

New electoral arrangements for Wandsworth Council Final Recommendations

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Introduction

Who we are and what we do

1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is an independent body set up by Parliament.¹ 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.

2 The members of the Commission are:

- Professor Colin Mellors OBE (Chair)
- Andrew Scallan CBE (Deputy Chair)
- Susan Johnson OBE
- Peter Maddison QPM
- Amanda Nobbs OBE
- Steve Robinson
- Jolyon Jackson CBE (Chief Executive)

What is an electoral review?

3 An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority. A local authority's electoral arrangements decide:

- How many councillors are needed.
- How many wards or electoral divisions there should be, where their boundaries are and what they should be called.
- How many councillors should represent each ward or division.

4 When carrying out an electoral review the Commission has three main considerations:

- Improving electoral equality by equalising the number of electors that each councillor represents.
- Ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity.
- Providing arrangements that support effective and convenient local government.

5 Our task is to strike the best balance between these three considerations when making our recommendations.

¹ Under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

6 More detail regarding the powers that we have, as well as the further guidance and information about electoral reviews and review process in general, can be found on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk

Why Wandsworth?

7 We are conducting a review of Wandsworth Council ('the Council') as its last review was completed in 1999, and we are required to review the electoral arrangements of every council in England 'from time to time'.² In addition, the value of each vote in borough elections varies depending on where you live in Wandsworth. Some councillors currently represent many more or fewer voters than others. This is 'electoral inequality'. Our aim is to create 'electoral equality', where votes are as equal as possible, ideally within 10% of being exactly equal.

8 This electoral review is being carried out to ensure that:

- The wards in Wandsworth are in the best possible places to help the Council carry out its responsibilities effectively.
- The number of voters represented by each councillor is approximately the same across the borough.

Our proposals for Wandsworth

9 Wandsworth should be represented by 58 councillors, two fewer than there are now.

10 Wandsworth should have 22 wards, two more than there are now.

11 The boundaries of all wards should change.

12 We have now finalised our recommendations for electoral arrangements for most areas of Wandsworth.

How will the recommendations affect you?

13 The recommendations will determine how many councillors will serve on the Council. They will also decide which ward you vote in, which other communities are in that ward, and, in some cases, which parish council ward you vote in. Your ward name may also change.

14 Our recommendations cannot affect the external boundaries of the borough or result in changes to postcodes. They do not take into account parliamentary constituency boundaries. The recommendations will not have an effect on local

² Local Democracy, Economic Development & Construction Act 2009 paragraph 56(1).

taxes, house prices, or car and house insurance premiums and we are not able to take into account any representations which are based on these issues.

Review timetable

15 We wrote to the Council to ask its views on the appropriate number of councillors for Wandsworth. We then held three periods of consultation with the public on warding patterns for the borough. The submissions received during consultation have informed our final recommendations for most areas of Wandsworth.

16 The review was conducted as follows:

Stage starts	Description
21 May 2019	Number of councillors decided
28 May 2019	Start of consultation seeking views on new wards
5 August 2019	End of consultation; we began analysing submissions and forming draft recommendations
29 October 2019	Publication of draft recommendations; start of second consultation
17 February 2020	End of consultation; we began analysing submissions and forming new recommendations
16 June 2020	Publication of further draft recommendations and start of consultation
27 July 2020	End of consultation; we began analysing submissions and forming final recommendations
3 November 2020	Publication of final recommendations

Analysis and final recommendations

17 Legislation³ states that our recommendations should not be based only on how many electors⁴ there are now, but also on how many there are likely to be in the five years after the publication of our final recommendations. We must also try to recommend strong, clearly identifiable boundaries for our wards.

18 In reality, we are unlikely to be able to create wards with exactly the same number of electors in each; we have to be flexible. However, we try to keep the number of electors represented by each councillor as close to the average for the council as possible.

19 We work out the average number of electors per councillor for each individual local authority by dividing the electorate by the number of councillors, as shown on the table below.

	2019	2025
Electorate of Wandsworth	227,138	243,439
Number of councillors	60	58
Average number of electors per councillor	3,786	4,197

20 When the number of electors per councillor in a ward is within 10% of the average for the authority, we refer to the ward as having 'good electoral equality'. All of our proposed wards for Wandsworth will have good electoral equality by 2025.

Submissions received

21 See Appendix C for details of the submissions received. All submissions may be viewed on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk

Electorate figures

22 The Council submitted electorate forecasts for 2025, a period five years on from the scheduled publication of our final recommendations in 2020. These forecasts were broken down to polling district level and predicted an increase in the electorate of around 7% by 2025.

23 When we received the initial forecast from the Council, we were concerned about a forecast increase in the electorate of 9.4%. We challenged this projected increase due to our data analysis suggesting a lower overall figure. As a result of discussions, it was agreed between the Commission and the Council that the

³ Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

⁴ Electors refers to the number of people registered to vote, not the whole adult population.

projected forecast increase should be 7.2%. We have used these figures to produce our final recommendations. We are satisfied that the projected figures are the best available at the present time.

Number of councillors

24 Wandsworth Council currently has 60 councillors. We have looked at evidence provided by the Council and have concluded that decreasing by two will ensure the Council can carry out its roles and responsibilities effectively.

25 We therefore invited proposals for new patterns of wards that would be represented by 58 councillors – for example, 58 one-councillor wards, or a mix of one-, two- and three-councillor wards.

26 We received three submissions about the number of councillors in response to our consultation on warding patterns. The submissions suggested that the number of councillors should be kept at 60, but they did not provide compelling evidence to support this. We were not persuaded to adopt an alternative number of councillors and we have therefore based our final recommendations on a 58-councillor council.

Ward boundaries consultation

27 We received 122 submissions in response to our consultation on ward boundaries. These included four borough-wide proposals: from the Wandsworth Conservative Group, the Labour Group, the Liberal Democrats and from a local resident. We also received a proposal from an Independent councillor who proposed seven wards for the west of the borough and one ward in the south-east of the borough. The remainder of the submissions provided localised comments for warding arrangements in particular areas of the borough.

28 The four borough-wide schemes each recommended a mixed pattern of two- and three-councillor wards for Wandsworth. We carefully considered the proposals received. We noted that the alternative methods of calculating electoral variances by the respondents produced slightly different figures from those that we identified. Nonetheless, we were of the view that the four borough-wide proposals would result in good levels of electoral equality in most areas of the authority.

29 Our draft recommendations also took into account local evidence that we received, which provided further evidence of community links and locally recognised boundaries. In some areas we considered that the proposals did not provide for the best balance between our statutory criteria and so we identified alternative boundaries.

30 We visited the area in order to look at the various different proposals on the ground. This tour of Wandsworth helped us to decide between the different boundaries proposed.

31 Our draft recommendations were for 14 three-councillor wards and eight two-councillor wards. We considered that our draft recommendations provide for good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and interests where we received such evidence during consultation.

Draft recommendations consultation

32 We received 393 submissions during consultation on our draft recommendations. These included four partial schemes: from a resident, the Conservative and Labour groups, and the Liberal Democrats. The Labour Group submission suggested amendments across the borough. Most of the changes suggested were minor amendments, but the submission did suggest more substantial changes to our Falconbrook proposal and some of the surrounding wards. The other partial schemes were largely focused on our proposals for the west and centre of the borough.

33 The Conservative Group made reference to how other political parties engaged with the consultation process in their submission. As an independent body we do not take a stance on this matter. We consider submissions from all, irrespective of position, and judge them based on the evidence provided as measured against our statutory criteria.

34 As mentioned above, the partial schemes from the resident, Conservative Group and the Liberal Democrats commented on our proposals for wards in the western and central area of Wandsworth. A significant number of submissions also expressed opposition to our proposals for the wards of East Putney, Southfields, Wandle Valley and Wandsworth Town & St Ann's. In contrast, our proposals for Southfields arguably had some support. Many respondents provided a great deal of evidence describing their community to substantiate their opposition to our draft recommendations.

35 In addition to this, it was brought to our attention towards the end of the consultation on the draft recommendations that the electoral equality figures of two of our proposed wards were incorrect. This was due to the misallocation of part of a polling district. Correcting this resulted in the true electoral variances being -15% for Wandle Valley ward and 15% for West Hill ward by 2025. Notwithstanding this error, we noted the well-evidenced opposition to our recommendations in the central area of the borough. In light of this, we proposed a new set of boundaries for the wards of East Putney, Southfields, Wandle, Wandsworth Town and West Hill. We held another short round of consultation on these new proposals.

Further draft recommendations

36 We undertook a period of further limited consultation on our new draft recommendations for East Putney, Southfields, Wandle, Wandsworth Town and West Hill wards and received 475 submissions. These included support in full for our further draft recommendations from the Conservative Party for Merton & Wandsworth, the Wandsworth Conservative Group and the Wandsworth Liberal Democrats.

37 The Wandsworth Labour Group proposed an alternative pattern of wards for the area subject to further draft recommendations, and we received a significant number of submissions which stated their support for this alternative. Similarly, we received a significant number of submissions opposed to any changes to the existing West Hill ward. Many of the later responses referred to a submission which had been seen locally but was not submitted for consultation.

38 We also received a few comments about other areas within the borough which were not subject to further consultation. Our final recommendations for the borough are based on the draft recommendations and further draft recommendations. We propose a number of minor modifications across the borough to strengthen boundaries in response to the evidence received.

Final recommendations

39 Our final recommendations are for 14 three-councillor wards and eight two-councillor wards. We consider that our final recommendations will provide for good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and interests where we received such evidence during consultation.

