

Response	Ward of Residence	Town Council Wanted?	Town Council – Preferred Area	Comment/View
1.	Whitley Bay	Yes.	Whitley Bay + Monseaton North and South + St. Mary's Wards	I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A TOWN COUNCIL SO THAT THE RESIDENTS VIEWS WOULD BE LISTENED TO WITHOUT BEING USED TO SCORE PARTY POLITICAL POINTS FROM EACH OTHER.AND THEN MAYBE JUST MAYBE RESIDENTS WOULD BE GIVEN HONEST FACTS AND FIGURES SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SENSE OF HOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS RUN.ALSO I THINK THAT A TOWN COUNCIL HAS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO MAKE THE COAST A MUCH BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN.
2.	St. Mary's	Yes.	Whitley Bay + Monseaton North and South + St. Mary's Wards	Essential to give local residents a say in their own town just as we had in the old U.D.C. days. I feel strongly that I have no influence what so ever in what happens in MY home town and important decisions are taken elsewhere by faceless council minions who no nothing about our community, to them we are merely statistics to be pushed around.
3.	St. Mary's	Yes.	Whitley Bay + Monseaton North and South + St. Mary's Wards	Please give us a say in local matters through a town council, North Tyneside Council is far too big and faceless, local representation by and for local people!!
4.	Monkseaton South	Yes.	Whitley Bay + Monseaton North and South Wards	I believe there is a need for a more democratic local government which enables decision making about local area issues to be made by those people who live in the community. It is a step in the right direction to remove local decision making from central or remote sources

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5.	Monkseaton South	Yes.	Whitley Bay + Monseaton North and South + St. Mary's Wards	Would increase local democracy. Provide a better platform than "Area Forums" for deciding where money was spent on local issues. Even though this would be seen by many as a 2nd tier of bureaucracy, locally elected residents and not ward councillors would take the decisions.
6.	Whitley Bay	No.		Think it is another layer of government that we can ill afford.
7.	St. Mary's	Don't know.	Whitley Bay + Monseaton North and South + St. Mary's Wards	<p>I would only be in favour of a discrete Whitley Bay Council if it were to replace North Tyneside altogether!</p> <p>I do not otherwise see any point in creating yet another layer of local government.</p> <p>I suspect it would cost more, not be truly independent, have little if any money, virtually no powers on anything that matters and be nothing more than a talking shop.</p> <p>I can see in more rural areas where physical remoteness is a major issue, some vehicle for local determination of 'parish pump' type issues could be advantageous - but not here.</p>

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8.	Whitley Bay	Yes.	Whitley Bay + Monseaton North and South + St. Mary's Wards	<p>My major concerns ought to be well-known by now - namely, the preservation of The Links as an undeveloped natural amenity for the people of the town and the wider area. A secondary major concern is that the sea-front seating and public spaces be properly maintained. Both of these objectives would go a long way towards making the town more attractive to visitors. I would favour a Town or Parish Council if it could be empowered to fulfil these two aims.</p> <p>My concern about the proposal is three-fold:-</p> <p>a) that North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council will seek to retain its powers over The Links, in which case I see my main reason for supporting a Town or Parish Council falling away</p> <p>b) that the revenue required to achieve such objectives would be too great for the population to raise over and above the existing Council Tax.</p> <p>c) that the Town or Parish Council becomes merely a microcosm of the North Tyneside MBC inasmuch as it becomes dominated by party political animals.</p> <p>However, I confess to much ignorance on the whole subject and am willing to bow to superior knowledge. In general terms I would welcome any moves to devolve powers from North Tyneside MBC, in the hope that local ears would be more sympathetic to local voices.</p>