

Literal Comments Received in respect of the following questions:

QUESTION TWO: 'If a Parish Council for Hersham is created, the petition proposes that it be called 'Hersham Community Council' – what do you think?'

- A good name - am happy with that title
- A I am opposed I have no views on the name
- Accept
- against - totally unnecessary waste of time
- Against the proposal. We do not need yet another layer of bureaucracy at added expense to the taxpayer
- Agree
- Agreeable
- Agreed
- An appropriate, descriptive name
- Appropriate name.
- As good a name as any
- As I disagree with the proposal, the name is immaterial.
- As I do not want a council, what it is called is immaterial
- As it is proposed to be a Parish Council, then think that is the name it should have - but I am not wanting the Council anyway
- As it would be generically a parish council it should be called Hersham Parish Council
- Awful name sounds like its a sub council
- Bad name for an unnecessary organisation
- Best name
- Better to be called Village Coucil.
- 'Council' causes confusion with Elmbridge and Surrey CC. I would prefer 'Hersham Community Representatives'
- Disagree
- Disagree - it would be better to call it Hersham Parish Council which is consistent with Claygate
- Do not support creation of Parish Council so no view on name
- Do not want a Parish council
- Do not want another layer of bureaucracy in dealing with local issues
- do not want Hersham Community Council
- does not matter although most of the area to be included lie outside of Hersham and look to other areas in Elmbridge for their centre
- Don't want
- Don't agree
- Don't agree with it
- dont care
- Don't create a Parish Council
- Don't need a new council
- Don't support the application
- Either Hersham Parish Council or Hersham Community Council
- Excellent
- Fine

- Fine - more than just a village etc
- Fine but why not Hersham Parish Council
- Fine to avoid confusion.
- Fine, good name
- Good
- Good choice
- good idea
- Good name
- Good name says what It is
- Great
- Have no view the name is irrelevant - Hersham is not an area that presently is recognised except by those living in a very confined area close to Hers
- HCC is fine
- Hersham Community Council is acceptable title
- Hersham community Council sounds good
- Hersham is too limited a name for this. In any case, I strongly object to the creation of a Parish Council.
- Hersham parish council
- Hersham Parish Council would be a better term, no point in trying to hide what it actually is.
- I agree
- I agree with the name and prefer the use of community council to parish council
- I agree with this
- I agree with this name
- I agree with this terminology.
- I agree, it should be Hersham CC
- I am completely opposed to the idea so it does not matter
- I am in total disagreement with it. I live in Cobham and have nothing to do with Hersham and am nowhere conceivably near it for it to be logical.
- I am not in favour of this proposal
- I am strenuously opposed to the idea so the question of the name is irrelevant
- I am strongly against the inclusion of Pains Hill becoming part of Hersham when it belongs to Cobham
- I believe it is the right name for the new council.
- I believe that a proper vote should be cast before this goes ahead
- I cannot think of any other name!
- I do not agree to a parish council for hersham
- I do not agree with the formation of this council.
- I do not believe there should be a Parish Council for Hersham so the name is irrelevant
- I do not see the rationale behind this proposal other than for them to be able to include Burwood Park.
- I do not support a creation of a Parish Council. We don't need more administration in Elmbridge
- I do not support the creation of a Parish Council for Hersham.
- I do not support the creation of a Parish Council full stop. Increasing payments to an already unwelcome regressive form of taxation, is unhelpful.
- I do not support this initiative

- I do NOT support this wasteful initiative, the council tax is already very high and I am not sure it is being spent effectively
- I do NOT support this wasteful initiative, we should be looking for ways to reduce cost not increase it
- I do not think a parish council should be created - this is just more bureaucracy
- I do not think it should be created. If it were, suggest calling it Let's waste Taxpayers' Money
- I do not think we need another layer of Councillors in Hersham = we have enough already.
- I do not wish for a Parish Council for Hersham
- I do support Hersham Parish Council. As we hear or see nothing of Esher councillors and what is going on. But residents across the road from us do !
- I don't agree with this.
- I don't support this proposal so don't support the name
- I don't want it, it isn't my community council
- I don't agree that it should be created
- I don't care what it is called as I do not support the creation of a parish council
- I don't care what its called
- I don't see the need for that. It seems an unnecessary additional layer of government.
- I don't think it should proceed, therefore a name is irrelevant
- I don't want a separate parish council for Hersham.
- I fully agree as Parish Council could be a confusing term.
- I have no objections to this
- I have no opinion on the name if a Parish Council is created
- I have no opinion on the proposed name
- I have no preference one way or another
- I have no problem with this
- I have no views on the name
- I like the name.
- I prefer Hersham Village Council
- I see no reason why it should not be called HERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL!
- I support this
- I think it's just more bureaucracies.
- I think this is a good name
- I think this is a good title
- I think this is a very bad idea, I would like the old 'Parish' title to be used.
- I think this is fine
- I vociferously object as a taxpayer to having a further, and utterly unnecessary, layer of government imposed on the area and paid for from my tax.
- I would be happy with that name or Hersham Parish Council.
- I would be happy with that name and would work closely with it if established
- I would suggest Hersham Parish Council instead.
- I'd prefer Hersham Village Council, or if not then Hersham Parish Council
- If it is a parish council, why not call it that?
- I'd like to see the word Village in there - Hersham Village Council

- I'm fine with the name
- I'm happy with that.
- In agreement
- Indifferent
- It is an embracing title and probably better than calling it a Parish Council which can have ecclesiastical connotations.
- It is as good a name as any
- It is completely unnecessary
- It is still local government, so it is a touch disingenuous to use "Community".
- It is too trendy.
- It should not be created. Yet another layer of bureaucracy.
- It shouldn't even be thought about
- it will or won't happen despite what i might think
- It's a great idea creating local representation
- It's ok
- Its as good as Parish Council
- It's fine as a name, just seems like an extra layer of beaurocracy.
- Madness
- Maybe focus on helping people rather than deciding on a name.
- N/A
- N/A as do not support it
- N/A as I don't support the creation of a parish Council.
- Name is immaterial
- Name is ok
- No
- No - I do not think such a group would truly represent the community so should be called something like 'The minority self interested group of Hersham
- No - we do not need a Parish Council for Hersham
- No, more bureacracy
- No because I don't want it.
- No comment
- No if its a Parish council it should be called that
- No issue with name
- No more. We already have an mp and many councillors.
- no need for another level of government
- No objection provided Pains Hill Park and Residences are excluded from the proposed Hersham Parish Council
- No opinion
- No opinion as not required
- no preference
- No problem
- No problem with name
- No view
- No, Hersham Parish Council is fine - it doesn't need to be defined further.
- No. This is a leading question.
- No. I oppose creating another layer of bureaucracy at a time when councils are already under enormous financial pressure