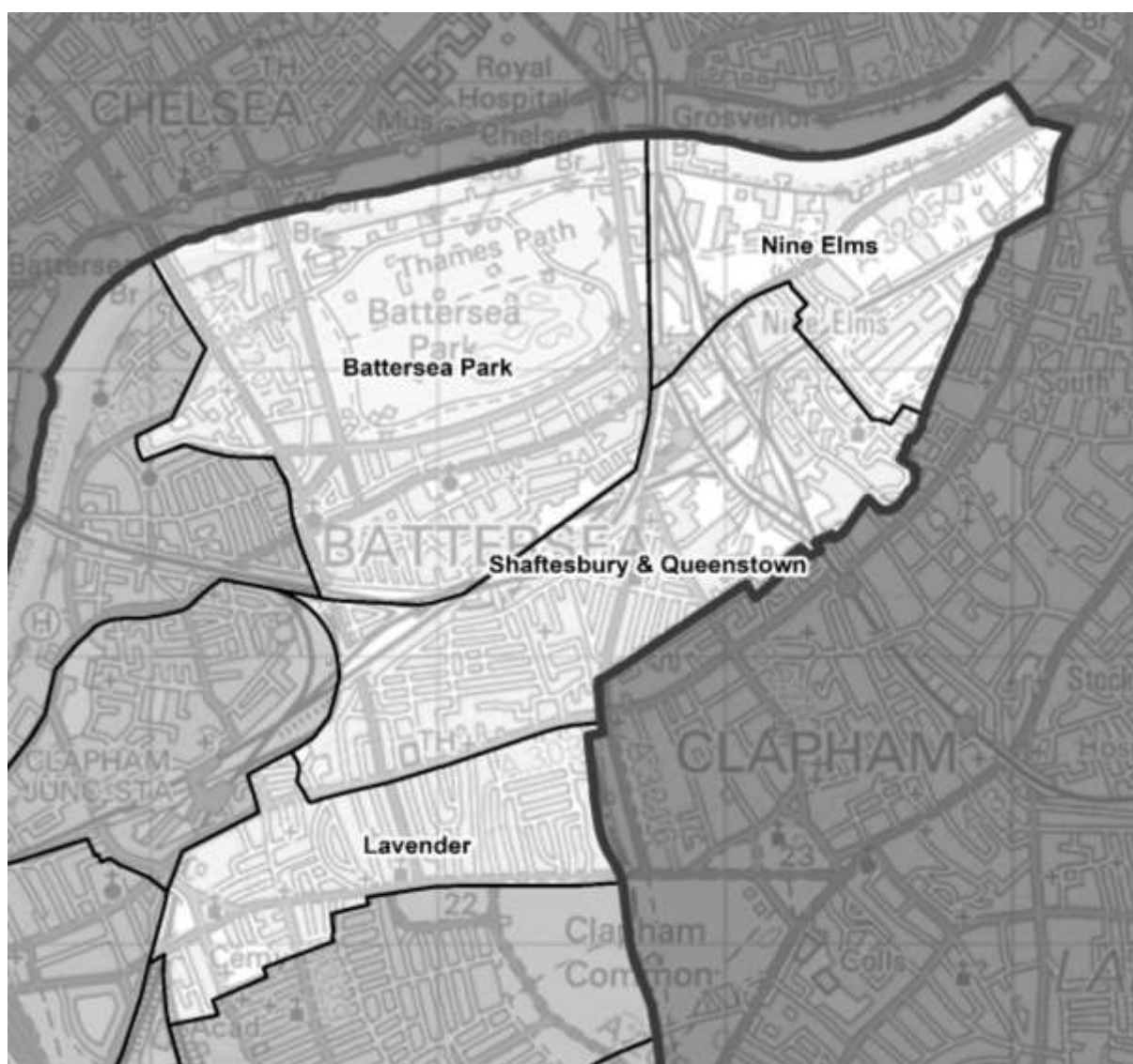
40 The tables and maps on pages 9–30 detail our final recommendations for each area of Wandsworth. They detail how the proposed warding arrangements reflect the three statutory⁵ criteria of:

- Equality of representation.
- Reflecting community interests and identities.
- Providing for effective and convenient local government.

41 A summary of our proposed new wards is set out in the table starting on page 37 and on the large map accompanying this report.

⁵ Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

Battersea Park, Lavender, Nine Elms and Shaftesbury & Queenstown



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2025
Battersea Park	3	4%
Lavender	2	8%
Nine Elms	2	-6%
Shaftesbury & Queenstown	3	-8%

Nine Elms

42 We received nine responses directly in relation to our proposed Nine Elms ward. Five of the submissions were supportive of our proposals, stating that they looked sensible. Councillor Stock stated that the proposals ‘respect the existing communities and shared interests of the developing community around the Battersea Power station development’. However, we did receive a proposal from the Labour Group to run the boundary along Sleaford Street in its entirety, and this was supported by the remaining submissions.

43 We had considered this option when formulating our draft recommendations. However, we noted that it is not possible to use Sleaford Street as a boundary without cutting the new development at the bottom of the road in half, so we chose not to adopt this boundary. It is also not possible to run the boundary around the new development, therefore placing Sleaford Street in the adjacent ward, as this would result in Nine Elms having poor electoral equality, due to the scale and size of the development.

44 Therefore, in consideration of all the evidence received in relation to this area, we confirm our draft recommendations for Nine Elms ward as final.

Battersea Park and Shaftesbury & Queenstown

45 We received 13 submissions directly in relation to our proposed Battersea Park ward. Ten of these submissions, which included those from Councillors Dikerdem, Stock and Wintle, were supportive of our proposals for the ward. The supportive submissions agreed that our recommendations sought to unite the communities around the park and therefore stated that the ward was coherent in its community identity. A submission from a resident did propose a minor amendment. The submission suggested adjusting the southern boundary of the ward around some of the railway lines, to ensure that the commercial premises at the end of Culvert Road were kept within Battersea Park ward. We considered this point but noted that these premises are still accessible via the other side of Culvert Road through a pedestrian walkway. Therefore, we would still contend that our proposed boundary is clearer and more identifiable.

46 The Conservative Group, and Councillors Hampton and Locker, expressed concern with our recommendations and contended that Battersea Park Road should be used as the boundary. The comments largely related to our proposed Shaftesbury & Queenstown ward which, in addition to these submissions, received 26 further submissions.

47 Twelve respondents voiced their support for our proposed Shaftesbury & Queenstown ward. Some argued that residents of the Patmore, Carey Gardens and Savona estates share and use the same facilities, such as schools, as those residing in the Shaftesbury estate. Patmore Co-operative Ltd, which represents many residents within the Patmore, Carey Gardens and Savona estates, also expressed support for our recommendations, noting that those residing within the estates consider this proposal to be reflective of their needs.

48 We received 16 submissions voicing opposition to our proposals in this area, many of which appeared to be in line with the Conservative Group submission. The Conservative Group contended that our proposal was not within the criteria for good electoral equality and failed to recognise community links properly. The submission

contended that a better placed grouping would join estates south of Battersea Park Road with estates in Queenstown. The Group argued that the inclusion of the railway line to the east of the ward meant that the estates in Queenstown were included in a ward with an impassable railway line. Further respondents stated specifically that they did not wish for areas in the west of the ward to be placed in the same ward as the Patmore, Carey Gardens and Savona estates. Others reasoned that the estates should be placed in Nine Elms ward in order to improve the diversity of that ward. A third proposal was that the estates should be placed within their own ward, which would be a single-member ward, separated from the rest of our proposed Shaftesbury & Queenstown ward.

49 We considered the alternatives and points raised in opposition to our draft recommendations. Many stated that the impassability of the railway line to the east of our proposed Shaftesbury & Queenstown ward meant that these estates would be cut off from the rest of the ward. However, we noted that representations were made from those residing within the Patmore, Carey Gardens and Savona estates, expressing their desire not to be placed in a ward with new developments in Nine Elms, due to differences between the areas. This largely stemmed from a concern that the casework likely to arise would be different in nature, and therefore not allow for effective and convenient local government, nor fair representation of the estates. Therefore, we will not be recommending that the eastern boundary of this ward be adjusted to utilise the railway line, thereby placing the estates within Nine Elms ward.

50 The Conservative Group disagreed with our proposed wards in this area partly on the basis, it argued, that they provided for poor electoral equality. We consider our draft recommendations for Shaftesbury & Queenstown ward to have good electoral equality, which we calculate at -8%. We consider any ward with a variance of 10% or less from the borough average to have good electoral equality. In the submission, the Conservative Group calculate this ward would have a variance of -10%, which we would also consider to be in line with our statutory criteria.

51 The submission proposed that the Patmore, Carey Gardens and Savona estates be warded with housing south of Battersea Park Road and in the Poyntz Triangle. The submission argued that this would provide for a better fit, due to similarities between the groups in these areas. We did not consider this proposal would provide for clearer or more identifiable boundaries. Furthermore, we note the evidence in support of our draft recommendations from Patmore Co-operative Ltd; the submission does not suggest that an alternative grouping would provide for a better community fit.

52 Some of the those who opposed our proposals stated that residents in the Shaftesbury Estate had little in common with residents from the Patmore, Carey Gardens and Savona estates. We are not persuaded by the argument that they should be placed in a ward with Nine Elms on the basis of creating a diverse ward.

