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**BARLEYTHORPE COMMUNITY TRUST
RESPONSE TO LGBCE PROPOSALS FOR RUTLAND**

The Barleythorpe Community Trust was set up in 2017 with the aim of addressing a range of issues facing the ever expanding Barleythorpe Community. The Local Governance Review carried out by Rutland County Council in 2016/17 recognised that there was a strong feeling in the community for Barleythorpe to retain its identity, have its own Parish Council, and not in effect become part of Oakham. We believe that the Boundary Commission has failed, to date, to take this fully into account when setting out its proposals. The Parish Boundary was adjusted in April 2017 to give clarity and thus makes it entirely suitable as a ward boundary for County Council elections.

The predicted population growth is such that Barleythorpe, in itself, justifies representation by two County Councillors. Having two County Councillors would mean that they could focus more specifically on representing issues affecting Barleythorpe as a unique community.

Mention was made earlier of some very specific issues affecting the Barleythorpe community. One of these relates to the new developments which are eventually likely to exceed 1000 houses. All the extensive parks and open spaces are to be maintained at a cost to residents, rather than being adopted. This has thrown up legal issues which the Trust is working to resolve with Barleythorpe residents and RCC; strong representation by two County Councillors would make for a clear connection between the Barleythorpe community and RCC.

Other issues affecting our community include lack of a local primary school and our own community space. The Trust also aims to help develop social activities and cohesion within the Barleythorpe community.

More information on the Barleythorpe Community Trust can be found on the website

<https://www.barleythorpe-community-trust.co.uk/>

We hope that the Boundary Commission will reconsider its current proposals and recognise that the largely new and ever expanding Barleythorpe community has its own clear identity which is best served through representation by two County Councillors.

For the Barleythorpe Community Trust

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