

Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Ashford Borough Council

Electoral review

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Summary

Who we are and what we do

1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) 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.

2 Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

Electoral review

3 An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority. A local authority's electoral arrangements decide:

- How many councillors are needed
- How many wards or electoral divisions should there be, where are their boundaries and what should they be called
- How many councillors should represent each ward or division

Why Ashford?

4 We are conducting a review of Ashford Borough Council as the value of each vote in borough council elections varies depending on where you live in Ashford. Some councillors currently represent many more or fewer voters than others. This is 'electoral inequality'. Our aim is to create 'electoral equality', where votes are as equal as possible, ideally within 10% of being exactly equal.

Our proposals for Ashford

- Ashford should be represented by 47 councillors, four more than there are now.
- Ashford should have 39 wards, same number as there are now.
- The boundaries of only three wards will stay the same.

5 **We have now finalised our recommendations for electoral arrangements in Ashford.**

What is the Local Government Boundary Commission for England?

6 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament.¹

7 The members of the Commission are:

- Professor Colin Mellors (Chair)
- Peter Knight CBE, DL
- Alison Lowton
- Peter Maddison QPM
- Sir Tony Redmond

- Chief Executive: Jolyon Jackson CBE

¹ Under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

1 Introduction

8 This electoral review is being carried out to ensure that:

- The wards in Ashford are in the best possible places to help the Council carry out its responsibilities effectively.
- The number of voters represented by each councillor is approximately the same across the borough.

What is an electoral review?

9 Our three main considerations are to:

- Improve electoral equality by equalising the number of electors each councillor represents
- Reflect community identity
- Provide for effective and convenient local government

10 Our task is to strike the best balance between them when making our recommendations. Our powers, as well as the guidance we have provided for electoral reviews and further information on the review process, can be found on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk

Consultation

11 We wrote to the Council to ask its views on the appropriate number of councillors for Ashford. We then held two periods of consultation on warding patterns for the borough. The submissions received during consultation have informed our draft and final recommendations.

12 This review was conducted as follows:

Stage starts	Description
21 June 2016	Number of councillors decided
28 June 2016	Start of consultation seeking views on new wards
5 September 2016	End of consultation; we begin analysing submissions and forming draft recommendations
7 February 2017	Publication of draft recommendations, start of second consultation
3 April 2017	End of consultation; we begin analysing submissions and forming final recommendations
13 June 2017	Publication of final recommendations

How will the recommendations affect you?

13 The recommendations will determine how many councillors will serve on the Council. They will also decide which ward you vote in, which other communities are in that ward, and, in some cases, which parish council ward you vote in. Your ward name may also change.

2 Analysis and final recommendations

14 Legislation² states that our recommendations should not be based only on how many electors³ there are now, but also on how many there are likely to be in the five years after the publication of our final recommendations. We must also try to recommend strong, clearly identifiable boundaries for our ward.

15 In reality, we are unlikely to be able to create wards with exactly the same number of electors in each; we have to be flexible. However, we try to keep the number of electors represented by each councillor as close to the average for the council as possible.

16 We work out the average number of electors per councillor for each individual local authority by dividing the electorate by the number of councillors, as shown on the table below.

	2016	2022
Electorate of Ashford	89,881	99,873
Number of councillors	47	47
Average number of electors per councillor	1,912	2,125

17 When the number of electors per councillor in a ward is within 10% of the average for the authority, we refer to the ward as having 'good electoral equality'. All of our proposed wards for Ashford will have good electoral equality by 2022.

18 Our recommendations cannot affect the external boundaries of the borough or result in changes to postcodes. They do not take into account parliamentary constituency boundaries. The recommendations will not have an effect on local taxes, house prices, or car and house insurance premiums and we are not able to take into account any representations which are based on these issues.

Submissions received

19 See Appendix C for details of the submissions received. All submissions may be viewed at our offices by appointment, or on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk

Electorate figures

20 The Council submitted electorate forecasts for 2022, a period five years on from the scheduled publication of our final recommendations in 2017. These forecasts were broken down to polling district level and predicted an increase in the electorate of around 11% by 2022. This will largely be driven by new developments in Kingsnorth, Mersham and Repton.

² Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

³ Electors refers to the number of people registered to vote, not the whole adult population.

21 We considered the information provided by the Council and are satisfied that the projected figures are the best available at the present time. We have used these figures to produce our final recommendations

Number of councillors

22 Ashford Borough Council currently has 43 councillors. We have looked at evidence provided by the Council and have concluded that increasing by four will make sure the Council can carry out its roles and responsibilities effectively.

23 We therefore invited proposals for new patterns of wards that would be represented by 47 councillors – for example, 47 one-councillor wards, or a mix of one-, two- and three-councillor wards.

24 We received two submissions about the number of councillors in response to our consultations on warding patterns and draft recommendations. Both submissions argued a reduction in the number of councillors would be appropriate, but did not provide an alternative proposal. We have therefore maintained 47 councillors for our final recommendations.

Ward boundaries consultation

25 We received 23 submissions in response to our consultation on ward boundaries. These included one detailed borough-wide proposal from Ashford Borough Council. Its proposal was based on a pattern of 39 wards to be represented by 47 elected members.

26 The borough-wide scheme provided for a mixed pattern of one- and two-councillor wards for Ashford. We carefully considered the proposals received and concluded that the proposed ward boundaries would have good levels of electoral equality. We also considered that they generally used clearly identifiable boundaries.

27 Our draft recommendations were based on the borough-wide proposals that we received from the Council. In some areas of the borough we also took into account local evidence that we received, which provided evidence of community links and locally recognised boundaries. We also visited the area in order to look at the various different proposals on the ground. The tour of Ashford helped us to decide between the different boundaries proposed.

28 Our draft recommendations were for 31 one-councillor and eight two-councillor wards. We considered that our draft recommendations provided for good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and interests.

Draft recommendations consultation

29 We received 22 submissions during consultation on our draft recommendations. These included an alternative scheme for South Ashford. The

majority of the other submissions focussed on specific areas, particularly our proposals in Downs West and Goat Lees.

30 Our final recommendations are based on the draft recommendations with a modification to the Downs West, Goat Lees and Kennington wards based on the submissions received. We also make two minor modifications to the boundaries in Singleton and Willesborough wards.