Whilst we note that some submissions do not consider the two communities to be cohesive, it is important to stress that one of our main considerations when creating wards is ensuring that we do not split up established communities. We do not consider that our draft recommendations do this. Whilst it is possible to create a single-member ward using the B224 as its boundary, we could not see a real advantage in separating this area into a single-member ward. Furthermore, such a ward would still need to include some areas on the other side of the railway line to ensure good electoral equality. Therefore, we have decided not to adopt this proposal as part of our final recommendations.

53 A suggestion was also made by Councillor Belton that Shaftesbury & Queenstown ward be renamed Lavender. However, we received no other suggestions for renaming this ward, and we consider the name to be reflective of the areas represented. We have concluded that our proposed wards for this area provide for good electoral equality and are reflective of community identities and interests. We consider Battersea Park Road to constitute a focus for communities either side of this road and that it should not be used as a ward boundary. Having considered all the evidence received, we have decided to confirm our draft recommendations for Battersea Park and Shaftesbury & Queenstown wards as final.

Lavender

54 We received 16 submissions directly in relation to our proposals for Lavender ward. The submissions were largely supportive of the creation of the ward. It was argued that our proposed ward appeared to have logical and geographical coherence. The remaining submissions were also largely supportive, but they did suggest minor tweaks to the ward.

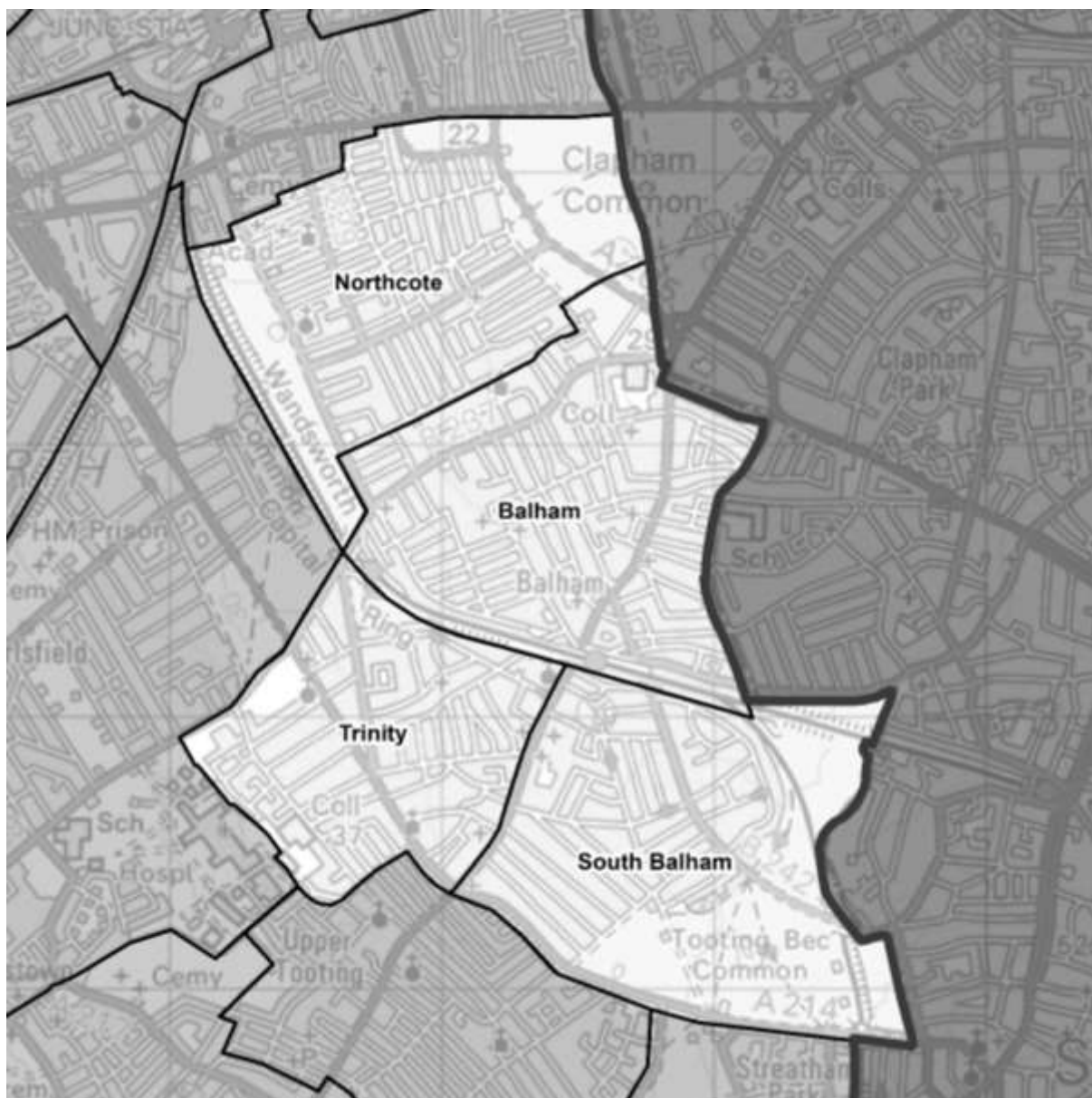
55 Five submissions – from Rosena Allin-Khan MP (Tooting), Councillor Birchall, Councillor Critchard, the Labour Group and a resident – questioned the inclusion of the Chivalry Estate within our proposed Wandsworth Common & Earlsfield ward, reasoning that the estate is separated from the rest of the ward by the railway line and not accessible. We considered this point carefully and noted that the estate is only accessible via Battersea Rise, which sits in our proposed Lavender ward, and not via Bolingbroke Grove. We did not receive any submissions from residents of Chivalry Estate expressing a preference for either ward. We agreed that this estate should be moved into Lavender ward. This will still ensure a clear and identifiable ward boundary as the railway line would now constitute the boundary rather than Bolingbroke Grove. Furthermore, this change would still ensure the ward has good electoral equality.

56 We also received two submissions querying the boundary between our proposed Lavender and Falconbrook wards, which currently sits on Falcon Lane. Both opposed the boundary as it resulted in commercial premises north of Falcon Lane being the only properties south of the railway line to be included in Falconbrook

ward. It was argued that they share community interests with adjoining areas in Lavender ward due to their retail and employment function. We are content to accept this change as the area contains no electors and will not have a negative impact on electoral equality. Therefore, we propose adjusting this boundary just north of Falcon Lane so that it runs along the railway line. We consider this to be a clear and identifiable boundary.

57 Three of the submissions stated a preference for alternative ward names. One resident proposed the ward be renamed Lavender Hill. Councillor Belton suggested that Battersea Central would be a more appropriate choice. Marsha de Cordova MP (Battersea) also stated a preference for Battersea Central but did not specify which ward this should be. Given the general support for the name, we have chosen to confirm it as part of our final recommendations.

Balham, Bedford Hill, Northcote and South Balham



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2025
Balham	3	4%
Northcote	2	5%
South Balham	2	-4%
Trinity	2	3%

Northcote

58 We received 12 submissions that related directly to our proposed Northcote ward. Six of the submissions were supportive of our proposals. One submission stated that they disagreed with the ward reducing to two councillors. The Conservative Group suggested moving the boundary along Shelgate Road and up Leathwaite Road. The Group considered that the properties in this area were of a

similar nature to those on Battersea Rise, which is located within our proposed Lavender ward. It was asserted that this would ensure all commercial premises along Battersea Rise are in the same ward. The submission stated that another possible alternative would be to run the boundary behind the properties on Leathwaite Road in order to keep Leathwaite Road within Northcote ward. Four submissions, including from Councillors Calland, Dawson and Richards-Jones, supported this latter option.

59 We accept the argument put forward regarding the premises along Battersea Rise and therefore propose adjusting the boundary so that it runs behind the housing on Battersea Rise, and then along Webb's Road SW and Shelgate Road. This ensures that all commercial premises are kept within one ward whilst also maintaining good electoral equality for Lavender ward. Lavender ward has increased its electorate size, as it now includes the Chivalry Estate. In our draft recommendations, we considered Webb's Road to be a strong boundary as the housing on either side of the road faces in different directions. We still consider this to be a clear and identifiable boundary and that our adjustment addresses some of the concerns raised. It is not possible to keep Leathwaite Road within Northcote ward and move some of Clapham Common into Lavender as was suggested by one submission. This would require a cut through of Leathwaite Road in order to place Clapham North within Lavender ward. We also considered that Clapham Common was best placed in the same ward as those overlooking it, which is largely those from Leathwaite Road and the area south of this. Therefore, we will not be making further changes here.

60 To accommodate the transfer of the Chivalry Estate into Lavender ward, we have also adjusted the western boundary of Northcote ward, moving it from Bolingbroke Grove to the railway line. This change is also in line with a submission from a local resident who queried why we had not chosen this boundary previously and stated that the railway line is a stronger boundary. We agree that it forms a stronger boundary have adopted this proposed change. We therefore confirm our draft recommendations for Northcote ward as final, subject to the changes outlined above.

Balham, South Balham and Trinity

61 We received five submissions that directly related to our proposed Balham ward and three submissions that directly related to our proposed Trinity ward. All eight submissions agreed with our draft recommendations for these wards, stating that the boundaries proposed were clear and identifiable and reflected communities in the area. Councillor Critchard suggested changing the name of Balham ward to Balham Hill to differentiate the ward from its current warding arrangements.

62 Although this area was not subject to further consultation, we received a further submission from a resident who stated that Balham should not be split into two

wards. The resident did not put forward sufficiently strong evidence to persuade us to move away from the draft recommendations.

