

London Borough of Bexley

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON LOCAL ELECTION ARRANGEMENTS!

Following a request from the Council, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England is carrying out a voluntary review of the Borough's electoral arrangements.

The Local Government Boundary Commission is responsible to Parliament for recommending how many Councillors Bexley should have, how many wards and what their boundaries should be and what the wards should be called.

The Council has already submitted a proposal that the number of Councillors should be reduced from 63 to 45, which the Commission is considering. On 8 September, the Commission will start its formal review. It will consider how wards should be arranged to ensure that on average each Councillor is elected by broadly the same number of electors, that areas with a strong community identity are recognised and that what is proposed supports effective and convenient local government.

All the political parties on the Council will be considering these issues with a view to putting a Council proposal to the Commission.

You can comment and make suggestions about all these issues, whether you wish to comment about the borough as a whole, or just your neighbourhood. Comments can be made by individuals or by organisations on any aspect of the review.

You can get further information or make your comments direct to the Local Government Boundary Commission on their website at www.lgbce.org.uk. You will also be able to read any comments or submissions made there.

The Commission will publish its final recommendations in July 2016 and the new arrangements will come into force ready for the Council elections in 2018.

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