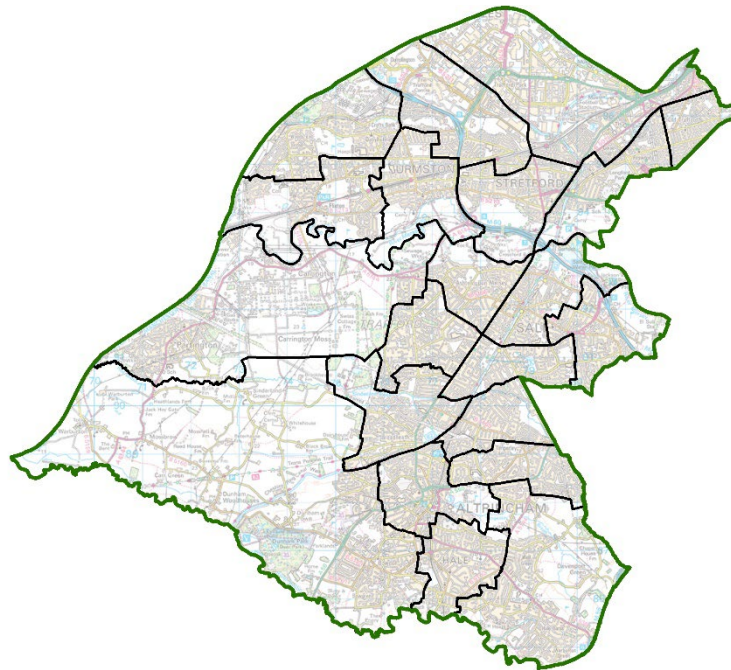


News Release from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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New political map for Trafford Council

Trafford is set to have new boundaries for its council wards.



New wards for Trafford

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High resolution map available at [https://s3-eu-west-](https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/Reviews/North%20West/Greater%20Manchester/Trafford/Final%200Recs/Map_labels.jpg)

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The Local Government Boundary Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It has reviewed Trafford to make sure councillors will represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements will help the council work effectively.

The Commission has published final recommendations for changes in Trafford. It says residents should be represented by 63 councillors. This is the same as the current arrangements.

There will be 21 three-member wards. The boundaries of most wards will change.

Publishing the recommendations Professor Colin Mellors, Chair of the Commission, said:

“We are very grateful to people in Trafford. We looked at all the views they gave us. They helped us improve our earlier proposals.

“We believe the new arrangements will guarantee electoral fairness while maintaining local ties.”

Changes in response to what local people said include:

- Following extensive community evidence, the Commission has been persuaded to change its proposed Western Parishes ward. Instead, the Commission is recommending adopting Bucklow-St Martins and Bowdon wards, to better represent community identity.
- The Commission has been persuaded to alter the boundary between Timperley Central ward and Hale Barns & Timperley South ward in order to unite the Broomwood Estate in a single ward following strong community evidence.

The Commission has made further changes to its earlier proposals. Details can be found on its website at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/north-west/greater-manchester/trafford>.

Parliament now needs to agree the changes. The new arrangements will then apply for the 2023 council elections.

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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/28204>

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
- Reflect the electoral cycle so that each ward is represented by three councillors
- Create boundaries that are appropriate, and reflect community ties and identities
- Deliver reviews informed by local needs, views and circumstances