63 We received 24 submissions supporting our proposed South Balham ward, with many stating that the boundaries were well defined. Three respondents proposed that Tooting Bec Common should be placed in our proposed Tooting Bec ward on the basis that the names of the Common and wider area were the same. We were not persuaded that we had received sufficient evidence to justify this proposed change and have concluded that moving the Common between wards would not provide for a sufficiently clear ward boundary.

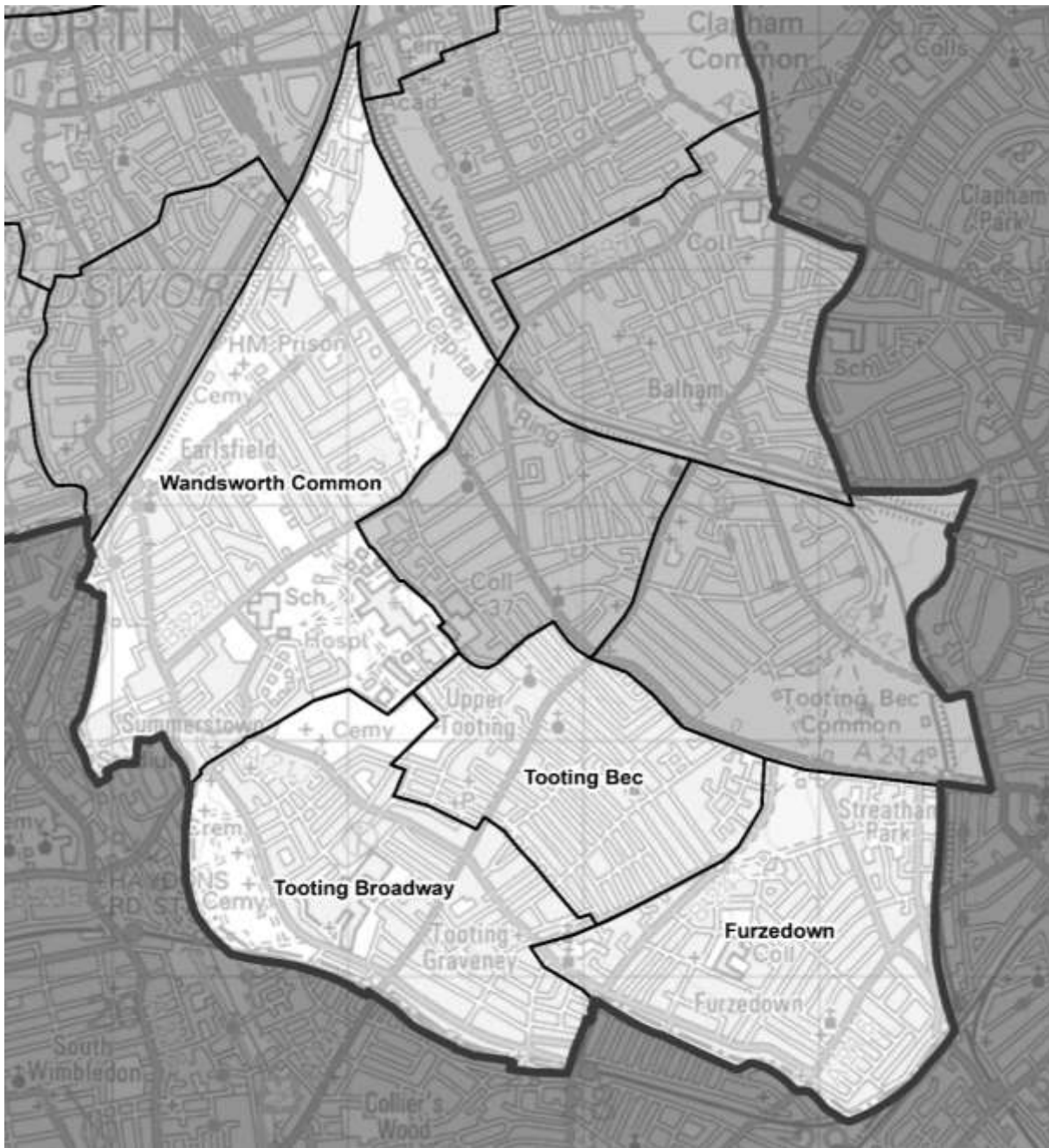
64 There was a lack of consensus amongst respondents regarding our proposed ward names. Nine of the submissions supported our proposed name of South Balham, with many stating that they used facilities in Balham, so the name made geographical sense. Two submissions suggested the name Heaver, owing to the large conservation estate in the ward. The Conservative Group also put forth a submission stating preference for this choice. A further submission suggested either Balham South or Bedford Hill while another suggested that this ward should be named Tooting Bec.

65 We acknowledge that some confusion may be caused by the placement of Tooting Bec Common in this ward. However, during the previous consultation stage it was made clear to us that ward names in the adjoining Tooting area were strongly associated with local Underground stations, so we decided not to rename this ward Tooting Bec. We noted that South Balham had local support and also considered Bedford Hill to be a viable option, as it is locally recognisable and reflects the main road of the same name which forms a main transport artery through the ward.

66 Due to this lack of consensus, as part of our further draft recommendations, we consulted on three name options for the ward. These were Bedford Hill, Heaver and South Balham. We received a further 48 submissions in relation to this request. Seventeen submissions supported South Balham (an additional three stated a preference for Balham South), whilst 12 supported Heaver and 10 supported Bedford Hill. The remaining submissions received either proposed names outside of the options listed or did not state a preference for one ward name. Submissions in support for each ward name were similarly argued as before.

67 Having carefully considered the evidence received in relation to this area, we have decided that the strongest evidence was in support of the ward name of South Balham. The evidence suggests to us that residents in this area consider themselves part of Balham and use facilities in the centre of the area.

Furzedown, Tooting Bec, Tooting Broadway and Wandsworth Common



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2025
Furzedown	3	0%
Tooting Bec	3	1%
Tooting Broadway	3	-1%
Wandsworth Common	3	-1%

Furzedown

68 We received seven submissions directly in relation to our proposed Furzedown ward, where we recommended extending the ward boundary to Church Lane. The

submissions received all supported our proposal, stating that the ward balanced our statutory criteria well. Therefore, we confirm our draft recommendations for Furzedown ward as final.

Tooting Bec and Tooting Broadway

69 We received a submission from the Labour Group arguing that the boundary between our proposed Tooting Bec and Tooting Broadway wards should be adjusted to run along Broadwater Road. The Group contended that this would move a school, church and mosque into Tooting Broadway ward, which it stated was more reflective of the community. This proposal was also supported in seven further submissions, including those from Rosena Allin-Khan MP (Tooting), and Councillors Akinola, Critchard and Denfield. We have carefully considered this proposal but have concluded that there was insufficient evidence to support it and we were not persuaded that the suggested ward boundary would be clearer or more identifiable.

70 We received one submission which stated that Tooting Bec ward should be renamed Upper Tooting ward. The submission also proposed renaming South Balham ward as Tooting Bec. Although this area was not subject to further consultation, we received a submission from a resident who argued that the name Graveney should remain owing to the river that runs through it. However, we note that during the previous round of consultation, there was a strong preference for the wards in these areas to be named Tooting Bec and Tooting Broadway due to the location of their respective Underground stations. Therefore, in consideration of all the evidence received in relation to this area, we confirm our draft recommendations for Tooting Bec and Tooting Broadway wards as final.

Wandsworth Common

71 We received 14 submissions directly in relation to our proposed Wandsworth Common & Earlsfield ward. One submission supported our proposals in their entirety. Another submission queried the figures we had used for the ward. We responded to this query directly and explained how electorate estimates were created in line with the Council's five-year electorate forecast. One respondent queried our proposed boundaries, stating that the ward contained disparate communities that did not have a shared sense of identity. Despite this area not being subject to further consultation, we received three additional submissions which stated that the ward joined together disparate communities. However, they did not provide sufficient evidence to support this and none of the submissions provided an alternative warding proposal that would resolve their concerns.

72 As discussed in the previous section, four of the submissions suggested that we move the Chivalry Estate into Lavender ward, an amendment we agreed with. Another submission from a resident had queried why we had used Bolingbroke Grove instead of the railway line as a ward boundary. Considering the evidence received, we propose adjusting the boundary to move the Chivalry Estate into

Lavender ward. In particular, we consider the railway line to be a clear and identifiable feature on which to base our ward boundary. We note that this will still produce a good electoral variance and therefore consider this ward to provide an effective balance of our statutory criteria.

