

## **Consultation on proposals for local government reorganisation in Suffolk now open**

The Government has now taken an important step forward shaping the future of local government in Suffolk. Following the announcement last week, a public consultation has now been launched on proposals for local government reorganisation - an initiative that could significantly transform how services are delivered across our communities.

### **Why is this happening?**

This consultation stems from the Government's White Paper *"Power and Partnerships: Foundations for Growth"* which sets out a vision for stronger, more efficient local governance.

In September 2025, two detailed proposals were submitted outlining potential models for unitary local government in Suffolk. They aimed to simplify structures, reduce duplication and create a system that is better equipped to meet the needs of residents and businesses.

### **What does the consultation involve?**

Before any proposals can be implemented, the Government is seeking views from residents, businesses and stakeholders. This consultation will assess the merits of the submitted proposals against key criteria including improved service delivery, value for money, local identity and accountability.

All responses will be considered alongside representations and other relevant information before a final decision is made.

We have updated our information page to help your council recap on what has been happening over the last 11 months.

<https://salc.org.uk/information-page-devolution#scrollTop=0>

### **Why your voice matters**

Local government decisions affect everything from housing and transport to education and social care. This is your opportunity to influence how these services are structured and delivered in the future. Every response will help shape the assessment process and inform the Government's judgment on which proposals - if any - should be implemented.

