



COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – NORTH WHITELEY

North Whiteley Forum Meeting – 14
November 2022



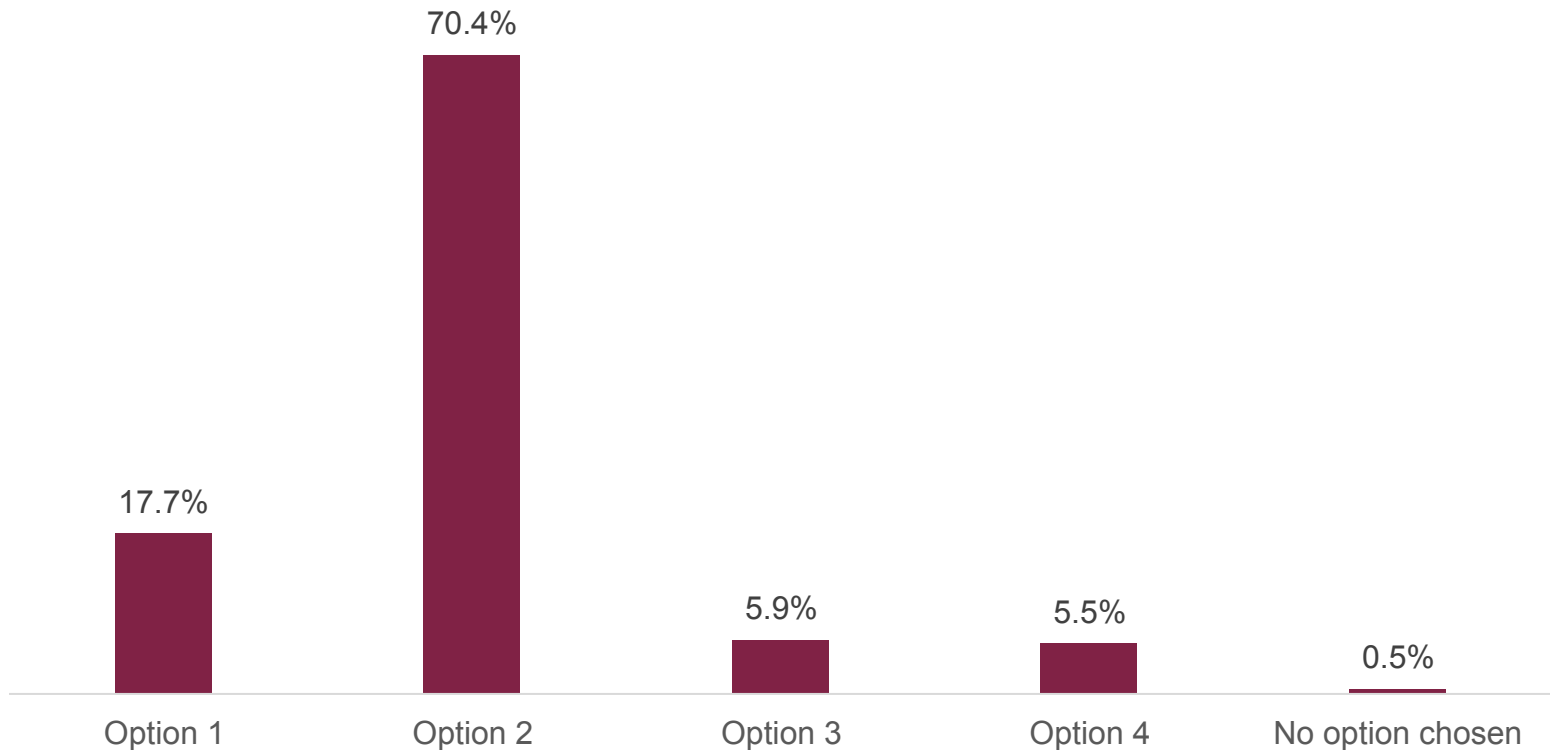
CONSULTATION PROCESS

- Between 24 June – 9 October 2022, people who live in the homes within the Curdridge Parish Council and Whiteley Town Council areas were invited to give us their views on four proposed options:
 - 1. *New council formed for the new development***
 - 2. *Move all the new development area in to Whiteley Town Council***
 - 3. *Move all the new development into Curdridge Parish Council***
 - 4. *Leave the position unchanged***
- Feedback was given via:
 - An online survey
 - Return of a freepost leaflet that was posted to 2623 households in the areas of Whiteley and Curdridge
 - At information events in both areas

THE RESULTS FROM THE CONSULTATION

We received 742 responses. 578 were submitted online and 164 were received by post.