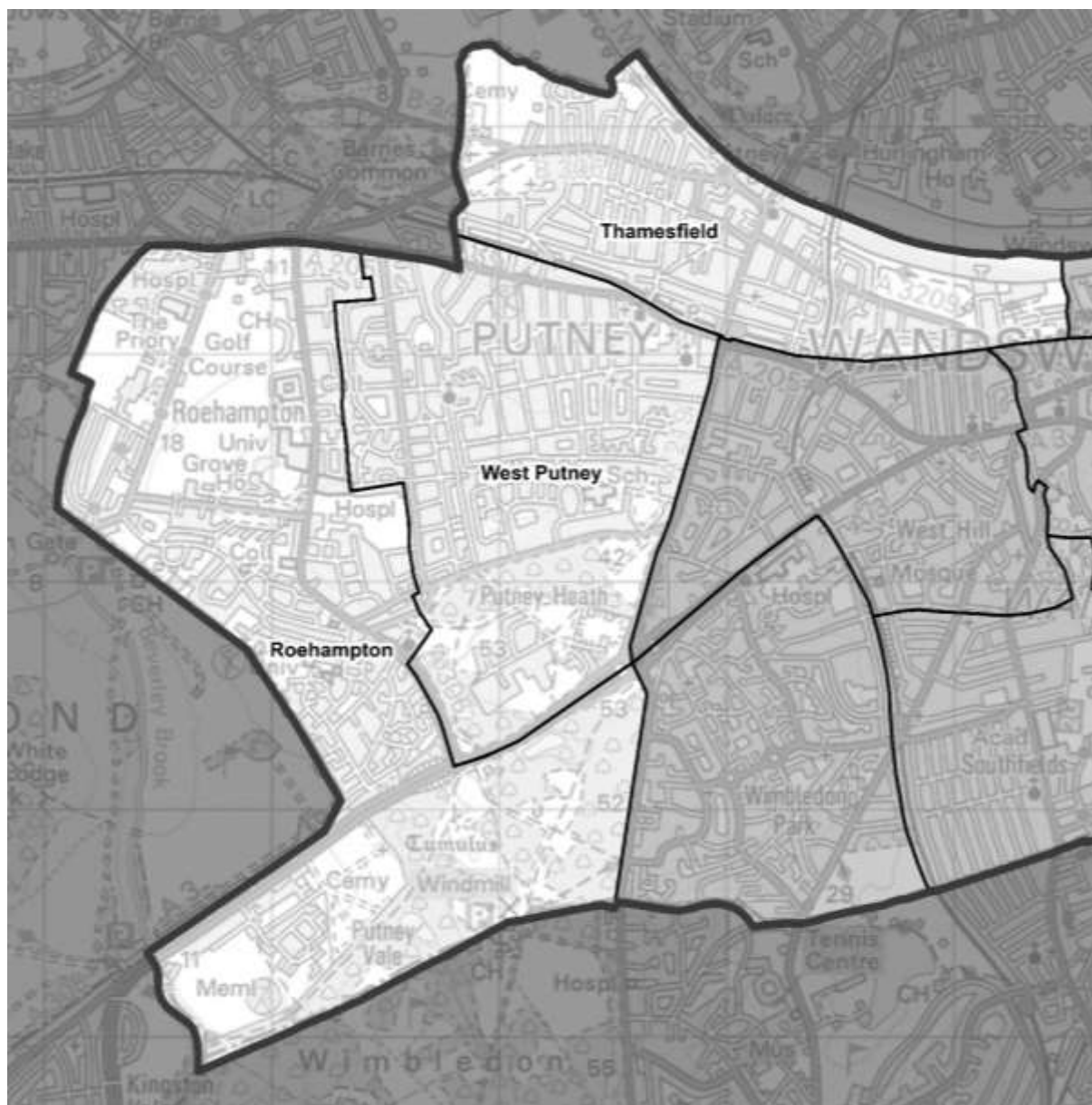
73 We received a further submission from a resident stating that the triangular area between Trinity Road and Wandsworth Common North Side should also be included in this ward. This would extend our proposed ward boundary westward, crossing the railway line to include this additional area. We considered this carefully, but also noted contradictory evidence which suggested that this is in fact wrongly placed with Wandsworth Common under the current warding arrangements. We also considered that the railway line acts as a strong boundary and are therefore not recommending that the ward be extended this far west.

74 The remaining submissions were largely focused on the ward name. The Conservative Group, Councillor Birchall and a local resident proposed that the ward be renamed Springfield, as a previous incarnation was called. Springfield refers largely to areas in the south of the ward. The Conservative Group stated that, if we were not persuaded to change the name to Springfield, it would be content for the ward to be named Wandsworth Common. This ward name was supported by another respondent. We received three submissions which proposed the ward be named Magdalen, including from Councillor Graham. The submissions argued that the name was a central and historical feature of the ward and it would bring together the different aspects of the ward.

75 We considered the name of Springfield but chose not to adopt this based on its limited geographical links in the south of the ward. We do not consider it be representative of the ward as a whole. We noted the arguments put forward for the name Magdalen. However, our concern with this name was the lack of evidence suggesting it would be widely supported. Therefore, we have chosen to name the ward Wandsworth Common, as this appears to be a widely accepted and identifiable feature which covers a large geographic area of the ward.

76 In conclusion, subject to the changes outlined above, as well as the name change, we confirm our draft recommendations for this ward as final.

Roehampton, Thamesfield and West Putney



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2025
Roehampton	3	-2%
Thamesfield	3	-1%
West Putney	3	-6%

Thamesfield

77 We received seven submissions responding directly to our proposed Thamesfield ward. All of these were supportive of our draft recommendations where we proposed a minor amendment to the current ward by moving the southern boundary from Upper Richmond Road to the railway line. An additional submission stated a preference for the ward to be renamed Putney Riverside. However, we were not persuaded we had received sufficient evidence to justify this and note that this

change in ward name was not supported or suggested by others. Therefore, we confirm our draft recommendations for Thamesfield ward as final.

Roehampton and West Putney

78 We received a large number of submissions in relation to our proposals for these wards. In total, 56 of these specifically opposed our recommendations on the basis that they split the Dover House Estate between wards, with many stating a preference for the boundary running either along Roehampton Lane or Priory Lane. The submissions reasoned that the estate should not be split up in light of its strong community connections and that these alternatives provided clear and identifiable boundaries. Eight of these submissions expressed a preference for the Dover House Estate being placed in West Putney ward, whilst one suggested it should be placed in Roehampton ward. The Liberal Democrats and one resident, who provided partial schemes for the area, proposed that we follow our recommended boundary, but make an adjustment so that it follows the rear of the Dover House Estate, thereby placing it in West Putney ward. Although this area was not subject to further consultation, we received an additional 13 submissions from residents and the Green Party who disagreed with our draft recommendation to split the Dover House Estate between wards. Of these submissions, four stated a preference for this area remaining within West Putney ward.

79 We carefully considered all the evidence received. Unfortunately, if we were to use either Roehampton Lane or Priory Lane as a ward boundary, as was suggested by many submissions, this would result in poor electoral equality in both wards. However, it is not our intention to split up a well-established community. Therefore, we propose adopting the changes suggested by the Liberal Democrats and the local resident, but more specifically following the resident's proposal that the boundary follows to the rear of housing along Marrick Close and then behind the Dover House Estate. We consider this to be a clear and identifiable boundary. It will also result in both wards having good electoral equality, whilst importantly ensuring that the Dover House Estate remains in one ward.

80 The remaining submissions received for this area were largely supportive of our draft recommendations. Five of these submissions, which included representations from Councillors Ambache, Gilbert and McKinney, directly supported our proposals for Roehampton. The submissions reasoned that our draft recommendations for Roehampton ward contained clear features of the Roehampton community. We received further submissions supporting our draft recommendations for West Putney ward, some of which supported our proposal to move Putney Heath into West Putney. The submissions argued that the positioning of Putney Heath in West Putney ward was appropriate as the areas were connected by transport links and that people local to the area used Putney Heath. One of the submissions contended that Putney Heath should also be included in the ward name.

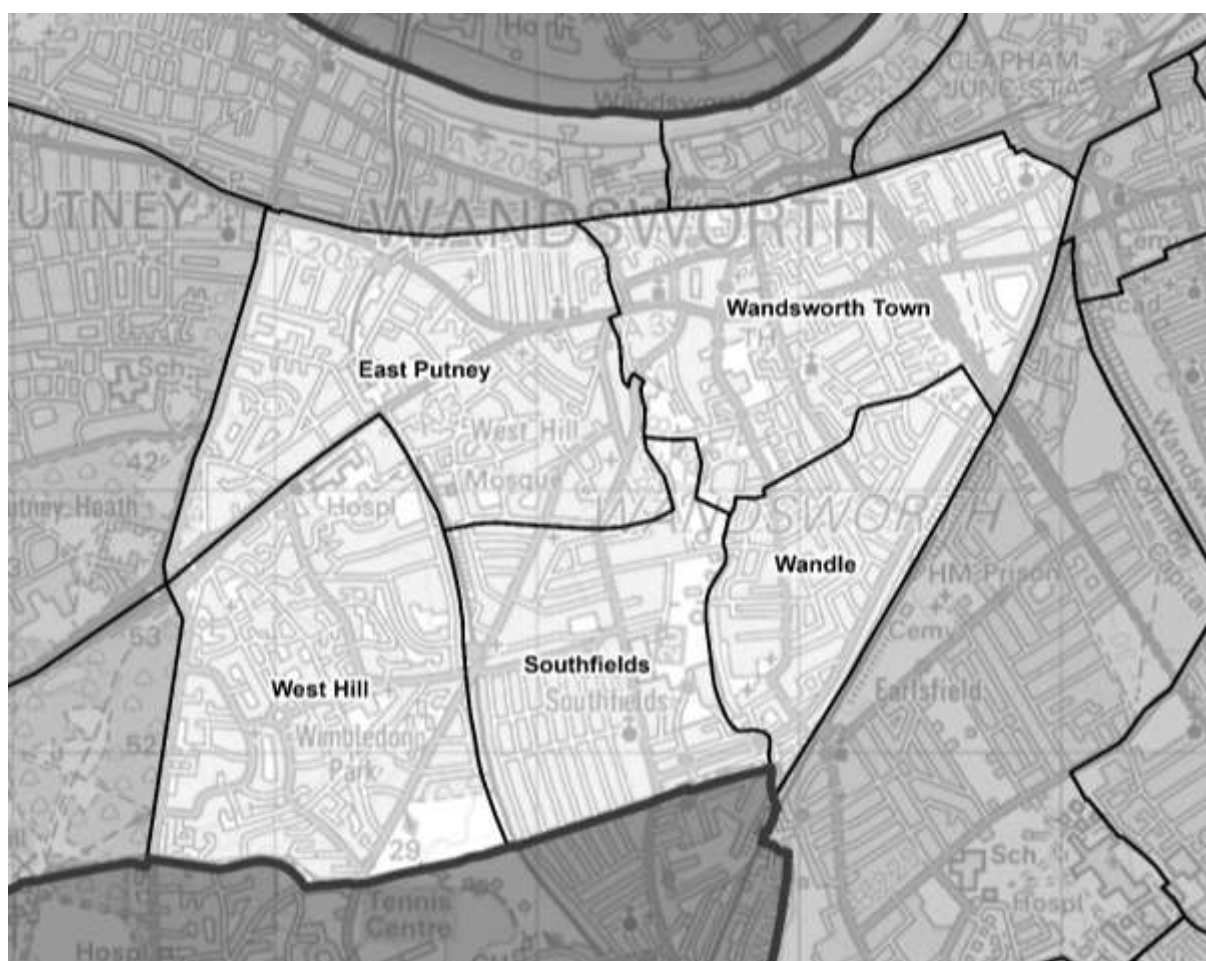
81 We noted that the partial schemes from the resident and the Liberal Democrats proposed that Putney Heath remain in Roehampton ward, as under the existing arrangements. The resident reasoned that this would produce better electoral equality and keep the area united in one ward. The resident also stated that those in Roehampton overlooked Putney Heath. However, the respondent acknowledged that those living within Putney Village are distinct from communities in Roehampton and West Putney wards, and we received no submissions from residents within Putney Village which suggested a preference. The Liberal Democrats stated that the Heath had more in common with Roehampton but did not elaborate further.

