

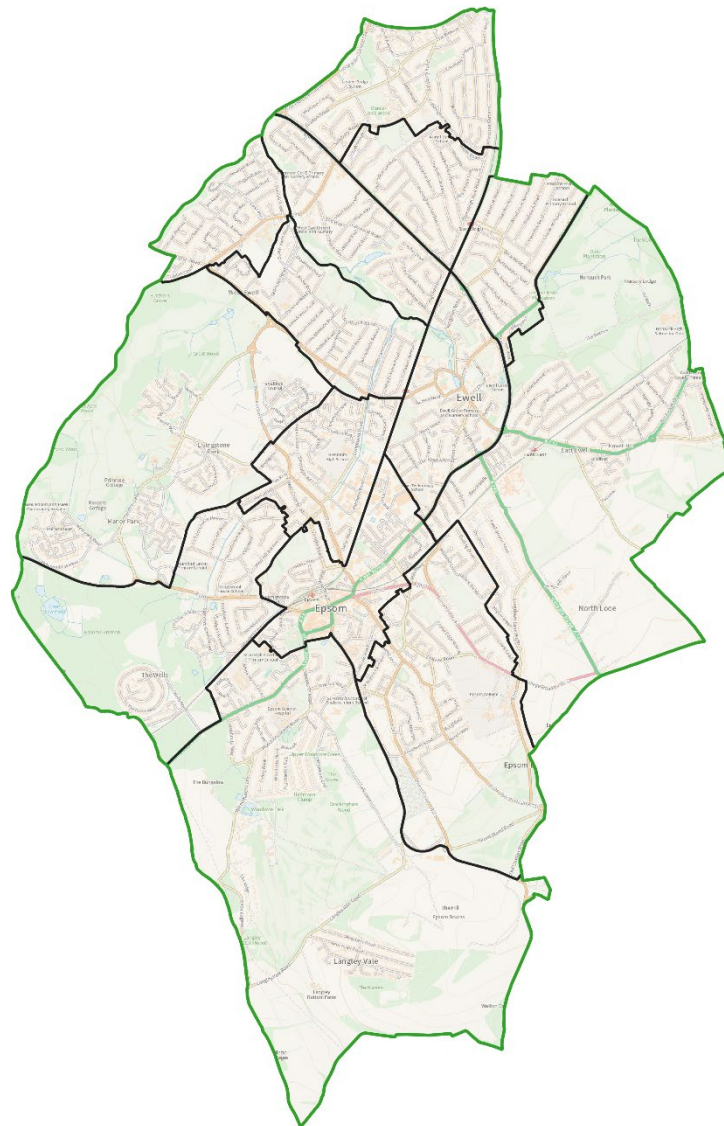
News Release from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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Have your say on a new political map for Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

New boundaries are being proposed for council wards in Epsom and Ewell Borough Council.

The Local Government Boundary Commission wants to hear what residents and local organisations think about the proposals. A 10 week consultation on the proposals will run until 13 December 2021.



Proposed wards for Epsom and Ewell
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High resolution map available at <https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/Epsom%26Ewell%20Summary%201.pdf>

The Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It is reviewing Epsom and Ewell 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 proposals for changes to Epsom and Ewell. It is proposing that there should be 35 councillors, three fewer than the existing arrangements. Those councillors should represent seven three-councillor wards and seven two-councillor wards across the borough. The boundaries of all but one ward will change.

Proposed changes include:

We have created a new ward of Horton following submissions showing a shared community identity.

We also propose to make a number of changes to the existing Town ward to take account of the increase in the future electorate of this ward due to a number of housing developments

Launching the consultation Professor Colin Mellors, Chair of the Commission, said:

“We want people in Epsom and Ewell to help us.

“We have drawn up proposals for new wards in Epsom and Ewell. We want to make sure these new electoral arrangements reflect communities. We also want them to be easy to understand and convenient for local people.

“Residents and local organisations can help us do that. We would like them to let us know whether they agree with our proposals before we take final decisions.

“It’s easy to get involved. Go to our website. Or you can e-mail or write to us.

“Just tell us what you think and give us some details why you think that. It’s really simple, so do get involved”

The Commission has a dedicated section on its website where people can see the detail of the proposals and comment on the names of wards and their boundaries. <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/27356>

People can also give their views by e-mail at reviews@lgbce.org.uk, by using our mobile app <https://lgbce.beezer.com>, and by post:

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An interactive map is available at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/27356>

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