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Analysis and further draft recommendations in Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree, Fairfield, Grangefield, Newtown, Ingleby Barwick, Southern Parishes and Yarm

1 Following our consultation on the draft recommendations for Stockton-on-Tees, the Commission has decided to hold a period of consultation on further draft recommendations in Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree, Fairfield, Grangefield, Newtown, Ingleby Barwick, Southern Parishes and Yarm. The Commission believes it has received sufficient evidence relating to the rest of the borough to finalise its recommendations.

2 During the consultation on our draft recommendations, which were published on 11 May 2021, we received 110 representations. These included borough-wide comments from groups on the Council and a local resident. Many submissions focused on specific areas across the borough. We received a large number of objections to our draft recommendations from the Grangefield community. We also received a mixture of support and objections to our proposals for Ingleby Barwick, Southern Parishes and Yarm.

3 Accordingly, we have been persuaded to amend our proposals and publish further draft recommendations for Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree, Fairfield, Grangefield, Newtown, Ingleby Barwick, Southern Parishes and Yarm. We are now inviting further views in these areas.

4 We have adopted the revised proposals put forward for these areas. These proposals address the issues raised by a significant number of residents. However, they increase the number of councillors who will represent Stockton-on-Tees Council in future from 56 – the figure identified in our draft recommendations – to 57. We note that this is an increase of one from the original council size that we agreed for Stockton-on-Tees. However, we are content that 57 is a sufficient number of councillors for the Council to carry out its roles and responsibilities effectively.

5 We welcome all comments on these proposals, particularly on the location of the ward boundaries and the names of our proposed wards. This stage of consultation begins on 23 November 2021 and closes on 10 January 2022. Please see page 17 for more information on how to send us your response. Following this period of consultation, the Commission expects to publish final recommendations for Stockton-on-Tees on 29 March 2021.

6 The tables and maps on pages 5–13 detail our further draft recommendations. They detail how the proposed ward arrangements reflect the three statutory criteria of:

- Equality of representation
- Reflecting community interests and identities
- Providing for effective and convenient local government

7 The updated timetable for the electoral review of Stockton-on-Tees is:

Stage starts	Description
20 October 2020	Number of councillors decided
27 October 2020	Start of consultation seeking views on new divisions
11 January 2021	End of consultation; we began analysing submissions and forming draft recommendations
11 May 2021	Publication of draft recommendations; start of second consultation
19 July 2021	End of consultation; we began analysing submissions and forming final recommendations
23 November 2021	Publication of further draft recommendations; start of limited consultation
10 January 2022	End of limited consultation; we begin analysing submissions and forming final recommendations
29 March 2022	Publication of final recommendations

Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree, Fairfield, Grangefield and Newtown



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2026
Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree	2	1%
Fairfield	2	-1%
Grangefield	1	6%
Newtown	2	-7%

Fairfield and Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree

8 Our draft recommendations for this area were based on the Conservative Group’s scheme as well as our own proposals, identifying some alternative boundaries based on the evidence we received regarding communities in Fairfield. Our proposals divided the existing Fairfield ward at Bishopton Road West, moving electors into our proposed Fairfield North & Elm Tree and Fairfield South wards. In response to our draft recommendations we received seven responses to our proposals, from the Liberal Democrat Group, local councillors and five local residents.

9 The Liberal Democrat Group made a number of proposals based on our draft recommendations. Along with a local resident, they suggested that Bishopsgarth be included in our proposed two-councillor Fairfield North & Elm Tree ward. The Group suggested the ward name of Bishopsgarth, Elm Tree & Fairfield North. The Liberal

Democrat Group also proposed that electors west of Rimswell Road should be included in our proposed two-councillor Fairfield South ward. Having carefully considered the proposal, we note that the proposed wards would have poor electoral equality in 2026, with Fairfield South ward forecast to have a variance of 20% more electors than the borough average and Bishopsgarth, Elm Tree & Fairfield North ward forecast to have an electoral variance of 11% more electors than the borough average. In our view, these levels of electoral inequality have not been justified by the evidence received. We are therefore not adopting these proposals as part of our further draft recommendations.

