

Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for London Borough of Redbridge 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 Redbridge?

We are conducting an electoral review of the London Borough of Redbridge at the request of the Council. The Council also meets the Commission's intervention criteria. 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 Redbridge. Overall, 33% of wards currently have a variance of more than 10% from the average for the borough. Newbury ward currently has 27% more electors than the average for Redbridge.

Our proposals for Redbridge

Redbridge Council currently has 63 councillors. Based on the evidence we received during previous phases of the review, we consider that retaining the existing council size of 63 members will ensure the Council can discharge its roles and responsibilities effectively.

Electoral arrangements

As Redbridge Council elects by wholes, we will aim to produce a mixed pattern of wards. Our draft recommendations therefore propose that Redbridge Council's 63 councillors should represent three two-member wards and 19 three-member wards across the borough. None of our proposed wards would have an electoral variance of greater than 10% from the average for Redbridge by 2021.

You have until 22 August 2016 to have your say on the recommendations. See page 20 for how to have your say.

1 Introduction

1 This electoral review is being conducted at the request of Redbridge Council ('the Council') to review their 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 legislation¹ 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

Consultation

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

This review is being conducted as follows:

Stage starts	Description
17 November 2015	Council size decision
26 January 2016	Invitation to submit proposals for warding arrangements to LGBCE
5 April 2016	LGBCE's analysis and formulation of draft recommendations
28 June 2016	Publication of draft recommendations and consultation
23 August 2016	Analysis of submissions received and formulation of final recommendations
8 November 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 and which other communities are in that ward. Your ward name may also change.

¹ 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)

Alison Lowton

Peter Maddison QPM

Sir Tony Redmond

Professor Paul Wiles CB

Chief Executive: Jolyon Jackson CBE

2 Analysis and draft recommendations

7 Legislation² states that our recommendations are not intended to be based solely on the existing number of electors³ 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.

	2016	2021
Electorate of Redbridge Borough	190,767	226,478
Number of councillors	63	63
Average number of electors per councillor	3,028	3,595

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

11 These recommendations cannot affect the external boundaries of Redbridge 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

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.

14 We received alternative forecasts from two political groups on the Council. Discussion with the Council established that agreement could not be reached on the

² Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

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

correct figures. We therefore considered all forecasts and decided that the figures provided by the Council were the best available at the present time. These figures therefore form the basis of our draft recommendations.

15 These forecasts were broken down to polling district level and projected an increase in the electorate of approximately 19% to 2021. The growth will largely be driven by development across the borough, particularly in the Ilford area, and also by the Council's efforts to re-register electors who were not included in the register due to the introduction of Individual Electoral Registration (IER).

Council size

16 The Council submitted a proposal to us to retain the existing council size of 63 members. We carefully considered the Council's submission proposing a council of 63 and consider that the Council's proposed size is supported by adequate evidence to justify retaining the existing council size. We are content that the Council has sufficiently demonstrated that the authority can operate efficiently and effectively under this council size and ensure effective representation of local residents. We therefore invited proposals for warding arrangements based on a council size of 63.

Warding patterns

17 During consultation on warding patterns, we received 23 submissions, including three borough-wide proposals: from the Council, and from the Conservative and Liberal Democrat groups on the Council. The remainder of the submissions provided localised comments for warding arrangements in particular areas of the borough.

18 The borough-wide schemes provided mixed warding arrangements of single-, two- and three-member wards for the borough. Having carefully considered the proposals received, we were of the view that the proposed patterns of wards resulted in good levels of electoral equality in most areas of the borough and generally used clearly identifiable boundaries. We have based our draft proposals on a combination of the borough-wide schemes with some modifications to provide for better electoral equality and more identifiable boundaries.

19 Our draft recommendations are for three two-member and 19 three-member wards. We consider that our draft recommendations will provide for good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and interests.

20 A summary of our proposed electoral arrangements is set out in Table A1 (on page 22) and on the large map accompanying this report.

21 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.

