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# Summary

## Who we are

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) 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.

## Electoral review

An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority. A local authority's electoral arrangements decide:

- How many councillors are needed
- How many wards or electoral divisions should there be, where are their boundaries and what should they be called
- How many councillors should represent each ward or division

## Why Southwark?

We are conducting a review of Southwark London Borough Council as the Council 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 each vote in borough council elections varies depending on where you live in Southwark. Overall, 43% of wards currently have a variance from the average number of electors per councillor of greater than 10%.

## Our proposals for Southwark

Southwark Council currently has 63 councillors. Based on the evidence we received during previous phases of the review, we consider that maintaining this council size will ensure the Council can discharge its roles and responsibilities effectively.

## Electoral arrangements

Our draft recommendations propose that Southwark Council's 63 members should represent 17 three-member wards, five two-member wards and two single-member wards. None of our proposed wards would have an electoral variance of greater than 10% from the average for Southwark by 2021.

**You have until 4 April 2016 to have your say on the draft recommendations. See page 17 for how to have your say.**



# 1 Introduction

1 This electoral review is being conducted following our decision to review Southwark London Borough Council's ('the Council's') electoral arrangements to ensure that the wards provide for effective and convenient local government and that the number of voters represented by each councillor is approximately the same across the borough.

## What is an electoral review?

2 Our three main considerations in conducting an electoral review are set out in legislation<sup>1</sup> and are to:

- Improve electoral equality by equalising the number of electors each councillor represents
- Reflect community identity
- Provide for effective and convenient local government

3 Our task is to strike the best balance between them when making our recommendations. Our powers, as well as the guidance we have provided for electoral reviews and further information on the review process, can be found on our website at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

## Consultation

4 We wrote to the Council inviting the submission of proposals on council size. We then held a period of consultation on warding patterns for the borough. The submissions received during consultation have informed our draft recommendations.

This review is being conducted as follows:

<b>Stage starts</b>	<b>Description</b>
18 August 2015	Council size decision
8 September 2015	Invitation to submit proposals for warding arrangements to LGBCE
17 November 2015	LGBCE's analysis and formulation of draft recommendations
9 February 2016	Publication of draft recommendations and consultation
5 April 2016	Analysis of submissions received and formulation of final recommendations
19 July 2016	Publication of final recommendations

## How will the recommendations affect you?

5 The recommendations will determine how many councillors will serve on the Council. They will also decide which ward you vote in and which other communities are in that ward. Your ward name may also change.

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<sup>1</sup> Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

## What is the Local Government Boundary Commission for England?

6 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

Members of the Commission are:

Professor Colin Mellors (Chair)

Alison Lowton

Peter Maddison QPM

Sir Tony Redmond

Professor Paul Wiles CB

Chief Executive: Jolyon Jackson CBE

## 2 Analysis and draft recommendations

7 Legislation<sup>2</sup> states that our recommendations are not intended to be based solely on the existing number of electors<sup>3</sup> in an area, but also on estimated changes in the number and distribution of electors likely to take place over a five-year period from the date of our final recommendations. We must also try to recommend strong, clearly identifiable boundaries for the wards we put forward at the end of the review.

8 In reality, the achievement of absolute electoral fairness is unlikely to be attainable and there must be a degree of flexibility. However, our approach is to keep variances in the number of electors each councillor represents to a minimum.

9 In seeking to achieve electoral fairness, we work out the average number of electors per councillor by dividing the electorate by the number of councillors as shown on the table below.

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2021</b>
Electorate of Southwark	215,493	243,292
Number of councillors	63	63
Average number of electors per councillor	3,421	3,862

10 Under our draft recommendations, none of our proposed wards will have electoral variances of greater than 10% from the average for the borough by 2021. We are therefore satisfied that we have achieved good levels of electoral fairness for Southwark.

11 These recommendations cannot affect the external boundaries of Southwark borough or result in changes to postcodes. They do not take into account parliamentary constituency boundaries. There is no evidence that the recommendations will have an adverse effect on local taxes, house prices, or car and house insurance premiums and we are not, therefore, able to take into account any representations which are based on these issues.

