The
Local Government
Boundary Commission
for England

July 2023
Summary Report

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#### **Our Recommendations**

The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the number of electors 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 2028 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2021)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2028)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Barkham & Arborfield	3	6,384	2,128	-12%	7,935	2,645	8%
2	Bulmershe & Coronation	3	7,199	2,400	-1%	6,711	2,237	-9%
3	Emmbrook	3	7,388	2,463	2%	7,455	2,485	1%
4	Evendons	3	7,162	2,387	-1%	7,315	2,438	-1%
5	Finchampstead	3	8,152	2,717	12%	7,971	2,657	8%
6	Hawkedon	3	7,865	2,622	8%	7,768	2,589	5%
7	Hillside	3	7,481	2,494	3%	7,297	2,432	-1%
8	Loddon	3	6,729	2,243	-7%	6,717	2,239	-9%
9	Maiden Erlegh & Whitegates	3	8,256	2,752	14%	8,063	2,688	9%
10	Norreys	3	6,543	2,181	-10%	6,747	2,249	-8%
11	Shinfield	3	6,049	2,016	-17%	6,731	2,244	-9%
12	South Lake	3	7,485	2,495	3%	7,182	2,394	-2%
13	Spencers Wood & Swallowfield	3	7,381	2,460	2%	7,550	2,517	3%
14	Thames	3	7,170	2,390	-1%	7,122	2,374	-3%
15	Twyford, Ruscombe & Hurst	3	7,794	2,598	7%	7,902	2,634	7%
16	Wescott	3	7,383	2,461	2%	7,619	2,540	3%
17	Winnersh	3	7,867	2,622	8%	7,756	2,585	5%
18	Wokingham Without	3	6,400	2,133	-12%	6,721	2,240	-9%
	Totals	54	130,690	-	1	132,562	-	1
	Averages	-	-	2,420	-	-	2,455	-

# **Wokingham Council**

Final Recommendations on the new electoral arrangements



#### 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 electors ('council size').
- The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
- The number of councillors for each ward or division.

# Why Wokingham?

- The Commission has a legal duty to carry out an electoral review of each council in England 'from time to time'.
- Wokingham Council has not been reviewed since 2001 and the Commission has therefore decided that it should review Wokingham in advance of the elections in 2024.

# Our proposals

- Wokingham Council currently has 54 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 54 councillors should serve the council in the future.
- We believe our final recommendations meet our statutory criteria to:
- 1. Deliver electoral equality for electors
- 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 Wokingham should have 54 councillors, the same as there are now.

Wokingham should have eighteen wards, the same as currently. The boundaries of 22 wards should change; three will stay the same.

The 54 councillors should represent eighteen three-councillor wards.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right.

#### Find out more at

#### www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/wokingham

- 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** 30 August 2022 -Public consultation on warding 7 November 2022 arrangments 31 January 2023 -Public consultation on draft 10 April 2023 recommendations Publication of final 4 July 2023 recommendations Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of May 2024 new arrangements at local elections

# Overview of final recommendations for Wokingham Borough Council

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