Final recommendations

31 Pages 8–22 detail our final recommendations for each area of Ashford. They detail how the proposed warding arrangements reflect the three statutory⁴ criteria of:

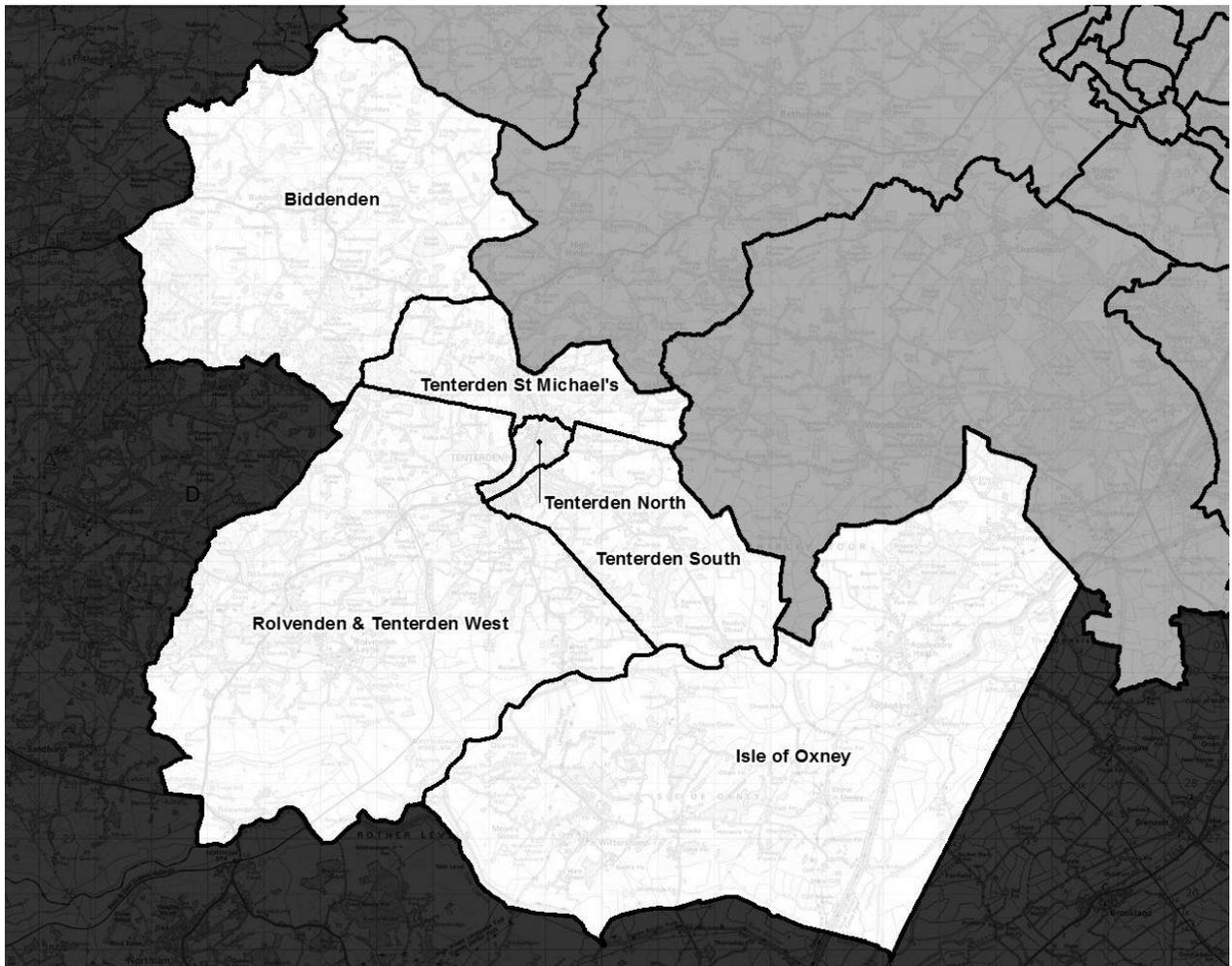
- Equality of representation
- Reflecting community interests and identities
- Providing for effective and convenient local government

32 Our final recommendations are for eight two-councillor wards and 31 one-councillor wards. We consider that our final recommendations will provide for good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and interests where we have received such evidence during consultation.

33 A summary of our proposed new wards is set out in the table on pages 28–31 and on the large map accompanying this report.

⁴ Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

Biddenden, Tenterden and Isle of Oxney



Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2022
Biddenden	1	2%
Isle of Oxney	1	4%
Rolvenden & Tenterden West	1	1%
Tenterden North	1	-7%
Tenterden South	1	-9%
Tenterden St Michael's	1	-5%

Biddenden

34 We received no submissions that related directly to Biddenden. We therefore confirm our draft recommendations as final.

