

TOLLER PORCORUM PARISH COUNCIL

Full Parish Council Meeting | Wednesday 9 September 2026

Appendix H - Response to public consultation on Policer Force Mergers

Minute reference: 26/09-10.iii

Response submitted by clerk, 3 September 2026.

1. **Before today, were you aware that the Government is proposing to merge police forces?**
Yes
2. **What concerns, if any, would you have about police forces merging? (select as many as appropriate/relevant)**
Other (specify): Ensuring that the rurality of community policing in rural areas is not demised.
3. **What benefits, if any, can you see from merging police forces? (select as many as appropriate/relevant)**
Reduction in back-office costs.
Other (specify): Any savings in back-office costs should be redirected to front line services and not back to central government.
4. **Overall, considering the above, do you support or oppose the proposal to merge police forces into larger regional forces?**
Unsure
5. **Are there any further comments you would like to add on the subject of Police Reform?**
This response to the consultation is on behalf of Toller Porcorum Parish Council. The council has nothing further to add at this time due to the lack of detailed information on the potential impact on local policing.

What is your sex?

Prefer not to say

Is the gender you identify with the same as it was at birth?

Prefer not to say

What is your age?

Prefer not to say

Do you consider yourself to have a longstanding illness or disability?

Yes | No | Prefer not to say

Prefer not to say

In order to help us more precisely map the results of the survey across the county of Dorset, please would you provide the outward element only of your postcode (e.g. BH2, BH23, DT11, DT7, etc) that indicates the town or district where you live.

DT2

What is your ethnic group or background?

Prefer not to say