### Submissions received

12 See Appendix B for details of submissions received. All submissions may be inspected at our offices and can also be viewed on our website at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

### Electorate figures

13 As prescribed in the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, the Council submitted electorate forecasts for 2021, a period five years on from the scheduled publication of our final recommendations in 2016. These forecasts were broken down to polling district levels and projected an increase in the electorate of approximately 12.9% to 2021.

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<sup>2</sup> Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

<sup>3</sup> Electors refers to the number of people registered to vote, not the whole adult population.

14 Having considered the information provided by the Council, we are satisfied that the projected figures are the best available at the present time and these figures form the basis of our draft recommendations.

## Council size

15 The Council submitted a proposal to maintain the current council size of 63. We carefully considered the representation received. We considered that the Council's submission was supported by evidence to justify maintaining the current council size. We are content that the Council has sufficiently demonstrated that the authority can operate efficiently and effectively under this council size and ensure effective representation of local residents. We therefore invited proposals for warding arrangements based on a council size of 63.

16 We received one submission concerning council size in response to consultation on division patterns. The submission supported maintaining the current size. We received no opposition to maintaining the current size and have therefore based our draft recommendations on a council size of 63 elected members.

## Warding patterns

17 During consultation on warding patterns, we received a total of 15 submissions. These included three detailed borough-wide proposals from the Council's Labour and Liberal Democrat groups and from a Conservative councillor. All three were based on a council size of 63.

18 The three borough-wide schemes each provided for a mixed pattern of wards for Southwark. Having carefully considered the proposals received, we were of the view that the proposed patterns of wards largely resulted in good levels of electoral equality in most areas of the borough and generally used clearly identifiable boundaries.

19 Our draft recommendations are based on a combination of the borough-wide proposals that we received. In some areas of the borough we have also taken into account the localised evidence that we received which provided further evidence of community links and locally recognised boundaries. In some areas we considered that the proposals did not necessarily provide for the best balance between our statutory criteria and we have therefore identified alternative warding arrangements. In formulating our draft recommendations, we also visited the area in order to look at the various different proposals on the ground. This tour of Southwark has also informed our decision-making.

20 Our draft recommendations are for 17 three-member wards, five two-member wards and two single-member wards. We consider that our draft recommendations will provide for good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and interests where we have received such evidence during consultation.

21 A summary of our proposed electoral arrangements is set out in Table 1 (on page 17) and on the large map accompanying this report.

22 We welcome all comments on these draft recommendations. We also welcome

comments on the ward names we have proposed as part of the draft recommendations.

## Draft recommendations

23 The tables on pages 8–16 detail our draft recommendations for each area of Southwark. They detail how the proposed warding arrangements reflect the three statutory<sup>4</sup> criteria of:

- Equality of representation
- Reflecting community interests and identities
- Providing for effective and convenient local government

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<sup>4</sup> Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.



## Central Southwark

Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2021	Description	Detail
<b>Camberwell Green</b>	3	5%	Camberwell Green ward is bounded by the borough boundary to the south and west, John Ruskin Street to the north and Burgess Park, Southampton Way and Elmington Road to the east.	We have based this ward on the current Camberwell Green ward, with the addition of Kitson Road and Addington Square in order to use Burgess Park as a more identifiable boundary.
<b>Nunhead</b>	3	-1%	This ward is bounded by Culmore Road to the north, the borough boundary to the east, Nunhead Cemetery to the south and Gordon and Consort Roads to the west.	We received four proposals for this ward. Some proposed a larger ward with an electorate too large to be covered by three councillors with a good level of electoral equality. In order to maintain electoral equality our ward does not include the housing to the south of Nunhead Cemetery. We consider this ward reflects the local community and provides for effective and convenient local government.
<b>Old Kent Road</b>	3	3%	This ward includes the communities either side of Old Kent Road, extending east to the borough boundary and west to Burgess Park.	The three submissions we received for this area proposed significantly different boundaries. On visiting the area, we decided that the Old Kent Road would be the most appropriate as the centre of the ward, rather than being used as a boundary as also proposed. We have therefore based our proposed ward on the submission that suggested this. The ward reflects the local community and provides for effective and convenient local government.
<b>Peckham</b>	3	-5%	Our Peckham ward has the same boundaries as the current Peckham ward, including the area between Burgess Park and Peckham High Street.	Our Peckham ward is identical to the current ward in this area. We received two submissions that proposed similar wards. One respondent proposed a much smaller ward, which we considered would divide the community in this area. We consider the current ward provides for a good balance between the statutory criteria.

