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Dear Mr Vickery,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE: FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission has now completed its review of South Cambridgeshire. I am pleased to enclose a summary of the Commission's report setting out our final recommendations for South Cambridgeshire District Council, which is published today. A full copy of the report is available on our website, www.lgbce.org.uk. An interactive map of final recommendations is available at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk

The changes proposed for South Cambridgeshire District Council must now be implemented by order subject to Parliamentary scrutiny. A draft Order – the legal document which brings into force the recommendations – will be laid in Parliament. The draft Order will provide for new electoral arrangements for South Cambridgeshire to be implemented at the local elections in 2018.

We would also like to invite you to participate in our online opinion survey. This survey seeks feedback on the review processes and procedures, in order to identify improvements that can be made. We would be grateful if you could spare some time to visit our website, at <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/about-us/lgbce-opinion-survey> to complete the survey.

If you require a paper copy of the opinion survey, please contact us on 0330 500 1525 or email us on reviews@lgbce.org.uk

Yours sincerely



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Overview of final recommendations for South Cambridgeshire District Council

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Summary of our recommendations

Our final recommendations propose that South Cambridgeshire's 45 district councillors should represent twelve single-member wards, nine two-member wards and five three-member wards across the district.

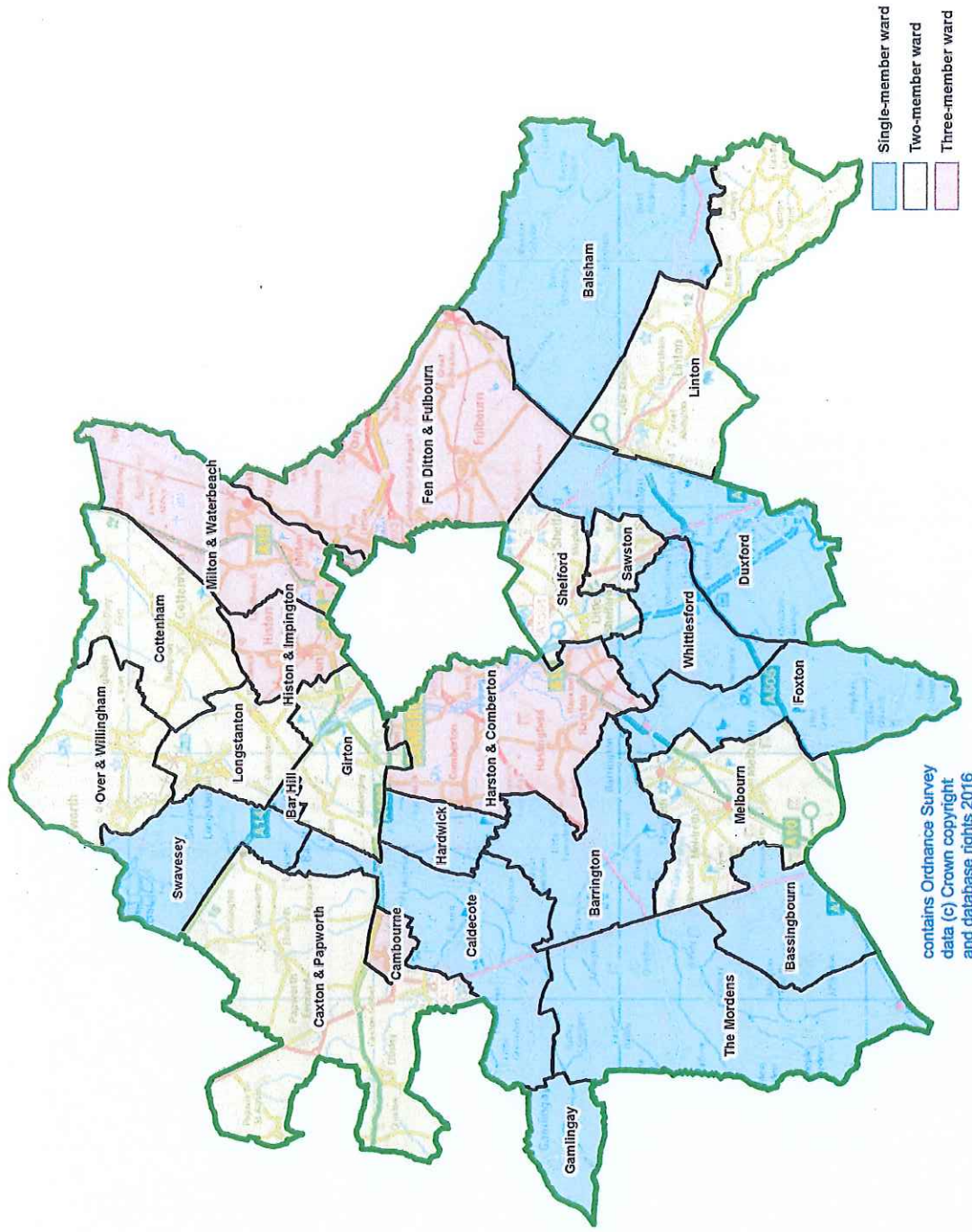
In response to local feedback, the Commission has changed the draft proposals it published for consultation. For example, the Commission previously proposed that the south west of the district should include a Gamlingay & The Mordens ward which would consist of several local parishes and be represented by two councillors. After listening to local views, the Commission has amended the recommendation so that the area will be represented by three single-member wards called Gamlingay, The Mordens and Bassingbour. The Commission was persuaded that the new proposal provides a better reflection of community ties in that part of South Cambridgeshire.

