

# Community Governance Review

## Draft Recommendations

Eastfield Unparished Anomalous Area

January 2023

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## 1. Background to the Review

- 1.1. A Community Governance Review (CGR) is a review of whole or part of a principal council's area for the purpose of making recommendations with regard to creating, merging or abolishing parishes and the naming and electoral arrangements of parishes. Where a parish of over 1,000 electors is created it must have a parish council. A parish council may be called a Town, Community, Neighbourhood or Village Council. The review is undertaken:
- In accordance with the legislation in Chapter 3 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007:
  - Having regard to guidance published by the Secretary of State and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England; and
  - Complying with the terms of reference that the council has adopted for the review
- 1.2. A review is often undertaken when there have been changes in population or reaction to specific new issues to ensure that community governance for the area continues to be effective and convenient and reflects the identities and interests of the community. The aim of the review is to bring about improved community engagement, communities that are more unified, better local democracy and more effective and convenient delivery of local services.
- 1.3. The review offers two opportunities for residents to have their say. The first period of consultation has been undertaken, which forms the basis of these draft recommendations.

<b>Revised* Timetable for Consultation and Recommendations</b>	
August to October 2022	Initial consultation period
Nov 2022 to Jan 2023	Consideration of responses and drafting of recommendations
February to April 2023	Further consultation period on draft recommendations
April 2023 to June 2023	Formulation of final recommendations

\* Reasons for revisions or delays are explained in Appendix A.

- 1.4. If the Executive approve the draft recommendations a second period of consultation is planned for February to April 2023, to allow final recommendations to be drafted and presented to North Yorkshire Council in the summer of 2023.

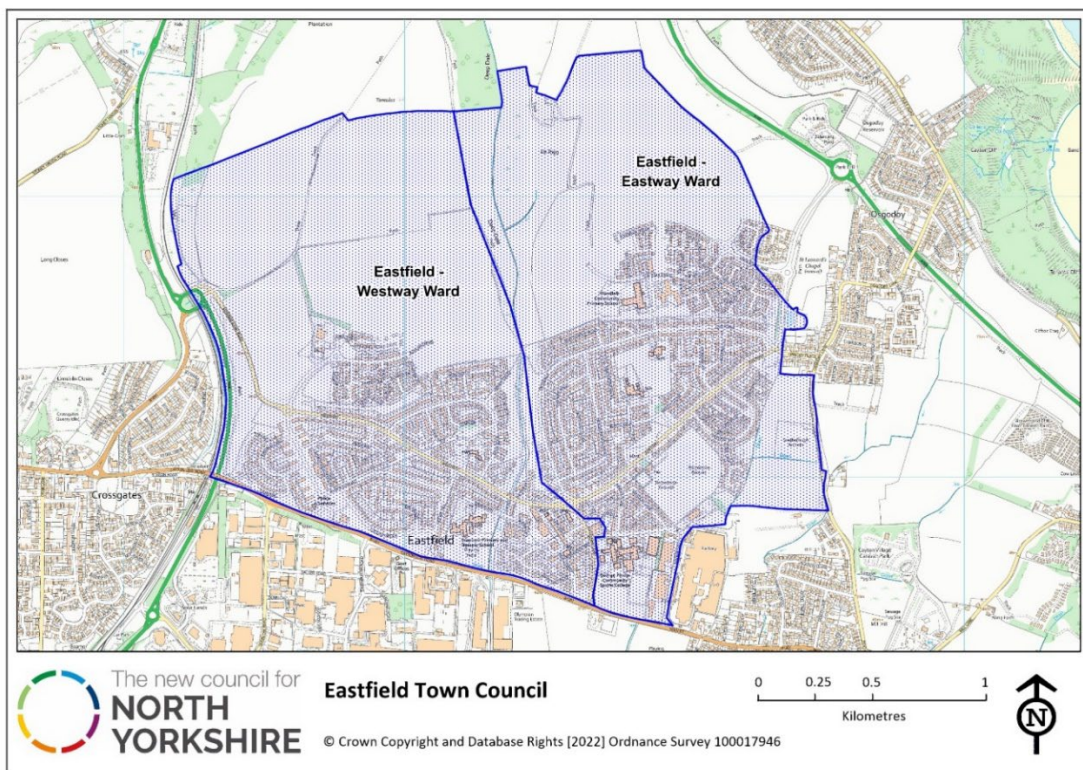
- 1.5. On 1 April 2023, a new unitary authority to be known as North Yorkshire Council will be created and will deliver all local services. The new council will replace North Yorkshire County Council and Scarborough Borough Council (SBC), along with the county's six other district councils.
- 1.6. A central pledge in the bid for a new unitary authority was 'double devolution'. This will enable town and parish councils the opportunity to take on greater responsibilities. Currently, the only parts of North Yorkshire which do not have a parish are the towns of Scarborough and Harrogate, hence those areas have limited ability to take on these responsibilities. More information on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) is available here [The new council and devolution for North Yorkshire | North Yorkshire County Council](#).
- 1.7. Parish and town councils play a key role in representing the views and promoting the needs of communities and can provide services to their residents. Parish councillors are directly elected to the parish council by the electors of the parish area. Parish Councils are mainly funded by a levy incorporated into local residents' council tax bills, known as a precept. Parish Councils are also able to bid to a wide range of bodies for grant funding at a local level.
- 1.8. The terms of reference for the Scarborough area included three anomalous areas along the boundary lines of the unparished area, which following a Borough Council review of wards by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) in 2017/18 saw changes made to wards which were once coterminous with the parish boundaries. The changes now mean that affected residents no longer fall within the same borough ward, county division and parish, with some remaining unparished. It is felt that these 3 anomalous areas could be addressed as part of this review, being consequential matters arising from the LGBCE review. These 3 areas consist of an unparished part of Eastfield (Middle Deepdale development), 3 properties at Osgodby, and Charles Williams Apartments which are currently split between being part parished within Newby & Scalby Town Council, and part unparished. Separate draft recommendations documents have been generated for each of those areas.
- 1.9. North Yorkshire County Council agreed to conduct this review at a meeting of the Executive on 19 July 2022. The report and the legal basis on which the review is conducted, along with the terms of reference for this review can be found here: [Agenda for Executive on Tuesday, 19th July, 2022, 11.00 am | North Yorkshire County Council](#). The Executive resolved that:
  - Community governance reviews be undertaken for the unparished parts of Harrogate and Scarborough, incorporating Eastfield Town Council.
  - The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) in consultation with the relevant Executive Members be given delegated authority to approve

the terms of reference once final typographical changes have been completed and to take any necessary action to progress the Community Governance Review.

- 1.10. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health act 2007 requires the Council to consult the local government electors for the area under review and any other person or body who appears to have an interest in the review and to take the representations that are received into account by judging them against the statutory criteria.
- 1.11. Following the resolution of the Executive to commence a review the terms of reference were published on the NYCC website and preparations finalised for the stage 1 consultation. The methodology used for the consultation is set out at Appendix A and the survey at Appendix B.
- 1.12. The tensions between the potential cost of the consultation and the need to offer all affected residents and interested parties the opportunity to respond were considered. Direct mail was chosen for all households within the areas under review. Other known stakeholders were contacted by email and the consultation was also publicised by means of local press and resident newsletters and social media. Online responses were encouraged but alternatives were available.

