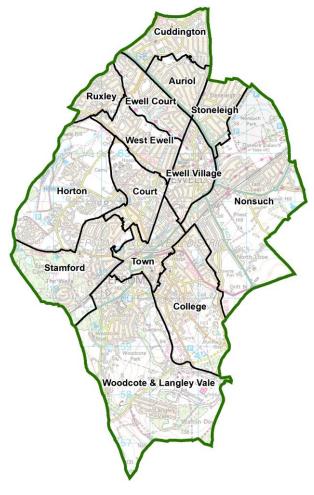
News Release from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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New political map for Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

Epsom and Ewell is set to have new boundaries for its council wards.



New wards for Epsom and Ewell Credit: contains Ordnance Survey data (c) Crown copyright and database rights 2022

High resolution map available at: https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/Epsom%20Ewell%20FR%20Labels.pdf

The Local Government Boundary Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It has reviewed Epsom and Ewell 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 Epsom and Ewell borough Council. It says residents should be represented by 35 councillors. This is three fewer than current arrangements.

There will be 14 wards; seven two-councillor wards, and seven three-councillor wards. This is one ward more than there are now.

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

"We are very grateful to people in Epsom and Ewell. 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."

A total of 91 submissions from local residents and organisations helped decide the new wards. Changes in response to what local people said include:

- Changes to the boundary between Court and West Ewell and Court and Horton wards on the basis of submissions received
- We also propose to rename Woodcote ward to Woodcote & Langley Vale on the basis of submissions received

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/south-east/surrey/epsom-and-ewell

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

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An interactive map is available at https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/27356

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