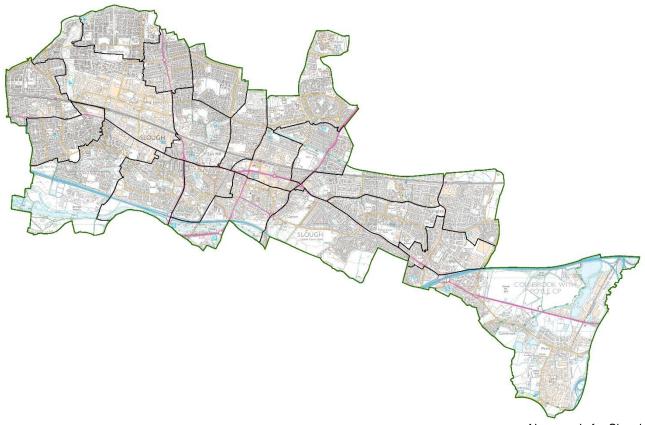
News Release from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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New political map for Slough Borough Council

Slough Borough Council is set to have new boundaries for its council wards.



New wards for Slough Credit: contains Ordnance Survey data (c) Crown copyright and database rights 2022 High resolution map available at INSERT LINK

The Local Government Boundary Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It has reviewed Slough 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 in Slough. We have considered all the submissions we received during the consultation. The final recommendations propose that Slough should have 42 councillors. This is the same as now. Those councillors should represent 21 two-councillor wards. This is six more wards than there are now. The boundaries of all wards have been changed in our final recommendations; none stay the same.

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

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

"We believe the new arrangements will deliver electoral fairness while maintaining local ties."

There were 65 submissions from people and organisations to help decide the new wards. Changes in response to what local people said include:

- Inclusion of Kendal Close, Kendal Drive and Grasmere Avenue in Upton Lea ward.
- A reorganisation of Slough Central and Upton Lea wards to include St Johns Road and St Pauls Avenue with their associated roads in Slough Central; and Diamond Road with associated roads in Upton Lea.

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/south-east/berkshire/slough.

The changes become law once Parliament has approved them. Staff at the council will ensure that the arrangements are in place for the May 2023 elections.

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Notes to editors:

This consultation relates to the arrangements for <u>local government</u> elections. It is separate from consultations that are currently taking place across England on arrangements for <u>parliamentary</u> elections.

For further information contact the Commission's press office on 0330 500 1525 / 1250 or email press@lgbce.org.uk

An interactive map is available at https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/32798

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