

Our ref: Drakelow CGR
Your ref:

Date: 8th March 2024

Dear Sir / Madam,

Drakelow Community Governance Review 2023

Section 79 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 allows the District Council to undertake a Community Governance Review (the Review) of the whole or part of its area. In November 2023, following the receipt of a petition signed by 271 local electors, the Council agreed to undertake a Review, published its Terms of Reference on 3 November 2023 and undertook an initial consultation until 26 January 2024. At its Meeting held on 28 February 2024, the Council considered and agreed Draft Recommendations for further consultation.

South Derbyshire District Council is now undertaking the second consultation period of the Review process on its Draft Recommendations. For ease of reference, these are set out below and overleaf: That:

1(a)	the existing Parish Meeting for the parished area of Drakelow is abolished on 31 March 2025 and replaced with a Parish Council.
1(b)	a Parish Council for the parished area of Drakelow is constituted with effect from 1 April 2025.
2	the new Council for the parished area of Drakelow is styled as a parish council and constituted as "Drakelow Parish Council".
3	the area and boundaries of Drakelow Parish Council remain the same as those on which the current Drakelow Parish Meeting is based.
4	Drakelow Parish Council has nine Parish Councillors when it is created in 2025 and that this rises to eleven when the number of local electors reaches 905.
5	there will be no Parish Wards in Drakelow Parish Council's area.
6	in accordance with the statutory Guidance on Community Governance Reviews, Drakelow Parish Council is established with effect from 1 April 2025 and local elections are held in May 2025.

Residents and interested parties are encouraged to make their views known on the above Draft Recommendations. Please note that for the Draft Recommendations to become Final Recommendations, the District Council would expect to see a significant level of support expressed by **at least 10% or 65 local electors** from Drakelow.

The Review's Terms of Reference document, a report about the results of consultation so far and the Draft Recommendations are available on the Council's website by using the following link:

<https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/about-us/have-your-say/drakelow-community-governance-review>

Should you wish to submit a representation relating to the above Draft Recommendations, please do so by **no later than 3 May 2024** using the dedicated email address, drakelowcgr@southderbyshire.gov.uk or write to us at the following address:

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Yours faithfully

Chief Executive