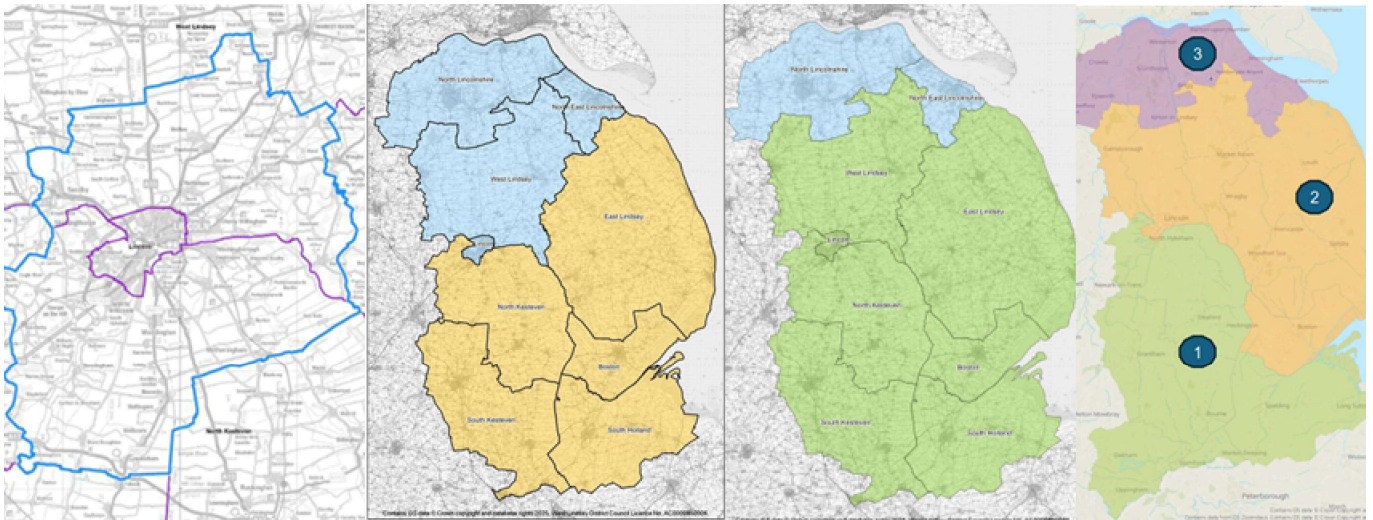


Have your say on the future of West Lindsey

The future of your Council is changing. Earlier this year, the government announced plans to reorganise the way local government services are delivered to local people. Currently, Lincolnshire exists in a 'two-tier' system with some services, such as waste collection, planning and street cleaning delivered by your district council while other services, such as waste disposal, social care and highways delivered by Lincolnshire County Council. Under the government's plans, the two-tier system will be replaced with unitary councils which will deliver all local government services in one place. You can find out more about Local Government Reorganisation and how this may affect you at <https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/council-democracy/local-government-reorganisation>

Some councils across Greater Lincolnshire are currently working up final proposals for what the future of local government services should look like for the area. There are currently four proposals being worked on, which may still be subject to change. These are:



To help shape these plans, we would like to hear your views on what is important to you in terms of place identity, and how you access local services. Please fill out the short survey below, which will take no more than 10 minutes to complete, to have your say on the future of local government in your area.

The survey will close on 15 September 2025 at 9am. If you have any questions, or if you would like to request a copy of this survey in an alternative format, please email corporate.plan@west-lindsey.gov.uk or contact Customer Services on 01427 676 676. Thank you.

1. Are you responding as: **Please tick all that apply**

- ☐ a resident
- ☐ a Parish or Town Councillor
- ☐ a WLDC Councillor
- ☐ a County Councillor
- ☐ on behalf of a business
- ☐ a community representative
- ☐ WLDC Staff
- ☐ non West Lindsey resident

2. Where do you live? **Please tick one box only**

- ☐ Bardney
- ☐ Caistor and Yarborough
- ☐ Cherry Willingham
- ☐ Dunholme and Welton
- ☐ Gainsborough
- ☐ Hemswell
- ☐ Kelsey Wold
- ☐ Lea
- ☐ Market Rasen
- ☐ Nettleham
- ☐ Saxilby
- ☐ Scampton
- ☐ Scotter and Blyton
- ☐ Stow
- ☐ Sudbrooke
- ☐ Torksey
- ☐ Waddingham and Spital
- ☐ Wold View

Other - Please specify:

3. The following two questions help us to understand what you value most about your local area. Which of the following statements is most applicable to you? **Please tick one box only**

- ☐ I feel part of my local area
- ☐ I feel part of the district of West Lindsey
- ☐ I feel part of the County of Lincolnshire
- ☐ I feel part of the Greater Lincolnshire region
- ☐ I feel part of the East Midlands
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Other - Please specify:

