

Some brief notes on the proposed Local Government Boundary Review:

- Target is to aim for electorate as of 2027 numbers based on predictions provided
- **Only applies to district boundaries.** Parish boundaries would need to be done as a community governance review. Boundary commission likely to look favourably on sensible suggestions to align Parish and Ward boundaries, and will consider sensible warding proposals based on local community.
- Timelines:
 - Preliminary Proposal Consultation Period – 23rd March to 31st May
 - Draft Recommendations Consultation Period – 3rd August to 8th November
 - Final Recommendation - 1st Feb 2022 – Laid to parliament, 40 day consult
 - Implementation: 2023 District Elections
- Submitting a good response:
 - Use evidence! Not opinions
 - Consult with local people and give that evidence
 - Consider natural landmarks, obvious geographical features for boundaries which local people will recognise
 - Include community aspects e.g. community identity, community events, in submission, giving an idea of identity
 - Outline what we **like** about the proposals and why (so that things aren't changed later which we agreed with!)
 - Outline what we don't like, why we don't like it, and make alternative proposals which take into account the law and criteria
 - Outline anything we think should not change from today, and why?
- Parish boundaries:
 - This review will not fix the issue of the Northern Arc being outside the town council boundary. To fix this, we would need to trigger a community governance review. Commission would be supportive of ensuring that the coherence of local communities is maintained, which is a good sign, but this is probably blocked until their review is complete.
 - Recommend we plan, timetable and resource community governance proposal into the Council's master project plan