## 2. Current Arrangements and History of the area

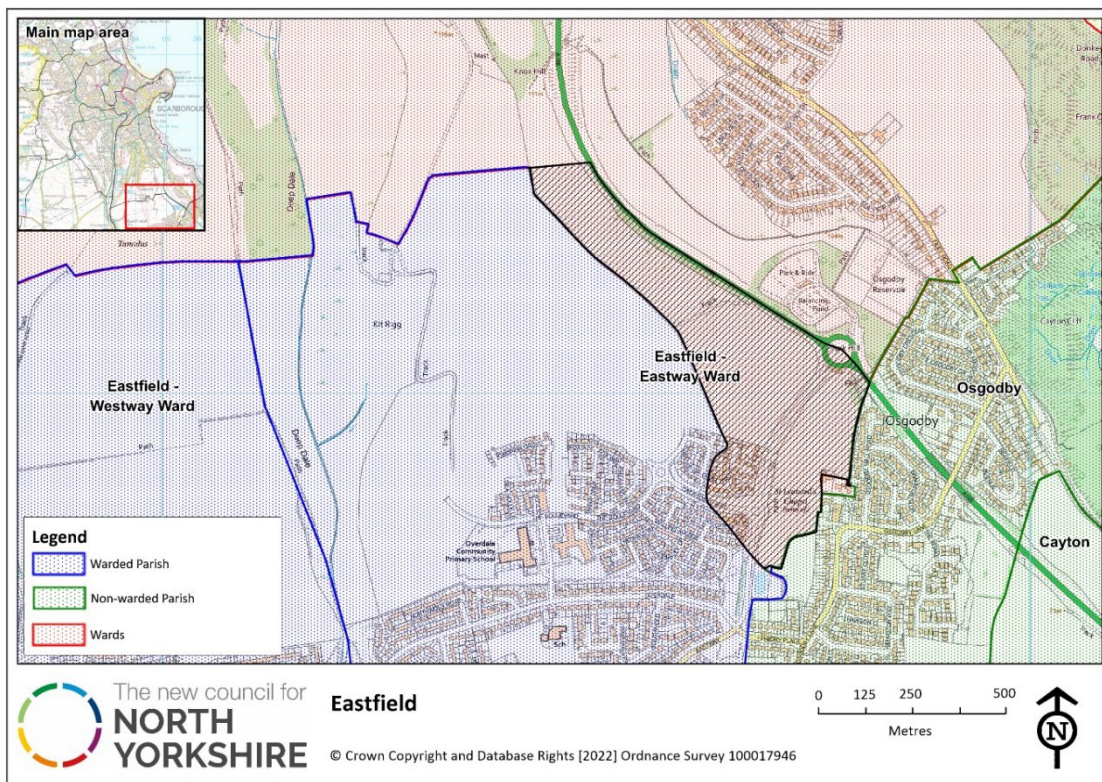
2.1. Eastfield Town Council is currently arranged by two wards, as follows:



Eastfield Town Council	Electorate (Dec 2022)	Households (June 2022)	Councillors
Eastway Ward	2,685	1,734	6
Westway Ward	2,058	1,392	5
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>4,743</b>	<b>3,126</b>	<b>11</b>

### Relevant History

2.2. The external boundary of the parish, prior to the 2017/18 LGBCE review was wholly coterminous with the SBC Eastfield Ward, but the LGBCE took note of the Middle Deepdale Development at the north-eastern area of Eastfield, and extended the SBC Ward boundary line to reach the A165. Residents in that area now fall within the Eastfield Ward of SBC and the Eastfield Division of NYCC, but the area remains unparished, and is shown shaded within the map below:



- 2.3. On 25 January 2016 the parish council resolved to change its name from Eastfield Parish Council to Eastfield Town Council. It does not have a Mayor.

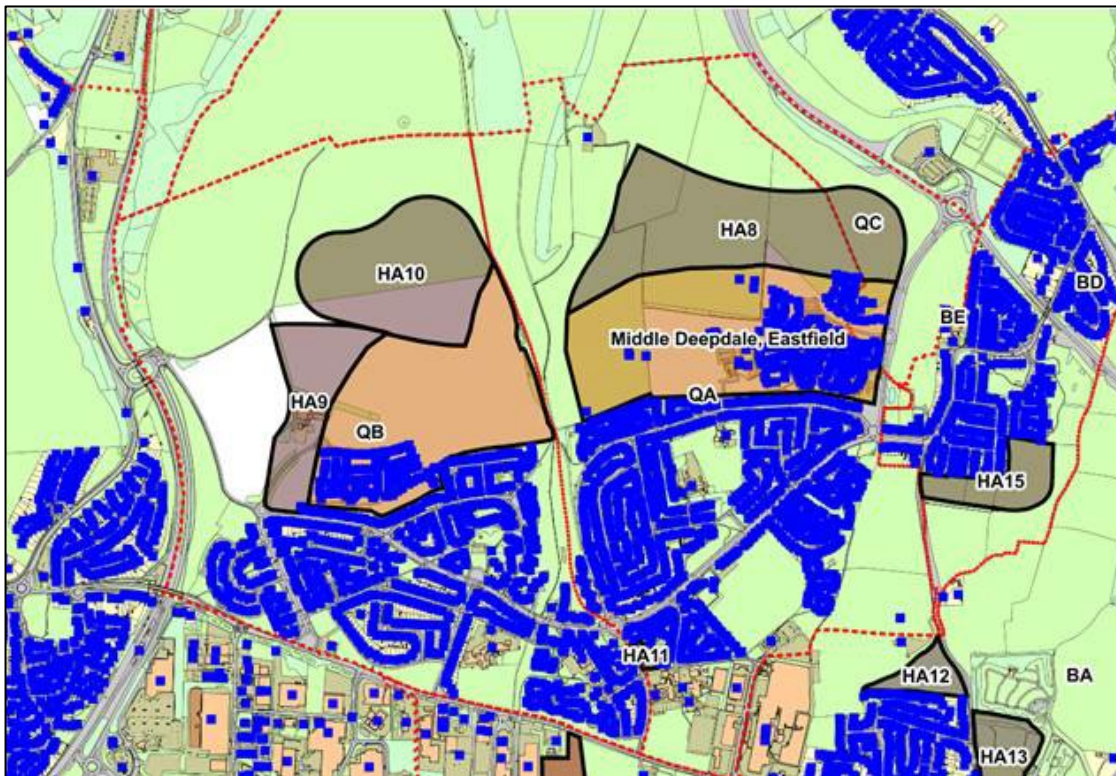
### Five year electorate forecast

- 2.4. The electorate and 5 year electorate forecast of Eastfield Town Council is as follows:

Ward of Eastfield Town Council	Electorate (Dec 2022)	Electorate Prediction (2027)	Predicted Electorate Increase	Councillors
Eastway	2,685	3,320	635	6
Westway	2,058	2,484	426	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,743</b>	<b>5,804</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>11</b>

- 2.5. The increase in Eastway Ward (and spilling into the current unparished part) is due to an expected increase of 409 dwellings detailed within the SBC Local Plan as Middle Deepdale (East - Kebbell Phase 4), Middle Deepdale (East) Outline Remaining, Land to North of Middle Deepdale (east of Deep Dale Valley - HA8), Land to North of Middle Deepdale (east of Deep Dale Valley - HA8).

- 2.6. The increase in Westway Ward is due to an expected increase of 137 dwellings within the next 5 years, as detailed within the SBC Local Plan as Middle Deepdale (West 16/00873/RM), Middle Deepdale (West 20/02231/RM), plus just one smaller development comprising of 4 expected dwellings at Link Centre, Link Walk. There are further large developments planned for Westway, but they are not expected until after the 5 years currently being used for this review, which are listed as HA9 Land to west of Middle Deepdale, HA10 Land north of Middle Deepdale (west of Deep Dale Valley), and North of Lingholm Crescent
- 2.7. Some of the planned dwellings fall into the unparished part of Eastfield, and at the time the Local Plan was written, polling district QC representing the unparished part was not in existence, hence has not been separated out.
- 2.8. The housing development areas can be seen in the plan below, and the unparished part of Eastfield (polling district QC) only captures a small part of the existing and allocated development areas, with the rest falling within the parish boundaries:



### 3. Assessment of Submissions

- 3.1. The following table shows the number of households written to, with the number of submissions received, and response rate. As detailed at Appendix 1 responses were not limited to households only, anyone with an interest was invited to respond.

Households posted to	3,172
Responses received for area	151
Response rate	4.76 %

- 3.2. Submissions received, both in summary form and in full, can be found in the Consultation Report at Appendix C. Some comments are quoted in this assessment where they may be helpful to illustrate a point.
- 3.3. Response rates in the table above were calculated by comparing the number of returns with the number of households directly consulted by means of a mailout inviting responses from all properties in the areas under review. The total number of responses is 151.
- 3.4. The responses to the options provided in the survey were as follows:

Option	Number	Percentage
Option 1 – to create a parish council for the unparished part of Scarborough Town Centre and include the unparished part of Eastfield within it	25	16.9 %
Option 2 – the unparished part of Eastfield becomes part of Eastfield Town Council and the unparished part of Scarborough Town Centre becomes a separate parish	71	48 %
Option 3 – to leave Scarborough Town Centre and the unparished part of Eastfield unparished.	5	3.4 %
Option 4 - the unparished part of Eastfield becomes part of Eastfield Town Council, and the unparished part of Scarborough Town Centre remains unparished.	12	8.1 %
Some other option	8	5.4 %
Don't know/not sure	27	18.2 %
	<b>148</b>	<b>100 %</b>

- 3.5. The majority of respondents favoured parishing of the unparished part of Eastfield, selecting either option 1, 2 or 4 (73%). The larger percentage (48%) were in favour of the second option: that the unparished area becomes a part of Eastfield Town Council. Reasons given centred mostly around ideas of community identity.

*Some felt that option 1 was the better option: "Being at this end of Eastfield, I use all Scarborough facilities eg churches (St Martin's for example - just up the road our nearest church) / doctors etc more than any civic facilities on Eastfield so it makes sense to include this part of Eastfield in a parish that's newly created with Scarborough Town. I feel it's important to create a parish to enable a sense of community that's lacking and to represent our interests".*

However, the majority took the opposite view, that option 2 was the better option: *"Eastfield residents should have their interests and representations provided into the Eastfield Town Council to ensure consistency, efficacy and efficiency of local decisions which impact them having their views included. To not do so would see decisions made by Scarborough Parish(es) impacting some but not all of Eastfield residents and could conflict with and upon the consistency of those decisions being made by the Eastfield Council"*

*"It makes sense. The main function of the newly created Scarborough town council will be to rally support to improve the locality for tourism and business. Eastfield is residential and has a different focus".*

- 3.6. Only 3.4% preferred option 3 - to leave both the unparished area of Eastfield and Scarborough Town Centre unparished with cost or no need for change being cited as reasons.
- 3.7. Although 8.1% selected option 4 - for the unparished part of Eastfield to become part of Eastfield Town Council and leave the unparished part of Scarborough Town unparished, their reasons were all focused on why the area should become part of Eastfield Town Council with no reference made to why the unparished part of Scarborough should remain unparished.
- 3.8. Some respondents gave information about local groups which are active in the community though not necessarily able to provide an alternative form of governance to a parish council. The groups mentioned will be included in the next phase of consultation. Some respondents selecting don't know/not sure commented that they didn't have enough information.
- 3.9. Some respondents referred to future developments planned for Eastfield which are described in Section 2 of this document.
- 3.10. The majority of responses to the consultation agree that the unparished part of Eastfield should be parished whilst there were differing views on whether it should be part of a new Scarborough Town Council or be included in Eastfield Town

Council. The number of respondents (71) who chose Eastfield Town Council outnumbered those (5) who chose Scarborough Town Council.

## 4. Statutory Criteria

4.1. Section 93 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 requires that the Council must have regard to the need to secure that community governance in an area under review

- reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area
- is effective and convenient

and in deciding what recommendations to make the principal council must take into account any other arrangements for community representation or community engagement that already exist in an area.

### Identities and Interests

4.2. Parish councils have two main roles: community representation and local administration. For both purposes it is desirable that a parish should reflect a distinctive and recognisable community of place, with its own sense of identity. The views of local communities and inhabitants are of central importance. Some of the factors which help define communities of place are: the geography of an area, the make-up of the local community, sense of identity, and whether people live in a rural, suburban, or urban area.

Middle Deepdale is a clearly identifiable built up area joined up with the existing Eastfield area. Eastfield is generally becoming more recognisable as a town in its own right, and is now styled as a 'town' council. The town is built upon two clear sides, Eastway, and Westway, with the names of the existing wards deriving from the names of the main roads going through the residential estates. Eastway and Westway will always be split at the northern part as they have the '*natural landscape character of Oliver's Mount Wooded Scarp encircling the area west, north and east, forming the site's boundaries to the east and west*' (wording from Middle Deepdale Landscape Sensitivity Analysis 2014), with a link road connecting the areas.

The town is mainly residential, with a small shopping area, a nursery, primary and secondary school, a community centre and at least two churches within the area. There is a natural boundary line provided by the A165 already adopted at SBC ward level by the LGBCE due to the developments expected at Middle Deepdale.

## **Effective and convenient local government**

- 4.3. Local communities should have access to good quality local services, ideally in one place. A parish council may be well placed to do this. With local parish and town councils in mind, effective and convenient local government essentially means that such councils should be viable in terms of providing at least some local services, and if they are to be convenient they need to be easy to reach and accessible to local people.

A modification to the town council boundaries to capture all of Middle Deepdale development as it grows is likely to offer more effective and convenient local government to the residents affected than to leave the area as is – unparished, or to include with any new parish for the Scarborough town.

- 4.4. Creating a smaller single parish for Middle Deepdale alone could be successful at a local level and bring local communities together, this would not provide the single unified voice to speak on behalf of the whole Eastfield area, nor would it provide a parish council large enough to consider delivering services locally and with economies of scale.

## **Existing Arrangements for Community Representation**

- 4.5. The consultation survey asked if respondents were aware of any existing local community governance in the areas (e.g. community or neighbourhood forums, resident associations etc.) which would serve the local community as an alternative to a parish council. The principal council is required to take into account any other arrangements already in place in an area.
- 4.6. A number of local organisations were named by respondents and are listed at page 15 in Appendix C. Of the organisations listed, there are 3 externally funded services or projects (Westway Arms, Eastfield PACT and More for Eastfield), plus an NYCC library (More than Books), a Police hub, an NHS medical centre, and a residents association.
- 4.7. If the outcome of the review were that the unparished part of Middle Deepdale remained unparished or become part of a larger Scarborough parish, these organisations' ability to sufficiently represent and advocate for the interests of the Middle Deepdale would be limited.
- 4.8. Residents associations may be unrepresentative of the areas they cover as their membership is self-selecting. No governance is involved and they lack the accountability and status of a democratically elected council. Such groups work best when they cover a specific area and are invited by the town/parish council to contribute to debate on a range of topics.

- 4.9. It would be expected that such organisations would be involved in a community network for Eastfield, and work together for the benefit of the town. However, none of the organisations named could provide an alternative to being part of a town or parish council. Whilst community organisations have the right to bid to take responsibility for assets or local services should they wish, they would not be able to take on statutory powers such as consultation on planning applications.

## 5. Final Assessment and Draft Recommendations

- 5.1. The majority of respondents favoured parishing of the unparished part of Eastfield, (73%), and 48% were in favour of it becoming part of Eastfield Town Council, therefore it is proposed to extend Eastfield Town Council boundary north east towards the A165 to become coterminous with the SBC Eastfield Ward and NYCC Eastfield Division.

Coterminosity means boundaries that follow the same line, for example where a principal ward boundary (ie North Yorkshire Electoral Division boundary) follows the same line as a parish council boundary. Coterminosity aids electoral administration; non-coterminous boundaries can be confusing for the electorate and difficult to administer.

- 5.2. The proposed recommendation would also consequentially exclude those three properties currently within the unparished area near Osgodby, which are being recommended to be included within Osgodby Parish Council (see Osgodby draft recommendations).

**Recommendation 1 – The north-eastern boundary line of Eastfield Town Council be extended towards the A165 to match the Eastfield Division and Ward boundaries (and consequentially excluding the 3 known anomalous properties at Osgodby).**

- 5.3. If the Community Governance Review continues on the current timetable, and second stage consultation shows support for the draft recommendations it is likely that an order to amend the boundary will be made in the summer of 2023. If that is the case it is proposed that the date for implementation would be 01 April 2024 for administrative purposes (budget and precept setting by Eastfield Town Council).

