

Further draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements in the west area of Enfield Council

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Analysis and further draft recommendations in the west of Enfield

1 Following our consultation on the draft recommendations for Enfield Council, the Commission has decided to hold a period of consultation on further draft recommendations in the west of the borough, prior to the publication of its final recommendations. The Commission believes it has received sufficient evidence relating to the rest of the borough to finalise its recommendations.

2 During the consultation on our draft recommendations, which were published on 28 May 2019, we received 331 representations. We received significant opposition to our recommendations in the west of the borough and we are therefore publishing further draft recommendations for this area and are now inviting views on our revised warding pattern in this area.

3 We welcome all comments on these proposals, particularly on the location of the ward boundaries and the names of our proposed wards. This stage of consultation begins on 29 October and ends on 25 November 2019. Please see page 21 for more information on how to send us your response.

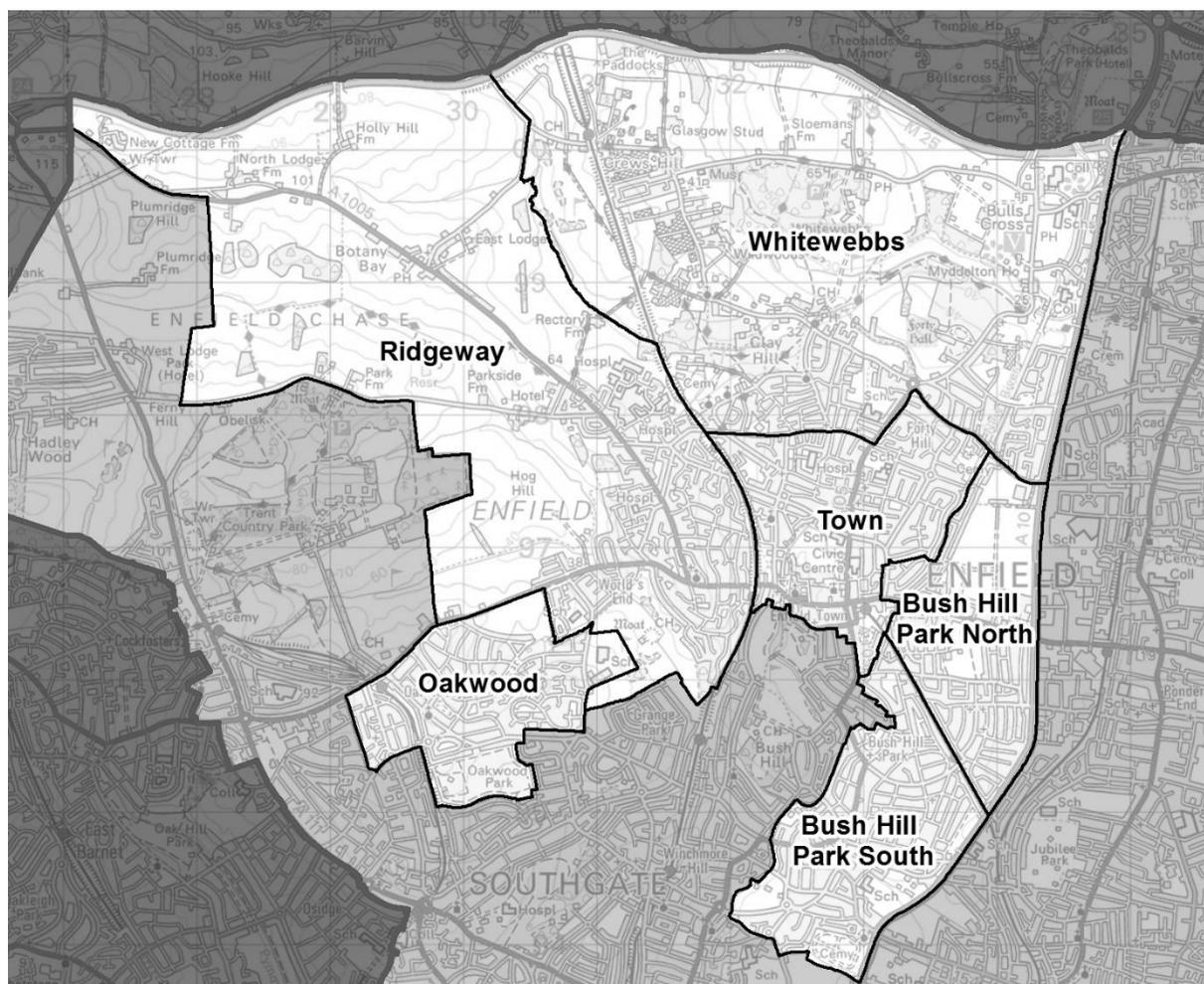
4 The tables and maps on pages 2-19 detail our further draft recommendations for the west of Enfield. They detail how the proposed ward arrangements reflect the three statutory criteria of:

- Equality of representation
- Reflecting community interests and identities
- Providing for effective and convenient local government

5 The updated timetable for the electoral review of Enfield is:

Stage starts	Description
20 November 2018	Number of councillors decided
27 November 2018	Start of consultation seeking views on new wards
4 February 2019	End of consultation; we begin analysing submissions and forming draft recommendations
28 May 2019	Publication of draft recommendations; start of second consultation
5 August 2019	End of consultation; we begin analysing submissions and forming new recommendations
29 October 2019	Publication of further draft recommendations and start of consultation
25 November 2019	End of consultation; we begin analysing submissions and forming final recommendations
4 February 2020	Publication of final recommendations

North and central Enfield



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2024
Bush Hill Park North	3	-9%
Bush Hill Park South	3	-5%
Oakwood	2	-7%
Ridgeway	3	-7%
Town	3	4%
Whitewebbs	3	-4%

Ridgeway and Oakwood

6 We are proposing significant changes to our draft recommendations. During the consultation on our draft recommendations we received some limited support for the inclusion of Hadley Wood in Ridgeway, with respondents highlighting the link via Ferny Hill and Hadley Road. They also argued that it enables Cockfosters to be a distinct community. Enfield North Conservative Association expressed support for the adoption of the ward that it had proposed during the initial consultation. Western Enfield Residents' Association also expressed general support for the ward.