<b>Peckham Rye</b>	2	-1%	This ward includes the communities to the north, south and east of Peckham Rye Park.	Our Peckham Rye ward is based on one of the proposals we received, subject to two small modifications. We considered that Nunhead Cemetery would be more appropriately included in the Nunhead ward, and that all of Ivydale Road should be kept together in our proposed Peckham Rye ward.
<b>Rye Lane</b>	3	1%	Our Rye Lane ward includes the communities either side of Rye Lane, bounded by Gordon and Consort Roads to the east and the railway line to the west.	Our proposed Rye Lane ward is similar to the current ward in the area, with several minor modifications to provide for a better level of electoral equality. One submission proposed using the railway line directly north of Peckham Rye station as the northern boundary of the ward. When we visited the area we did not consider the railway line provided a clear boundary in this instance, as it is raised above the road with shops continuing on both sides. We have therefore maintained the current northern boundary, Peckham High Street. We consider that this ward uses clear and identifiable boundaries and would provide for effective and convenient local government for the area.
<b>St Giles</b>	3	4%	St Giles ward is bounded by Burgess Park to the north, Southampton Way to the east, the railway line to the south and Daneville and Elmington Roads to the west.	Our proposed St Giles ward is similar to the existing Brunswick Park ward, with the addition of the streets between Bushey Hill Road and Peckham Academy. We consider these boundaries to best reflect communities in the area.  We received a submission stating that Brunswick Park is little known in the area and does not reflect the local community. The submission proposed the name St Giles instead after the hospital at the centre of the ward. We have therefore adopted this name as part of our draft recommendations.

## North-east Southwark

Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2021	Description	Detail
<b>North Bermondsey</b>	3	5%	This ward contains the area south of the Thames and north of the railway line, as far east as Southwark Park and as far west as Tower Bridge Road.	During consultation we received three submissions that commented on this area of Southwark. Our proposed ward is based on these proposals received. We consider it reflects the local community and provides for effective and convenient local government.
<b>Rotherhithe</b>	3	-1%	This ward includes the community of Rotherhithe, east of Southwark Park and west of Surrey Docks.	We received three submissions regarding the Rotherhithe area. Our proposed ward is based on these proposals. Two proposals used Dock Hill Avenue as the north-eastern boundary of the ward. However, we have continued the ward north to Bacon's College in order to keep all the housing in this area together. We consider these boundaries reflect the local community and provide for effective and convenient local government.
<b>South Bermondsey</b>	3	5%	Our South Bermondsey ward includes the communities either side of Southwark Park Road, south of the railway line and north of Rolls Road.	We received three submissions referring to this area. Our ward is largely based on one of these proposals, with modifications to improve electoral equality in the surrounding wards. We received two different suggestions for ward names. Two suggested South Bermondsey and the other stated the area was known as Blue Bermondsey. We have chosen South Bermondsey to counter our proposed North Bermondsey ward; however, we would particularly welcome comments on the name of this ward.
<b>Surrey Docks</b>	3	1%	Our Surrey Docks ward is bounded by the Thames to the north and east, the borough boundary to the south and Surrey Quays Road to the west.	This ward is similar to the current Surrey Docks ward. However, the housing between Bacon's College and Dock Hill Avenue and along Chilton Grove is included in our proposed Rotherhithe ward. We consider these boundaries reflect the local community and provide for effective and convenient local government.

