

Have your say

We are now consulting local people on a new pattern of divisions for Worcestershire County 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 Worcestershire we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of divisions.

Worcestershire County Council

Draft Recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

We aim to propose a pattern of divisions for Worcestershire County 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 divisions 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 division? 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 divisions reflect where local people go for shops, medical services, leisure facilities etc?

Write to:

Review Officer (Worcestershire)
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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 divisions too large or small to be represented effectively?
- Are the proposed names of the divisions appropriate?

Useful tips

- You can explore the maps on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk
- We publish all submissions we receive on our website.

Our website:

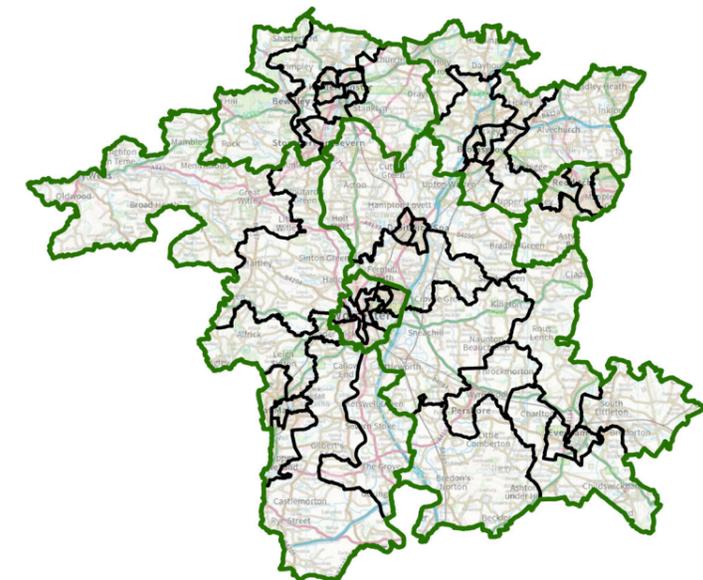
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Who we are

- 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 Worcestershire?

- The Commission has a legal duty to carry out an electoral review of each council in England 'from time to time'.
- Worcestershire County Council has not been reviewed since 2004 and the Commission has therefore decided that it should review Worcestershire in advance of the elections in 2025.

Our proposals

- We propose that the council should have **57 councillors** in future, representing 5 two-councillor divisions and 47 one-councillor divisions across the council area.

You have until 18 March 2024 to have your say on the recommendations

Summary of our recommendations

Our draft recommendations propose that Worcestershire County Council should have 57 councillors, the same as the existing arrangements.

Those councillors should represent 47 one-councillor divisions and five two-councillor divisions across the council area.

Before drawing up the draft recommendations, the Commission carried out a public consultation inviting proposals for a new pattern of divisions for Worcestershire.

We have considered all of the submissions we received during that phase of consultation. The boundaries of most divisions should change.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right.

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

Have your say at

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/worcestershire>

- 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
16 May 2023 - 19 September 2023	Public consultation on division arrangements
9 January 2024 - 18 March 2024	Public consultation on draft recommendations
2 July 2024	Publication of final recommendations
2025	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

