

New electoral arrangements for Fareham Borough Council Draft Recommendations

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Introduction

Who we are and what we do

1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is an independent body set up by Parliament.¹ We are not part of government or any political party. We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons. Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

2 The members of the Commission are:

- Professor Colin Mellors OBE (Chair)
- Andrew Scallan CBE (Deputy Chair)
- Susan Johnson OBE
- Peter Maddison QPM
- Amanda Nobbs OBE
- Steve Robinson
- Jolyon Jackson CBE (Chief Executive)

What is an electoral review?

3 An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority. A local authority's electoral arrangements decide:

- How many councillors are needed.
- How many wards or electoral divisions there should be, where their boundaries are and what they should be called.
- How many councillors should represent each ward or division.

4 When carrying out an electoral review the Commission has three main considerations:

- Improving electoral equality by equalising the number of electors that each councillor represents.
- Ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity.
- Providing arrangements that support effective and convenient local government.

5 Our task is to strike the best balance between these three considerations when making our recommendations.

¹ Under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

6 More detail regarding the powers that we have, as well as further guidance and information about electoral reviews and the review process in general, can be found on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk

Why Fareham?

7 We are conducting a review of Fareham Borough Council ('the Council') as the last review was completed in 2000, and we are required to review the electoral arrangements of every council in England 'from time to time'.² Additionally, some councillors currently represent many more or fewer electors than others. We describe this as 'electoral inequality'. Our aim is to create 'electoral equality', where the number of electors per councillor is as even as possible, ideally within 10% of being exactly equal.

8 This electoral review is being carried out to ensure that:

- The wards in Fareham are in the best possible places to help the Council carry out its responsibilities effectively.
- The number of electors represented by each councillor is approximately the same across the borough.

Our proposals for Fareham

9 Fareham should be represented by 32 councillors, one more than there are now.

10 Fareham should have 16 wards, one more than there are now.

11 The boundaries of all wards should change.

How will the recommendations affect you?

12 The recommendations will determine how many councillors will serve on the Council. They will also decide which ward you can vote in, and which other communities are in that ward. Your ward name may also change.

13 Our recommendations cannot affect the external boundaries of the borough or result in changes to postcodes. They do not take into account parliamentary constituency boundaries. The recommendations will not affect local taxes, house prices, or car and house insurance premiums and we are not able to consider any representations which are based on these issues.

² Local Democracy, Economic Development & Construction Act 2009 paragraph 56(1).

Have your say

14 We will consult on the draft recommendations for 10 weeks, from 6 September 2022 to 15 November 2022. We encourage everyone to use this opportunity to comment on these proposed wards as the more public views we hear, the more informed our decisions will be in making our final recommendations.

15 We ask everyone wishing to contribute ideas for the new wards to first read this report and look at the accompanying map before responding to us.

16 You have until 15 November 2022 to have your say on the draft recommendations. See page 21 for how to send us your response.

Review timetable

17 We wrote to the Council to ask its views on the appropriate number of councillors for Fareham. We then held a period of consultation with the public on warding patterns for the borough. The submissions received during consultation have informed our draft recommendations.

18 The review is being conducted as follows:

Stage starts	Description
18 January 2022	The number of councillors decided
25 January 2022	Start of consultation seeking views on new wards
11 July 2022	End of the consultation; we began analysing submissions and forming draft recommendations
6 September 2022	Publication of draft recommendations; start of the second consultation
15 November 2022	End of the consultation; we begin analysing submissions and forming final recommendations
7 February 2023	Publication of final recommendations

Analysis and draft recommendations

19 Legislation³ states that our recommendations should not be based only on how many electors⁴ there are now, but also on how many there are likely to be in the five years after the publication of our final recommendations. We must also try to recommend strong, clearly identifiable boundaries for our wards.

20 In reality, we are unlikely to be able to create wards with the same number of electors in each; we have to be flexible. However, we try to keep the number of electors represented by each councillor as close to the average for the council as possible.

21 We work out the average number of electors per councillor for each local authority by dividing the electorate by the number of councillors, as shown in the table below.

	2021	2028
Electorate of Fareham	89,046	97,790
Number of councillors	32	32
Average number of electors per councillor	2,873	3,056

22 When the number of electors per councillor in a ward is within 10% of the average for the authority, we refer to the ward as having 'good electoral equality'. All our proposed wards for Fareham will have good electoral equality by 2028.

Submissions received

23 See Appendix C for details of the submissions received. All submissions may be viewed on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk

Electorate figures

24 The Council submitted electorate forecasts for 2027, a period five years on from the scheduled publication of our final recommendations in 2022. These forecasts were broken down to polling district level and predicted an increase in the electorate of around 10%. This is due to significant residential development anticipated in the current Fareham North and Warsash wards.

25 We considered the information provided by the Council and are satisfied that the projected figures are the best available at present.

³ Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

⁴ Electors refers to the number of people registered to vote, not the whole adult population.

26 Due to a delay in this review, the publication year of our final recommendations has changed from 2022 to 2023. However, we are content that the original 2027 forecast is a reasonable estimate of the forecast number of electors likely to be present in the authority in 2028. We have used these figures to produce our draft recommendations.

Number of councillors

27 Fareham Borough Council currently has 31 councillors. We have looked at evidence provided by the Council and have concluded that increasing this number by one will ensure the Council can carry out its roles and responsibilities effectively.

28 We therefore invited proposals for new patterns of wards that would be represented by 32 councillors. As the Council elects by halves (meaning that half its councillors are elected every two years), there is a presumption in legislation⁵ that the Council have a uniform pattern of two-councillor wards. We will only move away from this pattern of wards should we receive compelling evidence during consultation that an alternative pattern of wards will better reflect our statutory criteria.

29 We received 12 submissions about the number of councillors in response to the consultation on warding patterns, which all opposed the minor increase in councillors for the borough. However, we have not been persuaded that sufficiently detailed evidence has been received to justify moving away from a 32-councillor scheme. We are also mindful of the presumption in law that the Council should ideally have an even number of councillors to reflect its electoral cycle of halves. Therefore, we have decided to base our draft recommendations for Fareham on a pattern of wards formed of 32 councillors.