- Not Applicable
- Not applicable as I object to the entire idea
- Not applicable as we don't need any more Councillors.
- Not bothered
- Not concerned as do not agree with creation of parish council
- Not happy with the name either
- Not in favour
- Not in support
- not need
- Not particularly bothered about the name
- Not required
- Ok
- OK with this name
- Or Hersham Parish Council
- Prefer Hersham Village Council
- Perfect
- Perfectly acceptable
- Prefer "Hersham Parish Council" in line with most/all other parish councils where the word "parish" does not seem to cause confusion.
- Prefer "parish council"
- Prefer Hersham Parish Council as "parish" used commonly elsewhere
- Prefer Hersham Village Parish Council
- Prefer just Hersham Council
- Prefer Parish Council
- Rather long but could be abbreviated to HCC
- Really don't want a Parish Council for Hersham
- Says exactly what it is.
- Should be called Hersham Parish Council. People will then know what it is.
- Should be Hersham Village Community Council
- Shouldn't be called anything as I am not in support of this proposal
- Sounds fine
- Sounds good
- Sounds like a good name
- Sounds like a village hall action group.
- Strongly disagree - Cobham has nothing to do with Hersham.
- Strongly disagree. It should be called "Hersham Parish Council"
- Support that name
- That it shouldn't be created at all. We already have two layers of local government, we don't need three.
- That or Hersham Parish Council
- That seems OK
- That's an appropriate title
- That's fine.
- The name is alright
- The name is appropriate
- The name is stupid - better to call it Hersham Parish Council
- The name is suitable, if this is created.
- The name isn't important in my view

- The name seems to be an accurate description of the area covered although "Parish Council" is a more widely-understood term.
- The proposed name is not relevant to my decision
- The word "community" is too loose and not applicable to most people outside the immediate Hersham village area. Call it a Parish council.
- This is an ego trip for activists
- This is just another layer of local government that we don't need
- To protect and enhance Hersham
- Totally Agree and that's the perfect name
- Unnecessary
- Waste of money - please don't do this
- We agree
- We do not need a 3rd council to pay for.
- We do not need a separate council. I am happy being represented by Elmbridge and no further staff are needed to do the work that Elmbridge already doe
- We do not need or want a Parish Council for Hersham
- We do not require any more bodies set up to interfere. There are already councillors to do this job.
- We do NOT want a Hersham Community Council
- What a waste of time and money
- Whole idea is ridiculous.
- Why not a Parish Council
- Why not call it Hersham Parish Council, since that is what it is. A different name will cause confusion.
- Would prefer it be called Hersham Village Community Council
- Yes
- Yes - agree
- yes - good
- Yes - IF one is created
- Yes Correct name
- Yes fine with it.
- Yes I like it
- Yes it us a good idea
- Yes that is a suitable name.
- Yes that seems fine
- Yes the 'Hersham Community Council' is a good name as is "Hersham Village Council'
- Yes, good idea
- Yes, that seems Fine to me.
- Yes. It's a good name
- Yes. This is fine.

QUESTION THREE: 'If a Parish Council is created, do you agree that there should be a total of 12 (Parish) Councillors elected to represent it?'

- 0 we don't need more administration in Elmbridge, what we need is our roads properly maintained
- 10 or less councillors
- 10 to 12
- 12 Councillors is too many - the minimum required level should be adhered to
- 12 elected Councillors is a reasonable representation
- 12 is too many, cost vs benefits is unclear and the expenses that will be claimed are unknown.
- 12 is the accepted number
- 12 is too many 6 should be enough
- 12 is too many. It would make the council unwieldy and take longer to come to decisions. I suggest 5
- 12 is too many, it will be swamped by self-interested pressure groups.
- 12 seems a reasonable number. I would say 15 would be the absolute maximum given the size of Hersham
- 12 seems about right
- 12 seems to many
- 12 too many.
- 12 would be excessive
- 12 would be good but I would support up to 15
- 12 would be too many members for this proposal Community Council
- 8 would seem to be sufficient. None would be preferable!
- 8-12 seems about right to me
- A bit difficult to say as I don't know what the norm is elsewhere.
- Against the proposal. We do not need yet another layer of bureaucracy and increased Council Tax
- Agree
- Agreed
- Another 12 people sucking money. Just what we need, not.
- As above
- As above, no interest in this idea whatsoever
- As before political bureaucracy.
- As few as possible too much voting and layers of bureaucracy already
- As few as possible, ideally one.
- As I disagree with the proposal, the number is immaterial.
- Consider either 11 or 13 (odd number) so that a majority is possible during any votes
- Disagree
- Ditto above
- Do not want a Parish council
- Don't want
- Don't agree with the proposal
- Don't support the application
- Fine
- I accept

- I agree
- I agree with this
- I am content with the Council as it is, and don't see the need for another layer of Government
- I do not agree that a parish council should be created
- I do not support the creation of a Parish Council for Hersham
- I do not support this initiative
- I don't agree with this.
- i don't know if that is appropriate or not
- I have no comment. Probably it is fine.
- i suppose...
- I think an odd number would be better for voting based decisions, so maybe 11 or 13 members
- I think anywhere between 8-12 councillors would make sense
- I think none of you have any idea of what community is or how to help one.
- I think that would be good
- I think we already have enough Councillors. Don't see the need for adding more.
- I would suggest an odd number e.g. 11 so there is no chance of a deadlock
- I'd want zero. We don't need more administration in Elmbridge, what we need is our roads repaired.
- If created the total number of councillors should be not more than 8 to keep costs down
- If it is created, then I think 6 councillors is sufficient
- If that is the usual amount on this type of body, Yes.
- If that is what the people of Hersham want to pay for, so be it.
- If that's what it takes
- It seems a lot
- It seems like too many, is 10 not enough?
- It seems rather large for an electorate of only 9600 people.
- It sounds like too many. I think that the whole idea adds an unnecessary level of local government.
- It would appear excessive and require justification
- Keep the number to an absolute minimum
- Maximum should be 12
- Might not need 12??
- N/A
- No
- No We do not need a further level of Bureaucracy. We have enough Councillors for the area.
- No - far too many - max. 5
- No - far too many. 1 should be the maximum if a Parish Council is to be created.
- No - it could manage with half that number.
- No - it should be 7 as recommended by NALC. This would minimise the cost.
- No - its too many
- No - just one would be one to many. Local councillors are either powerless in the face of the Surrey

