

## Have your say:

We are now consulting local people on a new pattern of wards for East Suffolk District 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 East Suffolk, we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of wards.

# East Suffolk District Council

## Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

We aim to propose a pattern of wards for East Suffolk District Council which delivers:

- **Electoral equality:** each councillor represents a similar number of voters.
- **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 wards should:

- Provide good electoral equality, with each councillor representing, as closely as possible, the same number of voters.
- 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.

- **Facilities:** does your pattern of wards reflect where local people go for shops, medical services, leisure facilities etc?
- **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 wards too large or small to be represented effectively?
- Are the proposed names of the wards appropriate?

### Useful tips:

- Our website has a special consultation area where you can explore the maps and draw your own proposed boundaries. You can find it at [consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk).
- We publish all submissions we receive on our website. Go to: [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

### Electoral equality:

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

### Community identity:

- **Transport links:** are there good links across your proposed ward? Is there any form of public transport?
- **Community groups:** is there a parish council, residents association or another group that represents the area?

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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 voters ('council size').
  - The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
  - The number of councillors for each ward or division.

### Why East Suffolk?

- In May 2018, the government decided to create a new local authority called East Suffolk District Council.
- This council consists of the following former councils: Suffolk Coastal Council and Waveney Council.
- The Commission agreed to carry out an electoral review to draw up new wards for the new council.

### Our proposals:

- We propose that the council should have **55 councillors** in future, representing 7 three-councillor wards, 13 two-councillor wards and 8 one-councillor wards across the council area.

**You have until 27 August 2018 to have your say on the recommendations**

## Summary of our recommendations

Our draft recommendations propose that East Suffolk District Council should have **55 councillors**.

Those councillors should represent 7 three-councillor wards, 13 two-councillor wards and 8 one-councillor wards, across the council area.

Our recommendations cannot affect the external boundaries of the new council – these have been decided by Parliament and we cannot amend them.

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](http://www.lgbce.org.uk).

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

In particular, we welcome 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.

Have your say at [consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk):

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- draw your own boundaries online.
- 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.

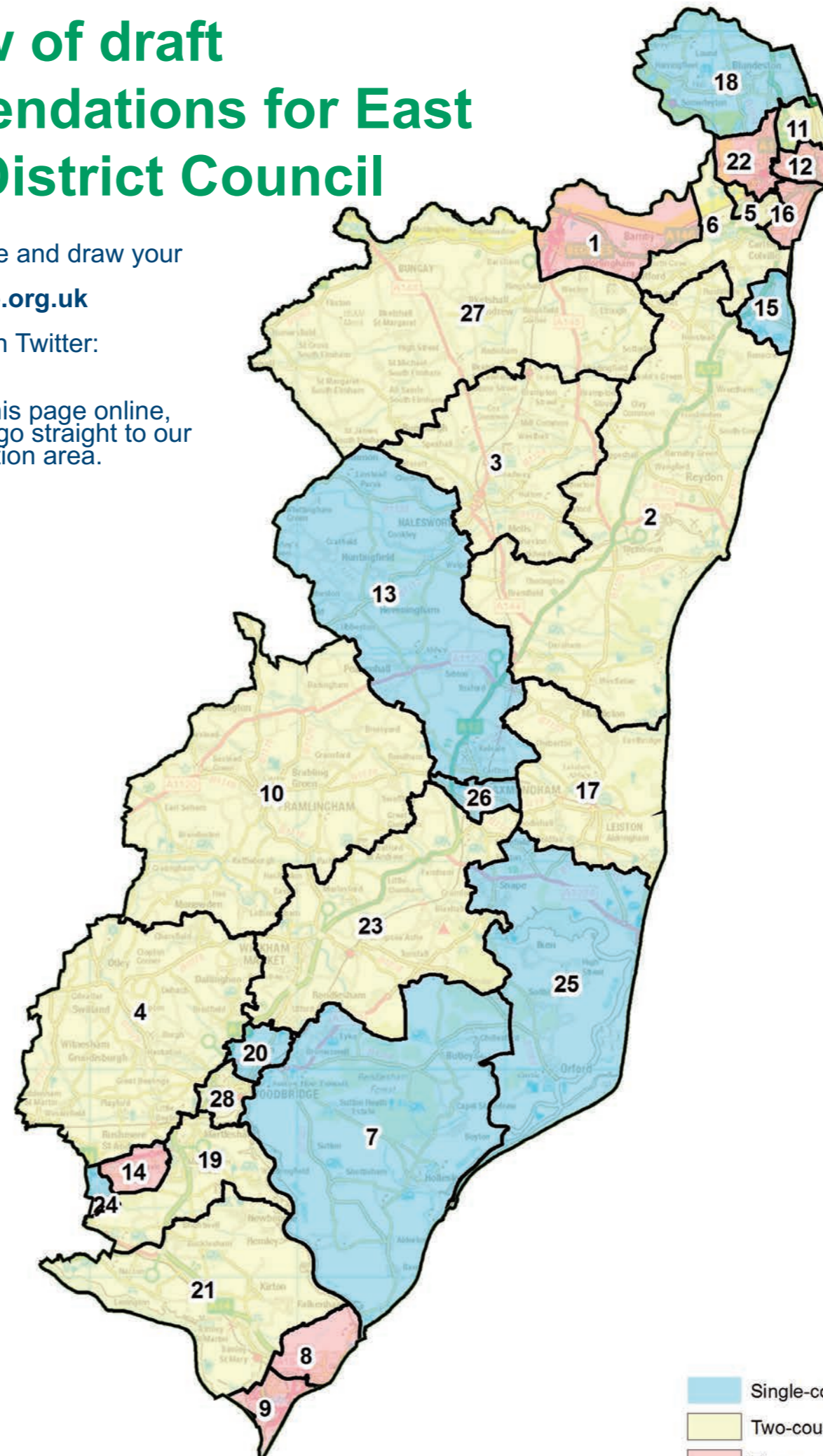
Stage of review	Description
3 July - 27 August 2018	Public consultation on draft recommendations
23 October 2018	Publication of final recommendations
May 2019	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

# Overview of draft recommendations for East Suffolk District Council

View this map online and draw your own boundaries: [consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk)

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If you are viewing this page online, click on the map to go straight to our interactive consultation area.



- Key:**
1. Beccles & Worlingham
  2. Blyth Estuary
  3. Blything
  4. Carlford & Fynn Valley
  5. Carlton & Whitton
  6. Carlton Colville
  7. Deben & Ore
  8. Felixstowe North
  9. Felixstowe South
  10. Framlingham
  11. Gunton & St Margarets
  12. Harbour & Normanston
  13. Kelsale & Yoxford
  14. Kesgrave
  15. Kessingland
  16. Kirkley & Pakefield
  17. Leiston
  18. Lothingland
  19. Martlesham & Purdis Farm
  20. Melton
  21. Orwell & Villages
  22. Oulton Broad
  23. Rendlesham & Wickham Market
  24. Rushmere St Andrew
  25. Sandlings
  26. Saxmundham
  27. Wainford
  28. Woodbridge

- Single-councillor wards
- Two-councillor wards
- Three-councillor wards

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