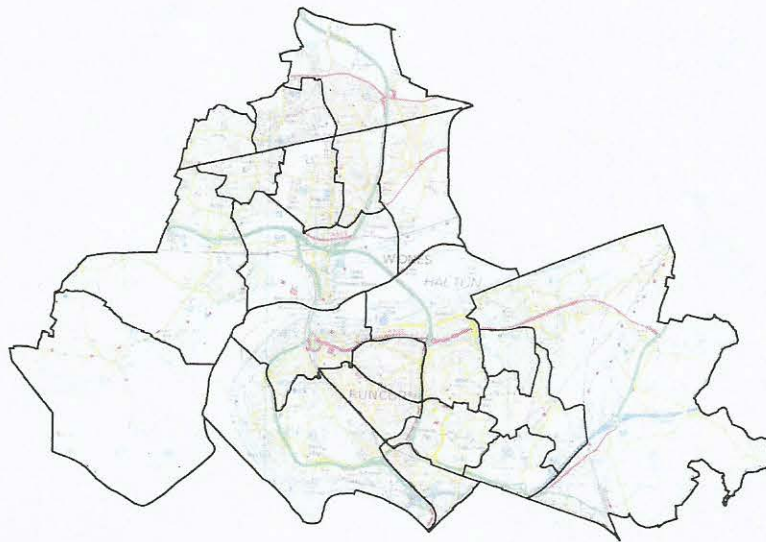


Halton Council Electoral Review



Tell us what you think

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking for your views on our electoral review of Halton Borough Council. The review will agree new council ward boundaries across the borough.

- Do you have suggestions about where your ward boundaries should be?
- Where do people in your area go to access local facilities, such as shops and leisure activities?
- Which areas do you identify as your local community?

Your opinion matters

For more information and interactive maps, visit:
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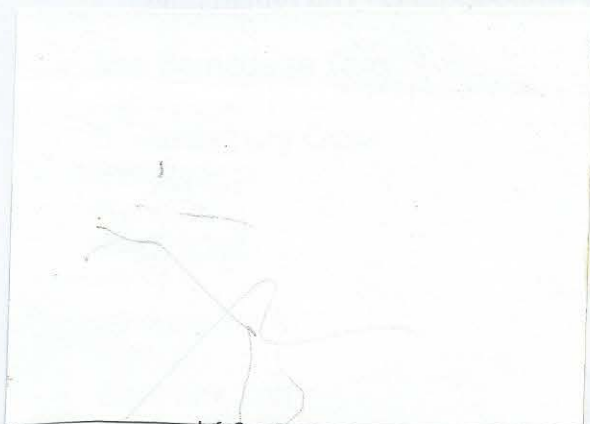
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Consultation closes:
3 September 2018





ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HALTON: WARDING ARRANGEMENTS

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has formally commenced an electoral review of Halton Borough Council. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the review and seek your views on future ward boundaries for the council.

The Commission is carrying out a review to deliver electoral equality for voters across the borough. At present, some borough councillors represent many more, or many fewer, electors than their colleagues elsewhere in the borough. The review aims to correct those imbalances.

What is an electoral review?

The electoral review will recommend new electoral arrangements for Halton 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
- Names of wards

For parishes, the review can recommend changes to the electoral arrangements of parish and town councils i.e. the number, names and boundaries of parish wards and the number of parish councillors for each parish ward. However, this is only in circumstances where the parished area is to be divided between wards. Even in these circumstances, the Commission will not normally recommend any change to the number of councillors to be elected to a parish or town council. The Commission has no power to consider changes to the external boundaries of a parish or the creation of new parishes.

When?

26 June 2018 is the start of a 10-week public consultation during which the Commission is inviting proposals for new warding arrangements. The consultation will close on 3 September 2018. After considering all representations made during this consultation, the Commission intends to publish draft recommendations in November 2018. There will then be a further period of consultation on the draft recommendations. Final recommendations are expected to be published in March 2019. The new electoral arrangements will come into effect at the local elections in 2020.

How to get involved?

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

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

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

- To deliver electoral equality, where each borough 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 the borough which meet the requirements set out above. We encourage local organisations and parish councils to engage their local networks and communities in the review.

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 areas 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 more advice on our website, at www.lgbce.org.uk, about how you can get involved in the consultation. 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 website which is dedicated to the review

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of Halton, where you can find all the relevant information.

Get in touch

View interactive maps of the current ward boundaries across the borough, draw your own boundaries, mark areas of interest, upload documents and have your say, on our specialist consultation portal at: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>.

Find out more about the review at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

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This phase of consultation closes on **3 September 2018**. We will write to you again when we open our consultation on draft recommendations.

The Commission aims to publish every response it receives during phases of consultation. We will remove all personal information from your submission before publication. You can find out more about how we deal with consultation responses and your personal data at: www.lgbce.org.uk/about-us/privacy.

Yours sincerely



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