Ward boundaries consultation

30 We received 64 submissions in response to our consultation on ward boundaries. These included a borough-wide scheme from the Council. The remainder of the submissions provided localised comments for warding arrangements in particular areas of the borough.

31 The borough-wide scheme provided for a uniform pattern of two-councillor wards for Fareham. We carefully considered the proposals received and were of the view that the proposed patterns of wards resulted in good levels of electoral equality in most areas of the authority and generally used identifiable boundaries.

32 A local resident suggested that Fareham borough be composed of 13 two-councillor wards and two three-councillor wards. However, as indicated in paragraph

⁵ Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development & Construction Act 2009 paragraph 2(3)(d) and paragraph 2(5)(c)

28, we were not persuaded that sufficient evidence had been supplied to support a warding pattern that does not provide for a uniform pattern of two-councillor wards.

33 Our draft recommendations are therefore based predominantly on the Council's proposals. We have nonetheless also taken into account local evidence that we received, which provided further evidence of community links and locally recognised boundaries. In some areas, we considered that the proposals did not provide the best balance between our statutory criteria, so we identified alternative boundaries.

34 We visited the area to look at the various proposals on the ground. This tour of Fareham helped us to decide between the different boundaries proposed.

Draft recommendations

35 Our draft recommendations are for 16 two-councillor wards. We consider that our draft recommendations will provide for good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and interests where we received such evidence during consultation.

36 The tables and maps on pages 8–18 detail our draft recommendations for each area of Fareham. They detail how the proposed warding arrangements reflect the three statutory⁶ criteria:

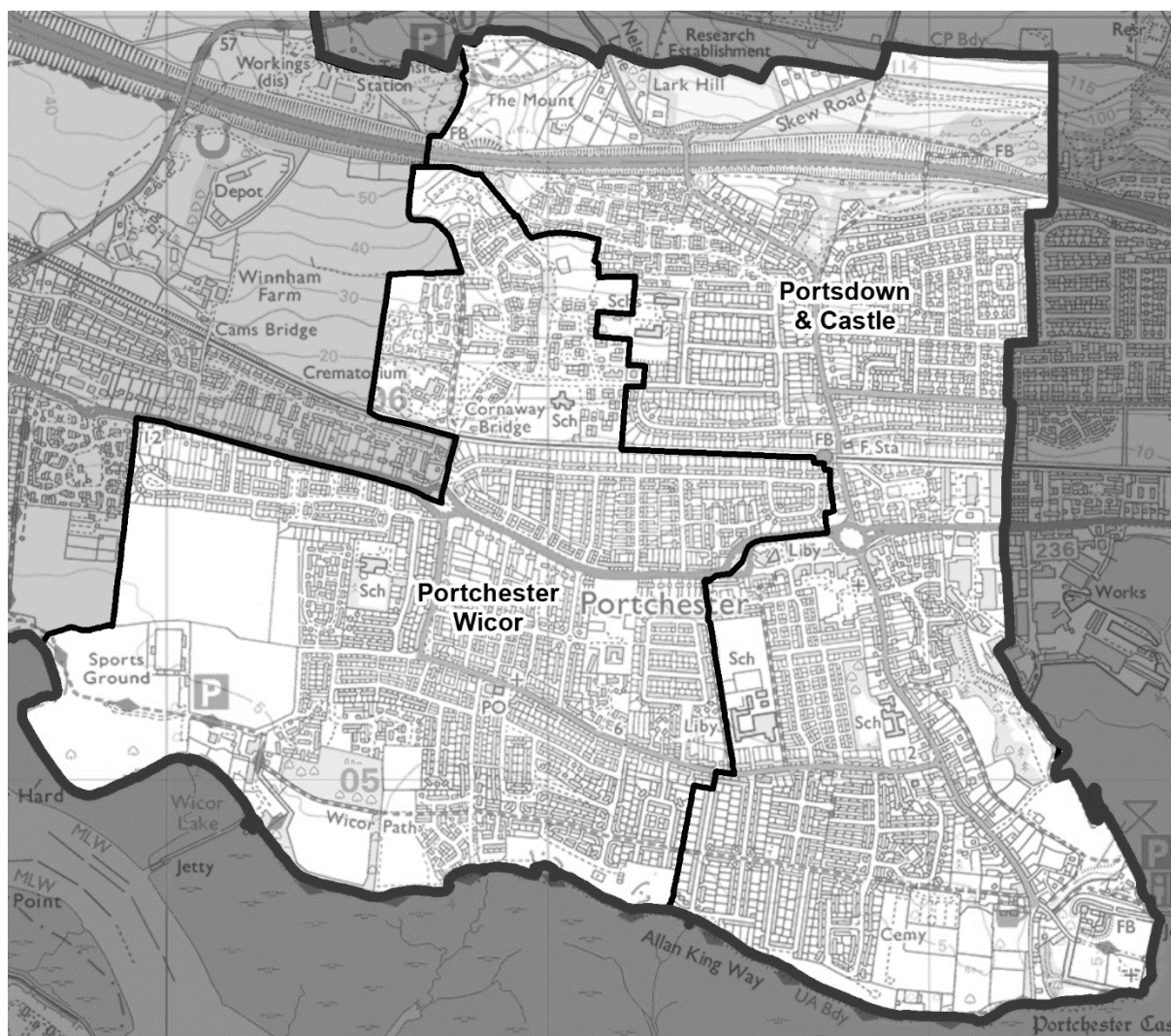
- Equality of representation.
- Reflecting community interests and identities.
- Providing for effective and convenient local government.

37 A summary of our proposed new wards is set out in the table starting on page 27 and the large map accompanying this report.

38 We welcome all comments on these draft recommendations, particularly on the location of the ward boundaries, and the names of our proposed wards.

