

# Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Eastleigh Borough Council

Electoral review

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# Summary

## Who we are

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) 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. A local authority's electoral arrangements decide:

- How many councillors are needed
- How many wards or electoral divisions should there be, where are their boundaries and what should they be called
- How many councillors should represent each ward or division

## Why Eastleigh?

We are conducting an electoral review of Eastleigh Borough Council as the Council currently has high levels of electoral inequality where some councillors represent many more or many fewer voters than others. This means that the value of each vote in borough council elections varies depending on where you live in Eastleigh. Overall, 21% of wards currently have a variance of more than 10% from the average for the borough. Hedge End Grange Park ward currently has 30% more electors than the average for Eastleigh.

## Our proposals for Eastleigh

Eastleigh Borough Council currently has 44 councillors. Based on the evidence we received during previous phases of the review, we consider that a reduction in council size by five to 39 members will ensure the Council can perform its roles and responsibilities effectively.

## Electoral arrangements

Our draft recommendations propose that Eastleigh Borough Council's 39 councillors should represent three two-member wards and 11 three-member wards across the borough. None of our proposed wards would have an electoral variance of greater than 10% from the average for Eastleigh by 2021.

**You have until 4 July 2016 to have your say on the recommendations. See page 15 for how to have your say.**

# 1 Introduction

1 This electoral review is being conducted following our decision to review Eastleigh Borough Council's electoral arrangements to ensure that the number of voters represented by each councillor is approximately the same across the borough.

## What is an electoral review?

2 Our three main considerations in conducting an electoral review are set out in legislation<sup>1</sup> and are to:

- Improve electoral equality by equalising the number of electors each councillor represents
- Reflect community identity
- Provide for effective and convenient local government

3 Our task is to strike the best balance between them when making our recommendations. Our powers, as well as the guidance we have provided for electoral reviews and further information on the review process, can be found on our website at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

## Consultation

4 We wrote to the Council inviting a submission of proposals on council size. We then held a period of consultation on warding patterns for the borough. The submissions received during our consultation have informed our draft recommendations.

This review is being conducted as follows:

<b>Stage starts</b>	<b>Description</b>
24 November 2015	Invitation to submit proposals for warding arrangements to LGBCE
1 February 2016	LGBCE's analysis and formulation of draft recommendations
10 May 2016	Publication of draft recommendations and consultation
5 July 2016	Analysis of submissions received and formulation of final recommendations
6 September 2016	Publication of final recommendations

## How will the recommendations affect you?

5 The recommendations will determine how many councillors will serve on the Council. They will also decide which ward you vote in, which other communities are in that ward and, in some instances, which parish council wards you vote in. The names or boundaries of parishes will not change as a result of our recommendations.

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<sup>1</sup> Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

## What is the Local Government Boundary Commission for England?

6 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

Members of the Commission are:

Professor Colin Mellors (Chair)  
Sir Tony Redmond (Deputy Chair)  
Alison Lowton  
Peter Maddison QPM  
Professor Paul Wiles CB

Chief Executive: Jolyon Jackson CBE

## 2 Analysis and draft recommendations

7 Legislation<sup>2</sup> states that our recommendations are not intended to be based solely on the existing number of electors<sup>3</sup> in an area, but also on estimated changes in the number and distribution of electors likely to take place over a five-year period from the date of our final recommendations. We must also try to recommend strong, clearly identifiable boundaries for the wards we put forward at the end of the review.

8 In reality, the achievement of absolute electoral fairness is unlikely to be attainable and there must be a degree of flexibility. However, our approach is to keep variances in the number of electors each councillor represents to a minimum.

9 In seeking to achieve electoral fairness, we work out the average number of electors per councillor by dividing the electorate by the number of councillors as shown on the table below.

