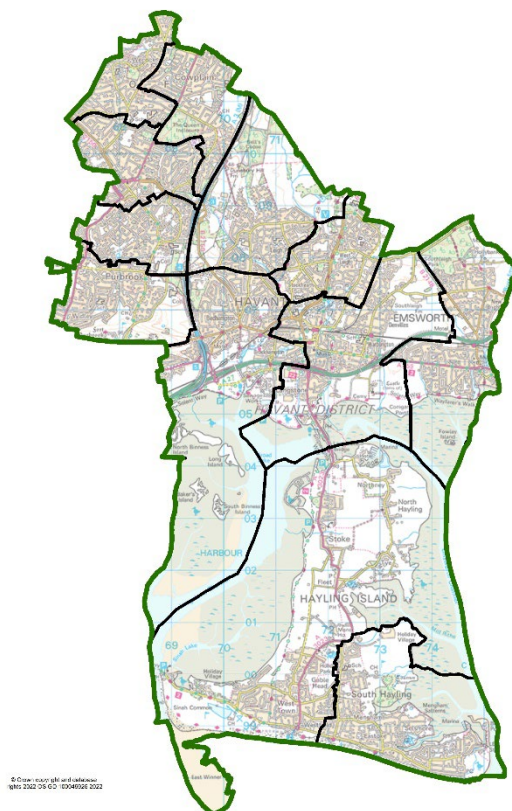


News Release from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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New political map for Havant Borough Council

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



New wards for Havant
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High resolution map available at
<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-east/hampshire/havant>

The Local Government Boundary Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It has reviewed Havant 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 Havant. It says residents should be represented by 36 councillors. This is two fewer councillors than there are currently.

There will be three councillors per ward. Three wards will remain the same, nine will have different boundaries.

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

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

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

The Commission has made further changes to its earlier proposals. Details can be found on its website at consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/29986

The changes become law once Parliament has approved them. Staff at the council will ensure that the arrangements are in place for the May 2024 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/29986>

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