## North-west Southwark

Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2021	Description	Detail
<b>Bankside &amp; Borough</b>	3	-4%	Our Bankside & Borough ward contains the northern part of the current Cathedrals ward from the borough boundary to Webber Street.	<p>We received three proposals for this part of Southwark. While the current ward has good boundaries, it has a very poor level of electoral equality, forecast to have 63% more electors than the borough average. Our proposed ward retains the same boundaries as at present in the north, but uses Webber Street as the southern boundary.</p> <p>One submission proposed the name Cathedral for this ward. We have decided not to adopt this as it may cause confusion as to which cathedral it refers. Another respondent proposed the name Bankside &amp; Borough. We consider this name better reflects the communities in the area and so we are including it as part of our draft recommendations.</p>
<b>Bridges</b>	3	3%	This ward is bounded by the Thames to the north, between London Bridge and Tower Bridge. To the south it is bounded by Long Lane, Old Kent Road and Curtis Street.	<p>We received four submissions relating to this area. We have largely based the ward on one of the whole-borough schemes received, but with modifications to provide for more identifiable boundaries to the west. We have included all of the Guy's Hospital site in this ward as the hospital has established connections with London Bridge Station. We have also included the Arnold Estate, both to provide for better boundaries and to improve electoral equality.</p> <p>Two submissions proposed a ward in this area named London Bridge. Another proposed the ward be called Tower Bridge. As our draft ward includes both, we have named it Bridges. We would particularly welcome comments on our proposals in this area and our proposed name.</p>

<b>Chaucer</b>	3	-2%	Our Chaucer ward has very similar boundaries to the current Chaucer ward. It is bounded by Guy's Hospital and Long Lane to the north, Tower Bridge Road to the east, New Kent Road to the south, and Borough High Street to the west.	Our proposed Chaucer ward is identical to the existing ward with a minor modification to the northern boundary. Guy's Hospital has been placed in our proposed Bridges ward to keep all hospital buildings and associated housing together. We consider this ward reflects the local community and provides for effective and convenient local government.
<b>Newington</b>	3	-2%	This ward includes the area between the borough boundary to the west and the railway line that runs west of Walworth Road in the east. It is bounded by Hampton Street in the north and John Ruskin Street in the south.	We received three similar proposals for a ward in this area. Our draft ward uses parts of all three. It is very similar to the current ward, with the exception of the area between Walworth Road and the railway line, which is now in our North Walworth ward. We consider that the railway line provides for a clearer boundary. As the ward is similar to the current Newington ward, we are proposing to keep the name.
<b>North Walworth</b>	3	-3%	Our North Walworth ward includes the area that will become the new Elephant Park community, and the current community between New Kent Road and Old Kent Road.	This ward is based on the current ward, with the addition of the land between Walworth Road and the railway line to the west. Having visited this area during our tour of the borough we have taken the view that Walworth Road forms a better community focal point than a boundary.  We have also included Bronti Close and Date Street to the south of the ward, as proposed by one of the submissions received. We consider that this ward reflects the local community and provides for effective and convenient local government.
<b>South Walworth</b>	3	-4%	This ward includes the community north of Burgess Park and south of East Street,	We received three submissions specifically relating to this ward. Our proposed ward is based on these proposals received. We are content that the ward reflects the local

			Trafalgar Street and Liverpool Grove.	<p>community and provides for effective and convenient local government.</p> <p>Two submissions proposed to retain the name Faraday for the ward and one proposed Burgess Park. However, as our proposed ward does not include Faraday Gardens and only includes half of Burgess Park, we have adopted the name South Walworth as part of our draft recommendations.</p>
<b>St George</b>	2	1%	Our St George ward comprises the southern part of the current Cathedrals ward, from Webber Street to the borough boundary.	<p>Our St George ward is the part of the former Cathedrals ward that lies south of Webber Street. The existing Cathedrals ward has too many electors to be represented by three councillors.</p> <p>One submission proposed the ward be named Elephant. We have not adopted this name as the new Elephant Park development will not be in the ward. Another proposed the name Elephant &amp; Castle West, which is not appropriate as we are not adopting the same submission's proposed Elephant &amp; Castle East warding arrangement.</p> <p>We have decided to name the ward St George after the cathedral and roundabout of the same name, both of which are central to this ward.</p>

