

# Epsom & Ewell Borough Council Electoral Review Community Briefing



May 2021

In all of our work we aim to be:

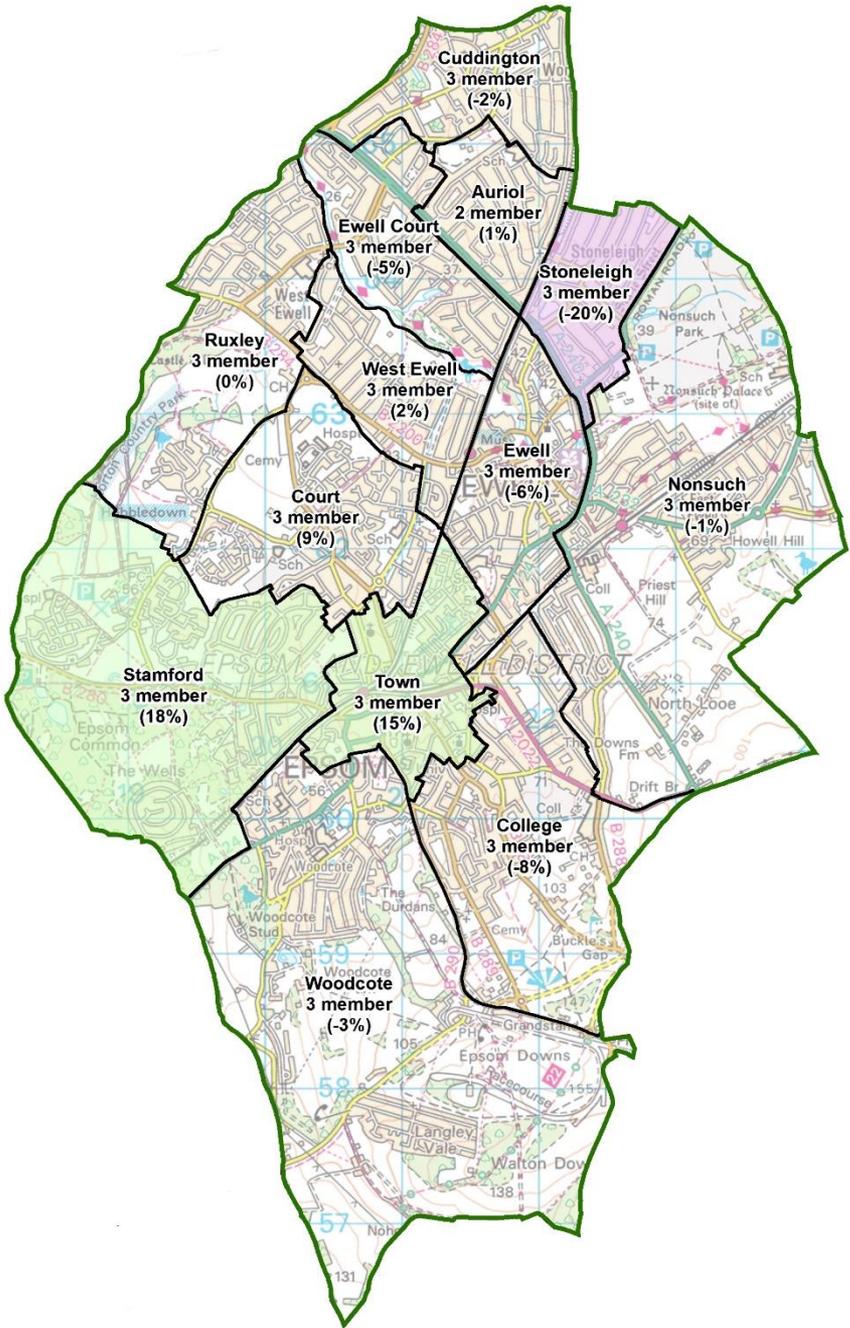
**Impartial** giving equal consideration to all views

**Objective** making recommendations based on evidence

**Responsive** listening to local opinion

**Transparent** following clear and open processes

**Professional** being reliable, efficient and helpful



# Why Epsom & Ewell?

We periodically review all authorities in England and invited Epsom & Ewell to be reviewed

## What does an Electoral Review determine?

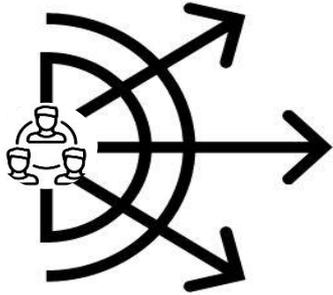
### Part 1

- Total number of councillors

### Part 2

- Total number of wards
- Ward boundaries
- Number of councillors elected to each ward
- Names of each ward

## Review Process



## Part 2: Warding Arrangements

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Effective representations will address:

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# Effective Representations

## **What we want:**

- Rationale not assertion.
- What you DO & don't like.
- Alternatives.
- Practical community examples.
- Consideration of all 3 statutory criteria.

