

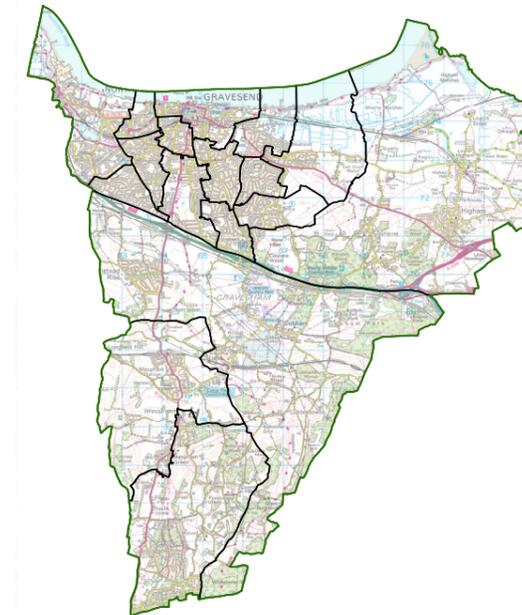
## Our Recommendations

The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the number of voters in each ward. The table also shows the electoral variances for each of the proposed wards which tells you how we have delivered electoral equality. Finally, the table includes electorate projections for 2027 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

# Gravesham Borough Council

## Final Recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2021)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2027)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Chalk	1	2,141	2,141	10%	2,184	2,184	-1%
2	Coldharbour & Perry Street	3	6,574	2,191	12%	6,990	2,330	6%
3	Denton	2	3,670	1,835	-6%	4,298	2,149	-3%
4	Higham & Shorne	3	5,154	1,718	-12%	5,933	1,978	-10%
5	Istead Rise, Cobham & Luddesdown	2	4,070	2,035	4%	4,792	2,396	9%
6	Meopham North	2	2,775	1,388	-29%	4,330	2,165	-2%
7	Meopham South & Vigo	2	4,159	2,080	7%	4,233	2,117	-4%
8	Northfleet & Springhead	3	5,503	1,834	-6%	6,727	2,242	2%
9	Painters Ash	2	4,334	2,167	11%	4,484	2,242	2%
10	Pelham	2	4,235	2,118	9%	4,543	2,272	3%
11	Riverview Park	2	4,113	2,057	5%	4,273	2,137	-3%
12	Rosherville	2	3,077	1,539	-21%	4,138	2,069	-6%
13	Singlewell	2	4,483	2,242	15%	4,534	2,267	3%
14	Town	3	5,446	1,815	-7%	6,815	2,272	3%
15	Westcourt	2	4,227	2,114	8%	4,492	2,246	2%
16	Whitehill & Windmill Hill	3	6,522	2,174	11%	6,776	2,259	2%
17	Woodlands	3	5,586	1,862	-5%	6,452	2,151	-2%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>76,069</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,994</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>Averages</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>-</b>



### Who we are

- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament.
- We are not part of government or any political party.
- We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons.
- Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

### Electoral review

An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority, including:

- The total number of councillors representing the council's voters ('council size').
- The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
- The number of councillors for each ward or division.

### Why Gravesham?

- The Commission has a legal duty to carry out an electoral review of each council in England 'from time to time'.
- Gravesham Borough Council has not been reviewed since 2000 and the Commission has therefore decided that it should review Gravesham in advance of the elections in 2023.

### Our proposals

- Gravesham Borough Council currently has 44 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 39 councillors should serve the council in the future.
- We believe our final recommendations meet our statutory criteria to:
  1. Deliver electoral equality for voters
  2. Reflect community interests and identities
  3. Promote effective and convenient local government

## Summary of our recommendations

We have considered all the submissions we received during our consultation on our draft recommendations.

The final recommendations propose that Gravesham Borough Council should have 39 councillors, a decrease of five.

Gravesham should have 17 wards, a decrease of one. The boundaries of all of the existing wards should change.

The 39 councillors should represent six three-councillor wards and ten two-councillor wards, and one single-councillor ward across the borough.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right. A detailed report on the recommendations and interactive mapping is available on our website at: [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk).