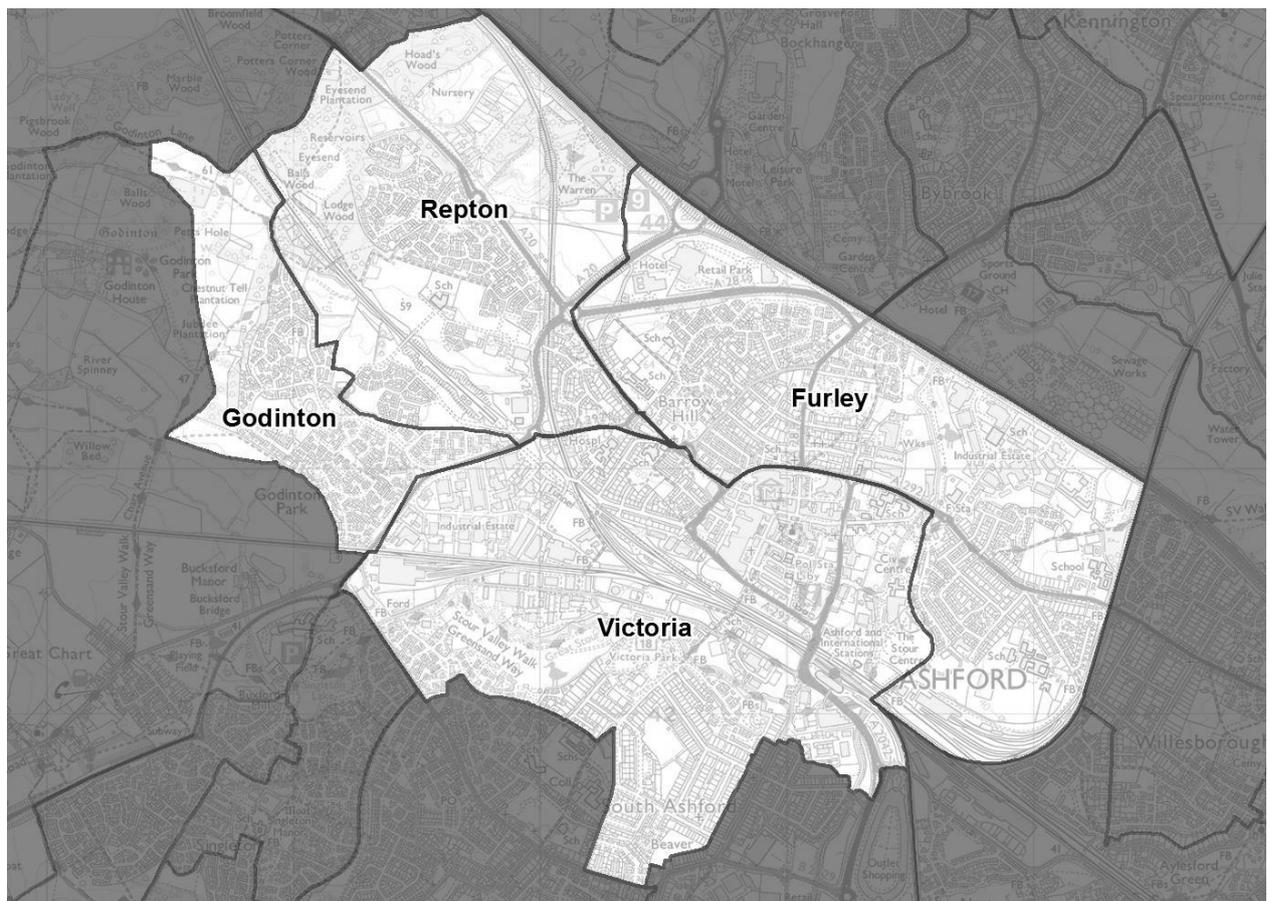
Tenterden

35 We received one submission relating to Rolvenden & Tenterden West from Newenden Parish Council, proposing an amendment to the name of the ward to include Newenden. The Commission's preference is for names that are short rather than those which describe the area exhaustively and we therefore decided to retain the name Rolvenden & Tenterden West.

Isle of Oxney

36 We received no submissions that related directly to Isle of Oxney. We therefore confirm our draft recommendations as final.

Central Ashford



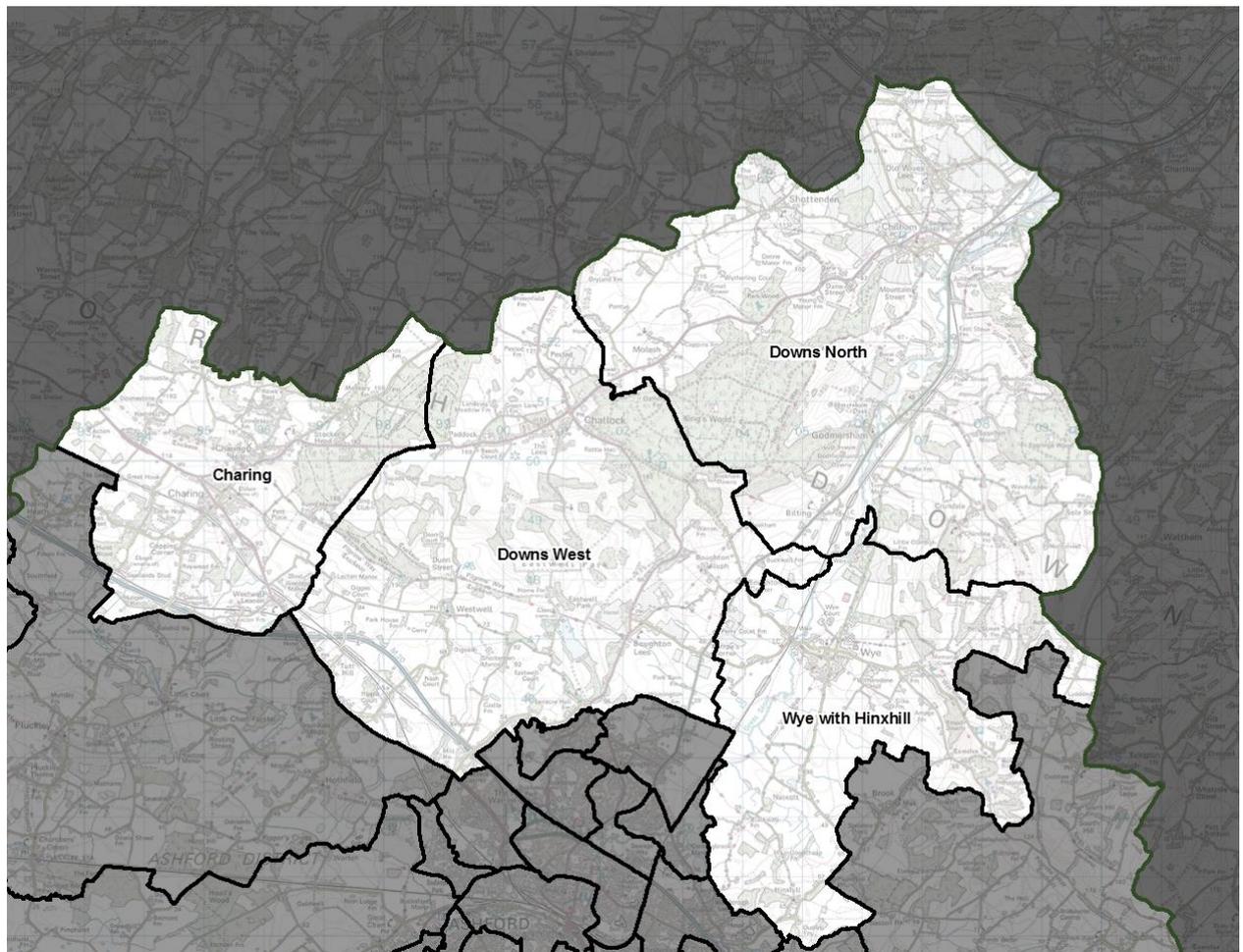
Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2022
Furley	2	9%
Godinton	1	0%
Repton	2	-4%
Victoria	2	-3%

Central Ashford

37 We received one partial scheme covering the area of Central Ashford, that proposed different boundaries to our draft recommendations. The scheme was not based on the agreed electorate figures and as such did not provide for good electoral equality.

38 We therefore confirm our draft recommendations in Repton, Godinton, Furley and Victoria as final.

Charing, Downs and Wye



Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2022
Charing	1	5%
Downs North	1	-1%
Downs West	1	9%
Wye with Hinxhill	1	-7%

Charing

39 We received no submissions regarding this ward and therefore confirm our draft recommendations for Charing ward as final.

