

Our Recommendations

The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the number of electors in each ward. The table also shows the electoral variances for each of the proposed wards which tells you how we have delivered electoral equality. Finally, the table includes electorate projections for 2029 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2023)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2029)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
Abingdon East	3	8,415	2,805	3%	9,743	3,248	4%
Abingdon North	3	7,946	2,649	-2%	9,526	3,175	2%
Abingdon South	3	8,626	2,875	6%	9,371	3,124	0%
Blewbury & Chilton	1	2,934	2,934	8%	3,159	3,159	2%
Botley & Sunningwell	2	5,132	2,566	-5%	5,679	2,840	-9%
Cumnor	2	5,906	2,953	9%	6,404	3,202	3%
Drayton	1	2,825	2,825	4%	3,140	3,140	1%
Faringdon	2	6,571	3,286	21%	7,117	3,559	14%
Grove	3	7,249	2,416	-11%	8,641	2,880	-7%
Harwell & Western Valley	2	3,906	1,953	-28%	6,143	3,072	-1%
Hendreds	1	2,564	2,564	-5%	3,155	3,155	1%
Kennington & Radley	2	5,302	2,651	-2%	6,083	3,042	-2%
Kingston Bagpuize	2	5,745	2,873	6%	6,207	3,104	0%
Marcham & Wootton	2	5,262	2,631	-3%	5,866	2,933	-6%
Ridgeway	1	2,656	2,656	-2%	2,784	2,784	-10%
Stanford	1	3,051	3,051	12%	3,336	3,336	7%
Steventon & East Hanney	1	2,661	2,661	-2%	2,836	2,836	-9%
Sutton Courtenay	1	2,573	2,573	-5%	2,887	2,887	-7%
Wantage Charlton	2	4,458	2,229	-18%	5,839	2,920	-6%
Wantage Segsbury	2	5,902	2,951	9%	6,433	3,217	3%
Watchfield & Shrivenham	2	6,128	3,064	13%	6,898	3,449	11%
Totals	39	105,812	-	-	-	121,247	-
Averages	-	-	2,713	-	-	-	3,109

Vale of White Horse District Council

Final Recommendations on the new electoral arrangements



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

Why Vale of White Horse?

- Vale of White Horse District Council currently has high levels of electoral inequality: some councillors represent many more - or many fewer - electors than others.
- We are seeking to improve levels of electoral equality for local electors

Our proposals

- Vale of White Horse District Council currently has 38 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 39 councillors should serve the council in the future.
- We believe our final recommendations meet our statutory criteria to:
 1. Deliver electoral equality for electors
 2. Reflect community interests and identities
 3. Promote effective and convenient local government

Summary of our recommendations

We have considered all the submissions we received during our consultation on our draft recommendations.

The final recommendations propose that Vale of White Horse should have 39 councillors, an increase of 1.

Vale of White Horse should have 21 wards, a decrease of three. The boundaries of some of the existing wards should change.

The 39 councillors should represent 4 three-councillor wards, 10 two-councillor wards and 7 single-councillor wards across the district.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right.

Find out more at

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/vale-white-horse>

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- read the full report of our recommendations.
- find more guidance on the review process

Stage of Review	Description
9 January 2024 - 22 March 2024	Public consultation on warding arrangements
9 July 2024 - 16 September 2024	Public consultation on draft recommendations
3 December 2024	Publication of final recommendations
2027	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of final recommendations for Vale of White Horse District Council

View this map online and explore it in more detail at:
<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/vale-white-horse>

Number	Ward name
1	Abingdon East
2	Abingdon North
3	Abingdon South
4	Blewbury & Chilton
5	Botley & Sunningwell
6	Cumnor
7	Drayton
8	Faringdon
9	Grove
10	Harwell & Western Valley
11	Hendreds
12	Kennington & Radley
13	Kingston Bagpuize
14	Marcham & Wootton
15	Ridgeway
16	Stanford
17	Steventon & East Hanney
18	Sutton Courtenay
19	Wantage Charlton
20	Wantage Segsbury
21	Watchfield & Shrivenham