10 Fairfield ward councillors objected to our draft recommendation proposals, arguing that Fairfield should not be split into two. They primarily argued that the boundaries should remain as they are. However, the existing ward is forecast to have 13% fewer electors than the borough average by 2026. In our view, this level of electoral inequality has not been justified by the evidence we have received.

11 To improve electoral equality, the councillors proposed some alternative arrangements to the existing ward. They suggested including the Harrowgate Lane development zone D in the ward. However, this amendment only marginally improves the electoral variance to 12% fewer electors than the average for the borough by 2026. We have therefore not adopted this proposal as part of our further draft recommendations.

12 The councillors also proposed dividing part of the Yarm Back Lane development zone E – which is currently part of Hartburn ward – and moving half of the electors forecast to occupy the area to Fairfield ward. While we acknowledge this proposal, the councillors did not provide compelling community evidence regarding why electors forecast to occupy the area should be included in Fairfield ward. We have therefore not adopted this proposal as part of our further draft recommendations.

13 The councillors also proposed an alternative arrangement which extended the south-western boundary of Fairfield ward to include Surbiton Road, Moulton Grove and adjoining roads. This was also proposed by a local resident. However, we are not of the view that the proposed boundary would be strong or identifiable. We also consider that the proposal would unnecessarily split what appears to be a single cohesive community in Hartburn. We have therefore not adopted this proposal as part of our further draft recommendations.

14 Finally, the Fairfield ward councillors argued that electors from Claremont Gardens, Fairfield Close, Gilling Road, The Avenue, Bishopton Road West and Bishopton Court continue to identify with Fairfield and some 'believe they still reside in the Fairfield Ward'.

15 Four residents argued to retain the existing boundaries of Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree, as electors in these areas are connected by the use of local amenities and also share easy access by foot and by road. They contended that these areas share a community identity, and do not have an affinity with Hardwick.

16 We carefully considered the submissions received for this area and assessed the merits of a number of different warding patterns. While we are of the view that the levels of electoral inequality facilitated by the existing Fairfield ward boundaries have not been justified by the evidence, we do acknowledge that compelling evidence of communities has been provided for some areas of the ward and we have sought to reflect these views in our further draft recommendations for this area. In particular, we are persuaded by the evidence that the existing northern boundaries of Fairfield ward should be maintained, with all electors with access from Bishopton Road West included in the ward. We are recommending also including Bishopton Court, Fairfield Close, Gilling Road, The Avenue and all adjoining roads in the ward.

17 We are also of the view that we have received strong community evidence regarding Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree and that these two areas should remain together in a two-member ward. Our revised proposals for Fairfield ward facilitate this arrangement.

18 Our revised Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree and Fairfield wards would provide for good levels of electoral equality, with 1% more and 1% fewer electors than the borough average by 2026, respectively.

19 We encourage local residents and stakeholders to tell us what they think about these new proposals.

Grangefield and Newtown

20 Our draft recommendations for this area were based on the Conservative Group's scheme as well as our own proposals, identifying some alternative boundaries based on the evidence we received regarding local communities. This included extending the existing Newtown ward south along the A1027, including the entirety of Stockton Grange and Grangefield in the ward. In response to our draft recommendations we received 47 responses to our proposals in this area, all from local residents.

21 Thirty-four local residents proposed that Grangefield and Newtown wards should retain their existing boundaries. We received several well-evidenced representations which highlighted the community ties residents have to Grangefield through accessibility to local amenities, residents' groups and other local community groups. The representations also contended that the local issues faced by local electors in this area are relevant to Grangefield and would be best served by councillors who specifically represent them.

22 While we acknowledge the strong community representations, an arrangement which retains the existing boundaries of Grangefield ward would have a knock-on effect to the neighbouring Fairfield ward and would create an electoral variance of 13% there. Furthermore, the existing southern boundary of Grangefield ward includes an area of our proposed Hartburn ward. At the previous stage of consultation, we received strong evidence that this area should be included in Hartburn ward. We have therefore not adopted this proposal as part of our further draft recommendations.

