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A consultation on council ward boundaries for Basingstoke and Deane has begun

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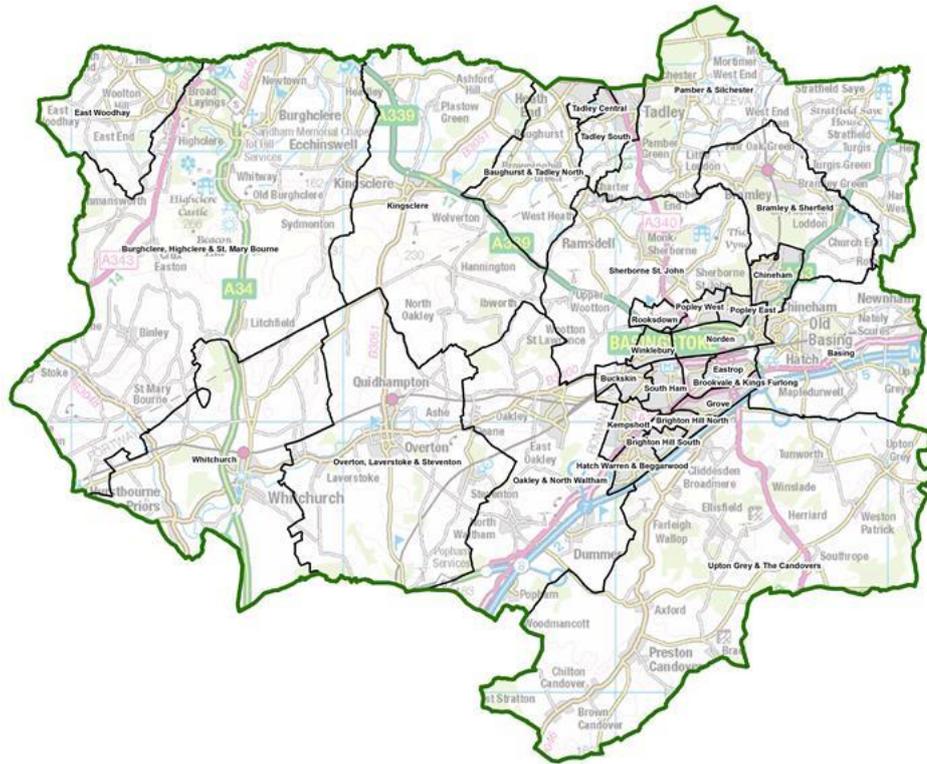
To Whom It May Concern

Today is the start of an 11-week public consultation, during which the Local Government Boundary Commission for England is inviting proposals for new warding arrangements for Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

The consultation will close on **12 February 2018**.

After considering all representations made during this consultation, the Commission intends to publish draft recommendations in May 2018. There will then be a further period of consultation on the draft recommendations. Final recommendations are expected to be published in September 2018. The new electoral arrangements will come into effect at the local elections in 2019.

If you represent a local organisation or community group in Basingstoke and Deane, please pass this message on to your members, or anyone you think might be interested in the review. You can share the message by email or through social media by using the buttons at the bottom right of this page.



What is an electoral review?

The electoral review will recommend new electoral arrangements for Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. It will propose:

- the total number of councillors elected to the council in the future;
- the number of wards;
- the number of councillors representing each ward;
- ward boundaries;
- the names of wards.

How to get involved

This is a public consultation and we welcome views from individuals and organisations across Basingstoke and Deane on where they think new ward patterns should be drawn.

The Commission is minded to recommend that 54 councillors should be elected to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council in the future. It is now inviting proposals to help it draw up a pattern of wards to accommodate 54 councillors.

In drawing up a pattern of electoral wards, the Commission must balance three legal criteria, namely:

- to deliver **electoral equality**: where each councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the borough;
- that the pattern of wards should, as far as possible, reflect the **interests and identities of local communities**;
- that the electoral arrangements should provide for **effective and convenient local government**.

We are asking local people and organisations for their views as to the best pattern of wards for Basingstoke and Dean, which meet the requirements set out above.

The Commission will treat all submissions equally, and will judge each case on its merits and against the legal criteria. If you wish to put forward a view, we would also urge you to ensure that evidence supports your submission. For example, if you wish to argue that two parishes should be included in the same electoral ward, make sure you tell the Commission why they should be together, providing evidence about community facilities, ties, organisations, and amenities, rather than simply asserting that they belong together.

There is plenty more advice on [our website](#) about how you can get involved in the consultation and put your views forward. Our website features [technical guidance](#) that explains the process and our policies, as well as guidance on how to take part in each part of the process. We have set up a page on our site dedicated to the review of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, where you can find further relevant information.

You can also access interactive maps of the current ward boundaries across Basingstoke and Deane on our [specialist consultation portal](#). The portal also allows you to draw your own boundaries, mark areas of interest on the map and upload documents directly to it.

Get in touch

The Commission welcomes comments on warding arrangements by **12 February 2018**.

Representations should be made:

- Through our [interactive consultation portal](#), where you can explore the maps of the recommendations, draw your own boundaries and make comments;
- By email to: reviews@lgbce.org.uk;
- Or in writing to: Review Officer (Basingstoke and Deane), Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 14th Floor, Millbank Tower, Millbank, London, SW1P 4QP



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You're receiving this email because you represent an organisation that we believe will be interested in this electoral review.