Downs

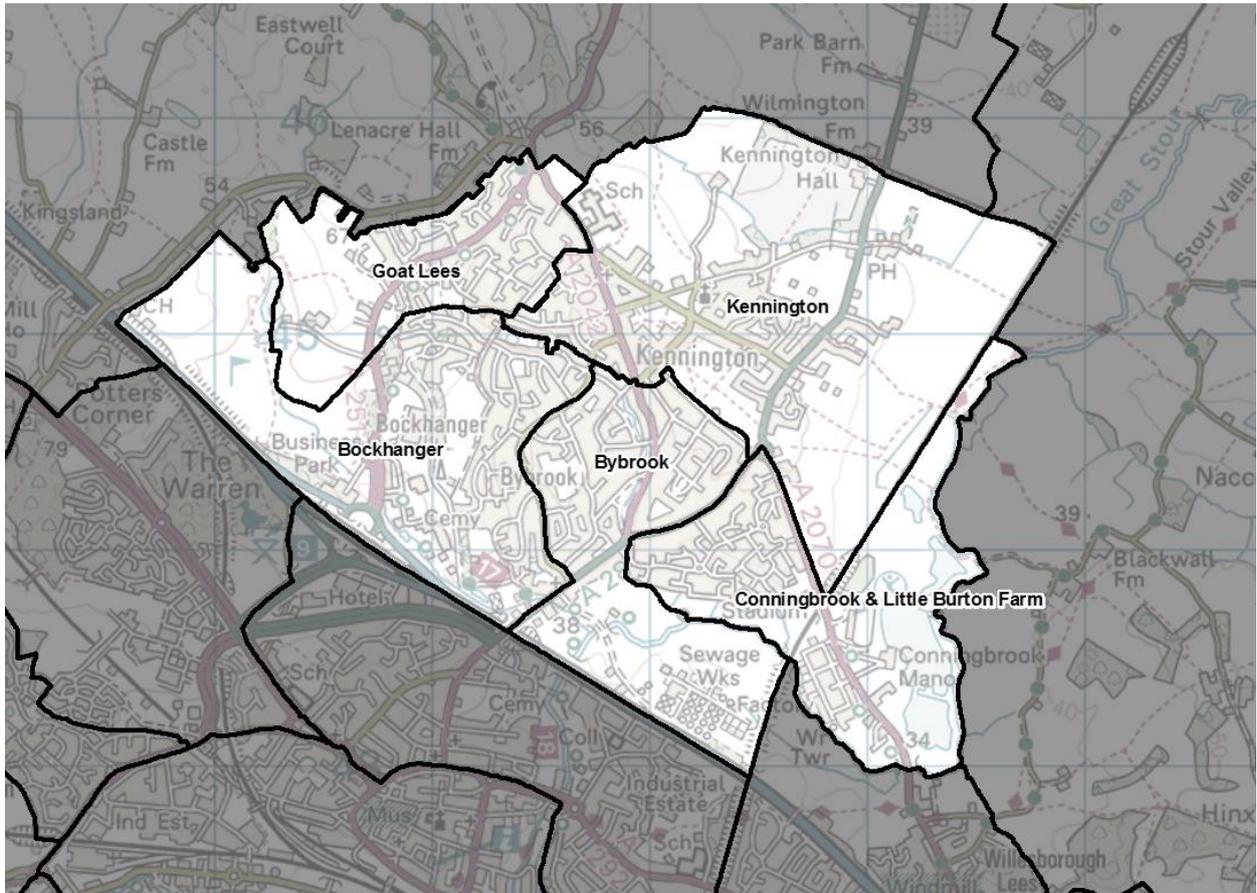
40 We received a number of submissions suggesting that Sandyhurst Lane be included wholly in the Downs West ward. We have therefore made a small modification to the ward boundary between Downs West and Goat Lees to include the entirety of Sandyhurst Lane, Lenacre Street and Eastwell Grange in Downs West. Downs West will achieve good electoral equality by 2022.

41 We received no submissions regarding Downs North and therefore confirm this ward as final.

Wye with Hinxhill

42 We received one submission from Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council, supporting our Wye with Hinxhill ward. We therefore confirm our draft recommendations as final.

Kennington and Bybrook



Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2022
Bockhanger	1	-1%
Bybrook	1	-3%
Conningbrook & Little Burton Farm	1	-7%
Goat Lees	1	-9%
Kennington	1	-10%

Bockhanger and Bybrook

43 We received no submissions relating directly to these areas. We therefore confirm our draft recommendations as final.

Conningbrook & Little Burton Farm

44 We received no submissions relating directly to these areas. We therefore confirm our draft recommendations as final.

Goat Lees and Kennington

45 We received a number of submissions from residents and a local organisation regarding these two wards, particularly concerning the boundary along Sandyhurst Lane.

46 The submissions we received strongly opposed the inclusion of part of Sandyhurst Lane, Lenacre Street and Eastwell Grange in the Goat Lees ward and cited good local evidence that supported its inclusion in a ward of a more rural than urban nature. We have therefore amended the boundary between Goat Lees and Downs West to include the whole of Sandyhurst Lane within the Downs West ward.

47 We received one submission from a parish council that commented on the parish warding arrangements for the area. It suggested a minor change to the names of one of the wards, arguing that the name Boughton Aluph would better represent the various settlements at the north of the parish. We agree and have therefore amended the name of the parish ward from Boughton Lees to Boughton Aluph.

