

# Colchester City Council Electoral Review Community briefing



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City Council

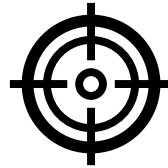
August 2024

# About us:

Impartial



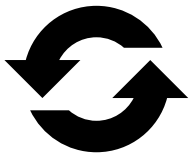
Objective



Transparent



Responsive



Professional



You can contact us with questions at any time throughout the review.

# What is an electoral review?

An electoral review considers the electoral arrangements for a local authority

Number of councillors



Number of wards



Boundaries between wards



Names of each ward



Number of councillors elected to each ward



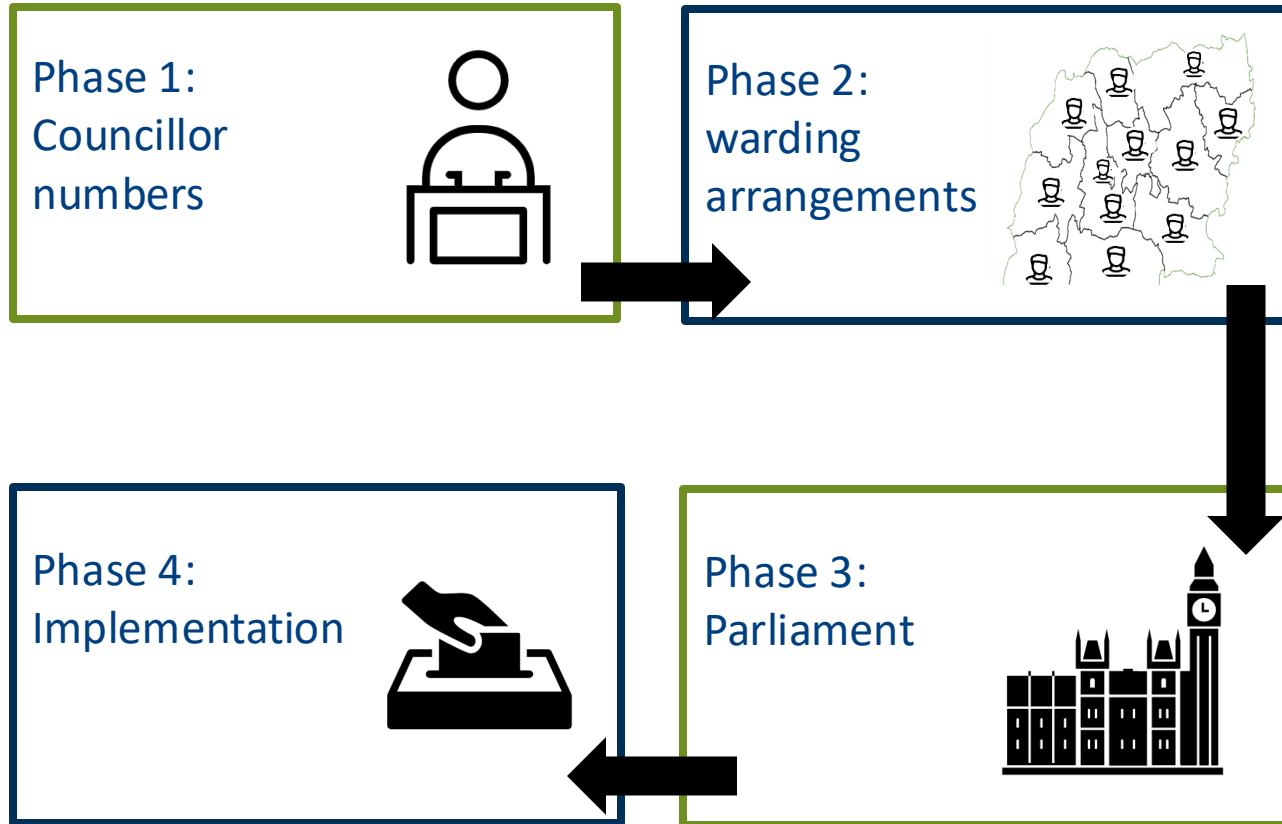
# Why Colchester?



