

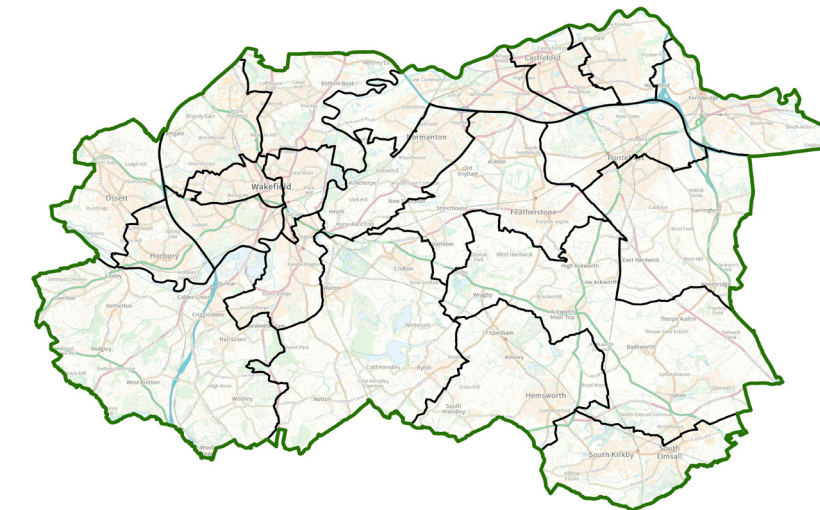
Our Recommendations

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 %
1	Ackworth, North Elmsall & Upton	3	13,319	4,440	7%	14,353	4,784	4%
2	Airedale & Ferry Fryston	3	11,907	3,969	-5%	12,977	4,326	-6%
3	Altofts & Whitwood	3	13,654	4,551	9%	14,992	4,997	9%
4	Castleford Central & Glasshoughton	3	13,027	4,342	4%	14,309	4,770	4%
5	Crofton, Ryhill & Walton	3	12,251	4,084	-2%	13,542	4,514	-1%
6	Featherstone	3	13,145	4,382	5%	14,511	4,837	6%
7	Hemsworth	3	12,044	4,015	-4%	13,427	4,476	-2%
8	Horbury & South Ossett	3	11,618	3,873	-7%	12,639	4,213	-8%
9	Knottingley & Ferrybridge	3	10,436	3,479	-16%	12,435	4,145	-10%
10	Normanton	3	12,724	4,241	2%	13,867	4,622	1%
11	Ossett	3	12,461	4,154	0%	13,492	4,497	-2%
12	Pontefract North	3	13,118	4,373	5%	14,491	4,830	5%
13	Pontefract South	3	13,245	4,415	6%	14,818	4,939	8%
14	South Elmsall & South Kirkby	3	13,505	4,502	8%	14,746	4,915	7%
15	Stanley & Outwood East	3	12,840	4,280	3%	13,804	4,601	0%
16	Wakefield East	3	10,966	3,655	-12%	12,308	4,103	-10%
17	Wakefield North	3	11,566	3,855	-7%	13,049	4,350	-5%
18	Wakefield Rural	3	13,657	4,552	9%	14,810	4,937	8%
19	Wakefield South	3	11,944	3,981	-4%	13,344	4,448	-3%
20	Wakefield West	3	11,790	3,930	-6%	12,651	4,217	-8%
21	Wrenthorpe & Outwood West	3	12,951	4,317	4%	14,084	4,695	2%

Wakefield 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 Wakefield?

- The Commission has a legal duty to carry out an electoral review of each council in England 'from time to time'.
- Wakefield Council has not been reviewed since 2003 and the Commission has therefore decided that it should review Wakefield in advance of the elections in 2026.

Our proposals

- Wakefield Council currently has 63 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 63 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 Wakefield should have 63 councillors, the same as there are now.

Wakefield should have 21 wards, the same as there are now. The boundaries of most of the existing wards should change.

The 63 councillors should represent 21 three-councillor wards across the city.