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Electorate of Eastleigh Borough</b>	98,113	106,180
<b>Number of councillors</b>	39	39
<b>Average number of electors per councillor</b>	2,516	2,723

10 Under our draft recommendations, none of our proposed wards will have an electoral variance of greater than 10% from the average for the borough by 2021. We are satisfied that we have achieved good levels of electoral fairness for Eastleigh.

11 These recommendations cannot affect the external boundaries of Eastleigh Borough Council or result in changes to postcodes. They do not take into account parliamentary constituency boundaries. There is no evidence that the recommendations will have an adverse effect on local taxes, house prices, or car and house insurance premiums and we are not, therefore, able to take into account any representations which are based on these issues.

### Submissions received

12 See Appendix B for details of submissions received. All submissions may be inspected at our offices and can also be viewed on our website at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

### Electorate figures

13 As prescribed in the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, the Council submitted electorate forecasts for 2021, a period five years on from the scheduled publication of our final recommendations in 2016. These forecasts were broken down to polling district level and projected an increase in the electorate of approximately 8% to 2021.

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<sup>2</sup> Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

<sup>3</sup> Electors refers to the number of people registered to vote, not the whole adult population.

14 Having considered the information provided by the Council, we are satisfied that the projected figures are the best available at the present time and these figures form the basis of our draft recommendations.

## Council size

15 Prior to consultation, Eastleigh Borough Council submitted a proposal to reduce council size from 44 to 39 members.

16 We considered that the Council's submission provided a satisfactory case to justify a reduction. We are also satisfied that the Council has demonstrated that the authority could operate efficiently and effectively under a council size of 39 and ensure effective representation of local residents. We have therefore based our draft recommendations on a council size of 39.

## Warding patterns

17 During consultation on warding patterns, we received 17 submissions, including a borough-wide proposal. The remainder of the submissions provided localised comments for warding arrangements in Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hamble, Hedge End and West End.

18 The borough-wide scheme proposed a mixed pattern of three-member and two-member wards. As Eastleigh Borough Council elects in three out of every four years, there is a presumption in legislation in favour of three-member wards for the borough. We will only move away from this presumption if there is strong evidence to do so. After considering the evidence received, we considered that a uniform pattern of three-member wards covering Botley, Hedge End and West End would not provide the best balance of our statutory criteria. Therefore, we have decided to depart from the presumption of three-member wards and have proposed the two-member wards of Botley, West End North and West End South. We consider these wards would better reflect community identities and follow more clearly defined ward boundaries. Our proposed wards also largely reflect the community evidence received during the current review of Hampshire County Council as it relates to Eastleigh.

19 We have made changes to the borough-wide proposal in the Hound area of the borough in order to reduce an electoral variance of 16% for Bursledon & Hound North ward. Our proposals largely follow the railway line which we consider to be a clear and identifiable ward boundary.

20 Our draft recommendations are for three two-member wards and 11 three-member wards. We consider that our draft recommendations will provide for good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and interests where we have received such evidence during consultation.

21 A summary of our proposed electoral arrangements is set out in Table A1 (on pages 17–18) and on the large map accompanying this report.

22 We welcome all comments on these draft recommendations. We also welcome comments on the ward names we have proposed as part of the draft recommendations.

## Detailed wards

23 The tables on pages 7–12 detail our draft recommendations for each area of Eastleigh. They detail how the proposed warding arrangements reflect the three statutory<sup>4</sup> criteria of:

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

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<sup>4</sup> Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