## South Southwark

Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2021	Description	Detail
<b>Champion Hill</b>	2	1%	Our Champion Hill ward includes the communities either side of Dog Kennel Hill, bounded by the two railway lines, and Sunray Avenue and Red Post Hill.	<p>We received one submission proposing a three-member ward for the areas of Champion Hill and Herne Hill, and two submissions proposing separate wards for these areas. On visiting the area, we concluded that separate wards would best reflect local communities. We consider that this ward uses clear and identifiable boundaries and would provide for effective and convenient local government for the area.</p> <p>We received a proposal to name this ward South Camberwell. We did not consider that this best reflected the area and also noted that it could be confusing as there is no North Camberwell ward. We have therefore named our draft ward Champion Hill, after the road and stadium of that name.</p>
<b>Dulwich Hill</b>	2	-4%	This ward includes the community of Dulwich Hill and is bounded by Peckham Rye park, Camberwell Old Cemetery and Lordship Lane.	Our Dulwich Hill ward is based on one of the whole-borough submissions received. It is centred on Underhill Road. We consider that this ward provides a good reflection of local community ties whilst also providing a good balance between our other statutory criteria.
<b>Dulwich Wood</b>	2	-2%	Our Dulwich Wood ward contains all of the borough south of the Dulwich Common road, as well as the housing around Melford and Belvoir Roads to the east.	We received four submissions regarding this ward One submission proposed keeping the Dulwich Village and Dulwich Wood areas together in a three-member ward. Three respondents proposed separating the area into a single-member and a two-member ward. We consider separate two-member and single-member wards best reflect our statutory criteria for this area.

				<p>We considered several names for this ward including College, South Dulwich and Sydenham Hill. We considered that the name Dulwich Wood best reflects the communities in the area. We particularly welcome any comments on our proposals for this area and on the proposed name.</p>
<b>Dulwich Village</b>	1	1%	<p>Our Dulwich Village ward contains the area north of the Dulwich Common road, as far north as the railway line. It extends east to Lordship Lane and west to the borough boundary.</p>	<p>We received four submissions regarding this ward. One submission proposed keeping the Dulwich Village and Dulwich Wood areas together in a three-member ward. Three respondents proposed separating the area into a single-member and a two-member ward. We consider a single-member ward for Dulwich Village best reflects our statutory criteria for this area.</p> <p>We considered naming the ward Village after the current ward of that name, but concluded that Dulwich Village would fit better with our proposed Dulwich Hill and Dulwich Wood wards.</p>
<b>Goose Green</b>	3	-3%	<p>Our Goose Green ward includes the communities either side of Lordship Lane, as far south as Townley Road. It extends east to Peckham Rye and west to the railway line.</p>	<p>One respondent stated that the current ward boundary in this area, along Melbourne Grove, divided the community. We have therefore used a more southerly boundary, along Townley Road, in order to keep Melbourne Grove together.</p> <p>Two submissions emphasised the importance of keeping the area of Lordship Lane from Goose Green to Townley Road together in a ward. Our Goose Green ward has Lordship Lane as its central point. We consider this best reflects the community identities in the area.</p>
<b>Half Moon</b>	1	2%	<p>This ward includes the part of Herne Hill that lies within Southwark borough. It is bounded by the borough boundary, Giant Arches Road,</p>	<p>We received one submission proposing a three-member ward for the areas of Champion Hill and Herne Hill, and two submissions proposing separate wards for these areas. On visiting the area, we concluded that separate wards would better reflect the communities here. We have used the backs</p>



			<p>Sunray Avenue and Red Post Hill.</p>	<p>of houses on Red Post Hill as the boundary in order to keep the street together in the ward, though we have not included The Charter School in order to keep the school and playing fields together in our proposed Champion Hill ward.</p> <p>We considered naming this ward Herne Hill. However, the ward only includes part of the Herne Hill area, some of which is outside the borough. One respondent proposed the name Half Moon, after Half Moon Lane that runs through the ward. We have decided to include this name as part of our draft recommendations.</p>
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## Conclusions

24 Table 1 shows the impact of our draft recommendations on electoral equality, based on 2015 and 2021 electorate figures.

