

### What is a parish council?

Parish councils are the most local level of elected local government which represent the interests of their community. They are funded through an additional charge added to council tax bills called a 'precept'. Town and parish councils are consulted on planning and licensing matters, manage their town and village centres, provide community halls, playgrounds, bins and benches, and look after playing fields and parks. They may also be involved in creating "neighbourhood plans" for their areas,.

You are currently paying for these services as part of Radcliffe-on-Trent parish or Cropwell Butler parish depending on where you live. You may also be paying a voluntary contribution to the Upper Saxondale Residents' Association. Under this proposal you will be paying a charge for a new Upper Saxondale parish council instead of to Radcliffe-on-Trent or Cropwell Butler parishes.

### 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.

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.

Radcliffe-on-Trent residents currently pay a parish precept of £96.64 per annum, and Cropwell Butler £36.72 (for a Band D property) in addition to their Council Tax. For comparison purposes, Upper Saxondale has 640 electors in the area defined by the enclosed map.

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

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To all households in Upper Saxondale

Dear Resident

### Proposal for how Upper Saxondale will be governed in the future...

In March 2022 we wrote to tell you that Rushcliffe Borough Council had received a petition from residents asking for the creation of a separate parish council for Upper Saxondale. By law Rushcliffe Borough Council has to carry out a review of how decisions are made in the area by doing what is called a 'Community Governance Review'.

The first part of this process was to ask local residents whether they would like to see a new parish council set up in Upper Saxondale. The consultation closed on 13 May 2022.

I am now writing to let you know:

- What you told us
- What the Borough Council is doing with the results
- How you can have your say on the next stage in the process.

**We need you to tell us whether you agree with our recommendation to create a separate parish for Upper Saxondale. Even if you signed the petition and / or responded to the first consultation, it is important that you tell us what you think now.**

More details about the review and the consultation are available on the Council's website: [www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/uppertsaxondale](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/uppertsaxondale) .

Yours sincerely



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### What's the current situation in Upper Saxondale?

At the moment, if you live in Upper Saxondale you pay Council Tax to Rushcliffe Borough Council (which is then distributed to Nottinghamshire County Council, and Police and Fire authorities) including a parish precept which is distributed to either Radcliffe-on-Trent or Cropwell Butler parish councils-

In December 2021, the Borough Council received a petition from residents in Upper Saxondale asking for a separate parish council for Upper Saxondale to be created. This triggered a process called 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 separate parish council from residents and local businesses. We also need to find out if a separate parish council would be a good way to govern and make decisions that affect Upper Saxondale.

To find out what the community thinks about the proposal, the Council asked residents and businesses in Upper Saxondale to get in touch. This leaflet presents the results of the initial consultation, outlines the recommendation of the Borough Council and asks you what you think about that recommendation.

### What you told us

Residents were asked if they would like to see a separate parish created for Upper Saxondale. Leaflets were delivered to all households and businesses in the area. Information was also on the Council's website.

- 26.6% of the electorate responded to the consultation
- 25.5% of the electorate said 'yes' they would like to see a new parish set up for Upper Saxondale (that's 96% of those that responded)
- 1.1% of residents said 'no' they would not like to see the creation of a new parish
- 73.4% of residents did not respond to the consultation.

### What is Rushcliffe Borough Council doing with the results?

The Council has considered all of the responses and comments. The Council's view is that the large majority of the electorate who responded

(166 out of 173) would like to see the creation of a separate parish for Upper Saxondale. A response to the consultation of 26.6% demonstrates support for this. Therefore, it is recommending that **a separate parish should be set up**. We are also recommending that:

- The new parish should be named **Upper Saxondale**
- Upper Saxondale Parish Council should have **7** councillors
- The **boundaries** of the parish should match the ward boundaries as shown on the enclosed map.

### What happens now ...

The next part of the review is to ask if you agree with the Borough Council's recommendations regarding the creation of a separate parish council for Upper Saxondale.

To move forward with this recommendation, the Borough Council needs to be satisfied that a separate parish is in the best interests of the Upper Saxondale community and that it would provide convenient and effective local governance. It is important that you get in touch and tell us what you think.

### How do I have my say?

By completing the accompanying form and returning it to FREEPOST RTJY-BGGZ-EKZK, Rushcliffe Borough Council, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7YG. Every person over 18 can have a view. Please use additional sheets if you need to.

Alternatively, you can send an email response to [consultation@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@rushcliffe.gov.uk). Even if you signed the petition and/or replied to the first round of consultation it is important that you tell us what you think now.

Please note that the closing date for stage two of this Community Governance Review is 19 August 2022. Any comments received after that date may not be considered.

The responses to the consultation will be considered by the Council and a final decision will be made on 29 September 2022.