- No - that's 12 local busybodies more than is needed.
- No - This is just another layer of unnecessary bureaucracy. There are already too many councillors.
- No - This is too many to be effective. 8 would be more appropriate
- No - this seems excessive
- no - too many councillors already all claiming expenses
- No - too many councillors creating additional drain on the local budget and council tax
- No - we should not be adding an additional layer of wasteful management
- No - we should not be adding an additional layer of wasteful councillors
- No (see above).
- No 12 is too many
- No because I don't want.
- No comment
- No far too large - 5 at most
- No issue with this number
- No leave it as it is
- No objection provided Pains Hill Park and Residences are excluded from the proposed Hersham Parish C
- No opinion
- No opinion as not required
- No preference.
- No that is far too many
- No there's already enough councillors for Hersham as it is.
- No- this seems to be high and disproportionate to the number of individuals within the boundary.
- No too many.
- No view
- No why so many people
- No, 10 should be enough.
- no, an odd number such as 15 would be better to avoid 'hung' votes, etc..
- No, because that's 12 expense claims. We've just reduced the number of councillors and their costs.
- No, far too many
- no, how can it possibly need 12 councillors?
- No, it should not be created
- No, its far too many to represent such a small place
- no, there shouldn't be a new council. If there is, then 12 councillors is too many.
- No, too many layers of bureaucracy already
- No, too many, we already have enough representation.
- No, we already have Elmbridge and Surrey councils.
- No, we do not need another layer of amateur bureaucrats spending our money
- no. I have no faith any additional Councillors would ask for, or follow my opinions
- No. Such a Parish Council will be a further drain on resources during a time of austerity.

- No. This is a leading question.
- No. A maximum of 6 should be elected.
- No. As I said previously I do not agree with more councillors being elected as we do not need them.
- No. Don't want a parish council
- No. See above. These questions seem to be heavily weighted in favour of creating a parish council
- No. Too many different points of view, therefore takes too long for conclusions to be reached.
- No. Too many representing another and unnecessary layer of local government. 6 would be ample
- No. Wasteful amount of people.
- None
- Not Applicable
- Not bothered
- Not clear why so many would be needed.
- Not in support
- Not sure
- Ok
- ok - I presume these are not paid councillors - I would object to them being paid
- Or less. We should go ahead even with less.
- Preferably none. 12 is an utter waste of public funds, a scam, jobs for the politicians of Hersham.
- Seems a lot, can it be less?
- Seems far too many and too costly
- Seems like an awful lot of councillors...don't know what I am comparing this figure with.
- Seems like overkill to me. Why 12 councillors for a small town?
- Seems reasonable. Assume very limited expenses only if any.
- Sensible number yes
- Sounds like overkill to me - a talking shop, increased bureaucracy, longer decision making etc
- That is a matter for people living in Hersham: I live at Pains Hill in Cobham
- That is way to many Councillors
- That may be too many. Would want quality not quantity. Getting 12 committed people will be difficult
- That seems an appropriate number
- That seems quite high for 9600 people
- That should be a maximum. 6 would be better
- The proposed number of councillors has no bearing on my decision
- there should be zero as I do not think a Parish Council is required
- This is reasonable.
- This seems a lot, a smaller number, 10 or fewer would be better.
- Too many, cap at 6
- Too many. 8 would be adequate.
- Unnecessary

- Whatever the number there is a danger of special interest groups applying pressure
- Who decides if 6 are in favour and 6 against. No strong view on absolute number.
- Why 12 - why not 6?
- Would an odd number be better. Who will have casting vote if deadlock on any discussion/issue??
- would we have to vote for them?
- Yes
- Yes - 12 seems a good number
- Yes - IF one is created
- yes - who know the area
- Yes fully agree
- yes, as long as the number does not incur too many expenses.
- Yes, as that will give each area its own set of councillors to represent the different areas
- Yes. Somewhere between 8 and 12.
- yes/negotiable
- Yes: They should ideally be resident within Hersham.

QUESTION FOUR: 'If a Parish Council is created, it would receive funding by levying a 'precept' on the Council Tax paid by the residents within its boundary - what do you think?'

- A complete waste of Council Tax payers money
- A further tax burden for absolutely no benefit; Parish councils are an utter waste of public funds.
- A necessary evil
- A small levy
- A waste of money
- Absolutely fine so long as it is around £10-£20 per household
- Absolutely not
- Absolutely not, we pay enough as it is
- Absolutely not. We already pay far higher tax than others
- Acceptable.
- Against the idea. See above. Where are questions about why residents may object?
- Against the proposal. We do not need yet another layer of bureaucracy and increased Council Tax
- Against. Could not agree until knowing exactly how much.
- Agree
- Agree funding is required, this however should be restricted / limited on increasing.
- Agree if it helps with protecting Hersham residents
- Agreed
- agreed in principle but assume that the overall cost to residents would not increase
- Agreed. It's a small price to pay to protect a community.
- Am aware that the creation of a separate entity within the borough comes at an additional cost
- Another bill to pay for negligible benefit
- Another financial burden on the local residents. I do not support a 'precept'.
- Another precept is not acceptable
- Are there any other options? How can residents exert any financial control on the councillors?
- As long as any extra monies is not excessive
- As long as it's only a small levy that's acceptable as we already pay enough tax for local services
- As long as it's not too much
- As long as it's not too much extra
- As long as my Council Tax doesn't increase
- At a time of massive uncertainty, an increase in costs to all is wholly inappropriate .
- Awful idea. strain to household budgets that can't afford to subsidise a political vanity project
- Better than paying more Council tax for non-services
- Council Tax is already high, so no
- Council tax is high enough. Object to further costs in the shape of a 'precept'
- Definitely no

