

**Proposed Draft Warding Patterns Submission proposed by the Electoral Review Working Group for approval by Council on 28 July 2021**

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<b>Western Parishes</b>					
Ash South & Tongham	8,046	3	2,682	+8.8%	<p>If the current Ash South and Tongham ward was left unchanged, the electoral variance expected in 2026 would be +17% over the average variance. In order to address this, we are proposing that the Rowan Field parish ward moves into the Ash Wharf ward. However, this will have a consequential impact on the Ash Wharf and Ash Vale wards</p> <p>We have looked at possibly combining the Tongham parish with the Pilgrims ward, but do not feel that this best fits the community identity criterion, where we feel that there is a greater affinity between the communities of Tongham and Ash than between Tongham and neighbouring parishes in the Pilgrims ward. We also think that the A31 is a logical boundary between wards in this area.</p>
Ash Vale	5,330	2	2,665	+8.2%	<p>We are proposing that rather than using Vale Road as part of the ward boundary between Ash Vale and Ash Wharf wards, the existing Basingstoke Canal boundary should be extended northwards to a point just north of the northern boundary of the Foxhurst Road cul-de-sac, and for the Ash Vale ward to take in a number of roads to the east of Vale Road (south of Heathvale Bridge Road) that are currently in Ash Wharf Ward.</p>
Ash Wharf	5,391	2	2,696	+9.4%	<p>See comment above re: Ash Vale Ward. The addition of the Rowan Field parish ward into Ash Wharf Ward, together with the removal of a number of roads from Ash Wharf ward into</p>

<sup>1</sup> The average electorate per councillor across the borough is expected to be 2,463

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					Ash Vale Ward will increase the electoral variance to just within the +10% tolerance
Normandy & Pirbright	4,687	2	2,344	-4.8%	<p>If the current Normandy and Pirbright wards were left unchanged, the electoral variance expected in 2026 would leave Normandy at +6%, but leave Pirbright at -16%. The proposed merger of the two wards into one resolves the variance.</p> <p>Pirbright borders with Woking and Surrey Heath to its north, east, and west, and with Normandy and Worplesdon to the south and south-east, although Normandy has by far the longer boundary. As we are suggesting making no change to the Worplesdon ward (see below), we believe that merging Pirbright with Normandy best meets the statutory criteria.</p> <p>The respective wards each have a distinctive village with outlying smaller settlements and share similar topography. Travel between the two neighbouring parishes and wards is easy via the A324.</p>
Shalford & Pilgrims	6,799	3	2,266	-7.9%	<p>If the current Shalford and Pilgrims wards were left unchanged, the electoral variance expected in 2026 would leave Shalford at -4% but leave Pilgrims at -16%. The proposed merger of the two wards into one resolves the variance.</p> <p>Both Shalford and Pilgrims wards have a significant southern border with Waverley and are predominantly rural. Currently, Shalford ward comprises of three parishes</p>

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					<p>and Pilgrims has four, with Shalford itself being the larger of the villages that would comprise the new ward.</p> <p>As mentioned above, we have looked at possibly combining the Pilgrims ward with Tongham parish, but do not feel that this best fits the community identity criterion, where we feel that there is a greater affinity between the communities of Tongham and Ash than between Tongham and neighbouring parishes in the Pilgrims ward. We also think that the A31 is a logical boundary between wards in this area. In the absence of any other logical, alternative pairing of wards, we believe that merging Shalford with Pilgrims best meets the statutory criteria.</p> <p>Travel between the two neighbouring wards is easy via the A3, A31, and B3000.</p>
Worplesdon	7,443	3	2,481	0%	We are not proposing any changes to the electoral arrangements in respect of this ward.
<b>Western Parishes Total:</b>	<b>37,696</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2,513</b>	<b>+2%</b>	
<b>Guildford Town Area</b>					
Burpham	4,996	2	2,498	+1.4%	<p>With the anticipated electorate in 2026 of 4,532 in the existing Burpham ward (-8% under the average variance), we felt there was scope to bring the variance closer to the average, whilst rationalising the boundary between the Burpham ward and the new Holy Trinity &amp; Christchurch ward by aligning the south-western boundaries of both Burpham and the Merrow wards. This involves extending the Burpham ward by bringing its south-western boundary with the new Holy Trinity &amp; Christchurch Ward south-westwards to the</p>