4. What do you value about your local area? **Please tick all that apply**

- ☐ Job opportunities in my local area or surrounding area
- ☐ Proximity to family
- ☐ Proximity to friends
- ☐ Proximity to your local town
- ☐ Affordability/availability of housing
- ☐ Safe and friendly environment
- ☐ Provision of education
- ☐ Natural environment
- ☐ Transport links
- ☐ None of the above

Other - Please specify:

5. What ties your local community together? **Please tick all that apply**

- ☐ Accessibility of local services
- ☐ Variety of local services
- ☐ Common interests
- ☐ Common meeting places
- ☐ How people interact with each other
- ☐ Natural environment
- ☐ Shared experiences
- ☐ Shared identity
- ☐ Willingness to help others
- ☐ Heritage
- ☐ None of the above

Other - Please specify:

6. Which town centre do you visit most frequently? **Please tick one box only**

☐ Barton-upon-Humber

☐ Boston

☐ Bourne

☐ Brigg

☐ Caistor

☐ Cleethorpes

☐ Gainsborough

☐ Grantham

☐ Grimsby

☐ Holbeach

☐ Horncastle

☐ Immingham

☐ Kirton-in-Lindsey

☐ Lincoln

☐ Louth

☐ Mablethorpe

☐ Market Rasen

☐ Scunthorpe

☐ Skegness

☐ Sleaford

☐ Spalding

☐ Stamford

Other - Please specify:

7. District Councils deliver a number of services including housing, planning, leisure, waste collection and car parking. Under the government's plans, district and county councils will be abolished and replaced with larger unitary councils which will provide all local government services in a given area.

As part of the creation of a new unitary, please rank which district services are a priority to you? **Please tick one box per row to list the following of order of priority to you with 1st being highest priority and 10th being lowest priority**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Supporting the local economy including creating job opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local facilities like public toilets and leisure's centres	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protecting the environment and keeping it clean	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open spaces including parks and play areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rubbish collection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Building related services such as planning applications, enforcement, building control, protecting our heritage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of affordable housing, including provision of homelessness services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support for housing needs, council tax and benefits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Helping people stay healthy and safe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Working to mitigate the impact of climate change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

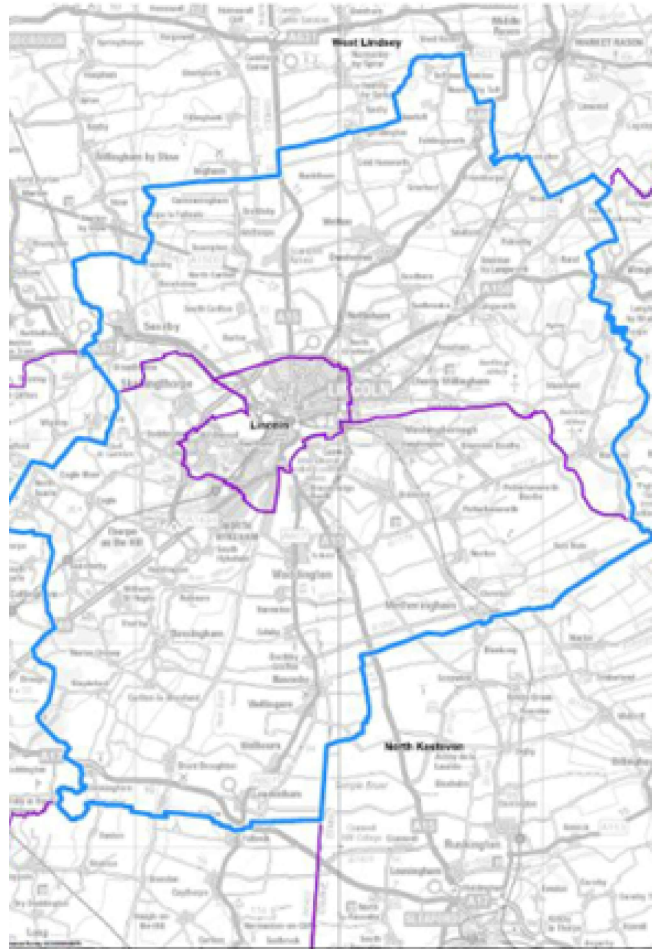
8. What are your main concerns about council services being delivered by single, larger unitary councils?

9. Please list any specific services that are currently provided by the council which you feel should be locally assessable to the community they serve?

