

What is a parish and a parish council?

Civic parishes are very local geographic areas. They are non-religious but are often mistaken as such. They are the most local level of elected government which represent the interests of their community. Most of Rushcliffe is parished (except West Bridgford) and communities elect parish councillors every four years. Legislation allows for the word parish to be substituted for community, neighbourhood or village in line with community identity and wishes. **You are being given the opportunity to state a preference for calling the new council for Fairham a parish, community, neighbourhood or village council.**

Parish (community, neighbourhood or village) councils are funded through an additional charge added to council tax bills called a 'precept'. Local 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 Barton in Fabis parish. Under this proposal you will pay a separate charge (to Rushcliffe Borough Council) for services delivered by Barton in Fabis Parish Council or Fairham (parish, community, neighbourhood or village) Council, depending on where you live.

Will it cost me anymore than I pay now?

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

Households in the parish of Barton in Fabis currently pay a parish precept of £25.92 per annum (for a Band D property) in addition to their Council Tax. There are currently 228 electors in the parish of Barton in Fabis.

It is difficult to accurately predict how fast the new community at Fairham will grow but we estimate the following numbers of electors in each of the next four electoral years:

- 750 in 2027
- 2,080 in 2031
- 3,440 in 2035
- 4,800 in 2039.

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Dear Resident

Proposal for how your local area will be governed in the future...

In June 2025 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 the new Fairham development. 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 for Fairham. The consultation closed on 8 August 2025.

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 governance arrangement for Fairham. 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/barton .

Yours sincerely



Charlotte Caven-Atack
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What's the current situation in Fairham and Barton in Fabis?

At the moment, if you live anywhere in the parish of Barton in Fabis (including in a new home in Fairham) 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 passed on to Barton in Fabis Parish Council.

In September 2024, the Borough Council received a petition from residents in Barton in Fabis asking for a separate parish council for Fairham 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 the existing parish of Barton in Fabis for a separate council in Fairham from residents and local businesses. We also need to find out if a separate council would be a good way to govern and make decisions that affect Fairham.

To find out what the community thinks about the proposal, the Council asked residents and businesses in the parish of Barton in Fabis 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 Fairham. Leaflets were delivered to all households and businesses in the area. Information was also on the Council's website.

- 39% of the electorate responded to the consultation
- 97% of respondents said 'yes' they would like to see a new parish set up for Fairham
- 3% of respondents said 'no' they would not like to see the creation of a new parish.

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 (87 out of 90) would like to see the creation of a separate parish for Fairham. A response to the consultation of 39% 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 **Fairham**
- That residents should be given the option of the new area, and its governance arrangement, being called a **parish, community, neighbourhood or village council**
- That this new body should have **9** councillors
- That the **boundaries** of the parish should match those 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 for Fairham and an associated council.

To move forward with this recommendation, the Borough Council needs to be satisfied that a separate parish is in the best interests of the Fairham and Barton in Fabis communities 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. 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 5 December 2025. 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 5 March 2026.

Have Your Say...

As we can only consider the views of people who are affected by this proposal, please include your name, address and postcode in any response.

Full Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Rushcliffe Borough Council is recommending that a separate parish be created for Fairham.

Do you agree with this recommendation?

Yes If yes, please answer the rest of the consultation questions on this page

No If no, please return this form to the address in the leaflet

Do you agree with the new parish being named Fairham?

Yes No

Would you like to name the new council ...

Fairham Parish Council Fairham Community Council

Fairham Neighbourhood Council Fairham Village Council

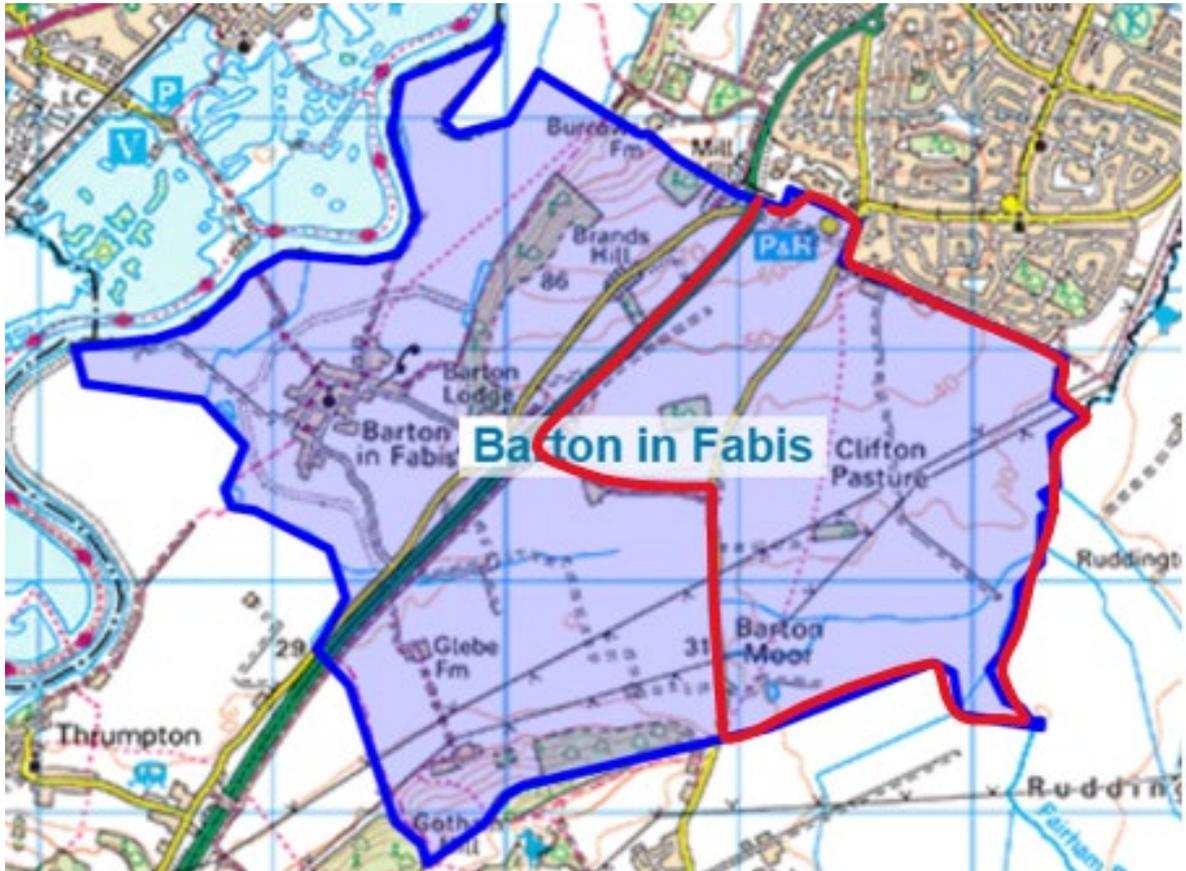
Do you agree with the number of councillors being 9?

Yes No

Do you agree with the proposed boundaries?

Yes No

If no, please let us know why not ...



The blue area on this map is the existing parish of Barton in Fabis.

The area outlined in red is the proposed parish of Fairham.

Please provide any comments on this proposal, any alternative name or boundary you would like to be considered by Rushcliffe Borough Council in the space below, then **return this sheet to Rushcliffe Borough Council at the address provided.**



Please include additional responses from other members of your household on a separate sheet of paper and return in the same envelope. Please ensure their names and addresses are included.

All responses must be received by the Council by 5 December 2025. Any comments received after that date may not be considered.