## **We cannot consider:**

- Political consequences.
- “It ain't broke don't fix it” arguments.
- Parliamentary boundaries.
- Postcodes or addresses.
- House prices & insurance.

# Making a submission

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“The two Parish Councils here are in the final stages of producing a joint Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan. It is therefore logical that the new proposed name covering these two parishes reflects the community going forward, i.e. Kibworths ward”

– Kibworth Harcourt Parish Council

“They go to different secondary schools, have different community centres and focal points, have different bus routes, different youth clubs, different parks – so there is a real north/south split reflected in strong community identities”

- Yate Town Council

“This area is on a hill and is best located within the Thornton Heath ward, rather than in South Norwood. Despite fronting onto South Norwood Hill, this is a major road barrier (the A215), which is difficult to cross”

- Thornton Heath Neighbourhood Association

# The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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**June 2020**  
Summary Report  
The full report and related material is available at: [www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk)  
www.lgbce.org.uk

**Hammersmith & Fulham Council**

Final Recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

**Our Recommendations**

The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the number of voters in each ward. The table also shows the electoral resources for each of the proposed wards which you find we have deemed electoral possible. Finally, the table includes electoral projections for 2025 so you can see the impact of the recommendations in the future.

Ward Name	Number of electors per councillor	Electors (2019)	Variance from average (%)	Electors (2025)	Variance from average (%)		
Abchurch	2	3,041	2,841	12%	3,036	2,869	6%
Abchurch Lane	2	3,185	2,989	6%	3,076	2,730	11%
Black Horse	2	3,181	3,305	-4%	3,429	3,051	11%
College Park & Old Oak	3	5,555	5,392	-3%	5,482	5,360	2%
Connaught	3	7,770	7,503	-3%	7,493	7,604	-1%
Fulham Road	2	3,300	3,783	-13%	3,447	3,905	-11%
Little Port	2	3,212	2,939	9%	3,038	2,719	10%
Green	2	3,190	2,947	8%	3,402	2,858	16%
Waverley	2	3,160	2,941	7%	3,408	2,754	19%
Little	2	2,968	2,319	-21%	2,618	2,810	-6%
Stamper	3	4,154	2,811	-33%	3,027	3,029	0%
Palace & Putney	3	3,111	3,707	-16%	3,708	3,703	0%
Palace Green & Riverside	2	3,406	2,759	24%	3,172	2,659	19%
Greenland	2	3,205	2,939	9%	3,414	2,707	20%
Stamper	3	3,036	2,939	3%	3,427	2,807	22%
Stamper	2	3,070	3,489	-13%	3,508	3,734	-6%
Stamper	2	3,008	3,103	-3%	3,481	3,180	9%
Stamper	2	3,007	3,000	0%	3,037	3,068	-1%
Stamper	3	3,006	2,771	8%	3,380	2,797	21%
Stamper	2	3,000	2,916	3%	3,076	3,000	2%
Stamper	2	3,006	3,000	0%	3,468	3,004	16%
Totals	80	128,460	-	141,174	-	-	-
Average	-	-	2,962	-	-	2,823	-

**Why we are:**

- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament.
- We are not part of government or any other party.
- We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs known as the Committee of the House of Commons.
- Our mission is to carry out unbiased reviews of local authorities throughout England.

**Why Hammersmith & Fulham?**

- The Commission has been asked to carry out an electoral review of each council in England from June 2018.
- Hammersmith & Fulham Council has not been reviewed since 2000 and the Commission has therefore decided that it should review Hammersmith & Fulham in advance of the election in 2022.

**Our proposals:**

- Hammersmith & Fulham Council can only be set up as a unitary authority if the review we proposed is accepted by the Mayor.
- We will only set up ward boundaries that meet the legal criteria for county-level review.
- Wards must be geographically compact and have a similar number of electors.
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**Electoral Review:**

- An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for local authority areas.
- The total number of councillors representing the council is set by the council.
- The review can be used to determine the number of wards and the number of councillors for each ward or division.



The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

We recommend fair electoral and boundary arrangements for local authorities in England

**CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE**

NEW ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

June 2020

**Currently there are:**

- 59 councillors
- 31 wards
- Nine three-councillor wards, 10 two-councillor wards, and 12 one-councillor wards

A public consultation is open until **7 September 2020**

We aim to make sure Central Bedfordshire councillors represent a similar number of electors

**We are proposing:**

- 63 councillors
- 29 wards
- 12 three-councillor wards, 10 two-councillor wards and seven one-councillor wards



**Currently there are:**

- Eight wards that are more than 10% away from the average number of electors per ward
- Two wards that are more than 30% away from the average

**Our proposals mean that:**

- No wards will be more than 10% away from the average number of electors per ward by 2025
- Each councillor will represent an average of 3,604 electors by 2025

Find out more it and have your say at: <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/en/reviews/system/bedfordshire/central-bedfordshire>

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**Westminster**

Have your say on council changes

**We are proposing:**

- 54 councillors
- Changes to all ward boundaries

Consultation closes: **20 January**

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/16234>



Have your say

**Reading**

**Electoral Review**



The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking for your views on proposed new electoral arrangements for Reading.