7 However, over 150 respondents disputed the significance of the link between Hadley Wood and Ridgeway, with respondents arguing that it has much stronger links to Cockfosters.

8 We received objections from Christ Church Cockfosters, Cockfosters Community Action Partnership for Enfield, Cockfosters Local Area Residents Association, Cockfosters Probus Club, Cockfosters Watch, Hadley Wood Association, Hadley Wood Association Security Committee, Hadley Wood Jewish Community, Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Planning Forum, Hadley Wood Watch, Hadley Wood Rail User Group, St Paul's Church and the Trustees of St Pauls church. We also received objections from Councillor Georgiou.

9 Respondents put forward broad-ranging evidence for the link between Hadley Wood and Cockfosters, and lack of links to Ridgeway. They argued that while some areas of our Ridgeway ward may be connected by The Ridgeway, Hadley Wood is only linked by Ferny Hill and Hadley Road across several miles of open country. Respondents considered that Hadley Wood's principal road links are via the A111 Cockfosters Road and include a link by bus. In addition, while Hadley Wood has its own railway station, residents also rely on the underground links from Cockfosters.

10 Respondents argued that Hadley Wood residents look to Cockfosters for a range of services, including shopping, doctors and dentist. Hadley Wood has its own primary school which some Cockfosters children attend, but no secondary school. Many children from Hadley Wood attend Southgate secondary school in Cockfosters. There are neighbourhood watch and policing links, as well as religious community links - St Paul's Church, Hadley Wood has close links with Christ Church, Cockfosters, while the Hadley Wood Synagogue has grown out of the Cockfosters Synagogue and both retain close ties.

11 Respondents also objected to the division of Trent Park, arguing it should be in a single ward, particularly as there are traffic issues when it hosts large events. Many of the local organisations who responded stressed how much they work together across a range of the issues identified in the paragraphs above.

12 Enfield Southgate Conservative Association also rejected any link between Hadley Wood and Ridgeway, instead highlighting its links to Cockfosters. It put forward an alternative warding pattern, transferring Hadley Wood to a revised Cockfosters ward, while also creating revised three-councillor Ridgeway and two-councillor Oakwood wards. To address the loss of electors from Hadley Wood, it proposed transferring part of the Chase Side area of our Town and Whitewebbs wards to Ridgeway, but also transferring an area around Crescent Road and Waverley Road to a Grange ward. It also proposed consequential amendments to Oakwood ward, transferring the Sheringham Avenue area to Cockfosters ward arguing that this area has 'closer demographics'. It proposed transferring part of the

Slades Hill area from Ridgeway ward to Oakwood ward, arguing that this provided a stronger boundary and reflected access to a local school.

13 We received general support for the Oakwood ward detailed in our draft recommendations from Enfield North Conservative Association and Western Enfield Residents' Association and a number of residents. One resident supported the inclusion of the Merryhills Drive and Lonsdale Drive communities in the same ward. However, there were a number of small amendments suggested, including a name change.

14 A local resident argued that Grange Park Primary School should be transferred from Oakwood ward to Grange Park ward. Finally, a number of residents in the Old Park View, Crescent Road and Waverley Road area objected to being transferred out of Grange Park ward to Ridgeway ward, although some mistakenly understood that they were being transferred to Town ward.

15 We have given careful consideration to the evidence, noting the particularly strong objection to the inclusion of Hadley Wood in Ridgeway ward. Respondents have provided a range of strong evidence for the links between Hadley Wood and Cockfosters. While there is some support for linking it to Ridgeway, given the strong evidence against this proposal, we are proposing to remove Hadley Wood from Ridgeway and are including it in a Cockfosters ward (Cockfosters is discussed in more detail below).

16 On that basis, we have examined the Enfield Southgate Conservative Association proposals. While it removes Hadley Wood from Ridgeway ward and puts it in a Cockfosters ward, we have concerns about the consequential amendments it proposes for Ridgeway and Oakwood wards. We do not consider that its proposal to breach the Hertford Loop railway line to transfer an area of Chase Side to Ridgeway ward creates a stronger boundary. In addition, it has significant knock-on effects, worsening electoral equality for our proposals for Whitewebbs and Town wards (discussed below).

17 We are less concerned about the Association's proposal to transfer the Slades Hill area to Oakwood ward, but do not think it provided strong evidence for transferring the Sheringham Drive area out of Oakwood ward to Cockfosters ward. Given these concerns, when considered with our proposals for the Grange Park, Town and Whitewebbs wards, we are not adopting the Association's proposals for these wards.

18 We have therefore explored alternative ways of modifying the draft recommendations to facilitate our decision to include Hadley Wood with Cockfosters. To accommodate this loss of electors from Hadley Wood, we are revising the three-councillor Ridgeway ward to take in the Bincote Road area of Oakwood ward, noting

its links via the A110 Enfield Road. To offset the loss of these electors to Ridgeway ward, we are also transferring an area to the west of Oakwood underground station around Wolverton Way and Chase Road to Oakwood ward. As a result, the two-councillor Oakwood and three-councillor Ridgeway wards would each have 6% fewer and 7% fewer electors than the borough average by 2024, respectively.

19 We note the resident's comment about transferring Grange Park Primary School, but looking at its access, it appears to be part of the Highlands Village area, so we are retaining it in Oakwood ward.

20 We note the concerns of residents being transferred from the existing Grange ward to the proposed Ridgeway ward. We also note that Enfield Southgate Conservative Association proposed retaining some of this area in its Grange ward. However, this area is separated from Grange Park by the Hertford Loop railway line, with access some distance via Windmill Hill and Old Park Avenue. Its access into Ridgeway ward is much clearer. In addition, to retain this area in Grange Park would significantly worsen electoral equality in that ward. We are therefore not amending our draft recommendations for these roads. Finally, another resident argued that the ward should be renamed Trent Park or Merryhills to avoid confusion with his proposal to rename Bowes ward as Oakthorpe. However, we rejected this proposal, so are retaining the Oakwood name.