Poor electoral equality  
(intervention review)

Colchester has poor electoral  
equality.

## Process:



# Phase 2: warding arrangements



The local community has at least two opportunities to tell us their views about how wards should be arranged.

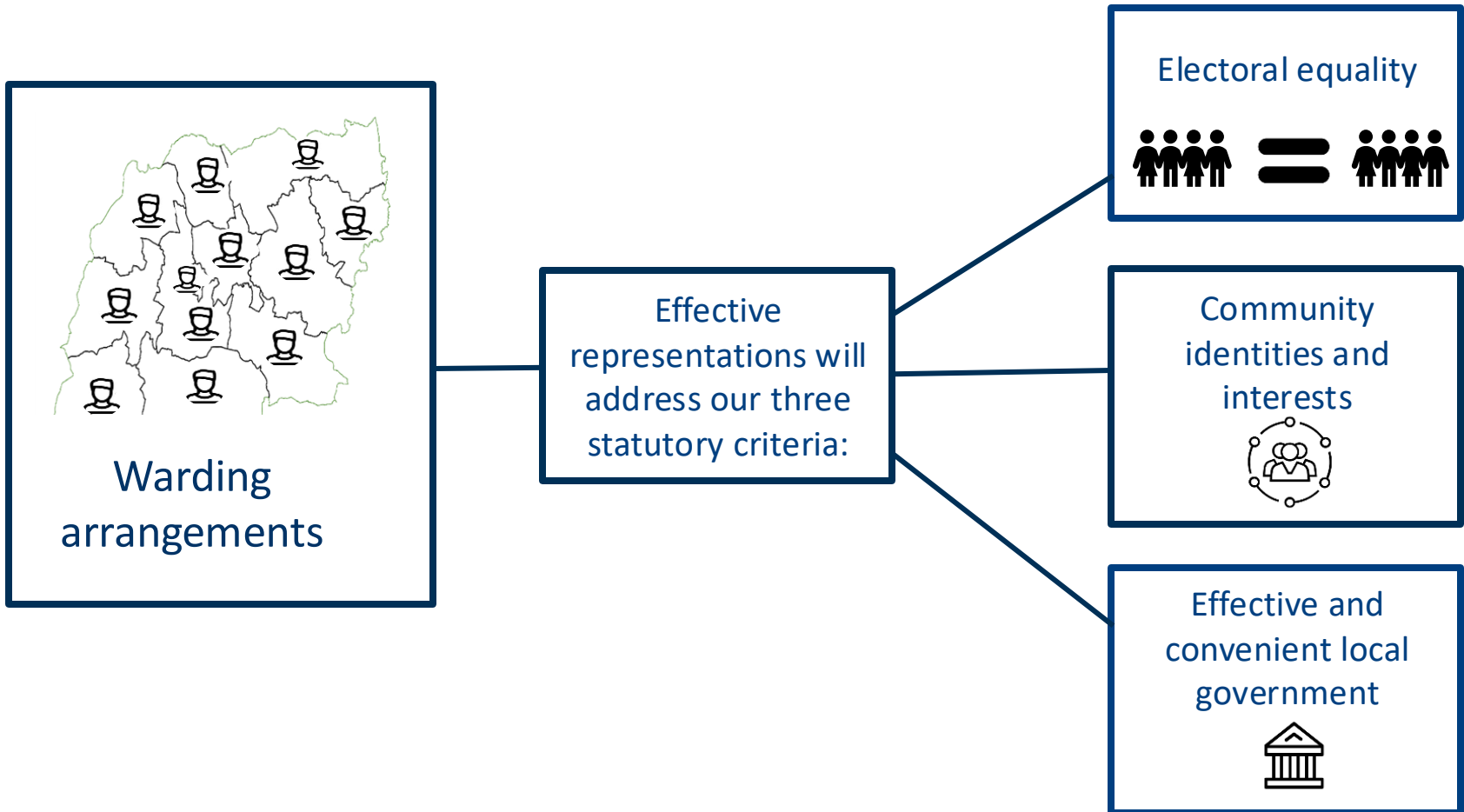
First consultation on warding arrangements:  
*30 July 2024 – 7 October 2024*

