

## Have your say

We are now consulting local people on a new pattern of wards for West Northamptonshire 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 West Northamptonshire we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of wards.

We aim to propose a pattern of wards for West Northamptonshire 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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- **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](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk).
- We publish all submissions we receive on our website. Go to: [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

### Our consultation area:

[consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk)

#### Email:

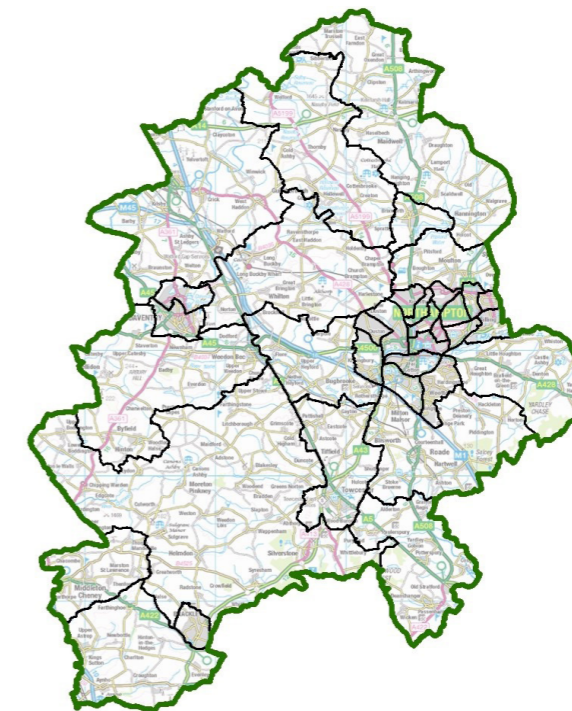
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# West Northamptonshire Council

## Draft 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 West Northamptonshire?

- In 2020 the Government provided for the creation of a new local authority called West Northamptonshire Council, with effect from April 2021.
- The new authority combined Daventry District Council, Northampton Borough Council and South Northamptonshire District Council into a single unitary authority.
- The Commission agreed to carry out an electoral review of the new council. This will ensure the new council has electoral arrangements that reflect its functions in time for elections in May 2025.

### Our proposals

- We propose that the council should have **76 councillors** in future, representing seven one-councillor, 15 two-councillor and 13 three-councillor wards across the council area.

**You have until 15 May 2023 to have your say on the recommendations**

## Summary of our recommendations

Our draft recommendations propose that West Northamptonshire Council should have 76 councillors.

Those councillors should represent seven one-councillor, 15 two-councillor and 13 three-councillor wards across the council area.

The boundaries of all the existing wards will change.

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

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

In particular, we welcome proposals for alternative boundaries or ward names which meet the criteria we must follow as part of electoral reviews, and which are described in more detail over the page.

Have your say at [consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://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.