## Chandler's Ford and Eastleigh

Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2021	Description	Detail
<b>Chandler's Ford</b>	3	4%	This ward comprises most of the Chandler's Ford area between the borough border and M3 motorway.	Our draft recommendations for Chandler's Ford ward are based on a borough-wide proposal received at consultation. We considered whether part of the proposed ward between Castle Lane and Bournemouth Road should be included in Eastleigh South ward. This would have resulted in better electoral equality between the wards. However, on our tour of the area, we discovered that Bournemouth Road clearly separates communities. The east side of the road is bounded by trees and the rear of properties that look east. Therefore, we consider Bournemouth Road to be an appropriate ward boundary. Chandler's Ford ward satisfies our three statutory criteria and has strong ward boundaries.
<b>Eastleigh Central</b>	3	1%	This ward comprises the centre of Eastleigh and the Eastleigh Railway Works.	Our draft recommendations for Eastleigh Central ward are based on a borough-wide proposal received at consultation. On our tour of Eastleigh, we investigated whether Campbell Road had any alternative road access other than over the railway line near Eastleigh Station. We discovered the only way into Campbell Road was over the railway bridge as the road is completely surrounded by the railway works. In light of this, we have decided that Campbell Road should be included in Eastleigh Central ward. The ward provides for good electoral equality and strong ward boundaries.
<b>Eastleigh North</b>	3	-7%	This ward comprises Allbrook & North Boyatt parish and part of Eastleigh to the north of the Eastleigh to Romsey railway line.	Our draft recommendations for Eastleigh North ward are based on a borough-wide proposal received at consultation. A respondent proposed changes to Allbrook & North Boyatt parish which is outside the scope of this review. We consider Eastleigh North ward satisfies our three statutory criteria and uses strong ward boundaries.

<b>Eastleigh South</b>	3	-5%	This ward comprises part of Chandler's Ford parish and part of Eastleigh between the South Western Main Line and the M3 motorway.	Our draft recommendations for Eastleigh South ward are based on a borough-wide proposal received at consultation. We considered whether a part of Chandler's Ford parish should be included in Chandler's Ford ward. This would enable the use of the M3 motorway as a boundary. However, as explained in the Chandler's Ford section of the report, we consider Bournemouth Road to be an appropriate ward boundary between Chandler's Ford and Eastleigh South wards. In addition, transferring that part of Chandler's Ford parish would result in an electoral variance of 23% and 24% for Chandler's Ford and Eastleigh South wards respectively. Although the M3 motorway passes through the middle of Eastleigh South ward, Chestnut Avenue has access to Eastleigh and Chandler's Ford under the motorway. Eastleigh South ward satisfies our three statutory criteria and has strong ward boundaries.
<b>Hiltingbury</b>	3	8%	This ward comprises the Hiltingbury area in the north of the borough.	Our draft recommendations for Hiltingbury ward are based on a borough-wide proposal received at consultation. We did not receive any other submissions specifically relating to this ward. We consider Hiltingbury ward satisfies our three statutory criteria and has strong boundaries with good access routes through the ward.

## Bishopstoke and Fair Oak

Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2021	Description	Detail
<b>Bishopstoke</b>	3	7%	This ward comprises Bishopstoke parish and Athena Close, Stoke Heights and part of Olympic Way in Fair Oak & Horton Heath parish.	Our draft recommendations for both wards are based on a borough-wide proposal received at consultation. We considered whether a small area in the west of Fair Oak & Horton Heath parish which is included in Bishopstoke ward should be included in Fair Oak & Horton Heath ward. This would enable the use of a parish boundary between both wards. However, under the current arrangements, Fair Oak & Horton Heath ward is under-represented. To include further electors into the ward would result in an electoral variance of 13%. We also discovered during our visit to the area that houses on and adjoining Stoke Heights appear to be part of the same community as houses on Olympic Way. Olympic Way straddles the parish boundary which we consider does not divide communities. We have therefore decided to include this small area in Bishopstoke ward. We consider both wards provide for good electoral equality and strong ward boundaries.
<b>Fair Oak &amp; Horton Heath</b>	3	8%	This ward comprises Fair Oak & Horton Heath parish, except Athena Close, Stoke Heights and part of Olympic Way.	