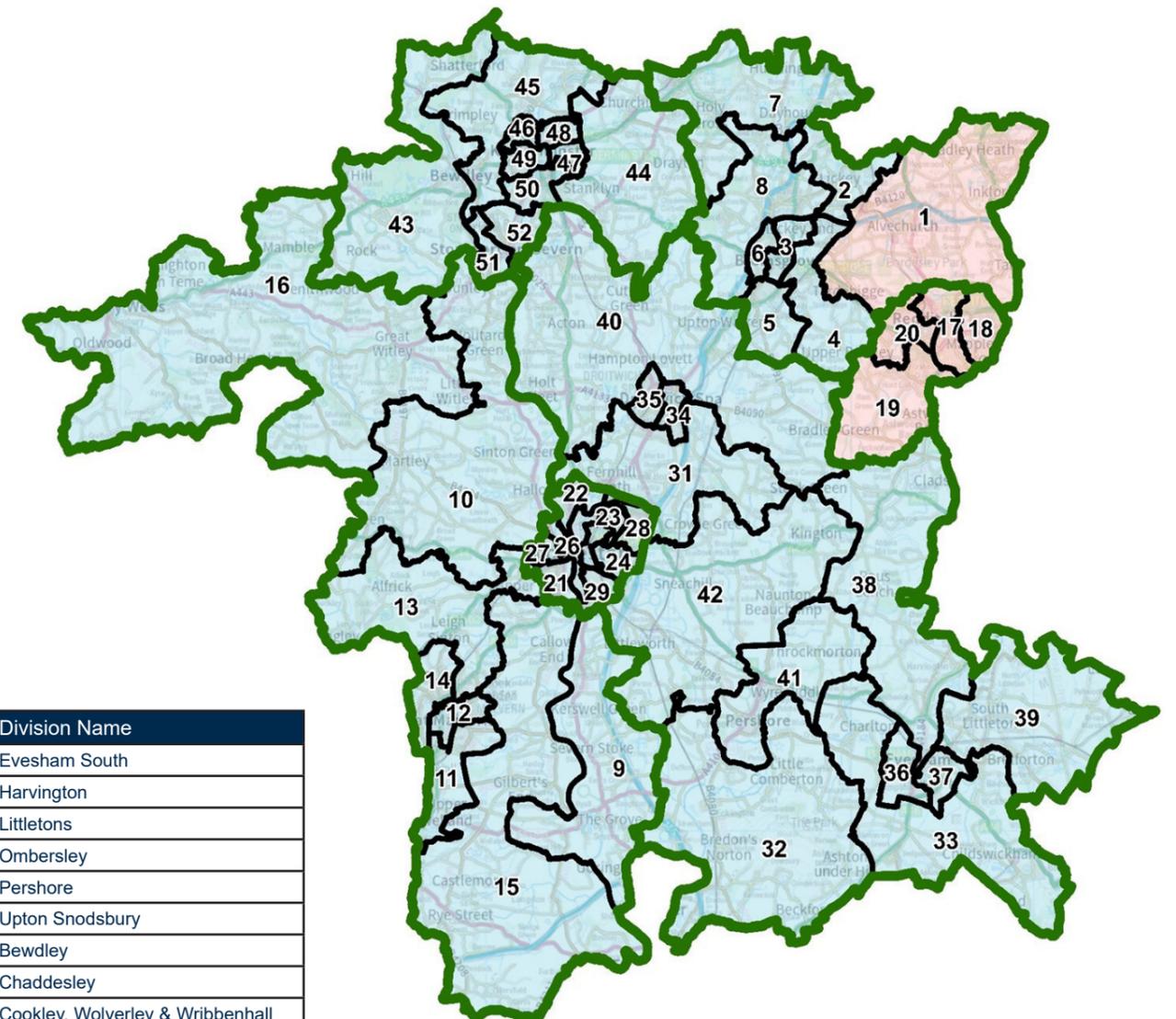
Overview of draft recommendations for Worcestershire County Council

View this map online:

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/worcestershire>

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Division Name	
1	Alvechurch & Wythall
2	Beacon
3	Bromsgrove Central
4	Bromsgrove East
5	Bromsgrove South
6	Bromsgrove West
7	Clent Hills
8	Woodvale
9	Croome
10	Hallow
11	Malvern Chase
12	Malvern Langland
13	Malvern Link
14	Malvern Trinity
15	Powick
16	Tenbury
17	Redditch Central
18	Redditch East
19	Redditch South
20	Redditch West
21	Bedwardine
22	Claines
23	Gorse Hill & Warndon
24	Nunnery
25	Rainbow Hill
26	Riverside
27	St John
28	St Nicholas & Leopard Hill
29	St Peter
30	St Stephen
31	Bowbrook
32	Bredon
33	Broadway
34	Droitwich East
35	Droitwich West
36	Evesham North West
37	Evesham South
38	Harvington
39	Littletons
40	Ombersley
41	Pershore
42	Upton Snodsbury
43	Bewdley
44	Chaddesley
45	Cookley, Wolverley & Wribbenhall
46	St Barnabas
47	St Chads
48	St Georges
49	St Johns
50	St Peters
51	Stourport Areley Kings & Riverside
52	Stourport Mitton



■	Single-councillor division
■	Two-councillor division