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The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for North West Leicestershire District Council

Summary report

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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.

Why North West Leicestershire?

We are conducting an electoral review of North West Leicestershire District Council following a formal request from the council for the Commission to carry out a 'single-member ward review'.

The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 allows local authorities to ask the Commission to carry out an electoral review with the aim of providing single-member wards across the whole authority.

Our proposals

North West Leicestershire District Council currently has 38 councillors. Based on the evidence we received during previous phases of the review, the Commission recommends that 38 councillors should continue to serve North West Leicestershire in future.

Electoral arrangements

Our final recommendations propose that North West Leicestershire's 38 councillors should represent 38 single-member wards across the district.

The Commission believes the final recommendations meet our statutory criteria to:

- Deliver electoral equality for voters.
- Reflect local community interests and identities.
- Promote effective and convenient local government.

Stage of review	Description
8 Jan - 18 Feb 2013	Public consultation on council size
26 March - 4 June 2013	Public consultation on new warding patterns
10 Sept - 18 Nov 2013	Public consultation on draft recommendations
25 Feb 2014	Publication of final recommendations
May 2015	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Summary of our recommendations

The Commission considered all representations received during consultation on its draft recommendations.

We are broadly confirming the draft recommendations as final. However, we propose amendments to the boundaries between Ashby Castle, Ashby Money Hill and Ashby Willesley wards. These amendments are designed to strengthen boundaries and reflect issues of access for the area of development to the west of Leicester Road. We propose minor boundary amendments to the Measham North and Blackfordby wards to strengthen ward boundaries. These amendments do not affect electors.

In response to evidence received we also propose a number of ward name changes which are set out in detail in the full final recommendations report on our website.

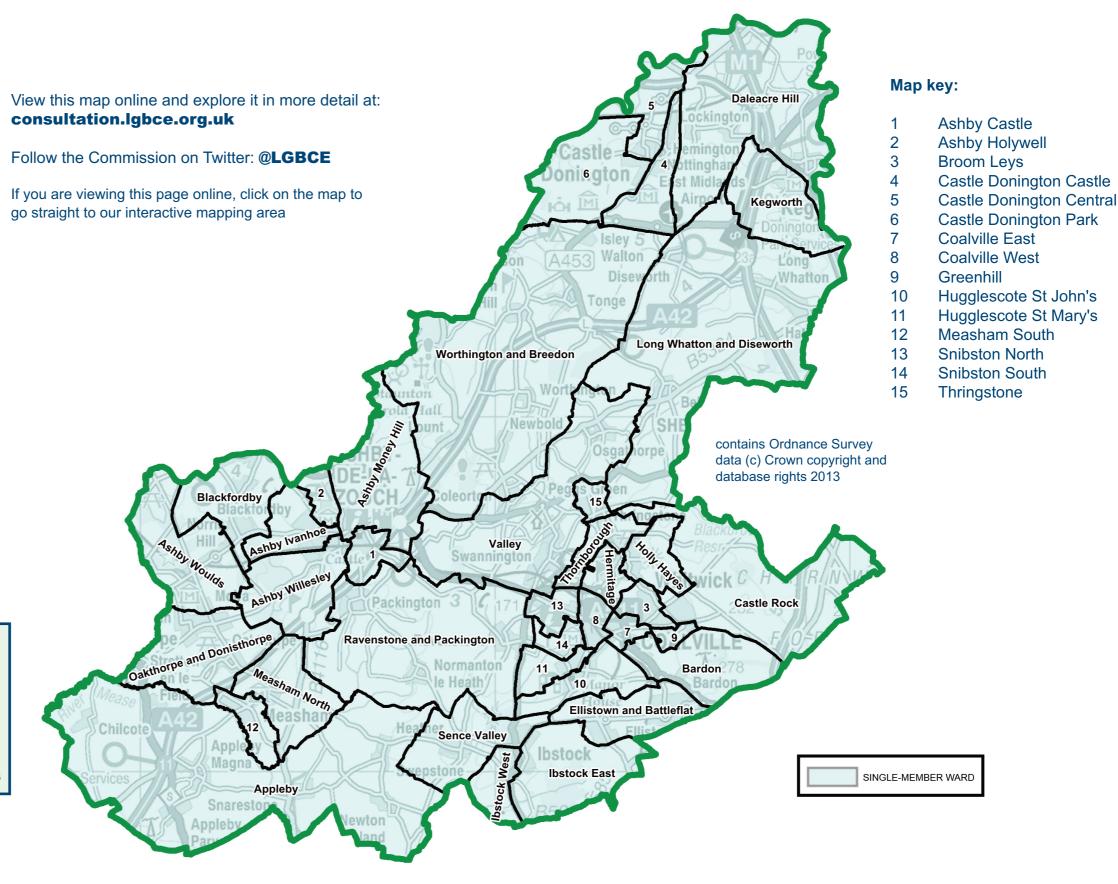
In the rest of the district we confirm our draft recommendations as final.

You can read the full report on our website at **www.lgbce.org.uk**.

Find out more at: consultation.lgbce.org.uk:

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- 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.
- find out more about the electoral review process

Overview of final recommendations for North West Leicestershire District Council



What happens next?

We have now completed our review of North West Leicestershire District Council.

The recommendations must now be approved by Parliament. A draft order - the legal document which brings into force our recommendations - will be laid in Parliament. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements will come into force at the local elections in 2015.

Over the page, there is a table which lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the number of voters in each ward. The table also shows the electoral variances for each of the proposed wards which tells you how we have delivered electoral equality. Finally, the table includes electorate projections for 2019 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.