Bush Hill Park North and Bush Hill Park South

21 We are proposing significant changes to these wards. Enfield Labour Group, Councillor Pite and a number of local residents proposed moving away from three two-councillor Bush Hill Park, Kingsmead and Raglan wards to two three-councillor wards. Edmonton Conservative Association put forward similar proposals. Respondents argued that our original Bush Hill Park ward is divided by the Enfield Town to Liverpool Street railway line, with only one crossing point. They argued that the railway line would make a strong boundary between two three-councillor wards. The first ward would combine the southern part of Bush Hill Park ward with Raglan ward and the other combining the northern part with Kingsmead ward. The northern ward would be based around Bush Hill Park itself and would avoid the division of Ayley Croft area near Main Avenue. The southern ward would be based around Bush Hill Park station and the neighbouring areas.

22 In addition to this, Enfield Labour Group, Councillor Pite and a number of local residents argued that the draft recommendations split the Holbrook estate and that the whole estate should be in Whitewebbs with Meyer Green as its focus. They argued that the draft recommendations placed the southern area in Kingsmead ward, despite being separated from the rest of the Kingsmead ward by the Enfield Playing fields on Donkey Lane. They argued that Carterhatch Lane is a natural boundary. The Enfield Liberal Democrats also argued that this area is split by the

playing fields. To offset the loss of this area to Whitewebbs, the Enfield Labour Group proposed transferring an area of Town ward around Apple Grove to Bush Hill Park. It stated that ideally this area would not be transferred, but that these areas have access via Southbury Road and it is necessary to secure electoral equality. Edmonton Conservative Association argued that the boundary between Bush Hill Park and Grange Park wards could be stronger if it ran along London Road, transferring Private Road and surrounding roads to Bush Hill Park ward.

23 Councillor Coleshill also put forward modifications to our Bush Hill Park and Raglan wards, providing some good evidence. However, these proposals would have a significant knock-on effect to Grange Park and Highfield wards, worsening electoral equality there. A local resident argued an area between the A10 and the Jubilee line should be Bush Hill Park ward.

24 Chalkwell Park Avenue Residents Association, Enfield Town Residents Association and a number of local residents objected to the division of Chalkwell Park Avenue between Bush Hill Park and Town wards. They argued that this area should be in Grange Park ward or otherwise Town ward. A local resident argued that Ladysmith Road should be in Town ward, not Bush Hill Park.

25 There was also some limited support for our draft recommendations in this area, including from Enfield North Conservatives whose proposals we adopted.

26 We have given consideration to the evidence received. We note the proposal from Councillor Coleshill and while he provided good evidence, his proposals have a knock-on effect to Grange Park and Highfield wards. When coupled with the good evidence for the creation of two three-member wards, using the Enfield Town to Liverpool Street railway line, we have not been persuaded to adopt his proposals. We are also not adopting the local resident's proposal to transfer the area between the A10 and Jubilee line to Bush Hill ward as he did not provide strong evidence and there was no other support for this.

27 As stated, we concur that the railway line makes a strong boundary, while also avoids the division of Ayley Croft, and allows the creation of two Bush Hill Park wards. We are therefore moving away from our draft recommendations to create two three-councillor wards.

28 We also note the Enfield Labour Group proposal to use Carterhatch Lane as the northern boundary of Kingsmead ward, transferring the whole of the Holbrook estate to Whitewebbs ward. We concur that this Holbrook estate would be best served in one ward and that the Enfield playing fields separate it from the rest of Bush Hill Park ward. We are therefore adopting this amendment. As noted by the Enfield Labour Group, the transfer of the Apple Grove area improves electoral equality in Bush Hill Park ward. While, we share its concerns about transferring the

area, it improves electoral equality in its Bush Hill Park ward to 7% fewer electors than the borough average by 2024. Therefore, we are adopting this amendment.

29 We are not adopting the Edmonton Conservative Association proposal to move Private Road to Bush Hill ward. Although this would provide a clearer boundary and improve electoral equality in Bush Hill Park South ward, it would worsen it in Grange Park ward.

30 We also note the concerns over Chalkwell Park Avenue and concur that the draft recommendations do not use a clear and identifiable boundary. We are therefore transferring all of Chalkwell Park Avenue to Town ward. We have considered the comment from a resident about Ladysmith Road, but note that it is separated from Town ward by New River, with access into Bush Hill Park North ward by Southbury Road. In addition, moving this road would significantly worsen electoral equality. Therefore, we are not transferring it.

31 Finally, we have considered the evidence for the names of the revised wards. Enfield Labour Group suggest alternatives – for the southern ward, Raglan or Bush Hill Park South, for the northern ward Bush Hill Park or Bush Hill Park North. Edmonton Conservative Association referred to Raglan and Kingsmead wards, respectively. We note the Enfield Labour Group objected to the Kingsmead name, arguing this only refers to a local school. We also note that while Bush Hill Park itself is in the northern ward, much of the southern area and indeed existing ward are also referred to as Bush Hill Park. Therefore, on balance as part of our further draft recommendations we are recommending the names Bush Hill Park North and Bush Hill Park South. These wards would have 8% fewer and 5% fewer electors than the borough average by 2024, respectively.

Town and Whitewebbs

32 We are proposing significant changes to draft recommendations for this area. Enfield Southgate Conservative Association expressed support for the creation of a Whitewebbs ward, but proposed reducing it to two councillors and transferring part of the Chase Side area to Ridgeway. It argued that this creates a more ‘concentrated’ ward focused on the Whitewebbs community. It proposed significant amendments to Town ward. While it supported placing the whole of the town centre in a single ward, it argued that our proposals split the northern area of Grange from the southern area. It argued that a better option is to extend the existing Grange ward north, taking in the town centre. Its resulting ward would be a two-councillor Forty Hill ward.

33 Councillor Neville, Enfield Town Residents Association and a number of residents also objected to our Town ward, putting forward similar arguments to Enfield Southgate Conservative Association for extending Grange Park ward northwards. However, while Enfield Southgate Conservative Association proposed extending it as far north as Parsonage Lane, other respondents suggested it only

need to extend as far as the north side of Church Street. Enfield Town Residents Association expressed particular concern that the area it covers would be split between Grange Park and Town wards. It also argued that having the town centre split between wards ensured greater coverage by police Safer Neighbourhood teams.

34 We also received support from Enfield North Conservative Association and a number of residents for Town ward, with particular reference to the inclusion of the town centre in a single ward, rather than being divided as it currently is. We also received support from local residents for the Whitewebbs ward, as well as a number of alternative ward name suggestions.

