

Do you live in central St.Albans?

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**KEEP A LOCAL
VOICE HERE!**

Your local democratic voice is under threat!

St Albans District Council is being abolished.
Here's why it matters.

Local government reorganisation is under way across the country. By April 2028, district and county councils will be replaced by new Unitary Authorities.

In St Albans our City & District Council (SADC) will be abolished, putting our local heritage and prized assets at risk.

What does that mean for you as residents and local businesses?

- NO one to speak up for city centre residents and businesses on local issues.
- NO elected body focused solely on the people who live, trade and work in our city.
- NO one locally to look after our parks, community spaces, festivals, or the market.

That's why we support the creation of a new parish council for central St Albans. The first stage of the consultation (a Community Governance Review) is now live and closes on 6 October 2025. **ACT NOW!**

Support the idea of a parish council for central St Albans
by emailing: CGR@stalbans.gov.uk.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD! (Read on for more details).

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We say NO to:

Limited control over local issues

Less focus on the needs of local residents and businesses

No influence over the future of our historic city

We say YES to:

Stronger local democratic representation

Protecting local management of our assets

Elected local councillors who know St Albans well

We want a democratic voice
We support a parish council for central St Albans

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Use our hashtag: **#VoiceForStAlbans**



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Avoid a bad deal for central St Albans!

Other parts of the district, like Harpenden, Sandridge and Redbourn, already have parish councils. Central St Albans does not.

Known as the “unparished area” it covers 28,000 households, which means that 60,000+ St Albans residents will have no say on local matters.

When our District Council disappears, so too does the local management of our neighbourhoods, our parks, our markets and our historic city centre.

A parish council for St Albans would be a locally elected body—just like Harpenden Town Council—focused on preserving and enhancing our unique city life.

As Civic Society Chair Mary Conneely puts it: ***“Parish or town councils play a vital role in representing communities and managing what makes a place thrive. We believe central St Albans needs a parish council now more than ever.”***

St Albans Civic Society, with partners such as local Residents’ Associations, has considered this impending gap and its potential impact. Until now, with a City and District Council in place, we have not needed our own local-area council, but with a Unitary Authority covering a very wide area and with a large portfolio of responsibilities, there will be no local management and safeguarding of this city’s distinct characteristics. That’s why we are calling for a parish council for central St Albans.

How to MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

The first stage of the consultation, called a Community Governance Review (CGR) is now live and closes 6 October 2025.

Your point of view matters, as without a strong response NOW, we risk losing the chance to shape our future and that of our city.

To support a parish council for St. Albans, email: CGR@stalbans.gov.uk. Include your name and address (your details will be kept confidential).

Your message can be simple: *“I/we support the creation of a parish council for central St Albans, so that our community continues to have local, elected representation.”*

Alternatively, you can send the same message by letter to: Community Governance Review, Electoral Services, St Albans City and District Council, Civic Centre, St Peters Street, St Albans, AL1 3JE.

Let’s make sure St Albans city centre still has a voice after 2028

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