



LGR Update – Thursday 20 November 2025

Dear Town & Parish Colleagues,

I am writing to let you know that yesterday saw the start of Government public consultation on the proposals it has received for Local Government Reorganisation across Norfolk and Suffolk.

The Government is asking for people's views on three different options put forward by the existing Norfolk councils in response to its drive to reorganise Norfolk's eight county, city, district and borough councils into new unitary authorities responsible for all local services.

The options under consultation for Norfolk are:

- Three councils (East Norfolk, West Norfolk and Greater Norwich) – proposed jointly by the Future Norfolk partnership of six district councils: Breckland District Council, Broadland District Council, Great Yarmouth Borough Council, Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, North Norfolk District Council, and Norwich City Council
- Two councils (Norwich & East Norfolk, and West & North Norfolk) – proposed by South Norfolk District Council
- One council (covering the whole of Norfolk) – proposed by Norfolk County Council

As you know, the Borough Council is part of the Future Norfolk partnership of six councils proposing three unitaries going forwards, to best serve the people and places of our large and diverse county.

Our strong, shared vision for the future of Local Government in Norfolk aims to ensure decisions about local services are taken closer to communities and tailored to local needs, strengths and opportunities of each area, while still remaining large enough to operate efficiently across all council services.

People can read more about our proposal on the [Future Norfolk website](#).

While the Government has identified statutory consultees across Norfolk and Suffolk, this is a public consultation and I would very much encourage you to response but also help promote this locally to help ensure the wider community is aware of this consultation, what the three options are, and are aware of this opportunity to share their views.

On the Government website, there is one consultation document that links to each of the proposals received from Norfolk and Suffolk. There are separate sets of the questions to answer for each proposal and it is for you to decide which proposal you want to respond to. You can respond to as many of the proposals as you like, but you do not have to respond to all of them if you don't want to.

The Government's consultation runs until 11th January 2026 at [Proposals for local government reorganisation in Norfolk and Suffolk - GOV.UK](#). The Government is expected to make its final decision in the spring, with elections to the new shadow council(s) in May 2027 and the council(s) going live in April 2028.

I will continue to keep you updated.

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