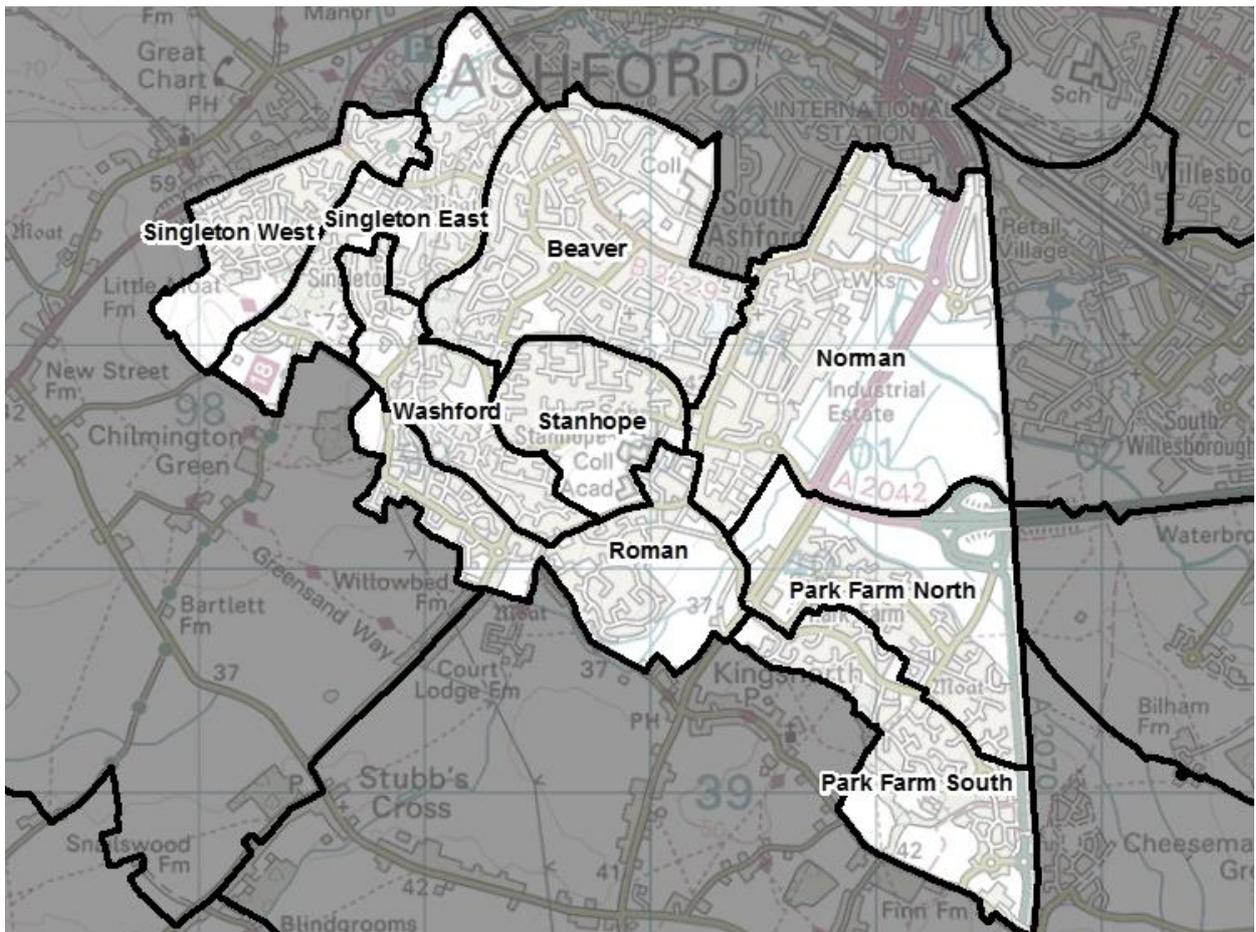
48 The submission also suggested a different allocation of parish councillors across the Parish wards. We consider that allocating parish councillors based on the electorate is the best way to achieve electoral equality and therefore confirm the Parish warding arrangements for Boughton Aluph and Eastwell as final.

49 In order to retain electoral equality in Goat Lees, we have made a small amendment to the boundary between Goat Lees and Kennington, moving electors along Grosvenor Road and Sherwood Close into Goat Lees ward.

50 We have also modified the boundary between Kennington and Bybrook to provide access for a small number of electors along Faversham Road within the Kennington ward.

51 Goat Lees and Kennington wards will have good electoral equality by 2022.

South Ashford



Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2022
Beaver	2	7%
Norman	1	0%
Park Farm North	1	-9%
Park Farm South	1	-9%
Roman	1	4%
Singleton East	1	-2%
Singleton West	1	-5%
Stanhope	1	9%
Washford	1	3%

Beaver and Norman

52 We received one submission regarding Beaver and Norman, from a local organisation that proposed different boundaries. This submission was not based on the agreed electorate figures for Ashford and therefore did not provide for good electoral equality.

53 We confirm our draft recommendations for Beaver and Norman as final.

Singleton

54 We received three submissions regarding Singleton from Singleton Parish Council, a councillor and a local resident. These submissions requested that the Singleton Environment Centre remain in a Singleton ward, along with John Wesley school and Cuckoo play area. We have amended the boundary between Washford and Singleton East, so that the Environment Centre is part of Singleton East ward.

55 Having looked at the options, modifying the boundary to also include John Wesley school and Cuckoo play area in Singleton would limit access for those electors in the Running Foxes Lane area to the rest of Washford ward. We therefore decided against this proposal.