Draft recommendations

22 The tables on pages 8–18 detail our draft recommendations for each area of Redbridge. They detail how the proposed warding arrangements reflect the three statutory⁴ criteria of:

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

⁴ Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

North Redbridge

Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2021	Description	Detail
Aldborough	3	2%	This ward comprises the area of Aldborough Hatch and part of Barkingside.	<p>Our three-member ward is similar to the existing Aldborough ward, with a small modification to the boundary between Barkingside and Aldborough around Mulberry Way to provide for better electoral equality.</p> <p>We received four submissions specifically relating to this ward. The ward is based on the Council's warding proposal which was supported by a political group and a local councillor. We received another submission from a political group suggesting that the area of Aldborough Hatch, including Fairlop Waters, be made up of a single-member ward with the remainder of the existing ward forming a two-member Barkingside East ward. We do not consider that this would provide for convenient and effective local government for the area.</p>
Barkingside	3	6%	This ward includes the majority of Barkingside as well as the Gants Hill area.	We propose that a small amendment be made to this ward, as mentioned above, to allow for better electoral equality in the neighbouring Aldborough ward. We consider our draft ward reflects the local communities in the area and provides for effective and convenient local government.
Clayhall	3	-1%	This ward includes the area around Clayhall Park on either side of the A1400.	We received three submissions specifically relating to this ward. Our ward is based on a proposal received during consultation from a political group. We propose that the western boundary of this ward now be the A406 rather than the River Roding. We also propose to run the northern boundary of this ward along the backs of Clayhall Avenue so

				<p>that all of that road can be included in the same ward (Fullwell).</p> <p>We received a suggestion to include all of Inglehurst Gardens in this ward but we consider that running the boundary along this road, as at present, constitutes a more identifiable boundary.</p>
Fairlop	3	2%	This ward comprises the area of Fairlop and part of Fullwell Cross.	We received three submissions specifically relating to this ward. The ward is based on the submission received from the Council. This transfers the area of Repton Park to the neighbouring Bridge ward, and includes an area to the north of Fullwell Avenue and southwest of Tomswood Hill to this ward. This provides for good electoral equality in the area, uses a clearly identifiable boundary and we consider reflects the community identity in this area.
Fullwell	3	8%	This ward comprises the remainder of Fullwell Cross and the north of Clayhall.	<p>We received three submissions specifically relating to this ward. The three main borough-wide submissions made roughly similar proposals for this ward. As a result of changes discussed in the section on Bridge ward on page 16, we are making an amendment to these proposals to include an area of housing to the north of the A1400 Southend Road and east of the M11 in this ward.</p> <p>We consider that the area off Roding Lane North shares more similarities with this ward than with the area to its north, as suggested by one of the borough-wide submissions. We have also made two modifications to this ward around Clayhall Avenue and Tomswood Hill. We consider that this ward meets our three statutory criteria in this area.</p>

Hainault	3	-3%	This ward comprises the area of Hainault, including Hainault Forest Country Park.	Our proposed Hainault ward is identical to the current ward in this area. We received three submissions specifically relating to this ward. Two submissions suggested that the ward be left unchanged from the existing ward. Another submission suggested transferring a small area of Fairlop ward into Hainault and also adding a large, mainly rural section from Aldborough ward. We consider that the best option in this area is to retain the existing ward.
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South Redbridge

Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2021	Description	Detail
Chadwell	3	7%	This ward comprises the areas of Chadwell and Little Heath.	<p>We received five submissions specifically relating to this ward. The submission from the Council suggested that the ward remain as it is currently but with two small amendments. It suggested that a small area around Quarles Park Road be included in this ward as well as a small number of electors on Little Heath adjacent to Redbridge College. This suggestion was supported by two local residents in their submissions.</p> <p>A submission by one of the political groups suggested that there should be two three-member wards in this area and that the boundary should run along Barley Lane. These wards would be named Chadwell and College.</p> <p>We do not consider that this division of the Chadwell community would provide for convenient and local government in this area. We are therefore adopting the Council's proposed Chadwell ward in this area as part of our draft recommendations.</p>
Clementswood	3	1%	This ward includes the area south of Ilford town centre and north of Loxford.	The composition of this ward was partly determined by our decision in Ilford Town, discussed below. Our proposed Clementswood ward is based on the submission from the Council which transfers a number of electors from the neighbouring Loxford ward to improve electoral equality in the area. We received two other submissions for this area

