

## Response ID ANON-EYWM-KYF5-1

Submitted to Consultation on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Hertfordshire  
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### Tell us about yourself

1 What is your name?

Name:  
Stewart Pomeroy

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?

No

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)

Outside the affected area

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

Organisation:  
Colne Valley Park Trust

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

Position in organisation::

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

Voluntary sector

8 What is your email address?

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### Personal Data

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

The sections for each proposal in this consultation include free text boxes where you can explain your answers. 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 Hertfordshire County Council and St Albans City and District Council

1 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal suggests councils that are based on sensible geographies and economic areas?

Dropdown answers:  
Somewhat agree

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?

Dropdown answers:  
Somewhat disagree

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:  
Somewhat disagree

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

Dropdown answers:

Neither agree nor disagree

5 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal has been informed by local views and will meet local needs?

Dropdown answers:

Somewhat agree

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

Dropdown answers:

Neither agree nor disagree

7 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal enables stronger community engagement and gives the opportunity for neighbourhood empowerment?

Dropdown answers:

Somewhat disagree

8 If you would like to, please use the free text box to explain the answers you have provided to questions 1-7 referring to the question numbers as part of your answer. You may also use the box to provide any other comments you have on the proposal.

Text box to add further comments:

The geographical split is based on sensible geographies in that (roughly and approximately) the Colne River Catchment is in the west and the Lea Catchment in the East.

However the two new authorities will be geographically too large to properly understand and respond to local opportunities. We speak from lived recent experience in that the newly created Buckinghamshire Council is far too large to effectively understand opportunities and deliver improvements for communities that live on the edges of the county.

9 I confirm that I have not provided any information that identifies an individual in the free text box.

Yes

## Consultation on the proposal from East Hertfordshire District Council, Three Rivers District Council and Watford Borough Council

1 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal suggests councils that are based on sensible geographies and economic areas?

Dropdown answers:

Strongly agree

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?

dropdown answers:

Somewhat agree

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Dropdown answers:

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Of the three options this feels like the right balance is being struck between being large enough to be financial sustainable V being geographically small enough to properly understand and respond to local opportunities.

9 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?

Dropdown answers:

Somewhat agree

10 If you would like to, please use this free text box to explain your answer to question 9.

Text box to add further comments:

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Yes

Consultation on the proposal from Broxbourne Borough Council, Dacorum Borough Council, Hertsmere Borough Council, North Hertfordshire District Council, Stevenage Borough Council and Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

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Dropdown answers:

Somewhat agree

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?

dropdown answers:

Neither agree nor disagree

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:

Neither agree nor disagree

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Dropdown answers:

Neither agree nor disagree

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Yes