

## What happens next?

We have now completed our review of West Suffolk 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 councillors proposed for each ward, and the number of voters forecasted to be in each ward in 2023.

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

# West Suffolk Council

## Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

Ward Name:	No. of Cllrs:	No. of Electors per Cllr (2023):	Variance from Average %	Ward Name:	No. of Cllrs:	No. of Electors per Cllr (2023):	Variance from Average %
Abbeygate	2	1,932	-6%	Manor	1	1,968	-4%
Bardwell	1	2,035	-1%	Mildenhall Great Heath	1	2,065	0%
Barningham	1	2,211	8%	Mildenhall Kingsway & Market	1	2,177	6%
Barrow	1	2,261	10%	Mildenhall Queensway	1	2,081	1%
Brandon Central	1	2,202	7%	Minden	2	2,210	-1%
Brandon East	1	2,191	7%	Moreton Hall	3	2,031	-8%
Brandon West	1	2,247	9%	Newmarket East	2	1,868	-9%
Chedburgh & Chevington	1	2,110	3%	Newmarket North	2	1,862	-9%
Clare, Hundon & Kedington	3	2,095	2%	Newmarket West	2	2,090	2%
Eastgate	1	1,894	-8%	Pakenham & Troston	1	1,994	-3%
Exning	1	1,924	-6%	Risby	1	2,237	9%
Haverhill Central	1	2,248	9%	Rougham	1	1,844	-10%
Haverhill East	2	1,984	-4%	Southgate	2	1,964	-4%
Haverhill North	2	1,977	-4%	St Olaves	2	2,091	2%
Haverhill South	2	2,177	6%	Stanton	1	2,234	9%
Haverhill South East	1	1,995	-3%	The Fornhams & Great Barton	2	2,112	3%
Haverhill West	2	2,187	6%	The Rows	2	1,857	-10%
Horringer	1	2,080	1%	Tollgate	2	2,221	8%
Iceni	2	1,876	-9%	Westgate	2	1,963	-5%
Ixworth	1	1,902	-7%	Whepstead & Wickhambrook	1	2,053	1%
Kentford & Moulton	1	2,243	9%	Withersfield	1	1,842	-10%
Lakenheath	2	2,205	7%				
				<b>Averages:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,056</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 West Suffolk?

- In May 2018, the government decided to create a new local authority called West Suffolk Council.
- This council consists of the following former councils: Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council.
- The Commission agreed to carry out an electoral review to draw up new wards for the new council.

### 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:

- Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that **64 councillors** should serve West Suffolk Council 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.



# Overview of final recommendations for West Suffolk Council

## Summary of our recommendations

We have considered all the submissions we received during our consultation on our draft recommendations.

The final recommendations propose that West Suffolk should have **64 councillors**, representing 43 wards.

Those councillors should represent two three-councillor wards, 17 two-councillor wards, and 24 one-councillor wards.

In response to local feedback during consultation, the Commission has made changes to some of its draft proposals, particularly in the south of the district. For example, the Commission is including a three-councillor Clare, Hundon & Kedington ward as part of the final recommendations. Alterations have also been made in a number of other areas, including in Mildenhall, Newmarket, and Haverhill.

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).