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

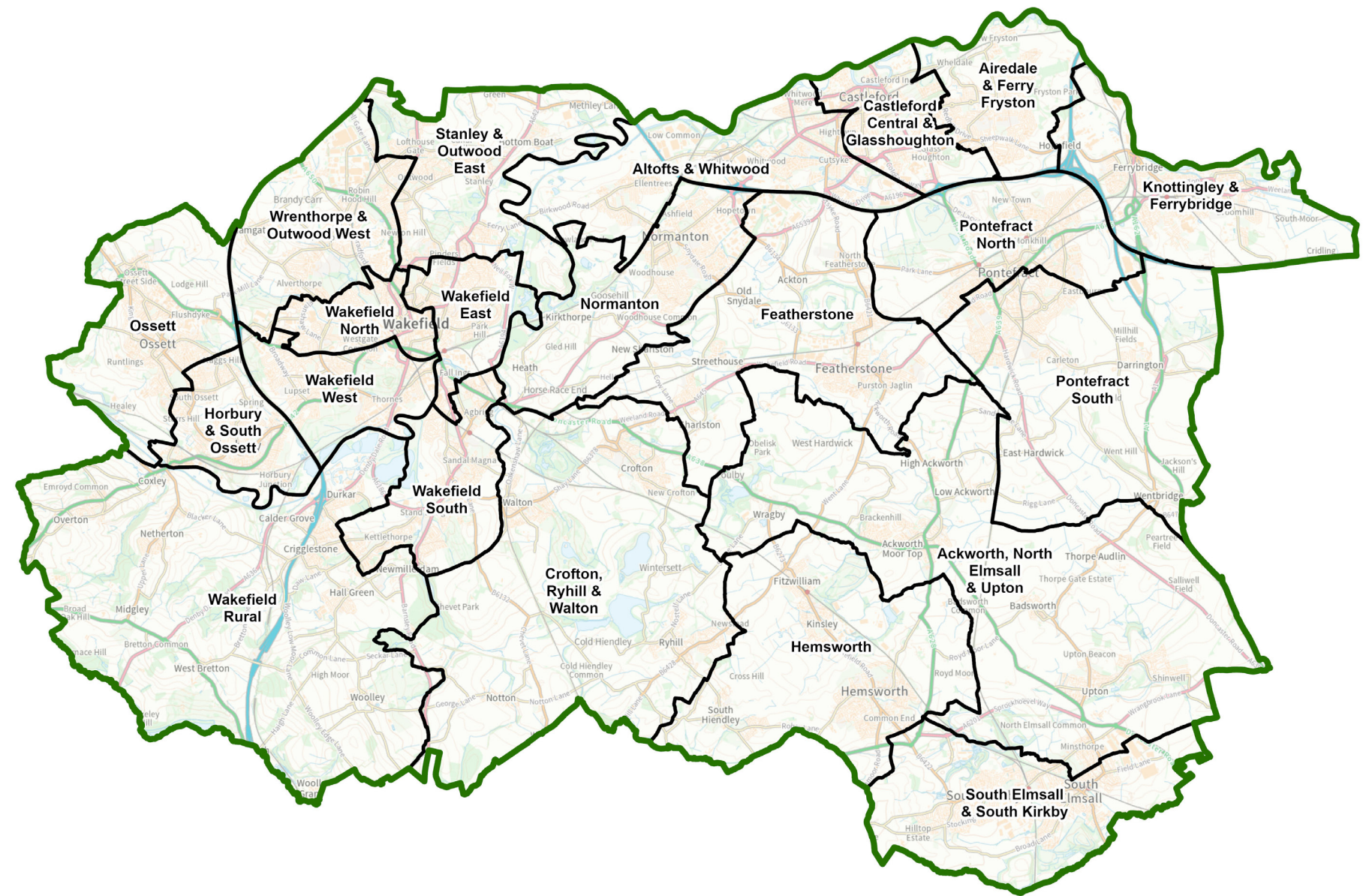
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- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- read the full report of our recommendations.
- find more guidance on the review process

Overview of final recommendations for Wakefield Council

View this map online and explore it in more detail at:
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Stage of Review	Description
21 November 2023 - 29 January 2024	Public consultation on warding arrangements
7 May 2024 - 9 September 2024	Public consultation on draft recommendations
3 December 2024	Publication of final recommendations
May 2026	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections