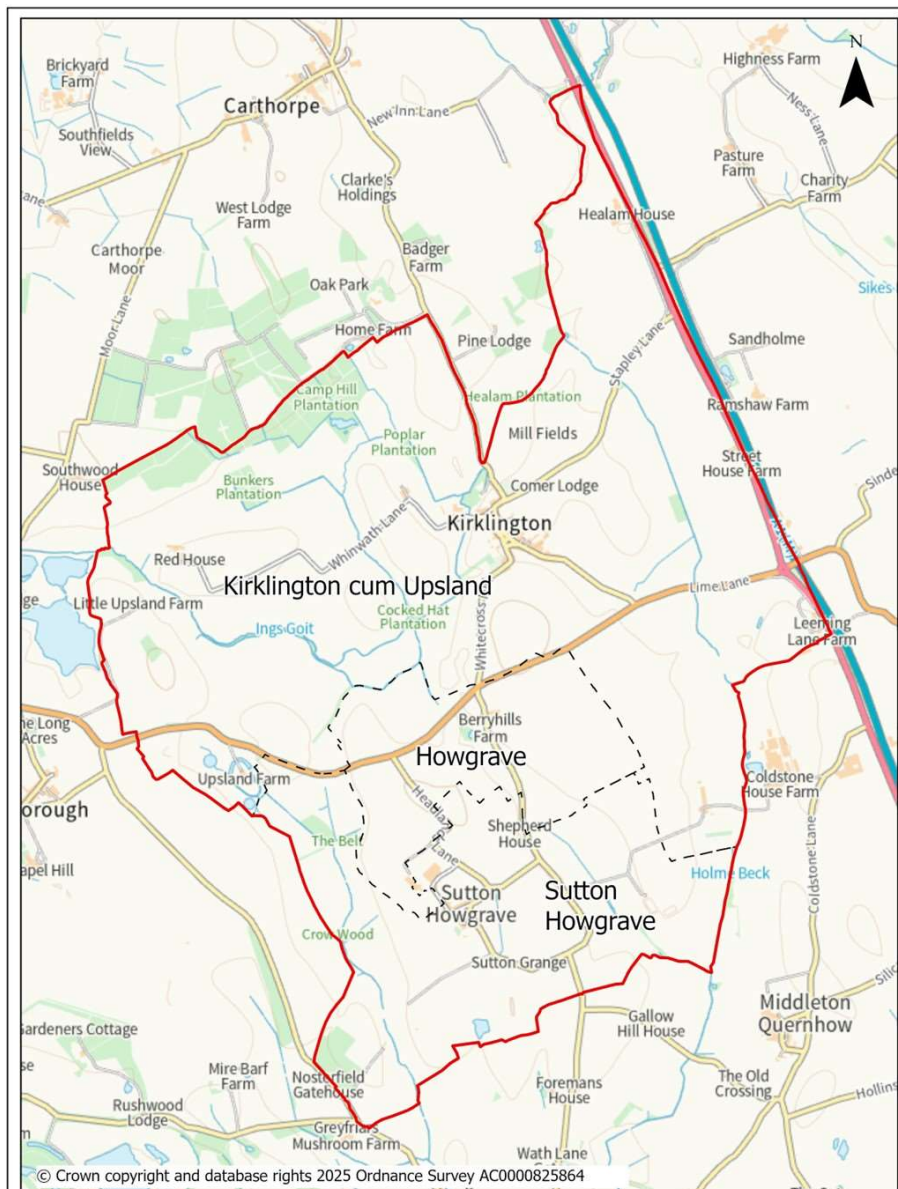


Community Governance Review for Kirklington with Sutton Howgrave Parish Council

Kirklington with Sutton Howgrave Parish Council does not currently meet the requirements of parish governance arrangements as required under the Local Government Act. Each parish within a group forming a council must return at least one councillor and they cannot represent more than one parish.

The current arrangements are as follows:

Civil Parishes within Parish Council	Electors (June 2025)	Councillors
Kirklington-cum-Upsland civil parish	182	3
Sutton with Howgrave civil parish	70	2
Howgrave civil parish	2	
TOTALS	254	5



This community governance review seeks to rectify the identified anomaly of having councillors representing multiple civil parishes within the group, and there are a range of options which could resolve this such as:

1. retaining each civil parish within the group and ensuring at least one councillor represents each, or
2. merging some or all civil parishes to create a different arrangement for councillor representation.

The parish council has suggested a potential solution, which will form the basis of this consultation, as follows:

Kirklington with Sutton Howgrave Parish Council	Electors (June 2025)	Councillors
Kirklington with Sutton Howgrave civil parish	254	5
TOTALS	254	5

A potential option to resolve this issue would be to merge all three civil parishes within the grouped parish council to create a single parish represented by five councillors, removing the grouped council arrangement, maintaining the current council size.

This proposal recognises that there are low elector numbers particularly in Howgrave civil parish. It is felt that the whole parish council area would be better served by councillors representing the council area equally.

You are invited to have your say as part of this consultation.

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Closing date for all responses: Monday 22 December 2025

Please tick which best describes you:

- I live in Kirklington with Sutton Howgrave Parish Council area
- I work in Kirklington with Sutton Howgrave Parish Council area
- I own a business in Kirklington with Sutton Howgrave Parish Council area
- I am a representative of a community organisation in Kirklington with Sutton Howgrave Parish Council area
- I am a resident of a neighbouring parish, please state below
- Other, please describe below

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Please state the first part of your postcode:
(for example YO21)

What is your opinion with the following potential solution to rectify the issue at Kirklington with Sutton Howgrave Parish Council?

Merge the three civil parishes of Kirklington-cum-Upsland, Sutton with Howgrave and Howgrave to create a single civil parish, which has a council represented by five councillors, maintaining the current council size.

I support the potential solution

I do not support the potential solution

I am unsure

Please give reasons for your response:

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Is there anything further you would like to add about this community governance review?

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Any questions relating to the Community Governance Review can be forwarded to CGR@northyorks.gov.uk

Thank you for sharing your views.

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