

Have your say

We are now consulting local people on a new pattern of divisions for Staffordshire County Council. We have an open mind about our final recommendations, and we will consider every piece of evidence we receive from local groups and people, regardless of whom it is from or whether it relates to the whole council area or just a part of it.

If you agree with our recommendations, please let us know. If you don't think our recommendations are right for Staffordshire we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of divisions.

Staffordshire County Council

Draft Recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

We aim to propose a pattern of divisions for Staffordshire County Council which delivers:

- **Electoral equality:** each councillor represents a similar number of electors.
- **Community identity:** reflects the identity and interests of local communities.
- **Effective and convenient local government:** helping your council discharge its responsibilities effectively.

A good pattern of divisions should:

- Provide good electoral equality, with each councillor representing, as closely as possible, the same number of electors.
- Reflect community interests and identities and include evidence of community links.
- Be based on strong, easily identifiable boundaries.
- Help the council deliver effective and convenient local government.

Electoral equality

- Does your proposal mean that councillors would represent roughly the same number of electors as elsewhere in the council area?

Community identity

- **Transport links:** are there good links across your proposed division? Is there any form of public transport?
- **Community groups:** is there a parish council, residents association or another group that represents the area?
- **Facilities:** does your pattern of divisions reflect where local people go for shops, medical services, leisure facilities etc?

Write to:

Review Officer (Staffordshire)
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- **Interests:** what issues bind the community together or separate it from other parts of your area?
- **Identifiable boundaries:** are there natural or constructed features which make strong boundaries for your proposals?

Effective local government

- Are any of the proposed divisions too large or small to be represented effectively?
- Are the proposed names of the divisions appropriate?

Useful tips

- You can explore the maps on our website at lgbce.org.uk
- We publish all submissions we receive on our website.

Our website:

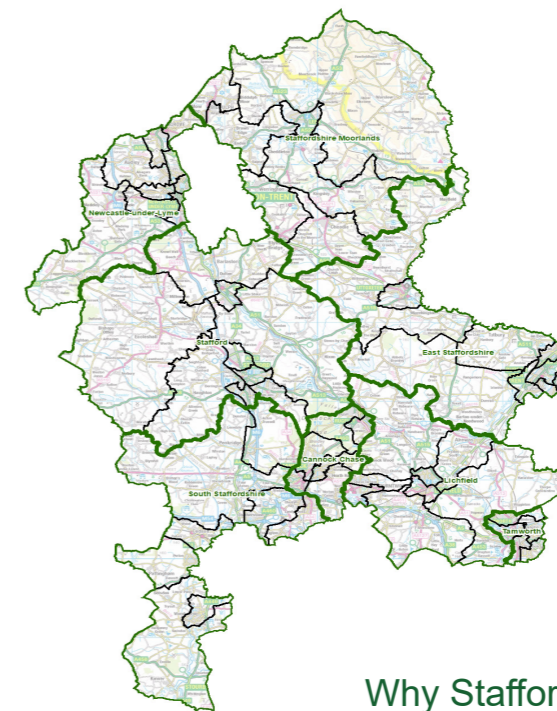
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Who we are

- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament.
- 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.

Electoral review

An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority, including:

- The total number of councillors representing the council's electors ('council size').
- The names, number and boundaries of electoral divisions.
- The number of councillors for each division.

Why Staffordshire?

- The Commission has a legal duty to carry out an electoral review of each council in England 'from time to time'.
- Staffordshire has not been reviewed since 2012 and the Commission has therefore decided that it should review Staffordshire in advance of the elections in 2025.

Our proposals

- We propose that the council should have **62 councillors** in future, with all proposed divisions represented by one councillor.

You have until 16 October 2023 to have your say on the recommendations

Summary of our recommendations

Our draft recommendations propose that Staffordshire County Council should have 62 councillors, the same as the existing arrangements.

Those councillors should represent 62 divisions, with all proposed divisions being represented by one councillor.

Before drawing up the draft recommendations, the Commission carried out a public consultation inviting proposals for a new pattern of divisions for Staffordshire.

We have considered all of the submissions we received during that phase of consultation. The boundaries of most divisions should change.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right.

We welcome comments on our draft recommendations, whether you support the proposals or wish to put forward alternative arrangements.

Have your say at

www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/staffordshire

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- find more guidance on how to have your say.
- read the full report of our recommendations.
- send us your views directly.

