

Our Recommendations

The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the forecast number of electors per councillor 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.

North Hertfordshire 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 North Hertfordshire?

- North Hertfordshire District Council currently has high levels of electoral inequality: some councillors represent many more - or many fewer - electors than others.
- We are seeking to improve levels of electoral equality for local electors.

Our proposals

- North Hertfordshire District Council currently has 49 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 51 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

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 (%)
Arbury	1	2,163	2,163	12%	2,250	2,250	2%
Baldock East	2	2,332	1,166	-40%	4,245	2,123	-4%
Baldock West	3	5,656	1,885	-3%	6,079	2,026	-8%
Cadwell	1	1,845	1,845	-5%	2,390	2,390	8%
Codicote & Kimpton	2	3,869	1,935	0%	4,422	2,211	0%
Ermine	1	2,120	2,120	9%	2,441	2,441	10%
Graveley, St Ippolyts & Wymondley	2	2,078	1,039	-46%	3,989	1,995	-10%
Great Ashby	2	3,932	1,966	1%	3,932	1,966	-11%
Hitchin Bearton	3	6,636	2,212	14%	6,716	2,239	1%
Hitchin Highbury	2	4,680	2,340	21%	4,724	2,362	7%
Hitchin Oughton	2	4,102	2,051	6%	4,186	2,093	-5%
Hitchin Priory	2	4,461	2,230	15%	4,691	2,346	6%
Hitchin Walsworth	3	6,171	2,057	6%	7,027	2,342	6%
Hitchwood	1	2,269	2,269	17%	2,418	2,418	9%
Knebworth	2	4,132	2,066	7%	4,835	2,418	9%
Letchworth Grange	2	4,112	2,056	6%	4,583	2,292	4%
Letchworth Norton	2	3,853	1,927	-1%	4,359	2,180	-1%
Letchworth South East	3	6,392	2,131	10%	6,812	2,271	3%
Letchworth South West	3	6,620	2,207	14%	6,793	2,264	2%
Letchworth Wilbury	2	4,105	2,052	6%	4,114	2,057	-7%
Offa	2	2,764	1,382	-29%	4,577	2,289	4%
Royston Heath	2	3,610	1,805	-7%	4,128	2,064	-7%
Royston Meridian	3	5,134	1,711	-12%	6,304	2,101	-5%
Royston Palace	2	4,137	2,068	7%	4,332	2,166	-2%
Weston & Sandon	1	1,651	1,651	-15%	2,381	2,381	8%
Totals	51	98,824	-	-	112,728	-	-
Averages	-	-	1,938	-	-	2,210	-

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 North Hertfordshire should have 51 councillors, an increase of two.

North Hertfordshire should have 25 wards, an increase of one. The boundaries of 20 wards should change; four will stay the same.

The 51 councillors should represent five single-councillor wards, 14 two-councillor wards and six 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.

