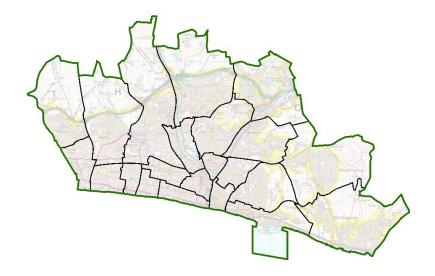
News Release from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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Have your say on a new political map for Brighton & Hove City Council

New boundaries are being proposed for council wards in Brighton & Hove.

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 11 April 2022.



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High resolution map available at https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/Reviews/South%20East/East%20Sussex/Brighton%20%26%20Hove/Draft/Brighton%20No%20Label.pdf

The Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It is reviewing Brighton & Hove 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 Brighton & Hove. It is proposing that there should be 54 councillors representing 10 three-councillor wards and 12 two-councillor wards across the city. There will be changes to most ward boundaries.

Proposed changes include:

- The Commission received strong community evidence from residents and the Brighton & Hove Green Party regarding Poet's Corner, who argued that the entirety of this area should be included in the same ward. As a result of this, it is recommending a two-councillor Westbourne ward which includes Stoneham Road and all adjoining roads.
- Reflecting submissions from the Brighton & Hove Green Party, the Conservative Group on the council, the Labour Group on the council and local residents, Kemptown and the Marina will be represented in their own twocouncillor ward.

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

"We want people in Brighton & Hove to help us.

"We have drawn up proposals for new wards in Brighton & Hove. 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, their boundaries and the number of councillors per ward. https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/29490

People can also give their views by e-mail at reviews@lgbce.org.uk, and by post:

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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/29490

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