35 Enfield Labour Group and Councillor Pite supported the southern boundary of Town ward, but proposed an amendment to the north, with Whitewebbs ward, running the boundary along Lancaster Road and Lavender Hill. It argued that this is a stronger boundary, that also avoids splitting the Gordon Hill area. Enfield Labour Group also proposed transferring an area of Town ward around Apple Grove to Bush Hill Park to offset its proposed transfer of electors from the Holbrook estate area of Kingsmead ward to Whitewebbs ward. It stated that ideally this area would not be transferred, but these areas have access via Southbury Road, and it is necessary to secure electoral equality. St Michaels Church also supported running the boundary along Lancaster Road and Lavender Hill.

36 A resident stated that Ladysmith Road should be in Town ward, not Bush Hill Park. Finally, as stated in the discussion of Bush Hill Park, Chalkwell Park Avenue Residents Association, Enfield Town Residents Association and a number of local residents objected to the division of Chalkwell Park Avenue between Bush Hill Park and Town wards. They argued that this area should be in Grange Park ward or otherwise Town ward.

37 We have given careful consideration to the evidence received. We note the mixture of support and objections to our Town ward. While there is generally support for including the whole town centre in a single ward, we note there are different views as to what the boundaries should be. Enfield Town Residents Association and a number of residents only argue that the area as far as the north side of Church Street should be retained in a single ward. However, we are concerned that this excludes the retail area on Silver Street and also the Enfield Civic Centre, which we consider should also be considered part of the town centre. To that end, we believe their proposals would split the town centre, or certainly form a less coherent ward.

38 We acknowledge their concerns about the impact of the draft recommendations on dividing the area the Association covers, between wards. While we recognise that it is not wholly desirable, it must be balanced against other elements of community

identity, as well as the need to secure electoral equality and effective and convenient local government. On that basis we are not adopting their amendment.

39 We also note that the proposal from Enfield Southgate Conservative Association takes the Silver Street shopping area and Civic Centre into an enlarged Grange Park ward with a smaller Forty Hill ward comprising much of the rest of our Town ward. However, while this includes the whole town centre area in a single ward, we are concerned that this ward covers a relatively large area, with little connection between the area around Churchbury Lane in the north and Grange Park in the south. In addition, given our proposals to retain the Crescent Road and Waverley Road area in a revised Ridgeway ward, its proposed ward would have 17% fewer electors than the borough average by 2020. Therefore, we are not adopting its proposal.

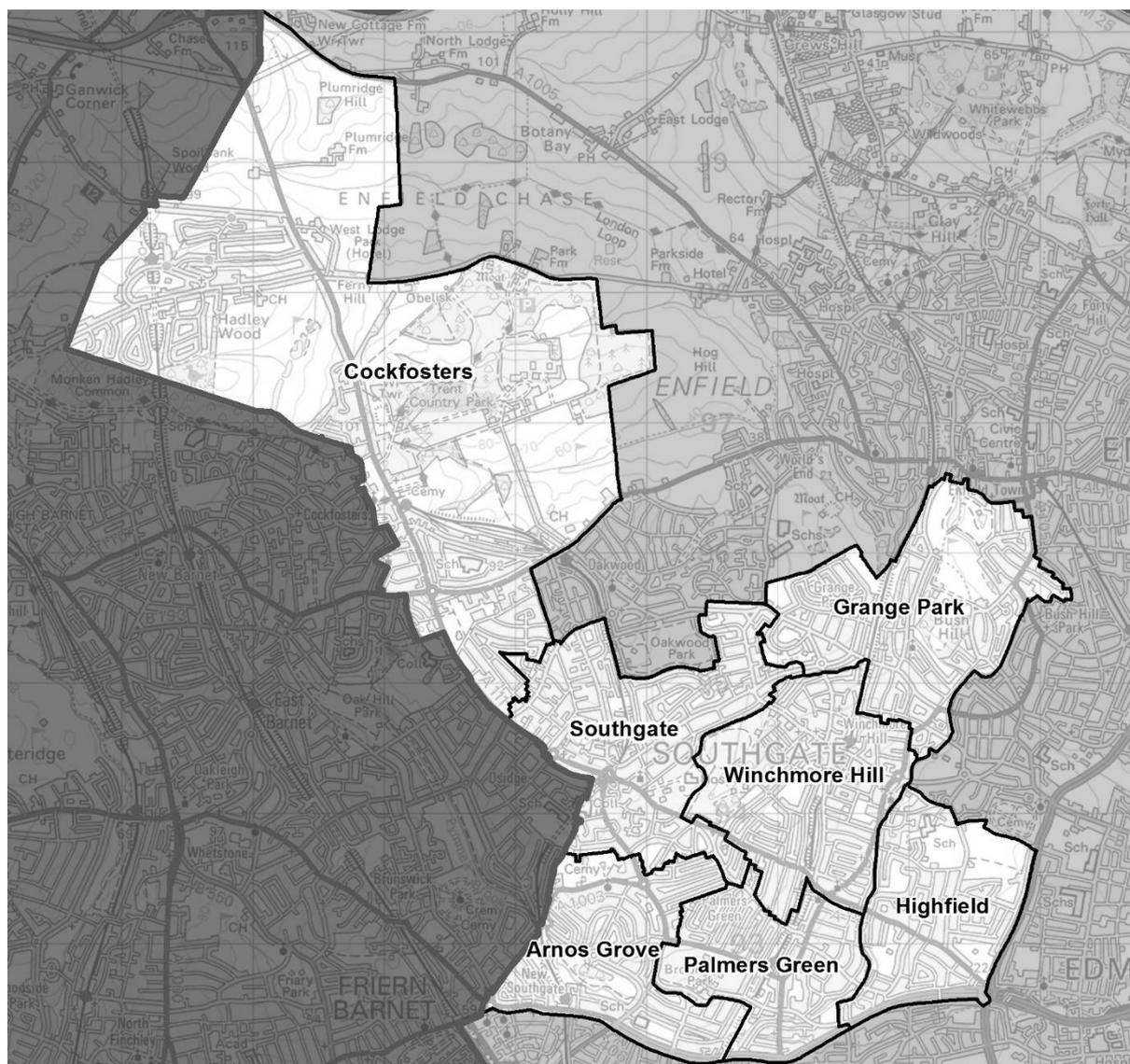
40 We have also examined the Enfield Labour Group proposals, noting the retention of the south boundary of the draft recommendations' Town ward, but amendments to the north boundary with Whitewebbs. We acknowledge that Lancaster Road and Lavender Hill provide a stronger boundary and avoid the division of the Gordon Hill area. In addition, transferring this area of Whitewebbs to Town ward offsets the transfer of the whole of the Holbrook estate to Whitewebbs ward, which would otherwise have 11% more electors than the borough average by 2024. On balance, we are persuaded to adopt this amendment.

