

Forest Heath & St Edmundsbury councils



West Suffolk Council - Electoral Review

If Parliament approves the proposal for a new council for West Suffolk, a new set of wards will need to be created before first elections in 2019. This review will be carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).

The scope of the LGBCE review will be the ward boundaries for the new council. The existing parishes will form the building blocks for the review and their external boundaries will not be changed. There will be a formal public consultation by LGBCE on the proposals for new boundaries in the summer.

In advance of this process, we are seeking the informal input of county, district, borough and parish councillors and community groups, on behalf of their communities, on the local considerations that should be taken into account when West Suffolk Councils are drafting their own initial proposals.

This is your opportunity to let us know about those considerations. When we have more clarity on how many electors are likely to be in each ward, we will consult you again on options and preferences for how specific parishes might be grouped together and/or divided up to form district-level wards.

1. What best describes your interest/response? Are you a (please tick one): *

Local resident

Local business

Parish/Town Councillor

Borough/District Councillor

County Councillor

Other (please specify):

2. Which place(s) are you responding about? *

Are there any links between your community (e.g. parish) and others that should be taken account of in the new ward map for West Suffolk Council, for example:- Community linkages (e.g. groups, activities)- Shared community facilities (e.g. village hall, church)- Local geography (e.g. natural boundaries or transport links)- Historic linksPlease give details of what the link is and to which locality: *

3. Where do residents of your locality go when they need to access local shops and services, for example, a GP surgery or secondary school in a larger settlement? *

4. Is there anything else you would like to tell us that we should take account of in compiling options for a new ward map for West Suffolk Council? *

Thank you for your input. West Suffolk Councils will analyse the responses given and use them to inform our draft ward proposals.

If you wish to be contacted about future consultations in respect of this Electoral Review, please follow the guidance set out below:

5. Contact details

Email address:

6. I agree to be contacted about future consultations in respect of this Electoral Review. The text below only applies IF you tick the 'yes' box below.

Yes

No

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