23 Four local residents proposed a single-member ward for Grangefield, incorporating residents from the Newham Grange area. However, this proposed ward would have an electoral variance of 112% more electors than the borough average by 2026. We have therefore not adopted this proposal as part of our further draft recommendations.

24 Three local residents proposed that Grangefield should become a single-member ward in a different configuration, with the Newtown area joining Stockton Town Centre in a three-member ward. However, this ward would have 86% more electors than the borough average by 2026. We have therefore not adopted this proposal as part of our further draft recommendations.

25 Two further local residents agreed with our draft recommendation proposals.

26 A resident proposed retaining most of the existing ward boundaries for Grangefield and Newtown, outlining two census output areas which they argued should be moved into the wards in order to improve electoral equality. While we acknowledge this proposal, we do not consider census output areas to provide strong or identifiable boundaries and are not persuaded that there is sufficient community evidence to justify this change.

27 We carefully considered the submissions received for this area and assessed the merits of a number of different warding patterns. As described above, it would not be possible to recommend a Grangefield ward in its current arrangement while also ensuring a good balance of our three statutory criteria across the other wards in the area. However, we have been persuaded that Grangefield has its own specific community identity that would be best reflected in a single-member ward.

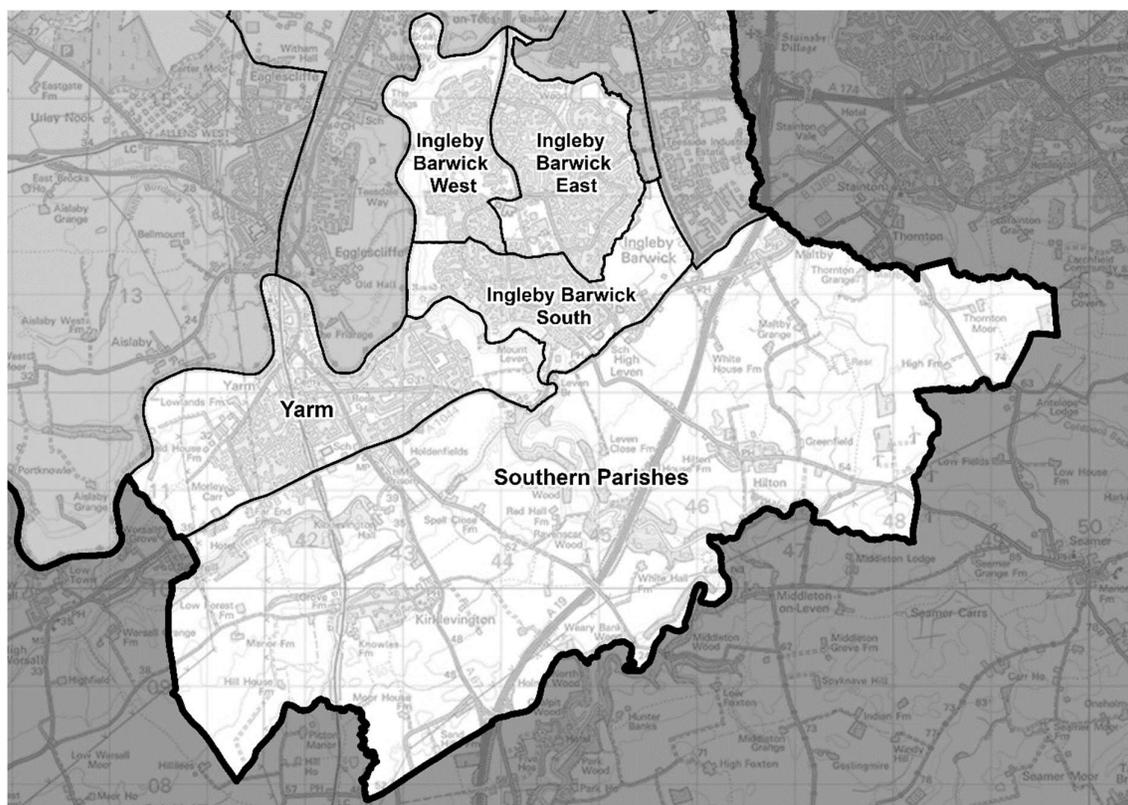
28 In light of the evidence received, we are proposing several amendments to our draft recommendations in order to accommodate a single-councillor Grangefield ward. We recommend retaining the existing northern boundary of Grangefield ward, with the ward's southern boundary now running along Oxbridge Lane. Electors to the south of Oxbridge Lane will move to Hartburn ward, as in our draft recommendation proposals. The western boundary of the ward will run up Fairfield Road and along the backs of houses on The Avenue and Victoria Road before re-joining the existing

