

New electoral arrangements for Hounslow Council

Draft recommendations

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Introduction

Who we are and what we do

1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is an independent body set up by Parliament.¹ 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.

2 The members of the Commission are:

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(Chair) | • Steve Robinson |
| • Susan Johnson OBE | • Andrew Scallan CBE |
| • Peter Maddison QPM | • Jolyon Jackson CBE
(Chief Executive) |
| • Amanda Nobbs OBE | |

What is an electoral review?

3 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 there should be, where their boundaries are and what they should be called.
- How many councillors should represent each ward or division.

4 When carrying out an electoral review the Commission has three main considerations:

- Improving electoral equality by equalising the number of electors that each councillor represents.
- Ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity.
- Providing arrangements that support effective and convenient local government.

5 Our task is to strike the best balance between these three considerations when making our recommendations.

¹ Under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

6 More detail regarding the powers that we have, as well as the further guidance and information about electoral reviews and review process in general, can be found on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk

Why Hounslow?

7 We are conducting a review of Hounslow Council ('the Council') as the last review was completed in 1999 and we are required to review the electoral arrangements of every council in England 'from time to time'.² In addition, we are conducting a review of the Council as the value of each vote in borough council elections varies depending on where you live in Hounslow. Some councillors currently represent many more or fewer voters than others. This is 'electoral inequality'. Our aim is to create 'electoral equality', where votes are as equal as possible, ideally within 10% of being exactly equal.

8 This electoral review is being carried out to ensure that:

- The wards in Hounslow are in the best possible places to help the Council carry out its responsibilities effectively.
- The number of voters represented by each councillor is approximately the same across the borough.

Our proposals for Hounslow

9 Hounslow should be represented by 61 councillors, one more than there are now.

10 Hounslow should have 22 wards, two more than there are now.

11 The boundaries of most wards should change; four will stay the same.

How will the recommendations affect you?

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

13 Our recommendations cannot affect the external boundaries of the borough or result in changes to postcodes. They do not take into account parliamentary constituency boundaries. The recommendations will not have an effect on local taxes, house prices, or car and house insurance premiums and we are not able to consider any representations which are based on these issues.

² Local Democracy, Economic Development & Construction Act 2009 paragraph 56(1).

Have your say

14 We will consult on the draft recommendations for a 10-week period, from 4 June 2019 to 12 August 2019. We encourage everyone to use this opportunity to comment on these proposed wards as the more public views we hear, the more informed our decisions will be in making our final recommendations.

15 We ask everyone wishing to contribute ideas for the new wards to first read this report and look at the accompanying map before responding to us.

16 You have until 12 August 2019 to have your say on the draft recommendations. See page 23 for how to send us your response.

Review timetable

17 We wrote to the Council to ask its views on the appropriate number of councillors for Hounslow. We then held a period of consultation with the public on warding patterns for the borough. The submissions received during consultation have informed our draft recommendations.

18 The review is being conducted as follows:

Stage starts	Description
18 December 2018	Number of councillors decided
8 January 2019	Start of consultation seeking views on new wards.
18 March 2019	End of consultation; we begin analysing submissions and forming draft recommendations
4 June 2019	Publication of draft recommendations; start of second consultation
12 August 2019	End of consultation; we begin analysing submissions and forming final recommendations
29 October 2019	Publication of final recommendations

Analysis and draft recommendations

19 Legislation³ states that our recommendations should not be based only on how many electors⁴ there are now, but also on how many there are likely to be in the five years after the publication of our final recommendations. We must also try to recommend strong, clearly identifiable boundaries for our wards.

20 In reality, we are unlikely to be able to create wards with exactly the same number of electors in each; we have to be flexible. However, we try to keep the number of electors represented by each councillor as close to the average for the council as possible.

21 We work out the average number of electors per councillor for each individual local authority by dividing the electorate by the number of councillors, as shown on the table below.