10. When thinking about proposals for local government reorganisation in Lincolnshire, what should the priority be? **Please tick all that apply**

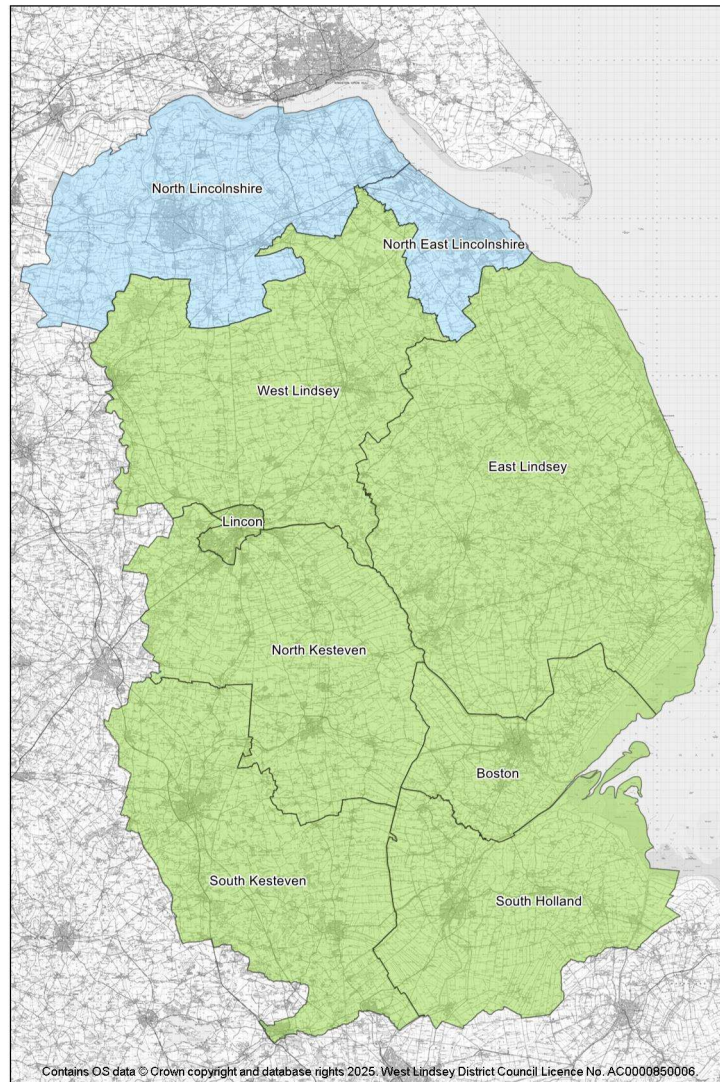
- ☐ Access to services
- ☐ Access to your local Councillor
- ☐ Simplified service delivery
- ☐ Service Quality
- ☐ Value for Money
- ☐ Don't Know
- ☐ None of the above

Other - Please specify:



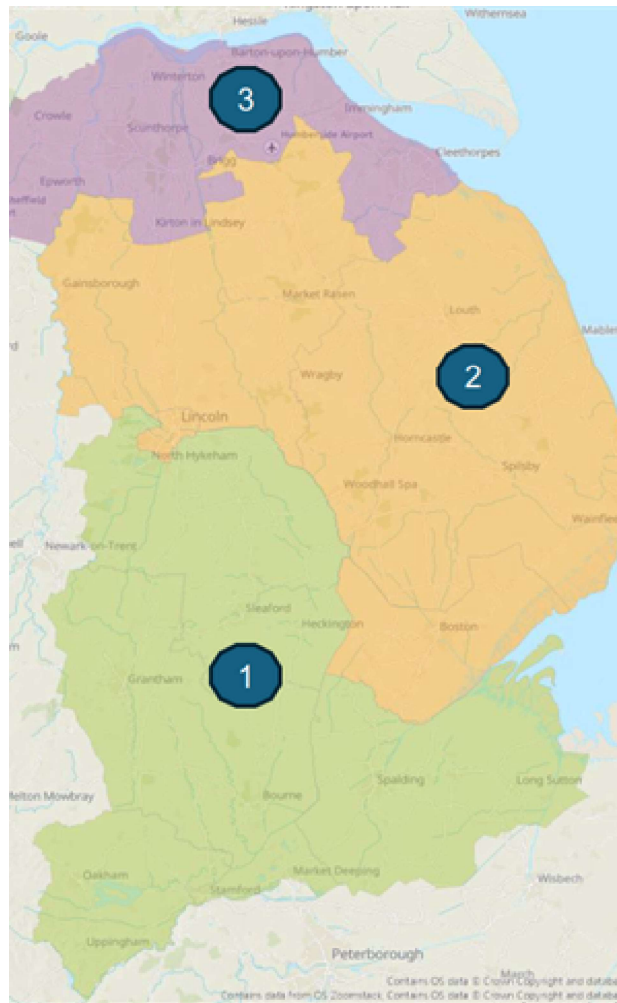
Proposal of an expanded City of Lincoln which includes wards from North Kesteven and West Lindsey with then possible north and south unitaries

11. Looking at this proposal outlined in the map above, do you have any comments on any possible impacts to West Lindsey?



