

Name*	Organisation you belong to	Your feedback*
Steven Ford	parish/town council	Thorpe St Andrew Town Council has considered the proposals for a unitary authority for Norfolk and have resolved that if the status quo is not an option then the Council support the countywide proposal. It was resolved to reject the doughnut option that has been put forward. The Town Council does not believe there should be any local government reorganisation at this time in the current economic climate.
Mrs. M. Archer	member of the public	Norfolk is a unique county and systems which have been tried and have failed elsewhere should not be foisted on to us. The current local government system works well and is accessible and accountable to the electorate, the district councils are able to focus on the needs of the residents and provide the facilities which they require. At a time of recession the aim should be to be as economic as possible not to spend over Â£40 million on change which is neither needed nor wanted by the people of Norfolk. I do not favour either of the proposed changes and wish for the present County and District Councils to remain.
Mrs Keryn Middleton	member of the public	I would prefer NOT to come under a single unitary authority.
richard ehlers	member of the public	I'm an individual member of downham by design. I'm against the 2 part solution for Norfolk. On the other hand i feel it is important to decentralise as much of the decision making in the county wide solution as far as possible. Therefore in small towns such as downham market the local villages should be involved /considered as a whole. Subordination to Kings Lynn is not the answer.
Ian Mack	political group/organisation	<p>The period of further "consultation" has involved no meaningful involvement of the people of Norfolk, the quality and dissemination of further information has been poor. Neither of the options will meet the needs of the people of this area and the proposals are particularly weak for West Norfolk, being given the option of being part of a so called "rural" Unitary - which can hardly be the case with Great Yarmouth and Kings Lynn both part of the same authority. This would be an authority with no clear single physical centre and certainly no easily defined single economic area of influence - with a separate Norwich Unitary in the heart of it.</p> <p>The County Unitary remains much too large and because of the necessity of having large populations for its electoral divisions with comprehensive responsibilities and will lead to the development of professional local politicians whose sole or principal occupation will be that of local member. At a time when there is growing public outrage at professional politicians, their associated expenses and perceived distance from the people they are elected to serve, these new "super councillors" would risk alienation from local communities and no longer find it easy to continue their normal work. As such it would significantly reduce the pool of potential candidates and their range of backgrounds.</p> <p>There still has been no comprehensive assessment of the</p>

		<p>views of the people of Norfolk and the opinions I have gathered as that this change is being imposed on local people without a real opportunity for them to express their views.</p> <p>In such circumstances where neither option offered can demonstrate benefit, status quo is the best outcome to this process.</p> <p>Cllr Dr Ian Mack</p> <p>Leader Liberal Democrat Group</p> <p>Member for Watlington</p> <p>Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council</p>
Mr. R. A. Seaman	member of the public	<p>I am strongly opposed to your draft proposals for unitary goverment & believe you should advise the Secretary of State that in spite of her saying the Status Quo is not an option, this is what all the District Councils exept Norwich wants. Also a recent YouGov poll in Norfolk showed that 84%of local residents want to keep our current two-tier council system as well & I would think that the feedback from your consutation will show that the majority of Norfolk are opposed to unitary authorities.The other thing is we can not afford it at this time!</p>
A J Cowles Mr	parish/town council	<p>Hainford Parish Council have already expressed thier veiws to you at an earlier stage in the consultative process. We fell that the parishioners of Hainford are well served by the current three tier system and consequently Hainford Parish Council sees no reason whatsoever to change. If change were to be forced upon us then Hainford Parish Council would prefer to see a single unitary authorithy as we feel that this is the least worse case scenario. The best case scenario is the maintainance of the staus quo</p>