

Have your say

We are now consulting local people on a new pattern of wards for Buckinghamshire Council. We have an open mind about our final recommendations, and we will consider every piece of evidence we receive from local groups and people, regardless of whom it is from or whether it relates to the whole council area or just a part of it.

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

Buckinghamshire Council

Draft Recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

We aim to propose a pattern of wards for Buckinghamshire Council which delivers:

- **Electoral equality:** each 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.

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.

Electoral equality

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

Community identity

- **Transport links:** are there good links across your proposed ward? Is there any form of public transport?
- **Community groups:** is there a parish council, residents association or another group that represents the area?
- **Facilities:** does your pattern of wards reflect where local people go for shops, medical services, leisure facilities etc?

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Review Officer (Buckinghamshire)
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- **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?

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?

Useful tips

- Our website has a special consultation area where you can explore the maps. You can find it at consultation.lgbce.org.uk.
- We publish all submissions we receive on our website. Go to: www.lgbce.org.uk

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Who 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 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.

Electoral review

An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority, including:

- The total number of councillors representing the council's electors ('council size').
- The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
- The number of councillors for each ward or division.

Why Buckinghamshire?

- The Commission is carrying out an electoral review of Buckinghamshire Council to deliver electoral equality for electors across Buckinghamshire, after being established as a unitary authority.

Our proposals

- We propose that the council should have **98 councillors** in future, 10 three-councillor wards, 27 two-councillor wards and 14 single-councillor wards.

You have until 10 October 2022 to have your say on the recommendations

Summary of our recommendations

Our draft recommendations propose that Buckinghamshire Council should have 98 councillors.

Those councillors should represent 51 wards, represented by 10 three-councillor wards, 27 two-councillor wards and 14 single-councillor wards.

Before drawing up the draft recommendations, the Commission carried out a public consultation inviting proposals for a new pattern of wards for Buckinghamshire.

We have considered all of the submissions we received during that phase of consultation. The boundaries of most wards should change.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right. A detailed report on the recommendations and interactive mapping is available on our website at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

We welcome comments on our draft recommendations, whether you support the proposals or wish to put forward alternative arrangements.

Have your say at consultation.lgbce.org.uk:

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- find more guidance on how to have your say.
- read the full report of our recommendations.
- send us your views directly.