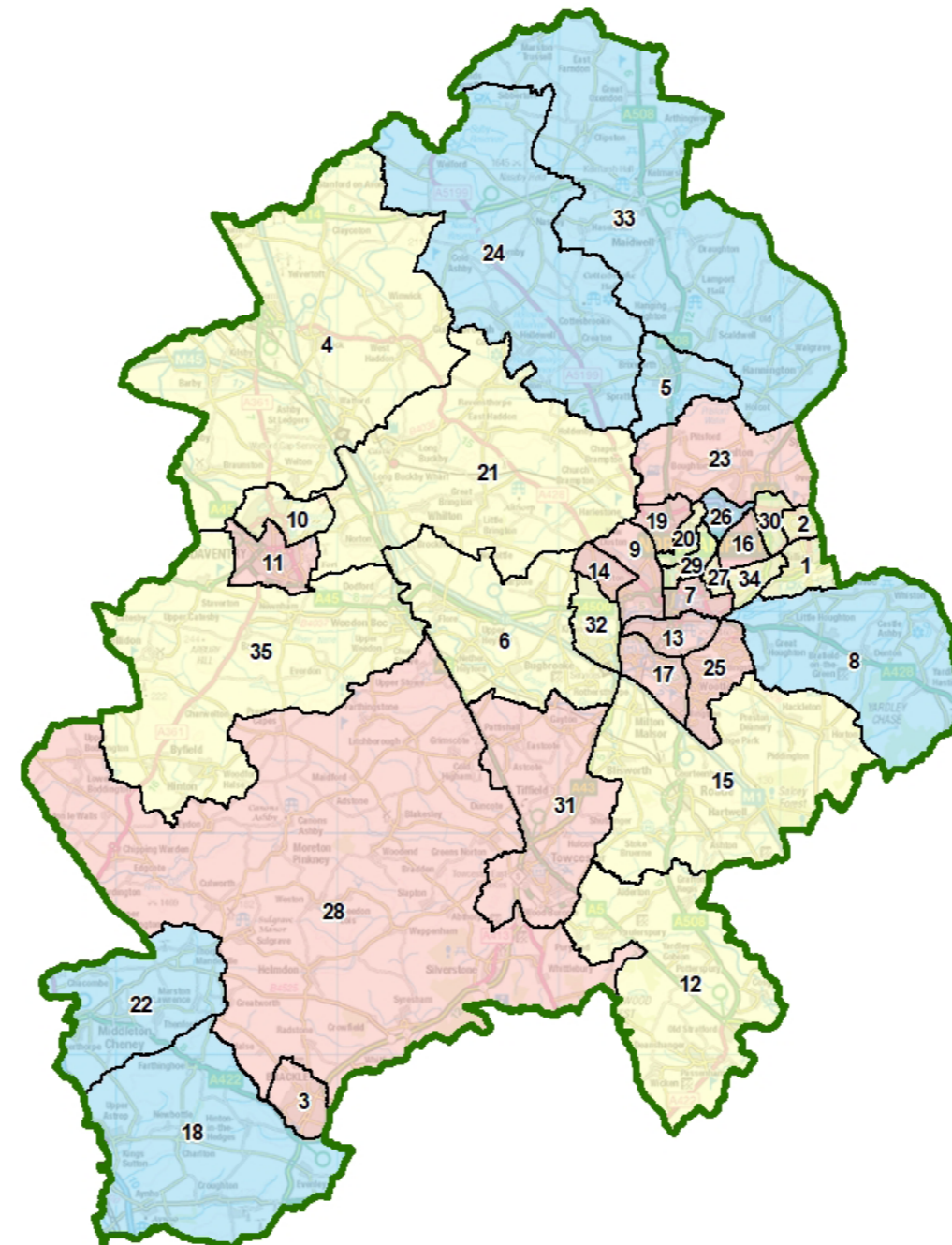
Stage of Review	Description
30 August 2022 - 7 November 2022	Public consultation on warding arrangements
7 March 2023 - 15 May 2023	Public consultation on draft recommendations
1 August 2023	Publication of final recommendations
May 2025	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

# Overview of draft recommendations for West Northamptonshire Council

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- Single-councillor wards
- Two-councillor wards
- Three-councillor wards

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	Ward Name
1	Billing
2	Blackthorn & Rectory Farm
3	Brackley
4	Braunston & Crick
5	Brixworth
6	Campion
7	Castle
8	Cogenhoe & The Houghtons
9	Dallington Spencer
10	Daventry North
11	Daventry South
12	Deanshanger & Paulerspury
13	Delapre & Briar Hill
14	Duston
15	Hackleton & Roade
16	Headlands
17	Hunsbury
18	Kings Sutton
19	Kingsthorpe North
20	Kingsthorpe South
21	Long Buckby
22	Middleton Cheney
23	Moulton
24	Naseby
25	Nene Valley
26	Parklands
27	Phippsville
28	Silverstone & Rural South Northamptonshire
29	St George
30	Talavera
31	Towcester
32	Upton
33	Walgrave & East Farndon
34	Weston
35	Woodford & Weedon