## Botley, Hedge End and West End

Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2021	Description	Detail
<b>Botley</b>	2	-1%	This ward comprises Botley parish.	Our draft recommendations for Botley ward are based on a borough-wide proposal received at consultation. A parish respondent objected to proposals which sought to include part of Hedge End with Botley in a three-member ward. As the Council elects in three out of every four years, there is a presumption in favour of three-member wards for the borough. However, we consider the evidence demonstrates why a uniform pattern would not satisfy our three statutory criteria. On our visit to the area, we found that the parish boundary between Botley and Hedge End clearly divides communities. There is no direct vehicular access between houses in Botley and Hedge End except for Kings Copse Avenue which is a through road. In addition, houses in Botley face away from the Hedge End area. This supports the evidence of the parish that Botley and Hedge End have separate community identities. Therefore, we consider that there is a strong case to depart from the presumption of three-member wards and propose a two-member Botley ward. We are satisfied this ward would better reflect community identities as a two-member ward.
<b>Hedge End North</b>	3	-4%	This ward comprises the Hedge End parish wards of Grange Park East, Grange Park West and Shamblehurst.	Our draft recommendations for Hedge End North ward are based on a borough-wide proposal received at consultation. A parish council respondent supported the borough-wide proposal relating to Hedge End. We consider Hedge End North ward satisfies our three statutory criteria and has strong boundaries with good access routes through the ward.

<b>Hedge End South</b>	3	9%	This ward comprises the Hedge End parish wards of Freegrounds, St Helen's, St John's and Wildern.	Our draft recommendations for Hedge End South ward are based on a borough-wide proposal received at consultation. A parish council respondent supported the borough-wide proposal relating to Hedge End. We consider Hedge End South ward satisfies our three statutory criteria and has strong boundaries with good access routes through the ward.
<b>West End North</b>	2	-8%	This ward comprises West End parish north of the High Street, Swaythling Road and properties adjoining Frome Road.	Our draft recommendations for both these wards are based on a borough-wide proposal received at consultation. We considered the viability of a uniform pattern of three-member wards in this area. While it was possible to secure good electoral equality, it would require accepting a three-member ward covering Botley and part of Hedge End. As we have explained above, we are not persuaded that a three-member Botley ward would best reflect the statutory criteria. We have also received support from two parish respondents for the borough-wide proposals received. We consider that there is persuasive evidence and support from respondents to depart from the presumption of three-member wards in West End. We are satisfied that both wards would better reflect community identities as two-member wards while still ensuring good electoral equality.
<b>West End South</b>	2	-4%	This ward comprises West End parish south of the High Street and Swaythling Road.	

## Bursledon, Hamble and Netley

Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2021	Description	Detail
<b>Bursledon &amp; Hound North</b>	3	-5%	This ward comprises Bursledon parish and parts of Hound parish east of the railway line.	Our draft recommendations for Bursledon & Hound North ward are mostly based on a borough-wide proposal received at consultation. The borough-wide proposal for this ward resulted in an electoral variance of 16%. To reduce this variance, we have included Ingleside and adjoining roads in this ward. This would enable the use of the railway line as the ward boundary which we consider to be a clear and identifiable ward boundary. We consider that our proposed changes will achieve better electoral equality and provide for strong ward boundaries.
<b>Hamble &amp; Netley</b>	3	-8%	This ward comprises Hamble-le-Rice parish and parts of Hound parish west of the railway line.	Our draft recommendations for Hamble & Netley ward are mostly based on a borough-wide proposal received at consultation. While the proposed ward provided for good electoral equality, the adjoining Bursledon & Hound North ward did not. To improve the electoral equality between wards, we have included Ingleside and adjoining roads in Bursledon & Hound North ward and included all of Hound Road and St Mary's Road in Hamble & Netley ward. A parish respondent also proposed a different ward name – Hamble & Hound South. However, we consider Netley should be reflected in the ward name and have decided to adopt the name of Hamble & Netley as part of our draft recommendations. We consider our proposed changes will achieve better electoral equality and provide for strong ward boundaries.

## Conclusions

24 Table 1 shows the impact of our draft recommendations on electoral equality, based on 2015 and 2021 electorate figures.