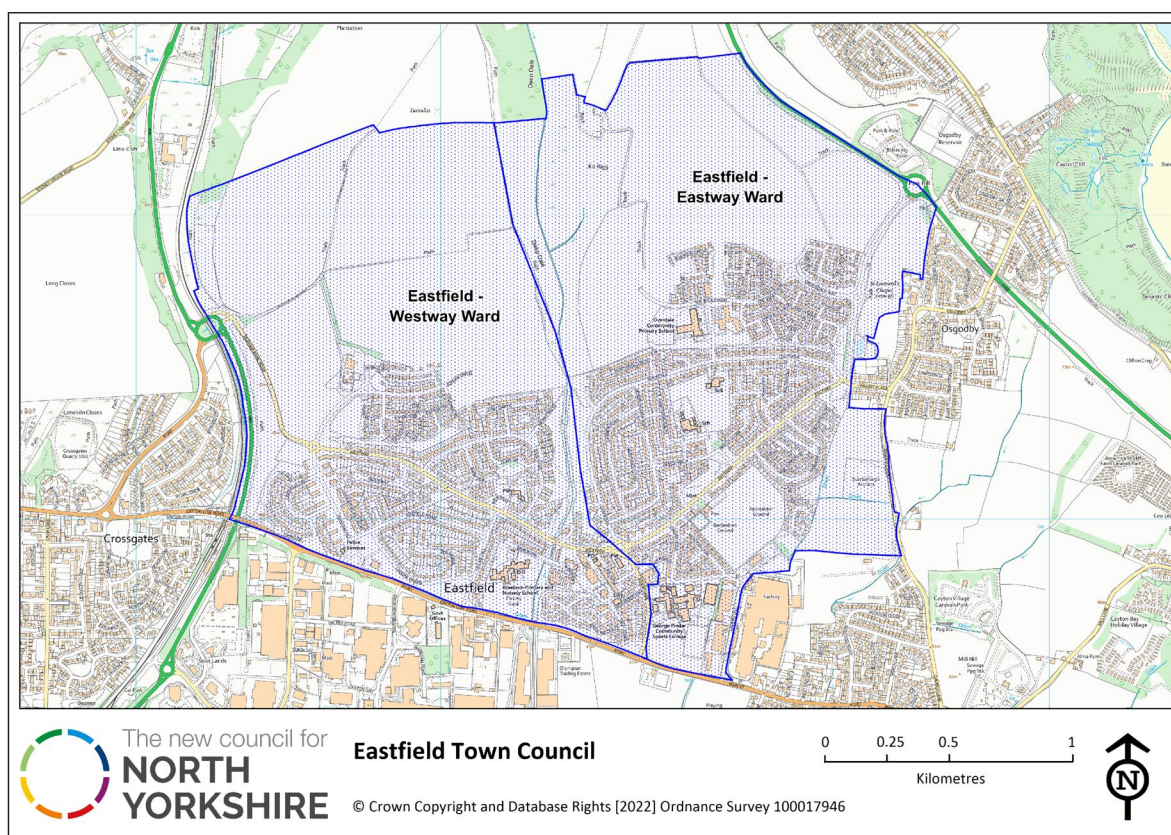
**Recommendation 2 – that the change takes effect on 01 April 2024 for administrative purposes.**

- 5.4. The warding pattern, council size, and electoral cycle are to remain unchanged.

5.5. Based on the recommendation the arrangements for Eastfield Town Council would be:

Eastfield Town Council	Electorate (Dec 2022)	Electorate Prediction (2027)	Councillors
Eastway Ward	2,769	3,479	6
Westway Ward	2,058	2,490	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,827</b>	<b>5,969</b>	<b>11</b>

5.6. A map of the recommendations for Eastfield Town Council is shown here:



5.7. The councillor representation is not hugely affected by these recommendations and are felt to be acceptable even when taking the scale of the developments at Middle Deepdale into consideration. Variances are likely to go from 5% and -6% for Eastway and Westway respectively, to 6% and -7% in the 5 next years.

5.8. Parliamentary polling districts already in place within the proposed parish area can be applied, as the warding pattern within the proposed parish area is coterminous with existing ward and county divisions. To allow electoral administrators sufficient time to make changes to electoral registers ahead of register publication planned for 01 December 2023 for the area, (nominations for elections on correct registers

for example) the changes would need to be applied to registers on 15<sup>th</sup> October in the year preceding proposed initial elections.

**Recommendation 3 – that the change takes effect on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023 for electoral purposes (ahead of publication of the revised register planned for 01 December 2023)**

- 5.9. It is acknowledged that Eastfield Town Council would benefit from a CGR of the whole parish (which is out of scope of this review) at a future date should the rate of progression for housing allocations HA8, HA9 and HA10 be as predicted in the SBC Local Plan, which are planned for within the next 10 years.

## 6. Consequential Matters

- 6.1. Those properties to be included within the area currently do not pay a parish precept, but would be included within the parish precept area for Eastfield from 01 April 2024. Currently this is set at £73.71 for a Council Tax band D property.

## 7. Contact Details

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Appendix A - Consultation methodology

Appendix B – Consultation survey

Appendix C – Full consultation results

## Community Governance Review - Consultation Stage 1 Methodology

### Eastfield Unparished Anomalous Area

- The Stage 1 consultation commenced on 22 August 2022, initially it was programmed to run for a period of 6 weeks to 30 September. The decision was taken to extend the consultation period by 2 weeks to 14 October as a result of Royal mail strikes and the death of the Monarch during the period of consultation.
- A page was set up on the Consultation area of the NYCC website where detailed information was provided on the reasons and scope for the CGR. More information was also given on parish councils and charter trustee areas. The webpage contained a link to an online survey.
- An 8 page information pack was also prepared containing the same information as was on the webpage, as well as a copy of the survey in paper format.
- A letter informing residents that a CGR was taking place was posted to each of the 3,172 households on the electoral register in the unparished area of Eastfield. The letter explained the reasons for the review, and invited residents to have their say via the survey. Enclosed with the letter was the information pack, a paper copy of the survey and a pre-paid reply envelope. The letter also signposted residents to the consultation area of the NYCC website. A QR code was included on the letter to enable residents to access the survey directly from their mobile phones.
- An option was provided to request hard copies via telephone or email for those residents who preferred to complete a paper copy of the survey or who did not have access to the internet.
- Copies of the leaflet, paper survey and pre-paid return envelopes were made available at Scarborough Library and Eastfield community library - More Than Books.
- In addition to the letter to every household, key stakeholders were also emailed a link to the consultation webpage and invited to give their views. This included the following stakeholders:
  - local MPs, the PFCC and councillors for the relevant area
  - Directly affected parishes of Eastfield, Newby & Scalby, and Osgodby, them having areas specifically detailed within the Terms of Reference
  - Parish councils adjoining the unparished area
  - Harrogate Borough Council's consultation stakeholder list which included disability groups, business, charities, voluntary groups, local associations, business groups and local public services
- The survey which was used for the Eastfield unparished area invited residents to select a preferred initial set of all possible options.

- In addition to the 'all households' letter, NYCC and SBC social media feeds were used to raise awareness of the review prior to, and at commencement. This was supplemented by reminder posts during, and close to the end of the review. All social media posts were done with consistent messaging, signposting and branding to ensure a consistent approach throughout and avoid confusion.
- A press release entitled "Residents set to be asked for views on creating town councils" was issued on 11 July 2022 leading to the review gaining coverage in the local press. A further press release entitled "Give your views on option to create new local voice for towns" was issued on 15 August 2022 to coincide with the start of the consultation.
- Information was also included in the Scarborough Borough Council 'Residents' newsletter' circulated via email.
- Council staff were informed of the review during LGR webinars and via the SBC 'Colleague News' newsletter and invited to take part.
- An 'easy read' version of the information leaflet was also produced and was available on request for residents with learning difficulties and the survey could also be made available in other formats on request.

## Community Governance Review - Eastfield

On 1 April 2023 Scarborough Borough Council will be dissolved to be replaced by the new North Yorkshire Council. On that date Charter Trustees will be established for the unparished parts of Scarborough town which will ensure the continuation of Mayoral and other ceremonial functions, but would not have powers to deliver any services.

If a town or parish council is established, the Charter Trustee areas would be dissolved. If there is no new town or parish council the Charter Trustees will continue and only be abolished if a parish council is created in the future.

Part of the Middle Deepdale development at Eastfield falls within the unparished part of Scarborough. Residents in that area may feel they identify better with Eastfield Town Council, rather than Scarborough Town.

Please tell us your views by completing the questions below.

### Using your personal information

Any information provided in this survey will be used in the strictest confidence and only for the use of the community governance review.

For further information on how we collect, use, share, secure and retain your personal information, and your legal rights, please see our Privacy Notice at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/privacy-notices>.

### Where are you from

#### Q1 Please state which of the following best describes you?

- I live in Eastfield (please state your home postcode below)
- I work in Eastfield (please state your workplace postcode below)
- I own a business in Eastfield (please state your business postcode below)
- I am a representative of a community organisation in Eastfield (Please state which one below)
- Other

Please state your postcode:

Please state community organisation:

Please state other:

## Charter trustee / parish council

**Option 1 - To create a parish council for the unparished part of Scarborough town centre and include the unparished part of Eastfield within it.** The parish council would provide local services and take over ceremonial functions of the charter trustees who would dissolve.

**Option 2 – The unparished part of Eastfield becomes part of Eastfield Town Council and the unparished part of Scarborough town centre becomes a separate parish.** The newly created Scarborough town centre parish would provide local services and take over ceremonial functions of the charter trustees who would dissolve.

**Option 3 – To leave Scarborough town centre and the unparished part of Eastfield unparished.** The charter trustee would remain in place and continue to undertake ceremonial functions only.

**Option 4 – The unparished part of Eastfield becomes part of Eastfield Town Council and the unparished part of Scarborough town centre remains unparished.** The charter trustees would remain in place and continue to undertake ceremonial functions only for the unparished part of Scarborough town centre.