Washford and Roman

56 We received no other submissions regarding these wards and therefore confirm our draft recommendations as final.

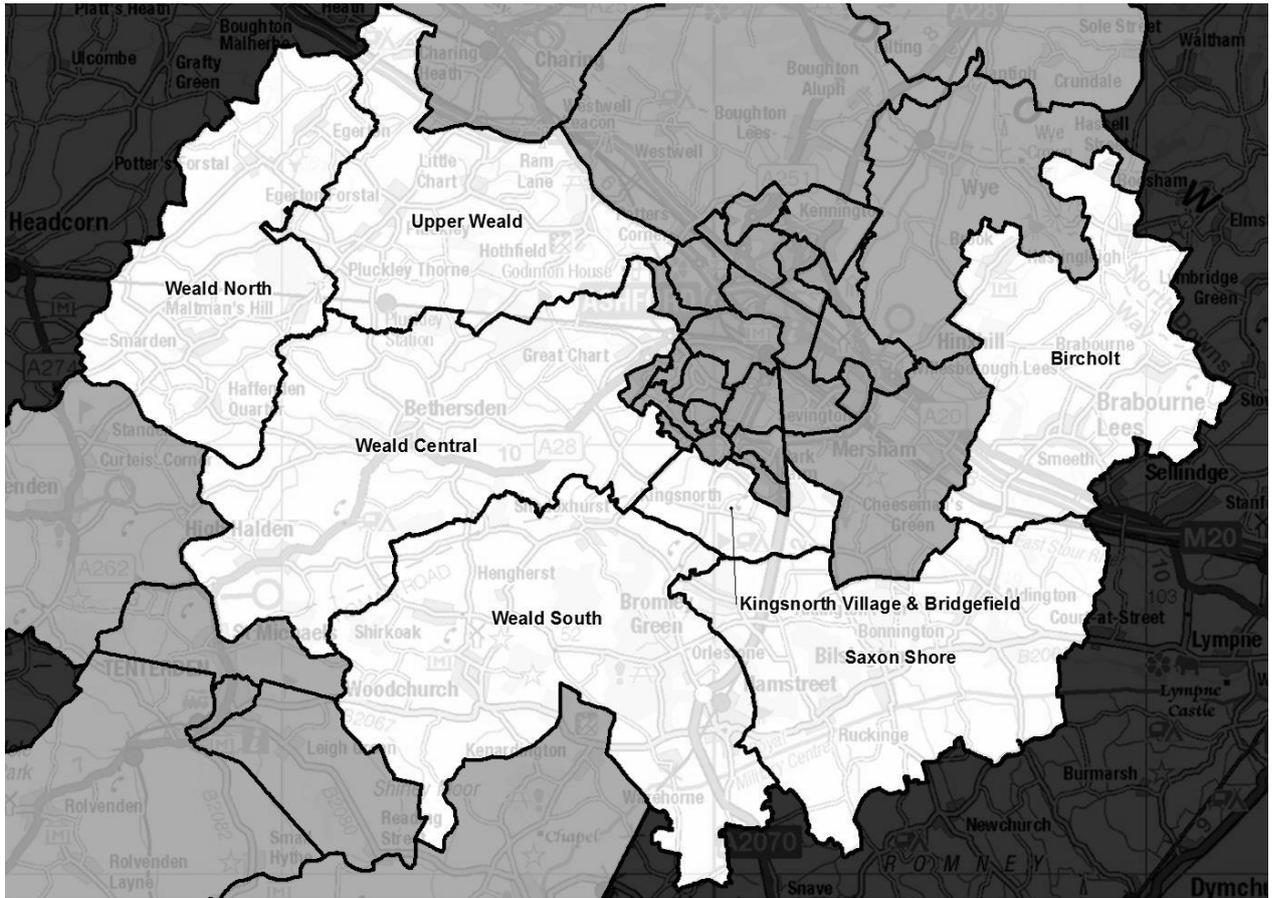
Stanhope

57 We received one submission regarding this area from Stanhope Parish Council, that requested that Speldhurst Close remain in Stanhope ward. Retaining Speldhurst Close within Stanhope would lead to a high level of electoral inequality for the ward. We therefore confirm our draft Stanhope ward as final.

Park Farm North and South

58 We received no submissions on either of these wards. We therefore confirm our draft recommendations in this area as final.

Weald, Saxon Shore and Stubbs Cross



Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2022
Bircholt	1	2%
Kingsnorth Village & Bridgefield	1	3%
Saxon Shore	1	1%
Upper Weald	1	-3%
Weald Central	2	2%
Weald North	1	-6%
Weald South	2	1%

Bircholt and Saxon Shore

59 We received two submissions relating to Bircholt ward; Smeeth Parish Council and Brabourne Parish Council supported our draft recommendations. We therefore confirm our draft recommendations for Bircholt ward as final.

60 We received no submissions regarding Saxon Shore. We therefore confirm our draft recommendations as final.

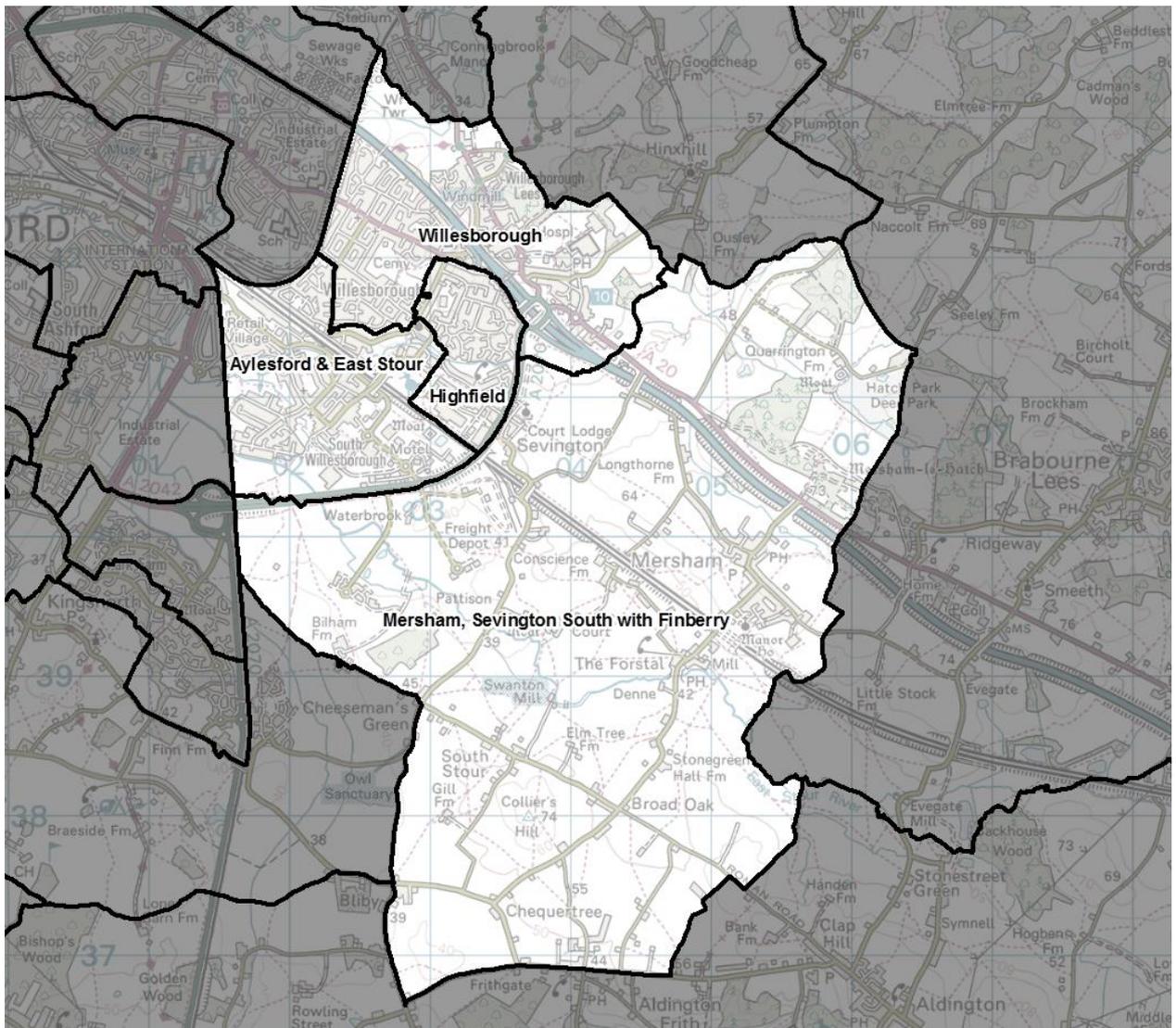
Weald

61 We received two submissions regarding Weald, from Hothfield Parish Council and a local resident. The submissions supported our draft recommendations to include Hothfield in the Upper Weald ward. We therefore confirm our draft recommendations in Upper Weald, Weald North, Weald South and Weald Central as final.

