

Response Slip

Please let us have your response as soon as possible, and no later than September 19th.

The Councils are seeking the view of residents. They will not proceed with joining without significant support from the residents. Either online using the poll (www.hisimp.net/joining) or return the slip below.



Please return to: The Clerk, Parish Council Offices, The Recreation Ground, or place in the box in Histon Library.

Name: _____

Full Address: (please) _____

Post code: _____

I support joining (tick)

I do not support joining (tick)

Comments



Two Villages

**One Community
One Council?**

Histon & Impington

**Your Community
Your Decision**

Histon and Impington Parish Council Consultation

June - September 2011

"With Councils at District and County level reconsidering their services to the community, and with the coalition government proposing devolving more powers to local communities, I am delighted that two Parish Councils have taken the initiative to consider how they can improve the effectiveness and value for money for their residents"

Jean Hunter, Chief Executive
South Cambridgeshire District Council

Impington Parish Council and Histon Parish Council spent over £400,000 last year and are seeking residents' views about forming a single Parish Council for both villages.

The Parish Councils believe this will:

- Improve value for money
- Reduce duplication and speed of response
- Simplify dealing with issues affecting both villages
- Present a unified voice for the entire community
- Provide consistent services to residents of the two villages

Your opportunities for discussion

Each item listed below is an opportunity for you to ask questions and raise issues

Tuesday May 24th 2011	Joint Village Annual Parish Meeting Launch of consultation
June to September 19th	Consultation period - talk to any Councillor or look on the web
Saturday July 9th	Our stall at the Feast Market
June, July and August	Articles & your letters in HI Courier
June, July and September	Normal Parish Council meetings
October 2011	Extraordinary Parish Meetings
May 2012	Scheduled Parish Elections

The decision

The two Councils will hold open Extraordinary Parish Meetings, provisionally scheduled for October 14th. There will be further discussion, time for questions and a chance for you to vote on whether to proceed with joining together or not.

After the decision

Parish Council elections are due in May 2012 for the two councils separately, or a single parish council if the decision is taken to join.

What will change under a single Parish Council?

- Fewer councillors - up to 19, down from 26 in total now
- More staff time will be available to respond to residents' needs
- Simplified management of The Recreation Ground
- Committees and meetings will be better coordinated
- Committees and meetings will be fewer
- Only one Full Council meeting a month
- Single combined Committees for both Villages

What won't change?

- Accountability, representation and transparency
- Meetings open to all
- Opportunities for formal and informal questions of Council
- Councillors will still be unpaid but elected residents
- The level of commitment required from Councillors

The Council will still:

- Have the same excellent management and staff
- Have offices at The Recreation Ground
- Listen to view of local residents
- Run the community website
- Work with others for the benefit of Impington and Histon

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