Consultation on draft proposals:  
*January – March 2025*

Sometimes we will hold an additional round of consultation if we want to test some proposals that are very different from our draft proposals

Publication of final proposals:  
*Summer 2025  
(later if further consultation needed)*

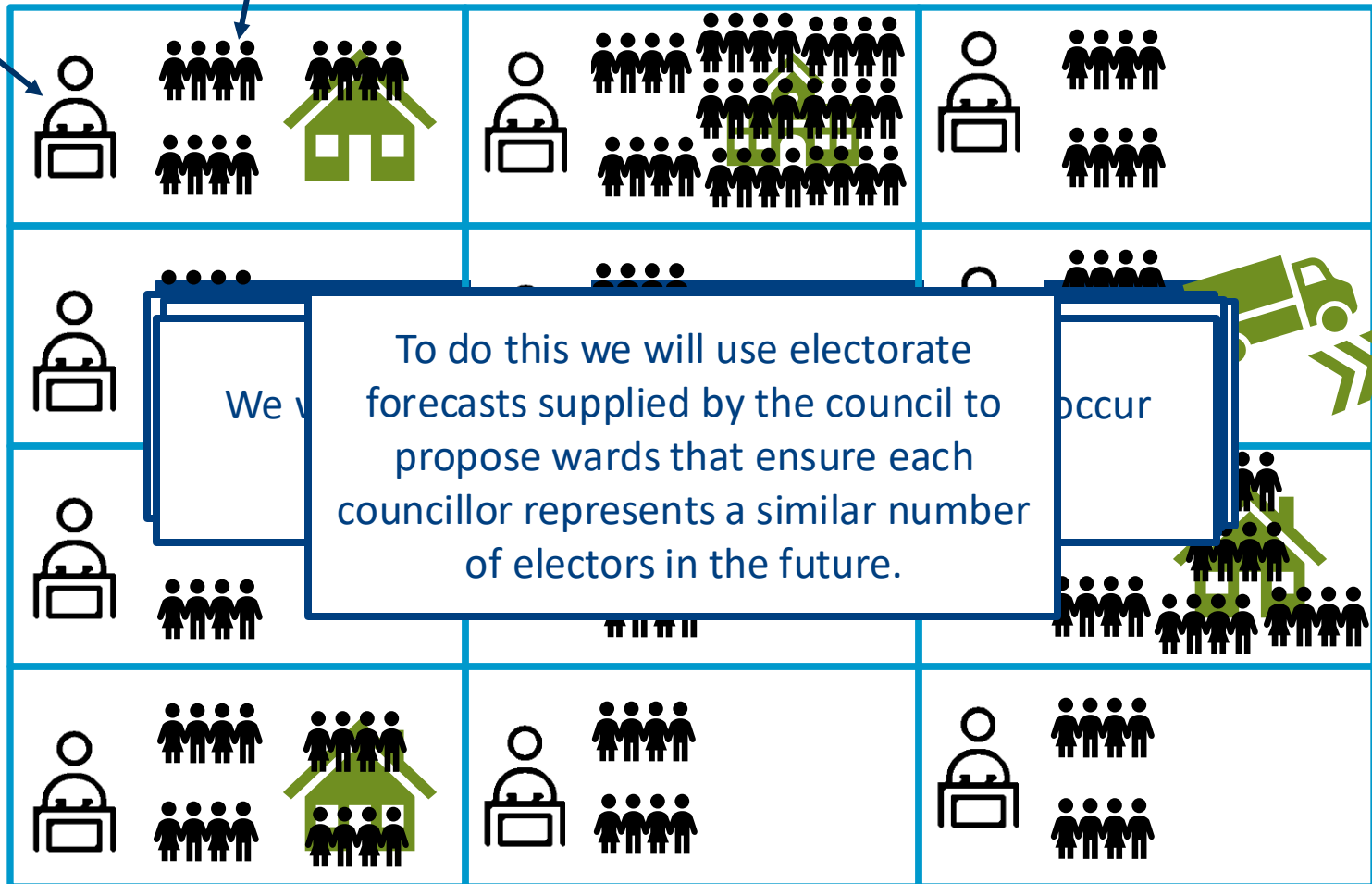
# Phase 2: warding arrangements (cont.)



