

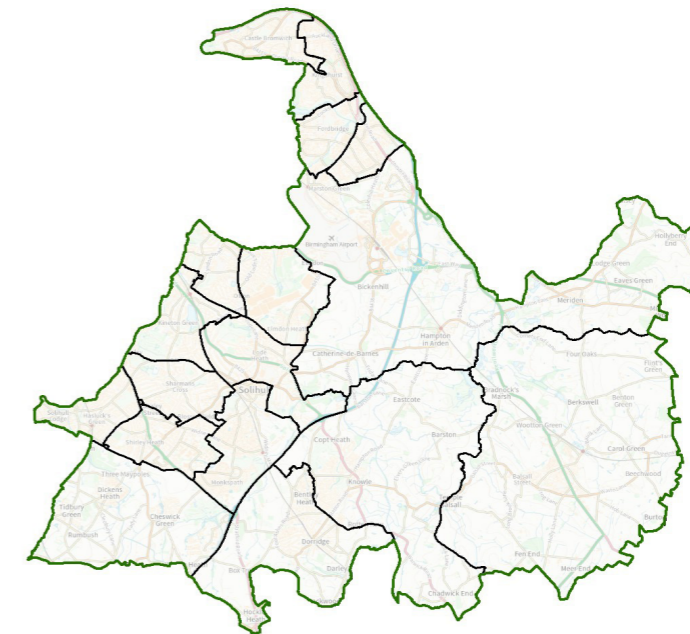
## Our Recommendations

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 2026 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 (2030)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
Balsall & Berkswell	3	7,457	2,486	-22%	9,512	3,171	-10%
Blythe	3	7,711	2,570	-19%	10,194	3,398	-3%
Castle Bromwich	3	9,384	3,128	-1%	9,835	3,278	-7%
Chelmsley Wood	3	9,041	3,014	-5%	9,857	3,286	-6%
Dorridge & Hockley Heath	3	8,925	2,975	-6%	9,571	3,190	-9%
Elmdon	3	9,314	3,105	-2%	9,801	3,267	-7%
Fordbridge	3	9,064	3,021	-5%	9,813	3,271	-7%
Kingshurst & Smith's Wood	3	11,233	3,744	18%	11,909	3,970	13%
Knowle	3	8,266	2,755	-13%	9,723	3,241	-8%
Lyndon	3	10,020	3,340	5%	10,557	3,519	0%
Meriden & Arden	3	8,420	2,807	-11%	11,063	3,688	5%
Olton	3	10,378	3,459	9%	10,857	3,619	3%
Shirley East & Sharmans Cross	3	10,856	3,619	14%	11,619	3,873	10%
Shirley South	3	9,560	3,187	1%	10,730	3,577	2%
Shirley West	3	11,002	3,667	16%	11,518	3,839	9%
Silhill	3	10,411	3,470	10%	11,085	3,695	5%
St Alphege with Monkspath & Hillfield	3	10,512	3,504	11%	11,533	3,844	9%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>161,554</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>179,177</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Averages</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,168</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,513</b>	<b>-</b>

# Solihull 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 Solihull?

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

### Our proposals

- Solihull Council currently has 51 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 51 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 Solihull should have 51 councillors, the same as there are now.

Solihull should have 17 wards, the same as now. The boundaries of most of the existing wards should change.

The 51 councillors should represent 17 three-councillor wards across the borough.

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

Find out more at

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/solihull>

- 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
22 August - 30 October 2023	Public consultation on warding arrangements
30 January - 14 October 2024	Public consultation on draft recommendations
4 March 2025	Publication of final recommendations
May 2026	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

# Overview of final recommendations for Solihull Council

View this map online and explore it in more detail at:  
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- 1 Balsall & Berkswell
- 2 Blythe
- 3 Castle Bromwich
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- 12 Olton
- 13 Shirley East & Sharmans Cross
- 14 Shirley South
- 15 Shirley West
- 16 Silhill
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