boundary on Bishopton Road West. In Newtown, we recommend retaining the existing ward boundaries in this area.

29 We are of the view that these revised proposals for the area reflect compelling evidence of communities, while providing for good levels of electoral equality and identifiable local boundaries. Our revised proposals for Grangefield and Newtown wards would have 6% more and 7% fewer electors than the borough average by 2026, respectively.

30 We encourage local residents and stakeholders to tell us what they think about this alternative warding arrangement.

Ingleby Barwick, Southern Parishes and Yarm



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2026
Ingleby Barwick East	3	-8%
Ingleby Barwick South	2	6%
Ingleby Barwick West	2	-9%
Southern Parishes	1	5%
Yarm	3	-6%

Yarm and Southern Parishes

31 Our draft recommendations for this area were based on a combination of the submissions we received as well as our own proposals. This included a three-councillor Yarm ward comprising Yarm parish and all developments with access from Green Lane. We also proposed a single-councillor Southern Parishes ward. In response to our draft recommendations we received 14 responses to our proposals from a local councillor, Kirklevington & Castle Leavington Parish Council and 11 local residents.

32 A local councillor, Kirklevington & Castle Leavington Parish Council and four local residents objected to our draft recommendation proposals. They argued that Yarm ward should retain its existing boundaries. Kirklevington & Castle Leavington Parish Council and three local residents also objected to the splitting of Kirklevington

parish into two wards. As part of our draft recommendations, we proposed that electors from new developments accessed by Green Lane should be included in Yarm ward. All representations argued that Kirklevington parish should be wholly included in Yarm ward. However, the existing Yarm ward is forecast to have 20% more electors than the borough average by 2026. In our view, this level of electoral inequality is unacceptably high. We are therefore not adopting this proposal as part of our further draft recommendations.

33 One local resident recommended that Kirklevington Hall remain in Southern Parishes with the majority of the parish of Kirklevington.

34 Thornaby Independent Association suggested that developments taking place adjacent to Thornaby Road, included as part of our proposed Southern Parishes ward, should be included in Village ward. We have not been convinced that there is sufficient evidence to include these developments in Village ward as they do not appear to have any community links to the area and are divided from residents in Village ward by the Teeside Industrial Estate.

35 A resident proposed dividing Yarm between two new wards, with the area east of the railway line moving into a ward with Aislaby, Newsham and Longnewton parishes. The remainder of Yarm would remain in a ward with Kirklevington and Castle Levington parishes. While we acknowledge this proposal, we do not consider this warding pattern to provide strong or identifiable boundaries and are not persuaded that there is sufficient evidence to justify this change.

36 Three further local residents agreed with our draft recommendation proposals.

37 Two residents argued that Yarm should be placed in North Yorkshire. This is not within the scope of the review as the Commission's recommendations cannot affect the external boundaries of the borough.

38 We carefully considered the submissions received for this area and assessed the merits of a number of different warding patterns. We acknowledge local views that Kirklevington parish is best represented if it remains wholly within a single borough ward. However, as described above, it would not be possible to recommend a Yarm ward in its current arrangement while also ensuring for fair levels of electoral equality. Furthermore, an arrangement which includes the entirety of Kirklevington parish in our proposed Southern Parishes ward would result in the ward having an electoral variance of 37% more electors than the borough average by 2026.

