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LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

The Government is planning significant changes to how council services are delivered, and the structure of Local Government is evolving. As part of this reorganisation, Surrey County Council will be dissolved, and Waverley will become part of a larger Unitary Authority. Throughout these changes, Godalming Town Council (GTC) will remain completely independent of Waverley and Surrey. This independence is crucial, especially when the outcomes of the reorganisation remain uncertain.

One certainty is that ownership and management of many local assets will change hands—potentially to an unknown Unitary Authority. However, with the support of residents, there may be an opportunity for GTC to take over the ownership and management of these assets.

Another concern is that the new Unitary Authority will face larger challenges than preserving Godalming's open spaces and civic buildings. Financial pressures could lead to these valuable community assets being viewed as opportunities for sale or development.

Godalming Town Council wants to hear the community's views on protecting local assets. This is the first stage of public consultation, and GTC invites residents to complete a questionnaire on the Godalming Town Council website. The feedback will help identify which assets the community believes GTC should consider managing and preserving at the local level.

The questionnaire listing details of the assets in question can be found at:

<https://godalming-tc.gov.uk/consultation-local-government-reorganisation/>

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