

News Release from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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Relaunch of consultation on the new political map for Derby City Council

A new pattern of wards is being developed for Derby City Council and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England is currently consulting with local people.

The Commission has decided to relaunch the consultation which will now close on 29 March 2022 because the Council recently decided to change its elections cycle. The Commission will still take into account all of the comments it has received so far; there is no need for people to resubmit their views.

From next year, members of the council will be elected once every four years. Previously, local elections were held in three out of every four years, with a third of councillors elected each year.

The change means that the Commission now has the flexibility to propose wards represented by one, two and three councillors. Previously, it was required to recommend three-councillor wards only.



Current wards in Derby

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The Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It is reviewing Derby to make sure councillors represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements help the council work effectively. It wants to be sure that its proposals reflect community ties and identities.

The Commission is interested in views on which communities should be part of the same ward. What facilities do people share, such as parks, leisure centres or schools and shopping areas? What issues do neighbouring communities face that they have in common, such as high numbers of visitors or heavy traffic? Have there been new housing or commercial developments that have changed the focus of communities? And are there roads, rivers, railways or other features that people believe form strong boundaries between neighbourhoods?

The Commission will use local views to help it draw up proposals for new ward boundaries. There will be a further round of consultation once the Commission has drawn up those proposals.

The Commission has a dedicated section on its website where people can give their views: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/30588>

People can also give their views by e-mail at reviews@lgbce.org.uk, and by post:

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Notes to editors:

This consultation relates to the arrangements for local government elections. It is separate from consultations that are currently taking place across England on arrangements for parliamentary elections.

For further information contact the Commission's press office on 0330 500 1525 / 1250 or email press@lgbce.org.uk

An interactive map is available at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/30588>

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body accountable to Parliament. It recommends fair electoral and boundary arrangements for local authorities in England. In doing so, it aims to

- Make sure that, within an authority, each councillor represents a similar number of electors
- Create boundaries that are appropriate, and reflect community ties and identities
- Deliver reviews informed by local needs, views and circumstances