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- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
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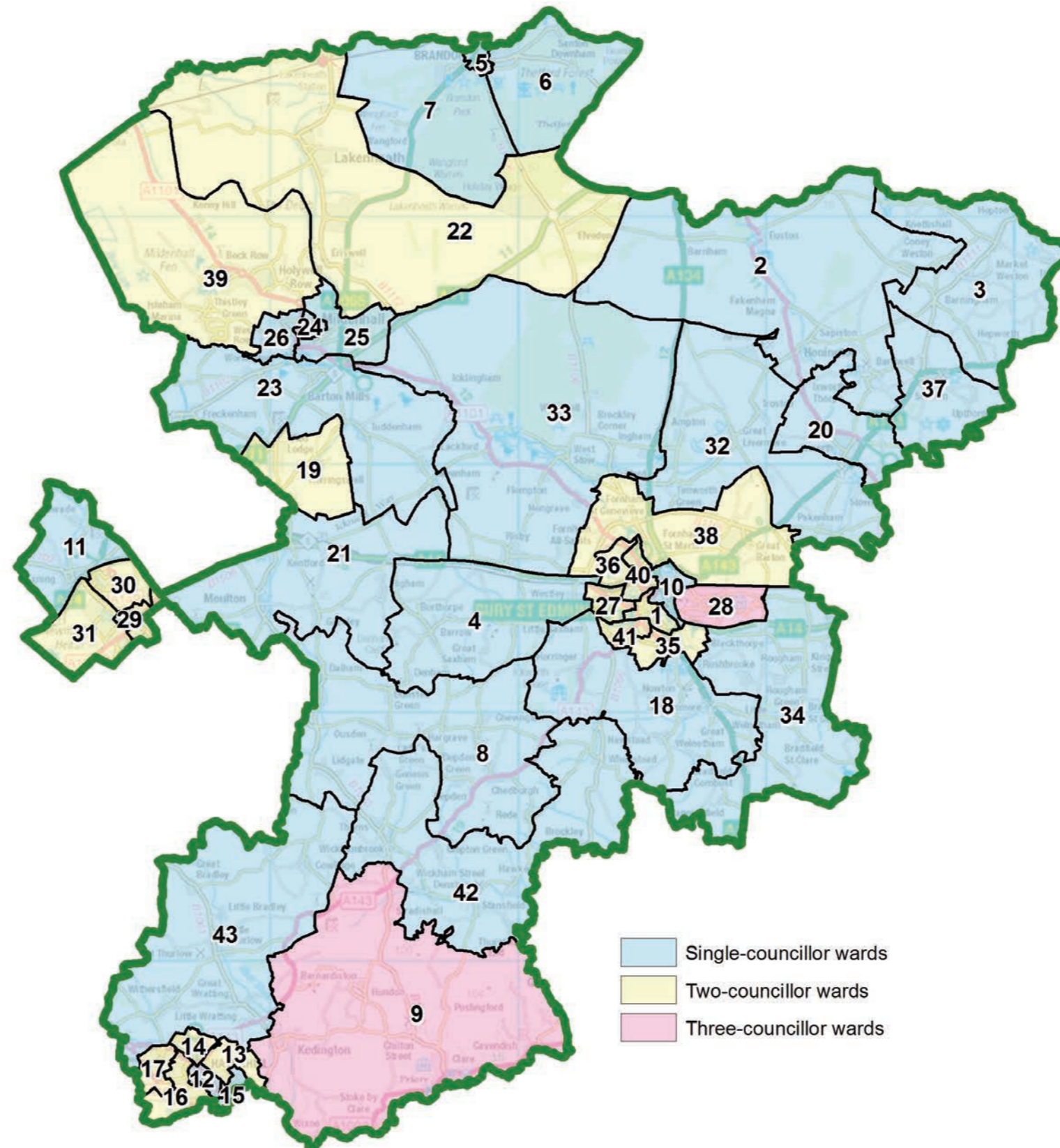
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## Key:

1. Abbeygate
2. Bardwell
3. Barningham
4. Barrow
5. Brandon Central
6. Brandon East
7. Brandon West
8. Chedburgh & Chevington
9. Clare, Hundon & Kedington
10. Eastgate
11. Exning
12. Haverhill Central
13. Haverhill East
14. Haverhill North
15. Haverhill South East
16. Haverhill South
17. Haverhill West
18. Horringer
19. Icen
20. Ixworth
21. Kentford & Moulton
22. Lakenheath
23. Manor
24. Mildenhall Great Heath
25. Mildenhall Kingsway & Market
26. Mildenhall Queensway
27. Minden
28. Moreton Hall
29. Newmarket East
30. Newmarket North
31. Newmarket West
32. Pakenham & Troston
33. Risby
34. Rougham
35. Southgate
36. St Olaves
37. Stanton
38. The Fornhams & Great Barton
39. The Rows
40. Tollgate
41. Westgate
42. Whepstead & Wickhambrook
43. Withersfield



Stage of review	Description
3 July 2018- 27 August 2018	Public consultation on draft recommendations
23 October 2018	Publication of final recommendations
May 2019	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections