

Have your say:

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

Wiltshire Council

Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

We aim to propose a pattern of divisions for Wiltshire 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 divisions 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.

- **Facilities:** does your pattern of divisions reflect where local people go for shops, medical services, leisure facilities etc?
- **Interests:** what issues bind the community together or separate it from other parts of your area?
- **Identifiable boundaries:** are there natural or constructed features which make strong boundaries for your proposals?

Effective local government:

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

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 division? Is there any form of public transport?
- **Community groups:** is there a parish council, residents association or another group that represents the area?

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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.

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 divisions or electoral divisions.
 - The number of councillors for each division.

Why Wiltshire?

- Wiltshire 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 Wiltshire council elections, varies depending on where you live in Wiltshire.

Our proposals:

- We propose that the council should have **98 councillors** in future, representing 98 one-councillor divisions across the council area.

You have until 15 April 2019 to have your say on the recommendations

Summary of our recommendations

Our draft recommendations propose that Wiltshire Council should have **98 councillors**.

Those councillors should represent 98 one-councillor divisions across the council area.

Wiltshire Council currently has 98 councillors each representing a particular part of the county. We propose that there continue to be 98 councillors for 98 electoral divisions. Our draft recommendations are based on a proposal made by Wiltshire Council. However, we are proposing some modifications to the Council's ideas because, in some cases, we have received counter-proposals from other respondents to our initial consultation. Other modifications reflect the need to provide for good electoral equality so that everybody's vote carries roughly the same weight. Finally, when we visited Wiltshire to look at division boundaries proposed to us, other features suggested clearer and stronger boundaries.

Many of the submissions made in response to our initial consultation mentioned the desirability that some areas remain in particular community board areas. We cannot tell the Council how to divide Wiltshire into community board areas and we will not make our duty to consider electoral equality, community identity and interests and provision of effective and convenient local government subservient to considerations of community board areas.

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 proposal or wish to put forward alternative arrangements.

In particular, we welcome proposals for alternative boundaries or division names which meet the criteria we must follow as part of 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.
- draw your own boundaries online.
- 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.

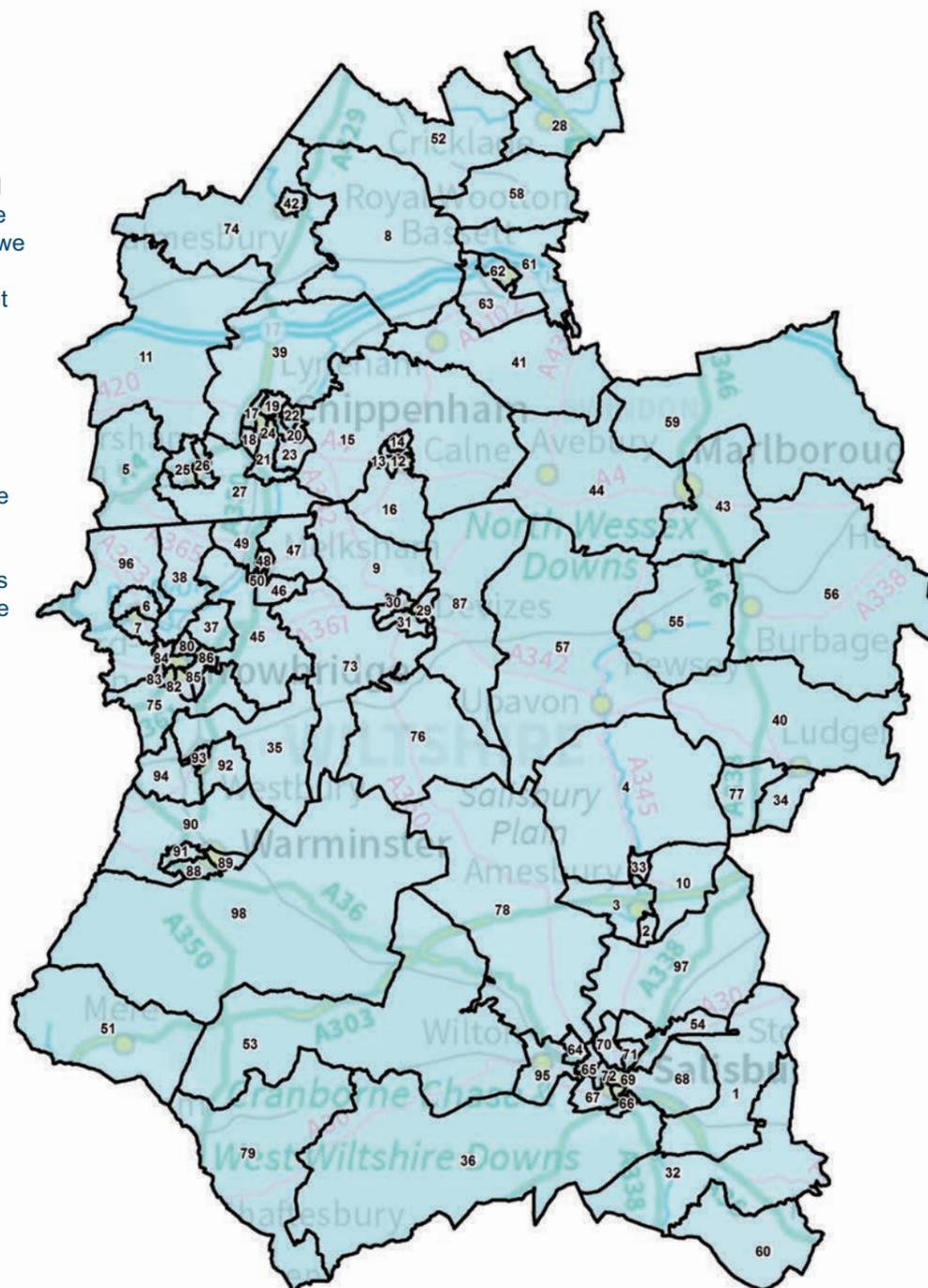
Stage of review	Description
28 August 2018-5 November 2018	Public consultation on electoral arrangements
5 February 2019-15 April 2019	Public consultation on draft recommendations
2 July 2019	Publication of final recommendations
May 2021	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of draft recommendations for Wiltshire Council