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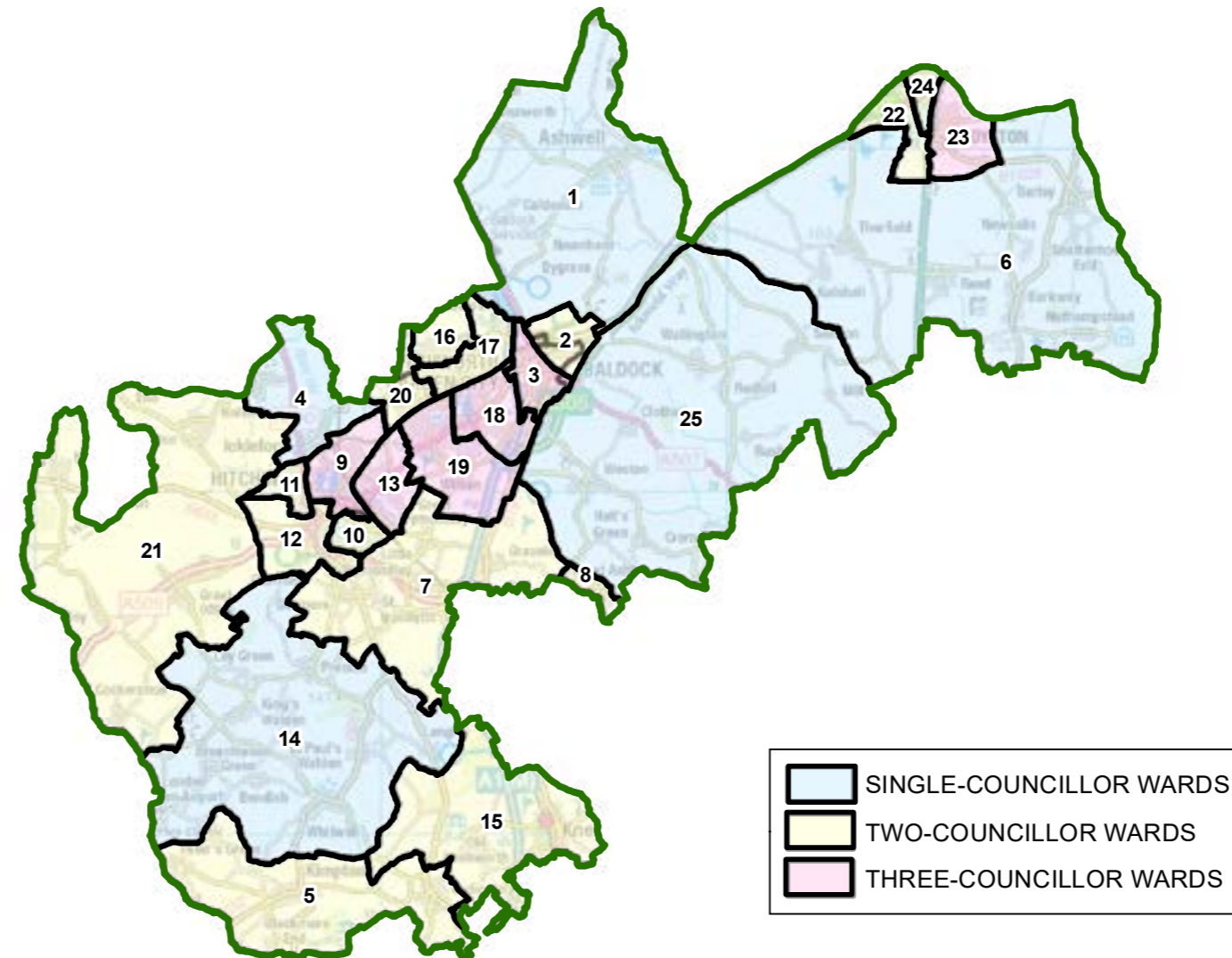
- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- read the full report of our recommendations.
- find more guidance on the review process

Stage of Review	Description
1 June 2022 - 9 August 2022	Public consultation on warding arrangements
1 November 2022 - 9 January 2023	Public consultation on draft recommendations
9 May 2023	Publication of final recommendations
May 2024	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of final recommendations for North Hertfordshire District Council

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Ward Name	
1	Arbury
2	Baldock East
3	Baldock West
4	Cadwell
5	Codicote & Kimpton
6	Ermine
7	Graveley, St Ippolyts & Wymondley
8	Great Ashby
9	Hitchin Bearton
10	Hitchin Highbury
11	Hitchin Oughton
12	Hitchin Priory
13	Hitchin Walsworth
14	Hitchwood
15	Knebworth
16	Letchworth Grange
17	Letchworth Norton
18	Letchworth South East
19	Letchworth South West
20	Letchworth Wilbury
21	Offa
22	Royston Heath
23	Royston Meridian
24	Royston Palace
25	Weston & Sandon

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