

TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIONS

1. Barton Town Council

No response.

2. Bottesford Town Council

Bottesford Town Council responded on 9 November 2016, stating that -

“Bottesford Town Council is satisfied that it fulfils its duties in regards to community engagement, local democracy and delivery of local services.

It therefore supports the retention of the name ‘Bottesford Town Council’.

The warding system of ‘Central, East and West’ is retained.

That the size of Bottesford Town Council remains at 24 (8 members per ward).

That the electoral arrangements remain as ‘whole’ elections carried out once every four years in conjunction with those of North Lincolnshire Council.

The council gives good and effective representation in comparison to other Town Councils within North Lincolnshire.

The Councillor ratio to electors being: -

Barton	1 – 399
Bottesford	1 – 377
Crowle and Ealand	1 – 255
Broughton	1 – 239
Epworth	1 – 288
Brigg	1 – 255
Winterton	1 – 207
Kirton in Lindsey	1 - 175

Despite vast development within Bottesford over recent years, there has been no move to increase its representation. The population is set to increase.

Bottesford Town Council has provision within its Standing Orders for members of the public to address its Councillors prior to each Full Council Meeting.

The Annual Town Meeting attracts parishioners to raise issues of concern that are followed through by the Council and relayed back to the resident(s) concerned.

The warding arrangements allow for increased democracy.

Bottesford Town Council as part of its delivery of local services fully funds four parks, a Civic Hall, Pavillon Hall and provision for the elderly in Tea Pot Hall.

3. Brigg Town Council

Brigg Town Council responded on 30 March 2017, stating that –

“Further to your email regarding the CGR, I did raise the matter at our Full Council on Monday evening.

After some debate, the Councillors have decided that they do not consider it appropriate to comment on the review, I will therefore not making a formal submission”

4. Broughton Town Council

Broughton Town Council responded on 28 March 2017, stating that -

“The Community Governance Review was discussed at a meeting of the Full Council held on Monday, 27th March 2017, and it was resolved that the Clerk should contact North Lincolnshire Council and inform them that the Council believed the literature which went to every household in the parish should have stated that parish and town councillors were not paid because it may lead to people opting for less councillors when asked about the size of the council if they thought councillors were actually paid”.

5. Crowle and Ealand Town Council

No response.

6. Epworth

Epworth Town Council responded on 5 April 2017, stating that -

“Thank you for allowing the additional day to respond, Epworth Town Council considered the matter during the full council meeting last night (Tuesday April 4th) and resolved (minute reference 22.04.17) to respond as follows:-

- (a) On the issue of the number of seats for the Town Council (Epworth) the council resolved that the number should remain unchanged.
- (b) Of the questionnaire, council resolved that it was unhappy with the format; that the consultation failed to raise the profile of local Town Councils and that it was a “lost opportunity” to inform and educate the public on the role of councillors and to confirm that the “role” was unpaid.
- (c) 50% of councillors in attendance had not received a copy of the consultation document (delivered to their homes)”.

7. Kirton-in-Lindsey Town Council

Awaiting response.

8. Winterton

Winterton Town Council responded on 28 March 2017, stating that -

“The Town Council discussed the number of seats/councillors they feel that Winterton needs and members agreed on keeping it at 18 to allow the council to effectively carry out its duties through the council and its committees.

Cutting the numbers would mean that Councillors would have to attend more meetings to ensure all committees and groups were covered. This may be difficult for those Councillors who work and have families or Councillors who work with other organisations in the community.

We think it would be beneficial if a representative from each Council, possibly the Clerk, was to attend a meeting to discuss the workload of each Council. Different Town Councils have different committees etc and are involved in different projects, Having an understanding of the work that each council undertakes may give members a better idea of what is needed.

The Councillors general thoughts is that the consultation lacked information and questions.

Other points raised by the Councillors:

- There was no deadline date on the form
- What if there was more than one opinion in the household – only one form
- The consultation has been extended but only by a week, more time should be allowed
- It should of stated on the form that councillors do not get paid. It was felt that some residents will choose to reduce the number of councillors because they will think that they get paid to be on the council and therefore if they knew that it was voluntary, they may of made a different decision.
- Important information should not be sent out with junk mail
- Should of folded in 3 instead of encouraging people to cut along the line – too flimsy.
- Not enough information/questions on the form”.