

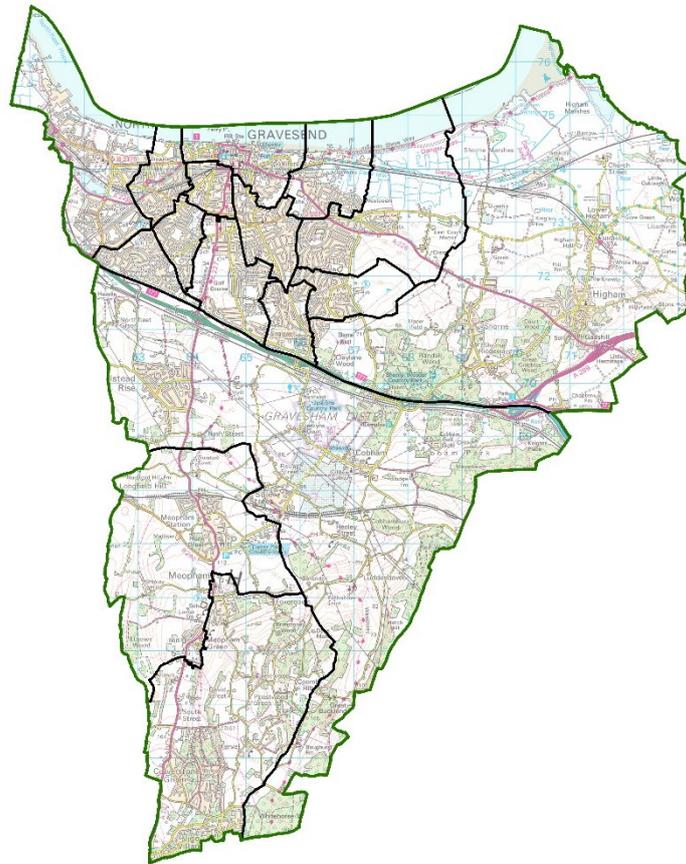
## News Release from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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### Have your say on a new political map for Gravesham Borough Council

New boundaries are being proposed for council wards in Gravesham Borough Council.

The Local Government Boundary Commission wants to hear what residents and local organisations think about the proposals. A 10 week consultation on the proposals will run until 10 January 2022.



Proposed wards for Gravesham

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The Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It is reviewing Gravesham 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 proposals for changes to Gravesham. It is proposing that there should be 16 wards; nine two-councilor wards, and seven three councilor wards. The boundaries of all but one ward have changed in our draft recommendations.

Proposed changes include:

- A new Town ward for the centre of Gravesend, formed from parts of the existing Central, Pelham, and Riverside wards;
- The grouping of Higham and Shorne parishes into a three-councillor Shorne & Higham ward, and of Cobham and Luddesdown parishes with Istead Rise in a two-councillor Istead Rise, Cobham & Luddesdown ward.

Launching the consultation Professor Colin Mellors, Chair of the Commission, said:

“We want people in Gravesham to help us.

“We have drawn up proposals for new wards in Gravesham. We want to make sure these new electoral arrangements reflect communities. We also want them to be easy to understand and convenient for local people.

“Residents and local organisations can help us do that. We would like them to let us know whether they agree with our proposals before we take final decisions.

“It’s easy to get involved. Go to our website. Or you can e-mail or write to us.

“Just tell us what you think and give us some details why you think that. It’s really simple, so do get involved”

The Commission has a dedicated section on its website where people can see the detail of the proposals and comment on the names of wards and their boundaries. <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/27825>

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

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An interactive map is available at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/27825>.

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