				but we consider, on balance, that the suggestion from the Council best meets our three statutory criteria.
Cranbrook	3	-5%	This ward includes the western half of the area of Cranbrook.	<p>We received three submissions specifically relating to this ward. The ward is based on a proposal received during consultation which suggested a couple of modifications to the existing ward to provide for more identifiable boundaries.</p> <p>We made a further amendment so that the western boundary of the ward runs along the A406 rather than the River Roding. As a result, a number of electors living on Royston Gardens are included in Wanstead Park ward, as discussed below.</p>
Goodmayes	3	0%	This ward comprises the area of Goodmayes.	<p>We received three submissions specifically relating to this ward. One submission suggested placing the area around Goodmayes Park in Mayfield ward. The other two submissions suggested a minor amendment to the existing ward to include Goodmayes Avenue and Goodmayes station in a Goodmayes ward.</p> <p>We have largely adopted this proposal, with one modification. We propose to run the northern boundary of Goodmayes ward along the A118 as we consider this provides a more identifiable boundary.</p>
Ilford Town	2	-8%	This ward comprises the area immediately around Ilford town centre.	We received a number of submissions in response to the creation of an Ilford Town ward. Ilford town centre is currently divided between four existing wards (Clementswood, Loxford, Newbury and Valentines). All three borough-wide submissions agreed that an Ilford Town ward should be created and that it should have two councillors. One

				<p>submission argued that an Ilford Town ward should not cross the main railway line that runs through the town centre. The other two submissions contended that it would be acceptable to cross the railway line, as the line is below street level in this area and so is not a barrier to community ties.</p> <p>Upon visiting the area, we were convinced that a two-member Ilford Town ward could cross the main railway line. As such we propose that the Ilford Town ward be based on the submission received from the Council and supported by another political group. We made a small amendment to this proposal to include a number of residents around York Road to the north of Ilford Station be included in a Valentines ward, as they are at present.</p>
Loxford	3	-4%	This ward comprises the area of Loxford around Ilford Lane.	<p>We received three submissions that specifically related to this area. Two of the three borough-wide submissions made more significant changes to this ward, dividing it from Clementswood in a more east/west split.</p> <p>Having visited the area, we consider that the proposal from the Council that transfers a number of electors to Clementswood, in addition to the area of Loxford that transfers to the new Ilford Town ward, represents the best way to improve the electoral equality of this ward.</p>
Mayfield	3	0%	This ward comprises the area of Mayfield including the Bungalow Estate Conservation Area.	<p>We received four submissions that specifically related to this ward. Two of the submissions suggested a ward that was identical to the existing ward except for a minor amendment. This was supported by a local councillor. Another submission suggested dividing the current ward between Mayfield and Clementswood and adding Goodmayes Park to the ward. As</p>

				discussed above, we did not consider that this proposal reflected the community identity in this area and we therefore propose a ward based on the Council submission that amends the boundary between Mayfield and Clementswood to run down the middle of Gordon Road.
Newbury	3	-1%	This ward comprises the area of Newbury Park.	<p>We received three submissions relating to this ward. Newbury ward currently has the highest variance in Redbridge with 27% more electors per councillor than the average. Of the three borough-wide submissions we received, one proposed splitting the area into two two-member wards with the addition of electors from neighbouring wards.</p> <p>We do not consider that this proposal would reflect the community identity in the area. The other two submissions proposed that an area to the south of the A12 and northwest of Valentines Park be transferred to Valentines ward. We consider that this proposal, along with the area to the south of the existing Newbury ward moving to the new Ilford Town ward, would provide good electoral equality for this area whilst still maintaining community ties. We have therefore based our draft ward on this proposal.</p>
Seven Kings	3	3%	This ward comprises the area of Seven Kings.	We received three submissions relating to this ward. As discussed earlier, one of the submissions would involve the creation of neighbouring wards that we do not consider meet our statutory criteria. The other two submissions propose a mostly unchanged ward.