⁶ Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

Portchester



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2028
Portchester Wicor	2	1%
Portsmouth & Castle	2	6%

Portchester Wicor and Portsmouth & Castle

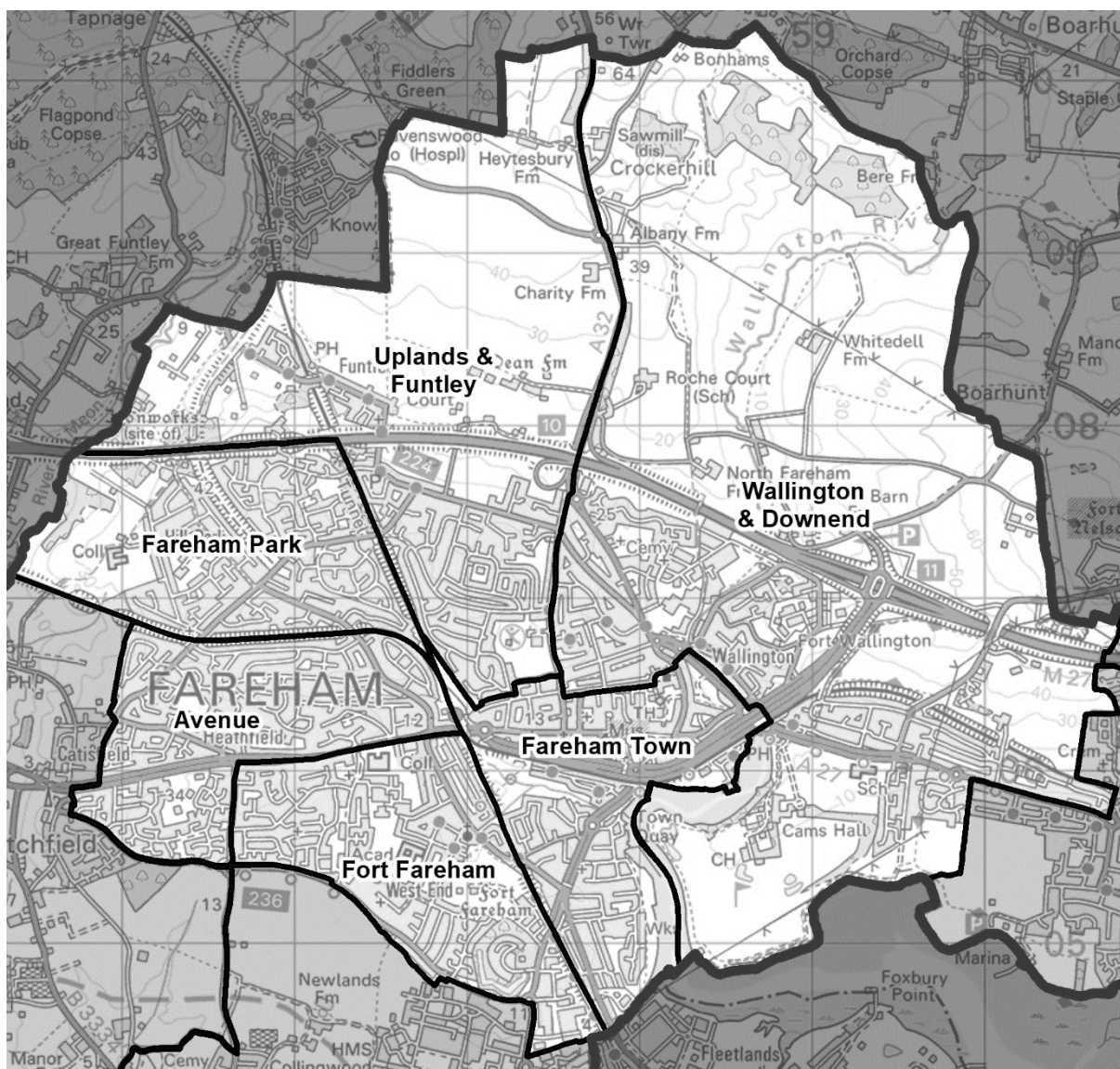
39 The Council proposed Portchester Wicor and Portsmouth & Castle wards for the Portchester area. The Council proposed that the latter ward replace the existing three-councillor Portchester East ward, mindful of the presumption that the borough should have a uniform pattern of two-councillor wards. The removal of the current three-councillor ward was supported by a local resident. The Council's Portchester Wicor ward is composed of the western part of Portchester that contains the Wicor community.

40 Based on the evidence received from the Council, we are content that its proposed wards will reflect community identities in the area, and are largely adopting

them as part of our draft recommendations. However, we propose two relatively minor amendments to the wards to better reflect our statutory criteria. We propose to move the boundary between the two wards from behind the properties at 44–98 West Street to the main road. This ensures that all the commercial properties along West Street are contained within a single ward and provides for a more identifiable boundary. We also propose that the boundary between Portchester Wicor and Wallington & Downend wards largely follows the A27 Portchester Road. We consider that following this road will result in a clearer boundary that is recognisable to local electors.

41 Our Portchester Wicor and Portsdown & Castle wards will have forecast electoral variances of 1% and 6%, respectively, meaning both wards are anticipated to have good electoral equality by 2028.

Fareham



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2028
Avenue	2	3%
Fareham Park	2	-1%
Fareham Town	2	-7%
Fort Fareham	2	-5%
Uplands & Funtley	2	-7%
Wallington & Downend	2	-4%

Avenue

42 The Council proposed an Avenue ward to replace the current Fareham West ward, with the ward name derived from the section of the A27 called The Avenue that would provide the spine for the ward. As part of our draft recommendations, we

were persuaded to adopt an Avenue ward, albeit with significant modifications to the Council's proposal.

43 Based on our visit to the area, we determined that the Council's Avenue ward did not possess sufficiently clear and identifiable boundaries and sought to develop an alternative configuration. Instead, our proposed Avenue ward includes electors on Catisfield Road and its adjacent roads from the Council's proposed Meon ward. We also propose that electors residing between Longmynd Drive and The Avenue be included in our proposed Fort Fareham ward. We consider the former amendment will have the support of a local resident, who requested that Catisfield Road and its connected roads should form part of a Fareham West ward. Our proposed Avenue ward also includes Langstone Walk and its adjacent roads, which the Council had placed in its Fort Fareham ward. We consider that these changes to the Council's proposed Avenue ward will result in a ward with stronger and more recognisable boundaries that provide a better reflection of our statutory criteria.