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

Find out more:

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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.
- compare the final recommendations with the draft proposals and existing arrangements.
- find out more about the electoral review process



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The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the number of voters per district councillor. The table also shows the electoral variances for each of the proposed wards which tells you how we have delivered electoral equality.

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2015)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2021)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Balsham	1	2,930	2,930	13%	2,930	2,930	1%
2	Bar Hill	1	3,144	3,144	21%	3,144	3,144	9%
3	Barrington	1	2,621	2,621	1%	3,049	3,049	5%
4	Bassingbourn	1	3,089	3,089	19%	3,125	3,125	8%
5	Caldecote	1	2,669	2,669	3%	2,669	2,669	-8%
6	Cambourne	3	6,520	2,173	-16%	7,760	2,587	-11%
7	Caxton & Papworth	2	4,691	2,346	-10%	6,103	3,052	5%
8	Cottenham	2	5,031	2,516	-3%	5,114	2,557	-12%
9	Duxford	1	2,806	2,806	8%	2,806	2,806	-3%
10	Fen Ditton & Fulbourn	3	8,067	2,689	3%	9,272	3,091	7%
11	Foxton	1	2,670	2,670	3%	2,729	2,729	-6%
12	Gamlingay	1	2,865	2,865	10%	3,190	3,190	10%
13	Girton	2	4,200	2,100	-19%	5,439	2,720	-6%
14	Hardwick	1	2,540	2,540	-2%	2,723	2,723	-6%
15	Harston & Comberton	3	7,225	2,408	-7%	8,816	2,939	2%
16	Histon & Impington	3	8,341	2,780	7%	9,451	3,150	9%
17	Linton	2	5,642	2,821	8%	5,774	2,887	0%
18	Longstanton	2	3,652	1,826	-30%	6,049	3,024	4%
19	Melbourn	2	6,182	3,091	19%	6,315	3,157	9%
20	Milton & Waterbeach	3	7,472	2,491	-4%	8,004	2,668	-8%
21	Over & Willingham	2	5,476	2,738	5%	5,617	2,809	-3%
22	Sawston	2	5,547	2,774	7%	6,228	3,114	8%
23	Shelford	2	5,612	2,806	8%	5,737	2,869	-1%
24	Swavesey	1	2,741	2,741	5%	2,799	2,799	-3%
25	The Mordens	1	2,761	2,761	6%	2,761	2,761	-5%
26	Whittlesford	1	2,621	2,621	1%	2,651	2,651	-8%
	Totals	45	117,115			130,255		
	Averages			2,603			2,895	

What happens next?

We have now completed our review of South Cambridgeshire District Council.

The recommendations must now be approved by Parliament. A draft order - the legal document which brings into force our recommendations - will be laid in Parliament. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements will come into force at the district elections in 2018.

<p>Who we are</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.</p> <p>Electoral review</p> <p>An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority. A local authority's electoral arrangements are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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 representing each ward or ward. 									
<p>Why South Cambridgeshire?</p> <p>We are conducting an electoral review of South Cambridgeshire District Council to deliver improved levels of electoral equality for local voters.</p> <p>South Cambridgeshire currently has high levels of electoral inequality where some councillors represent many more - or many fewer - voters than others. This means that the value of your vote - in district council elections - varies depending on where you live in South Cambridgeshire.</p>									
<p>Our proposals</p> <p>South Cambridgeshire District Council currently has 57 district councillors. Based on the evidence we received during previous phases of the review, the Commission recommends that 45 district councillors should serve South Cambridgeshire in future.</p> <p>Electoral arrangements</p> <p>Our final recommendations propose that South Cambridgeshire's 45 district councillors should represent twelve single-member wards, nine two-member wards and five three-member wards across the district.</p> <p>The Commission believes the final recommendations meet our statutory criteria to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Deliver electoral equality for voters. ■ Reflect local community interests and identities. ■ Promote effective and convenient local government. 									
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Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for South Cambridgeshire District Council

Summary report

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