				Our proposed ward is based on those submissions with minor amendments made to the existing ward to make more identifiable boundaries.
Valentines	3	2%	This ward comprises the eastern half of Cranbrook including Valentines Park.	We received three submissions relating to this ward. Our proposed Valentines ward is based on the Council's submission that includes the area mentioned under Newbury above. This will balance the electoral equality with the area to the south that is transferring to the new Ilford Town ward. We consider that this ward uses easily identifiable boundaries and is also extended to include all of Valentines Park.

West Redbridge

Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2021	Description	Detail
Bridge	3	-5%	This ward comprises the areas of Woodford Bridge and Repton Park as well as part of Woodford.	<p>We received three submissions specifically relating to this ward. Of the three submissions, two suggested adding the area of Repton Park to this ward to improve electoral equality and one suggested adding an area of housing to the north of Southern Road and east of the M11. As discussed above, we concluded that Repton Park should be added to this ward on the basis of electoral equality but also convenient and effective local government.</p> <p>We discovered that the only access between Repton Park and its current ward of Fairlop was a small resident's only road. We did not consider that this provided convenient and effective local government.</p>
Churchfields	3	9%	This ward includes the area of Woodford Green.	We received three submissions regarding this ward. Our proposed ward is based on a submission from the main opposition group on the Council which we consider is the proposal that best reflects the three statutory criteria. This submission recommends a three-member ward based either side of the railway line from South Woodford to Woodford. Having visited the area, we are content that this ward would have internal access between the two areas. We consider it uses strong boundaries across the entire ward, in particular the A406 and M11.
Monkhams	2	8%	This ward includes the area around Woodford Wells.	We received three submissions for Monkhams ward. All three agreed that the best solution to the high level of

				electoral inequality in the ward (17% fewer electors than the borough average) was to reduce it to a two-member ward by transferring the area to the south of the A1009 to another ward. We propose a two-member Monkams ward based on the boundaries suggested by all three submissions.
South Woodford & Snaresbrook	3	-8%	This ward comprises the areas of South Woodford and Snaresbrook.	<p>We received five submissions that specifically referred to this ward. Our proposed ward is based on the scheme received from the main opposition party. This suggestion used the A406 as a strong northern boundary and includes the area transferred from Monkams ward, mentioned above.</p> <p>We considered whether we could use the centre of Hermon Hill/Chigwell Road as the boundary between this ward and Wanstead Park but concluded that to do so would result in an unacceptably level of electoral inequality in Wanstead Park. We received two other submissions in this area, both identical, stating a preference for using the existing boundaries. We consider that these and the existing boundaries artificially split communities in this area.</p>
Wanstead Park	2	-8%	This ward comprises the southern part of Wanstead around Wanstead Park and also the area of Aldersbrook.	<p>We received 10 submissions specifically relating to these wards. We have based our draft recommendations on the submission from the main opposition group. The Council's scheme was supported by two local councillors and the local constituency Labour Party. Having visited the area, we concluded that the current wards arbitrarily divided Wanstead.</p> <p>We also received submissions in support of a three-member Wanstead ward and even a four-member ward. We propose that the area of Wanstead, together with Aldersbrook, be</p>
Wanstead Village	3	-7%	This ward comprises the northern part of Wanstead.	

				<p>divided into a two-member Wanstead Park ward and a three-member Wanstead Village ward. The boundary between the two is the A12 in the east and the A114 and Overton Drive in the west. We also include a number of electors on Royston Gardens in Wanstead Park ward based on submissions received. We consider that these two wards best reflect the community ties in Wanstead.</p>
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Conclusions

23 Table 1 shows the impact of our draft recommendations on electoral equality, based on 2016 and 2021 electorate figures.