View this map online and draw your own boundaries: consultation.lgbce.org.uk

Follow the review on Twitter: [@LGBCE](https://twitter.com/LGBCE)

If you are viewing this page online, click on the map to go straight to our interactive consultation area.



Key:

1	Alderbury & Winterslow	50	Melksham South
2	Amesbury South	51	Mere
3	Amesbury West	52	Minety
4	Avon Valley	53	Nadder & East Knoyle
5	Box	54	Old Sarum & Laverstock North
6	Bradford-on-Avon North	55	Pewsey
7	Bradford-on-Avon South	56	Pewsey Vale East
8	Brinkworth	57	Pewsey Vale West
9	Bromham, Rowde & Roundway	58	Purton
10	Bulford & Amesbury East	59	Ramsbury
11	By Brook	60	Redlynch & Landford
12	Calne Central	61	Royal Wootton Bassett East
13	Calne Chilvester & Abberd	62	Royal Wootton Bassett North
14	Calne North	63	Royal Wootton Bassett South & West
15	Calne Rural	64	Salisbury Bemerton Heath
15	Calne South	65	Salisbury Fisherton & Bemerton
17	Chippenham Cepen Park & Derriads	66	Salisbury Harnham East
18	Chippenham Cepen Park & Hunters Moon	67	Salisbury Harnham West
19	Chippenham Hardenhuish	68	Salisbury Milford & Laverstock South
20	Chippenham Hardens & Central	69	Salisbury St Edmund
21	Chippenham Lowden & Rowden	70	Salisbury St Francis & Stratford
22	Chippenham Monkton	71	Salisbury St Mark's & Bishopdown
23	Chippenham Pewsham	72	Salisbury St Paul's
24	Chippenham Sheldon	73	Seend, Potterne & Poulshot
25	Corsham Pickwick	74	Sherston
26	Corsham Town	75	Southwick
27	Corsham Without	76	The Lavingtons
28	Cricklade	77	Tidworth North & West
29	Devizes East	78	Till
30	Devizes North	79	Tisbury
31	Devizes South	80	Trowbridge Adcroft
32	Downton & Whiteparish	81	Trowbridge Central
33	Durrington	82	Trowbridge Drynham
34	East Tidworth & South Ludgershall	83	Trowbridge Grove
35	Ethandune	84	Trowbridge Lambrok
36	Fovant & Chalke Valley	85	Trowbridge Park
37	Hilperton	86	Trowbridge Paxcroft
38	Holt	87	Urchfont & Bishops Cannings
39	Kington	88	Warminster Broadway
40	Ludgershall North & Rural	89	Warminster East
41	Lyneham	90	Warminster Rural
42	Malmesbury	91	Warminster West
43	Marlborough East	92	Westbury East
44	Marlborough West	93	Westbury North
45	Melksham Berryfield & Rural	94	Westbury West
46	Melksham Bowerhill	95	Wilton
47	Melksham East	96	Winsley & Westwood
48	Melksham Forest	97	Winterbourne
49	Melksham North	98	Wylde Valley

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Single-councillor division