### Q2 Which of the above options is your preferred option?

- |  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Option 1 - to create a parish council for the unparished part of Scarborough town centre and include the unparished part of Eastfield within it                 | <i>Please go to question 3</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Option 2 – the unparished part of Eastfield becomes part of Eastfield Town Council and the unparished part of Scarborough town centre becomes a separate parish | <i>Please go to question 4</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Option 3 – To leave Scarborough town centre and the unparished part of Eastfield unparished   | <i>Please go to question 5</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Option 4 – The unparished part of Eastfield becomes part of Eastfield Town Council and the unparished part of Scarborough town centre remains unparished        | <i>Please go to question 6</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some other option   | <i>Please go to question 7</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know / not sure   | <i>Please go to question 8</i> |

*Please tick only one option*

### Q3 Please tell us why you chose option 1, to create a parish council for the unparished part of Scarborough town centre and include the unparished part of Eastfield within it?

**Q4 Please tell us why you chose option 2, the unparished part of Eastfield becomes part of Eastfield Town Council and the unparished part of Scarborough town centre becomes a separate parish?**

**Q5 Please tell us why you chose option 3, to leave Scarborough town centre and the unparished part of Eastfield unparished?**

**Q6 Please tell us why you chose option 4, the unparished part of Eastfield becomes part of Eastfield Town Council and the unparished part of Scarborough town centre remains unparished?**

**Q7 Please provide details on other options available?**

**Q8 Please tell us why you don't know or are not sure on which option you prefer?**

**Q9 Are there any further comments you would like to add about the Community Governance Review?**

### Alternative forms of community governance

**Q10 Are you aware of any existing local community governance in the areas (e.g. community or neighbourhood forums, resident associations etc.) which would serve the local community as an alternative to a parish council?**

Yes

*Please go to question 11*

No

*Please go to contact details*

Don't know / not sure

*Please go to contact details*

**Q11 Please tell us more about the group, the area it covers, and the reason for your answer?**

### Contact details

If you would like to be kept informed on the Community Governance Review and involved in any future developments of draft recommendations following this initial consultation, please provide your name and preferred contact details below.

Name:

Address:

Email address:

## About you

### Age

Which age category are you in?

16 - 19

40 - 49

75 - 84

20 - 29

50 - 64

85+

30 - 39

65 - 74

Prefer not to say

### Disability

Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person or to have a long-term, limiting condition?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

**Thank you for taking time to complete this survey**

# Community Governance Review – Consultation Responses (Phase 1) – November 2022

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## 1.0 Summary

1.1 The Community Governance Review consultation started on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August and ran for a period of 6 weeks. All households within the community governance review area received a letter, information pack and how to participate in the consultation.

1.2 A total of **151** responses were received during this period, a summary of the responses can be found below together with further details within this report.

1.3 **Please state which of the following best describes you?**

I live in Eastfield	99.3%
I work in Eastfield	0.0%
I own a business in Eastfield	0.0%
I am a representative of a community organisation in Eastfield	0.0%
Other	0.7%

1.4 **Which is your preferred option?**

Option 1 - to create a parish council for the unparished part of Scarborough town centre and include the unparished part of Eastfield within it	16.9%
Option 2 – the unparished part of Eastfield becomes part of Eastfield Town Council and the unparished part of Scarborough town centre becomes a separate parish	48.0%
Option 3 – To leave Scarborough town centre and the unparished part of Eastfield unparished	3.4%
Option 4 – The unparished part of Eastfield becomes part of Eastfield Town Council and the unparished part of Scarborough town centre remains unparished	8.1%
Some other option	5.4%
Don't know / not sure	18.2%

1.5 **Please tell us why you chose option 1, to create a parish council for the unparished part of Scarborough town centre and include the unparished part of Eastfield within it?**

A total of **22** comments were received explaining why option 1 was chosen.

1.6 **Please tell us why you chose option 2, the unparished part of Eastfield becomes part of Eastfield Town Council and the unparished part of Scarborough town centre becomes a separate parish?**

A total of **63** comments were received explaining why option 2 was chosen.

1.7 **Please tell us why you chose option 3, to leave Scarborough town centre and the unparished part of Eastfield unparished?**

A total of **4** comments were received explaining why option 3 was chosen.

**1.8 Please tell us why you chose option 4, the unparished part of Eastfield becomes part of Eastfield Town Council and the unparished part of Scarborough town centre remains unparished?**

A total of **9** comments were received explaining why option 4 was chosen.

**1.9 Please provide details on other options available?**

A total of **8** comments were received detailing other options available.

**1.10 Please tell us why you don't know or are not sure on which option you prefer?**

A total of **18** comments were received providing a reason why people don't know or are not sure on which option they prefer.

**1.11 Are there any further comments you would like to add about the Community Governance Review?**

A total of **41** further comments were received by respondents about the Community Governance Review.

**1.12 Are you aware of any existing local community governance in the areas (e.g. community or neighbourhood forums, resident associations etc.) which would serve the local community as an alternative to a parish council?**

<b>Yes</b>	12.2%
<b>No</b>	55.0%
<b>Don't know / not sure</b>	32.8%

**1.13 Please tell us more about the group, the area it covers, and the reason for your answer?**

A total of **16** comments were received by respondents providing details of existing local community governance in the area.

**1.14 Contact details:**

A total of **76** respondents have provided their contact details to be kept informed on the Community Governance Review.

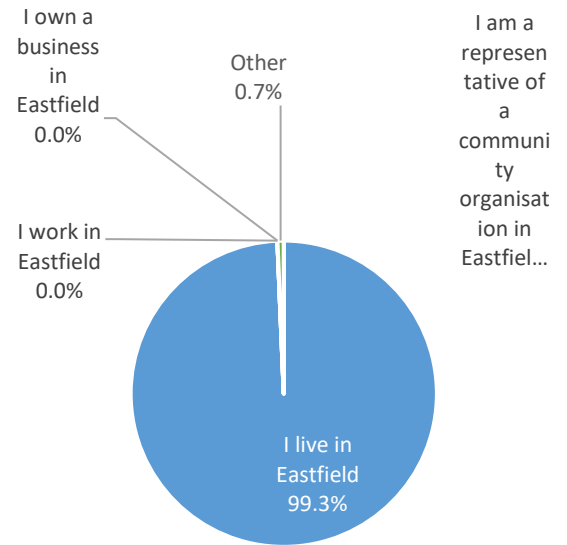
## 2.0 Responses

### 2.1 Where are you from?

#### 2.1.1 Please state which of the following best describes you?

The majority of responses to the Community Governance Review for Eastfield consultation live in Eastfield with **99.3%** of responses.

	No.	%
I live in Eastfield	150	99.3%
I work in Eastfield	0	0.0%
I own a business in Eastfield	0	0.0%
I am a representative of a community organisation in Eastfield	0	0.0%
Other	1	0.7%
<b>151</b>		



2.1.2 Further details on postcodes and more information on representatives from community organisations and other types can be found in Appendix A

## 2.2 Charter Trustee / Parish Council

2.2.1 The options are as follows:

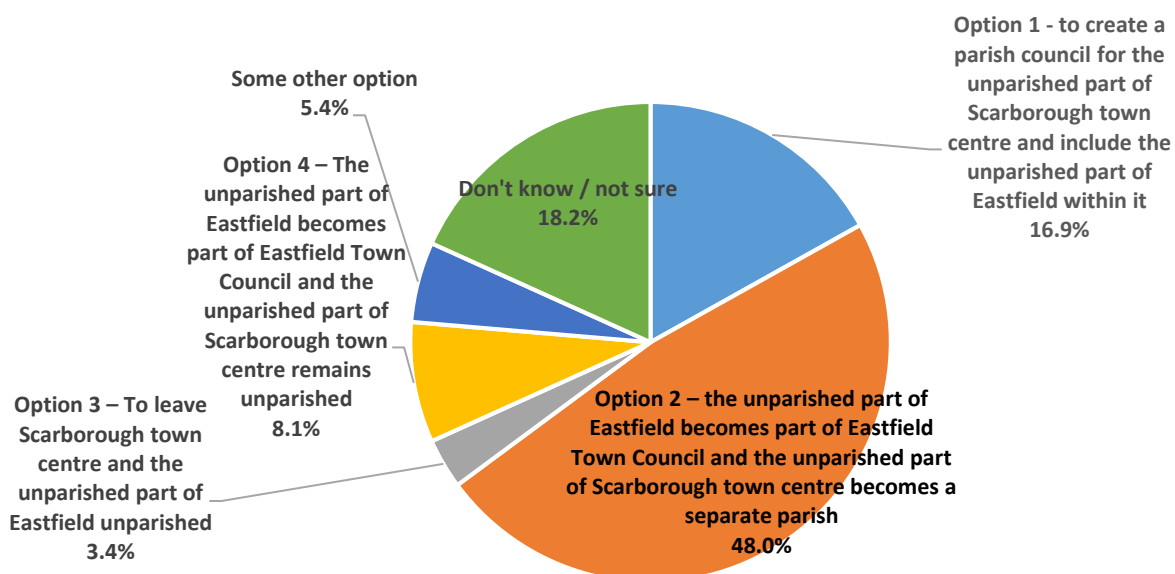
- **Option 1** - to create a parish council for the unparished part of Scarborough town centre and include the unparished part of Eastfield within it
- **Option 2** – the unparished part of Eastfield becomes part of Eastfield Town Council and the unparished part of Scarborough town centre becomes a separate parish
- **Option 3** – To leave Scarborough town centre and the unparished part of Eastfield unparished
- **Option 4** – The unparished part of Eastfield becomes part of Eastfield Town Council and the unparished part of Scarborough town centre remains unparished

### 2.2.2 Which of the above options is your preferred option?

The majority of responses with **48%** prefer option 2 the unparished part of Eastfield becomes part of Eastfield Town Council and the unparished part of Scarborough town centre becomes a separate parish.

	No.	%
Option 1	25	16.9%
Option 2	71	48.0%
Option 3	5	3.4%
Option 4	12	8.1%
Some other option	8	5.4%
Don't know / not sure	27	18.2%

**148**



### 2.2.3 Please tell us why you chose option 1, to create a parish council for the unparished part of Scarborough town centre and include the unparished part of Eastfield within it?

Out of the 25 respondents that ticked option 1, a total of 22 comments were received. A summary of comments by theme can be seen below.

#### 2.2.4 Below are the full comments:

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- Makes the best choice to give stability to area
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- If parish is meaning church (?) then churches should help people and bring community together, helping the environment around us, litter picking groups, allotments, family fun days, planting flower beds, cleaning up areas.
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- It needs to be integrated into Scarborough, and Eastfield is too big for the area. I do not believe is it Eastfield and as it grows it needs to be part of Scarborough.
- 
- As residents we feel it would be more beneficial to us to be included in the Scarborough Town Centre Parish Council.
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- We are near and part of Scarborough so would like to keep it that way.
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- I feel that belonging to the wider community of Scarborough is more beneficial than Eastfield.
- 
- We don't come under Town or Eastfield, we are a community in our own right.
- 
- Eastfield has always been an estate Scarborough. Always Eastfield Town Centre. Eastfield Scarborough North Yorkshire.
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- I have no knowledge of any useful function currently served by Eastfield Town Council. Perhaps a larger body could do more, and could continue some of the good work recently being done by Scarborough Borough Council.
- 
- Because it seems the fairest. We disagree with the whole thing anyway as none of it seems necessary.
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- Eastfield is sh\*\*. I have lived in Eastfield all my life, they should cut grass every 2 weeks. It's got worse up here. I grew up in Eastfield 55 years ago, it's changed now, buildings everywhere SBC. Get rid of all druggies and weird people plus get grass done every 2 weeks, it's a disgrace lol.
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- I am hoping that my address in Middle Deepdale is unparished and I absolutely do not want to be Eastfield.
- 
- (no reason given)
- 
- Middle Deepdale residents have no affinity to 'Eastfield'. People here say they live in 'Scarborough'. Middle Deepdale should have a Parish Councillor in Scarborough. Scarborough should go for devolution to protect itself and interest locally.
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- For the community of Eastfield to be able to be heard and bring forward any issues within the community.
- 
- Require a parish council able to deliver services required. Would not benefit from mayoral functions as an area.
- 
- Location of services, a unity for all residents with one voice within Eastfield and better share of services and logistics.
- 
- (no reasons given)
- 
- I think we will do better under a Scarborough Council
- 
- Because I feel we (unparished part of Eastfield Ward) should be a separate entity.
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- Being at this end of Eastfield, I use all Scarborough facilities eg churches (St Martin's for example - just up the road our nearest church) / doctors etc more than any civic facilities on
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Eastfield so it makes sense to include this part of Eastfield in a parish that's newly created with Scarborough Town. I feel it's important to create a parish to enable a sense of community that's lacking and to represent our interests.

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- Maybe get better service and it will be better for everybody not just the spoilers of Eastfield.
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### **2.2.5 Please tell us why you chose option 2, the unparished part of Eastfield becomes part of Eastfield Town Council and the unparished part of Scarborough town centre becomes a separate parish?**

Out of the **71** respondents that ticked option 2, a total of **63** comments were received. A summary of comments by theme can be seen below.

#### 2.2.6 Below are the full comments.

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- Eastfield is in effect a town with natural borders on the edges of the existing Middle Deepdale and cappella estates, establishing the political border in line with the expected developments would make a coherent area
- 
- As it has now become apparent that the Middle Deepdale development is expanding dramatically and it naturally falls geographically within Eastfield and would benefit from staying in the same parish.
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- Eastfield residents should have their interests and representations provided into the Eastfield Town Council to ensure consistency, efficacy and efficiency of local decisions which impact them having their views included. To not do so would see decisions made by Scarborough Parish(es) impacting some but not all of Eastfield residents and could conflict with and upon the consistency of those decisions being made by the Eastfield Council.
- 
- The unparished part of Eastfield should stay with Eastfield as it is within the Eastfield Boundary
- 
- It makes sense. The main function of the newly created Scarborough town council will be to rally support to improve the locality for tourism and business. Eastfield is residential and has a different focus.
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- It seems logical
- 
- The two should remain separate due to the size of Eastfield, which is constantly expanding. It allows the residents to be recognised and their voices be heard for their own neighbourhood rather than the whole of Scarborough.
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- I think it's in the interest of the residents to keep both Scarborough and Eastfield separate to avoid any conflict of interest between spending on the two parties
- 
- Because it will be for Eastfield only and the services etc might start getting better
- 
- All the money goes to Scarborough (sea front ) and the outlying areas are left in poverty with no facilities or amenities. People in Eastfield care about Eastfield yet are given little or no say into what happens there
- 
- It is the best solution
- 
- Although Middle Deepdale as a place does not feel part of Eastfield historically, realistically it is - much of it is in Eastfield East Ward already, the excellent GP practice is in Eastfield, a school has been relocated here and the nearest shops are in Eastfield. It makes sense that the whole of Middle Deepdale follows suit. To be honest what happens in the currently unparished part of Scarborough is not for those in Middle Deepdale to decide; it should be for the residents in those other parts of Scarborough to decide for themselves subject to any overriding rules & procedures etc.
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- I think it is important that some level of local democracy exists (the second tier) for the area. It is right that Scarborough should have a parish/town council. Geographically it makes far
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more sense for the unparished part of Eastfield to be included within Eastfield Town Council. It offers the opportunity to make the Town Council more well known. I also would be very keen to see the continuation of historical and traditional aspects of the mayor.

