

Have your say:

We are now consulting local people on a new pattern of wards for Dorset Council. We have an open mind about our final recommendations, and we will consider every piece of evidence we receive from local groups and people, regardless of whom it is from or whether it relates to the whole council area 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 Dorset Council, we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of wards.

Dorset Council

Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

We aim to propose a pattern of wards for Dorset Council 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.

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.

- **Facilities:** does your pattern of wards 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 wards too large or small to be represented effectively?
- Are the proposed names of the wards 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 consultation.lgbce.org.uk.
- We publish all submissions we receive on our website. Go to: www.lgbce.org.uk

Electoral equality:

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

Community identity:

- **Transport links:** are there good links across your proposed ward? Is there any form of public transport?
- **Community groups:** is there a parish council, residents association or another group that represents the area?

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Why Dorset?

- In May 2018, Parliament approved the creation of a new local authority called Dorset Council.
- This council consists of the following former councils: East Dorset District Council, North Dorset District Council, Purbeck District Council, West Dorset District Council, and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council.
- The Commission agreed to carry out an electoral review to draw up new wards for the new council.

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

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.

Our proposals:

- We propose that the council should have **82 councillors** in future, representing represent 30 single-councillor wards, 14 two-councillor wards and eight three-councillor wards across the council area.

You have until 27 August 2018 to have your say on the recommendations

Overview of draft recommendations for Dorset Council

Summary of our recommendations

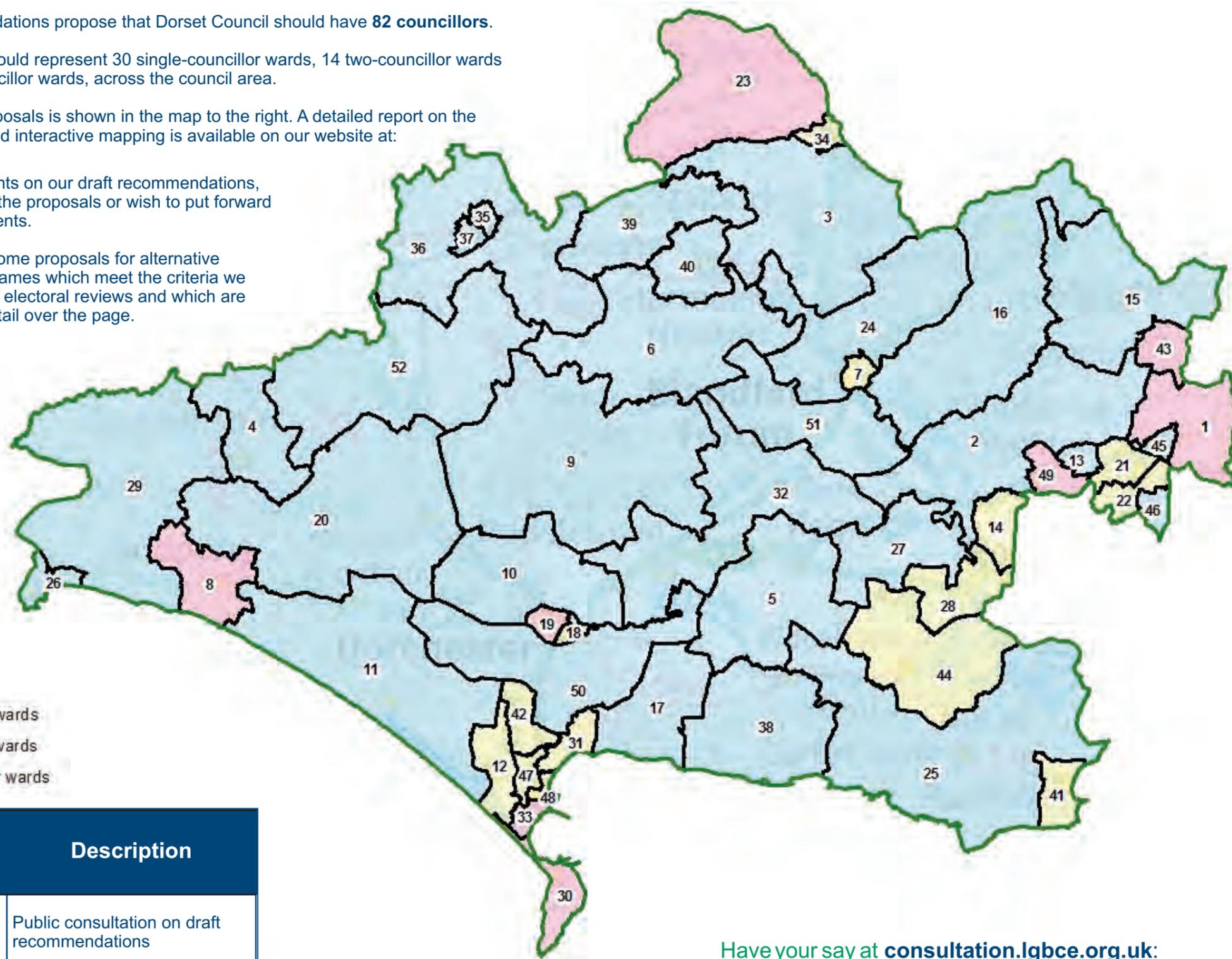
Our draft recommendations propose that Dorset Council should have **82 councillors**.

Those councillors should represent 30 single-councillor wards, 14 two-councillor wards and eight three-councillor wards, across the council area.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right. A detailed report on the recommendations and interactive mapping is available on our website at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

We welcome comments on our draft recommendations, whether you support the proposals or wish to put forward alternative arrangements.

In particular, we welcome proposals for alternative boundaries or ward names which meet the criteria we must follow as part of electoral reviews and which are described in more detail over the page.



- One-member wards
- Two-member wards
- Three-member wards

Stage of review	Description
3 July - 27 August 2018	Public consultation on draft recommendations
23 October 2018	Publication of final recommendations
May 2019	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

View this map online and draw your own boundaries: consultation.lgbce.org.uk

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If you are viewing this page online, click on the map to go straight to our interactive consultation area.

Have your say at 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.

Key:

1. Avon Heath & Moors Valley
2. Badbury & Allen Vale
3. Beacon
4. Beaminster
5. Bere Regis & Bovington
6. Blackmore Vale
7. Blandford
8. Bridport
9. Chalk Valleys
10. Charminster St Mary's
11. Chesil Bank
12. Chickerell
13. Colehill East
14. Corfe Mullen
15. Cranborne & Alderholt
16. Cranborne Chase
17. Crossways
18. Dorchester East
19. Dorchester West
20. Eggardon
21. Ferndown North
22. Ferndown South
23. Gillingham
24. Hill Fords & Upper Tarrant
25. Isle of Purbeck
26. Lyme & Charmouth
27. Lytchett Matravers & Morden
28. Lytchett Minster & Upton
29. Marshwood Vale
30. Portland
31. Preston & Radipole
32. Puddletown & Lower Winterborne
33. Rodwell & Wyke
34. Shaftesbury Town
35. Sherborne East
36. Sherborne Rural
37. Sherborne West
38. South West Purbeck
39. Stalbridge
40. Sturminster Newton
41. Swanage
42. Upwey & Broadwey
43. Verwood
44. Wareham
45. West Moors South
46. West Parley
47. Westham
48. Weymouth Town
49. Wimborne Minster & Colehill West
50. Winterborne & Broadmayne
51. Winterborne North
52. Yetminster

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