

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 2027 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

Final Recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

Ward Name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2021)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average (%)	Electorate (2027)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average (%)
Aylesford North & North Downs	3	6,406	2,135	-4%	7,889	2,630	8%
Aylesford South & Ditton	3	6,871	2,290	2%	7,254	2,418	0%
Birling, Leybourne & Ryarsh	2	4,633	2,317	4%	4,886	2,443	1%
Borough Green & Platt	2	4,514	2,257	1%	4,783	2,392	-1%
Bourne	2	4,203	2,102	-6%	4,498	2,249	-7%
Cage Green & Angel	3	6,844	2,281	2%	7,276	2,425	0%
East and West Peckham, Mereworth & Wateringbury	2	4,971	2,486	11%	5,349	2,675	10%
East Malling, West Malling & Offham	3	6,502	2,167	-3%	7,072	2,357	-3%
Higham	2	4,760	2,380	7%	5,097	2,549	5%
Hildenborough	2	4,321	2,161	-3%	4,612	2,306	-5%
Judd	2	4,752	2,376	6%	5,027	2,514	4%
Kings Hill	3	6,509	2,170	-3%	7,916	2,639	9%
Larkfield	3	6,966	2,322	4%	7,430	2,477	2%
Pilgrims with Ightham	2	4,563	2,282	2%	4,861	2,431	0%
Snodland East & Ham Hill	2	4,282	2,141	-4%	4,556	2,278	-6%
Snodland West & Holborough Lakes	2	4,296	2,148	-4%	4,490	2,245	-8%
Trench	2	4,246	2,123	-5%	4,559	2,280	-6%
Vauxhall	3	6,353	2,118	-5%	6,738	2,246	-7%
Walderslade	1	2,335	2,335	4%	2,535	2,535	4%
Totals	44	98,327	-	-	106,828	-	-
Averages	-	-	2,235	-	-	2,428	-



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 Tonbridge & Malling?

- Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council currently has high levels of electoral inequality: some councillors represent many more - or many fewer - electors than others.
- Therefore the value of your vote, in Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council elections, varies depending on where you live in Tonbridge and Malling.
- We are seeking to improve levels of electoral equality for local electors.

Our proposals

- Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council currently has 54 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 44 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 the submissions we received during our consultation on our draft recommendations.

The final recommendations propose that Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council should have 44 councillors, a decrease of 10 from the existing arrangements.

Tonbridge & Malling should have 19 wards, a decrease of five from the existing arrangements. The boundaries of all of the existing wards should change.

The 44 councillors should represent seven three-councillor wards, eleven two-councillor wards and one one-councillor ward across the borough.

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

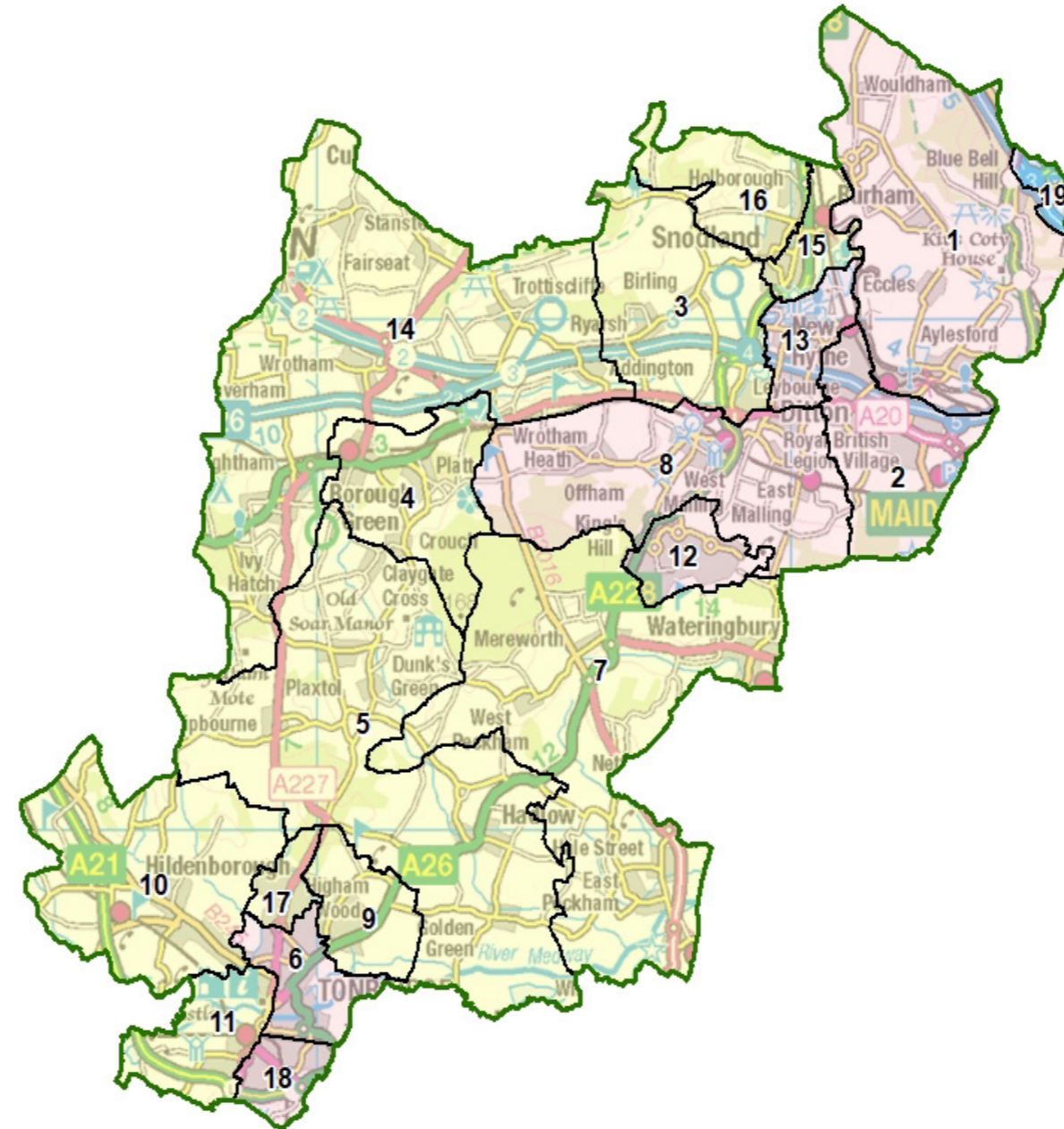
Stage of Review	Description
11 May 2021 - 19 July 2021	Public consultation on warding arrangements
5 October 2021 - 13 December 2021	Public consultation on draft recommendations
1 March 2022	Publication of final recommendations
May 2023	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of final recommendations for Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

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- Single-councillor ward
- Two-councillor ward
- Three-councillor ward

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13	Larkfield
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15	Snodland East & Ham Hill
16	Snodland West & Holborough Lakes
17	Trench
18	Vauxhall
19	Walderslade

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