**Table 1: Summary of electoral arrangements**

	Draft recommendations	
	2015	2021
Number of councillors	63	63
Number of electoral wards	24	24
Average number of electors per councillor	3,421	3,862
Number of wards with a variance more than 10% from the average	10	0
Number of wards with a variance more than 20% from the average	2	0

### **Draft recommendation**

Southwark London Borough Council should comprise 63 councillors serving 24 wards representing 17 three-member wards, five two-member wards and two single-member wards. The details and names are shown in Table A1 and illustrated on the large maps accompanying this report.

### **Mapping**

**Sheet 1, Map 1** illustrates in outline form the proposed wards for Southwark London Borough Council.

**You can also view our draft recommendations for Southwark on our interactive maps at <http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>**

### 3 Have your say

25 The Commission has an open mind about its draft recommendations. Every representation we receive will be considered, regardless of who it is from or whether it relates to the whole borough or just a part of it.

26 If you agree with our recommendations, please let us know. If you don't think our recommendations are right for Southwark, we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of wards.

27 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](https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk)

28 Submissions can also be made by emailing [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk) or by writing to:

**Review Officer (Southwark)**  
**The Local Government Boundary Commission for England**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Millbank Tower**  
**Millbank**  
**London SW1P 4QP**

The Commission aims to propose a pattern of wards for Southwark which delivers:

- Electoral equality: each local 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

Electoral equality:

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

Community identity:

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

29 Please note that the consultation stages of an electoral review are public consultations. In the interests of openness and transparency, we make available for public inspection full copies of all representations the Commission takes into account as part of a review. Accordingly, copies of all representations will be placed on deposit at our offices in Millbank (London) and on our website at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk) A list of respondents will be available from us on request after the end of the consultation period.

30 If you are a member of the public and not writing on behalf of a council or organisation we will remove any personal identifiers, such as postal or email addresses, signatures or phone numbers from your submission before it is made public. We will remove signatures from all letters, no matter who they are from.

31 In the light of representations received, we will review our draft recommendations and consider whether they should be altered. As indicated earlier, it is therefore important that all interested parties let us have their views and evidence, **whether or not** they agree with the draft recommendations. We will then publish our final recommendations.

32 After the publication of our final recommendations, the changes we have proposed must be approved by Parliament. An Order – the legal document which brings into force our recommendations – will be laid in draft in Parliament. The draft Order will provide for new electoral arrangements to be implemented at the all-out elections for Southwark Borough Council in 2018.

## Equalities

33 This report has been screened for impact on equalities, with due regard being given to the general equalities duties as set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. As no potential negative impacts were identified, a full equality impact analysis is not required.

## Appendix A

**Table A1: Draft recommendations for Southwark London Borough Council**

	<b>Ward name</b>	<b>Number of councillors</b>	<b>Electorate (2015)</b>	<b>Number of electors per councillor</b>	<b>Variance from average %</b>	<b>Electorate (2021)</b>	<b>Number of electors per councillor</b>	<b>Variance from average %</b>
1	Bankside & Borough	3	7,123	2,374	-31%	11,095	3,698	-4%
2	Bridges	3	9,445	3,148	-8%	11,937	3,979	3%
3	Camberwell Green	3	10,484	3,495	2%	12,212	4,071	5%
4	Champion Hill	2	7,368	3,684	8%	7,774	3,887	1%
5	Chaucer	3	10,920	3,640	6%	11,302	3,767	-2%
6	Dulwich Hill	2	7,370	3,685	8%	7,387	3,693	-4%
7	Dulwich Village	1	3,872	3,872	13%	3,885	3,885	1%
8	Dulwich Wood	2	7,515	3,758	10%	7,538	3,769	-2%
9	Goose Green	3	10,832	3,611	6%	11,194	3,731	-3%
10	Half Moon	1	3,942	3,942	15%	3,948	3,948	2%
11	Newington	3	11,060	3,687	8%	11,322	3,774	-2%
12	North Bermondsey	3	10,784	3,595	5%	12,205	4,068	5%