- depends on level, small ok
- Disagree
- Disagree- Should be funded by Council. CIL funding would be better used this way than currently
- Disagree strongly, this is a waste of tax payers money
- Do not want to pay any extra
- do not want to pay more
- Do not wish any increase in council tax
- Does this mean a Council Tax increase?
- Don't know what this means!?
- Don't support the application
- don't wish for an increase in council tax
- Fine
- Fine, that doesn't cause a problem elsewhere especially in the numerous Surrey parish councils
- Following Claygate's lead I think we Hersham residents would benefit from this levy
- Funding for this folly should explicitly be paid for by residents within its boundary.
- Given this is expected to be in the order of £12 per year, no problem.
- good
- Good idea
- Good idea as long as any extra charge is not excessive. Reading the info it states around £2 per Mth
- Happy to pay a small sum which in turn mobilises funding for projects solely benefiting Hersham
- Happy to pay the small increase in council tax
- Having to pay a precept is one of the reasons for not supporting an HCC
- I accept that there will be a levy to Council Tax.
- I agree
- I agree in principle but it depends on the amount of the levy
- I agree with this
- I agree, but there should be some control
- I am against this as I do not want to pay extra for any reason. the council tax is too high now
- I am against this. As a resident on the far boundary I would receive no benefit.
- I am against this. My house, while within the proposed area, does not really form part of Hersham.
- I am happy with this as the levy would be of benefit to all Hersham residents.
- I am in full agreement as the precept would be of benefit to Hersham itself.
- I am not convinced it would make any meaningful improvements to me so I would not be supportive
- I am opposed to this - I don't see what the benefits would be to me
- I am totally opposed to this. Our council tax is already very high and I have to pay it out of my pocket
- I am very much against paying a levy on top of council tax to fund another futile talking shop
- I disagree and would not want to pay an additional amount to the Council Tax

- I do not agree
- I do not agree to this
- I do not agree with raising and spending any more money
- I do not agree with the levy.
- I do not agree with the proposed ideas.
- I do not agree. I do not wish to pay any more money than I currently do
- I do not support
- I do not support a 'precept'.
- I do not support the creation of a Parish Council for Hersham
- I do not support this ...we have a voice already
- I do not support this initiative
- I do not support without a clear cost benefit analysis of what extra gain can be achieved vs current
- I do not think there should be a precept added to the council tax.
- I do not think this is justified or necessary
- I do not want an extra cost in addition to the Council Tax.
- I do not want to pay an additional levy
- I do not wish to be part of Hersham
- I do not wish to pay any extra council tax
- I do not wish to pay extra on my council tax - for an unnecessary extra layer of bureaucracy.
- I do not wish to pay more Council Tax for what will be a talking shop
- I don't mind providing the money is used for Hersham Community Council and not one of the neighbour
- I don't think we should pay extra for it. Not everyone in the area are millionaires.
- I don't have any objection to this. I think its a small amount to pay
- i don't know why that would be necessary
- I don't like the idea of paying for a parish council I don't want.
- I don't think it's right to impose an additional financial burden on the hardworking people of Hersh
- I don't want to pay any more Council Tax
- I don't want to pay more council tax as it's far too high already.
- I feel that it would have no power to do anything but have no cap on the precept. That is wrong.
- I fully support there being a precept as part of the Community Council
- I have concerns that there is no information provided on the size and control of the levy.
- I have no objections because the money, hopefully, will be dedicated to maintaining and improvements
- I object. There is no justification for this or its associated cost
- I strongly disagree
- I strongly disagree with any proposed additional levy on council tax
- I support this.
- I think a small levy would be worth it
- I think as long as it's clear, transparent and we have comment and possibility of capping
- I think it is crazy to add a precept onto the council Tax

- I think it is totally unnecessary to expect residents to pay any more money for a Parish Council.
- I think it's a joke.
- I think that this is a ridiculous waste of money. Better to get existing arrangements to work.
- I think this is a good idea
- I think this is a total waste of taxpayers' money. We already pay for services via our tax to Elmbridge
- I think this is acceptable
- I think this is an unnecessary additional cost burden on the people of Hershams
- I think this is an unnecessary cost
- I think this is fair
- I think this is OK
- I think we already pay too much council tax for diminishing services - I am against paying more.
- I think we pay enough already so am disappointed if this will cost us more
- I will refuse to pay and will fight it in the courts
- I would be happy with this
- I would be surprised if the people of Hershams really want to pay for more politicians.
- I would not wish to pay increased Council Tax to fund this - regardless of amount
- I would object to my money being used for this unnecessary endeavour
- I would object to paying extra Council Tax for unlikely tangible extra benefit
- I would object to paying more Council Tax for something that I do not agree with.
- I would oppose this funding option when we have been presented by a position out of our control
- I'd prefer to pay and have a council that represents the Hershams community
- I'd rather not pay any additional Council Tax
- If it is for the good of Hershams residents then I support this
- If it is under 50p a week and it makes a difference then it is worth it
- If it must go ahead, it should be funded by voluntary donations.
- If it were £2 a month, I would agree to it.
- If it will help keep them funded which in turn will aid the community I have no problem with it
- If it's created, then that's fine - common practice.
- If we have to give a bit individually to gain collectively, it's not too bad.
- If you want extra money spend it on securing open spaces from gypsy encampments
- I'm happy to pay a small additional charge
- I'm unwilling to pay more money into local government, this is reason I vote NO
- In favour
- In order to be effective it needs some funding so this makes sense
- Increasing payment to an already unwelcome regressive form of taxation, will hit the poorest members
- Is this a serious question?