Kingsnorth Village & Bridgefield

62 We received no submissions regarding this area. We therefore confirm our draft recommendations as final.

Willesborough, Mersham and Sevington



Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2022
Aylesford & East Stour	2	7%
Highfield	1	-7%
Willesborough	2	6%
Mersham, Sevington South with Finberry	1	6%

Aylesford & East Stour and Willesborough

63 We received one submission regarding this area, that proposed we amend the boundary between our draft Aylesford & East Stour and North Willesborough wards to include the whole of Blake Court within North Willesborough, to allow for access. We have therefore modified the boundary in this area. This submission also suggested renaming the ward Willesborough, to better reflect the community. We have accepted this. Willesborough and Aylesford & East Stour will have good electoral equality by 2022.

Highfield and Mersham, Sevington South with Finberry

64 We received no submissions on either of these wards. We therefore confirm our draft recommendations in this area as final.

Conclusions

65 The table below shows the impact of our final recommendations on electoral equality, based on 2016 and 2022 electorate figures.

Summary of electoral arrangements

	Final recommendations	
	2016	2022
Number of councillors	47	47
Number of electoral wards	39	39
Average number of electors per councillor	1,912	2,125
Number of wards with a variance more than 10% from the average	13	0
Number of wards with a variance more than 20% from the average	3	0

Final recommendation

Ashford Borough Council should be made up of 47 councillors serving 39 wards representing 31 single-councillor wards and eight two-councillor wards. The details and names are shown in the table below and illustrated on the large maps accompanying this report.

Mapping

Sheet 1, Map 1 shows the proposed wards for Ashford.

You can also view our final recommendations for Ashford on our interactive maps at <http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>

Parish electoral arrangements

66 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 ward 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. 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, Ashford 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.

67 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 Boughton Aluph & Eastwell, Charing, Great Chart with Singleton, High Halden, Kingsnorth, Mersham & Sevington, Stanhope and Tenterden.

68 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 Boughton Aluph & Eastwell parish.

Final recommendation	
Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council should comprise eight councillors, as at present, representing three wards:	
Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Boughton Aluph	1
Eastwell	1
Goat Lees	6

69 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 Charing parish.

Final recommendation	
Charing Parish Council should comprise 12 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:	
Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Charing Heath	2
Charing Hill	10

70 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 Great Chart with Singleton parish.

Final recommendation	
Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council should comprise 11 councillors, as at present, representing five wards:	
Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Chilmington Green	1
Great Chart with Singleton North	1
Singleton East	4
Washford	1
Singleton West	4

71 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 High Halden parish.

Final recommendation High Halden Parish Council should comprise eight councillors, as at present, representing two wards:	
Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
High Halden	7
Woodlands	1

72 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 Kingsnorth parish.

Final recommendation Kingsnorth Parish Council should comprise 10 councillors, as at present, representing six wards:	
Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Bridgefield	1
Kingsnorth Village	2
Park Farm North	2
Park Farm South	2
Roman	2
Washford Farm	1

73 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 Mersham & Sevington parish.

Final recommendation Mersham & Sevington Parish Council should comprise 12 councillors, as at present, representing three wards:	
Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Highfield	1
Mersham	3
Sevington	6

74 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 Stanhope parish.

Final recommendation Stanhope Parish Council should comprise nine councillors, as at present, representing three wards:	
Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Central	7
Speldhurst Close	1
The Limes	1

75 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 Tenterden parish.

Final recommendation Tenterden Town Council should comprise 16 councillors, as at present, representing four wards:	
Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Rolvenden & Tenterden West	2
Tenterden North	5
Tenterden South	4
Tenterden St Michael's	5

3 What happens next?

76 We have now completed our review of the of Ashford Borough Council. The recommendations must now be approved by Parliament. A draft Order – the legal document which brings into force our recommendations – will be laid in Parliament. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements will come into force at the local elections in 2019.

Equalities

77 This report has been screened for impact on equalities, with due regard being given to the general equalities duties as set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. As no potential negative impacts were identified, a full equality impact analysis is not required.

Appendix A

Final recommendations for Ashford Borough Council

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2016)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2022)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Aylesford & East Stour	2	4,240	2,120	11%	4,529	2,265	7%
2	Beaver	2	4,284	2,142	12%	4,560	2,280	7%
3	Biddenden	1	2,161	2,161	13%	2,177	2,177	2%
4	Bircholt	1	2,209	2,209	16%	2,169	2,169	2%
5	Bockhanger	1	2,076	2,076	9%	2,111	2,111	-1%
6	Bybrook	1	2,045	2,045	7%	2,067	2,067	-3%
7	Charing	1	2,051	2,051	7%	2,230	2,230	5%
8	Conningbrook & Little Burton Farm	1	1,438	1,438	-25%	1,984	1,984	-7%
9	Downs North	1	1,977	1,977	3%	2,099	2,099	-1%
10	Downs West	1	2,200	2,200	15%	2,322	2,322	9%
11	Furley	2	4,215	2,108	10%	4,628	2,314	9%
12	Goat Lees	1	1,855	1,855	-3%	1,932	1,932	-9%

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2016)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2022)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
13 Godinton	1	1,947	1,947	2%	2,132	2,132	0%
14 Highfield	1	2,055	2,055	7%	1,972	1,972	-7%
15 Isle of Oxney	1	2,156	2,156	13%	2,207	2,207	4%
16 Kennington	1	1,825	1,825	-5%	1,921	1,921	-10%
17 Kingsnorth Village & Bridgefield	1	1,550	1,550	-19%	2,194	2,194	3%
18 Mersham, Sevington South with Finberry	1	954	954	-50%	2,263	2,263	6%
19 Norman	1	1,989	1,989	4%	2,131	2,131	0%
20 Park Farm North	1	1,815	1,815	-5%	1,938	1,938	-9%
21 Park Farm South	1	1,850	1,850	-3%	1,937	1,937	-9%
22 Repton	2	2,462	1,231	-36%	4,078	2,039	-4%
23 Rolvenden & Tenterden West	1	1,946	1,946	2%	2,153	2,153	1%
24 Roman	1	2,032	2,032	6%	2,200	2,200	4%
25 Saxon Shore	1	1,894	1,894	-1%	2,139	2,139	1%
26 Singleton East	1	1,848	1,848	-3%	2,075	2,075	-2%