**Table 1: Summary of electoral arrangements**

	Draft recommendations	
	2015	2021
Number of councillors	39	39
Number of electoral wards	14	14
Average number of electors per councillor	2,516	2,723
Number of wards with a variance more than 10% from the average	5	0
Number of wards with a variance more than 20% from the average	0	0

### **Draft recommendation**

Eastleigh Borough Council should comprise 39 councillors serving three two-member wards and 11 three-member wards. The details and names are shown in Table A1 and illustrated on the large maps accompanying this report.

### **Mapping**

**Sheet 1, Map 1** illustrates in outline form the proposed wards for Eastleigh. You can also view our draft recommendations for Eastleigh on our interactive maps at <http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>

## Parish electoral arrangements

25 As part of an electoral review, we are required to have regard to the statutory criteria set out in Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (the 2009 Act). The Schedule provides that if a parish is to be divided between different wards it must also be divided into parish wards, so that each parish ward lies wholly within a single ward. We cannot recommend changes to the external boundaries of parishes as part of an electoral review.

26 Under the 2009 Act we only have the power to make changes to parish electoral arrangements where these are as a direct consequence of our recommendations for principal authority warding arrangements. However, Eastleigh Borough Council has powers under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to conduct community governance reviews to effect changes to parish electoral arrangements.

27 As a result of our proposed ward boundaries and having regard to the statutory criteria set out in schedule 2 to the 2009 Act, we are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Fair Oak & Horton Heath, Hound and West End parishes.

28 As result of our proposed ward boundaries and having regard to the statutory criteria set out in schedule 2 to the 2009 Act, we are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Fair Oak & Horton Heath parish.

**Draft recommendation**

Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Council should comprise 15 councillors, as at present, representing three wards: East (returning 12 members), Stoke Heights (returning one member) and West (returning two members). The proposed parish ward boundaries are illustrated and named on Map 1.

29 As result of our proposed ward boundaries and having regard to the statutory criteria set out in schedule 2 to the 2009 Act, we are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Hound parish.

**Draft recommendation**

Hound Parish Council should comprise 12 councillors, as at present, representing five wards: Butlocks Heath North (returning one member), Butlocks Heath South (returning one member), Ingleside (returning two members), Netley Abbey (returning seven members) and Old Netley (returning one member). The proposed parish ward boundaries are illustrated and named on Map 1.

30 As result of our proposed ward boundaries and having regard to the statutory criteria set out in schedule 2 to the 2009 Act, we are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for West End parish.

**Draft recommendation**

West End Parish Council should comprise 14 councillors, as at present, representing seven wards: Allington (returning two members), Chartwell (returning three members), Hatch Grange (returning two members), Kanes Hill (returning one member), Moorgreen (returning three members), St James (returning two members) and Telegraph Woods (returning one member). The proposed parish ward boundaries are illustrated and named on Map 1.

### 3 Have your say

31 The Commission has an open mind about its draft recommendations. Every representation we receive will be considered, regardless of whom it is from or whether it relates to the whole borough or just a part of it.

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

33 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](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk)

34 Submissions can also be made by emailing [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk) or by writing to:

**Review Officer (Eastleigh)**  
**The Local Government Boundary Commission for England**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Floor Millbank Tower**  
**London**  
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The Commission aims to propose a pattern of wards for Eastleigh 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

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

Electoral equality:

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

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?

Effective 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 ward? Is there any form of public transport?

35 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 at Millbank Tower (London) and on our website at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk). A list of respondents will be available from us on request after the end of the consultation period.

36 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.

37 In the light of representations received, we will review our 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 draft recommendations. We will then publish our final recommendations.

38 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 next elections for Eastleigh Borough Council in 2018.

## Equalities

39 This report has been screened for impact on equalities, with due regard being given to the general equalities duties as set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. As no potential negative impacts were identified, a full equality impact analysis is not required.

