# **Community Governance Review - Englefield Green Village Neighbourhood Area**

## Have your say!

Runnymede Borough Council is asking for your views on creating a parish council for Englefield Green, following a request from the local Neighbourhood Forum.

This survey explains the proposal and invites feedback from anyone interested in expressing their views. Your views will help shape the Council's decision.



#### Please note:

Local government reorganisation is also underway, which will replace Runnymede Borough Council with a larger unitary authority covering a wider area.

### What is a parish council?

A parish council is a local elected body that represents the community and provides certain local services. These can include things like maintaining open spaces, managing allotments, supporting local groups, and commenting on planning applications.

Its aim is to strengthen local democracy and community involvement. If established, it may be called a community, village, or neighbourhood council.

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#### How are parish councils paid for?

Parish councils are funded through a precept, which is an additional charge included in your Council Tax. The amount varies depending on the services the parish council provides and is calculated based on the number of Band D equivalent properties in the area.

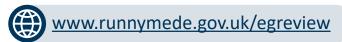
Your Council Tax bill will show this precept separately, alongside charges for Surrey County Council, Runnymede Borough Council, and Surrey Police. Existing discounts and council tax support will still apply, with the cost of these shared across all taxpayers in Runnymede.

Since the responsibilities of the proposed new parish council are not yet defined, the exact precept amount is unknown. However, the average parish precept for a Band D property in the UK in 2024/25 was £85.88 per year.



This initial round of consultation will be open until 15th September.

Please let us know your views by scanning the QR code or visiting our website:



#### Written representations can also be made to:

The Elections Office, Runnymede Borough Council, Civic Centre, Station Road, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 2AH

Further detailed information on establishing parish councils is available online at the website of the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)

https://www.slcc.co.uk/establishing-strong-local-councils-for-your-unparished-communities

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