**We want to know:**

- Do the proposed wards reflect local communities?
- How do you think the proposals can be improved?
- Are the names of the proposed wards right?

**Consultation closes: 13 April 2020**

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**Preliminary period/  
No. councillors  
Up until to April 2021**



Consultation on  
warding patterns



Consultation on draft  
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Final recommendations

## Review Timeline

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19 July 2021

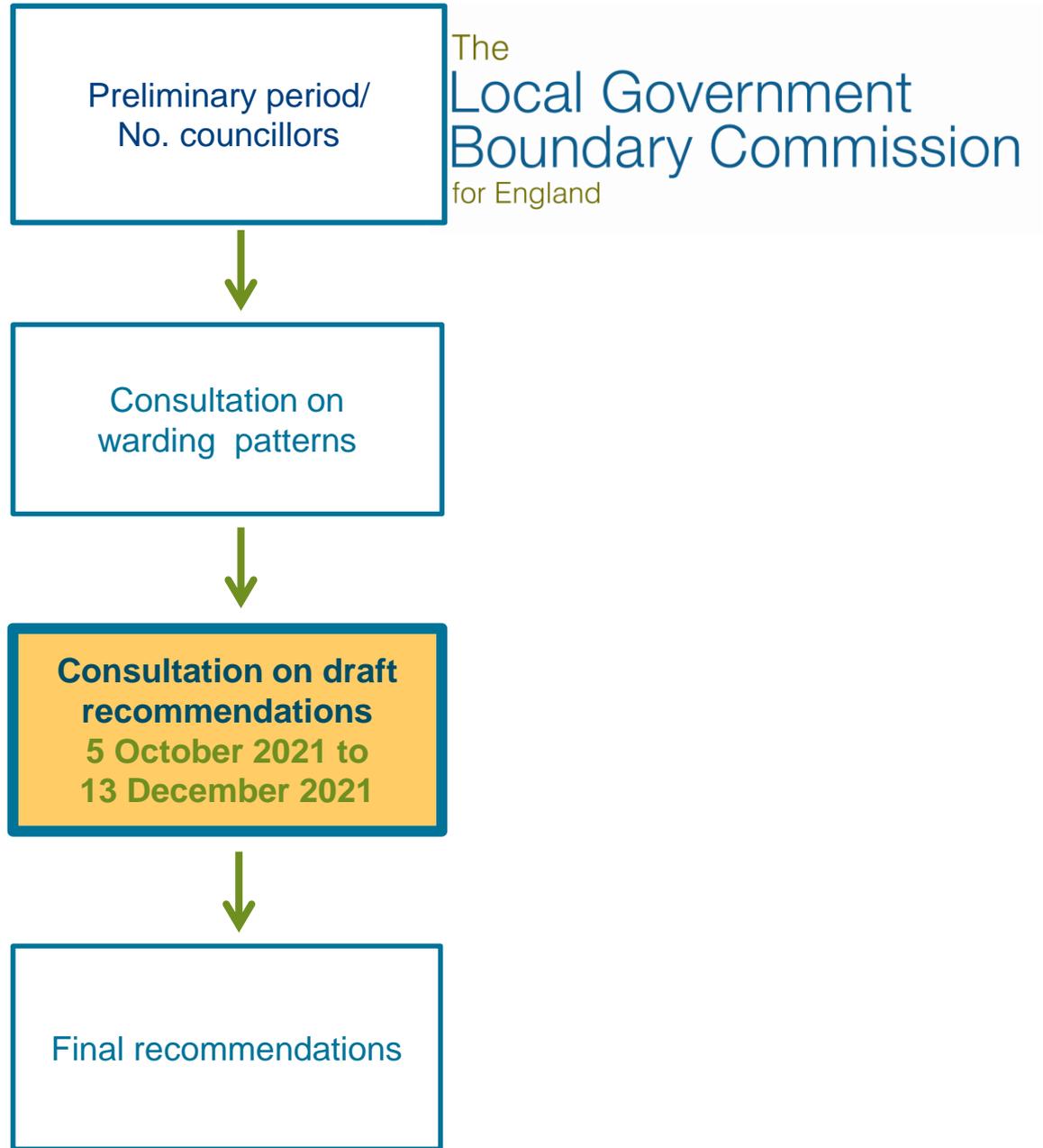


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**Final recommendations**  
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