

What happens next?

We have now completed our review of Dartford Borough 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.

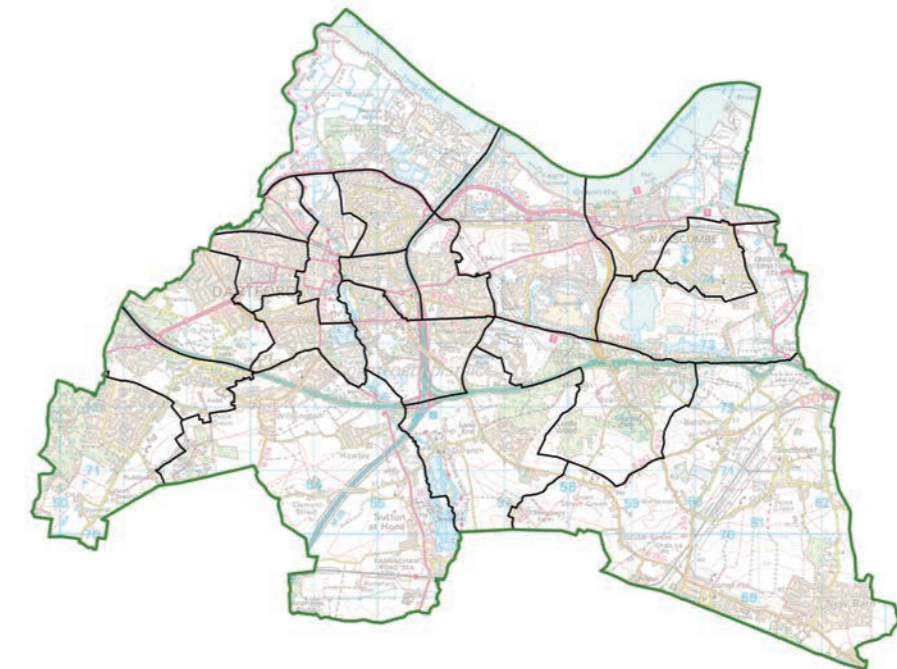
Our recommendations:

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.

Ward Name:	Number of Councillors:	Electorate (2017):	Number of Electors per Councillor:	Variance from average %	Electorate (2023):	Number of Electors per Councillor:	Variance from Average %
Bean & Village Park	1	2,021	2,021	9%	2,080	2,080	-2%
Brent	2	4,333	2,167	17%	4,548	2,274	7%
Bridge	1	2,059	2,059	11%	2,429	2,429	15%
Burnham	1	2,171	2,171	17%	2,171	2,171	2%
Darneth	1	2,107	2,107	14%	2,208	2,208	4%
Ebbsfleet	3	881	294	-84%	6,385	2,128	0%
Greenhithe & Knockhall Heath	3	5,257	1,752	-6%	6,163	2,054	-3%
Joyden's Wood	2	4,519	2,260	22%	4,545	2,273	7%
Longfield, New Barm & Southfleet	2	4,214	2,107	14%	4,287	2,144	1%
Maypole & Leyton Cross	3	5,769	1,923	4%	5,800	1,933	-9%
Newtown	1	2,155	2,155	16%	2,222	2,222	5%
Princes	2	4,175	2,088	13%	4,185	2,093	-1%
Stone Castle	2	4,089	2,045	10%	4,089	2,045	-4%
Stone House	3	4,905	1,635	-12%	6,137	2,046	-3%
Swanscombe	2	4,662	2,331	26%	4,662	2,331	10%
Temple Hill	2	4,734	2,367	28%	4,669	2,335	10%
Town	3	6,077	2,026	9%	6,033	2,011	-5%
West Hill	2	1,624	812	-56%	4,210	2,105	-1%
Wilmington, Sutton-at-Hone & Hawley	3	5,872	1,957	6%	5,872	1,957	-8%
	3	6,260	2,087	13%	6,300	2,100	-1%
Totals:	42	77,884	-	-	88,995	-	-
Averages:	-	-	1,854	-	-	2,119	-

Dartford Council

Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements



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 Dartford?

- Dartford 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 Dartford Borough Council elections, varies depending on where you live in Dartford.
- 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:

- Dartford Borough Council currently has 44 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, the Commission recommends that **42 councillors** should serve the borough in the future.
- The Commission believes the 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 Dartford Borough Council should have **42 councillors**. This is **2 fewer than** the current number of councillors.

Those councillors should represent 7 three-councillor wards, 8 two-councillor wards and 5 one-councillor wards across the borough.

Dartford should have 20 wards, 3 more than there are now.

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.

Find out more: 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
26 September - 4 December 2017	Public consultation on new ward boundaries
30 January - 9 April 2018	Public consultation on draft recommendations
5 June 2018	Publication of final recommendations
May 2019	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of final recommendations for Dartford Borough Council

View this map online and explore it in more detail at: consultation.lgbce.org.uk

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Key:

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