

Helping you to have your say:

We are now consulting local people on a new pattern of electoral divisions for Cambridgeshire. The Commission has an open mind about its final recommendations and will consider every piece of evidence we receive from local groups and people. Every representation will be considered, regardless of whom it is from or whether it relates to the whole county 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 Cambridgeshire, we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of divisions.

The Commission aims to propose a pattern of divisions for Cambridgeshire 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.

New draft recommendations on electoral arrangements for Cambridgeshire County Council

Summary report

Read the full report, view detailed maps and have your say at: www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk

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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.

Electoral equality:

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

Community identity:

- **Transport links:** are there good links across your proposed division? Is there any form of public transport?
- **Community groups:** is there a parish council, residents association or another group that represents the area?
- **Facilities:** does your pattern of divisions 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 divisions too large or small to be represented effectively?
- Are the proposed names of the divisions 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 www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk.
- We publish all submissions we receive on our website so you can follow what other people and organisations have told us. Go to: www.lgbce.org.uk

Have your say by writing to:

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Through our consultation area:

www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk
or by email to: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

The full report and interactive maps are available to view at www.lgbce.org.uk

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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. A local authority's electoral arrangements are:

- 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 representing each ward or ward.

Why are we consulting?

The Commission published final recommendations of its electoral review of Cambridgeshire County Council in February. We subsequently received representations from some local people and groups who felt that their voices had not been fully heard in previous stages of the review. The Commission has therefore decided to hold a further phase of consultation on its proposals for the whole county and invites local views on any aspect of the recommendations.

Our proposals

Cambridgeshire County Council currently has 69 county councillors. We propose that the council should have 61 councillors in future. The Commission believes that a council size of 61 will ensure the authority can discharge its roles and responsibilities effectively and provides for a division pattern that meets our statutory criteria.

Electoral arrangements

Our draft recommendations propose that Cambridgeshire's 61 county councillors should represent 51 single-member divisions and five two-member divisions across the county.

You have until 20 June 2016 to have your say on the recommendations

Stage of review	Description
28 Oct 2014 - 19 Jan 2015	Public consultation on new ward boundaries
12 May - 6 Jul 2015	Public consultation on draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements
10 May - 20 June 2016	Public consultation on new draft recommendations
September 2016	Publication of final recommendations by the Commission
May 2017	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at city elections

Overview of new draft recommendations for Cambridgeshire County Council

Have your say at
www.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.

Summary of our recommendations

The Commission's new draft recommendations propose that Cambridgeshire County Council should have 61 county councillors in future, eight fewer than the current arrangements.

The recommendations outline how Cambridgeshire's county councillors should represent 51 single-member electoral divisions and five two-member divisions across the county.

The Commission is using the recommendations it published in February 2016 as the basis of its proposals and invites comments on them. It has an open mind about changes to the recommendations if they meet the criteria which are described over the page.

The Commission welcomes views on any aspect of its recommendations in any part of the county. In particular, the Commission draws attention to two specific areas that were the subject of feedback from local people following the publication of recommendations in February:

Cambridge City (Abbey and Petersfield divisions) – the Commission proposes that the boundary between the two divisions runs along St Matthew's Street, Norfolk Street and behind properties on Upper Gwydir Street, Fairsford Place and York Street. The Commission welcomes views on the recommendation and/or proposals for an alternative boundary that delivers electoral equality for voters and reflects community ties.

East Cambridgeshire – a council size of 61 for Cambridgeshire would mean an allocation of eight county councillors to the district. The Commission would welcome views on its proposed scheme of divisions across the district as well as any alternative patterns that would reflect its statutory criteria.

The Commission will consider all the responses to the consultation and welcomes views on any aspect of the recommendations for all parts of the county.

An outline of the recommendations is set out on the right. An interactive map of the recommendations is available at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk and a report, further information on the review and guidance on the review process is included on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk.

