

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Stamfordham Parish Council

Stamfordham Parish Council has requested that Northumberland County Council undertake a Community Governance Review (CGR) of Stamfordham Parish in Northumberland County to consider its electoral arrangements with a view to removing its subdivision into wards.

The Parish of Stamfordham currently comprises three parish wards, Wards 1, 2 and 3 with current electorates of 96, 419 and 249 respectively. The Parish has a total of seven Parish Councillors with one representing Ward 1, three representing Ward 2 and three representing Ward 3.

The Parish Council is concerned that the existence of wards leads to confusion at election times and the potential for one ward to be oversubscribed. If the Parish was unwarded, then this difficulty would be removed, and all seven Parish Councillors would represent the whole of the Stamfordham Parish.

The Parish Council has, therefore, asked Northumberland County Council to carry out a community governance review which, if approved, will result in the removal of the warded electoral arrangement.

If an order is made the changes will come into force for the next ordinary elections of the parish council in May 2025.

Submission of comments

Comments to be submitted **in writing** by 8 September 2023 to

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