Find out more at [consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk):

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- read the full report of our recommendations.
- find more guidance on the review process

Stage of Review	Description
25 May 2021 - 02 August 2021	Public consultation on warding arrangements
02 November 2021- 10 January 2022	Public consultation on draft recommendations
5 April 2022	Publication of final recommendations
May 2023	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

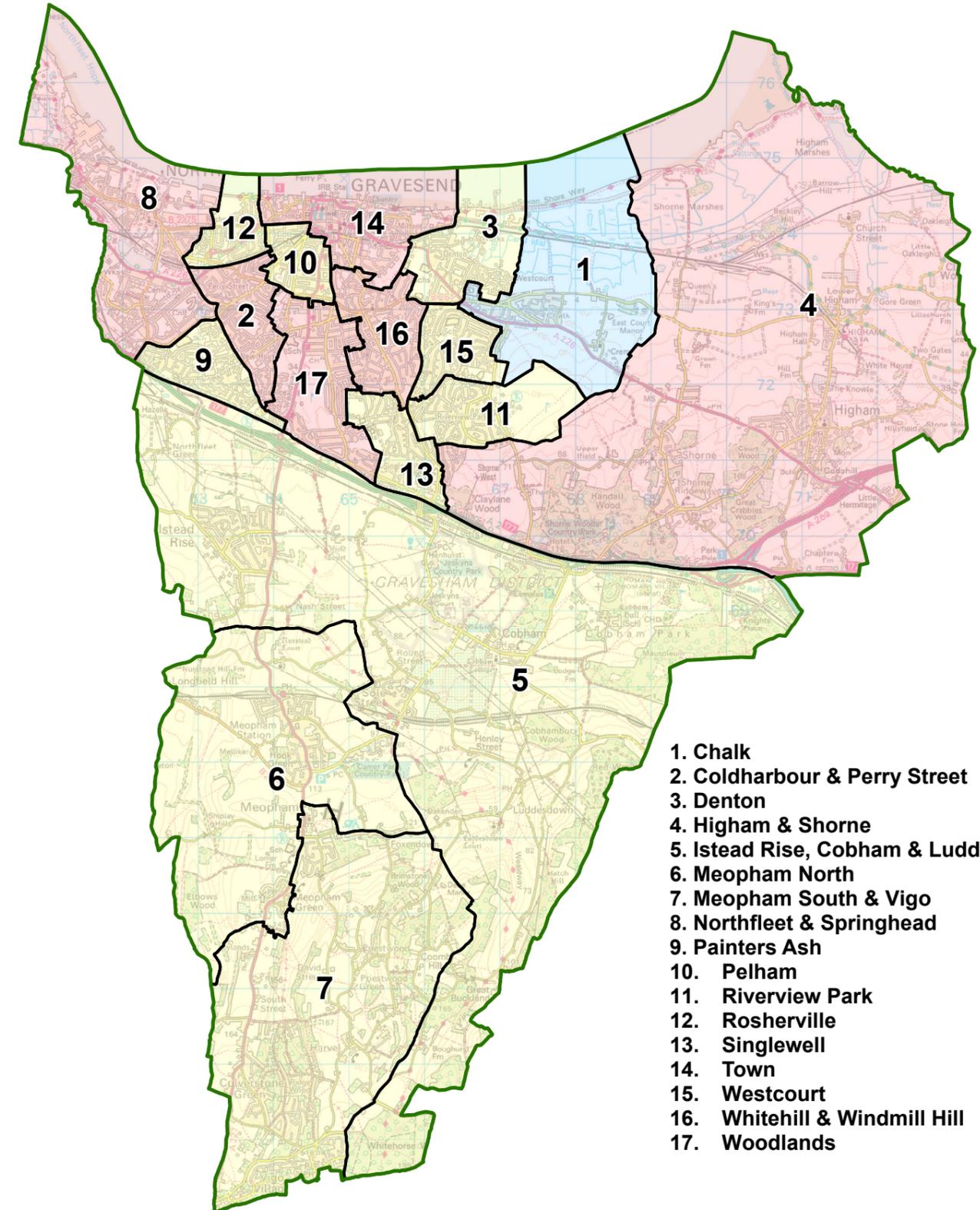
# Overview of final recommendations for Gravesham Borough Council

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- District
- Single-councillor ward
- Two-councillor ward
- Three-councillor ward



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8. Northfleet & Springhead
9. Painters Ash
10. Pelham
11. Riverview Park
12. Rosherville
13. Singlewell
14. Town
15. Westcourt
16. Whitehill & Windmill Hill
17. Woodlands

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