41 To the south of Town ward, we have explored options to address some of the concerns raised by Enfield Town Residents Association, specifically the separation of the residential areas around Walsingham Road and Essex Road under our draft recommendations. We are therefore proposing transferring everything to the south side of Cecil Road to Grange Park ward. While we have some concerns that this will remove Town Park from Town ward, we note that there is good evidence for involvement on park issues from local organisations in Grange Park and Town wards. This retains the whole commercial area as well as the Civic Centre in a single ward, while creating a more compact Grange Park ward.

42 As discussed in the Bush Hill Park North and Bush Hill Park South sections above, we also note the concerns over Chalkwell Park Avenue and concur that the draft recommendations do not use a clear and identifiable boundary, so we are therefore transferring all of Chalkwell Park Avenue to Town ward. We have considered the comment from a resident about Ladysmith Road, but note that is separated from Town ward by New River, with access into Bush Hill Park North ward by Southbury Road. In addition, moving this road would significantly worsen electoral equality. Therefore, we are not transferring it.

43 Finally, we note that while there was support for using the name Whitewebbs as a ward name, there were also suggestions for renaming it Forty Hill. Enfield North Conservative Association pointed to a long association with the Whitewebbs name, including Whitewebbs House, Whitewebbs Museum of Transport and Whitewebbs Lane and Road. Enfield Labour Group, the Enfield Liberal Democrats and Councillor Pite argued it should be renamed Forty Hill, reflecting the fact the area is locally known after this and the presence of Forty Hall stately home. They stated that the Whitewebbs name is associated with Whitewebbs Park, which in turn is 'largely identified' with the municipal golf course. We note that the conflicting evidence and are retaining the Whitewebbs name, but would welcome further local views.

Southgate and Cockfosters



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2024
Arnos Grove	2	-5%
Cockfosters	2	6%
Grange Park	2	-6%
Highfield	2	-1%
Palmers Green	2	2%
Southgate	3	3%
Winchmore Hill	2	8%

Cockfosters

44 We are recommending significant changes as part of our further draft recommendations to this ward. As discussed in paragraphs 6 – 12 of the Oakwood and Ridgeway section above, we received significant objections to our proposal to

include Hadley Wood in a Ridgeway ward, with respondents arguing that it has much stronger links to Cockfosters.

45 We have given careful consideration to the evidence, noting the particularly strong objection to the inclusion of Hadley Wood in Ridgeway ward. While there was some support for linking it to Ridgeway, given the strong evidence against, we are proposing to remove Hadley Wood from Ridgeway and put in a Cockfosters ward.

46 As discussed in the Oakwood and Ridgeway section above, we have examined the Enfield Southgate Conservative Association proposals. While it removes Hadley Wood from Ridgeway ward and puts it in a Cockfosters ward, we have concerns about the consequential amendments it proposes for Ridgeway and Oakwood wards and are therefore rejecting its proposals for these wards.

47 The Association proposed a three-councillor Cockfosters ward. However, given our proposals for Whitewebbs ward and the boundaries of Oakwood and Ridgeway ward, Cockfosters ward should have two councillors. As stated above, to secure electoral equality in Oakwood ward and Cockfosters ward we are transferring an area to the west of Oakwood underground station around Wolverton Way and Chase Road to Oakwood ward. However, to further improve electoral equality in Cockfosters ward, we are transferring Avenue Road and the New Avenue development to Southgate ward. Our revised Cockfosters ward would have 6% more electors than the borough average by 2024.

Arnos Grove and Southgate

48 We are recommending a number of changes to these wards as part of our further draft recommendations. Enfield Southgate Conservative Association proposed significant modifications to our two-councillor Arnos Grove ward, creating an enlarged three-councillor Broomfield ward. It argued that our Arnos Grove ward divides the Minchenden estate and the communities around Broomfield Park. It considered that its Broomfield ward would keep these areas together, as well as 'recognising' the shared concerns of Fox Lane & District Residents' Association and Minchenden Neighbourhood Watch over traffic along Cannon Hill and Alderman Hill. It also argued that its ward places St Monica's Catholic Primary School within a ward covering the area it serves, as well as GP surgeries.

49 Fox Lane & District Residents' Association stated that Amberley Road and St George's Road should be in Southgate ward and not Winchmore Hill ward. It also argued that Selborne Road, Oakfield Road and The Mall should be transferred from Palmers Green to Southgate ward. A number of local residents argued that Stone Hall Road should be in Winchmore Hill ward, not Southgate ward, citing links into Winchmore Hill facilities.

50 Broomfield House Trust, Friends of Broomfield Park and a number of local residents argued that Broomfield Park should be transferred from Arnos Grove ward, to Palmers Green, arguing that residents there have a strong interest in the park, including the Palmers Green Festival. They also argued that Arnos Grove has its own green space, with Arnos Park.

51 A local resident argued that Arnos Grove should be named Southgate Green, since most of Arnos Grove is removed from the ward. However, Enfield North Conservative Association stated that while Arnos Grove ward comprises a large part of the existing Southgate Green, they support the Arnos Grove name because of the underground station and road of the same name are in the ward.

52 We have given consideration to the evidence received. We note the significant amendments proposed by Enfield Southgate Conservative Association for a Broomfield ward. We note that it expresses concerns about our Arnos Grove in relation to Fox Lane & District Residents' Association and Minchenden Neighbourhood watch. However, our Arnos Grove ward does not divide the Minchenden area and while our proposals do divide the area covered by Fox Lane & District Residents' Association, we note that this is a large area and that Enfield Southgate Conservation Association's proposals also divide it. While its proposals create a ward with Broomfield Park at the centre, we are concerned its Broomfield ward divides the commercial centre of Palmers Green by running the boundary along Green Lanes. In addition, its proposals have a significant knock-on effect to Highfield and Winchmore Hill wards. Therefore, we are not adopting its proposals.

