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Submitted to Consultation on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Nottinghamshire and Nottingham
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Tell us about yourself

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 Are you responding as an individual or providing an official response on behalf of an organisation?

Official response on behalf of an organisation

3 Are you providing the official response from a named consultee?

Yes

4 In which council area is your address? (if you are responding as an individual this is your home address. If you are responding as an organisation this is your organisation address)

Nottinghamshire County Council

5 If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please let us know the organisation's name:

Organisation:

Broxtowe Borough Council

6 If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please let us know your position within the organisation:

Position in organisation::

Assistant Director Revenues, Benefits, Customer Services and LGR Lead

7 If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please select the type of organisation from the options below:

Local government - principal council within the invitation area

8 What is your email address?

Email address::

[REDACTED]

Personal Data

1 Please read and tick the box before proceeding with the consultation

The next pages in this consultation include free text boxes. Please tick this box to confirm that you will not include information which may identify an individual in these boxes.

Consultation on the Proposal from Bassetlaw District Council, Gedling Borough Council, Mansfield District Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council

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Dropdown answers:

Strongly disagree

2 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils will be able to deliver the outcomes they describe in the proposal?

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3 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils are the right size to be efficient, improve capacity and withstand financial shocks?

dropdown answers:

Strongly disagree

4 To what extent do you agree or disagree that this proposal will put local government in the area as a whole on a firmer footing, particularly given that some councils in the area are in Best Value intervention and in receipt of exceptional financial support?

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5 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils will deliver high quality, sustainable public services?

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7 To what extent do you agree or disagree that establishing the councils in this proposal will support devolution arrangements?

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Text box to add further comments:

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The Council wishes to raise its view on the development of the current proposals. At the interim plan stage, the options under consideration were 1b, 1e and Option 2. Option 2 was subsequently dismissed as it did not meet the Government's population threshold requirements for a new authority. As a result, the focus of discussion across Nottinghamshire was largely centred on Options 1b and 1e. The Bii option was introduced at a late stage. As a result, residents outside of the city boundary were not meaningfully consulted during the August 2025 countywide consultation. Broxtowe Borough Council considers that this limited the opportunity for residents and stakeholders to provide informed feedback on this proposal.

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10 This is a proposal that is accompanied by a request that the Secretary of State considers boundary change or that affects wider public services. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal sets out a strong public services and financial sustainability justification for boundary change?

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11 If you would like to, please use this free text box to explain your answer to question 10

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Please see the statement in response to question 9.

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