**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. A local authority’s electoral arrangements are:

- 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 representing each ward or division.

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**Woking**

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**Our proposals**

Woking Borough Council currently has 36 councillors. Based on the evidence we received during previous phases of the review, the Commission recommends that 30 councillors should serve the borough in future.

**Electoral arrangements**

Our final recommendations propose that Woking’s 30 councillors should represent ten three-member wards across the borough.

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Summary of our recommendations

We have considered all the submissions we received during consultation on our draft recommendations.

In response to representations made to us on the draft recommendations, we have made some changes to our proposals. For example, we propose to rename Sheerwater ward as Canalside ward. In addition, the final recommendations include Old Avenue, Hollies Avenue and Woodlands Avenue in the Byfleet & West Byfleet ward rather than Canalside (Sheerwater) ward as put forward in the draft recommendations.

In response to representations made during consultation, the Commission also considered including the areas of Woodham Waye, Broomhalls and The Grove in Horsell ward. However, to do so would deliver poor levels of electoral equality for local voters and we do not propose to change the draft recommendations for these areas.

Elsewhere in Woking, the Commission proposes some minor changes to the draft recommendations to reflect evidence submitted to us during consultation. These changes are set out in the full report which is available on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk. Our website also includes interactive mapping where you can explore the final recommendations to street level detail.

Overview of final recommendations for Woking Borough Council

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- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- read the full report of our recommendations.
- compare the final recommendations with the draft proposals and existing arrangements.
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