44 The Council proposed that Avenue ward also include Brook Farm Avenue, Gudge Heath Lane, Lawrence Road, Murray Close, Nicholas Crescent, Rowland Road and Stephen Road that are currently located in Fareham North ward. This change would therefore place the boundary between Avenue and Fareham Town wards along the railway line. This received support from a local resident. We agree that the railway line represents a strong, identifiable boundary and have adopted this proposal as part of our draft recommendations.

Fareham Park

45 The Council proposed to retain the boundaries of the existing Fareham North West ward, which is forecast to have good electoral equality, but renamed the ward Fareham Park to better reflect the community identities. We agree that this name is more illustrative of the ward's constituent communities and have adopted it as part of our draft recommendations.

46 The current Fareham North West ward is bounded by the West Coastway railway line to the south, with the borough boundary forming the western boundary. The M27 and Eastleigh–Fareham railway line largely form the northern and eastern boundaries of the existing ward. However, we propose to adopt a proposal made by two local residents to include electors residing on Red Barn Lane, Sunbury Court, Lechlade Gardens and Marlow Close in our proposed Fareham Park ward, so that the M27 forms the entirety of the northern boundary, and the railway line forms the entirety of the eastern boundary. We consider these features represent strong and identifiable boundaries that will be recognisable to local electors.

47 A local resident suggested that the part of Fareham West ward to north of The Avenue be transferred into a Fareham North West ward. We decided not to adopt

this proposal as we consider insufficient community evidence was provided to support this proposal.

Fareham Town

48 The Council proposed a new Fareham Town ward to replace the Fareham East ward that currently covers Fareham town centre. We have decided to adopt a Fareham Town ward, but propose alterations to the Council's ward to better reflect our statutory criteria. We propose to include the area that lies between the A32 and Henry Cort Way in Fareham Town ward. This modification ensures that we can achieve good electoral equality across wards, given our decision to include the area bounded by Park Lane, Osborn Road and Wickham Road in Wallington & Downend ward. We have also placed the boundary between our Fareham Town and Wallington & Downend wards along Wallington Way, to ensure that the entirety of Fareham town centre lies in a single ward. This reflects a submission from a local resident who suggested that we create a 'Central Fareham' ward that placed East Street, High Street and West Street in a single ward.

49 Four local residents requested that the area south of A27, between the A32 and Fareham Creek, be included in a Fareham South ward. We were unable to adopt this proposal as it would result in our proposed Fareham Town ward having a forecast electoral variance of -35%, meaning it would be significantly over-represented by 2028.

Fort Fareham

50 We have adopted a Fort Fareham ward, as suggested by the Council to replace the current Fareham South ward, as part of our draft recommendations. We were persuaded that this ward would reflect the community identities of the West End community. However, we have made some further modifications to better reflect our statutory criteria.

51 The eastern boundary of our Fort Fareham ward will follow Henry Cort Way, thereby including the area between the A32 and Henry Cort Way in our Fareham Town ward. The northern and western boundary will instead follow The Avenue and Peak Lane, as opposed to the Council's suggestion to run the boundary along Longmynd Road and to the north of Langstone Walk (and its adjacent roads). We consider our proposed boundaries to be stronger and more identifiable.

52 A local resident suggested that the current Fareham South ward incorporate the area south of The Avenue and be renamed Fareham South West. We decided not to adopt this proposal as we consider that insufficient community evidence was provided to support this proposal.

Uplands & Funtley

53 A high level of growth is expected in the current Fareham North ward due to the Welborne Garden Village development, which would result in the ward being significantly under-represented by 2028. This therefore necessitated a reduction in the size of the ward to achieve good electoral equality. This was recognised by Councillor Pankhurst and several local residents who stated that we should account for this development when formulating our recommendations.

54 A ward composed of Funtley and the Welborne Garden Village development would be over-represented by 2028. As a result, we could not adopt the request made by three local residents for a Fareham North ward bounded by the M27, who stated that communities north and south of the motorway are distinct. In any case, we consider it preferable to combine separate communities in the same ward rather than dividing them between wards to ensure good electoral equality. Therefore, we are adopting the Council's proposals which link Funtley and the Welborne Garden Village development north of the M27 with the Uplands community that lies south of M27.

55 Our proposed Uplands & Funtley ward is forecast to have an electoral variance of -7%, meaning it will have good electoral equality by 2028. With the Council indicating that further development is expected in the ward after 2028, this relatively low variance should allow the ward to maintain a good level of electoral equality post-2028.