- It is a small amount for what can be a good return for the community
- It is a totally unnecessary charge to achieve little benefit.
- It is a waste of money
- It is an added burden on taxation and should not be more than around £15 pounds annually.
- It is not a large amount and is outweighed by the benefits
- It is not clear on the documentation if the 14.15 is a monthly/yearly figure for Claygate.
- It must be funded by residents in the Community Council area and not by other council tax payers.
- It will hit the poorest members of our community hardest.
- it will or won't happen despite what I might think
- It would be extra on the current council tax which is already paid to Elmbridge Borough Council
- It's added cost for something unnecessary. Our borough council do a fine job (on the whole).
- It's just another way to get more Tax out of the Hersham residents.
- It's one good reason for not having a "Parish Council"
- Makes sense
- More tax to pay for more unnecessary councillors
- Must be right
- N/A
- Needs funding to have any effect. However I think it needs to start off modestly.
- Needs to kept to a minimum needed to administer council business
- No
- No - I don't agree with this - we already pay too high council tax for services received/
- No - this is a money and land grab. We already pay far too much Council Tax.
- No comment
- NO -Council Tax already too high, and likely to rise next year. Strongly oppose this further tax
- No extra cost
- No- households already pay a lot of tax and services reduce annually
- No I would rather wipe my arse with a razor blade than fund your bullshit ideas
- No justification for increasing the Council tax by the amount of the precept.
- No money should be spent on this.
- No more levies should be raised.
- NO NO NO NO NO NO
- No objection provided Pains Hill Park and Residences are excluded from the proposed Hersham Parish C
- No preference.
- No problem
- No problem with that
- No should not increase the council tax as we pay enough already
- No way, council tax is way to high in the first place
- no, a good reason for not having a new parish council

- No, do not want to pay extra.
- No, I am totally against any funding as described above, with no indication given of actual addition
- No, I do not agree
- No, I do not support this at all
- No, let it be paid for by the proposers, if they want it pay for it, not people who do not want it.
- No, let it be paid for by the proposers, not by people who do not want it.
- NO, NO, NO. I AM NOT PREPARED TO PAY ANYTHING FOR THIS - IT IS UNNECESSARY!
- No, Pay too much council tax already, don't get very much for it, why pay more!
- No, the rest of the residents of Elmbridge can pay in the same way I pay for their councillors.
- No. We pay a huge council tax bill. no more for more layers of bureaucracy.
- No. I don't see why. We already pay an enormous amount and the parish councillors would be volunteers
- No. If there's an increase in CT it should go into the existing borough and county budgets.
- No. Waste of money
- No. We already pay the administration costs for 2 councils.
- No. We are already stretched to cover local amenities and every penny is needed by the current council
- No. We pay enough already
- No. Why should we pay more. Cut the top salaries and bonuses
- Normal practice and very little cost.
- Not acceptable
- Not at all happy about paying more Council tax
- Not in agreement with this, with no indication of actual cost increase proposed
- Not in favour
- Not in favour of a precept to fund this bad idea
- Not necessary
- not needed do not agree
- not relevant to St Peter's
- Ok
- Outrageous
- Please do not waste any funding on this
- Precept would be forced by a tiny minority onto majority of residents and is completely unacceptable
- Provided it is sensible and properly monitored it is a sound approach
- Providing the money stays in Hersham I have no problem with that
- Residents are over taxed already. They would not welcome an additional Parish Council precept.
- Seems reasonable
- Seems sensible. However, not clear what the controls are on that. How is that managed?
- So long as it is a reasonable amount
- Sounds good

- Strongly oppose any money spent or raised for another layer of bureaucracy.
- Strongly opposed. Council tax is already high enough and don't feel the need for further expense.
- Support
- Support this
- Thanks fine with me.
- That is fine.
- That is ok
- That seems appropriate
- That seems good. How else would it be funded?
- That the Council should get its priorities right and attend to our appalling roads and litter.
- That's ok as long as a maximum level is set
- Thats okay
- There no basis to add an additional layer of management or extra levy on Council tax
- This appears to be the normal and as long as it is not excessive it should be alright
- This is a key reason for not having yet another layer of local government.
- This is a vanity project by unidentified people-it should not proceed.
- This is acceptable to achieve its aims
- This is fine, local money for local services
- This is not acceptable. Council tax rates are already too high. It should be cost neutral a saving
- This is reasonable as long as normal standards of visibility is available to the electorate
- This is reasonable.
- This is simply horrific. We pay a hugely excessive amount for bad council services already
- This is the best way for our councillors to act on our behalf.
- This is worthwhile to improve quality of life and retain character of Hersham
- this levy is a snob tax and will disadvantage the 'normal' houses in Hersham
- This sounds like even MORE taxes to be paid by us for less of a service - this is a BAD idea!
- This will divert funds from what Elmbridge should be doing and in the future increase taxes.
- Totally against council taxes are too high a percentage of ones income as it is without adding it
- Totally agree
- Unacceptable expenditure
- Under present financial constraints, difficult to accept, rather spend the money on Adult Social Care
- Unnecessary
- Unfortunately this is unavoidable
- Unnecessary expense
- Unsure
- Very happy to pay the extra small amount it will cost.
- Waste of funding, things should remains as they are

- Waste of money - we should be trying to reduce expenditure not create another layer of bureaucracy
- We agree
- We already too much council tax and I resent being forced to pay more for something unnecessary
- We are already paying close to the highest Council Tax in England - not worth a further levy
- We are paying enough at present
- We do not need another level of governance and cost
- We do not need more funding without clear direction of the benefits
- We do not want to pay an extra levy on our Council Tax for another layer of bureaucracy
- We pay enough tax right now
- We shouldn't be charging residents extra on top of council tax, everyone is stretched enough.
- We would be paying more double like other Parish Councils do, and the we will still p Council as well.
- What difference would this be to staying the same
- What is a precept ?
- Within reason, yes, in the same way that the one in Claygate is.
- Within the lines of the amount t taken to fund Claygate's Council, OK.
- Wrong - waste of money
- Yes
- Yes - agree
- Yes - IF one is created
- Yes agreed
- Yes as long as it is capped at a reasonable rate
- Yes as long as money was used solely for that
- Yes but Council Tax is already very high so the extra must be capped to a fair level
- Yes fine
- Yes good
- yes if the amount was agreed initially
- Yes if the precept is set around £14.15 for a Band D property as proposed in the consultation document
- yes -nothing can be done without money
- Yes provided that levy was kept separate from council tax and used solely for Hersham community.
- Yes would pay this
- Yes, although an element of saving is expected against cost of existing services covered by new PC
- Yes, but it needs to be clear and surcharge kept to a minimum.
- Yes, it should
- Yes, providing the cost is reasonable.
- Yes. I agree.
- Yes. It is a trivial amount.
- Yes. It would be unacceptable for the parish council to be funded by non-Hersham residents.
- Yes. The amount is small.

QUESTION FIVE: 'It is proposed that no other changes be made to the electoral arrangements in respect of those areas of Elmbridge not covered by the area of the Review - what do you think?'