## Appendix A

**Table A1: Draft recommendations for Eastleigh Borough Council**

	<b>Ward name</b>	<b>Number of councillors</b>	<b>Electorate (2015)</b>	<b>Number of electors per councillor</b>	<b>Variance from average %</b>	<b>Electorate (2021)</b>	<b>Number of electors per councillor</b>	<b>Variance from average %</b>
1	Bishopstoke	3	8,210	2,737	9%	8,756	2,919	7%
2	Botley	2	4,104	2,052	-18%	5,394	2,697	-1%
3	Bursledon & Hound North	3	6,955	2,318	-8%	7,767	2,589	-5%
4	Chandler's Ford	3	8,595	2,865	14%	8,529	2,843	4%
5	Eastleigh Central	3	7,258	2,419	-4%	8,289	2,763	1%
6	Eastleigh North	3	7,224	2,408	-4%	7,609	2,536	-7%
7	Eastleigh South	3	6,972	2,324	-8%	7,746	2,582	-5%
8	Fair Oak & Horton Heath	3	7,398	2,466	-2%	8,801	2,934	8%
9	Hamble & Netley	3	7,183	2,394	-5%	7,520	2,507	-8%
10	Hedge End North	3	7,565	2,522	0%	7,819	2,606	-4%
11	Hedge End South	3	8,799	2,933	17%	8,885	2,962	9%
12	Hiltingbury	3	8,344	2,781	11%	8,860	2,953	8%
13	West End North	2	4,419	2,210	-12%	4,992	2,496	-8%

**Table A1 (cont.): Draft recommendations for Eastleigh Borough Council**

<b>Ward name</b>	<b>Number of councillors</b>	<b>Electorate (2015)</b>	<b>Number of electors per councillor</b>	<b>Variance from average %</b>	<b>Electorate (2021)</b>	<b>Number of electors per councillor</b>	<b>Variance from average %</b>
14 West End South	2	5,087	2,544	1%	5,213	2,607	-4%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>98,113</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106,180</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Averages</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,516</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>-</b>

Source: Electorate figures are based on information provided by Eastleigh Borough 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:

<http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-east/hampshire/eastleigh>

### **Borough Council**

- Eastleigh Borough Council

### **County Council**

- Hampshire County Council

### **Parish and town councils**

- Botley Parish Council
- Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Council
- Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council (sent in two submissions)
- Hedge End Town Council
- Hound Parish Council
- West End Parish Council

### **Residents**

- 8 local residents

# Appendix C

## Glossary and abbreviations

Council size	The number of councillors elected to serve on a council
Electoral Change Order (or Order)	A legal document which implements changes to the electoral arrangements of a local authority
Division	A specific area of a county, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever division they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the county council
Electoral fairness	When one elector's vote is worth the same as another's
Electoral inequality	Where there is a difference between the number of electors represented by a councillor and the average for the local authority
Electorate	People in the authority who are registered to vote in elections. For the purposes of this report, we refer specifically to the electorate for local government elections
Number of electors per councillor	The total number of electors in a local authority divided by the number of councillors
Over-represented	Where there are fewer electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average

Parish	A specific and defined area of land within a single local authority enclosed within a parish boundary. There are over 10,000 parishes in England, which provide the first tier of representation to their local residents
Parish council	A body elected by electors in the parish which serves and represents the area defined by the parish boundaries. See also 'Town council'
Parish (or Town) council electoral arrangements	The total number of councillors on any one parish or town council; the number, names and boundaries of parish wards; and the number of councillors for each ward
Parish ward	A particular area of a parish, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors vote in whichever parish ward they live for candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the parish council
Town council	A parish council which has been given ceremonial 'town' status. More information on achieving such status can be found at <a href="http://www.nalc.gov.uk">www.nalc.gov.uk</a>
Under-represented	Where there are more electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average
Variance (or electoral variance)	How far the number of electors per councillor in a ward or division varies in percentage terms from the average
Ward	A specific area of a district or borough, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever ward they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the district or borough council