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- Eastfield seems to be forgotten when decisions are being made for Scarborough. Being a separate parish I feel it will benefit Eastfield to be able to have its own councillors to make decisions on behalf of the community.
  - Because I feel that it the best option for people in eastfield
  - It makes sense
  - They should contribute to Eastfield Town Council by way of a precept. (Council tax)
  - Because I think it would be better for the community of Eastfield. Because it will be a better for the people living in Eastfield.
  - Makes more sense to make it all one parish.
  - Geographically it makes sense to be part of Eastfield.
  - It makes no sense to have part of Eastfield unrepresented outwith Eastfield.
  - Because both areas have different needs, and I think people living within each area need to be involved.
  - Because the unparished part of Eastfield uses all the amenities etc of Eastfield Town Council and should therefore be included as part thereof.
  - Eastfield to become part of Eastfield Council for local people to have a say.
  - It's geographical location makes it more suitable for inclusion within Eastfield. With the abolition of SBC the town centre will require representation on N.Yorkshire Council.
  - To have Eastfield services controlled by local Eastfield Town Council.
  - Eastfield is Eastfield. Scarborough is Scarborough.
  - Because both parishes will be more effective for their communities.
  - Each part should have it's own parish council to represent the occupants wishes.
  - It makes logistical sense for the unparished part of Eastfield to become part of Eastfield Town Council.
  - It seems the most geographically logical - Eastfield is part of Eastfield and Scarborough Town Centre is not!
  - Don't want any more councillors to be elected.
  - Eastfield is really big now and should be recognised as such.
  - Middle is a newbuild estate which borders Eastfield. The resident use all of Eastfield's services eg Dr's, schools, shops and churches therefore they should be part of Eastfield. I actually have no interest in Scarborough Parish Council.
  - All of Eastfield needs to be in the Eastfield Town Council.
  - I feel Eastfield should have more added to their parish to enable more of a community as to make a Town Council viable.
  - Because Eastfield has very few amenities , whereas the unparished part has more facilities (ie shops, parks etc), to include Middle Deepdale may boost the funding for more of these by increased population.
  - We moved into our new build house in September 2021 and not even now is our street finished. All gully posts are raised in the middle of the street. We need someone to care about this 'unparished parts'.
  - It seems logical for all of Eastfield to be part of Eastfield Town Council so that the same decisions / changes to the area are applied.
  - I really don't know.
  - Eastfield is growing - but services are not, ie bank, doctors, dentist, pub, all missing.
  - Eastfield is expanding. To better reflect the interest of the local community. Governance that includes the unparished part of the area.
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- (no reason given)
  - More say in running our town council.
  - Middle Deepdale has roads, schools and shops used within the Eastfield Town area.
  - My choice.
  - It makes sense that a new estate comes under one council, and Eastfield is the nearest council to them.
  - Better for Middle Deepdale residents.
  - As the question states... its part of Eastfield, the new Eastfield school is a replacement for the old Eastfield school.
  - Makes sense.
  - A local parish will understand the local needs greater than all the parishing becoming one parish or sharing responsibility of more than one parish. Keep local needs local.
  - Because its part of a more local parish.
  - It makes sense for Eastfield to include the unparished part of he new estate, and for the unparished part of the Town Centre to be a separate parish as the needs are different.
  - I would prefer to be part of the Eastfield Town Council but be separate from Scarborough Town Council.
  - Locally has to be better for the councils to be closest to the electorate for Eastfield. I feel Scarborough is not my business.
  - Option 1 is an untidy solution. Eastfield should be ONE parish. This option will ensure both unparished areas are taken care of by people living in them, and elected to do that.
  - This would enable residents in the Middle Deepdale area to have their say in things happening in the area, and the people of Scarborough a parish to do the same.
  - I just preferred this option because I live in Eastfield
  - Because it sounds lodgical
  - This will enable residents in Middle Deepdale area to have there say in things happening in there area and the people of Scarborough Parish to do the same.
  - It is already part of Eastfield - they share local amenities - shops, bus routes, etc. It makes sense to include them in the existing Eastfield parish.
  - There are fields between Middle Deepdale & Scarborough, but not Eastfield. We are part of a continuous urban area in Eastfield.
  - All of Eastfield should be parished together and run separately from Scarborough Town Centre.
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### 2.2.7 Please tell us why you chose option 3, to leave Scarborough town centre and the unparished part of Eastfield unparished?

Out of the 5 respondents that ticked option 3, a total of 4 comments were received. A summary of comments by theme can be seen below.

#### 2.2.8 Below are the full comments.

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- Eastfield should govern itself thereby the local community will benefit from local Eastfield decisions.
  - Why change what is working well.
  - I do not think it is important to have parish councils. I think money used to set up extra parish councils could be better spent on other community projects.
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- We have moved to a new postcode development on farmland. My car insurance increased by £100 (40%) as designated Eastfield and high risk. According to road signage in the area is Middle Deepdale, not Eastfield. I do not see the attraction of also paying an annual precept for living here as there are no ceremonial functions.
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### 2.2.9 **Please tell us why you chose option 4, the unparished part of Eastfield becomes part of Eastfield Town Council and the unparished part of Scarborough town centre remains unparished?**

Out of the **12** respondents that ticked option 4, a total of **9** comments were received. A summary of comments by theme can be seen below.

#### 2.2.10 Below are the full comments.

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- Eastfield should stand on its own two feet and control its own budget
  - Unparished part of Eastfield should be part of Eastfield Town as it is part of the new estate and should be treated as Eastfield.
  - As Eastfield is becoming bigger and bigger it should be called a town.
  - Better for all Eastfield residents to be part of Eastfield. Might get some better facilities on the estate. Town Centre needs a presence from the new County Council.
  - Already come under Eastfield Town Council.
  - Most probably already sorted.
  - Eastfield should be a unit not part of Scarborough Town Centre.
  - It seems the most logical.
  - More representation / money for a development with similar demographic and requirements.
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### 2.2.11 **Please provide details on other options available?**

Out of the **13** respondents that ticked 'some other option', a total of **12** comments were received explaining other options that are available. Full details can be found below.

#### 2.2.12 Below are the full comments.

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- Labour, everywhere.
  - Reinstate the Borough council and the county council
  - No extra layer of governance or trustees.
  - Why not a town council?
  - It makes no difference what the public say, as you will already know what you intend to do, and this consultation is just a whitewash to keep the public happy. It happens at local level, and at national levels. I think we have all come to accept it as the norm in politics. So go ahead and do what you intended all along.
  - All statutory functions to be carried out by the new North Yorks Council, not by creating another layer of representation.
  - Leave things as they are. We will be paying more for even less representation!
  - Direct democracy where the citizens of Scarborough vote and suggest individual issues to vote on. Voting via mobile app.
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- No thanks to a Parish Council at this time with growing inflation we don't wish to be paying ANY extra on our Council Tax Bill. A lot of people are going to be struggling to pay their energy bills. Also as far as we are concerned you could scrap having a Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and save the people who actually pay the full amount of their Council Tax Bill some money.
- 
- To create a town council? Assuming the parish council options will increase our council tax rates and potentially create divisions in the town? Do we have to have a parish council? It seems quite antiquated, more modern alternatives would be of interest.
- 
- Stick with Scarborough Council Forget about this North Yorkshire Council its too wide an area
- 
- Scarborough needs one town council, not competing parish councils
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### 2.2.13 Please tell us why you don't know or are not sure on which option you prefer?

Out of the 27 respondents that ticked they don't know or are not sure option, a total of 18 comments were received explaining why they don't know or are not sure on which option they prefer. A summary of comments by theme can be seen below.

2.2.14 Full details of the comments provided can be found below.

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- The consultation documents and info booklet make no attempt to explain what the pros and cons of the four options may be. Without presenting the info in such a manner, the meaningfulness of the options is much reduced. I work as a social scientist in academia, regularly conduct consultative exercises and am very surprised that you are choosing to present respondents with very limited info which is likely to result in a reduced response rate and lower quality responses.
- 
- I just moved into the area and not sure of what all this means.
- 
- Won't matter what happens nothing will be done to benefit the residents
- 
- No costings provided
- 
- It all seems a bit of a mix & match job one not knowing where you would be.
- 
- Because I basically do not understand all this palaver and what is going on.
- 
- Don't understand it, not sure what it means.
- 
- i only moved here recently and not sure which one is the best option for the community.
- 
- I think Eastfield needs more facilities and support. It is developing very quickly.
- 
- If i understand this rightly as my part of Eastfield has a parish council this has nothing to do with me whether or not the unparished areas are my concern, it is up to said properties what they want.
- 
- I am unsure which option would be of benefit the the residents/businesses of Eastfield
- 
- As an old age pensioner I would just like a quiet life.
- 
- Not sure how all this will work for working families and everyone else!
- 
- I would need more information on what it would mean for me and the area I live in.
- 
- Recently moved to Scarborough and not sure what option really mean for Eastfield / Town or local residents etc.
- 
- I am not bothered.
- 
- I do not feel as though there has enough information provided and what the impact of these decisions would be.
- 
- We are foreigners living in the UK for only 6 years and we moved to Eastfield only last year. So not very involved in community matters.
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## 2.3 Further Comments about the Community Governance Review

### 2.3.1 Are there any further comments you would like to add about the Community Governance Review?

A total of **41** respondents provided further comments about the Community Governance Review, full details can be found below.

