

David Thomas - Our New Conservative Candidate

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Dear Councillor Stonard,

I have recently conducted a survey of residents in Norwich South to understand their views about the four day working week, which the City Council is currently exploring. I am writing to share the results of this survey.

Over three-quarters of respondents disagreed with the proposal, with the vast majority of those strongly disagreeing. This figure underscores a deep-seated apprehension within the community about the potential implications of such a change.

Two-thirds of respondents believed that the Council should formally consult residents before making a further decision on this matter. There is a clear desire for a more inclusive decision-making process that considers the broader community's perspective.

Survey responses also highlighted specific worries, such as the fear of reduced accessibility to council services, decline in service quality, and the fairness of maintaining full pay despite reduced working hours whilst council tax payers continue to work full hours. These concerns are not just numbers; they represent the genuine anxieties and expectations of the people we serve.

Residents were not unsympathetic to the intentions of the proposal, and many expressed their desire to ensure the Council is a good employer that attracts and retains talented staff. However the clear majority view was that there are other alternatives that should be explored first.

In light of this feedback, I urge the Council to reconsider the proposal for a four-day working week. It is crucial that any alterations to working patterns command public confidence.

I am ready and willing to discuss these findings in more detail and collaborate on addressing the concerns raised by our residents.

Yours sincerely,

David Thomas

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