

## WCC Governance Review Consultation Document - key points

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As far as the Campaign for a Community Council is concerned there are really only 2 questions that directly relate to the issue of our campaign. These are questions 4 and 11. **Obviously if you wish to respond to all the questions you can, but we would urge you to PLEASE as a minimum answer questions 4 and 11.** It is easiest to simply email your views to [cgr@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:cgr@westminster.gov.uk) Or if you prefer you can use the full form provided at [www.westminster.gov.uk/communitygovernance](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/communitygovernance)

Below we have provided a few key bullet points that may help you in answering these 2 questions.

**Question 4: What are your views on whether Parish/Community Councils should or should not be established in Westminster? Please explain the reasons why you feel the way you do.**

- Whatever happens in Queen's Park, it doesn't mean that Parish Councils will spring up all over Westminster, but it should be possible for those communities who really want one.
- Saying NO, and Westminster deciding NO to Queen's Park, means that we won't get another chance to request one for at least another 5 years.
- The campaign in Queen's Park has genuine support with large numbers of residents and has built up a lot of momentum.
- Communities should be entitled to determine what's right for their area.
- Local communities should have the right to determine what type of arrangements they want. One size does not have to fit all.
- Community Council's/Parish Councils have a massive advantage over other forms of local governance because they are elected and have more control over how to spend local budgets.

**Question 11: Do you think it is fair to have different forms of community governance across Westminster?**

- People should have the right to have the form of community governance that suits them best. In Queen's Park the majority are ready for a Parish Council.
- Neighbourhoods need to be run to suit the needs of the local area and people.
- Westminster's neighbourhoods are all different and each has its own character. Belgravia is completely different from Church Street. One size does not and cannot fit or suit all.
- Over the past 10 years Westminster has already had different arrangements in place for different areas, such as Local Partnership and Business Improvement Districts.

For more information please check out:

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