

# Canterbury

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Please see letter attached.

## Attached Documents:

- CCC - 2023 BCE REVIEW Canterbury Conservatives - FINAL 01.12.2023 incl App.A.pdf

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**2023 BCE REVIEW - CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL: CANTERBURY CONSERVATIVES RESPONSE**

Dear The review officer/team,

Canterbury Conservatives response/review comments for consideration in the BCE's review of Canterbury City Council ward boundaries are as follows, which follow review of the raw data (in Microsoft Excel), "extrapolated to show electorate per councillor / % of population / extrapolated councillors", as attached (see pdf of Microsoft Excel document).

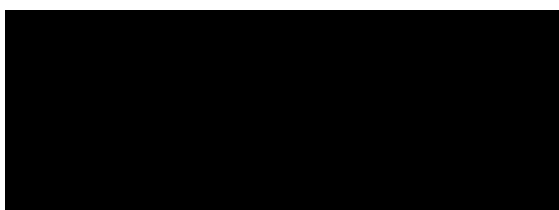
1. The following wards are overrepresented:
  - o Blean Forest
  - o Northgate
  - o St Stephens
  - o Westgate
2. The following wards are underrepresented:
  - o Greenhill
  - o Sturry
  - o Wincheap

From review of 1 and 2 (both in 2023, and extrapolated to 2029), the following ward boundaries are proposed to be amended, based on assessment of existing ward boundaries, local community ties, forecast electoral numbers, as follows (see below), to maintain an approximate ~10% variance in so far as possible (the Blean Forest ward being the exception [which reduces from 3 councillors, to 2 councillors]). **See Appendix A for reference.**

3. Proposed amendments to wards/polling districts are as follows:
  - o Canterbury (the Canterbury, Whitstable & Villages constituency). Canterbury Conservatives consider the following as proposed amendments for consideration:
    - Blean Forest: to have 2 councillors, rather than 3, based on electoral numbers;
    - Wincheap: Under-represented at present - proposed to gain one councillor in parallel to
      - CB6 adjustment (see below);
    - Westgate ward: Over-represented at present. Proposed to be renamed "Westgate&Oaten" (or similar), in parallel with the following polling districts added to this ward:
      - CB3 (see below).
    - Northgate: Over-represented at present. It is proposed that CB1 and CB2 polling districts are added to this ward; CB1 shares access to the city via Chaucer Road (similar to CN1), with residents in the neighbouring CN1/CN1 and CB1/CB2 enjoying proximity/access to Old Park;
    - Barton; currently a large ward which is part urban and part rural, which has had a reasonable amount of development since 2013, with further development upon Mountfield Park. It is proposed that this ward is reduced, falling from 3 councillors, to 2 councillors upon:
      - CB1 & CB2 (see Northgate ward above);
      - CB3 (Oaten Hill/Longport area) moved to Westgate ward, which is adjacent to the ring road/city wall/castle; sharing proximity to the city centre (as CWI4);
      - CB6 (Rhodaus Close area) polling district to be amended to Wincheap. CB6 residents currently cast their votes at CWI4 polling station, with local shops being in Wincheap.
  - o Herne Bay (the Herne Bay & Sandwich constituency [which is part Canterbury City Council, part Thanet council]) – please see response from Herne Bay and Sandwich Conservatives.

Kind Regards,

Martin Arch



**Appendix A.** Interpreted and proposed wards (by Canterbury Conservatives)

PRE-CHANGES													NEW NUMBERS	
Name of ward	Number of cllrs per ward	Electorate 2023	Electorate per councillor	Percentage	Extrapolated councillors	Variance 2029		Electorate 2029	Variance 2029	Electorate per councillor	Percentage	Extrapolated councillors	"Quick" tally	Variance
C Barton	3	4,652	1,551	4.3%	1.67	-44%		6,393	0%	2,131	5.1%	2.01	2	-1
C Blean Forest	3	2,832	944	2.6%	1.02	-66%		3,153	-51%	1,051	2.5%	0.99	2	-1
C Chartham and Stone Street	2	5,660	2,830	5.2%	2.04	2%		5,972	-6%	2,986	4.8%	1.87	2	0
C Chestfield	2	5,674	2,837	5.2%	2.04	2%		6,305	-1%	3,153	5.1%	1.98	2	0
C Gorrell	3	8,311	2,770	7.7%	2.99	0%		9,129	-4%	3,043	7.3%	2.87	3	0
C Little Stour and Adisham	1	3,254	3,254	3.0%	1.17	17%		3,386	6%	3,386	2.7%	1.06	1	0
C Nailbourne	1	3,128	3,128	2.9%	1.13	13%		3,323	4%	3,323	2.7%	1.04	1	0
C Northgate	2	5,235	2,618	4.8%	1.88	-6%		5,974	-6%	2,987	4.8%	1.88	2	0
C Seasalter	2	6,146	3,073	5.7%	2.21	11%		6,640	4%	3,320	5.3%	2.08	2	0
C St Stephens	2	6,206	3,103	5.7%	2.23	12%		6,540	3%	3,270	5.3%	2.05	2	0
C Swalecliffe	1	3,209	3,209	3.0%	1.15	15%		3,348	5%	3,348	2.7%	1.05	1	0
C Tankerton	1	2,847	2,847	2.6%	1.02	2%		2,985	-6%	2,985	2.4%	0.94	1	0
C Westgate	2	6,537	3,269	6.0%	2.35	18%		7,046	11%	3,523	5.7%	2.21	2	0
C Wincheap	2	6,491	3,246	6.0%	2.34	17%		8,484	-11%	4,242	6.8%	2.66	3	1