

Forest Heath & St Edmundsbury councils



West Suffolk

working together

Electoral review briefing for Parish Councils

21 June 2018

Website: www.lgbce.org.uk

Have your say: consultation.lgbce.org.uk

Follow us: @lgbce

Contact us: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

The
Local Government
Boundary Commission
for England

Why

- A new Council
- Implementation in 2019
- Arrangements for elections need to be made



Website: www.lgbce.org.uk
Have your say: consultation.lgbce.org.uk
Follow us: @lgbce
Contact us: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

What will the electoral review determine?

The electoral review determines, for each new council the following 4 things:

- Total number of wards
- Boundaries of each ward
- Number of councillors elected to each ward
- Names of each ward

When?

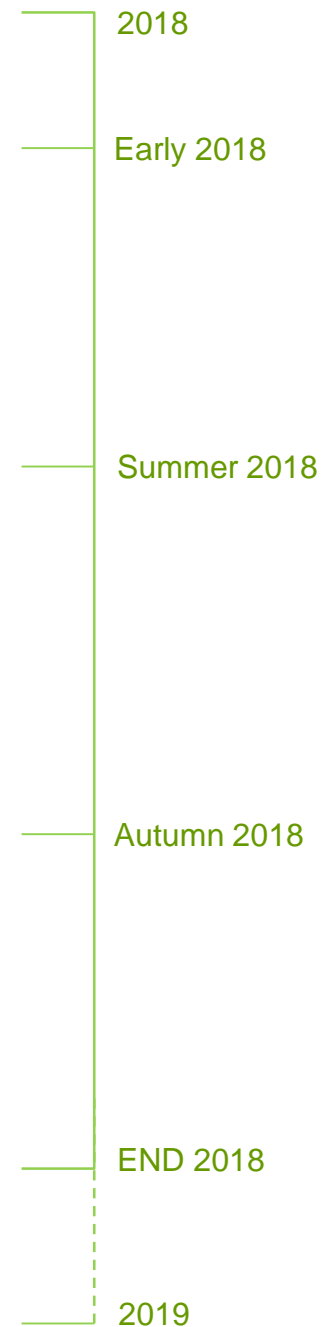
Preliminary period:
Number of councillors
Proposals for wards
Early 2018 to Now



Consultation on draft
recommendations
**03 July 2018 to
27 August 2018**



Final recommendations
Published **October 2018**
Order Made **Early 2019**
Elected upon **2019**



How?

Ward Boundaries:

Effective representations will address:

Electoral equality for
voters

Community interests
and identities

Effective and
convenient local
government

Effective representations at every stage:

- Tell us why you are putting forward your view: your rationale.
- Put forward an alternative, not just registering an objection.
- Provide evidence to support your argument.
- Consider the future.

What counts as evidence?

Historical associations are useful, but we need to know how communities interact now. Practical examples are important:

- Shared community events
- Shared amenities and facilities
- Public facilities such as doctors' surgeries, hospitals, libraries or schools
- What defines it and marks it out as a distinct community or communities
- Show how facilities provide a focus for community interaction

Rules relating to parishes

- We cannot create or abolish parishes, or amend their boundaries
- If we divide a parish between wards, we must create parish wards
- We can change parish electoral arrangements only as a direct consequence of our ward proposals

Parish councils' input

- Tell us what you think
 - Explain how the proposed warding pattern reflects community identity
 - Consider ward names and patterns
 - Give evidence of how recommendations would impact your communities
 - We don't expect a commentary of the whole of the new council area, but remember there may be knock-on effects to proposals
 - Talk to residents and publicise the review
 - We can provide all parishes with posters

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

How to get involved

The collage features three main elements:

- Top Left:** A screenshot of the LGBCE website's navigation menu, including links for Home, Glossary, FOI requests, FAQs, Web feeds (RSS), and Accessibility. Below this is a search bar and a 'Current consultations' section with tabs for 'All reviews', 'About us', 'News', 'Policy and publications', and 'Records and Resources'.
- Center:** A map titled 'Electoral review for Suffolk Coastal District'. It shows three proposed boundaries: '1. Proposed Boundary 1' (green), '2. Proposed Boundary 2' (blue), and '3. Proposed Boundary 3' (red). A toolbar at the top of the map includes icons for 'Draw on map', 'Marker Tool', 'Line tool', and 'Polygon tool', each with a brief instruction. A 'Toggle layers' panel on the right shows 'Suffolk Coastal' and 'Suffolk Coastal wards' as active layers.
- Bottom Right:** A photograph of three people (two men and one woman) sitting around a table, looking at and pointing to documents, likely representing the public consultation process.

At the bottom of the collage, contact information is provided:

Layout:
London EC1M 5LJ
Email: reviews@lgbce.org.uk
The consultation closes on 8 July 2013

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Website: www.lgbce.org.uk
Have your say: consultation.lgbce.org.uk
Follow us: @lgbce
Contact us: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

Contact details

Review Officer
LGBCE
50 Victoria St,
Westminster,
London SW1H 0TL

Emily Starkie
Review Officer (West Suffolk)
Emily.starkie@lgbce.org.uk
0330 500 1280

reviews@lgbce.org.uk
Switchboard: 0330 500 1525