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					railway bridge in Boxgrove Road taking in roads down to Westward Ho, Abbotswood, and Boxgrove Avenue.
Friary	5,037	2	2,519	+2.2%	<p>With the anticipated electorate in 2026 of 9,420 in the existing Friary &amp; St Nicolas ward (+27% over the average variance), we realised that we would need to propose a division of the ward into two separate new wards and a rearrangement of boundaries with neighbouring wards.</p> <p>We took the view that the River Wey should form the western boundary of the new Friary ward from Bridge Street to the south, northwards to the bridge taking the railway over the river meaning that the river continues to form a natural ward boundary from the boundary with Shalford ward through the town centre to the railway bridge. We suggest using the railway line as the ward boundary between the Friary ward and new St. Nicolas &amp; Riverside ward and Onslow ward.</p>
Holy Trinity & Christchurch	7,485	3	2,495	+1.2%	<p>If the current Holy Trinity and Christchurch wards were left unchanged, the electoral variance expected in 2026 would leave Christchurch at 0%, but leave Holy Trinity at -11%. It was also clear that some change to the ward boundaries would be necessary to accommodate the proposed boundary for the new Friary ward and changes in the adjoining Burpham and Merrow wards.</p> <p>We considered retaining two separate wards with Holy Trinity as a 2 member ward and Christchurch as a single member ward, but felt that having a single member ward in the town area would not be appropriate.</p>

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Merrow	7,282	3	2,427	-1.4%	If the current Merrow ward was left unchanged, the electoral variance expected in 2026 would be -14% under the average variance. In order to address this, we are proposing to bring the variance closer to the average, whilst rationalising the boundary between the Merrow and Burpham wards by aligning their south-western boundaries. This involves extending the Merrow ward by bringing its south-western boundary with the new Holy Trinity & Christchurch ward south-westwards to Boxgrove Road, whilst maintaining the railway line as the strong boundary between the Merrow and Burpham wards.
Onslow	7,356	3	2,452	0%	Although the electoral variance expected in 2026 in the existing Onslow ward was acceptable (+1%), it was clear that some change to the ward boundary would be necessary to accommodate changes in adjoining wards. It was also felt that the natural community within the ward lay to the east of the A3 (Onslow Village and Guildford Park areas), and that the logical ward boundary should be the A3, the A31 and the railway to create a triangular shaped ward. The area to the west of the A3 currently in the Onslow ward should form part of the revised area for the Westborough ward (see below).
St Nicolas & Riverside	4,772	2	2,386	-3.1%	With the anticipated electorate in 2026 of 9,420 in the existing Friary & St Nicolas ward (+27% over the average variance), we realised that we would need to propose a division of the ward into two separate new wards and a rearrangement of boundaries with neighbouring wards. We are proposing that the northern boundary between this ward and Onslow ward should comprise the A31 Farnham

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					<p>Road from the bridge over the railway westwards to Down Lane. The “Riverside” area of the new ward includes the “finger” of land comprising the railway station area and properties along Walnut Tree Close to the west of the river and east of the railway line.</p> <p>We believe that these boundaries are clear and logical.</p>
Stoke	4,951	2	2,476	0%	We are not proposing any changes to the electoral arrangements in respect of this ward
Stoughton North	4,687	2	2,344	-4.8%	<p>Although the electoral variance expected in 2026 in the existing Stoughton ward was acceptable (-2%), it was felt that changes were necessary to accommodate the proposed revised warding arrangements for Westborough, and to rationalise the boundary using the A323 Aldershot Road as the new boundary to take into Stoughton parts of the current Westborough ward that are regarded on maps as being part of Stoughton – notably the Stoughton Recreation Ground (which includes the Stoughton Youth and Community Centre). However, this would take the Stoughton ward significantly over the 10% variance threshold.</p> <p>We therefore propose splitting Stoughton into two 2 member wards using the A322 Worplesdon Road, and the Stoughton Road eastwards to the railway as the boundary between Stoughton North and Stoughton South wards.</p>
Stoughton South	4,557	2	2,279	-7.4%	See comments re: Stoughton North above and Westborough below.
Westborough	6,850	3	2,283	-7.3%	With the anticipated electorate in 2026 of 6,711 in the existing Westborough ward very close to the -10% tolerance

