

The
Local Government
Boundary Commission
for England

Today is the start of a 10-week public consultation inviting proposals for new council wards and ward boundaries for North Northamptonshire Council.

Our consultation will close on 6 February 2023.

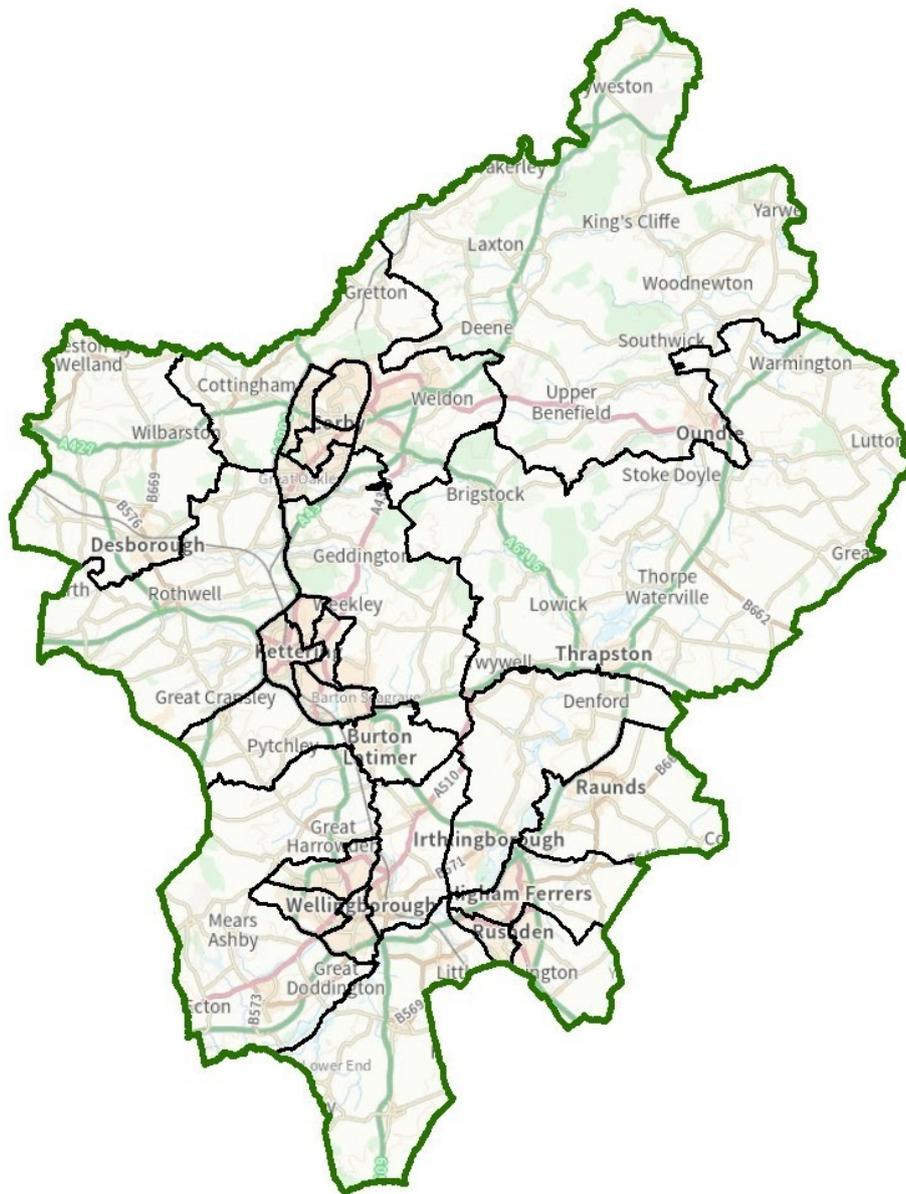
After we have considered all representations made to us during this consultation, we intend to publish draft recommendations in May 2023.

We will then hold a further period of consultation on our draft recommendations. Our final recommendations are expected to be published in July 2023.

The new electoral arrangements will come into effect at the local elections in May 2025.

If you represent a local organisation or community group in North Northamptonshire, please pass this message on to your members or anyone who you think might be interested in the review. You can share the message by email or through social media by using the buttons at the bottom right of the page.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England



What is an electoral review?

Our electoral review will recommend new electoral arrangements for North Northamptonshire Council.

We will propose:

- the total number of councillors elected to the council in the future;
- the number of wards;
- the number of councillors representing each ward;
- ward boundaries; and
- the names of wards.

How to get involved

The
Local Government
Boundary Commission
for England

This is a public consultation and we welcome views from individuals and organisations across North Northamptonshire on where they think new ward boundaries should be drawn.

We are minded to recommend that 70 councillors should be elected to North Northamptonshire in the future.

This is 8 fewer than the current number of councillors.

We are now inviting proposals to help us draw up a pattern of wards to accommodate 70 councillors.

In drawing up new electoral wards, we must balance three legal criteria, namely:

- to deliver electoral equality: where each councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others;
- that the pattern of wards should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities;
- that the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.

We will treat all submissions equally, and judge each case on its merits and against the legal criteria.

If you wish to put forward a view, we would also urge you to ensure that evidence supports your submission.

For example, if you wish to argue that two areas should be included in the same electoral ward, make sure you tell us why they should be together, providing evidence about community facilities, ties, organisations, and amenities, rather than simply asserting that they belong together.

There is more advice on [our website](#) about how you can get involved in the consultation.

Our website features [technical guidance](#) that explains the process and our policies, as well as guidance on how to take part in each part of the process.

We have also set up a webpage dedicated to the review of North Northamptonshire, where you can find all the relevant information.

You can also access interactive maps of the current ward boundaries across North Northamptonshire on our [specialist consultation portal](#). The portal also allows you to comment and upload documents directly to the site.

