

## What happens next?

We have now completed our review of Babergh District Council.

The recommendations must now be approved by Parliament. A draft order - the legal document which brings into force our recommendations - will be laid in Parliament.

Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements will come into force at the local elections in 2019.

## Our recommendations:

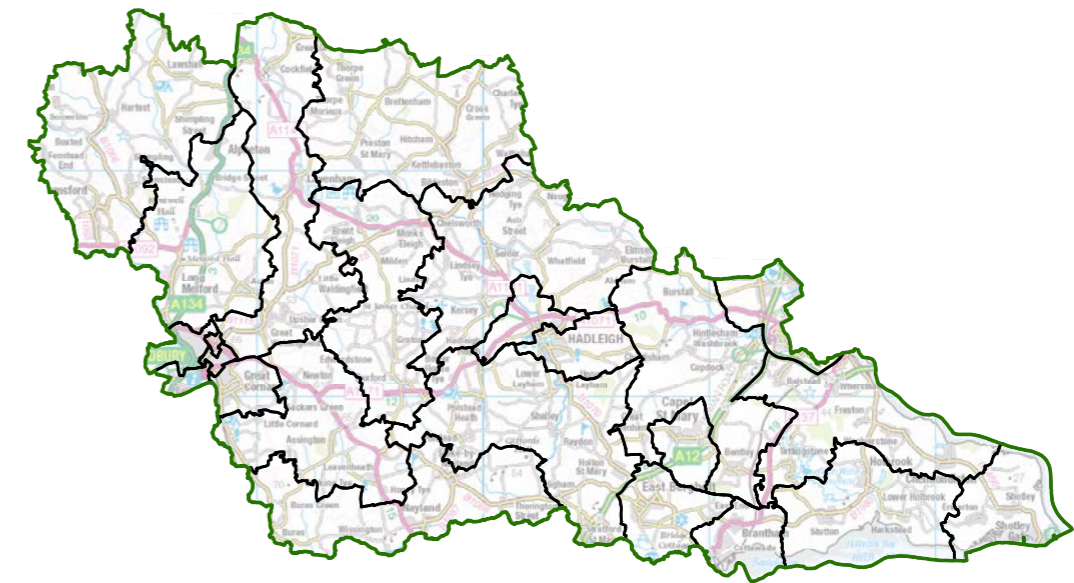
The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the number of voters in each ward and the forecasted voters per councillor in 2023.

The table also shows the electoral variances for each of the proposed wards, which tells you how we have delivered electoral equality.

# Babergh District Council

## Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

Ward Name:	No. of Cllrs:	No. of Electors perfrom Cllr (2023):	Variance Average %	Ward Name:	No. of Cllrs:	No. of Electors perfrom Cllr (2023):	Variance Average %
Assington	1	2,183	-6%	Hadleigh South	2	2,365	1%
Box Vale	1	2,336	0%	Lavenham	2	2,132	-9%
Brantham	1	2,283	-2%	Long Melford	2	2,432	4%
Brett Vale	1	2,570	10%	North West Cosford	1	2,279	-2%
Bures St Mary & Nayland	1	2,352	1%	Orwell	1	2,110	-9%
Capel St Mary	1	2,445	5%	South East Cosford	1	2,139	-8%
Chadacre	2	2,446	5%	Sproughton & Pinewood	2	2,408	3%
Copdock & Washbrook	1	2,591	11%	Stour	1	2,451	5%
East Bergholt	1	2,454	5%	Sudbury North East	1	2,151	-8%
Ganges	1	2,414	4%	Sudbury North West	2	2,131	-9%
Great Cornard	3	2,522	8%	Sudbury South East	1	2,140	-8%
Hadleigh North	1	2,098	-10%	Sudbury South West	1	2,190	-6%
				<b>Totals:</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
				<b>Averages:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,330</b>	<b>-</b>



### 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.

### Why Babergh?

- Babergh currently has high levels of electoral inequality: some councillors represent many more - or many fewer - voters than others.
- Therefore the value of your vote, in Babergh District council elections, varies depending on where you live in the district.
- We are seeking to improve levels of electoral equality for local voters

### 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 voters ('council size').
  - The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
  - The number of councillors for each ward or division.

### Our proposals:

- Babergh Council currently has 43 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that **32 councillors** should serve the district in the future.
- We believe our final recommendations meet our statutory criteria to:
  - (1) Deliver electoral equality for voters.
  - (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 Babergh District Council should have **32 councillors**. This is **11 fewer than** the current number of councillors.

Those councillors should represent 1 three-councillor ward, 6 two-councillor wards and 17 one-councillor wards across the district.

The boundaries of all wards should change, none will stay the same.

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](http://www.lgbce.org.uk).

Find out more: [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 the review process.
- read the full report of our recommendations.

Stage of review	Description
13 June - 14 August 2017	Public consultation on new ward boundaries
3 October - 11 December 2017	Public consultation on draft recommendations
6 March - 30 April 2018	Public consultation on revised draft recommendations
7 August 2018	Publication of final recommendations
May 2019	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

# Overview of final recommendations for Babergh District Council

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