39 The only alternative we have identified is to include the developments taking place in Little Maltby Farm, currently part of Maltby parish, in an Ingleby Barwick ward. While we acknowledge that this does not reflect the existing makeup of parishes in the area, it is the only arrangement we have been able to identify that will

keep Kirklevington together while securing good electoral equality across the south of the borough. We note that Little Maltby Farm has good road access to Ingleby Barwick via Low Lane. As a consequence of this proposal, we are also suggesting a three-member Yarm ward comprising the entirety of Yarm parish. As a result, Southern Parishes would have 5% more electors than the borough average by 2026, while Yarm would have 6% fewer.

40 We welcome local views on these alternative proposals.

Ingleby Barwick East, Ingleby Barwick West and Ingleby Barwick South

41 Our draft recommendations for this area were based on a combination of the submissions we received as well as our own proposals. This included splitting Ingleby Barwick parish into two three-councillor North and South wards. In response to our draft recommendations we received four responses to our proposals, from Ingleby Barwick Independent Society, a local councillor and two local residents.

42 Ingleby Barwick Independent Society proposed some alterations to our draft recommendations. They primarily argued that Ingleby Barwick should be split into three wards in order to accommodate the inclusion of developments taking place in Little Maltby Farm. The proposed wards would comprise an Ingleby Barwick North ward, incorporating The Rings and Broom Hill villages; an Ingleby Barwick Central ward, including Lowfields Village, Beckfields Village, the Town Centre and properties off Blair Avenue; and an Ingleby Barwick South ward, consisting of Roundhill Village, Sober Hall and Little Maltby Farm. Having considered these proposals, however, we note that the wards would not provide for good levels of electoral equality. The proposed two-councillor Ingleby Barwick Central ward would have an electoral variance of 25% more electors than the borough average by 2026. We are therefore not adopting this proposed arrangement as part of our further draft recommendations.

43 A local resident proposed retaining an east–west split to the parish, maintaining the existing boundaries except for the movement of one polling district, IBW3, which would be included in Ingleby Barwick East. While we acknowledge this proposal, we do not consider polling districts to provide strong or identifiable boundaries and are not persuaded that there is sufficient community evidence to justify this change.

44 A local councillor and a local resident argued that Marchlyn Crescent should be included in our proposed Ingleby Barwick South ward. However, this amendment would create an electoral variance of 15% more electors than the borough average by 2026. In our view, this level of electoral inequality has not been justified by the evidence and we are therefore not adopting this proposal as part of our further draft recommendations.

45 We carefully considered the submissions received for this area and assessed the merits of a number of different warding patterns. In light of the changes made to our proposals for Southern Parishes ward, described in paragraph 39, we are recommending that Little Maltby Farm is included in Ingleby Barwick. However, the area is forecast to contain over 800 electors and including it in our proposed Ingleby Barwick South ward would result in the ward having 15% more electors than the borough average by 2026.

46 We have assessed the proposals from Ingleby Barwick Independent Society and consider that, with modification and the addition of another councillor, it is possible to reflect some of the evidence received while also accommodating Little Maltby Farm. We therefore propose splitting the area into three wards, comprising two two-councillor wards and one three-councillor ward.

47 In the south of Ingleby Barwick, we are partially adopting Ingleby Barwick Independent Society's proposals. We are proposing a two-councillor Ingleby Barwick South ward that includes Little Maltby Farm, Sober Hall and most of Roundhill Village. The ward's northern boundary will move across Bassleton Beck, up Barwick Way, and west along Blair Avenue to the River Tees. The ward's southern boundary will run along Low Lane. While we acknowledge that this proposal does not address the concerns regarding Marchlyn Crescent made by a councillor and local resident, we are of the view that on balance this arrangement provides for the best balance of our statutory criteria across Ingleby Barwick. This amendment would result in Ingleby Barwick South ward having 6% more electors than the borough average by 2026.

