

STAKEHOLDER RESPONSES

Total responses - 38

Question 1

Are you –

A resident?	-	10 %
Someone employed in the area?	-	75 %
A local business owner	-	0
A town or parish councillor?	-	14 %
Other	-	1 %

Question 2

Do you know how to become involved in what's happening in your local community?

Yes	-	37 %
No	-	26 %
Don't Know	-	0
Did not answer	-	37 %

Question 3

Do you have the opportunity to influence decisions which affect your life?

Yes	-	18 %
No	-	37 %
Don't Know	-	8 %
Did not answer	-	37 %

Question 4

Do you think your town council reflects the make up of your local community?

Yes	-	13 %
No	-	37 %
Don't Know	-	11 %
Did not answer	-	39 %

Question 5

Do you have any other comments about your town council?

1 Barton

- Often not enough candidates to become councillors at election time so why so many councillors on a town council?
- I would like to see Barton Town Council with less councillors and them all representing Barton as one ward. It would be good for local democracy and governance.
- One Ward with less councillors to represent Barton in the future.
- Don't know who they are.
- Some have been on it for years and think they own it and ignore the views of new people. Others who get on on a Tory ticket and hardly ever turn up to meetings, and don't speak when they do. Need a way of making the Town Council seem more relevant to people in the Town and so encourage greater competition for places from a wider range of the community. Others who get on full of enthusiasm to change things and quickly have that knocked out of them by the old guard inertia and so resign and are never heard of again.
- At 22 far to big for effective debate discussions and decisions. Ideally a Town Council of say 16 feels far better. Might get elections then.

- A reduction of town councillors is required. There are far too many for good decision making and pro active contributions
- Too many councillors. Numbers should be reduced considerably
- All I can say is, what is their greatest achievement in the last 10 years?
- Local services and facilities that do not need to form part of a wider network (such as the library) should be transferred to Barton town council, such as public toilets, community play areas and car parks. They can then be controlled locally rather than from Scunthorpe or Brigg. Barton Town Council should take a more proactive role standing up for/representing Barton, even when it is not an area it usually gets involved in. It should be a powerful advocate for Barton. The warding system for Barton Town Council should be reviewed as very few people understand what parts of the town are in which ward. The number of councillors should be sufficient for the town council to carry out its current duties, to become a more powerful advocate for Barton and to allow for any future transfer of North Lincolnshire Council services to Barton Town Council control.

2 Bottesford

- They are free! No salary or expenses are paid, the precept remained the same for the past 8 years and has gone down this year!
- Should be disbanded. We are paying a precept and are getting no more than people in Scunthorpe. The idea of a unitary council was to get rid of tinpot parish councils.

3 Brigg

- It would be helpful if the Town Cllrs replied to emails and correspondence that were sent to them instead of ignoring residents until it is time for voting. I have written several times to [REDACTED] about an extremely contentious issue down Grammar School Road and have been ignored, neither have once given the courtesy of replying to anything I have sent to them which is very unprofessional and rude

4 Broughton

- The local councillors need to be visible, approachable, and working with the community for the benefit of the community.
- More Councillors are needed to lighten the workload for the Clerk and current Councillors.

5 Kirton

- There are many different types of people living in Kirton. The current number of 14 Cllrs is not enough to fairly reflect the differing sorts of people living in Kirton. Also need to remember that if all the proposed house building happens, Kirton will grow by approx. 500 houses, which could equate to 1000 more people.

6 Winterton

- In my opinion, Winterton Town Council does an excellent job. The amount of litter is kept to a minimum. Parks are well cared for. Plenty of events take place. Lots of flower beds, benches etc.