Table 1: Summary of electoral arrangements

	Draft recommendations	
	2016	2021
Number of councillors	63	63
Number of electoral wards	22	22
Average number of electors per councillor	3,028	3,595
Number of wards with a variance more than 10% from the average	6	0
Number of wards with a variance more than 20% from the average	0	0

Draft recommendation
 Redbridge Council should comprise 63 councillors serving 22 wards representing three two-member wards and 19 three-member wards. The details and names are shown in Table A1 and illustrated on the large map accompanying this report.

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

3 Have your say

24 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 district or just a part of it.

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

26 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)

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

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The Commission aims to propose a pattern of wards for Redbridge 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?

28 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 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.

29 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.

30 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.

31 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 Redbridge Council in 2018.

Equalities

32 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 London Borough of Redbridge Council

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2016)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2021)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Aldborough	3	9,361	3,120	3%	10,950	3,650	2%
2	Barkingside	3	9,841	3,280	8%	11,410	3,803	6%
3	Bridge	3	9,067	3,022	0%	10,264	3,421	-5%
4	Chadwell	3	9,917	3,306	9%	11,525	3,842	7%
5	Churchfields	3	10,261	3,420	13%	11,753	3,918	9%
6	Clayhall	3	9,359	3,120	3%	10,710	3,570	-1%
7	Clementswood	3	8,078	2,693	-11%	10,888	3,629	1%
8	Cranbrook	3	8,612	2,871	-5%	10,231	3,410	-5%
9	Fairlop	3	9,157	3,052	1%	10,949	3,650	2%
10	Fullwell	3	10,153	3,384	12%	11,643	3,881	8%
11	Goodmayes	3	8,894	2,965	-2%	10,763	3,588	0%
12	Hainault	3	9,008	3,003	-1%	10,466	3,489	-3%

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2016)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2021)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
13 Ilford Town	2	5,020	2,510	-17%	6,580	3,290	-8%
14 Loxford	3	7,981	2,660	-12%	10,400	3,467	-4%
15 Mayfield	3	9,255	3,085	2%	10,770	3,590	0%
16 Monkams	2	6,952	3,476	15%	7,779	3,889	8%
17 Newbury	3	8,660	2,887	-5%	10,723	3,574	-1%
18 Seven Kings	3	8,766	2,922	-4%	11,148	3,716	3%
19 South Woodford & Snaresbrook	3	8,744	2,915	-4%	9,885	3,295	-8%
20 Valentines	3	8,881	2,960	-2%	10,987	3,662	2%
21 Wanstead Park	2	5,849	2,925	-3%	6,583	3,292	-8%
22 Wanstead Village	3	8,951	2,984	-1%	10,072	3,357	-7%
Totals	63	190,767	–	–	226,478	–	–
Averages	–	–	3,028	–	–	3,595	–

Source: Electorate figures are based on information provided by Redbridge London 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/greater-london/redbridge>

Local authority

- London Borough of Redbridge Council

Political parties

- Conservative Group on Redbridge Council
- Liberal Democrat Group on Redbridge Council
- Wanstead Ward Labour Party

Member of Parliament

- Wes Streeting MP (Ilford North)
- Mike Gapes MP (Ilford South)

Councillors

- Councillor S. Bain (Wanstead)
- Councillors Choudhury, Sachs and Zammatt (Chadwell) – Joint Submission
- Councillors Coomb, Javed and Hussain (Clementswood) – Joint Submission
- Councillors Howard and Kaur-Thiara (Aldborough) – Joint Submission
- Councillors Nijjar, Bellwood and Littlewood (Seven Kings) – Joint Submission
- Councillor A. Parkash (Mayfield)

Local organisations

- Marston Area (Tilekiln) Neighbourhood Watch Group and Community Association
- Seven Kings Bungalow Estate Residents' Association

Residents

- Nine 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 www.nalc.gov.uk
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