

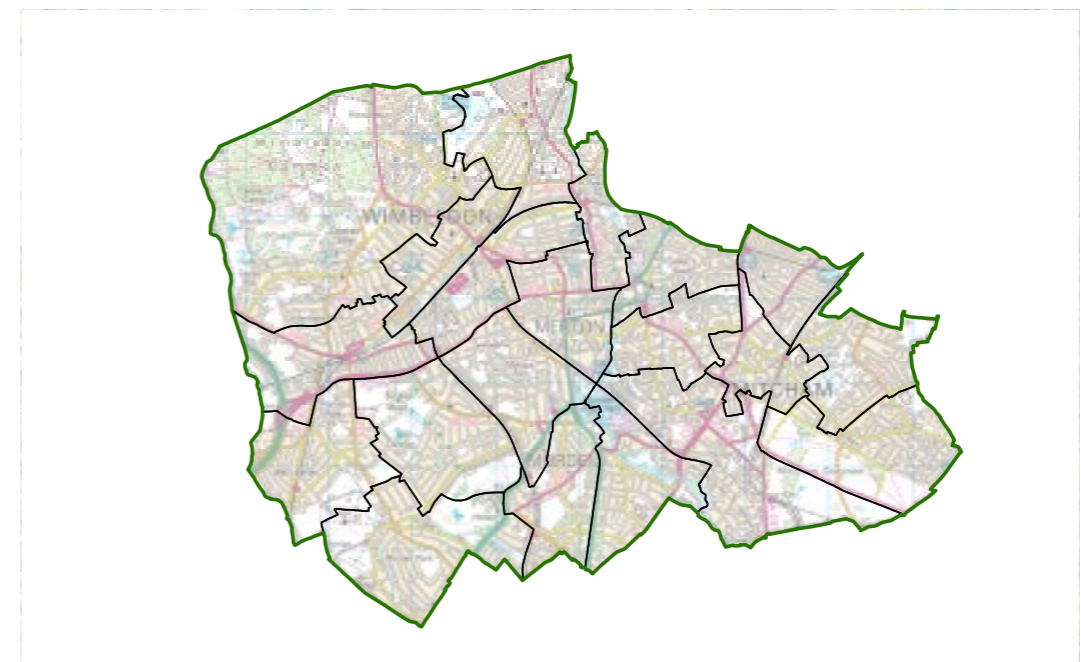
Our Recommendations

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 2025 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2025)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Abbey	3	7,382	2,461	-3%	8,925	2,975	4%
2	Cannon Hill	3	7,326	2,442	-3%	7,695	2,565	-10%
3	Colliers Wood	3	8,274	2,758	9%	8,619	2,873	1%
4	Cricket Green	3	8,084	2,695	7%	9,058	3,019	6%
5	Figge's Marsh	3	7,598	2,533	0%	8,305	2,768	-3%
6	Graveney	3	8,217	2,739	8%	8,586	2,862	0%
7	Hillside	2	5,998	2,999	19%	6,023	3,127	5%
8	Lavender Fields	3	8,003	2,668	0%	8,933	2,978	4%
9	Longthornton	3	8,127	2,709	7%	8,175	2,725	-5%
10	Lower Morden	3	8,488	2,829	12%	8,605	2,875	0%
11	Merton Park	2	5,978	2,989	18%	6,228	3,105	9%
12	Pollards Hill	3	8,014	2,671	6%	8,004	2,668	-7%
13	Ravensbury	3	6,858	2,286	-10%	8,224	2,741	-4%
14	Raynes Park	3	8,613	2,871	14%	8,956	2,985	4%
15	St Helier	3	7,564	2,521	0%	8,287	2,762	-3%
16	Village	3	8,464	2,821	12%	8,475	3,049	-1%
17	Wandle	2	4,486	2,412	-11%	5,805	4,122	2%
18	West Barnes	3	7,503	2,501	-1%	7,955	2,077	-7%
19	Wimbledon Park	3	7,678	2,447	1%	8,905	2,652	4%
20	Wimbledon Town & Dundonald	3	8,945	2,982	18%	9,147	2,826	7%
	Totals	57	151,605			162,915	-	-
	Averages			2,660		-	2,858	-

Merton Borough 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.

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.

Why Merton?

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

Our proposals

- Merton Council currently has 60 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 57 councillors should serve the council in the future.
- We believe our 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 Merton should have 57 councillors, a decrease of 3.

Merton should have 20 wards. The boundaries of most wards will change.

The 57 councillors should represent three two-councillor wards and 17 three-councillor wards across the borough.

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 at consultation.lgbce.org.uk:

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- read the full report of our recommendations.
- find more guidance on the review process

Stage of Review	Description
04 June 2019 - 12 August 2019	Public consultation on warding arrangements
17 December 2019 - 16 March 2020	Public consultation on draft recommendations
16 June 2020- 27 July 2020	Public consultation of further draft recommendations
6 October 2020	Publication of final recommendations

Overview of final recommendations for Merton Council

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