82 We carefully considered both arguments put forward but have concluded that placing Putney Heath in West Putney ward will produce a more logical boundary that reflects community identities and interests, as well as local transport links. Additionally, we note that moving Putney Heath into Roehampton ward would produce poorer electoral equality for our proposed West Putney ward.

83 Some of the submissions expressed concern that our proposed West Putney ward extended too far east into an area which identifies as East Putney. In light of this, we proposed that the boundary between West Putney and East Putney wards run down Putney Hill, to reflect the evidence received.

84 In consideration of the evidence provided, we propose amending our ward boundary between Roehampton and West Putney wards to ensure that the Dover House Estate remains in West Putney ward wholly. We therefore recommend running the boundary along Marrick Close and behind the housing of the Dover House Estate. We also confirm that the boundary between East Putney and West Putney will run along Putney Hill, as proposed in our further draft recommendations. This will be discussed in further detail in relation to East Putney ward. We consider these recommendations to represent the best balance of our statutory criteria.

East Putney, Southfields, Wandle, Wandsworth Town and West Hill



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2025
East Putney	3	0%
Southfields	2	7%
Wandle	2	0%
Wandsworth Town	3	10%
West Hill	3	-5%

East Putney and Southfields

Response to further draft recommendations

85 As set out in the further draft recommendations report, we gave careful consideration to the evidence received during the previous consultations. We noted that there was strong opposition to our plans for East Putney, which many stated extended too far east into Wandsworth Town; whilst our proposals for Southfields ward were largely well received, but were not viable when considered alongside our further draft recommendations for West Hill ward.

86 In response to our further draft recommendations, we received support for our proposals from the Wandsworth Conservative Group and the Liberal Democrats.

Whilst we received some comments which largely approved of our reconfiguration of the wards, some minor adjustments were suggested. We also received objections to our plans from the Labour Group, with many submissions echoing the sentiments put forward in its submission. The Labour Group contended that our proposed East Putney ward extended too far south-eastwards, and that a triangular area, including Merton Road, Buckhold Road, Longstaff Road and Longstaff Crescent, was not part of East Putney, but part of Southfields area, owing to its SW18 postcode and strong connection with the ward. The submission also contended that Fazl Mosque was better placed with Southfields, and consequently suggested that East Putney should be a two-councillor ward centring around the East Putney station, with only a limited amount of housing south of West Hill being placed within the ward. The Group proposed that Southfields ward be reconfigured as a three-councillor ward and extend northwards into much of the area we had placed in East Putney ward.

87 We have carefully considered the evidence put forward and have noted that objections to our proposals were, to some extent, contradicted by evidence we received at previous consultation stages. We note that the SW18 postcode covers a large area, including wards outside of Southfields. Furthermore, we do not take account of postcodes, and do not consider that they constitute evidence of community identity.

88 Whilst we were not convinced by the evidence that this area strongly identifies as Southfields, we carefully considered the argument put forward by others that our proposed East Putney ward would extend too far. However, we did not consider the alternative put forward by the Labour Group provided a better balance of our statutory criteria. Additionally, based on the evidence received throughout the review, we were of the view that the Labour Group's proposed Southfields ward would extend too far east into an area of Wandsworth Town.

89 We also considered another argument put forward by the Labour Group that our proposals would divide King George's Park between wards. We considered the possibility of using Buckhold Road as the boundary between East Putney and Southfields wards but concluded that, while this would be a strong boundary and keep the park within the same ward, it would result in an electoral variance of 15% by 2025 for a two-councillor Southfields ward. Whilst our proposals do split up King George's Park, we consider that they do so where the park differs in nature, and there is an established footpath. On this basis, we are not persuaded that the alternative warding proposals provide for a better balance of our statutory criteria than the boundaries proposed at further draft recommendations stage.

90 We received a further submission from a resident who proposed two minor amendments to our proposed East Putney ward. The resident proposed that the south-eastern ward boundary should extend to encompass the area of housing along Buckland Road, so as not to divide this area between wards. The resident also

proposed that the housing south of Brathway Road and including Camborne Road should be included in East Putney ward in order to keep this housing together. The respondent stated that doing so would produce better electoral equality. We are minded to agree with the first amendment, which we consider would keep the area of housing on Buckhold Road together in a single ward. We did not consider the second amendment to provide for a better balance of our statutory criteria, we considered that the proposal would extend our proposed East Putney ward further south, into an area that is not considered East Putney. We also did not consider the proposed boundary used to be clearer or more identifiable than our proposal.

91 We also received submissions from residents in relation to the boundary between East Putney and West Putney. In our further draft recommendations, we proposed an amendment that would use Putney Hill as the boundary between the wards, in light of the evidence received. We received broad support for this amendment during consultation on our further draft recommendations and therefore propose that this is retained. One resident queried our proposals with reference to the equity on their property, but they did not provide any evidence for why the ward boundary should remain the same and we do not have regard for arguments based on changes in house prices.

92 Therefore, we confirm our further draft recommendations for East Putney and Southfields wards as final, bar the one minor amendment to include all the housing along Buckhold Road in East Putney ward.

West Hill

Response to further draft recommendations

93 As set out in the further draft recommendations report, we noted that there was significant opposition to our plans for West Hill ward and there was strong evidence put forward which suggested that the current ward boundaries for West Hill should remain, based on the strong community links within the area.

94 During consultation on our further draft recommendations, we received an amended proposal from the Labour Group, as well as numerous submissions echoing support for the proposal, which suggested moving Southfields station into Southfields ward. At present, the station is split between the Southfields and West Hill wards. We also received a number of submissions agreeing with our further draft recommendations to keep West Hill ward the same, including from the Parochial Church Council, Southfields Business Forum, Sutherland Grove Conservation Area Residents' Association and Victoria Drive Conservation Area Residents' Association. Some submissions disagreed with a proposal to run the boundary along Sutherland Grove, stating that this would split an established community and create governance issues.

95 We considered that placing Southfields station wholly in Southfields ward would have no effect on the electorate in either Southfields or West Hill wards. We also considered that the ward would still follow a strong boundary formed by the District line. On this basis, we propose a minor amendment to our further draft recommendations, by moving Southfields station wholly into Southfields ward. We consider that such a move will ensure a strong ward boundary that would not split up established communities.

Wandle and Wandsworth Town

Response to further draft recommendations

96 As set out in the further draft recommendations report, we gave careful consideration to the evidence received during the consultation on the draft recommendations. We noted that there was strong disapproval of our draft recommendations, with many contending that our proposed wards combined disparate areas. Most notably, submissions contended that Wandsworth Town was split across numerous wards, and that our proposals would worsen an anomaly created during the last review, which placed an area west of Wandsworth Common in the ward, despite this area being 'Tooting facing'.

97 In response to our further draft recommendations, we received approval from the Wandsworth Conservative Group and the Liberal Democrats, both stating that our plans for the area were reflective of its community identities. We also received a submission from the Wandsworth Labour Group which disagreed with our recommendations and suggested an alternative proposal for the two wards. A significant number of submissions supported this submission. The submission sought to create a three-councillor ward centred around the River Wandle. The remaining area formed a two-councillor Wandsworth Town ward. The Labour Group stated that the wards should be reconfigured to focus on the River Wandle and argued that our proposals for Wandle would join two disparate communities. The submission also received support from the Wandle Valley Forum and the Nicholas Stewart Project.

98 The Labour Group contended that our Wandle ward was not representative of the community, arguing that our proposals place two disparate communities together along Garratt Lane and St Ann's Hill. The Group similarly argued that our proposed Wandsworth Town ward was not reflective of the community. Instead, it put forward an alternative proposal which argued for a three-councillor ward largely focused on the River Wandle and named Wandle. It also proposed a smaller two-councillor Wandsworth Town ward which took in some additional areas between Allfarthing Lane and St Ann's Hill. The Labour Group argued that this ward should face Wandsworth Common and that this was truly the area defined as Wandsworth Town.