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					<p>(-9% under the average variance), coupled with the proposed change to the boundary between the Onslow and Westborough wards (see above), we realised that significant changes to the Westborough ward boundary would be required. We looked at two options for the Westborough Ward:</p> <p>Option A (the favoured option) involved re-drawing the northern boundary of Westborough ward so that the A323 Aldershot Road forms the new boundary between Westborough and the proposed new Stoughton South ward, and the A3 becomes the new south-eastern boundary with Onslow ward taking in that part of the current Onslow ward located to the west of the A3.</p> <p>Option B involved maintaining the current northern and eastern boundary between Westborough and Stoughton wards and then dissecting the ward via a north-south route along Foxburrows Avenue, westwards using the railway as a boundary to Egerton Road, and then south and eastwards to include the Ashenden estate. This new ward was to be named "Westborough East". The remaining Park Barn part of Westborough, including that part of the current Onslow ward located to the west of the A3 (excluding the Ashenden estate) was to remain the "Westborough ward".</p> <p>However, it was recognised that the ward names might cause some confusion, so it was suggested that "St Clare ward" might be a better name for Westborough, and "Westborough</p>

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					East” would revert to being “Westborough”. As this option would result in the St Clare ward being almost at -10% tolerance and given that Option A had a better ward configuration for the Stoughton area, we favoured Option A.
<b>Guildford Town Total:</b>	<b>57,973</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2,416</b>	<b>-2%</b>	
<b>Eastern Parishes</b>					
Clandon & Horsley	7,805	3	2,602	+5.6%	<p>The only change to the ward boundary being proposed is to align the boundary between Clandon &amp; Horsley ward and Effingham ward in the Effingham Junction area so that it is coterminous with the revised parish boundary between the parishes of East Horsley parish and Effingham, which was approved by the Council as part of a community governance review completed in December 2019, and is due to come into effect in April 2023.</p> <p>We looked at alternative warding patterns for the eastern parishes which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a new 3 member ward comprising the parishes of Ripley, Send, and East and West Clandon, which would have resulted in a variance of +3.6%.</li> <li>• a new 2 member ward comprising Effingham, the existing M5 polling district of the Clandon &amp; Horsley ward, plus the parishes of Ockham and Wisley, which would have resulted in a variance of +8%.</li> <li>• A new 2 member ward comprising the current parish of West Horsley plus East Horsley parish, excluding the existing M5 polling district, which would have resulted in a variance of +7%.</li> </ul>

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					However, we were not convinced that these alternative warding patterns were reflective of current community identities, and would have resulted in splitting East Horsley parish across two borough wards, and the imposition of parish wards for East Horsley Parish Council.
Effingham	2,585	1	2,585	+4.9%	See comments in respect of Clandon & Horsley ward above. Other than the proposed minor change to the boundary between Clandon & Horsley and Effingham wards arising from the 2019 community governance review, no other change is recommended in respect of Effingham ward.
Send & Lovelace	7,610	3	2,537	+3%	See comments in respect of Clandon & Horsley ward above. If the current Send and Lovelace wards were left unchanged, the electoral variance expected in 2026 would leave Send at -14% and Lovelace at +36%. The proposed merger of the two wards into one resolves the variance.  The respective wards each have distinctive villages with outlying smaller settlements and travel between the neighbouring parishes of Send and Ripley (Lovelace) is easy via the A3 and the B2215.
Tillingbourne	4,672	2	2,336	-5.1%	We are not proposing any changes to the electoral arrangements in respect of this ward.
<b>Eastern Parishes Total:</b>	<b>22,672</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2,519</b>	<b>+2%</b>	