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Dear Neighbour,

As you may be aware, earlier this year the Government announced plans for Local Government reorganisation, which would see local councils move from a two-tier authority system to a single unitary authority – **Leicestershire is one of those areas.**

The reorganisation would see local Borough or District Councils, such as North West Leicestershire District Council, merge with Leicestershire County Council. This means whatever option the Government eventually picks, **Borough and District Councils will be abolished.**

However, there has been disagreement locally around what the new authority should look like. **Therefore, I am trying to understand local people's views.**

Currently, three interim proposals have been presented to the Government for the area of Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland. The Government's deadline for final proposals is **the 28th of November.**

The current proposals are:

- **A doughnut:** the current city and county boundaries stay the same, but a single **Leicestershire unitary is created.** All local District / Borough Councils are abolished and come together under one County authority.
- **Split the current county:** two separate North and South county authorities to be created. The city boundaries would stay the same, but Boroughs and Districts would be abolished.
- **Extend the city boundary to take in part of Leicestershire.** The city's estimated population by 2028 is 372,000. This proposal would increase the population to 622,000.
 - o The areas which would be included within the city are: Fosse Park, Oadby, Wigston, Blaby, Leicester Forest East, Kirby Muxloe, and Countesthorpe, among others.

As your Member of Parliament, I work independently of the councils and have little say in how they deliver services. However, these changes affect all of us as residents, and I want to know what you think of the proposals and how they might impact you.

Do you think the current system works?

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Yes

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No

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Do you think the county should remain whole or be split into two unitary authorities?

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Remain whole

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Be split into North and South authorities

One of the proposals shows the city boundaries expanding. Would you be in favour of this?

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Yes

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No

Which of the proposals would you prefer?

Please rate from 1 (most preferred proposal) – 4 (least preferred):

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One single Leicestershire unitary with all Borough and District Councils together as one (The current county and city boundaries stay the same)

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City stays the same, Leicestershire county is divided into two halves – north & south

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Expanding the city's boundaries (from a population of 372,000 to 622,000).

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For the Local Government structure to stay as it is (a two-tier authority), and for no abolition of District / Borough Councils.

Please note: this last option is not being proposed, the question is hypothetical.

Councils provide local services such as planning and social care. Which means the most to you?

Please select three:

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Highways

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Housing

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Parking

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Parks

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Education

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Planning

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Fly tipping

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Waste management

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Social care

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Benefits

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Antisocial behaviour

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Flooding

Any comments?

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Please provide your full name(s)

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Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Please either post your responses back to my office at 10 Priory Walk, Hinckley, LE10 1HU, or email a photo to luke.evans.mp@parliament.uk.

Kind regards,

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