

Deanery Revitalisation Consultation

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts. Your feedback will directly shape how these proposals develop, so please be as open as you'd like — there are no right or wrong answers.

We will be inviting responses on a number of different areas:

- WHY — Understanding Deanery Revitalisation
- WHAT — Leadership in Revitalised Areas
- WHERE — Proposed New Areas and Proposed New Area Names
- WHO — Impact of Parish Allocation and Representation at Deanery Synod
- WHEN — Implementation and Transition

Every section is optional: if you have nothing to add, simply tick the skip box and move straight on.

How to complete this form

On screen: click into a box to type, or click a circle/box to select your answer.
On paper: write clearly in the boxes, and mark one circle per row with a tick or X.
Each rating question uses this scale: Strongly Disagree, Disagree, Neutral, Agree, Strongly Agree.

About You and Your Response

To help us understand the range of perspectives represented in this consultation, please tell us a little about yourself.

1. Your name

2. Your email address

3. Having considered the information in the Briefing Pack, are you responding:

As an individual

On behalf of a Parish/PCC

On behalf of a Deanery

On behalf of a School

On behalf of a Chaplaincy

4. Which Deanery are you part of?

Birkenhead

Frodsham

Mottram

Bowdon

Great Budworth

Nantwich

Chadkirk

Knutsford

Stockport

Cheadle

Macclesfield

Wallasey

Chester

Malpas

Wirral North

Congleton

Middlewich

Wirral South

5. Please tell us which (non-Deanery related) roles you currently hold (select all that apply)

Incumbent

Reader w PTO

Churchwarden

Assistant Curate

Pastoral Worker

PCC Secretary

Clergy w PTO

Pastoral Worker w PTO

PCC Treasurer

Cathedral Clergy

Bishop's Council member

PCC member

Chaplain

Diocesan Synod member

Congregation member

Reader

Diocesan Post

6. Do you currently hold any of the following Deanery leadership or governance roles?

Yes, Rural Dean

Yes, Deanery Lay Chair

No, none of these

Yes, Assistant Rural Dean

Yes, I sit on Deanery Synod

WHY — Understanding Deanery Revitalisation

The following questions relate to the vision, purpose and rationale behind the proposals. Read the background information here: <https://www.chesterdiocese.org/content/why>

7. I have no comments on this section — tick to skip and move to the next section

8. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

I understand the reasons behind these proposals.					
The need for change has been explained clearly.					
The proposals respond to challenges facing deaneries today.					
I can see how these proposals connect with the Diocese's vision and strategic priorities.					

9. What are your reflections on the reasons for change?

WHAT — Leadership in Revitalised Areas

This section asks for your views on the proposed leadership structure and how well it might work in practice. Read the background information here: <https://www.chesterdiocese.org/content/what>

10. I have no comments on this section — tick to skip and move to the next section

11. Please rate the following aspects of the proposed model

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I understand how the proposed leadership model would operate.					
The proposed leadership model would help people work together effectively.					
The proposed leadership model would support mission and ministry across the Areas and help them flourish in the future.					
The balance of responsibilities within the proposed model feels appropriate.					

12. What are your reflections on the proposed leadership model? You may wish to comment on opportunities, concerns, aspects of the current model that should be retained, or anything you feel may have been overlooked.

13. What are your thoughts and reactions to the proposed support for the suggested Area leadership team?

14. What are your thoughts and reactions to the suggested role descriptions for key roles in the proposed leadership model?

WHERE — Proposed New Areas

This section focuses on the proposed Area groupings and boundaries. Read the background information here: <https://www.chesterdiocese.org/content/where>. An interactive map of the proposed new areas is available here: <https://c-of-e.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/6a2648625b414519b2a40db3df5db5f8>

15. I have no comments on this section — tick to skip and move to the next section

16. To what extent do you agree with the following?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
The proposed Areas have a better balance of parish and benefice numbers.					
The proposed Areas have a better balance of population size.					
The proposed Areas have a better balance of land size and travel distances.					
The proposed Areas have a better balance of socioeconomic situations.					
The proposed Areas have a better alignment with Local Authority boundaries.					

17. Please share any comments on the proposed Area groupings. We will ask more detailed questions about the impact on your own parish in the next section.

- Localities or communities that should remain together
- Localities or communities that should be grouped differently
- Any proposed groupings that should be reconsidered
- Any local factors, relationships or mission opportunities that should be taken into account

WHERE — Proposed New Area Names

This section focuses on the proposed names for new Area groupings. Read the background information here:
<https://www.chesterdiocese.org/content/where>

18. I have no comments on this section — tick to skip and move to the next section

19. To what extent do you agree with the following?

Strongly Disagree **Disagree** **Neutral** **Agree** **Strongly Agree**

The proposed Naming Scheme for new Areas is appropriate.

The proposed names for the Areas are appropriate.

20. Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding names for the new Areas?

WHO — Impact of Parish Allocation

This section explores the identity of the proposed Areas and how the proposals may affect people, Parishes and the wider Diocese. Read the background information here: <https://www.chesterdiocese.org/content/who>. A detailed list of Parishes in each proposed new Area is available here: <https://www.chesterdiocese.org/parish-table-data>

21. I have no comments on this section — tick to skip and move to the next section

22. To what extent do you agree with the following?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
The proposals would have a positive impact on my Parish.					
The proposals would have a positive impact on my current Deanery.					
The proposals would have a positive impact on the proposed new Area.					
The proposals would have a positive impact on the wider Diocese.					

23. What opportunities and challenges do you think these proposals may create for your Parish, Area, or the wider Diocese?

WHO — Representation at Diocesan Synod

This section focuses on how new areas would be represented at Diocesan Synod. Read the background information here: <https://www.chesterdiocese.org/content/who>

24. I have no comments on this section — tick to skip and move to the next section

25. To what extent do you agree with the following, about the proposed representation of new areas at Diocesan Synod?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I understand that changing the composition of Deaneries will have an impact on how we elect Diocesan Synod.					
The numbers explaining the change in balance between the two Archdeaconries make sense to me.					
I feel confident the proposed balance would still be fair in a few years' time, not just today.					
Synod representation would not be a barrier for moving to an Area-based structure.					

26. What are your comments/observations on representation for the proposed new Areas?

WHEN — Implementation and Transition

This section focuses on how the proposals might be implemented and supported. Read the background information here: <https://www.chesterdiocese.org/content/when>

27. I have no comments on this section — tick to skip and move to the next section

28. To what extent do you agree with the following?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
The proposed consultation process for reaching a decision is appropriate.					
The proposed approach to interim appointments is appropriate.					
Piloting the new arrangements before wider implementation is a good idea.					
The proposed timetable feels realistic.					
The proposed support arrangements would enable a successful transition.					

29. What are your thoughts on the timeline or speed for this consultation and making the decision on these proposals?

30. What are your thoughts on the suggested timeline for the transition to the proposed Area model, once a decision is made?

31. What additional support, resources or practical steps would help make the transition successful?

Final Thoughts

Thank you for taking the time to share your views. We are keen to ensure that any future deanery structure supports flourishing parishes, collaborative ministry and effective mission across our communities. Your feedback will help inform our understanding of the opportunities, challenges and practical implications of the proposals set out in the Briefing Pack.

32. Taking everything into account, to what extent do you agree with the following statement?

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Overall, I support the direction of travel outlined in these proposals.

33. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the proposals for deanery restructuring? This could include any opportunities, concerns, local considerations or suggestions that you have not already mentioned.

34. Are there any examples of effective collaboration, ministry or deanery life that you would encourage us to build upon as these proposals are developed?