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 %
13 North Walworth	3	8,495	2,832	-17%	11,237	3,746	-3%
14 Nunhead	3	10,831	3,610	6%	11,453	3,818	-1%
15 Old Kent Road	3	11,218	3,739	9%	11,981	3,994	3%
16 Peckham	3	10,424	3,475	2%	11,042	3,681	-5%
17 Peckham Rye	2	7,637	3,819	12%	7,669	3,834	-1%
18 Rotherhithe	3	10,505	3,502	2%	11,462	3,821	-1%
19 Rye Lane	3	10,157	3,386	-1%	11,728	3,909	1%
20 South Bermondsey	3	11,674	3,891	14%	12,125	4,042	5%
21 South Walworth	3	8,646	2,882	-16%	11,169	3,725	-4%
22 St George	2	4,841	2,421	-29%	7,810	3,905	1%
23 St Giles	3	11,816	3,939	15%	12,080	4,027	4%
24 Surrey Docks	3	8,534	2,845	-17%	11,739	3,913	1%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>215,493</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>243,292</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Averages</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,421</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,862</b>	<b>-</b>

Source: Electorate figures are based on information provided by Southwark London Borough Council.

Note: The 'variance from average' column shows by how far, in percentage terms, the number of electors per councillor in each electoral ward varies from the average for the borough. The minus symbol (-) denotes a lower than average number of electors. Figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

# Appendix B

## Submissions received

All submissions received can also be viewed on our website at <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/greater-london/southwark>

### **Political groups**

- Southwark London Borough Council Labour Group
- Southwark London Borough Council Liberal Democrat Group

### **Councillors**

- Councillor J. Barber (Southwark London Borough Council)
- Councillor M. Mitchell (Southwark London Borough Council)

### **London Assembly Members**

- Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

### **Local organisations**

- Red Post Hill Resident Committee

### **Residents**

- Nine local residents



# Appendix C

## Glossary and abbreviations

Council size	The number of councillors elected to serve on a council
Electoral Change Order (or Order)	A legal document which implements changes to the electoral arrangements of a local authority
Division	A specific area of a county, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever division they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the county council
Electoral fairness	When one elector's vote is worth the same as another's
Electoral inequality	Where there is a difference between the number of electors represented by a councillor and the average for the local authority
Electorate	People in the authority who are registered to vote in elections. For the purposes of this report, we refer specifically to the electorate for local government elections
Number of electors per councillor	The total number of electors in a local authority divided by the number of councillors
Over-represented	Where there are fewer electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average

Parish	A specific and defined area of land within a single local authority enclosed within a parish boundary. There are over 10,000 parishes in England, which provide the first tier of representation to their local residents
Parish council	A body elected by electors in the parish which serves and represents the area defined by the parish boundaries. See also 'Town council'
Parish (or Town) council electoral arrangements	The total number of councillors on any one parish or town council; the number, names and boundaries of parish wards; and the number of councillors for each ward
Parish ward	A particular area of a parish, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors vote in whichever parish ward they live for candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the parish council
Town council	A parish council which has been given ceremonial 'town' status. More information on achieving such status can be found at <a href="http://www.nalc.gov.uk">www.nalc.gov.uk</a>
Under-represented	Where there are more electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average
Variance (or electoral variance)	How far the number of electors per councillor in a ward or division varies in percentage terms from the average

Ward	A specific area of a district or borough, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever ward they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the district or borough council
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