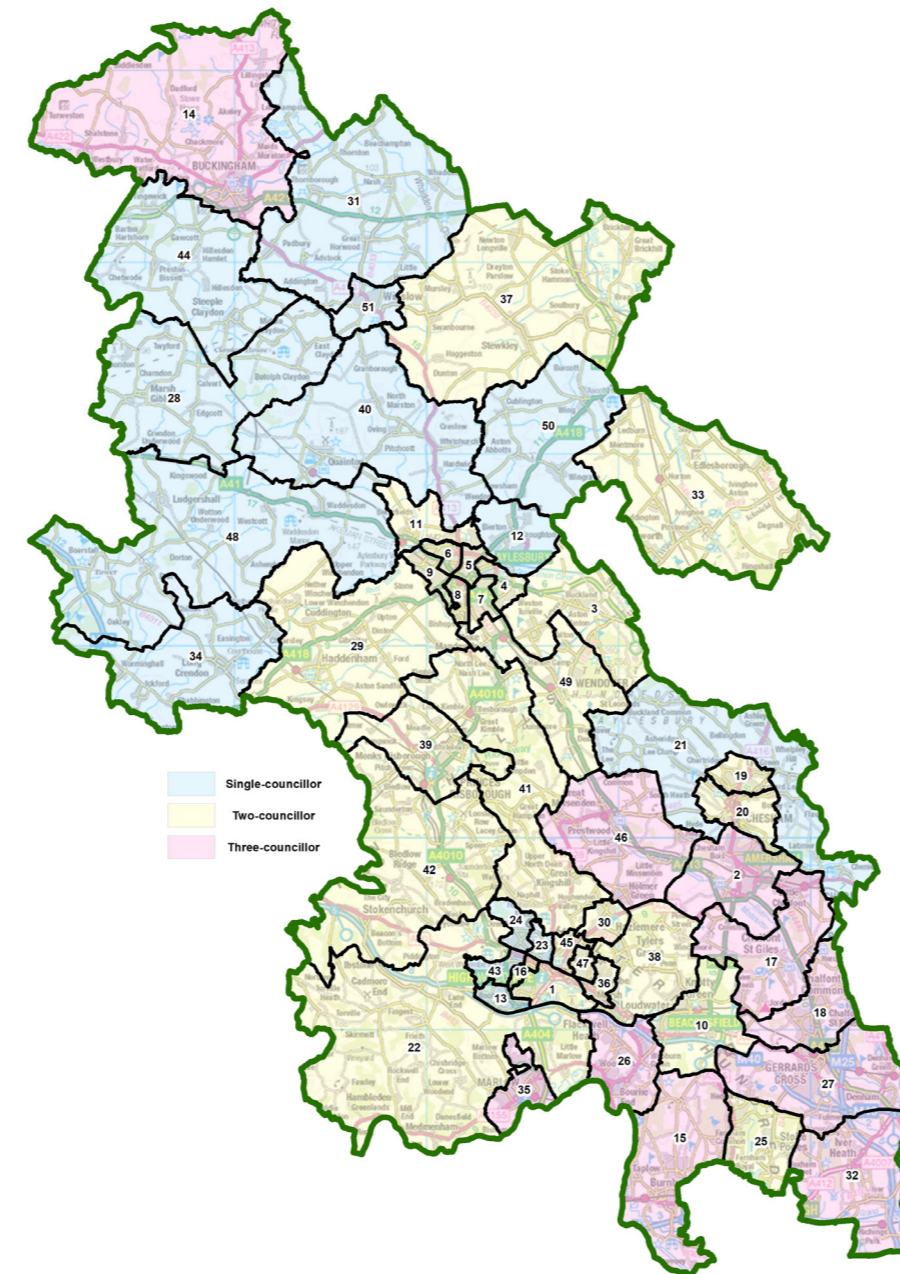
Stage of Review	Description
7 September 2021 - 2 November 2021	Public consultation on councillor numbers
11 January 2022 - 4 April 2022	Public consultation on warding arrangements
2 August 2022 - 10 October 2022	Public consultation on draft recommendations
10 January 2023	Publication of final recommendations
May 2025	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of draft recommendations for Buckinghamshire Council

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If you are viewing this page online, click on the map to go straight to our interactive consultation area.



Number	Ward name	Number	Ward name
1	Abbey	27	Gerrards Cross & Denham
2	Amersham & Chesham Bois	28	Grendon Underwood
3	Aston Clinton & Weston Turville	29	Haddenham & Stone
4	Aylesbury East	30	Hazlemere
5	Aylesbury North	31	Horwood
6	Aylesbury North West	32	Iver
7	Aylesbury South East	33	Ivinghoe
8	Aylesbury South West	34	Long Crendon
9	Aylesbury West	35	Marlow
10	Beaconsfield	36	Marsh & Mickelfield
11	Berryfields, Buckingham Park & Watermead	37	Newton Longville
12	Bierton & Kingsbrook	38	Penn, Tylers Green & Loudwater
13	Booker & Cressex	39	Princes Risborough
14	Buckingham	40	Quainton
15	Burnham	41	Ridgeway East
16	Castlefield & Oakridge	42	Ridgeway West
17	Chalfont St Giles & Little Chalfont	43	Sands
18	Chalfont St Peter	44	Steeple Claydon
19	Chesham North	45	Terriers & Amersham Hill
20	Chesham South	46	The Missendens
21	Chiltern Ridges	47	Totteridge & Bowerdean
22	Chiltern Villages	48	Waddesdon
23	Disraeli	49	Wendover, Halton & Stoke Mandeville
24	Downley	50	Wing
25	Farnham & Stoke Poges	51	Winslow