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To all Households in Upper Saxondale

Dear Resident

Have your say on how Upper Saxondale will be governed in the future...

Rushcliffe Borough Council has received a petition from residents asking for Upper Saxondale to have its own parish council. Currently, the majority of Upper Saxondale falls within Radcliffe-on-Trent parish, whilst the remainder falls within Cropwell Butler parish.

The petition had 233 valid signatures from residents who live in the area which would be covered by the proposed new parish, which is around 35.4% of all voters living within the proposed area.

The petitioners put forward that:

“This petition recommends the creation of the parish of Upper Saxondale in the borough of Rushcliffe, Nottinghamshire. This will:

- ensure that Upper Saxondale electors are effectively represented at parish level*
- ensure that the parish precept is spent for the benefit of the Upper Saxondale community*
- ensure a sustainable future for the maintenance and protection of the environment and facilities at Upper Saxondale”.*

Rushcliffe Borough Council must now act upon this petition by conducting what is known as a Community Governance Review.

This information sheet is intended to explain:

- What the review is
- How it will be carried out
- How you can have your say about the proposal.

There is also a questionnaire which you can complete and return to the freepost address below.

Yours sincerely



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Have Your Say...

Do you want a new parish council for Upper Saxondale?

What is a Community Governance Review?

The Council has received a petition from some residents living in Upper Saxondale who want to create a new parish. Because of this Rushcliffe Borough Council (by law) has to carry out what is known as a Community Governance Review. As part of this review, the Council has to find out how much support there is in Upper Saxondale for a new parish from residents and other interested local organisations. We also need to establish whether it would be a good way to run local politics and matters affecting the village. The boundary of the proposed parish, as identified by the petitioners, is shown on the map on the back page of this leaflet.

How do I have my say?

By emailing the Council at consultation@rushcliffe.gov.uk. In order for your response to be counted you must ensure you include your name and address. You can also complete the enclosed form and returning it to the freepost address below.

Please note that the CLOSING DATE for comments is 13 May 2022. Any comments received after that date may not be considered.

The findings of the consultation on whether to set up a new parish for Upper Saxondale will be considered by Rushcliffe Borough Council. They will make a recommendation which you will be able to comment on in the summer of 2022. A final decision on this will be taken by Council in September 2022.

What is a parish council?

Parish councils are the most local level of elected local government which represent the interests of their community and are funded through an additional charge added to council tax bills, which is called a 'precept'.

Many town and parish councils are involved in local matters such as planning, licensing, managing town and village centres and providing community halls.

Will it cost me anymore than I pay now?

The amount of charge is something that each parish council has to decide for itself and it depends on what services and facilities it provides. Parish councils can also apply for grants and loans.

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The following table provides examples of comparable parish precepts within the Rushcliffe Borough Council area and also gives the size of the electorate. The charge shown is for the annual charge for Band D properties and is in addition to the Council Tax.

Currently Radcliffe-on-Trent residents currently pay a parish precept of £96.64 per annum, and Cropwell Butler £36.72 in addition to their Council Tax. For comparison purposes, Upper Saxondale has 651 electors in the area defined by the petition.

Parish	Parish size (Electorate)	Annual Precept	Weekly Precept
Costock	508	£62.92	£1.21
Bunny	533	£80.08	£1.54
Newton	604	£59.80	£1.15
Whatton-in-the-Vale	729	£54.60	£1.05
Langar-cum-Barnstone	764	£116.48	£2.24

What is the process and who will have a say?

- The Council has now published a detailed terms of reference document which sets out how the review will be undertaken.
- This document can be accessed by visiting www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/uppertsaxondale
- We are now in the first consultation stage. Every household in the petitioned area will receive a copy of this information sheet and questionnaire. **Even if you signed the original petition you should still respond to this consultation.** Please send the completed questionnaire to:

FREEPOST RTJY-BGGZ-EKZK
Rushcliffe Borough Council
Rushcliffe Arena
Rugby Road
West Bridgford
Nottingham
NG2 7YG

- Local businesses and community groups will also receive a copy of the information sheet and questionnaire.

Alternatively you can...

- Send an email response to consultation@rushcliffe.gov.uk

What happens next?

All comments must be received by 13 May 2022 so they can be included. The comments will be considered and draft proposals will be developed. You can have your say on the draft proposals which will be published in June 2022. There will be a second stage to this consultation in the summer. It is vital that you respond to both stages.

Proposed Upper Saxondale Parish