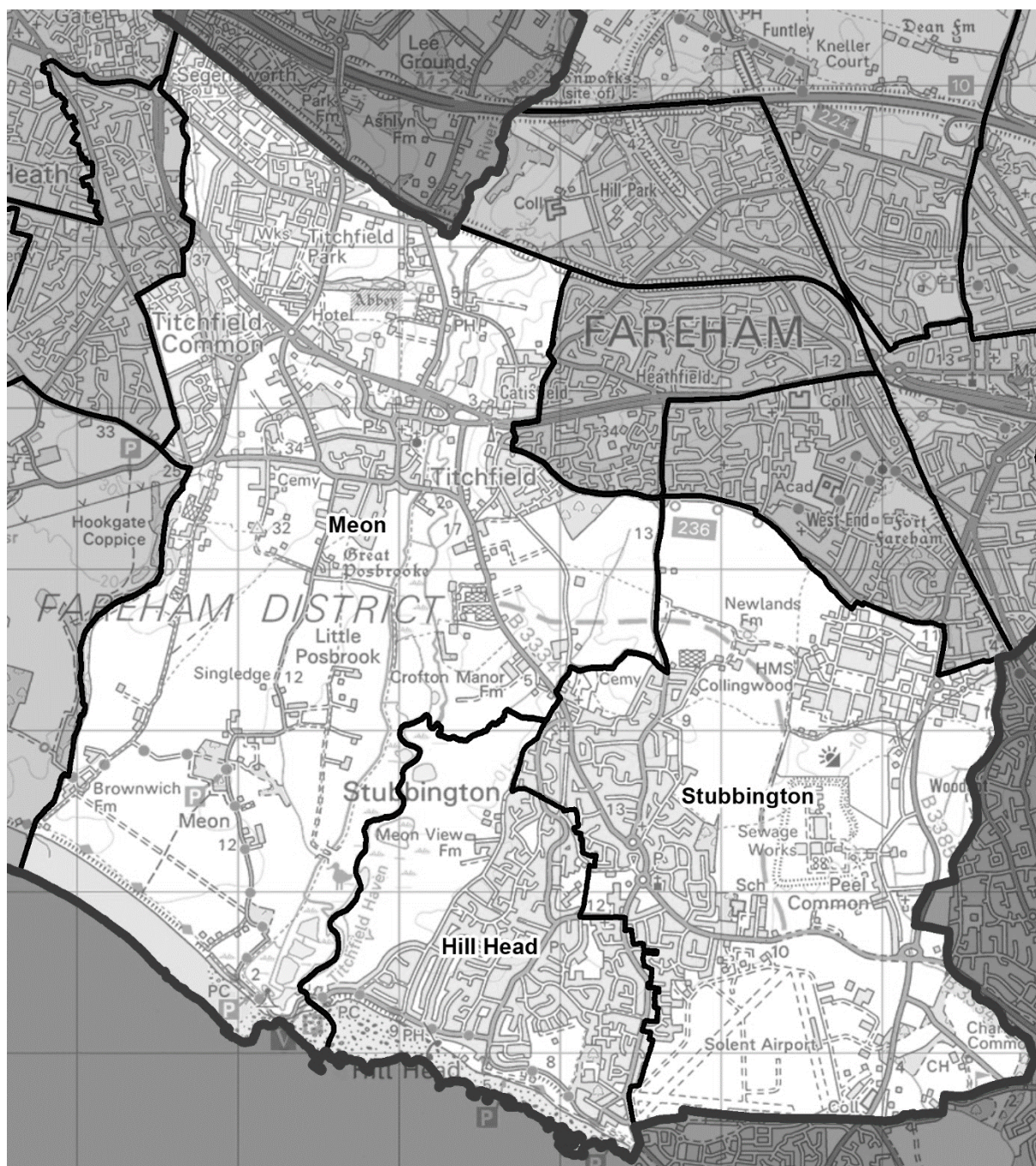
Wallington & Downend

56 Our draft recommendations for this ward are based on the Council's proposals that link Wallington village with the Downend area. Both lie between Fareham town and Portchester.

57 However, we recommend a significant amendment to the Council's proposed ward to better reflect our statutory criteria. Specifically, we have also included the area bounded by Park Lane, Osborn Road and Wickham Road, which the Council placed in its proposed Fareham Town ward. We consider that this modification will provide for stronger boundaries and ensure good electoral equality across wards.

58 Our Wallington & Downend ward also includes the Cams area. Two local residents argued that this area is distinct from the Portchester area that it is currently warded with, and shares closer links with the Fareham town area. We therefore examined the Council's proposal, which placed the Cams area in Wallington & Downend ward. Based on our visit to the borough, we determined that the Cams area has strong links with the Downend community. Therefore, we have decided to place it in our Wallington & Downend ward, rather than in a Portchester-centric ward.

Hill Head, Meon and Stubbington



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2028
Hill Head	2	2%
Meon	2	-10%
Stubbington	2	-7%

Hill Head and Stubbington

59 We have based our draft recommendations for Hill Head and Stubbington wards on those proposed by the Council, which largely retained the existing wards,

subject to some minor modifications to reflect ground detail. Their proposed wards are forecast good electoral equality in 2028 and reflect community identities, based on the evidence received.

60 Two local residents requested that we extend the current Hill Head ward westward to incorporate the Meon Shore in the ward. We decided not to adopt this proposal as we consider the River Meon to be a strong and identifiable boundary in this area of the borough.

61 A local resident requested that Stubbington ward be represented by three councillors, owing to possible residential development in the ward. However, given that Fareham elects half of its councillors every two years, there is a presumption in law that it will have a uniform pattern of two-councillor wards. In this case, we were not persuaded that compelling evidence has been received to justify a three-councillor ward.

Meon

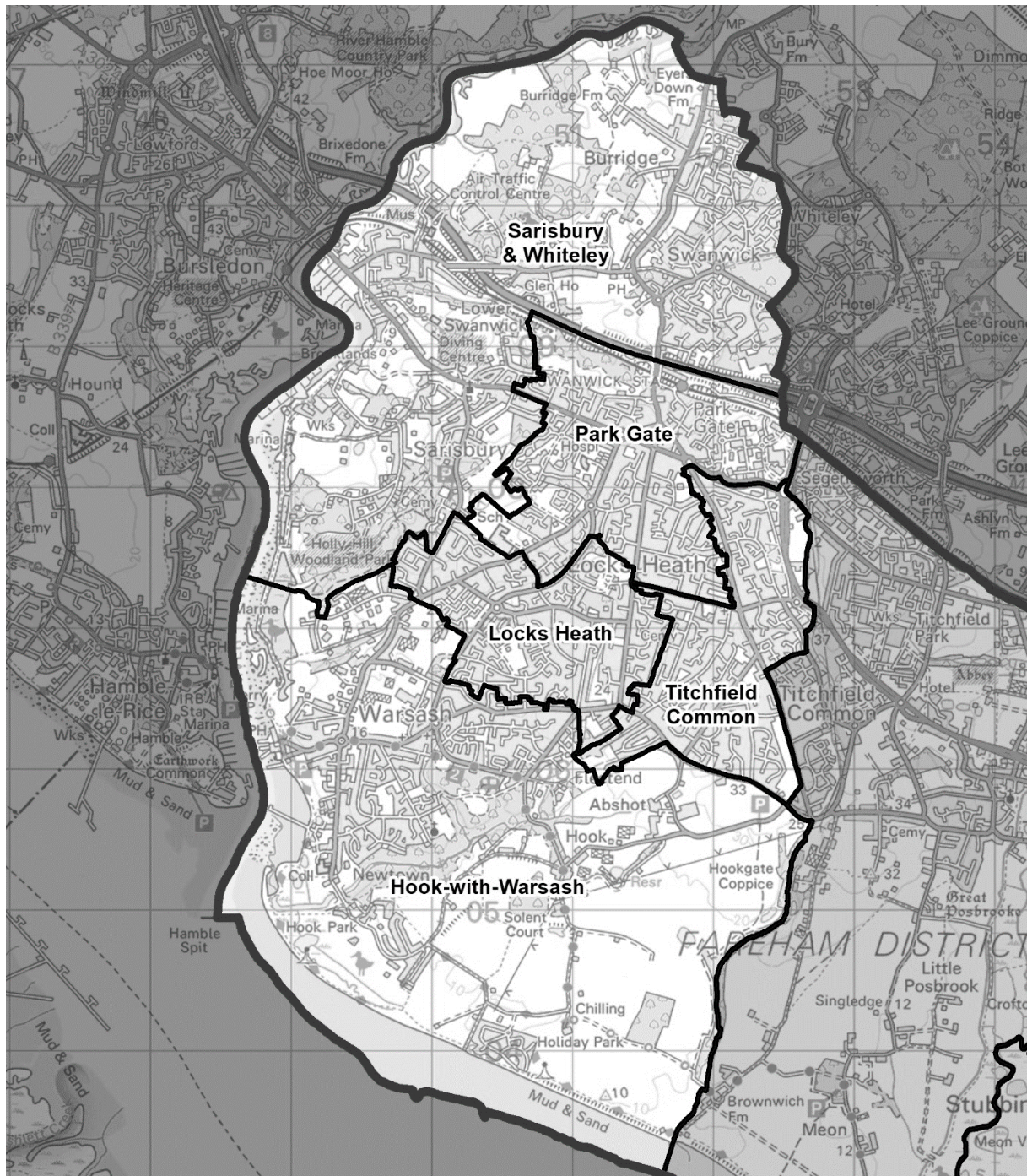
62 We propose to adopt a Meon ward, as suggested by the Council to replace the current Titchfield ward. However, we are proposing some boundary modifications to better reflect community identities and create more identifiable ward boundaries.

