



## Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council

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Dear Residents of Radcliffe-on-Trent,

We are writing to you regarding the future of our community and to ask for your vital input through this [survey](#).

Our village is currently facing significant planning pressures due to national policy changes, ([you can read more about greenbelt here](#)) including the introduction of "Grey Belt" land. These changes mean that areas of our Green Belt that make a limited contribution to its core purposes could now be at risk of housing development. Specifically, we are concerned about potential expansion from Bingham to the east, development between Gamston and Cropwell Road to the west, and building on land beyond Prince's Place.

To protect our open spaces and rural character, we are considering a transition from "Village" to "Town" status. This is a strategic move for several reasons:

- **Stronger Green Belt Protection:** National guidance provides "towns" with a designated green belt encircling them, an automatic right not currently extended to villages.
- **Avoiding Urban Sprawl:** Current devolution policies explicitly aim to prevent urban sprawl between towns, but offer only vague protections for villages.
- **Increased Influence:** As a town, we should have a stronger voice and more "gravitas" when negotiating with developers, requesting funding, and representing our interests in strategic planning.
- **Civic Identity:** With our growing population and planned infrastructure improvements—including an enhanced doctor's surgery—Radcliffe is increasingly functioning as a town in all but name.

Please note that changing our status to a "Town Council" would be for civic and community purposes; it would not alter our legal powers or responsibilities.

**We want to hear your views on this proposal.** Please take a few moments to complete our community survey here: [Community Survey Link](#). The deadline to complete this survey is Friday 30th January 2026. Supporting documents available on the [Parish Council Website](#).

Your feedback is essential in helping us preserve the character of Radcliffe-on-Trent for the future.

Yours faithfully,

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council