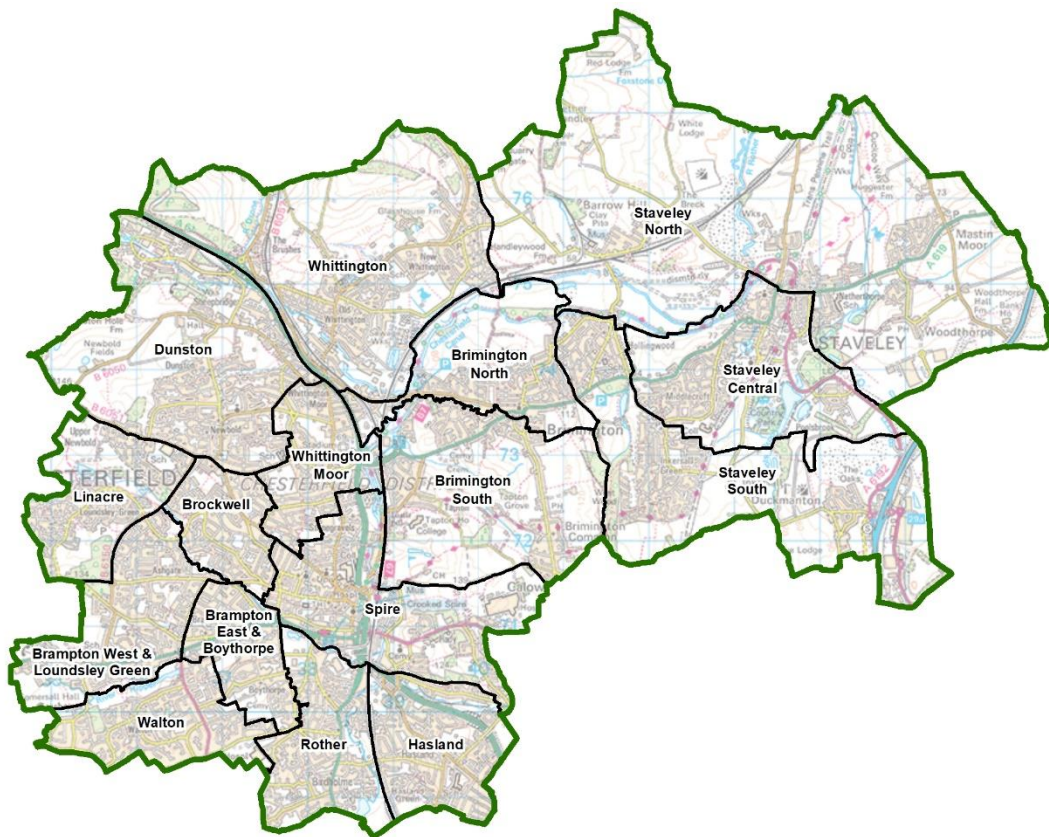


News Release from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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New political map for Chesterfield Borough Council

Chesterfield is set to have new boundaries for its council wards.



New wards for Chesterfield Borough Council

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High resolution map available at https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/Chesterfield_F_SO.pdf

The Local Government Boundary Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It has reviewed Chesterfield to make sure councillors will represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements will help the council work effectively.

The Commission has published final recommendations for changes to Chesterfield Borough Council. It says residents should be represented by 40 councillors. This is eight fewer than the current arrangements.

There will be 16 wards, three fewer than there are now. The boundaries of most wards have been changed in our final recommendations; one will stay the same.

Publishing the recommendations Professor Colin Mellors, Chair of the Commission, said:

“We are very grateful to people in Chesterfield. We looked at all the views they gave us. They helped us improve our earlier proposals.

“We believe the new arrangements will guarantee electoral fairness while maintaining local ties.”

84 submissions from local residents and organisations helped decide the new wards. Changes in response to what local people said include:

- Returning Hollingwood to Staveley South ward following feedback on our original draft recommendations which placed this area in Brimington North Ward
- Reverting to a modified version of our draft recommendations for a three-councillor Spire and two councillor Brockwell ward following consultation on our further draft recommendations for this area

The Commission has made further changes to its earlier proposals. Details can be found on its website at: <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/east-midlands/derbyshire/chesterfield>

Parliament now needs to agree the changes. The new arrangements will then apply for the 2023 council elections.

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An interactive map is available at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/27355>

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body accountable to Parliament. It recommends fair electoral and boundary arrangements for local authorities in England. In doing so, it aims to:

- Make sure that, within an authority, each councillor represents a similar number of electors
- Create boundaries that are appropriate, and reflect community ties and identities

- Deliver reviews informed by local needs, views and circumstances