was stated that "if we get enough signatures then the Council will provide funds to establish a Parish Council". No mention was made of the raising of a precept and the potential increase in council tax bills. I have since learned that this is indeed the case and, furthermore, once established, a Parish Council itself will have the power to raise monies through an additional council tax precept. In this day and age, any increase in council tax bills is a matter of grave concern to tax payers.</p> <p>This was an important and serious omission [by the petition canvasser] and one which I believe is likely to influence the response of many residents, particularly those in the zone created by the</p>	<p>This property was always within the boundary as originally proposed.</p> <p>The Council must accept a petition in good faith and act accordingly. It has no control over what the petitioners were told</p>

		<p>proposed boundary extension, were they aware of it, since there would be little benefit to them.</p> <p>For this reason, therefore, I suggest that the petition, as presented, is seriously flawed and, indeed, could be classified as a mis-representation of the true facts. It may be that the Working Party may care to reassess the situation since, as the facts are at present, there may ultimately be a case put to the Ombudsman. I make this comment, not as a threat, but as a concern that NWLDC may leave themselves open to such a possibility.</p>	when they signed it but the Council has a duty to present the facts to all the consultees, as part of the consultation process, which it has duly done.
5	Mr Michael Taylor	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I do not want a parish council, I have consulted with my wife and son and neither can see a need for another layer of beauracracy. 2. We consider ourselves to be adequately served by North West Leicestershire District council 3. An additional charge added to our council tax bills is very unwelcome in these very tight financial times. 	Comments Noted
6	Mrs Yvonne Taylor	As above	Comments Noted
7	John Alfred Langham	My response to a parish council has to be 'NO'. I believe it will only affect one side of Forest Road, though the map doesn't show this. There is to be an increase in council tax for those affected. This brings into question what other hidden costs are going to be incurred. As I see it, the elected members will have to have a chairperson, a minuting secretary, someone to print information/supply paper etc. I can't imagine this would be done free of charge! So who will pay for this? As I am a house owner on a pension, I'm looking for a reduction in my council tax rather than an increase.	Yes – the proposed boundary means this will only affect parts of Forest Road. The actual amount of the precept is up to the parish council to decide. Example precept figures have been sent to all those who have made representation.
8	Mrs Marianne Cheney	I am writing to 'have my say' regarding whether Hugglescote and Donington Le Heath should have a parish council. I'm not really sure whether or not having a parish council will improve democracy within my community or merely further complicate the bureaucracy of local-decision making. Bureaucracy that we will have the privilege of paying for 'funded through an additional charge added to council tax bills'. The recent outcome of the plans of certain super-market chains' bids to re-develop Coalville in the interest of free-trade and improving Coalville's socio-economic outlook have left me very cynical as to North West Leicestershire District Council's integrity. I wonder if a parish council would have had any significant influence on this matter if it were that there was a democratic majority supporting Asda coming to the town. I think not! Therefore, I instinctively feel a parish council would not be cost effective to my budget nor to other residents of Hugglescote or Donington Le Heath.	Comments Noted
9	Mr W Wildgoose	I can see no point as the District Council provides a good service.	Comments Noted.
10	Mr and Mrs Eames	As a resident of St Faiths Drive I would object to the proposal of being included in the creation of a new parish council. Seems we have been included as an afterthought with very short notification. This seems to be an unnecessary creation of yet another governing body possibly incurring additional expense with little or no benefit to residents. We are residents of Coalville and happy to stay that way.	Comments Noted.
11	Mr and Mrs	My husband and myself are not in favour of the proposal of the area in which we live being included in	

	Burnett	<p>the proposal to create a parish council in Hugglescote and Donington le Heath. In fact, we are strongly opposed to this suggestion for a number of reasons:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We live in Coalville, a town, not Hugglescote or Donington le Heath which are both villages. 2. It is obvious that we have been “tacked on” to this proposal as an afterthought, as we were not involved in the initial consultation and were, therefore, totally unable to make any representations on the draft recommendations. 3. In the nine years that we have lived in St Faith’s Drive, we have had to call on our representative councillors on numerous occasions owing to disturbances by ‘yobbish elements’ in our direct area. We have had the full support of, firstly, our two labour councillors, and latterly, our two conservative councillors. It would seem that this immediate support, which have always been given by our councillors, would not be available if we were to become part of a parish council. <p>I would also like to point out that your maps were confusing and took some time to interpret, especially when one considers that there are many elderly and frail residents living in this area. In summary, I have been perfectly satisfied with the services provided by NWLDC and I see no merit in generating another level of bureaucracy, by the formation of a parish council in include this area, which neither belongs to either Hugglescote or Donington le Heath.</p>	<p>This area was consulted when the Working Group agreed to look at extending the boundary, hence the reason why they were not consulted initially. The draft recommendations have not gone out to consultation yet. This is due to take place in February next year. The creation of a parish council will add support of local councillors but at both parish <u>and</u> district level. District councillor support will not be removed.</p>
12	Mr Clarke	I would like to register my views as being against the proposal for a parish council	Comments Noted.
13	Howard & Carol Cairns	<p>I reside at 16 St Faiths Drive, Coalville, LE67 3DQ. I received your letter with details of the Community Governance Review and decided to send you this e-mail to register my objection to this proposal. The map enclosed with your letter shows the original proposed Hugglescote and Donington le Heath Parish boundary and the Working Groups proposed extension to the Parish boundary which includes St Faiths Drive, among others. I strongly object to this proposed extension to the Parish boundary. Your letter does not make it clear the reasons for considering this extension to the Parish boundary. I can not see any benefit to the residents of this area with the creation of this Parish Council, only another level of bureaucracy to contend with.</p>	Comments Noted.
14	Nora Gatley	I object to being moved in an area where I feel no affiliation without any approach from a representative of that area, i.e between October and November. Is this the new form of democracy? I would be interested to know. Why are we needed to be absorbed?	This area was consulted when the Working Group agreed to look at extending the boundary, hence the reason why they were not consulted initially.
15	Over 70 petitioners	We, the undersigned residents of this area do NOT support the suggestion and do NOT wish our residences to be included in the proposals under the review.	Petition received and noted.

Please note:-

	Shaded responses indicate those from the areas within the proposed extended boundary
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