



# Community Governance Review

**Have Your Say!**

## **What Is Being Proposed.**

**“To create a new town council for the unparished area of Stafford to include the parish area of Doxey.”**

At present, Doxey has its own elected Parish Council, focused entirely on representing the needs, concerns and priorities of this community.

Under the proposals being considered, Doxey would no longer have its own parish council and would instead be represented by councillors on a single Stafford Town Council, covering the whole of Stafford.

Doxey Parish Council believes it is important that residents understand what this could mean and why we are opposed to the loss of Doxey Parish Council.

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## **Why Doxey Parish Council is against the proposal of including Doxey.**

Doxey Parish Council has serious concerns about the impact this change could have on local representation.

In particular, we believe residents could lose:

- Local representation by elected councillors that serve only Doxey Village.
- Loss of community events such as Doxey Village Day, Over 65's Xmas meal
- Loss of regular maintenance for Castle View Park
- You could also see a potential increase in your contribution from your council tax. Doxey Parish Council's precept is spent on the village of Doxey, if Doxey Parish Council is merged into the new Town Council you're portion of the precept would almost certainly increase and not be spent on Doxey Village. An average town council precept is £350k Doxey Parish Council's precept is £24,950.

For these reasons, Doxey Parish Council believes that local decision-making should remain as close to residents as possible, and that Doxey Village is best served by retaining its own parish council.

## Here's how you can have your say!

Fill in the survey at <https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/your-say-new-town-council-stafford> or scan the QR code to take you directly to their website where there is also further information.



Paper copies of the survey are available in the Civic Centre Reception, Riverside, Stafford ST16 3AQ and in local libraries.

You can call 01785 619000 if you require a paper copy of the survey to be sent to you. Responses must be received by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.

Doxey Parish Council strongly encourages residents to:

- Take part in the consultation
- Consider how the proposals could affect Doxey specifically
- Make their views known

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## Our Position

While we recognise the potential benefits of establishing a Stafford Town Council for Stafford Town, Doxey Parish Council strongly maintains that Doxey should retain its independent Parish Council. As a distinct community, Doxey is best served by locally elected councillors who understand and directly represent the interests of its residents.

We will continue to keep residents informed as the Community Governance Review progresses.