

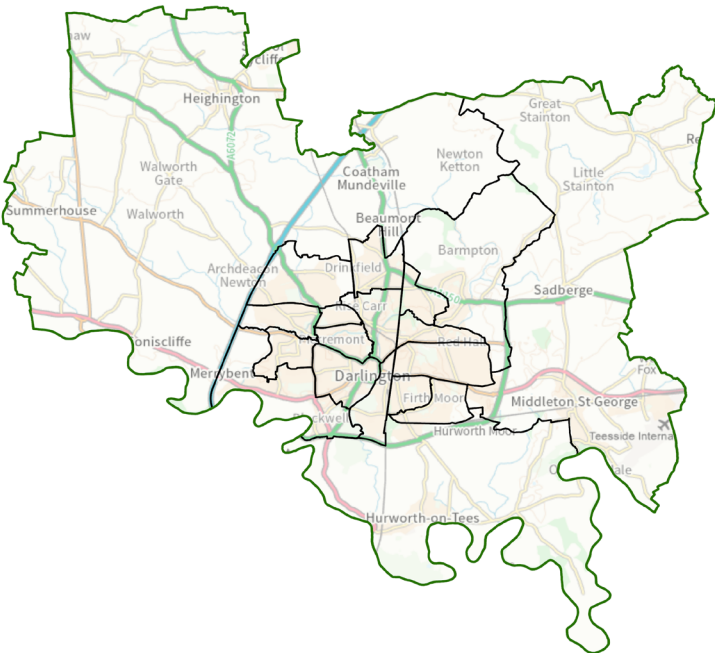
Our Recommendations

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 2031 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

	Ward name	No. of Cllrs.	Electorate (2024)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2031)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Albert Hill & Red Hall	1	2,247	2,247	12%	2,260	2,260	3%
2	Bank Top & Lascelles	2	4,548	2,274	14%	4,578	2,289	4%
3	Branksome & Cockerton	2	4,774	2,387	19%	4,838	2,419	10%
4	Brinkburn	1	2,340	2,340	17%	2,365	2,365	8%
5	Central Park & Lingfield	2	4,376	2,188	9%	4,539	2,270	3%
6	College	3	6,599	2,200	10%	6,617	2,206	1%
7	Firthmoor	2	4,744	2,372	19%	4,803	2,402	9%
8	Harrowgate Hill	3	5,347	1,782	-11%	5,930	1,977	-10%
9	Heighington & High Coniscliffe	2	3,538	1,769	-12%	4,184	2,092	-5%
10	Hummersknott & Blackwell	2	3,703	1,852	-7%	4,771	2,386	9%
11	Hurworth	2	3,620	1,810	-10%	3,858	1,929	-12%
12	Mowden	2	4,169	2,085	4%	4,210	2,105	-4%
13	North Road	2	4,069	2,035	2%	4,260	2,130	-3%
14	Park East	2	4,205	2,103	5%	4,341	2,171	-1%
15	Pierremont	3	6,269	2,090	4%	6,273	2,091	-5%
16	Sadberge & Middleton St George	3	5,298	1,766	-12%	6,637	2,212	1%
17	Springfield	2	3,854	1,927	-4%	3,902	1,951	-11%
18	West Park & Faverdale	2	3,637	1,819	-9%	4,912	2,456	12%
19	Whinfield & Haughton	3	4,703	1,568	-22%	6,669	2,223	1%
	Totals	41	82,040	-	-	89,947	-	-
	Averages	-	-	2,001	-	-	2,194	-

Darlington Borough 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.
- The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
- The number of councillors for each ward or division.

Why Darlington?

- The Commission has a legal duty to carry out an electoral review of each council in England 'from time to time'.
- Darlington Council has not been reviewed since 2014 and the Commission has therefore decided that it should review Darlington in advance of the elections in 2027.

Our proposals

- Darlington Borough Council currently has 50 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 41 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 Darlington should have 41 councillors, a decrease of nine.

Darlington should have 19 wards, a decrease of two. The boundaries of all but one of the existing wards should change.

The 41 councillors should represent 5 three-councillor wards, 12 two-councillor wards, and 2 single-councillor wards across the borough.

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

Find out more at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/darlington>

- 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 November 2025 - 2 February 2026	Public consultation on warding arrangements
28 April 2026 - 6 July 2026	Public consultation on draft recommendations
29 September 2026	Publication of final recommendations
May 2027	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of final recommendations for Darlington Borough Council

View this map online and explore it in more detail at: <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/darlington>



- Ward**
1. Albert Hill & Red Hall
 2. Bank Top & Lascelles
 3. Branksome & Cockerton
 4. Brinkburn
 5. Central Park & Lingfield
 6. College
 7. Firthmoor
 8. Harrowgate Hill
 9. Heighington & High Coniscliffe
 10. Hummersknott & Blackwell
 11. Hurworth
 12. Mowden
 13. North Road
 14. Park East
 15. Pierremont
 16. Sadberge & Middleton St George
 17. Springfield
 18. West Park & Faverdale
 19. Whinfield & Haughton