63 As detailed in paragraph 43, we determined that the Council's Avenue ward did not possess sufficiently clear and identifiable boundaries, so we therefore transferred Catisfield Road and its adjacent roads from the Council's proposed Meon ward into our Avenue ward. However, we have decided to place Catisfield village in our proposed Meon ward. Based on our visit to the area, we determined that it shares relatively strong community and geographic links with Titchfield village and placing the two areas in the same ward will effectively balance our statutory criteria. We also note that our proposed Meon ward avoids the division of the Catisfield area between wards, as requested by the Catisfield Village Association.

64 We received a submission from a local resident residing off Hollam Drive, requesting that they be included in a Fareham West ward, rather than be a ward with Titchfield village, as at present. We decided not to adopt this proposal as it would result in our Meon ward having an electoral variance of -22% by 2028. In any case, we note that our proposed Meon ward reflects a submission made by a local resident residing on Fairacre Rise, who stated that they consider themselves part of the Titchfield village community. Our draft recommendations include Fairacre Rise in Meon ward.

65 We recognise that the Council has named this ward Meon rather than Titchfield, as under the existing arrangements. While we have adopted the Council's proposed name as part of our draft recommendations, we welcome comments as to which ward name is preferable, or if any alternative names are more suitable.

Hook-with-Warsash, Locks Heath, Park Gate, Sarisbury & Whiteley and Titchfield Common



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2028
Hook-with-Warsash	2	8%
Locks Heath	2	5%
Park Gate	2	9%
Sarisbury & Whiteley	2	3%
Titchfield Common	2	4%

Hook-with-Warsash

66 The Council proposed a Hook-with-Warsash ward that largely followed the boundaries of the existing Warsash ward. We propose to adopt this ward as part of our draft recommendations, subject to boundary changes in the north of the ward, where we have decided to follow the county division boundary north of Campion Close, Horseshoe Lodge and Highfields. We consider this modification will aid effective and convenient local government.

67 The Council named this ward Hook-with-Warsash, stating that this name had the support of the Warsash Residents' Association. We agree that this ward name will better reflect the identities of the distinct Hook and Warsash communities that will comprise the ward and have adopted it as part of our draft recommendations. Our Hook-with-Warsash ward will also have good electoral equality, with a forecast electoral variance of 8% by 2028.

Locks Heath and Park Gate

68 Our draft recommendations for these two wards are largely based on the Council's proposals. The Council proposed a Locks Heath ward that includes the Locks Heath Shopping Village and the Locks Heath Junior School. Its proposed Park Gate ward transfers Park Gate Primary School from the current Locks Heath ward. The Council's proposed wards reflect the concerns of three local residents who opposed the inclusion of the Priory Park area in the existing Park Gate ward, and a local resident who opposed the current boundary that follows the rear of properties on Brook Lane, which we propose to place entirely in Park Gate ward.

69 Based on the above, we consider that these two wards will effectively reflect community identities. We agree with the Council that these proposed wards represent a more coherent warding arrangement for the area and thus a better reflection of our statutory criteria. A local resident also noted that the current Park Gate ward is under-represented. The Council's proposed Park Gate ward remedies this issue, with its proposed ward providing for good electoral equality.

70 We nonetheless propose a modification to the Council's proposed wards. We have decided to include the northern side of Church Road in Park Gate ward. This means we have placed the boundary along the road, as opposed to the rear of properties on the northern part of the road. We consider that this amendment to the Council's proposals will provide for a clearer and more identifiable boundary.

71 A local resident requested that the entirety of Little Fox Drive be included in Park Gate ward. We decided to adopt this proposal, as we consider placing the entirety of the road in a single ward will better reflect road access routes in the ward, which will contribute to effective and convenient local government.

Sarisbury & Whiteley

72 As part of our draft recommendations, we have decided to broadly retain the boundaries of the existing Sarisbury ward, as proposed by the Council. This was supported by a local resident. The current ward is anticipated to have good electoral equality in 2028 and we are content that it reflects community identities in the area.

73 We have named this ward Sarisbury & Whiteley, as suggested by the Council, to better reflect the two main communities included in the ward.