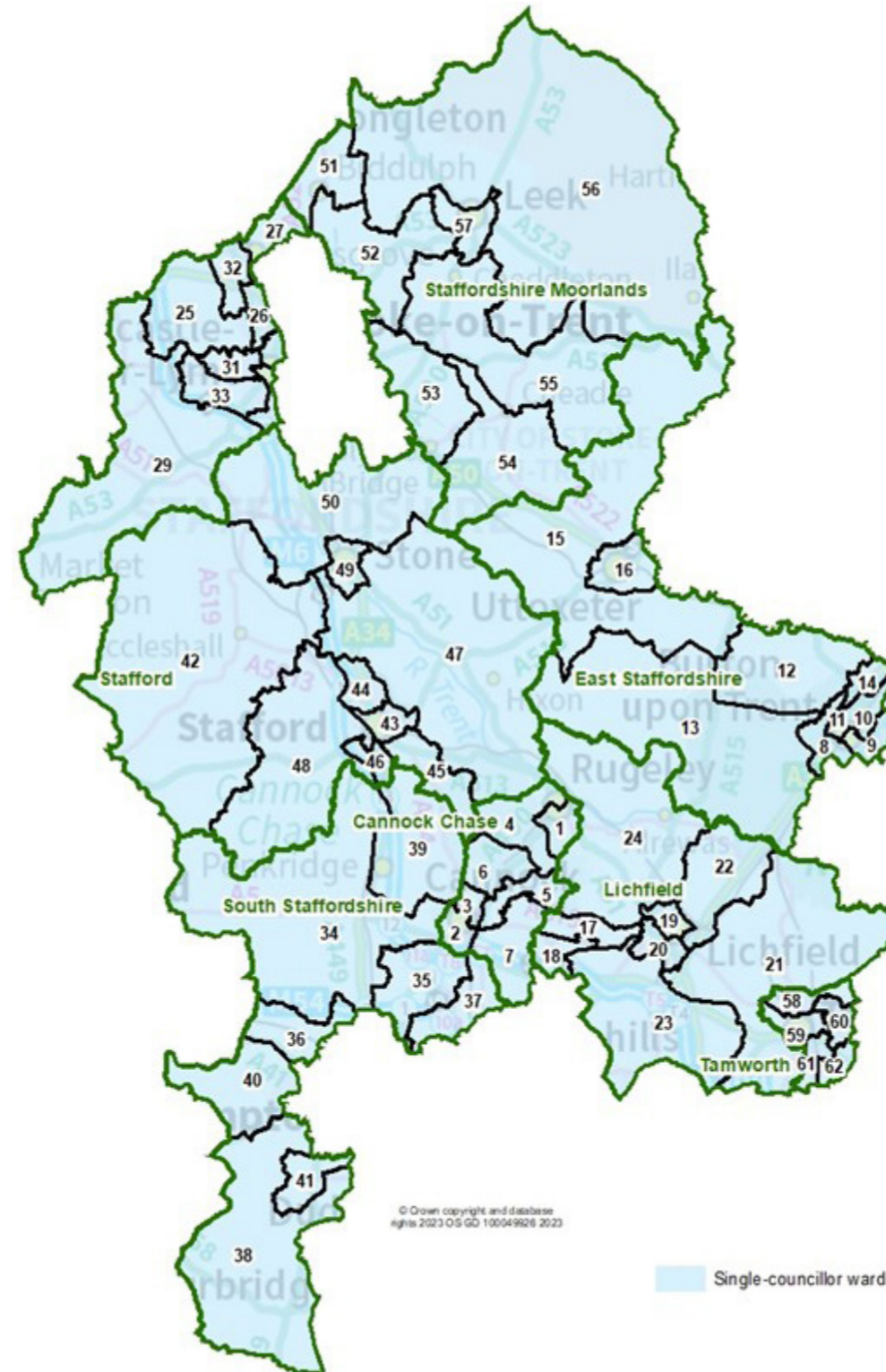
Stage of Review	Description
10 January 2023 - 20 March 2023	Public consultation on division arrangements
8 August 2023 - 16 October 2023	Public consultation on draft recommendations
30 January 2024	Publication of final recommendations
May 2025	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of draft recommendations for Staffordshire County Council

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Number	Division Name	Number	Division Name
Cannock Chase			
	32		Talke & Red Street
1	Brereton & Ravenhill	33	Westlands, Thistleberry & Keele
2	Cannock Town	South Staffordshire	
3	Chadsmoor	34	Brewwood
4	Etching Hill & The Heath	35	Cheslyn Hay Village, Featherstone & Shareshill
5	Hawks Green, Rawnsley & Cannock Wood	36	Codsall
6	Hednesford	37	Great Wyrley & Essington
7	Norton Canes, Heath Hayes & Wimblebury	38	Kinver
East Staffordshire			
	39		Penkridge
8	Burton South	40	Perton
9	Burton Tower	41	Wombourne
10	Burton Town	Stafford	
11	Burton Trent	42	Eccleshall & Gnosall
12	Dove	43	Stafford Central
13	Needwood Forest	44	Stafford North
14	Stretton	45	Stafford South East
15	Uttoxeter Rural	46	Stafford South West
16	Uttoxeter Town	47	Stafford Trent Valley
Lichfield			
	48		Stafford West & Rural
17	Burntwood North	49	Stone Urban
18	Burntwood South	50	Wedgwood
19	Lichfield City North	Staffordshire Moorlands	
20	Lichfield City South	51	Biddulph North
21	Lichfield Rural East	52	Biddulph South & Endon
22	Lichfield Rural North	53	Caverswall
23	Lichfield Rural South	54	Cheadle & Checkley
24	Lichfield Rural West	55	Churnet Valley
Newcastle under Lyme			
	56		Leek Rural
25	Audley & Chesterton	57	Leek South
26	Bradwell & Porthill	Tamworth	
27	Kidsgrove	58	Perrycrofts
28	May Bank & Wolstanton	59	The Cotes/Two Rivers
29	Newcastle Rural	60	The Heaths
30	Newcastle South	61	Watling
31	Silverdale & Knutton	62	Wiñecote