

Strengthening Parish and Town Council Accountability

- Consultation on extending the remit of the Local Government Ombudsman to larger Parish and Town Councils
- A consultation paper issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government
- Runs for 9 weeks and will close on 30 June 2015
- Respond by email to:
parishconsult@communities.gsi.gov.uk
- Seeking the views of individual members of the public, town and parish councils, those bodies that represent the interests of local authorities at all levels and those who have an interest in redress in public institutions.

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- Q1. Should the Local Government Ombudsman's jurisdiction be extended to larger parish and town councils?
- Q2. Should a large parish or town council be defined by having a population the same as or greater than 35,000 people, or should the population threshold be set at a different limit?
- Q3. Should a large parish or town council be defined by having an annual precept of £1m or more?
- Q4. Should a larger parish or town council be defined by both population and budget?
- Q5. Once subject to the Local Government Ombudsman's jurisdiction, should the parish or town council remain so for a fixed time period?