- a change to the boundaries and governance should also consult adjacent wards
- Acceptable
- Again, good idea
- Against the idea of creating a parish council
- Against the proposal. We do not need yet another layer of bureaucracy and increased Council Tax
- Agree
- Agree there have been too many changes to boundaries some with poor results
- Agree there should be no changes at all
- Agree, no changes
- agreeable
- Agreed
- Agreed, but areas covered by the review should Have a deciding vote on any changes.
- Agreed. Another level of bureaucracy that is not needed
- as above
- As above no advantage of changing
- Clearly sense has prevailed elsewhere with Elmbridge saying no to big government.
- consider if area south of a3 should align to cobham. Change electoral boundaries to reflect village
- Content.
- Disagree
- dont care
- Don't change anything - we don't want this
- Don't know.
- Don't support the application
- Don't understand the question
- Electoral arrangements should remain as they currently are
- Existing council processes are sufficient, Hersham does not need additional representation.
- Expected
- Fine
- Fine, Hersham is worthy of having a community council.
- Fine.
- Get shot of half of the existing lot.
- Give all a community council
- Given the current stress on funding, no more money should be wasted on these types of proposal
- Good

- Good-was a parish councillor. No to stuck-up busybody with reams of wasted paper
- Hersham must not be obliterated after I live there
- Hersham should not have been split up as it was in latest change but can't see that being reversed!
- I accept
- I agree
- I agree that no other changes need to be made.
- I agree with the proposals
- I am against any changes.
- I am happy about there being no other changes
- I am not in favour that a Parish Council for Hersham is created
- I am satisfied that the current electoral arrangements in Elmbridge are perfectly adequate.
- I can't give my views in 100 characters, the boundary is wrong Cobham is not Hersham.
- I do not agree to a parish council for hersham
- I do not feel qualified to comment
- I do not know.
- I do not think any changes need to be made to the current arrangements
- I do not think there should be any changes
- I do not understand the question
- I do not want any changes to the current electoral arrangements, areas or councils
- I don't really have an opinion on the other areas
- I don't understand why borders were redrawn for Hersham and the whole village was not kept together.
- I don't have any knowledge on what other changes could be made to electoral arrangements
- I don't have any views on this matter
- I dont support the proposal at all
- I don't understand this question or its implications.
- I don't want any changes
- I don't want to be a Parish council so things won't change anyway.
- I expressed by disapproval of the revised Electoral arrangements for Elmbridge Council at the time.
- I feel Hersham is being squeezed out of the council's thoughts - we need to push it back in
- I go not agree to a parish council for hersham
- I have always thought that the election of only 1/3 of councillors acts to prevent change
- I have been very unhappy since being in the Esher Ward for elections, I am a Hersham Resident!
- I have no opinion
- I have no problem with this
- I live in Hersham and I am unhappy that I have to vote for a Esher councillor which I refuse to do.
- I think Hersham should be Hersham. My ward is now Esher and I totally disagree with this.

- I think it is illogical that any changes may be proposed beyond the changes that are being proposed.
- I think it will be wonderful to have Hersham reunited and we will feel at last that our area matters
- I think the area is well served by the present arrangements
- I understand as this has been done and cannot be undone.
- I would remove the part of Hersham that is in the Cobham and Downside Ward from the proposal.
- I would support the creation of PCs if SCC and EBC were abolished and unitary authorities created
- I'm happy with that
- I'd like Hersham to have its own identity even if this means review of whole area
- Ideally I would like to return to the previous Hersham boundaries
- I'm not sure, I need more information about it.
- Immaterial.
- It should all stay the same
- Keep other areas as is.
- Keep things as they are
- Leave as is, the damage has been done now anyway in terms of electoral arrangements.
- Leave the system as it is.
- Like the idea of a non-partisan voice - do regret that Hersham only has 3 direct council reps from 6
- Make no changes at all
- Makes sense
- Meaning not clear
- N/A
- No
- No change
- No changes are needed
- No changes in this respect to any area outside the area of Hersham defined in the Map shown here.
- No changes required
- no changes should be made at all
- No comment
- No comment on this
- No Comment or thoughts
- No further changes outside of this review
- no knowledge
- No need to change these arrangements
- No objection
- No objection provided Pains Hill Park and Residences are excluded from the proposed Hersham Parish C
- No opinion
- No opinion on this.
- No other changes should be made
- No other changes should be made

- No other comments
- no preference
- No strong view but not sure why Hersham now has fewer wards/councillors than before.
- No thanks
- No thoughts
- no thoughts in this respect
- No view
- No! The current carve-up of Hersham is what led to this in the first place
- Not Applicable
- Not applicable as do not want or need this created
- Not bothered
- Not in support
- not my concern
- Not required
- Not sure what this means.
- Nothing should change full stop. Hersham do not need a separate council.
- Ok
- ok - but the area near to Cobham may need careful consideration - and possible boundary adjustments
- OK; Hersham needs own voice; e.g. parking regulations that suit Walton do not suit Hersham
- Once a Community Council is established Elmbridge should have a Boundary Review to re-align their bo
- Other areas are very similar to Hersham, it seems inappropriate to differentiate.
- Parish Council should cover a wider area of Hersham
- Please leave matters as they are
- Present electoral arrangements do not need any changes
- Seems reasonable
- Sensible,
- Should return to the original electoral arrangements for Hersham area
- Suggest the area south of A245 should be reviewed and potentially excluded from the proposed area.
- That is clearly sensible. If other districts need a change they should apply in the same way
- That is fine
- that seems reasonable
- That would surely depend on their needs
- That's fine
- That's not a problem
- That's okay
- The council appears to have fairly limited rights - so I don't see the real-world benefit.
- The electoral conditions should remain.
- The entire concept is just so wrong
- The logical outcome. But Painshill should not be covered by HCC and KT11 residents given the option
- The longmore estate should be returned to Hersham voting.