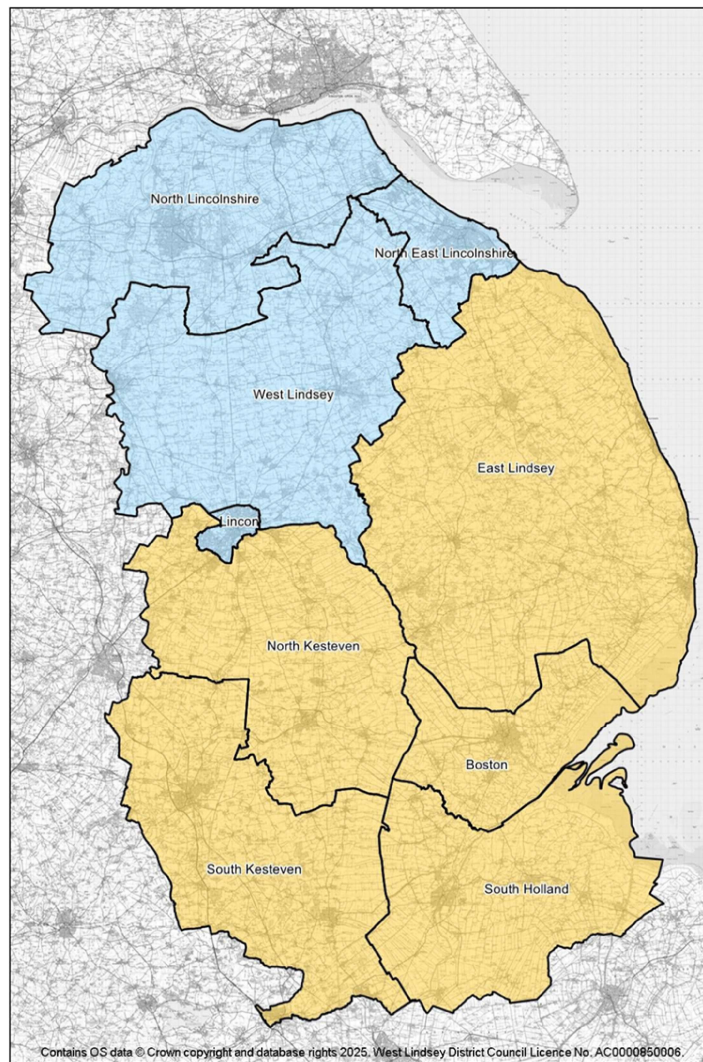
Proposal of a 2 unitary model based on existing County boundary with a merger of North and North East Lincolnshire

12. Looking at this proposal outlined in the map above, do you have any comments on any possible impacts to West Lindsey?



Proposal of 3 unitaries including Rutland. West Lindsey grouped with Boston, Lincoln and East Lindsey.

13. Looking at this proposal outlined in the map above, do you have any comments on any possible impacts to West Lindsey?



Proposal of 2 unitaries with West Lindsey grouped with City of Lincoln, North Lincolnshire and North-East Lincolnshire

14. Looking at this proposal outlined in the map above, do you have any comments on any possible impacts to West Lindsey?

15. Please share any views or concerns you may have about local government reorganisation:

Equalities questionnaire

By answering the equalities questions you will help us to understand how different groups of people from different areas feel about this engagement. All responses are anonymised and you do not have to answer these to take part in the survey.

16. Are you willing to answer these questions?

- ☐ Yes - Please go to question 17
- ☐ No - Please go to the end of the survey

17. Are you?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Transgender
- ☐ Non-Binary
- ☐ Any other gender
- ☐ Prefer not to say

18. Do you have any long term illness, health problems or disability which limits your daily activities or the work that you do?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

19. What age are you?

- ☐ 16-25
- ☐ 26-35
- ☐ 36-45
- ☐ 46-55
- ☐ 56-65
- ☐ 66-75
- ☐ 76 or over
- ☐ Prefer not to say

20. Which of these ethnic groups do you consider you belong?

- ☐ White
- ☐ Black, Black British, Caribbean or African
- ☐ Asian or Asian British
- ☐ Mixed or multiple ethnic groups
- ☐ Any other ethnic group
- ☐ Prefer not to say

21. Which of the following best describes your faith/religion/belief?

- ☐ No religion
- ☐ Christian (all denominations)
- ☐ Muslim
- ☐ Buddhist
- ☐ Sikh
- ☐ Hindu
- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ Any other religion/faith/belief
- ☐ Prefer not to say

22. Which of the following statements best describes your sexuality?

- ☐ Heterosexual/Straight
- ☐ Lesbian/Gay
- ☐ Bisexual
- ☐ Any other sexual orientation
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Thank you for taking part in this engagement