



PETITION TO BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

Give High Wycombe Its Own Town Council

High Wycombe is the only major town in Buckinghamshire without its own council. Right now, nobody you elect speaks for the town itself.

Every other major Buckinghamshire town has a parish or town council. High Wycombe's unparished area does not – it is overseen by a committee of unitary councillors whose wards happen to clip the town, and you already pay about £20 a year for it through your council tax. In 2024, 60% of residents who took part in the council's consultation backed a town council. Buckinghamshire set that aside, citing low turnout. The clear wish of those who responded was overruled on a technicality.

We, the undersigned local government electors of the unparished area of High Wycombe, petition Buckinghamshire Council to undertake a Community Governance Review with a view to establishing a directly-elected Town Council for High Wycombe.

Under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, a petition signed by 7.5% of local electors compels the Council to carry out that review – the formal route to a town council with its own councillors and its own mayor. This is not about party politics. It is about whether High Wycombe gets a voice of its own.

4,135

signatures (7.5% of electors) legally force a review

4,500

our target, to clear the bar beyond dispute

2,532

the entire 2024 consultation, for comparison

Who can sign: you must be a registered local government elector living in the unparished area of High Wycombe (the wards of Abbey, Booker/Cressex & Castlefield, Downley, Ryemead & Micklefield, Terriers & Amersham Hill, Totteridge & Bowerdean, and West Wycombe). Please print clearly – an unreadable entry cannot be counted.

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