53 We note the comments from Fox Lane & District Residents' Association relating to the Selborne Road, Oakfield Road and The Mall area. However, moving this area to Southgate ward would worsen electoral equality there to 15% more electors than the borough average by 2024, and 22% fewer in Arnos Grove. We do not consider there to be sufficient evidence to justify this poor level of electoral equality. Therefore, we are not adopting this amendment. We are, however, adopting its amendment to transfer Amberley Road and St George's Road to Southgate ward as this has a limited impact on electoral equality and we are persuaded it reflects community identity.

54 We consider the evidence for including Broomfield Park in the Palmers Green is good, so we are adopting this, removing it from Arnos Grove ward. In light of the evidence received, we are also transferring Stone Hall Road to Winchmore Hill ward, rather than Southgate ward as this has limited impact on electoral equality.

55 We are proposing a more significant amendment between Southgate and Cockfosters wards to improve electoral equality in our modified Cockfosters ward. We are transferring Avenue Road, including the New Avenue development to Southgate ward, as retaining this in Cockfosters ward would result in that ward

having 16% more electors than the average by 2024, for which we do not consider there to be the evidence to justify. Finally, we note the request to change the name of Arnos Grove ward, but also not support for it. Given the lack of agreement, we are retaining the ward name but welcome further views during this consultation.

Palmers Green

56 We are recommending changes to this ward as part of our further draft recommendations. Enfield Southgate Conservative Association proposed significant changes, arguing for a three-councillor Palmers Green ward based on the existing ward, with some amendments to improve electoral equality. It also proposed transferring the area to the north of Fox Lane to Winchmore Hill ward.

57 A resident objected to the draft recommendation to put Osborne Road and Windsor Road in Winchmore Hill ward, arguing that it separates these roads from the rest of an Edwardian 'residential estate' that should be in Palmers Green ward. The Church of St John the Evangelist argued that the boundary between Winchmore Hill and Palmers Green wards should be Bourne Hill so that the church can be in Palmers Green ward. Fox Lane & District Residents' Association argued that the boundary in the Cranley Gardens area should run along Bourne Hill as the north part of this area does not 'feel' part of Winchmore Hill, but rather Palmers Green ward.

58 Enfield Labour Group, Bambos Charalambous MP, Councillor Barry and a number of residents proposed changes to our Winchmore Hill ward, running the boundary along Fox Lane, Green Lanes and Hedge Lane, to avoid dividing the area around Cranley Gardens and Osborne Road areas between Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill wards.

59 Two residents objected to the draft recommendation to divide Hazelwood Lane, separating the part to the east of New River from Palmers Green ward.

60 As stated in the Arnos Grove and Southgate area, Broomfield House Trust, Friends of Broomfield Park and a number of local residents argued that Broomfield Park should be transferred from Arnos Grove ward, to Palmers Green, arguing that residents there have a strong interest in the park, including the Palmers Green Festival. They also argued that Arnos Grove has its own green space, with Arnos Park.

61 We have given careful consideration to the evidence received. We have considered the Enfield Southgate Conservative Association proposals for Palmers Green ward, but as stated in the Arnos Grove and Southgate section, we are concerned that its ward divides the commercial centre of Palmers Green by running the boundary along Green Lanes. Its proposal also has a significant knock-on effect

to Highfield and Winchmore Hill wards. Given these concerns and our decision not to adopt its Broomfield ward, we are not adopting its Palmers Green ward.

62 We note the concerns that our draft recommendations for Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill wards divide the Cranley Gardens area. We note there were conflicting proposals as to whether to place the whole of this area into Palmers Green or Winchmore Hill ward. In seeking a solution for this area, we have balanced this against the concerns about separating the Osborne Road and Windsor Road area from Palmers Green.

63 Therefore, we are modifying the proposal from Enfield Labour Group, Bambos Charalambous MP and Councillor Barry. Rather than transferring the whole of the Cranley Gardens area to Winchmore Hill ward, we are just transferring Cranley Gardens, Burford Gardens and Caversham Avenue. These roads have access north across Bourne Hill. We are retaining Crothall Close in Palmers Green ward as this only has access south into Palmers Green ward. We are adopting the proposal to use Hedge Lane as a boundary, transferring the whole of the Osborne Road and Windsor Road area into Palmers Green, but rather than running the boundary northwards along Green Lanes, we are running it along the underground line, to ensure the whole of Palmers Green commercial area is in the Palmers Green ward. This also ensures that the Church of St John the Evangelist is in Palmers Green ward.

64 Finally, as discussed in the Arnos Grove and Southgate section above, we consider the evidence for including Broomfield Park in the Palmers Green ward is good, so we are adopting this, removing it from Arnos Grove ward. We note the concerns about the Hazelwood Lane area, but New River provides a strong boundary and moving electors to Palmers Green would breach this, while worsening electoral equality there and in Highfield ward. Therefore, we are not amending this boundary.

Our two-councillor Palmers Green ward would have 2% more electors than the borough average by 2024.

Grange Park and Winchmore Hill

65 We are recommending changes to our draft recommendations for these wards. In response to our draft recommendations Enfield Southgate Conservative Association proposed transferring the area to the north of Fox Lane to Winchmore Hill ward. Along with Councillor Alexandrou, it proposed further changes to Winchmore Hill, creating a three-councillor ward extending north to Green Dragon Lane, taking in the Vicars Moor Lane and Winchmore Hill Green conservation areas. It argued that the area around Winchmore Hill station serves the area and that there are shared facilities, including the Friends Meeting House and St Paul's Church, doctors surgeries. Shopping facilities are provided in Winchmore Hill Green and Winchmore Broadway. It also proposed expanding the ward east, taking in Highfield

Primary School and Winchmore School, arguing that residents in its proposed ward use the schools.

66 As discussed in the Town and Whitewebbs section, Enfield Southgate Conservative Association proposed significant amendments to Grange ward. While it supported the inclusion of the whole town centre in a single ward, it argued that our proposed Grange Park ward split the town centre from the Grange, to which it has a long association. It therefore proposed extending Grange Park ward north as far as Parsonage Lane, taking in the town centre. It also proposed including an area around Crescent Road and Waverley Road to a Grange ward.

