

Summary of our recommendations

The Commission originally published draft recommendations for its electoral reviews of Mid Suffolk and Babergh in October 2017 and held a public consultation on them.

During that period of consultation, local organisations alerted the Commission to possible anomalies in its electorate forecasts upon which the wards are built.

Following an analysis of the figures by the Commission and each council, the Commission has decided to change its forecasts in parts of both districts. It has also changed some of its proposed ward boundaries to take account of the revised forecasts.

Given the changes to the figures and proposed boundaries, the Commission has decided to hold a new phase of consultation on its recommendations and invites local people and organisations to comment on them.

Our draft recommendations propose that Babergh District Council should have **32 councillors** in future. This is **11 fewer** than the current number of councillors

Those councillors should represent 13 single-councillor wards, five two-councillor wards and three three-councillor wards, across the district. The boundaries of all wards should change.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right. A detailed report on the recommendations and interactive mapping is available on our website at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

The Commission welcomes comments on these draft recommendations, whether you support the proposals or wish to put forward alternative arrangements.

In particular, the Commission welcomes proposals for alternative boundaries or ward names which meet the criteria we must follow as part of electoral reviews and which are described in more detail over the page.

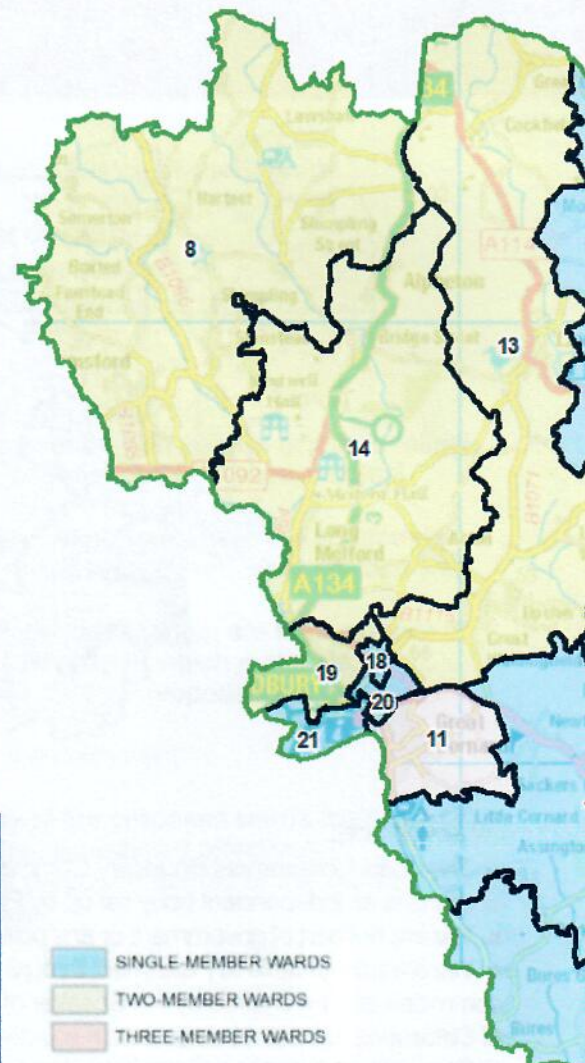
Stage of review	Description
13 June - 14 August 2017	Public consultation on new ward boundaries
3 October - 11 December 2017	Public consultation on draft recommendations
6 March - 30 April 2018	Public consultation on revised draft recommendations
7 August 2018	Publication of final recommendations
May 2019	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

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