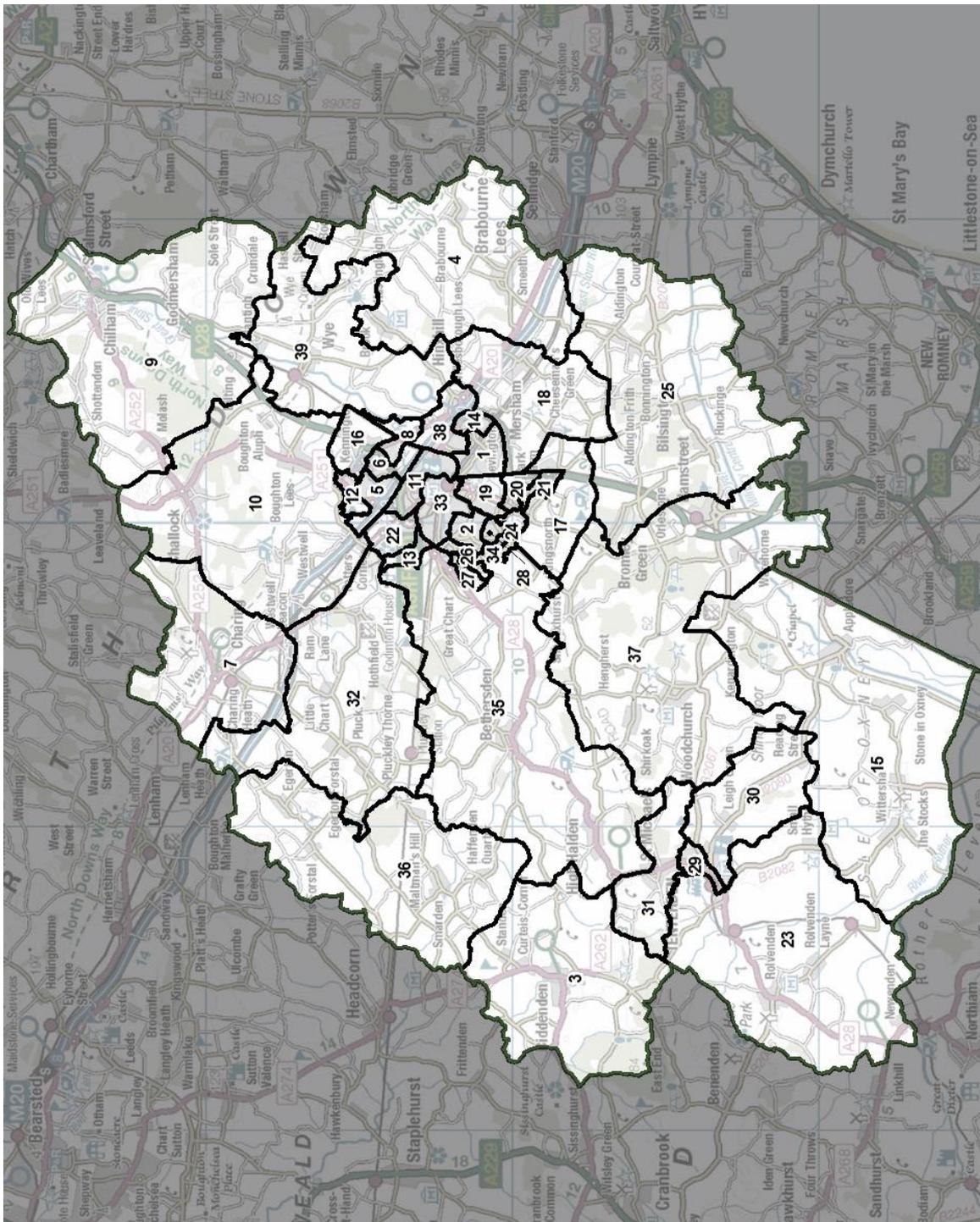
Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2016)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2022)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
27 Singleton West	1	1,944	1,944	2%	2,015	2,015	-5%
28 Stanhope	1	1,912	1,912	0%	2,324	2,324	9%
29 Tenterden North	1	1,923	1,923	1%	1,976	1,976	-7%
30 Tenterden South	1	1,671	1,671	-13%	1,941	1,941	-9%
31 Tenterden St Michael's	1	2,046	2,046	7%	2,021	2,021	-5%
32 Upper Weald	1	2,022	2,022	6%	2,071	2,071	-3%
33 Victoria	2	3,829	1,915	0%	4,103	2,051	-3%
34 Washford	1	2,032	2,032	6%	2,192	2,192	3%
35 Weald Central	2	3,222	1,611	-16%	4,321	2,161	2%
36 Weald North	1	1,936	1,936	1%	1,998	1,998	-6%
37 Weald South	2	4,036	2,018	6%	4,288	2,144	1%
38 Willesborough	2	4,416	2,200	15%	4,499	2,250	6%
39 Wye with Hinxhill	1	1,818	1,818	-5%	1,976	1,976	-7%
Totals	47	89,881	-	-	99,873	-	-
Averages	-	-	1,912	-	-	2,125	-

Source: Electorate figures are based on information provided by Ashford Borough Council.

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

Outline map



A more detailed version of this map can be seen on the large map accompanying this report, or on our website: <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-east>

Key

1. Aylesford & East Stour
2. Beaver
3. Biddenden
4. Bircholt
5. Bockhanger
6. Bybrook
7. Charing
8. Conningbrook & Little Burton Farm
9. Downs North
10. Downs West
11. Furley
12. Goat Lees
13. Godinton
14. Highfield
15. Isle of Oxney
16. Kennington
17. Kingsnorth Village & Bridgefield
18. Mersham, Sevington South with Finberry
19. Norman
20. Park Farm North
21. Park Farm South
22. Repton
23. Rolvenden & Tenterden West
24. Roman
25. Saxon Shore
26. Singleton East
27. Singleton West
28. Stanhope
29. Tenterden North
30. Tenterden South
31. Tenterden St Michael's
32. Upper Weald
33. Victoria
34. Washford
35. Weald Central
36. Weald North
37. Weald South
38. Willesborough
39. Wye with Hinxhill

Appendix C

Submissions received

All submissions received can also be viewed on our website at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-east>

Councillors

- Councillor B. Barrett (Singleton South ward)

Local Organisations

- Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Residents' Association
- Kennington Community Forum
- North Willesborough Community Forum
- Sandyhurst Lane Residents' Association
- South Ashford Community Forum

Parish and Town Council

- Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council
- Brabourne Parish Council
- Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council
- Hothfield Parish Council
- Newenden Parish Council
- Smeeth Parish Council
- Stanhope Parish Council
- Westwell Parish Council
- Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council

Local Residents

- Eight 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 fairness	When one elector's vote is worth the same as another's
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. For the purposes of this report, we refer specifically to the electorate for local government elections
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 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