48 In the northern portion of the parish we are partially adopting proposals from Ingleby Barwick Independent Society and a local resident for a two-councillor Ingleby Barwick West ward and a three-councillor Ingleby Barwick East ward. Myton Way will act as a boundary between the two wards, as at present, before moving west along Blair Way and south behind the backs of houses on Cradoc Grove, Beacons Lane and Aberbran Court. Electors on the west side of Blair Way, with access from Beacons Lane, would be included in Ingleby Barwick West ward. As a result, the modified Ingleby Barwick West and Ingleby Barwick East wards would have 9% fewer and 8% fewer electors than the borough average by 2026, respectively.

49 We acknowledge that these proposals do not address all of the concerns across the area. However, they do allow us to address and reflect the strong community evidence provided in Kirklevington and Yarm, while also enabling us to accommodate changes to Little Maltby Farm. We welcome local views on these changes.

Parish electoral arrangements

50 As part of an electoral review, we are required to have regard to the statutory criteria set out in Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (the 2009 Act). The Schedule provides that if a parish is to be divided between different wards it must also be divided into parish wards, so that each parish ward lies wholly within a single ward. We cannot recommend changes to the external boundaries of parishes as part of an electoral review.

51 Under the 2009 Act we only have the power to make changes to parish electoral arrangements where these are as a direct consequence of our recommendations for principal authority warding arrangements. However, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council has powers under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to conduct community governance reviews to effect changes to parish electoral arrangements.

52 As a result of our proposed ward boundaries and having regard to the statutory criteria set out in schedule 2 to the 2009 Act, we are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Ingleby Barwick and Maltby parishes.

53 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Ingleby Barwick Parish Council.

Draft recommendations

Ingleby Barwick should comprise 12 councillors, as at present, representing three wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Ingleby Barwick East	6
Ingleby Barwick South	3
Ingleby Barwick West	3

54 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Maltby Parish Council.

Draft recommendations

Maltby Parish Council should comprise six councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Little Maltby Farm	4
Maltby Rural	2

Have your say

55 The Commission has an open mind about its draft recommendations. Every representation we receive will be considered, regardless of who it is from or whether it relates to the whole borough or just a part of it.

56 If you agree with our recommendations, please let us know. If you don't think our recommendations are right for Stockton-on-Tees, we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of wards.

57 Our website has a special consultation area where you can explore the maps and draw your own proposed boundaries. You can find it at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk

58 Submissions can also be made by emailing reviews@lgbce.org.uk or by writing to:

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59 The Commission aims to propose a pattern of wards for Stockton-on-Tees which delivers:

- Electoral equality: each local councillor represents a similar number of electors.
- Community identity: reflects the identity and interests of local communities.
- Effective and convenient local government: helping your council discharge its responsibilities effectively.

60 A good pattern of wards should:

- Provide good electoral equality, with each councillor representing, as closely as possible, the same number of electors.
- Reflect community interests and identities and include evidence of community links.
- Be based on strong, easily identifiable boundaries.
- Help the council deliver effective and convenient local government.

61 Electoral equality:

- Does your proposal mean that councillors would represent roughly the same number of electors as elsewhere in Stockton-on-Tees?

62 Community identity:

- Community groups: is there a parish council, residents' association or other group that represents the area?
- Interests: what issues bind the community together or separate it from other parts of your area?
- Identifiable boundaries: are there natural or constructed features which make strong boundaries for your proposals?

63 Effective local government:

- Are any of the proposed wards too large or small to be represented effectively?
- Are the proposed names of the wards appropriate?
- Are there good links across your proposed wards? Is there any form of public transport?

64 Please note that the consultation stages of an electoral review are public consultations. In the interests of openness and transparency, we make available for public inspection full copies of all representations the Commission takes into account as part of a review. Accordingly, copies of all representations will be placed on deposit at our offices and on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk. A list of respondents will be available from us on request after the end of the consultation period.

65 If you are a member of the public and not writing on behalf of a council or organisation we will remove any personal identifiers. This includes your name, postal or email addresses, signatures or phone numbers from your submission before it is made public. We will remove signatures from all letters, no matter who they are from.

