



FINAL RECOMMENDATION FOR HOLBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Following publication of the draft recommendation to not make any changes and leave the number of Councillors at 18 on Holbeach parish council, the following responses were received:

- One member of the public wanted their original comments to be used again at final recommendation stage which stated “changes need to be made in the council but certainly not by this reduction, especially with all the new developments approved for housing which will see a big increase of parishioners with less representation”
- An objection to the reduction in councillors was received stating that “the area is growing rapidly. More people mean more democracy as there are still concerns from a great deal of the public”.
- A disagreement to the recommendation was received stating that “it had been a very long time since there had been 18 councillors on the parish council. Recruiting new councillors is a huge struggle. The comments about being quorate as having 16 councillors instead of 18 would make no difference as the number to be quorate is always rounded up and not down”

Therefore the **final recommendation** for approval at the meeting of South Holland District Council on 18 January 2023, taking into account the consultations is:

- **To not make any changes to the number of Councillors on Holbeach parish council leaving it at 18 seats.**

Timetable for Review

Action	Relevant Date
Terms of reference are published and District Council notifies stakeholders. Publicity and engagement with stakeholders and individual submissions invited	23 May 2022 – 27 June 2022
Consideration of submissions received	28 June 2022 – 18 July 2022
Draft recommendations and proposals prepared	19 July 2022 – 2 September 2022
Publish draft recommendations and go out for second consultation	5 September 2022 – 8 October 2022
Consideration of submissions received and final proposals prepared.	8 October 2022 to 7 November 2022
Final recommendations published	8 November 2022 to 31 December 2022
Full Council Approval	18 January 2023
Council to Make Order	Thereafter