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Dear Dr Bowen,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CHESTERFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published proposals for new electoral arrangements for Chesterfield. A summary is attached.

We have already sent an embargoed press release to our regular council contact. We have notified community organisations of our proposals using the contact details you provided. I would be grateful if you could also take steps through your regular communications channels to bring the consultation to the attention of residents and local businesses.

We propose that 40 councillors should be elected to Chesterfield Borough Council in future. We also propose new ward boundaries across the authority.

A public consultation on the proposals will run from 02 November 2021 to 10 January 2022.

Once we have considered all responses to the consultation, we aim to publish final recommendations in March 2022.

We will then lay a draft order in both houses of Parliament. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements are scheduled to come into effect at the authority's elections in 2023.

We considered all representations received from local people and organisations during our initial consultation when drawing up our proposals. We have sought to balance statutory criteria we must follow when drawing up these proposals, and we seek to:

- Make sure that, within an authority, each councillor represents a similar number of electors
- Create boundaries that are appropriate, and reflect community ties and identities
- Deliver reviews informed by local needs, views and circumstances

We are now inviting comments on the proposals before we finalise the new electoral arrangements in your area. We will consider every response we receive during the consultation period and will weigh each response against the criteria above.

If you would like to explore the draft recommendations, you can do so by visiting our **consultation website** at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/27355>. Interactive consultation pages give access to the full recommendations. They allow people to explore maps of the proposals in greater detail and make comments. We also accept comments:

by email reviews@lgbce.org.uk

by post The Review Officer (Chesterfield)
LGBCE
PO Box 133
Blyth
NE24 9FE

The Commission's main website contains further information about the electoral review and our work: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk>

We will write to you again when we publish our final recommendations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jolyon Jackson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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