66 In the light of representations received, we will review our draft recommendations and consider whether they should be altered. As indicated earlier, it is therefore important that all interested parties let us have their views and evidence, **whether or not** they agree with the draft recommendations. We will then publish our final recommendations.

67 After the publication of our final recommendations, the changes we have proposed must be approved by Parliament. An Order – the legal document which brings into force our recommendations – will be laid in draft in Parliament. The draft

Order will provide for new electoral arrangements to be implemented at the all-out elections for Stockton-on-Tees in 2023.

Equalities

68 The Commission has looked at how it carries out reviews under the guidelines set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. It has made best endeavours to ensure that people with protected characteristics can participate in the review process and is sufficiently satisfied that no adverse equality impacts will arise as a result of the outcome of the review.

Appendices

Appendix A

Further draft recommendations for Stockton-on-Tees

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2020)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2026)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree	2	5,040	2,520	-3%	5,215	2,608	1%
2	Fairfield	2	6,027	3,014	16%	5,130	2,565	-1%
3	Grangefield	1	1,934	1,934	-25%	2,756	2,756	6%
4	Ingleby Barwick East	3	7,371	2,457	-5%	7,137	2,379	-8%
5	Ingleby Barwick South	2	4,957	2,479	-4%	5,480	2,740	6%
6	Ingleby Barwick West	2	4,665	2,333	-10%	4,736	2,368	-9%
7	Newtown	2	4,778	2,389	-8%	4,823	2,412	-7%
8	Southern Parishes	1	2,123	2,123	-18%	2,735	2,735	5%
9	Yarm	3	7,009	2,336	-10%	7,304	2,435	-6%

Source: Electorate figures are based on information provided by Stockton-on-Tees.

Note: The 'variance from average' column shows by how far, in percentage terms, the number of electors per councillor in each electoral ward varies from the average for the borough. The minus symbol (-) denotes a lower than average number of electors. Figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

Appendix B

Submissions received

All submissions received can also be viewed on our website at:

www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/north-east/stockton-on-tees/stockton-on-tees

Local Authority

- Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

Political Groups

- Fairfield & Yarm Independents
- Ingleby Barwick Independent Society
- Stockton-on-Tees Conservative Group
- Stockton-on-Tees Labour Group
- Stockton-on-Tees Liberal Democrat Group
- Thornaby Independent Association

Councillors

- Councillor L. Baldock (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
- Councillor M. Perry & Councillor B. Woodhead MBE (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
- Councillor T. Strike (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)

Parish and Town Councils

- Billingham Town Council
- Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe Parish Council
- Kirklevington & Castle Levington Parish Council
- Redmarshall Parish Council
- Stillington & Whitton Parish Council
- Thornaby Town Council

Local Residents

- 100 local residents

Appendix D

Glossary and abbreviations

Council size	The number of councillors elected to serve on a council
Electoral Change Order (or Order)	A legal document which implements changes to the electoral arrangements of a local authority
Division	A specific area of a county, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever division they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the county council
Electoral inequality	Where there is a difference between the number of electors represented by a councillor and the average for the local authority
Electorate	People in the authority who are registered to vote in elections. We only take account of electors registered specifically for local elections during our reviews.
Number of electors per councillor	The total number of electors in a local authority divided by the number of councillors
Over-represented	Where there are fewer electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average
Parish	A specific and defined area of land within a single local authority enclosed within a parish boundary. There are over 10,000 parishes in England, which provide the first tier of representation to their local residents

Parish council	A body elected by electors in the parish which serves and represents the area defined by the parish boundaries. See also 'Town council'
Parish (or town) council electoral arrangements	The total number of councillors on any one parish or town council; the number, names and boundaries of parish wards; and the number of councillors for each ward
Parish ward	A particular area of a parish, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever parish ward they live for candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the parish council
Town council	A parish council which has been given ceremonial 'town' status. More information on achieving such status can be found at www.nalc.gov.uk
Under-represented	Where there are more electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average
Variance (or electoral variance)	How far the number of electors per councillor in a ward or division varies in percentage terms from the average
Ward	A specific area of a district or borough, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever ward they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the district or borough council

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