

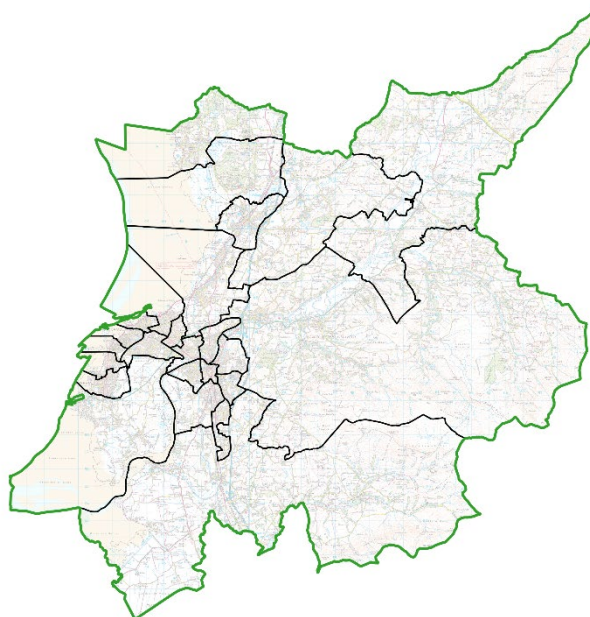
## News Release from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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### Have your say on a new political map for Lancaster City Council

New boundaries are being proposed for council wards in Lancaster City Council.

The Local Government Boundary Commission wants to hear what residents and local organisations think about the proposals. A 10-week consultation on the proposals will run until 23 November 2021.



Proposed wards for Lancaster

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High resolution map available at [https://s3-eu-west-](https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/Reviews/North%20West/Lancashire/Lancaster/Draft/Lancaster_D_SO.pdf)

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The Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It is reviewing Lancaster to make sure councillors will represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements will help the council work effectively.

The Commission has published proposals for changes to Lancaster. It is proposing that there should be 25 wards with 15 three-councillor wards, five two-councillor wards and five single-councillor wards. 15 ward boundaries will be changed.

Proposed changes include:

Including all of Scotforth parish in the more rural Ellel ward, linking the University instead with an urban ward. This is in response to persuasive community evidence received.

Combining the existing Halton-with-Aughton and Lower Lune Valley wards. This helps ensure councillors across Lancaster represent about the same number of electors.

Launching the consultation Professor Colin Mellors, Chair of the Commission, said:

“We want people in Lancaster to help us.

“We have drawn up proposals for new wards in Lancaster. We want to make sure these new electoral arrangements reflect communities. We also want them to be easy to understand and convenient for local people.

“Residents and local organisations can help us do that. We would like them to let us know whether they agree with our proposals before we take final decisions.

“It’s easy to get involved. Go to our website. Or you can e-mail or write to us.

“Just tell us what you think and give us some details why you think that. It’s really simple, so do get involved”

The Commission has a dedicated section on its website where people can see the detail of the proposals and comment on the names of wards, their boundaries and the number of councillors per ward: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/25060>

People can also give their views by e-mail at [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk), and by post:

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**Notes to editors:**

This consultation relates to the arrangements for local government elections. It is separate from consultations that are currently taking place across England on arrangements for parliamentary elections.

For further information contact the Commission's press office on 0330 500 1525 / 1250 or email [press@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:press@lgbce.org.uk)

An interactive map is available at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/25060>

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body accountable to Parliament. It recommends fair electoral and boundary arrangements for local authorities in England. In doing so, it aims to:

- Make sure that, within an authority, each councillor represents a similar number of electors
- Create boundaries that are appropriate, and reflect community ties and identities
- Deliver reviews informed by local needs, views and circumstances