# What do we mean by electoral equality?







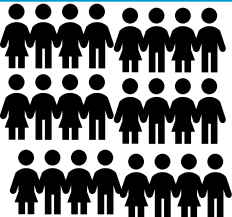





















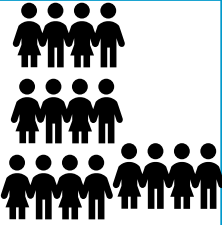












Councillor

Electors

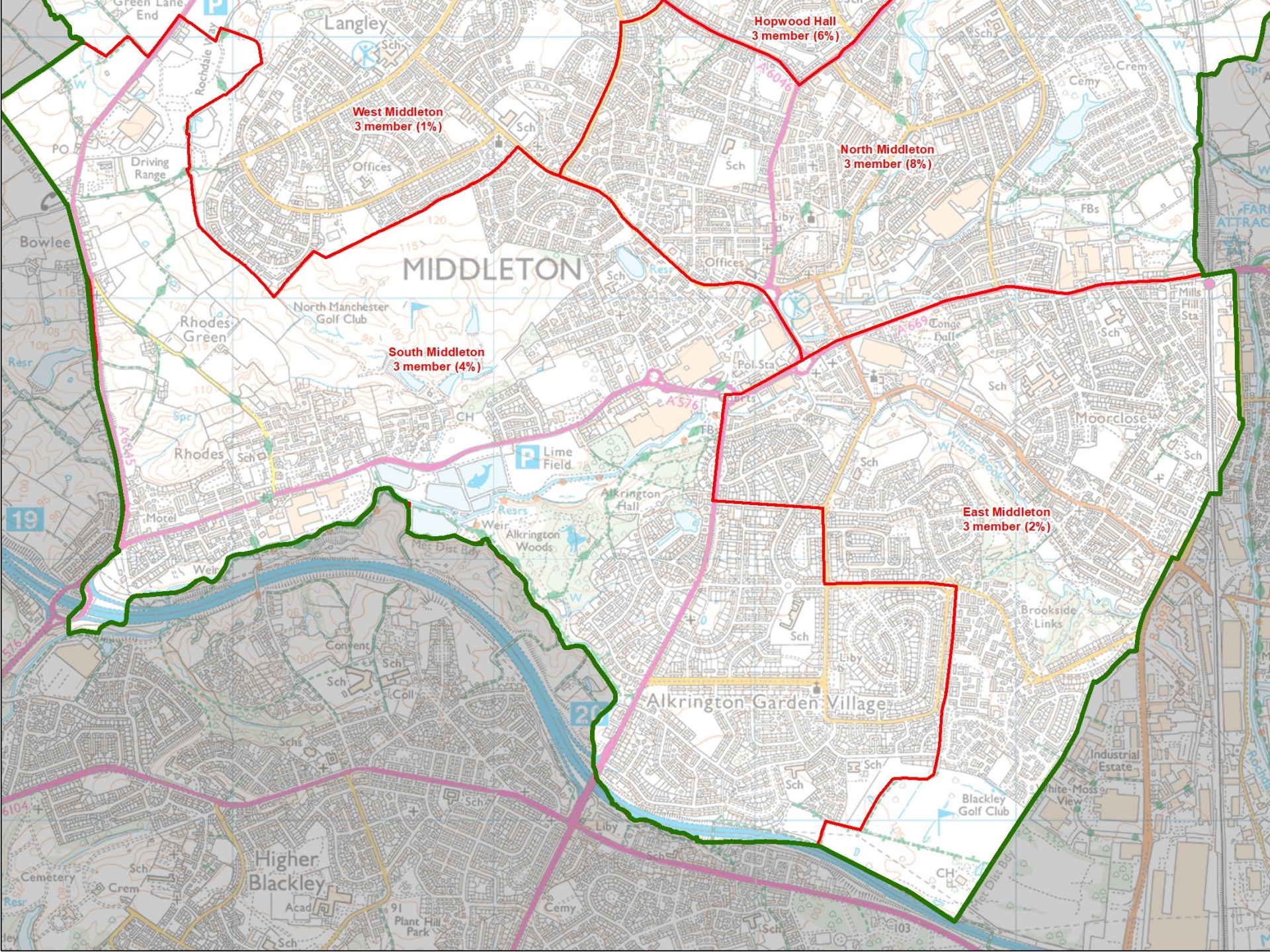




# What do we mean by electoral equality?





Langley

Hopwood Hall  
3 member (6%)

West Middleton  
3 member (1%)

North Middleton  
3 member (8%)

MIDDLETON

South Middleton  
3 member (4%)

East Middleton  
3 member (2%)

Alkington Garden Village

Higher Blackley



The  
Local Government  
Boundary Commission  
for England

An aerial photograph of a city, likely London, showing a dense urban area with residential streets, commercial buildings, and green spaces. A thick blue line is drawn across the image, representing a local government boundary. The line starts in the top left, follows a road, then curves through the city, crossing several major roads and green areas, and ends in the bottom right. A semi-transparent grey box with a thin border is centered over the middle of the image, containing text.

We look for strong and identifiable boundaries that should make it easy for councillors to represent their areas.