70.4% of respondents chose Option 2: *“Move all the new development area into Whiteley Town Council”*

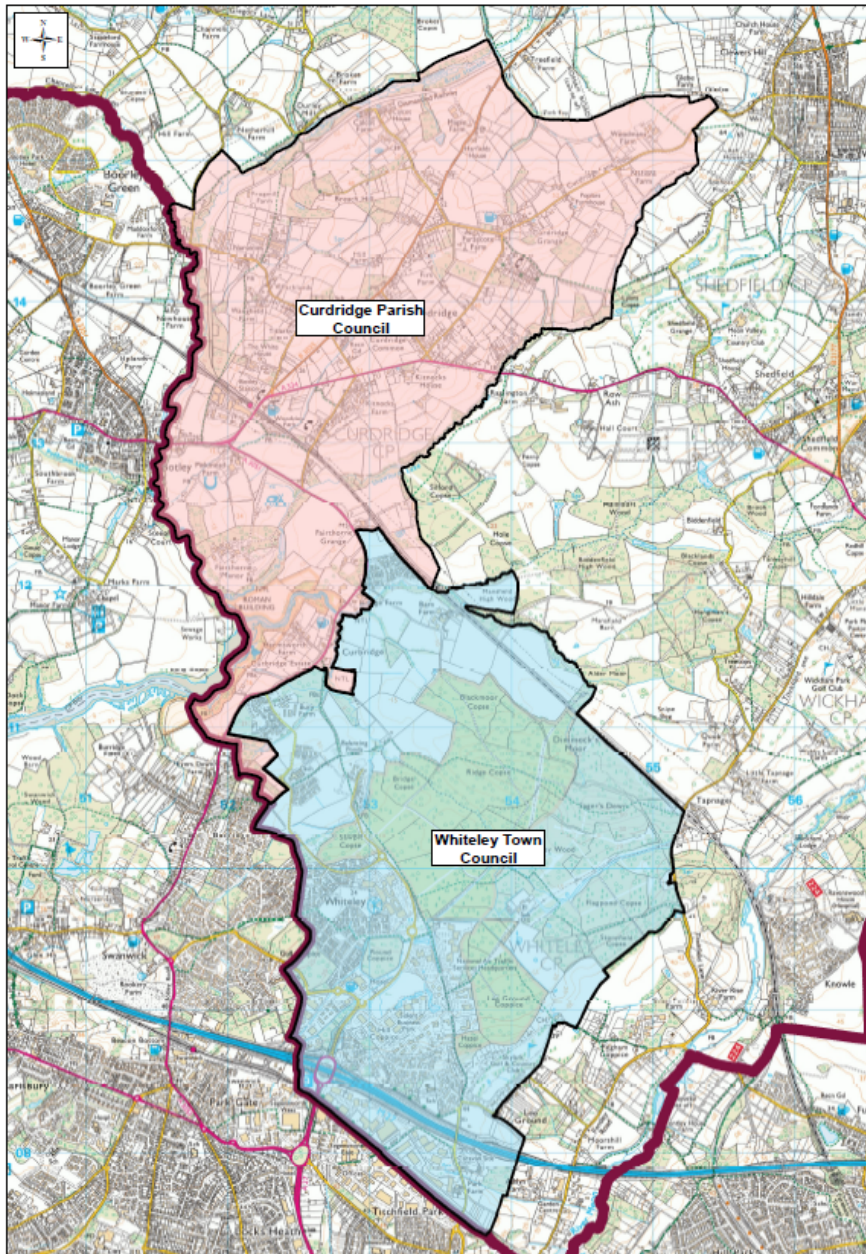


RESPONDENTS' COMMENTS

We asked people to tell us any additional information about their choice or other issues they would like to have considered. We received 254 comments and they fall under the headings below:

1. Curdridge is a small village and should stay that way (70 comments)
2. Traffic, transport and parking issues (27 comments)
3. A need for new/better amenities, i.e. doctors surgery, secondary school, transport, etc. (20 comments)
4. The new MDA has its own identity and should therefore have its own council (18 comments)
5. The MDA is already a part of the Whiteley community (18 comments)
6. The new MDA was always planned to be a part of Whiteley (15 comments)
7. Whiteley is already established as a council/it is resourced to incorporate the new MDA (14 comments)
8. Option 2 'makes sense' (14 comments)
9. Whiteley/ Curdridge councils are already overstretched (12 comments)
10. Everything should be under one (existing) Council (10 comments)
11. Negative behaviour towards residents from Whiteley Town Council members (7 comments)
12. Winchester/Fareham divide (7 comments)
13. Cost/expensive of setting up a new council (6 comments)
14. Need more information about the implications of a new council (4 comments)
15. The new MDA is a better fit with Whiteley (4 comments)
16. More councils equals more problems (3)
17. Miscellaneous (20 comments)

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES



“83. As far as boundaries between parishes are concerned, these should reflect the “no-man’s land” between communities represented by areas of low population or barriers such as rivers, roads or railways. They need to be, and be likely to remain, easily identifiable...”

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NEXT STEPS

- No need to alter councillor numbers in either the Town or Parish Council
- Boundary issues are being addressed by writing to the small number of residents who are affected
- Plan to take a paper to the Licensing and Regulation Committee on 7 December 2022
 - Currently looking at feasibility of taking Reorganisation Order to January full council meeting
 - If that is possible, the new governance arrangements could take effect from 1 April 2023; if not it would be 1 April 2024 before the changes took effect