- The parish councillors must be able to vote on Elmbridge council as other elected people do.
- The physical area of Hersham should be reunited as defined before. It should not have been split.
- The previous electoral boundaries for Hersham were far more practical.
- The system should all be left as it is.
- The whole idea makes no sense and will devalue my property. There is no good which can come from it.
- Then it's not a council
- There do not need to be any changes to the electoral arrangements
- There is no reason why any changes would need to be made to other areas of Elmbridge
- There should be no changes to any area, including the area of the review.
- There should be no changes whatsoever including in Hersham
- THERE SHOULD BE REDUCTIONS IN COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL TAX NOT INCREASES
- There should not be a Parish Council for a fictitious area that is not noteworthy in anyway
- They should make their own proposals
- Things should be left as they are.
- This change is not necessary.
- This has only come about due to the boundary changes implemented by the previous tory administration
- This seems reasonable also.
- Those areas with 'Parish Councils' will have a disproportional influence. It should be all or none.
- Totally agree
- Typical politics.
- ues
- Unnecessary
- Unless other residents want a Parish Council, there is no reason for any other changes at this time
- We do not need a Parish Council, so no electoral arrangements need to be made.
- We should scrap the two tier system we currently have with SCC and EBC and have one local authority
- We think no changes should be made in any area of Elmbridge
- Why?
- Would have preferred Dukes Road came under Hersham rather than Esher Ward
- Would have preferred to still be in the Hersham Ward
- Yes
- Yes no other changes
- yes unless a review of present ward boundaries
- Yes, clearly defined arrangements
- Yes, this is good

Other Comments made in response to the Consultation

- quite satisfied with what has been brought to our village by the councillors already
- 12 Councillors to represent 9,600 electors appears excessive. One representative for 800 electors
- 12 representatives looks excessive when trying to make decisions so I would suggest 8 would be sufficient for effective management. Also one must encourage other people, other than existing or past Councillors to apply to sit on the Community Council.
- A total waste of money achieving nothing
- Addition of another layer of government will not make any difference to the level or effectiveness of the way local affairs are managed now
- Against if it means any increase in the total council rates for residents in the area
- Agree no other changes to electoral arrangements
- Agree with funding by precept
- Agrees in principle with creation but not if this means paying one penny more in bills to the council for the privilege
- Agree with creation of HCC in principle but not funded by council tax precept
- Already have perfectly efficient local government operation in Elmbridge and to introduce another layer of management and clearly even higher cost seems absolutely no sense whatsoever
- Also in the first newsletter it said cost would be 25p per week but in the second it is now 50p per week
- An additional financial burden on the relevant residents
- Another total unneeded layer adds expense and no value we should be taking out layers not adding them
- As a pensioner I do not have money to waste
- HCC will have a positive impact on the residents and business community
- Can see a benefit of bringing more activity locally so that it is relevant and accessible
- Complete waste of time and money and should be stopped right now.
- Concern over possible adverse consequences of extra council tax on families on borderline of solvency
- Do not need another layer of bureaucracy, do not want extra cost of Council Tax and the election of another 12 Councillors
- Don't want to pay any additional taxes
- EBC does a perfectly adequate job and I see no reason for the creation of a further council for Hersham
- Exercise will only increase our council tax
- Feel perfectly happy with the present situation and are fully represented by truly wonderful cllrs at present
- Feel perfectly represented by the cllrs we already have
- Feels perfectly represented by existing EBC cllrs
- Hersham resident would like to register my support for the creation of a Parish Council in Hersham

- Hershams interests are already looked after by three local councillors and John O'Reilly at SCC who has responsibility for the area and local in depth knowledge.
- I am against the creation of a parish or community council
- I am completely against the creation of a Hersham council
- I am more than happy with Elmbridge thank you
- I am not in favour of this idea and feel it is a total waste of money and the cllrs who represent Hersham currently are fine
- I am opposed to this on the grounds of cost
- I am quite happy to be part of Elmbridge as now
- I am satisfied with the way EBC carries out its obligations hampered as it is by financial constraints imposed by central government and see no necessity to alter existing arrangements.
- I am totally against a HCC as it will create another layer of government and involve an extra levy on the council tax
- I am very happy with the job being done by EBC and see no advantage in the creation of a further council
- I am completely satisfied with the way the council performs so do not feel the need to add any additional layer
- I can see no merit whatsoever in creating a HCC
- I can see no reason why we should be required to pay additional council tax to pay for duties already in the preserve of EBC
- I can see no sense in having this community council
- I can think of no valid argument for a parish council
- I do believe we have enough bureaucracy in Elmbridge already and if we are to remain the happiest community in Surrey the last thing we need is more people telling us what we can do and can't do
- I do not agree to any more councillors being elected. It is more important to spend money on schools, roads, social care and not under any circumstances on a new council for Hersham
- I do not agree to pay any more than the already very high council tax we pay
- I do not agree with more cllrs being elected
- I do not agree with the number of cllrs
- I do not agree with there being another council for Hersham
- I do not believe we need this additional burden so am not in favour of it
- I do not feel having another layer of self important cllrs will not add to residents costs
- I do not feel part of Hersham Village as I am in the Oatlands and Burwood Park Ward
- I do not like the idea of a levy on the council tax
- I do not really see Hersham is a village with its own identity; it is just part of Walton on Thames
- I do not support a precept being levied on the council tax paid by residents
- I do not support the creation of a parish council for Hersham
- I do not support the creation of such a body as it is another layer of organisation to cope with and finance
- I do not support the idea of a parish council for Hersham as I think it is totally unnecessary and bureaucratic

- I do not think we need more cllrs, Elmbridge does a good job from it's Esher base
- I do not want to elect another 12 cllrs nor pay an extra levy on my council tax
- I don't believe this is a good idea and is a waste of money
- I don't think we need more cllrs and EBC is entirely adequate
- I feel inefficiencies and inequalities may result if small councils start to break away.
- I feel represented totally by the cllrs we already have
- I feel the cllrs we have at present represent our village perfectly and don't want yet another layer of bureaucracy to deal with
- I have no desire for yet another layer of local government telling me what I can, should or should not do
- I have no desire to pay extra money for 12 people to do so
- I live in Painshill House which should be part of Cobham
- I see no advantage in local affairs being governed in a small area such as Hersham by as many as 9 or 12 councillors each with a ward in Hersham, who may not have the experience needed
- I think it could be a real opportunity to allow the residents of the old Hersham area as well as the new an input into its future
- I think it is unnecessary and a waste of money and overly bureaucratic
- I think this extra layer of government is totally unnecessary and bureaucratic
- I voice my objection to adding another level of bureaucracy by forming a parish council
- I want to remain under Cobham postcode, not Hersham
- I would not want to pay more on an ongoing basis for this establishment.
- If 12 cllrs the norm, then a reasonable number
- If HCC is created, agrees with name and number of 12 parish cllrs
- I'm a resident of Burwood Park and do not want to join the HCC
- I'm prepared to pay the precept on the council tax
- Im very interested and about time too
- imposing yet more tax on homeowners is necessary or fair because it will inevitably fall heaviest on the higher rate payers already paying a lot of money for a negligible improvement to what is already taxed
- In the communication there is no tangible output, simply saying create a strong identity, encourage and support new and existing groups etc is not enough to make me consider parting with additional money.
- It is a waste of money which would be better spent elsewhere
- It would add another unnecessary layer of to local government in this area
- Last thing needed is increase in council tax, an extra layer of local government and therefore the election of another 12 cllrs
- Local authorities are struggling financially so this is not an opportune time to add another tier of local government
- Money would be better spent elsewhere rather than creating a HCC
- My answer is a firm and absolute no
- No exact indication of cost to residents. It has also cost Elmbridge a good sum of money to insult residents for this initiative and It is a waste of our council tax.
- Not a good use of money