99 We accept that there may be some benefits in placing the entirety of the River Wandle within one ward but have some concerns about the proposals. In particular,

we consider the proposed Wandle ward to be very elongated and, although the submission states that our proposals would join together disparate housing, we similarly considered that this proposal would do so. Garratt Lane is a busy road that may cause representative issues, but we note that the bulk of the road is already split between separate wards, and we are not persuaded by the argument that the northern end of the road needs to be wholly within one ward. The submission, along with many others, made reference to emerging supplementary planning guidance for the area. We have looked at the guidance, but note that the area covered would not be contained within one ward and would be split further by the Labour Group's proposal, which would place the area in three wards, rather than in two under our recommendations. We were therefore not persuaded that the proposal would necessarily address the governance and representative concerns raised and, furthermore, we do not consider that a planning document would necessarily be indicative of community identity.

100 We carefully considered the Labour Group's proposed Wandsworth Town ward. The proposal itself makes reference to the fact that the Town Hall is excluded under our recommendations, although we noted that surrounding businesses, around Armoury Way, would be placed within the proposed Wandle ward. At the previous stage of the consultation, businesses in the area had queried our decision to place them in East Putney ward, instead arguing that they were part of Wandsworth Town and to separate them would cause governance issues. We therefore have concerns that the Labour Group's proposal does not reflect the extent of the Wandsworth Town area. We calculated the proposed two-councillor Wandsworth Town ward would also have a relatively high electoral variance by 2025. We also did not consider the boundaries proposed between the two wards to be clearer or more identifiable than our further draft recommendations. We have therefore not been persuaded to adopt the alternative proposal put forward.

101 We received a further submission from a resident who suggested two minor alternations to our further draft proposals. The resident proposed that we move the area of Spencer's Park into Wandsworth Common ward in order to reduce the size of our proposed Wandsworth Town ward and improve electoral equality. The resident argued that the housing in this area is quite different in nature from the rest of the ward. Whilst we agree that this area does appear separate, we are not persuaded that this, of itself, is indicative of a separate community identity. We consider that our proposed ward follows clear boundaries and will have a good electoral variance. Therefore, we have not accepted this proposal as part of our final recommendations.

102 The resident also proposed that we should use the length of the River Wandle as the boundary between Southfields and Wandle wards. Our proposed boundary deviated from the river, as the submission acknowledged, to address an access issue. We noted the support from the Conservative Group on the basis that it placed

the Wandle Recreation Centre within Wandle ward and avoids splitting the Sergeant Industrial Estate between wards. We considered that it would be appropriate to place this area within our Wandsworth Town ward, as it is largely commercial and seemingly an extension of the wider area. We also consider that this would aid effective and convenient local governance in the area and has a minimal effect on electoral equality.

103 In relation to the ward name of Wandle, we received mixed responses. Some submissions stated that our proposed ward should have a different name. The Wandle Valley Forum stated that there is already a proposed Wandle ward in a neighbouring borough and a Wandle Valley ward proposed elsewhere. The Forum argued the name could be confusing for local stakeholders. Another submission stated a preference for Earlsfield Road as the ward name. The Conservative Group stated a preference for Wandle on the basis that Earlsfield may prove confusing, given that Earlsfield station is located along the ward boundary. As some of the submissions highlight, were we to name the ward Earlsfield, we would have to differentiate it from the area to the south, which might lead to confusion. Whilst we accept that other wards have similar names in neighbouring boroughs, we do not consider this, of itself, is a basis for changing the ward name.

104 We therefore confirm our further draft recommendations for this area as final, subject to the minor amendments discussed above.

Falconbrook and St Mary's



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2025
Falconbrook	2	1%
St Mary's	3	-2%

Falconbrook and St Mary's

105 We received 34 submissions directly in relation to our draft recommendations for this area. The Labour Group put forward a submission to increase the size of our proposed Falconbrook ward, effectively resulting in it becoming a three-councillor ward. The Group proposed extending the boundary along Yelverton Road, Battersea High Street and the B305. The main premise of the argument was that this proposal would place the estates within this area in the same ward. A number of respondents argued that this was a more coherent split on the basis that it would ensure all riverside and former industrial areas fronting the river are still kept in the same ward, which we proposed be named Riverside. The submission received support from 13 other respondents who cited the same arguments, including Marsha de Cordova MP (Battersea). Three other submissions suggested that Lombard Road and Vicarage

Crescent were more appropriate choices for the boundary. Two of these submissions stated that the High Street should be wholly contained in one ward.

106 Although the area was not subject to further consultation, we received an additional submission which appeared to disagree with our draft recommendations for the area, suggesting that the ward should be focused on Clapham Junction and include areas of Latchmere. We found the submission unclear and did not consider it to provide sufficiently strong evidence.

107 Four submissions received were largely supportive of our draft recommendations for this area, stating that the boundaries were clear and identifiable, and that both proposed wards had a coherent focus. We carefully considered the arguments put forward by the Labour Group. However, we considered the alternative boundaries proposed to be less clear and identifiable than our draft recommendations. Overall, we were not convinced that the alternative would offer an effective balance of our statutory criteria and we have decided not to adopt these proposals as part of our final recommendations.

108 We received three submissions in relation to the area around Clapham Junction station. The submissions stated that the station should be placed within one ward in order to deliver effective and convenient local government. We considered this argument and agreed. Therefore, we have sought to address these concerns by adjusting our proposed ward boundary so that it continues along St John's Hill, then follows Falcon Road and continues along the railway line. This will ensure that Clapham Junction station is entirely within our proposed Falconbrook ward. As detailed earlier in this report, we propose that the boundary between Falconbrook and Lavender wards is moved from Falcon Lane to the railway line.

109 Two submissions commended our name choice of Falconbrook, stating that the choice resonated with the history and geography of the ward. However, we received eight submissions that objected to our proposed ward name of Riverside. Many stated a preference for the old ward name and stated that St Mary's had both a strong significance and importance to the area, arguing that Riverside was too generic a name. St Mary's, St Mary's Riverside and St Mary's Park were all suggested as alternative options. In light of the points raised by the Labour Group in relation to some properties being distant from the riverside, we consider St Mary's to be the most appropriate choice of ward name and reflective of the local area.

110 We therefore confirm our draft recommendations for this area as final, subject to the change in ward name to St Mary's and the minor amendments made to Falconbrook ward.

Conclusions

111 The table below provides a summary as to the impact of our final recommendations on electoral equality in Wandsworth, referencing the 2019 and 2025 electorate figures. A full list of wards, names and their corresponding electoral variances can be found at Appendix A to the back of this report. An outline map of the wards is provided at Appendix B.

Summary of electoral arrangements

	Final recommendations	
	2019	2025
Number of councillors	58	58
Number of electoral wards	22	22
Average number of electors per councillor	3,916	4,197
Number of wards with a variance more than 10% from the average	5	0
Number of wards with a variance more than 20% from the average	1	0

Final recommendations

Wandsworth Council should be made up of 58 councillors serving 22 wards representing eight two-councillor wards and 14 three-councillor wards. The details and names are shown in Appendix A and illustrated on the large maps accompanying this report.

Mapping

Sheet 1, Map 1 shows the proposed wards for Wandsworth Council. You can also view our final recommendations for Wandsworth Council on our interactive maps at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk

What happens next?

112 We have now completed our review for most areas of Wandsworth Council. The changes we have proposed must be approved by Parliament. A draft Order – the legal document which brings into force our recommendations – will be laid in Parliament. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements will come into force at the local elections in 2022.

Equalities

113 The Commission has looked at how it carries out reviews under the guidelines set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. It has made best endeavours to ensure that people with protected characteristics can participate in the review process and is sufficiently satisfied that no adverse equality impacts will arise as a result of the outcome of the review.

Appendices

Appendix A

Final recommendations for Wandsworth Council

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2025)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Balham	3	12,930	4,310	10%	13,094	4,365	4%
2	Battersea Park	3	12,664	4,221	8%	13,060	4,353	4%
3	East Putney	3	12,346	4,115	5%	12,619	4,206	0%
4	Falconbrook	2	8,015	4,008	2%	8,499	4,250	1%
5	Furzedown	3	12,438	4,146	6%	12,558	4,186	0%
6	Lavender	2	8,759	4,380	12%	9,078	4,539	8%
7	Nine Elms	2	1,637	819	-79%	7,875	3,938	-6%
8	Northcote	2	8,756	4,378	12%	8,782	4,391	5%
9	Roehampton	3	11,705	3,902	0%	12,344	4,115	-2%
10	Shaftesbury & Queenstown	3	10,967	3,656	-7%	11,571	3,857	-8%
11	South Balham	2	7,905	3,953	1%	8,045	4,023	-4%
12	Southfields	2	8,964	4,482	14%	9,015	4,508	7%
13	St Mary's	3	9,784	3,261	-17%	12,349	4,116	-2%
14	Thamesfield	3	11,704	3,901	0%	12,411	4,137	-1%

