Have your say

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

We aim to propose a pattern of wards for Havering Council which delivers:

- **Electoral equality**: each councillor represents a similar number of voters.
- **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 wards should:

- Provide good electoral equality, with each councillor representing, as closely as possible, the same number of voters.
- 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 voters as elsewhere in the council area?

**Community identity**

- **Transport links**: are there good links across your proposed ward? 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 wards reflect where local people go for shops, medical services, leisure facilities etc?

**Effective local government**

- Are any of the proposed wards too large or small to be represented effectively?
- Are the proposed names of the wards appropriate?

**Useful tips**

- Our website has a special consultation area where you can explore the maps and draw your own proposed boundaries. You can find it at consultation.lgbce.org.uk.
- We publish all submissions we receive on our website. Go to: www.lgbce.org.uk

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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.

Why Havering?

- The Commission has a legal duty to carry out an electoral review of each council in England ‘from time to time’.
- Havering Council has not been reviewed since 1999 and the Commission has therefore decided that it should review Havering in advance of the elections in 2022.

Our proposals

- We propose that the council should have **54 councillors** in future, representing 14 three-councillor wards and six two-councillor wards across the council area.

You have until 05 October 2020 to have your say on the recommendations

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.
- The number of councillors for each ward.
Summary of our recommendations

Our draft recommendations propose that Havering Council should have 54 councillors, the same as now. Those councillors should represent 14 three-councillor wards and six two-councillor wards.

Before drawing up the draft recommendations, the Commission carried out a public consultation inviting proposals for a new pattern of wards for Havering. We have considered all of the submissions we received during that phase of consultation.

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.

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

In particular, we welcome proposals for alternative boundaries or ward names which meet the criteria we must follow as part of the electoral reviews and which are described in more detail over the page.

Have your say at 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 how to have your say.
- read the full report of our recommendations.
- send us your views directly.

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