74 We received submissions that asked for the entirety of the Whiteley community, which straddles the boundary between Fareham and Winchester, to be wholly contained within either authority. This, however, falls outside the scope of the current electoral review.

Titchfield Common

75 We have generally followed the Council's proposed Titchfield Common ward, subject to a minor boundary amendment. We have included electors at the southern end of Hunts Pond Road in our proposed Meon ward, as we consider following the county division boundary, which runs along the perimeter of Locks Heath Recreation Ground, and Warsash Road, will contribute to effective and convenient local government.

76 A local resident requested that Locks Heath Park Road and its adjacent roads be included in Locks Heath ward, as opposed to Titchfield Common ward, stating that the boundary should follow the public footpath near Abshot Community Centre. We decided not to adopt this proposal as it would result in our proposed Locks Heath and Titchfield Common wards having electoral variances of 24% and -13% respectively by 2028, which would not provide for good electoral equality.

Conclusions

77 The table below provides a summary of the impact of our draft recommendations on electoral equality in Fareham, referencing the 2021 and 2028 electorate figures against the proposed number of councillors and wards. A full list of wards, names and their corresponding electoral variances can be found in Appendix A to the back of this report. An outline map of the wards is provided in Appendix B.

Summary of electoral arrangements

	Draft recommendations	
	2021	2028
Number of councillors	32	32
Number of electoral wards	16	16
Average number of electors per councillor	2,873	3,056
Number of wards with a variance of more than 10% from the average	2	0
Number of wards with a variance of more than 20% from the average	1	0

Draft recommendations

Fareham Borough Council should be made up of 32 councillors serving 16 two-councillor wards. The details and names are shown in Appendix A and illustrated on the large maps accompanying this report.

Mapping

Sheet 1, Map 1 shows the proposed wards for Fareham.

You can also view our draft recommendations for Fareham on our interactive maps at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk

Have your say

78 The Commission has an open mind about its draft recommendations. Every representation we receive will be considered, regardless of who it is from or whether it relates to the whole borough or just a part of it.

79 If you agree with our recommendations, please let us know. If you don't think our recommendations are right for Fareham, we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of wards.

80 Our website has a special consultation area where you can explore the maps. You can find it at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk

81 Submissions can also be made by emailing reviews@lgbce.org.uk or by writing to:

Review Officer (Fareham)
LGBCE
PO Box 133
Blyth
NE14 9FE

82 The Commission aims to propose a pattern of wards for Fareham which delivers:

- Electoral equality: each local councillor represents a similar number of electors.
- Community identity: reflects the identity and interests of local communities.
- Effective and convenient local government: helping your council discharge its responsibilities effectively.

83 A good pattern of wards should:

- Provide good electoral equality, with each councillor representing, as closely as possible, the same number of electors.
- Reflect community interests and identities and include evidence of community links.
- Be based on strong, easily identifiable boundaries.
- Help the council deliver effective and convenient local government.

84 Electoral equality:

- Does your proposal mean that councillors would represent roughly the same number of electors as elsewhere in Fareham?

85 Community identity:

- Community groups: is there a parish council, residents' association or another group that represents the area?
- Interests: what issues bind the community together or separate it from other parts of your area?
- Identifiable boundaries: are there natural or constructed features which make strong boundaries for your proposals?

86 Effective local government:

- Are any of the proposed wards too large or small to be represented effectively?
- Are the proposed names of the wards appropriate?
- Are there good links across your proposed wards? Is there any form of public transport?

87 Please note that the consultation stages of an electoral review are public consultations. In the interests of openness and transparency, we make available for public inspection full copies of all representations the Commission takes into account as part of a review. Accordingly, copies of all representations will be placed on deposit at our offices and our website at www.lgbce.org.uk A list of respondents will be available from us on request after the end of the consultation period.

88 If you are a member of the public and not writing on behalf of a council or organisation we will remove any personal identifiers. This includes your name, postal or email addresses, signatures or phone numbers from your submission before it is made public. We will remove signatures from all letters, no matter who they are from.

89 In the light of representations received, we will review our draft recommendations and consider whether they should be altered. As indicated earlier, it is therefore important that all interested parties let us have their views and evidence, **whether or not** they agree with the draft recommendations. We will then publish our final recommendations.

90 After the publication of our final recommendations, the changes we have proposed must be approved by Parliament. An Order – the legal document which brings into force our recommendations – will be laid in draft in Parliament. The draft

Order will provide for new electoral arrangements to be implemented at the all-out elections for Fareham in 2024.

Equalities

91 The Commission has looked at how it carries out reviews under the guidelines set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. It has made its best endeavours to ensure that people with protected characteristics can participate in the review process and is sufficiently satisfied that no adverse equality impacts will arise as a result of the outcome of the review.

Appendices

Appendix A

Draft recommendations for Fareham Borough Council

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2021)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2028)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Avenue	2	5,974	2,987	7%	6,314	3,157	3%
2	Fareham Park	2	5,800	2,900	4%	6,063	3,032	-1%
3	Fareham Town	2	5,288	2,644	-5%	5,709	2,855	-7%
4	Fort Fareham	2	5,502	2,751	-1%	5,831	2,916	-5%
5	Hill Head	2	5,868	2,934	5%	6,229	3,115	2%
6	Hook-with-Warsash	2	4,989	2,495	-10%	6,602	3,301	8%
7	Locks Heath	2	5,900	2,950	6%	6,398	3,199	5%
8	Meon	2	5,141	2,571	-8%	5,472	2,736	-10%
9	Park Gate	2	6,193	3,097	11%	6,642	3,321	9%
10	Portchester Wicor	2	5,751	2,876	3%	6,176	3,088	1%
11	Portsdown & Castle	2	6,094	3,047	9%	6,452	3,226	6%
12	Sarisbury & Whiteley	2	5,997	2,999	8%	6,324	3,162	3%
13	Stubbington	2	5,337	2,669	-4%	5,664	2,832	-7%

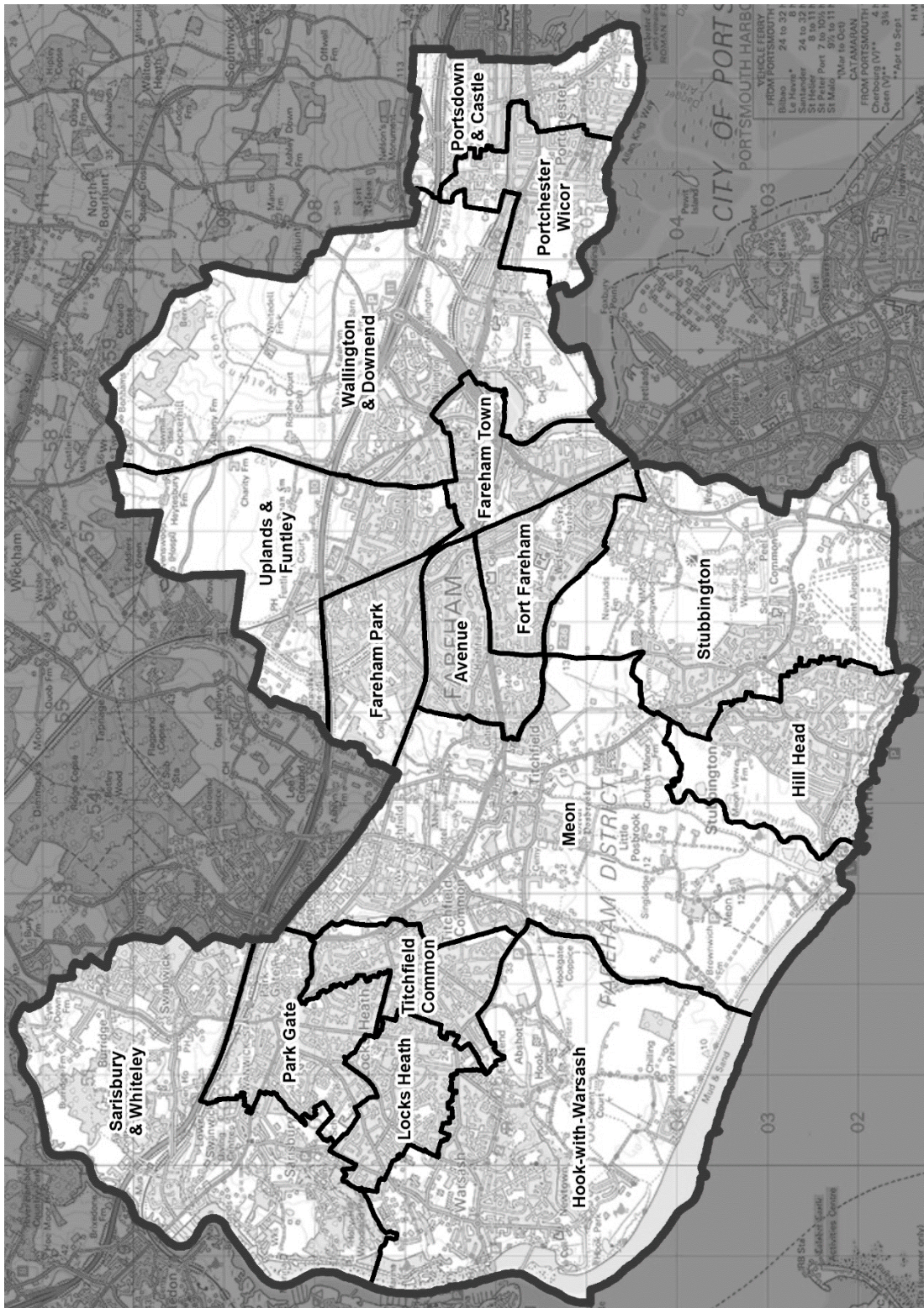
	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2021)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2028)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
14	Titchfield Common	2	5,974	2,987	7%	6,385	3,193	4%
15	Uplands & Funtley	2	3,668	1,834	-34%	5,657	2,829	-7%
16	Wallington & Downend	2	5,570	2,785	0%	5,872	2,936	-4%
Totals		32	89,046	-	-	97,790	-	-
Averages		-	-	2,783	-	-	3,056	-

Source: Electorate figures are based on information provided by Fareham Borough Council.

Note: The 'variance from average' column shows by how far, in percentage terms, the number of electors per councillor in each electoral ward varies from the average for the borough. The minus symbol (-) denotes a lower than average number of electors. Figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

Appendix B

Outline map



A more detailed version of this map can be seen on the large map accompanying this report, or on our website: www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-east/hampshire/fareham

Appendix C

Submissions received

All submissions received can also be viewed on our website at:
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Local Authority

- Fareham Borough Council

Councillors

- Councillor S. Pankhurst (Fareham Borough Council and Hampshire County Council)

Local Organisations

- Catisfield Village Association

Local Residents

- 61 local residents

Appendix D

Glossary and abbreviations

Council size	The number of councillors elected to serve on a council
Electoral Change Order (or Order)	A legal document which implements changes to the electoral arrangements of a local authority
Division	A specific area of a county, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever division they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the county council
Electoral inequality	Where there is a difference between the number of electors represented by a councillor and the average for the local authority
Electorate	People in the authority who are registered to vote in elections. We only take account of electors registered specifically for local elections during our reviews.
Number of electors per councillor	The total number of electors in a local authority divided by the number of councillors
Over-represented	Where there are fewer electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average
Parish	A specific and defined area of land within a single local authority enclosed within a parish boundary. There are over 10,000 parishes in England, which provide the first tier of representation to their local residents

Parish council	A body elected by electors in the parish which serves and represents the area defined by the parish boundaries. See also 'Town council'
Parish (or town) council electoral arrangements	The total number of councillors on any one parish or town council; the number, names and boundaries of parish wards; and the number of councillors for each ward
Parish ward	A particular area of a parish, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever parish ward they live for candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the parish council
Town council	A parish council which has been given ceremonial 'town' status. More information on achieving such status can be found at www.nalc.gov.uk
Under-represented	Where there are more electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average
Variance (or electoral variance)	How far the number of electors per councillor in a ward or division varies in percentage terms from the average
Ward	A specific area of a district or borough, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever ward they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the district or borough council

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