

Public Notice

Community Governance Review of Swadlincote and the surrounding unparished areas and the neighbouring parished area of Castle Gresley

On 30 October 2025, South Derbyshire District Council approved Terms of Reference for the purposes of undertaking a Community Governance Review of the following polling district areas:

Church Gresley (Polling District areas known as CGA, CGB, CGC & CGD)

Midway (Polling District areas known as MWA, MWB & MWC)

Newhall (Polling District areas known as NSA, NSB, NSC, NSD, NSE)

Swadlincote (Polling District areas known as SWA, SWB, SWC, SWD, SWE, SWF)

Woodville (Polling District known as WVE)

The areas identified above are currently unparished which means that they are not represented by parish councils.

Additionally, the Review will consider the future governance arrangements for the parished area of Castle Gresley (Polling District known as LTA). This area is currently represented by Castle Gresley Parish Council.

The adoption of Terms of Reference starts the legal process through which the District Council can review and make changes to local governance arrangements within the whole or part of its district.

Aims of the Review:

- (1) To provide an opportunity for local electors and interested parties to consider whether a parish council or councils should be created to provide local representation in the unparished areas listed above.

Local electors in the unparished areas will be consulted about the following key questions:

- *Would you like to see a parish council set up to represent your area?*
- *If yes, what do you think it should be named?*
- *If yes, should it be styled as a “parish” council or something else e.g. “community,” “neighbourhood” or “village”?*
- *What area or boundaries should it be based on to reflect the local community? E.g. existing polling district boundaries, a combination of existing polling district boundaries, other easily identifiable features on the ground such as roads, rivers, railway lines etc.*
- *How many parish councillors should there be to represent the area?*
- *Do you think that the area should be sub-divided into parish wards to reflect the local community?*
- *If yes, what do you think that the parish wards should be named?*

- (2) To provide an opportunity for local electors and interested parties to consider the existing governance arrangements in the neighbouring parished area of Castle Gresley. Castle Gresley Parish has been included in this review because it appears to be unsustainable as a parish council. The District Council wants to review the boundary between Castle Gresley and the neighbouring unparished area with which there are historical mining links.

Based on Government Guidance, the review of Castle Gresley Parish must reach a conclusion about whether the area of the parish should be altered or retained and whether the name of the parish should be changed. The review of this area will cover the following key questions to local electors:

- *Should Castle Gresley Parish Council continue to represent your community?*
- *If no, would you like to see Castle Gresley represented as part of a larger, neighbouring parish council? For example, if Castle Gresley could become a ward within a parish council for Newhall or Church Gresley?*
- *Do you think that the existing area of Castle Gresley Parish should be altered or retained?*
- *If you think that the current area of Castle Gresley Parish should be altered, please explain how you think the boundaries should be amended and why?*
- *If you think that Castle Gresley Parish Council should continue to represent your community, do you think that the Council's name should be changed? If yes, please also indicate the name that you would choose.*
- *If you think that Castle Gresley Parish Council should continue to represent your community:*
 - (a) should it continue to be styled as a "parish" council or something else e.g. "community," "neighbourhood" or "village"?*
 - (b) how many parish councillors should there be to represent the area?*
 - (c) should the area be sub-divided into parish wards to reflect the local community and if so, what should the parish wards be named?*

The Review will examine the implementation dates and electoral arrangements that should apply in the identified unparished areas and in the parished area of Castle Gresley.

In undertaking the Review, the Council must have regard to the need to secure community governance arrangements that will reflect the interests and identities of the community in the area and that will be both effective and convenient.

Further details relating to this Review and maps showing the boundaries of the areas involved can be found in the Terms of Reference document available using the following link:

[Swadlincote and Surrounding Areas Community Governance Review | South Derbyshire District Council](#)

The following link provides information about the powers and duties of town and parish councils: <https://www.websitesforparishcouncils.co.uk/powers-of-parish-councils/>

Public meetings to discuss the Review will be held as follows:

Meeting about the currently unparished areas:

Area Forum 5 - 25 November 2025, at 18:00-20:00hrs
Oakland Village,
Hall Farm Road
DE11 8ND

Area Forum 4 – 27 November 2025, at 18:00-20:00hrs
St John's Church,
Church Street
DE11 0HY

Meeting about the parished area of Castle Gresley:

Meeting of Castle Gresley Parish Council to be held at 18:00hrs on Thursday, 13 November 2025 at Brick Room, 35 Main Street, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6PZ

Should you wish to submit a representation relating to this Review, please do so using the dedicated e-mail address:

swadlincotecgr@southderbyshire.gov.uk

Alternatively, if you wish, you can make your views known in a letter addressed to: Swadlincote and Surrounding Area Community Governance Review, South Derbyshire District Council, Democratic Services, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE11 0AH.

The initial consultation period will end on **26th January 2026**. Any representations must be received by that date or they may not be considered when draft recommendations are prepared for a meeting of South Derbyshire District Council.

If you have any questions about the Review or would like to receive a copy of the Terms of Reference, please contact Democratic Services on telephone 01283 595889 or 01283 228785 or by email at democraticservices@southderbyshire.gov.uk

Signed by:



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Dated: 31 October 2025