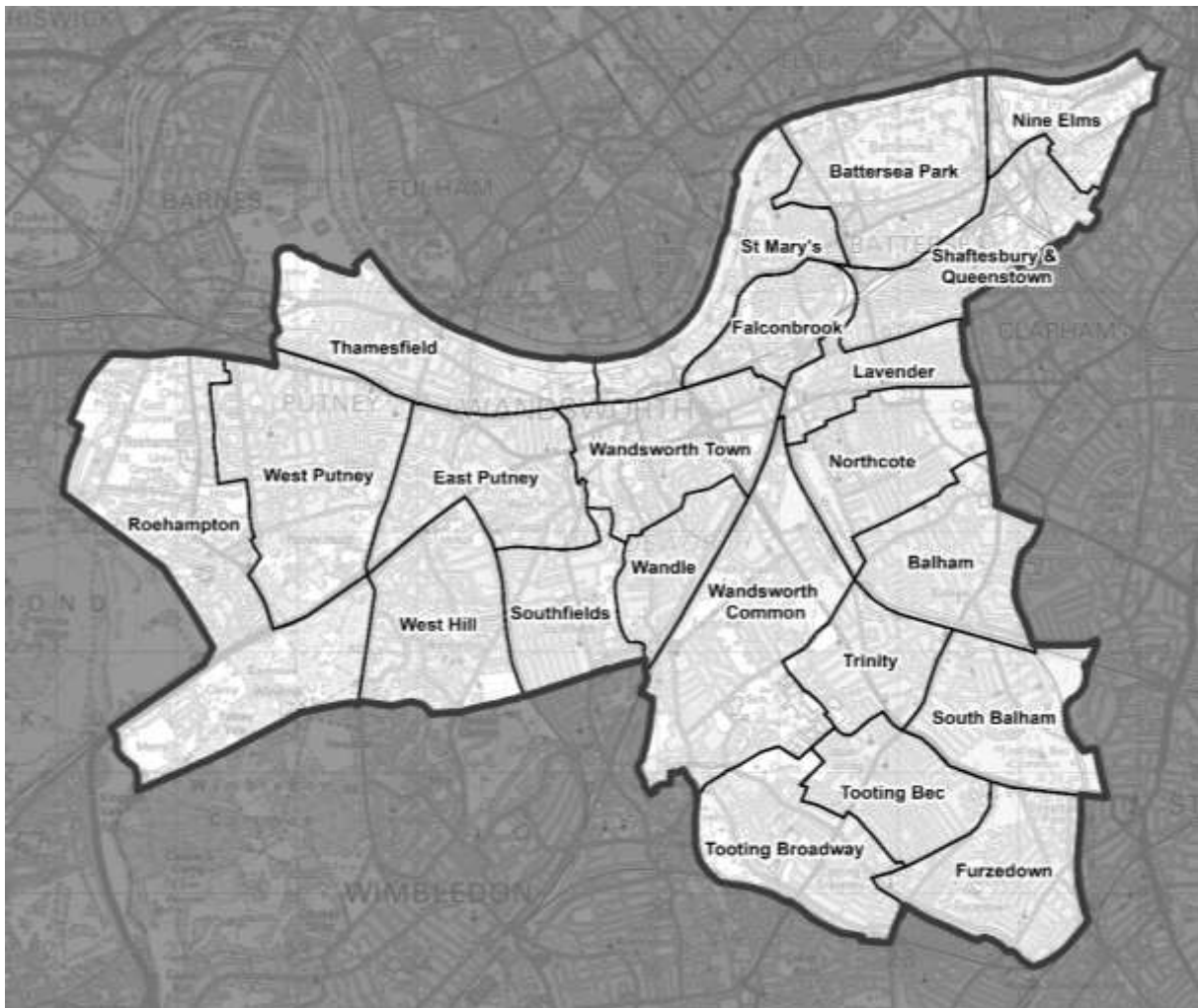
Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2025)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
15 Tooting Bec	3	12,542	4,181	7%	12,724	4,241	1%
16 Tooting Broadway	3	12,263	4,088	4%	12,409	4,136	-1%
17 Trinity	2	8,425	4,213	8%	8,635	4,318	3%
18 Wandle	2	7,891	3,946	1%	8,364	4,182	0%
19 Wandsworth Common	3	11,380	3,793	-3%	12,425	4,142	-1%
20 Wandsworth Town	3	12,589	4,196	7%	13,796	4,599	10%
21 West Hill	3	11,651	3,884	-1%	11,923	3,974	-5%
22 West Putney	3	11,823	3,941	1%	11,863	3,954	-6%
Totals	58	227,138	-	-	243,439	-	-
Averages	-	-	3,916	-	-	4,197	-

Source: Electorate figures are based on information provided by Wandsworth Council.

Note: The 'variance from average' column shows by how far, in percentage terms, the number of electors per councillor in each electoral ward varies from the average for the borough. The minus symbol (-) denotes a lower than average number of electors. Figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

Appendix B

Outline map



A more detailed version of this map can be seen on the large map accompanying this report, or on our website: www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/greater-london/greater-london/wandsworth

Appendix C

Submissions received

All submissions received can also be viewed on our website at:

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Draft recommendations: Submissions received

Political Groups

- Wandsworth Conservative Group
- Wandsworth Labour Group
- Wandsworth Liberal Democrats

Councillors

- Councillor K. Akinola (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor J. Ambache (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor T. Belton (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor R. Birchall (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor H. Byrne (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor K. Caddy (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor L. Calland (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor P. Carpenter (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor J. Cook (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor A. Critchard (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor G. Crivelli (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor P. Dawson (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor H. Denfield (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor A. Dikerdem (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor P. Ellis (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor C. Fraser (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor J. Gasser (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor A. Gibbons (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor C. Gilbert (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor R. Govindia (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor A. Graham (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor M. Grimston (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor M. Hampton (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor G. Henderson (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor S. Hogg (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor G. Humphries (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor J. Locker (Wandsworth Borough Council)

- Councillor G. Loveland (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor S. McKinney (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor M. McLeod (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor R. Morgan (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor L. Mowatt (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor R. O'Broin (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor A. Richards-Jones (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor C. Salier (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor G. Senior (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor K. Stock (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor T. Strickland (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor W. Sweet (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor P. Walker (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor T. Walsh (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor E. Wintle (Wandsworth Borough Council)

Members of Parliament

- Fleur Anderson MP (Putney)
- Rosena Allin-Khan MP (Tooting)
- Marsha de Cordova MP (Battersea)

Local Organisations

- Ackroydon East TMO
- Battersea High Street Residents' Association
- Bisley House Residents' Association
- Clapham Junction Action Group
- Love Battersea
- Oak Park Gardens' Association Ltd
- Parish of St Paul, Wimbledon Park
- Patmore Co-operative Ltd
- Southfields Business Forum
- The Championships Wimbledon
- Victoria Drive Conservation Area Residents' Association
- Wimbledon Park Estate

Local Residents

- 328 local residents

Petitions

- Arygle Winterfold Close petition
- Gartmoore, Kingscliffe and Southdean Gardens petition
- Oaklands Estate petition

- Wimbledon Park Estate petition
- Woodspring Road petition

Further draft recommendations: Submissions received

Political Groups

- Conservative Party for Merton and Wandsworth (2)
- Wandsworth Conservative Group
- Wandsworth Green Party
- Wandsworth Labour Group
- Wandsworth Liberal Democrats

Councillors

- Councillor J. Ambache (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor R. Birchall (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor H. Byrne (Wandsworth Borough Council)
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- Councillor G. Crivelli (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor H. Denfield (2) (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor A. Dikerdem (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor P. Ellis (Wandsworth Borough Council)
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- Councillor C. Fraser (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor C. Gilbert (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor A. Graham (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor P. Graham (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor M. Grimston (3) (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor G. Henderson (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor S. Hogg (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor G. Humphries (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor A. Ireland (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor G. Loveland (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor S. McDermott (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor M. McLeod (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor R. O'Broin (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor J. Rigby (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor C. Salier (Wandsworth Borough Council)

- Councillor W. Sweet (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor P. Walker (Wandsworth Borough Council)
- Councillor T. Walsh (Wandsworth Borough Council)

Members of Parliament

- Fleur Anderson MP (Putney)
- Rosena Allin-Khan MP (Tooting)

Local Organisations

- Nicholas Stewart Project
- Parochial Church Council
- Southfields Business Forum
- Sutherland Grove Conservation Area Residents' Association
- Victoria Drive Conservation Area Residents' Association
- Wandle Valley Forum

Local Residents

- 427 local residents

Appendix D

Glossary and abbreviations

Council size	The number of councillors elected to serve on a council
Electoral Change Order (or Order)	A legal document which implements changes to the electoral arrangements of a local authority
Division	A specific area of a county, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever division they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the county council
Electoral fairness	When one elector's vote is worth the same as another's
Electoral inequality	Where there is a difference between the number of electors represented by a councillor and the average for the local authority
Electorate	People in the authority who are registered to vote in elections. For the purposes of this report, we refer specifically to the electorate for local government elections
Number of electors per councillor	The total number of electors in a local authority divided by the number of councillors
Over-represented	Where there are fewer electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average
Parish	A specific and defined area of land within a single local authority enclosed within a parish boundary. There are over 10,000 parishes in England, which provide the first tier of representation to their local residents

Parish council	A body elected by electors in the parish which serves and represents the area defined by the parish boundaries. See also 'Town council'
Parish (or town) council electoral arrangements	The total number of councillors on any one parish or town council; the number, names and boundaries of parish wards; and the number of councillors for each ward
Parish ward	A particular area of a parish, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors vote in whichever parish ward they live for candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the parish council
Town council	A parish council which has been given ceremonial 'town' status. More information on achieving such status can be found at www.nalc.gov.uk
Under-represented	Where there are more electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average
Variance (or electoral variance)	How far the number of electors per councillor in a ward or division varies in percentage terms from the average
Ward	A specific area of a district or borough, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever ward they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the district or borough council

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