

What happens next?

We have now completed our review of Mid Suffolk 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 May 2019.

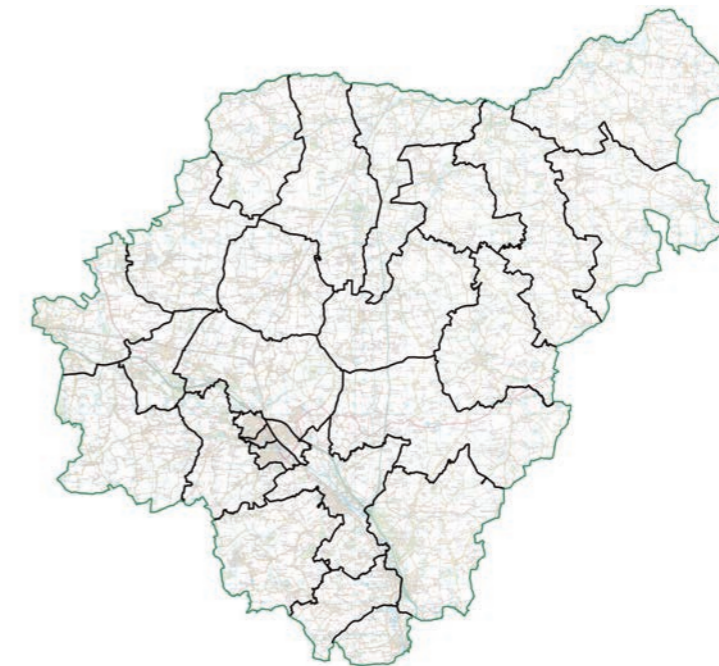
Our recommendations:

The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the number of voters in each ward. 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 2023, so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

Mid Suffolk District Council

Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

Ward Name:	No. of Cllrs:	Electorate (2018):	Number of Electors per Councillor:	Variance from average %	Electorate (2023):	Number of Electors per Councillor:	Variance Average %
Bacton	1	2,368	2,368	2%	2,446	2,446	0%
Battisford & Ringshall	1	2,419	2,419	4%	2,435	2,435	0%
Blakenham	1	2,290	2,290	-2%	2,643	2,643	9%
Bramford	1	1,952	1,952	-16%	2,250	2,250	-8%
Chilton	2	4,410	2,205	-5%	5,146	2,573	6%
Claydon & Barham	2	4,776	2,388	3%	4,890	2,445	0%
Combs Ford	2	4,779	2,390	3%	5,154	2,577	6%
Debenham	1	2,438	2,438	5%	2,463	2,463	1%
Elmswell & Woolpit	2	4,819	2,410	4%	4,885	2,443	0%
Eye	1	2,310	2,310	-1%	2,498	2,498	3%
Fressingfield	1	2,451	2,451	5%	2,466	2,466	1%
Gislingham	1	2,520	2,520	8%	2,544	2,544	4%
Haughley, Stowupland & Wetherden	2	4,414	2,207	-5%	4,467	2,234	-8%
Hoxne & Worlingworth	1	2,323	2,323	0%	2,335	2,335	-4%
Mendlesham	1	2,324	2,324	0%	2,397	2,397	-2%
Needham Market	2	4,860	2,430	4%	5,038	2,519	3%
Onehouse	1	2,236	2,236	-4%	2,446	2,446	0%
Palgrave	1	2,200	2,200	-5%	2,211	2,211	-9%
Rattlesden	1	2,444	2,444	5%	2,471	2,471	1%
Rickinghall	1	2,390	2,390	3%	2,408	2,408	-1%
St Peter's	1	2,319	2,319	0%	2,369	2,369	-3%
Stonham	1	2,343	2,343	1%	2,353	2,353	-3%
Stow Thorney	2	4,118	2,059	-12%	4,428	2,214	-9%
Stradbroke & Laxfield	1	2,435	2,435	5%	2,560	2,560	5%
Thurston	2	4,584	2,292	-2%	4,832	2,416	-1%
Walsham-le-Willows	1	2,597	2,597	12%	2,649	2,649	9%
Totals:	34	79,119	-	-	82,784	-	-
Averages:	-	-	2,327	-	-	2,435	-



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

Why Mid Suffolk?

- Mid Suffolk has high levels of electoral inequality: some councillors represent many more - or many fewer - voters than others. Therefore the value of your vote varies depending on where you live.

Our proposals:

- Mid Suffolk District Council currently has 40 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that **34 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

The Commission originally published draft recommendations for its electoral reviews of Mid Suffolk and Babergh in October 2017 and held a public consultation on them.

During that period of consultation, local organisations alerted the Commission to possible anomalies in its electorate forecasts upon which the wards were built. Following an analysis of the figures by the Commission and each council, the Commission decided to change its forecasts in parts of both districts.

Given the changes to the figures and proposed boundaries, the Commission decided to hold a new phase of consultation on its recommendations and invited local people and organisations to comment on them.

Our final recommendations propose that Mid Suffolk District Council should have **34 councillors** in future. This is **six fewer** than the current number of councillors.

Those councillors should represent 18 single-councillor and eight two-councillor wards.

The boundaries of all wards should change.

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.
- find more guidance on the review process.
- read the full report of our recommendations.

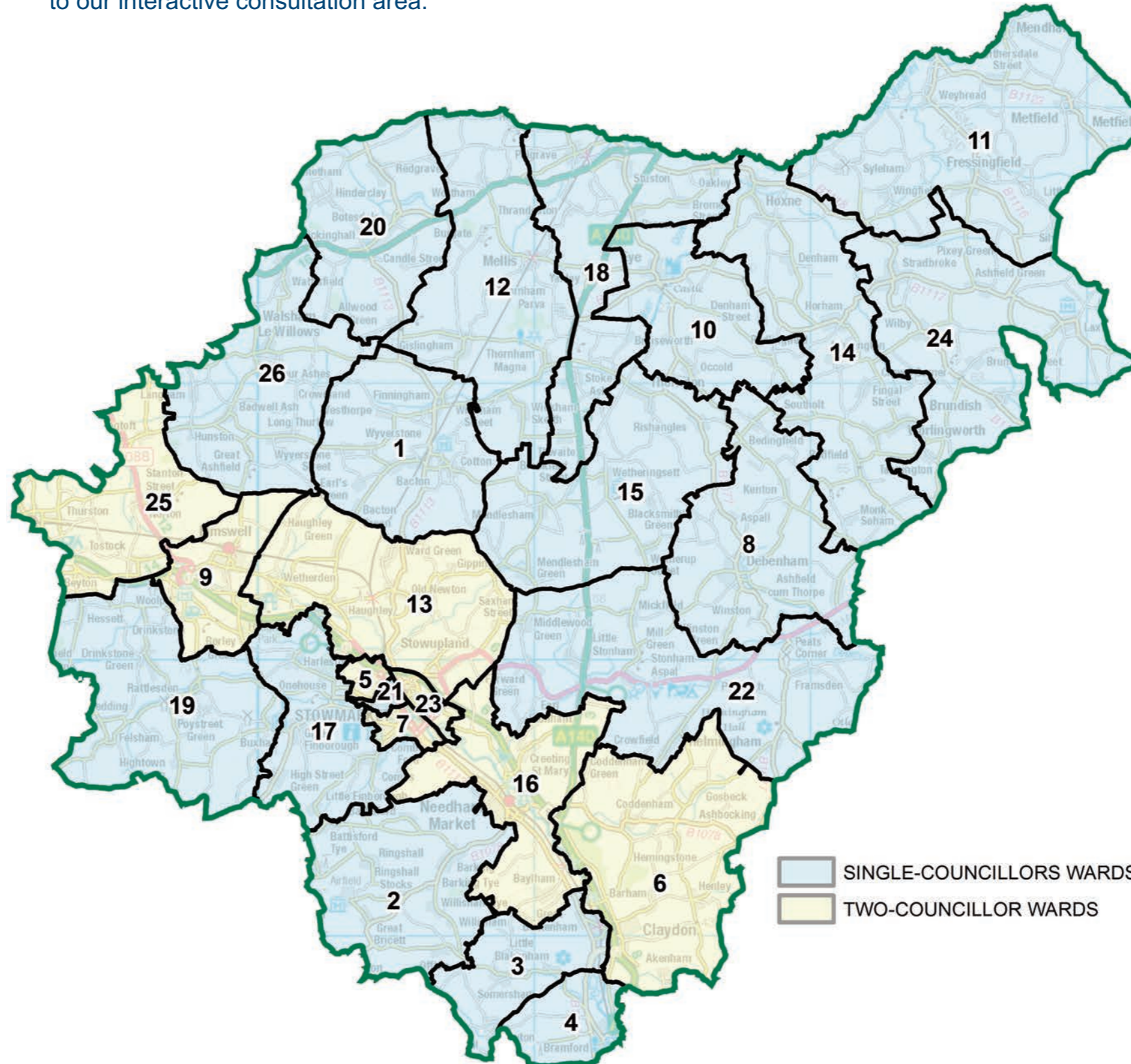
Stage of review	Description
13 June - 14 August 2017	Public consultation on new ward boundaries
3 October - 11 December 2017	Public consultation on draft recommendations
6 March - 30 April 2018	Public consultation on revised draft recommendations
7 August 2018	Publication of final recommendations
May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

Overview of final recommendations for Mid Suffolk District Council

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Key:

1. Bacton
2. Battisford & Ringshall
3. Blakenham
4. Bramford
5. Chilton
6. Claydon & Barham
7. Combs Ford
8. Debenham
9. Elmswell & Woolpit
10. Eye
11. Fressingfield
12. Gislingham
13. Haughley, Stowupland & Wetherden
14. Hoxne & Worlingworth
15. Mendlesham
16. Needham Market
17. Onehouse
18. Palgrave
19. Rattlesden
20. Rickingham
21. St Peter's
22. Stonham
23. Stow Thorney
24. Stradbroke & Laxfield
25. Thurston
26. Walsham-le-Willows