## What we can't consider

Political consequences

“It ain't broke, don't fix it” arguments

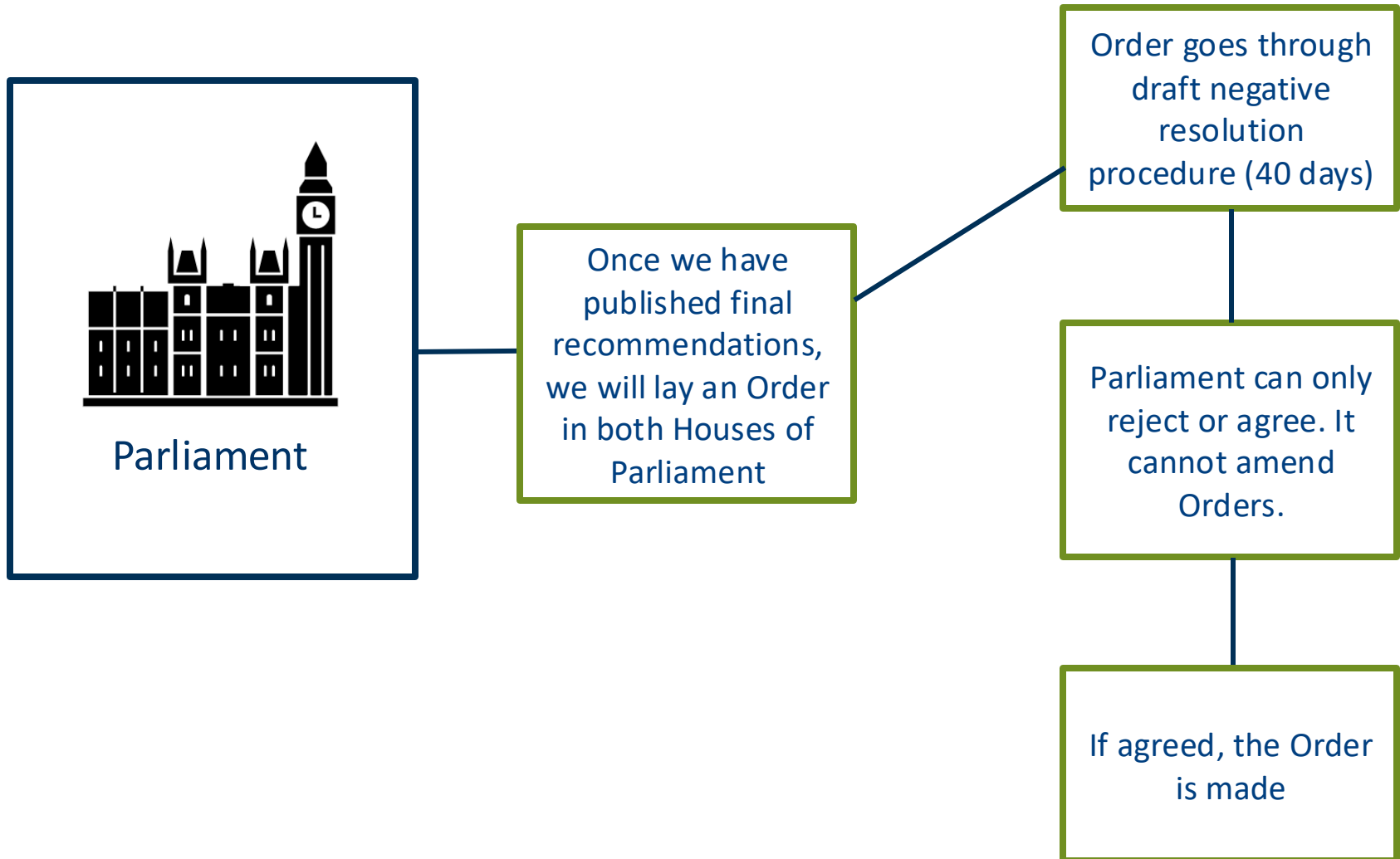
Parliamentary boundaries

Postcodes or addresses

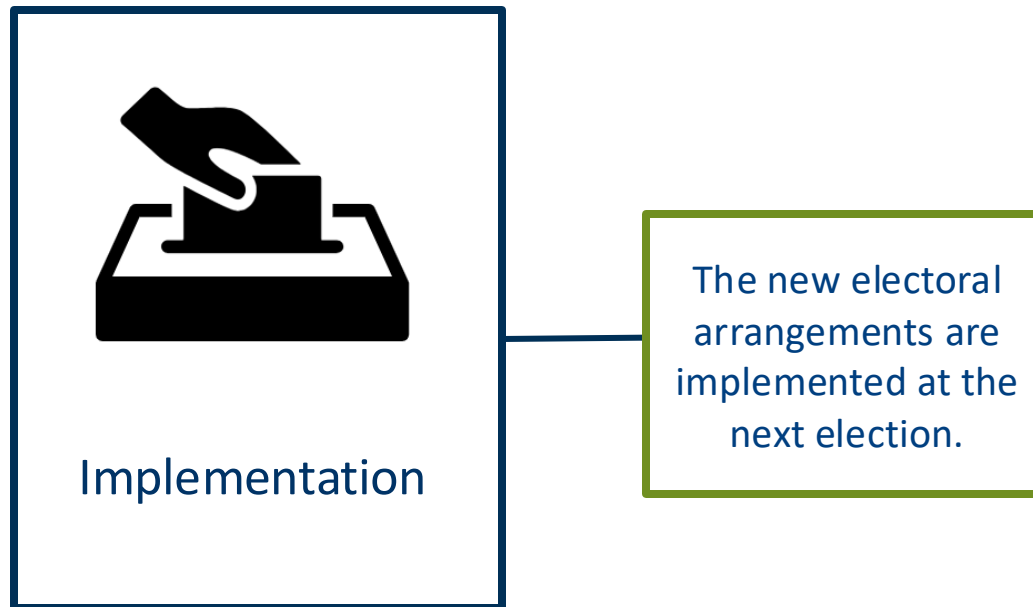
House prices or insurance

The external boundaries for the **city**

# Phase 3: Parliament



# Phase 4: Implementation



## How to make a submission or get in contact during the review



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Questions?