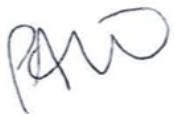


Why I (Anne McLeod - Chair of Parish Council) believe we should change the status of Radcliffe on Trent from a village to a town.

- A town is entitled to have a designated green belt encircling it, a village does not automatically have that right, [see slides from Rushcliffe Town and Parish Conference]. This is the most important reason for the change. Rushcliffe has recently been advised, more houses need to be built because local urban areas cannot fulfil the increasing need. This becomes more pressing if Tollerton does not go ahead or is delayed. Our Green Belt is threatened to the East by expansion of Bingham and to the West by possible building from Gamston to Cropwell Road. It is also likely that developers will want to build on land beyond Prince's Place, [Crown land in Shelford Village].
- The English Devolution White Paper published in December 2024, clearly says that Urban Sprawl is to be avoided between **towns**. Only vague reference is made to villages.
- Although not yet declared, it is likely that we will have additional responsibilities as part of the Local Government Reorganisation initiative. As a town we are in a stronger position to ask for additional funding to support that change.
- After devolution, we will become the only tier of Government with a local voice, with local experience and knowledge. We need to make that voice heard. Increasing our status should support that.
- A town would also have an increased voice when liaising with developers and Government in a changing World.
- As a town we have more gravitas when representing Radcliffe on external bodies. “If we don’t sit around the table, we can’t influence the outcome”.
- The increased population of Radcliffe, alongside the planned developments to our infrastructure, such as a new, enhanced Doctor’s surgery and improved centre means that we will be, -in reality, a town in all but name.
- The Devolution White Paper places a great deal of emphasis on the rights of towns to protect green spaces, nature reserves and enhancement of biodiversity.[150, 159, 192]
- This change may give local wildlife sites more protection in law

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