

Our Recommendations

The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the number of electors in each ward. The table also shows the electoral variances for each of the proposed wards which tells you how we have delivered electoral equality. Finally, the table includes electorate projections for 2028 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

Ward Name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2022)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average (%)	Electorate (2028)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average (%)
Buckhurst Hill East & Whitebridge	3	5,925	1,975	6%	6,655	2,218	5%
Buckhurst Hill West	3	5,343	1,781	-4%	5,906	1,969	-7%
Chigwell with Lambourne	3	5,721	1,907	3%	6,322	2,107	-1%
Epping East	3	5,533	1,844	-1%	6,105	2,035	-4%
Epping West & Rural	3	5,202	1,734	-7%	6,453	2,151	-1%
Grange Hill	3	6,329	2,110	14%	6,998	2,333	10%
Loughton Fairmead	3	5,606	1,869	1%	6,414	2,138	1%
Loughton Forest	3	5,284	1,761	-5%	5,841	1,947	-8%
Loughton Roding	3	5,542	1,847	0%	6,076	2,025	-4%
Loughton St John's	3	5,396	1,799	-3%	5,980	1,993	-6%
North Weald Bassett	3	5,030	1,677	-10%	6,760	2,253	6%
Ongar	3	5,787	1,929	4%	6,865	2,288	8%
Roydon & Lower Nazeing	3	5,562	1,854	0%	6,591	2,197	4%
Rural East	3	6,356	2,119	14%	7,037	2,346	11%
Theydon Bois with Passingford	3	5,178	1,726	-7%	5,711	1,904	-10%
Waltham Abbey North	3	5,459	1,820	-2%	6,880	2,293	8%
Waltham Abbey South & Rural	3	5,418	1,806	-3%	6,002	2,001	-6%
Waltham Abbey West	3	5,551	1,850	0%	5,928	1,976	-7%
Totals	54	100,222	-	-	114,524	-	-
Averages	-	-	1,856	-	-	2,121	-

Epping Forest District Council

Final Recommendations on the new electoral arrangements



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 Epping Forest?

- The Commission has a legal duty to carry out an electoral review of each council in England 'from time to time'.
- Epping Forest District Council has not been reviewed since 2000 and the Commission has therefore decided that it should review Epping Forest in advance of the elections in 2024.

Our proposals

- Epping Forest District Council currently has 58 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 54 councillors should serve the council in the future.
- We believe our final recommendations meet our statutory criteria to:
 1. Deliver electoral equality for electors
 2. Reflect community interests and identities
 3. Promote effective and convenient local government

Summary of our recommendations

We have considered all of the submissions we received during our consultation on our draft recommendations.

The final recommendations propose that Epping Forest should have 54 councillors, a decrease of four.

Epping Forest should have 18 wards, a decrease of 14. The boundaries of most the existing wards should change, Buckhurst Hill West will stay the same.

The 54 councillors should represent 18 three-councillor wards across the district.

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.

Find out more at consultation.lgbce.org.uk:

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- read the full report of our recommendations.
- find more guidance on the review process

Stage of Review	Description
10 May 2022 - 18 July 2022	Public consultation on warding arrangements
4 October 2022 - 12 December 2022	Public consultation on draft recommendations
7 March 2023	Publication of final recommendations
May 2024	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of final recommendations for Epping Forest District Council

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