67 As also discussed in paragraph 33 of the Town and Whitewebbs section Councillor Neville, Enfield Town Residents Association and a number of residents also objected to our Grange Park ward, putting forward similar argument to Enfield Southgate Conservative Association for extending Grange Park ward northwards. However, these respondents suggested it only needs to extend as far as the north side of Church Street.

68 Enfield Labour Group, Bambos Charalambous MP, Councillor Barry and a number of residents proposed changes to our Winchmore Hill ward, running the boundary along Fox Lane, Green Lanes and Hedge Lane, to avoid dividing the area around Cranley Gardens between Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill wards.

69 A number of residents argued that the Vicars Moor Lane and Wade's Hill areas should be in Winchmore Hill ward, not Grange Park ward. They cited links to Winchmore centre, including shops and churches. It was also argued that St Paul's School should be in the Winchmore Hill ward and not be separated from St Paul's Church.

70 Fox Lane & District Residents' Association stated that Amberley Road and St George's Road should be in Southgate ward and not Winchmore Hill ward. A number of local residents argued that Stone Hall Road should be in Winchmore Hill ward, not Southgate ward, citing links into Winchmore Hill facilities.

71 A resident argued that Grange Park Primary School should be in Grange ward. A number of other residents in the Old Park View, Crescent Road and Waverley Road area objected to being transferred out of Grange Park ward to Ridgeway ward, although some mistakenly understood that they were being transferred to Town ward.

72 Edmonton Conservative Association argued that the boundary between Grange Park and Bush Hill Park wards could be stronger if it ran along London Road, transferring Private Road and surrounding roads to Bush Hill Park ward.

73 We have given careful consideration to the evidence received. As discussed above in the Palmers Green section, we note the concerns that our draft recommendations for Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill wards divide the Cranley Gardens area. We note there were conflicting proposals as to whether to place the whole of this area into Palmers Green or Winchmore Hill ward. We have balanced this against the concerns about separating the Osborne Road and Windsor Road area from Palmers Green.

74 As discussed in detail paragraph 63 of the Palmers Green section, we are modifying the proposal from Enfield Labour Group, Bambos Charalambous MP, and Councillor Barry. We are transferring Cranley Gardens, Burford Gardens and Caversham Avenue to Winchmore Hill ward, while retaining Crothall Close in Palmers Green. We are also transferring Amberley Road and St George's Road to Southgate. We are transferring the whole of the Osborne Road and Windsor Road area into Palmers Green and running the boundary along the underground line to ensure the whole of Palmers Green commercial area is in the Palmers Green ward. This also ensures that the Church of St John the Evangelist is in Palmers Green ward.

75 We note the concerns about our proposed Winchmore Hill ward, particularly in relation to the Vicars Moor Lane and Wade's Hill areas. These clearly have strong links into the Winchmore Green area. We note that Enfield Southgate Conservative Association proposed including this in its three-councillor Winchmore Hill area, but that its proposed boundary extends significantly further north, to Bush Hill Park Golf Course. It did not provide strong evidence for extending it this far and we are concerned that this takes in areas that are part of Grange Park. In addition, while it provided some evidence in relation to the inclusion of the area around Highfield and Winchmore Schools, removing this from Highfield ward would worsen electoral equality in this ward to 13% fewer electors than the borough average by 2024. Therefore, we are not adopting its proposed Winchmore Hill ward.

76 In order to reflect the concerns about the Vicars Moor Lane and Wade's Hill area, in addition to the amendments to the southern boundary of Winchmore Hill ward, we are also amending the northern boundary to include these areas in the ward. We propose a further small amendment to include Stone Hall Road in the ward, reflecting the evidence received.

77 Finally, as discussed in the Town and Whitewebbs section, a number of concerns were raised about the boundary between Town and Grange wards, particularly in relation to the town centre area.

78 While there is generally support for including the whole town centre in single ward, we note there are different views as to what this should mean. Enfield Town Residents Association and a number of residents only argue that the area as far as

the north side of Church Street should be retained in a single ward. However, we are concerned that this excludes the retail area on Silver Street and also the Enfield Civic Centre, which we consider should also be considered part of the town centre. To that end, we believe its proposals would split the town centre, or certainly form a less coherent ward.

79 We acknowledge its concerns about the impact of the draft recommendations on dividing the area the Association covers, between wards. However, while we can have regard for this, it must be balanced against other elements of community identity, as well as the need to secure electoral equality and effective and convenient local government. On that basis we are not adopting its amendment.

80 We have also considered the proposal from Enfield Southgate Conservative Association, noting that it takes the Silver Street shopping area and Civic Centre into an enlarged Grange Park ward. However, while this includes the whole town centre area in a single ward, we are concerned that this ward covers a relatively large area, with little connection between the area around Churchbury Lane in the north and Grange Park in the south. In addition, given our proposal to retain the Crescent Road and Waverley Road area in a revised Ridgeway ward, its proposed ward would have 17% fewer electors than the borough average by 2020. Therefore, we are not adopting its proposed amendment.

81 We have explored options to address some of the concerns raised by Enfield Town Residents Association, specifically the separation of the residential areas around Walsingham Road and Essex Road under our draft recommendations. We are therefore propose retaining everything to the south side of Cecil Road in Grange Park ward. While we have some concerns that this will remove Town Park from Town ward, we note that there is good evidence for involvement on park issues from local organisations in Grange Park and Town wards. This retains the whole commercial area as well as the Civic Centre in a single ward, while creating more compact Grange Park ward.

82 We note the concerns of residents being transferred from Grange Park ward to Ridgeway. We also note that Enfield Southgate Conservative Association proposed retaining some of this area in its Grange ward. However, this area is separated from Grange Park by the Hertford Loop railway line, with access some distance via Windmill Hill and Old Park Avenue. Its access into Ridgeway ward is much clearer. In addition, to retain this area in Grange Park would significantly worsen electoral equality in that ward.

83 We also note the resident's comment about transferring Grange Park Primary School, but looking at its access it appears to be part of the Highlands Village area, so we are not adopting this amendment. We are not adopting the Edmonton Conservative Association proposal to move Private Road to Bush Hill ward. Although

this would provide a clearer boundary and improve electoral equality in Bush Hill Park South ward, it would worsen it in Grange Park ward.