- Not necessary to create a parish council to carry out services already delivered by EBC
- Not pleased with increase in taxes
- Not really in favour of creating another tier of bureaucracy or the additional cost of financing it. Local Government appears to be stretched on finances already and if I am required to pay more money, I would prefer it to be spent on supporting local services rather than on a new parish council
- Not think it necessary to have additional councillors to improve the adequately run village, especially incurring another cost to the already high council tax. I am satisfied with the way the village is currently run by present councillors
- Opposes funding through a precept
- Opposition to the creation of yet another layer of local government when Hersham is adequately represented already by county and borough cllrs
- Parish councils achieve very little
- Please do not waste time and money setting up a parish council
- Proposal will be a waste of money. We do not need the expense of more councillors
- Proposes no changes to the existing electoral arrangements
- Record in the strongest terms objection to creation of HCC
- Sounds like a wonderful idea
- Strongly against the proposal
- Strongly objects to place Painshill in Hersham Parish as is in Cobham
- The answer is definitely no
- The confusion could also lead to some buck-passing when issues don't fit neatly under the umbrella of services of either parish or Elmbridge councillor
- The cost of this scheme is not good value for money
- The list of actions they would carry out is no different to what the local borough council currently does
- the new proposals must inevitably lead to a higher tax burden for residents
- The present system of local government in Elmbridge is capable of doing all that the Parish Council Steering Committee planned to do and probably more
- The proposal of having a Hersham Community Council as a very bad idea as it is an extra layer of bureaucracy where none is needed and has to be paid for. Experience elsewhere with similar bureaucracy has shown this to be a complete waste of money.
- The review is unacceptable to us because we are pensioners on a very tight financial budget
- The whole process is costing money which is rather unfortunate
- This confusion would lead to problems when trying to determine whom to contact to get issues resolved
- This extra layer of local government is unnecessary and I am strongly opposed to it
- This proposal is very different from Claygate parish council where there is a recognised centre and all the residents are electors in Claygate ward
- This will add cost and create the need for even more elections and slow down the decision-making process
- To have a sub-council to the local council is just an extra layer of bureaucracy and we have too much of that already
- To set up another layer of bureaucracy is not worthwhile

- Total oppose proposal to increase council tax, add an extra layer of government and require the election of 12 cllrs
- Total waste of council tax and not necessary to have more layers of decision making
- Totally unnecessary and overly bureaucratic and a waste of council tax payer's money
- Trend these days is for less layers of government - see Cornwall and Wiltshire
- trying to unite a substantial group of people with very different needs will create division and may prove to be less efficiently undertaken by the work currently undertaken by the SCC and EBC
- Unnecessary increase on tax burden of residents
- Unnecessary layer of bureaucracy that has no real power is in our view not needed for our village
- Unnecessary tier of bureaucracy within the already bloated local government
- Unwelcome extra cost, EBC should be reducing cost to taxpayers not increasing them
- Unworthwhile to set up another layer of bureaucracy
- Wants a clean and tidy village
- Wants to see Hersham reinstated as a whole and properly represented
- Wants to stay with EBC
- We already have Surrey and Elmbridge cllrs so why more?
- We already pay a huge amount of council tax
- We are ok as we are and served very well by EBC - if it isn't broken, don't fix it
- We are satisfied that our existing councillors provide a good service and a good level of support
- We believe that having a single tier of council provides a better level of service than could be achieved with multiple tiers of council
- We believe the additional cost far outweighs the benefits especially with the costs of 12 councillors
- We believe the presence of such a council would only confuse the administration of services
- We do not believe services proposed for this Council provide any significant benefit to the community
- We do not need 12 additional cllrs racking up expenses
- We do not need more committee members arguing about measures that will never materialise
- We do not support the creation of a Parish Council for Hersham. We see no benefit in this proposal
- We have enough bureaucracy across this country and really don't need more
- we have lived in Hersham for nearly fifty years and are quite satisfied with the current arrangements
- We need no further layer of bureaucracy in the local area
- We see no benefit in paying extra for this Council
- What a terrible waste of everybody's time and money. Let it die at birth
- Wholly unnecessary extra layer of government
- Would just be introducing another layer of bureaucracy and adding unnecessary cost to our already high council tax. I do not think the introduction of yet more councillors would improve the already pleasant village in which I live

- Yes to 12 parish cllrs
- Vast majority of members in favour of creation of community council for Hersham. Views are based on opinions and comments from our AGM meetings over a period of years.
- Sees the HCC as a way of delivering the aims of HRA in a much more effective way through a body with an official status that can provide community cohesion and raise a small amount of funding for use locally
- HRA feel that the boundaries of the previous Hersham North and Hersham South wards would provide a good geographical basis for a HCC with further discussion on the southern boundary to reflect residents in the Cobham area
- Members felt strongly that the heart of Hersham Village was important
- Felt size of village should not be reduced and lost in surrounding areas
- Felt old boundaries should exist and all village amenities should be maintained for existing and future residents to enjoy.
- There are some supporters in central Hersham but the majority of members along Queens Road, Burwood Road and towards Seven Hills Road are very much opposed as they do not consider themselves Hersham residents
- 12 parish cllrs would be excessive
- Members do not want to give any money to fund HCC
- If Hersham wants a parish council it should be restricted to the current area of Hersham