

## Local Government Reorganisation

The Government's statutory consultation on proposals for Local Government Re-organisation seeks views on the proposals that the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has received following the Secretary of State's invitation to councils in Norfolk and Suffolk to submit proposals for unitary local government for their areas.

Full details of the consultation, including a privacy statement, at: [Local government reorganisation in Norfolk and Suffolk - GOV.U](#)

### **Suffolk County Council proposed one unitary council across the whole of the area of Suffolk comprising the current district areas of:**

- Babergh, East Suffolk, Ipswich, Mid Suffolk, and West Suffolk

You can find the proposal at: [View our Consultation Resources - One Suffolk Council](#)

Suffolk County Council also has a YouTube video featuring some of their One Suffolk advocates, here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLEuseZN2j8>

The link to all of the One Suffolk digital resources is here: <https://onesuffolkcouncil.co.uk/one-suffolk-one-council-one-stronger-future/consultation-resources/>

### **Babergh District Council, East Suffolk District Council, Ipswich Borough Council, Mid Suffolk District Council, and West Suffolk District Council, proposed 3 unitary councils. This includes a request to modify the proposal to split existing districts between the new unitary councils:**

- **Western Suffolk:** West Suffolk (plus 21 parishes from Mid Suffolk), and Babergh (less 31 parishes).
- **Central and Eastern:** Mid Suffolk (less 29 parishes), and East Suffolk (less 25 parishes).
- **Ipswich and Southern Suffolk:** Ipswich (plus 31 parishes from Babergh, 8 parishes from Mid Suffolk, and 25 parishes from East Suffolk).

You can find the proposal at: <https://threecouncilsforsuffolk.org/>

This consultation asks questions about each proposal to help inform the assessment of the proposals.

The questions relating to the consultation on Suffolk's proposed one unitary council are set out at **Appendix A**

The questions relating to the consultation on Suffolk's proposed one unitary council are set out at **Appendix B**

# Consultation on the Proposal from Suffolk County Council

Consultation for one unitary council:

**Suffolk Council:** Babergh, East Suffolk, Ipswich, Mid Suffolk, and West Suffolk

1. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal suggests a council that is based on sensible geographies and economic areas?  
Dropdown answers
2. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed council will be able to deliver the outcomes they describe in the proposal?  
Dropdown answers
3. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed council is the right size to be efficient, improve capacity and withstand financial shocks?  
Dropdown answers
4. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed council will deliver high quality, sustainable public services?  
Dropdown answers
5. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal has been informed by local views and will meet local needs?  
Dropdown answers
6. To what extent do you agree or disagree that establishing the council in this proposal will support devolution arrangements, for example, the establishment of a strategic authority?  
Dropdown answers
7. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal enables stronger community engagement and gives the opportunity for neighbourhood empowerment?  
Dropdown answers
8. If you would like to, please use the free text box to explain the answers you have provided to questions 1-7 referring to the question numbers as part of your answer. You may also use the box to provide any other comments you have on this proposal.  
Text box to add further comments
9. I confirm that I have not included any information that identifies an individual in the free text box.  
Yes

## Drop Down Answer Options

Strongly Agree  
Somewhat Agree  
Neither Agree nor Disagree  
Somewhat Disagree  
Strongly Disagree  
Don't Know

## Appendix B

### Consultation on the proposal from Babergh District Council, East Suffolk District Council, Ipswich Borough Council, Mid Suffolk District Council, and West Suffolk District Council

Consultation for 3 unitary councils:

1. **Western Suffolk:** West Suffolk (plus 21 parishes from Mid Suffolk), and Babergh (less 31 parishes).
2. **Central and Eastern:** Mid Suffolk (less 29 parishes), and East Suffolk (less 25 parishes).
3. **Ipswich and Southern Suffolk:** Ipswich (plus 31 parishes from Babergh, 8 parishes from Mid Suffolk, and 25 parishes from East Suffolk).

This proposal is accompanied by a request for boundary change to split existing districts between new unitary councils. Please answer the questions on the proposal including the modifications. We will also ask you an additional question on whether you think there is a strong justification for these splits.

1. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal suggests councils that are based on sensible geographies and economic areas?  
Dropdown answers
2. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils will be able to deliver the outcomes they describe in the proposal?  
Dropdown answers
3. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils are the right size to be efficient, improve capacity and withstand financial shocks?  
Dropdown answers
4. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils will deliver high quality, sustainable public services?  
Dropdown answers
5. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal has been informed by local views and will meet local needs?  
Dropdown answers
6. To what extent do you agree or disagree that establishing the councils in this proposal will support devolution arrangements, for example, the establishment of a strategic authority?  
Dropdown answers
7. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal enables stronger community engagement and gives the opportunity for neighbourhood empowerment?  
Dropdown answers
8. If you would like to, please use the free text box to explain the answers you have provided to questions 1-7 referring to the question numbers as part of your answer. You may also use the box to provide any other comments you have on this proposal.  
Text box to add further comments
9. This proposal is accompanied by a request that the Secretary of State considers boundary change. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal sets out a strong public services and financial sustainability justification for boundary change?  
Dropdown answers
10. If you would like to, please use this free text box to explain your answer to question 9.  
Text box to add further comments
11. I confirm that I have not included any information that identifies an individual in the free text boxes.  
Yes