Highfield

84 We are recommending no changes to this ward. The Enfield Liberal Democrats made a general comment that Highfield ward does not reflect a community. Enfield Southgate Conservative Association proposed significant changes to this ward. As discussed above, it proposed modifying this ward to become a three-councillor Palmers Green ward. Two residents objected to the draft recommendation to divide Hazelwood Lane, separating the part to the east of New River from Palmers Green ward.

85 We have considered the evidence received. However, as stated in the Grange Park, Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill sections, we are not adopting the Conservative proposals for Palmers Green because of our proposals elsewhere, but also because we had a concern that its proposed ward divides the commercial centre of Palmers Green by running the boundary along Green Lanes.

86 We note the concerns about the Hazelwood Lane area, but New River provides a strong boundary and moving electors to Palmers Green would breach this, while worsening electoral equality there and in Highfield ward. Therefore, we are not amending this boundary.

Have your say

87 The Commission has an open mind about its further draft recommendations. Every representation we receive will be considered, regardless of who it is from.

88 If you agree with our recommendations, please let us know. If you don't think our recommendations are right for Enfield Council, we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of wards.

89 Our website has a special consultation area where you can explore the maps and draw your own proposed boundaries. You can find it at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk

90 Submissions can also be made by emailing reviews@lgbce.org.uk or by writing to:

Review Officer (Enfield)
The Local Government Boundary Commission for England
1st Floor, Windsor House
50 Victoria Street
London SW1H 0TL

91 The Commission aims to propose a pattern of wards for Enfield Council which delivers:

- Electoral equality: each local 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

92 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

93 Electoral equality:

- Does your proposal mean that councillors would represent roughly the same number of voters as elsewhere in Enfield?

94 Community identity:

- Community groups: is there a parish council, residents' association or other group that represents the area?
- 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?

95 Effective and convenient local government:

- Are any of the proposed wards too large or small to be represented effectively?
- Are the proposed names of the wards appropriate?
- Are there good links across your proposed wards? Is there any form of public transport?

96 Please note that the consultation stages of an electoral review are public consultations. In the interests of openness and transparency, we make available for public inspection full copies of all representations the Commission takes into account as part of a review. Accordingly, copies of all representations will be placed on deposit at our offices in Westminster (London) and on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk. A list of respondents will be available from us on request after the end of the consultation period.

97 If you are a member of the public and not writing on behalf of a council or organisation we will remove any personal identifiers, such as postal or email addresses, signatures or phone numbers from your submission before it is made public. We will remove signatures from all letters, no matter who they are from.

98 In the light of representations received, we will review our further draft recommendations and consider whether they should be altered. As indicated earlier, it is therefore important that all interested parties let us have their views and evidence, **whether or not** they agree with the further draft recommendations. We will then publish our final recommendations.

99 After the publication of our final recommendations, the changes we have proposed must be approved by Parliament. An Order – the legal document which

brings into force our recommendations – will be laid in draft in Parliament. The draft Order will provide for new electoral arrangements to be implemented at the all-out elections for Enfield Council in 2022.

Equalities

100 The Commission has looked at how it carries out reviews under the guidelines set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. It has made best endeavours to ensure that people with protected characteristics can participate in the review process and is sufficiently satisfied that no adverse equality impacts will arise as a result of the outcome of the review.

Appendix A

Further draft recommendations for the west area of Enfield.

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2018)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2024)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Arnos Grove	2	6,170	3,085	-9%	7,342	3,671	-5%
2	Bush Hill Park North	3	9,504	3,168	-7%	10,530	3,510	-9%
3	Bush Hill Park South	3	9,873	3,291	-3%	10,974	3,658	-5%
4	Cockfosters	2	7,241	3,621	7%	8,192	4,096	6%
5	Grange Park	2	6,509	3,255	-4%	7,211	3,606	-6%
6	Highfield	2	6,843	3,422	1%	7,601	3,801	-1%
7	Oakwood	2	6,318	3,159	-7%	7,207	3,604	-7%
8	Palmers Green	2	7,056	3,528	4%	7,876	3,939	2%
9	Ridgeway	3	9,242	3,081	-9%	10,703	3,568	-7%
10	Southgate	3	10,327	3,442	1%	11,943	3,981	3%
11	Town	3	10,485	3,495	3%	12,062	4,021	4%
12	Whitewebbs	3	9,845	3,282	-3%	11,044	3,681	-4%

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2018)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2024)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
13 Winchmore Hill	2	7,428	3,714	10%	8,326	4,163	8%

Source: Electorate figures are based on information provided by Enfield Council.

Note: The 'variance from average' column shows by how far, in percentage terms, the number of electors per councillor in each electoral ward varies from the average for the borough. The minus symbol (-) denotes a lower than average number of electors. Figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

Appendix B

Submissions received

All submissions received can also be viewed on our website at:

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/greater-london/greater-london/Enfield>

Local Authority

- Enfield Council – Electoral Review Panel

Political Groups

- Edmonton Conservative Association
- Enfield Labour Group
- Enfield North Conservative Association
- Enfield Southgate Conservative Association (two submissions)
- Enfield Liberal Democrats

Councillors

- Councillor M. Alexandrou (Enfield Council)
- Councillor D. Barry (Enfield Council)
- Councillor W. Coleshill (Enfield Council)
- Councillor A. Georgiou (Enfield Council)
- Councillor T. Neville (Enfield Council)
- Councillor V. Pite (Enfield Council)

Members of Parliament

- Bambos Charalambous MP (Enfield Southgate)

Local Organisations

- Broomfield House Trust
- Chalkwell Park Residents Association
- Christ Church Cockfosters
- Church of St John the Evangelist
- Cockfosters Community Action Partnership for Enfield
- Cockfosters Local Area Residents Association
- Cockfosters Probus Club
- Cockfosters Watch
- Enfield Town Residents Association
- Federation of Enfield Community Associations
- Fox Lane & District Residents' Association

- Friends of Broomfield Park
- Hadley Wood Association
- Hadley Wood Association Security Committee
- Hadley Wood Jewish Community
- Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Planning Forum
- Hadley Wood Watch
- Hadley Wood Rail User Group
- St Michaels Church
- St Paul's Church
- The Trustees of St Pauls church
- Western Enfield Residents' Association

Local Residents

- 297 local residents