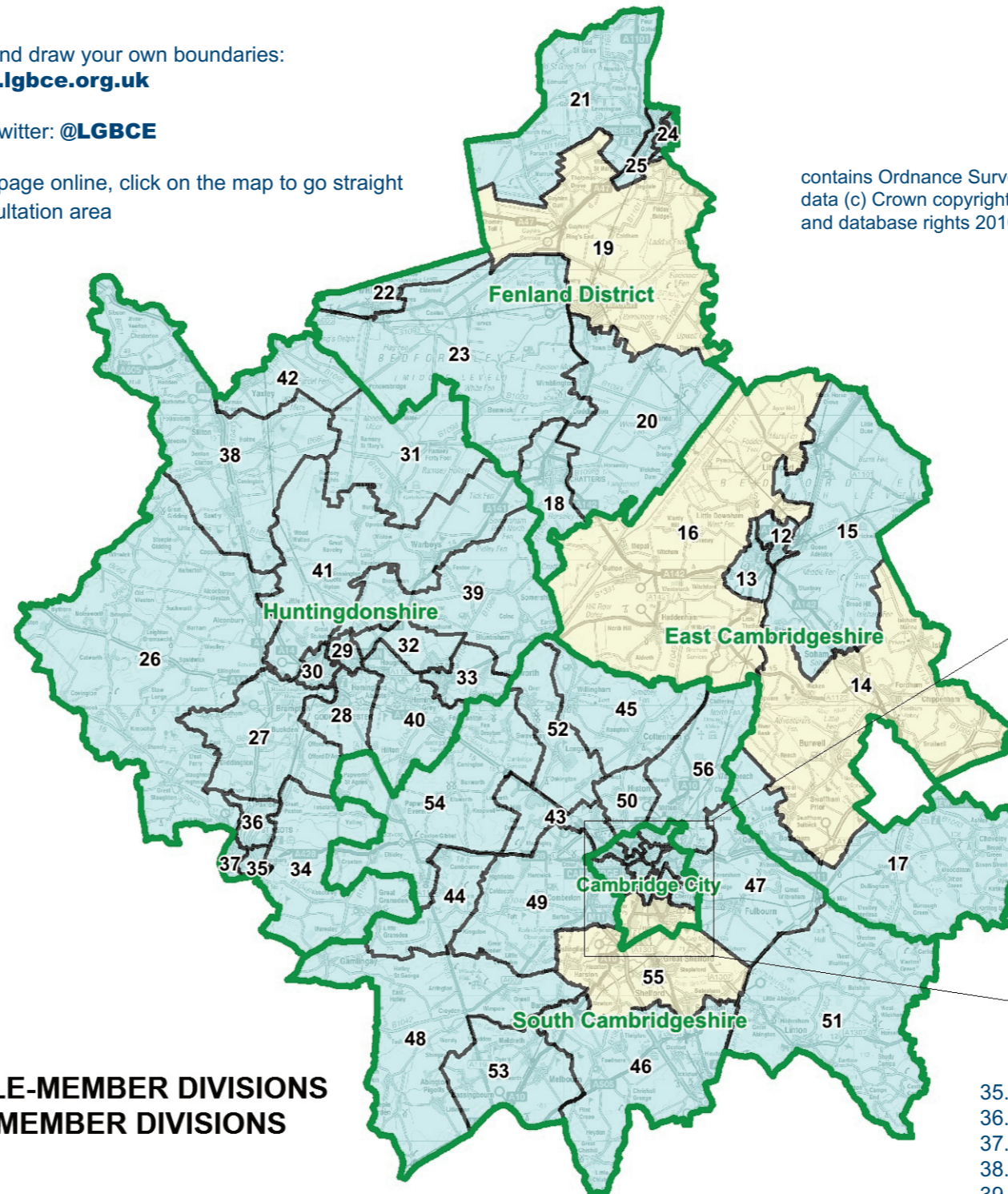
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 SINGLE-MEMBER DIVISIONS
 TWO-MEMBER DIVISIONS

Map key:

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Abbey | 18. Chatteris | 35. St Neots Eynesbury |
| 2. Arbury | 19. March North & Waldersey | 36. St Neots Priory Park & Little Paxton |
| 3. Castle | 20. March South & Rural | 37. St Neots The Eatons |
| 4. Cherry Hinton | 21. Roman Bank & Peckover | 38. Sawtry & Stilton |
| 5. Chesterton | 22. Whittlesey North | 39. Somersham & Earith |
| 6. King's Hedges | 23. Whittlesey South | 40. The Hemingfords & Fenstanton |
| 7. Market | 24. Wisbech East | 41. Warboys & The Stukeleys |
| 8. Newnham | 25. Wisbech West | 42. Yaxley & Farcet |
| 9. Petersfield | 26. Alconbury & Kimbolton | 43. Bar Hill |
| 10. Romsey | 27. Brampton & Buckden | 44. Cambourne |
| 11. Trumpington & Queen Edith's | 28. Godmanchester & Huntingdon South | 45. Cottenham & Willingham |
| 12. Ely East | 29. Huntingdon North & Hartford | 46. Duxford |
| 13. Ely West | 30. Huntingdon West | 47. Fulbourn |
| 14. Fordham Villages & Soham South | 31. Ramsey & Bury | 48. Gamlingay |
| 15. Littleport East & Soham North | 32. St Ives North & Wyton | 49. Hardwick |
| 16. Littleport West | 33. St Ives South & Needingworth | 50. Histon & Impington |
| 17. Woodditton | 34. St Neots East & Gransden | 51. Linton |
| | | 52. Longstanton, Northstowe & Over |
| | | 53. Melbourn & Bassingbourn |
| | | 54. Papworth & Swavesey |
| | | 55. Sawston & Shelford |
| | | 56. Waterbeach |