#### 2.3.2 The full comments are as follows:

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- The role of Eastfield Town Council has been devalued since very few local residents were aware that parish council elections were called in May. Resulting in most local Parish/towns councillors re-elected unopposed. If borders are changed Eastfield should have a new properly supported election. It would seem if Eastfield is to continue as a town council it should elect a Mayor as is successful in other areas.
- 
- Please make things clear
  - no
- 
- Eastfield should be treated at least the same as Filey given the population re services and provision of shops, infrastructure, etc. Maybe some really nice parks like the Filey gardens. People tend to take care of nice environments. It creates pride of place.
- 
- Hope this will include the power for the council to actually start sorting problems for the Eastfield area, I have a drive way with a white h bar line going across it and can't get the council to issue penalty notices to people who park across it (which is constant) the parking round here is ridiculous and it would be nice for something to finally get done by the council along with other issues round here
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- In support of my proposal I would like to point out that Scarborough Town Council and Eastfield Parish Council have not provided any facilities to the section of the Middle Deepdale development where I live. We don't have any visitor parking, recreation facilities, bins (especially required adjacent to the currently empty field to the north), bus stop, post box or maintenance to the communal landscape areas. If we were to join with Eastfield Parish I don't believe that our area would have any priority when compared to the Eastfield ward.
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- A lot of housing is being built in the area (Eastfield ) yet no amenities ie: shops, playgrounds community halls etc to cater for this are being built.
  - See previous response
  - I appreciate public consultation is the name of the game - that the County Council is required to do this and that it is the decent thing to do - but to be honest I wonder what level of response rate you will get. Although there is never a shortage of people ready to criticise central and/or local government, in practice few actually care about the day-to-day administration of the system and, despite your laudable effort to explain the proposals and the reasons for them, I imagine few people will feel they understand the range of options and feel they can honestly identify a best way forward.
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- Nil
  - As before.
  - Hopefully we will get more amenities and better facilities
  - Please put things in layman's terms so everything is easier to understand.
  - Please can the churches organise litter picking, and groups to help clean up Eastfield starting with those flats that just look a mess.
  - Why don't the police police this estate when there is a police station on Manham Hill?
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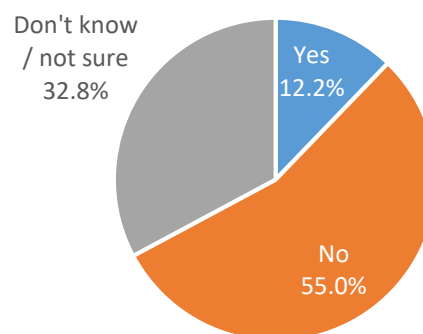
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- I think it is a good thing to happen.
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- Too many options, no idea?
- 
- I think people within Eastfield could each help people that help the area.
- 
- I have lived here all my adult life and would welcome a new way of looking after the community. As Middle Deepdale grows, I welcome being part of Scarborough.
- 
- I would like to have more NHS dentists and more doctors surgery's and banks and public toilets.
- 
- Make the forms more easy to understand and no time to go to library or internet service. Just Eastfield People to service Eastfield so may get better services and local shops, dentist, doctors etc.
- 
- From the map in the information pack, it would appear we are not in the unparished part of Middle Deepdale. Therefore, unless this review would consider other governance arrangements for the part of Middle Deepdale where we live, what has been the point in inviting me to take part in this review?
- 
- To be kept up to date with issues that affect all communities.
- 
- I have no recollection of having and direct input into the decision to abolish local borough councils and subsume them into NYCC. It's too late in the process to be running polls such as this when the major decision has already been imposed on us from above - against my wishes, for one.
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- None
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- I don't understand politics.
- 
- This is sadly the least of problems under current government.
- 
- It should be considered that in the next few years developers plan to add more properties to the Middle Deepdale area and boundaries that are created now may exclude any future opportunities or cause dispute as to which council area to include them.
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- A less costly booklet would have been adequate.
- 
- It would make sense for the unparished part of Scarborough town to de part of a Scarborough Town Council. We think it would get better services if Eastfield was included as part of Scarborough Town Council.
- 
- Bring things together with user groups for the different areas that feed into one council to make decisions best for the region. More recycling, more green initiatives, more public transport and links, cycling lanes.
- 
- Last July, 2021, I bought a house at Eastfield and I am devastated that my new driving licence only states Eastfield, ad my address has turned out to be Eastfield. It doesn't mention Middle Deepdale.
- 
- Because Eastfield should be a unit not separate.
- 
- Scarborough to have a devolution deal town council retain local service delivery.
- 
- NYCC keep changing everything and I would like to know how much this is costing under the present climate. When things change it always comes down to the people paying.
- 
- Please improve online services.
- 
- I live in an unparished area of Eastfield and as a new resident I don't know the history.
- 
- Maybe explain what it means.
- 
- Middle Deepdale should be in Eastfield as it's joined to it and should be known as Eastfield Area.
- 
- We are happy to pay the Eastfield Town Council council tax levy in order to contribute to the community we live in.
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- It used to be nice living here. Now, between the gangs on bikes and young people will have to something to do instead of scaring a lot of people, as some here are scared to go out as they are hanging about.
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## 2.4 Alternative forms of community governance

### 2.4.1 Are you aware of any existing local community governance in the areas (e.g. community or neighbourhood forums, resident associations etc.) which would serve the local community as an alternative to a parish council?

Only **12.2%** of respondents are aware of any existing local community governance in the area.

	No.	%
Yes	16	12.2%
No	72	55.0%
Don't know / not sure	43	32.8%
	<b>131</b>	



### 2.4.2 A summary list of all suggested existing local community governance in the areas can be seen below.

- Eastfield Residents Association
- Eastfield PACT
- More for Eastfield
- Westway Open Arms
- Eastfield Medical Centre
- More than Books
- Community Police Hub

### 2.4.3 Below are the full comments on information about the groups suggested by respondents to this survey.

- Eastfield has an newly established Residents association for the whole town as well as a smaller one covering the Cappella estate and another based around the new school area. None are currently set up to provide an alternative for a town council especially given the probable need to delegate services to them
- Eastfield town council. Eastfield PACT. More for Eastfield. Westway Open Arms. Eastfield Medical Centre. More Than Books. All Fabulous organizations who do their best for the local people.
- Eastfield residents association
- Eastfield Residents Association is a constituted group set up in February and includes Eastfield Community Free Fridge. It is an all inclusive group and includes the whole of Eastfield including the new estates. Since they formed ERA has lots of ongoing ideas for the community and has done more for Eastfield than the Town Council has ever done
- Community Panel in conjunction with SBC.

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- Eastfield forums are run by attention seeking busybodies, who enjoy power. I don't involve myself now at all!
- 
- Because everything will run better for the people of Eastfield.
- 
- PACT - covers Eastfield town area.
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- There is not much information about how you can contact the people that matter.
- 
- We know they exist but if they come to us is the only time we use them.
- 
- Community Police Hub. I think you can go once a month to meet local police about local issues.
- 
- (no information)
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- Eastfield Residents Association (ERA), constituted group formed earlier this year incorporating 'Eastfield Community Free Fridge'. Area covers the whole of Eastfield including the new estates, inclusive of everyone. ERA has done more for Eastfield and has more initiatives going than the Eastfield Town Council has ever done.
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- I am sure there is an Eastfield Residents Group but I am not involved.
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- Eastfield Town Council
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- (none given)
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## Appendix A – Representatives from community organisations and other types of respondents.

- Below are details of a community organisation in Eastfield:  
There are no representations for community organisations in Eastfield
- Below are details of other types:  
There are no respondents from other types.

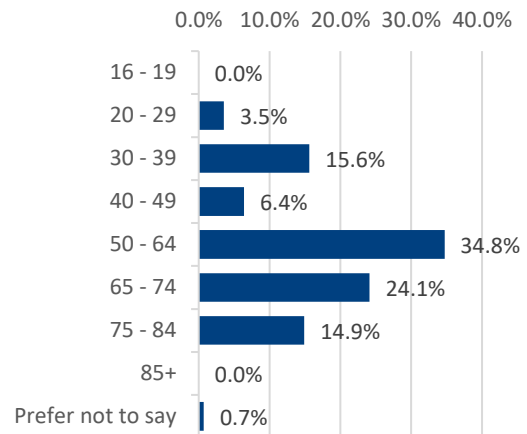
## Appendix B – Equalities Monitoring

### Age Group

The majority of respondents are aged **50 - 64** and **40 - 49** with **34.8%**

	No.	%
16 - 19	0	0.0%
20 - 29	5	3.5%
30 - 39	22	15.6%
40 - 49	9	6.4%
50 - 64	49	34.8%
65 - 74	34	24.1%
75 - 84	21	14.9%
85+	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	1	0.7%

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### Disability

The majority of respondents do not have a disability with **65.7%**

	No.	%
Yes	36	26.3%
No	90	65.7%
Prefer not to say	11	8.0%