	2018	2024
Electorate of Hounslow	194,932	221,814
Number of councillors	61	61
Average number of electors per councillor	3,196	3,636

22 When the number of electors per councillor in a ward is within 10% of the average for the authority, we refer to the ward as having ‘good electoral equality’. All of our proposed wards for Hounslow will have good electoral equality by 2024.

Submissions received

23 See Appendix C for details of the submissions received. All submissions may be viewed at our offices by appointment, or on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk

Electorate figures

24 The Council submitted electorate forecasts for 2024, a period five years on from the scheduled publication of our final recommendations in 2019. These forecasts were broken down to polling district level and predicted an increase in the electorate of around 14% by 2024. This growth is driven by major residential developments in Brentford and central Hounslow.

25 We considered the information provided by the Council and are satisfied that the projected figures are the best available at the present time. We have used these figures to produce our draft recommendations.

³ Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

⁴ Electors refers to the number of people registered to vote, not the whole adult population.

Number of councillors

26 Hounslow Council currently has 60 councillors. We looked at evidence provided by the Council and initially concluded that keeping this number the same would ensure the Council can carry out its roles and responsibilities effectively.

27 We therefore invited proposals for new patterns of wards that would be represented by 60 councillors – for example, 20 three-councillor wards or a mix of one-, two- and three-councillor wards.

28 We received two submissions that referred to the number of councillors in response to our consultation on warding patterns. One submission argued that all wards should be reduced from three councillors to two councillors but did not demonstrate how this would be achieved, both in terms of a warding pattern and the decision-making responsibilities of councillors. Another submission suggested that 60 councillors was too many but did not provide an alternative number.

29 The Commission, when proposing a council size, reserves the right to alter this number if it discovers that an alternative council size would provide a pattern of wards that better meets its statutory criteria. When drawing up our draft recommendations, we realised that a council size of 61 members would allow us to provide a better warding pattern that reflected local communities and ensured good electoral equality, particularly in the Hounslow area.

30 We have therefore based our draft recommendations on a 61-member council.

Ward boundaries consultation

31 We received 43 submissions in response to our consultation on ward boundaries. These included three borough-wide proposals from Hounslow Council, Hounslow Council Conservative Group ('the Conservative Group') and a member of the public. The remainder of the submissions provided localised comments for ward arrangements in particular areas of the borough.

32 Two of the borough-wide schemes provided a mix of two- and three-councillor wards for Hounslow. The other borough-wide scheme provided a uniform three-councillor warding pattern.

33 The borough-wide schemes we received from the Council and the Conservative Group both used electorate figures that were inconsistent with those initially submitted by the Council as part of the preliminary period of the review. We queried these figures and subsequently became aware that a number of future electors forecast to be on the electoral register in 2024 by the Greater London Authority had not been taken into account.

34 The Commission offered both the Council and the Conservative Group the opportunity to revise their proposals to take into account the agreed electorate forecast for the review. The Council confirmed it was content for the Commission to make amendments to its proposals to correct this error. The Conservative Group submitted a revised warding pattern to the Commission.

35 We carefully considered the proposals received and were of the view that the proposed patterns of wards – subject to our amendments to the Council’s proposals – resulted in good levels of electoral equality in most areas of the authority and generally used clearly identifiable boundaries.

36 Our draft recommendations also take into account local 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 provide for the best balance between our statutory criteria and so we identified alternative boundaries.

37 Our draft recommendations are based on a combination of the warding patterns we received from Hounslow Council, the Conservative Group and a member of the public. We have proposed a number of boundaries based on local evidence received in other submissions.

38 We also visited the area in order to look at the various different proposals on the ground. This tour of Hounslow helped us to decide between the different boundaries proposed.

Draft recommendations

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

40 The tables and maps on pages 9–20 detail our draft recommendations for each area of Hounslow. They detail how the proposed warding arrangements reflect the three statutory⁵ criteria of:

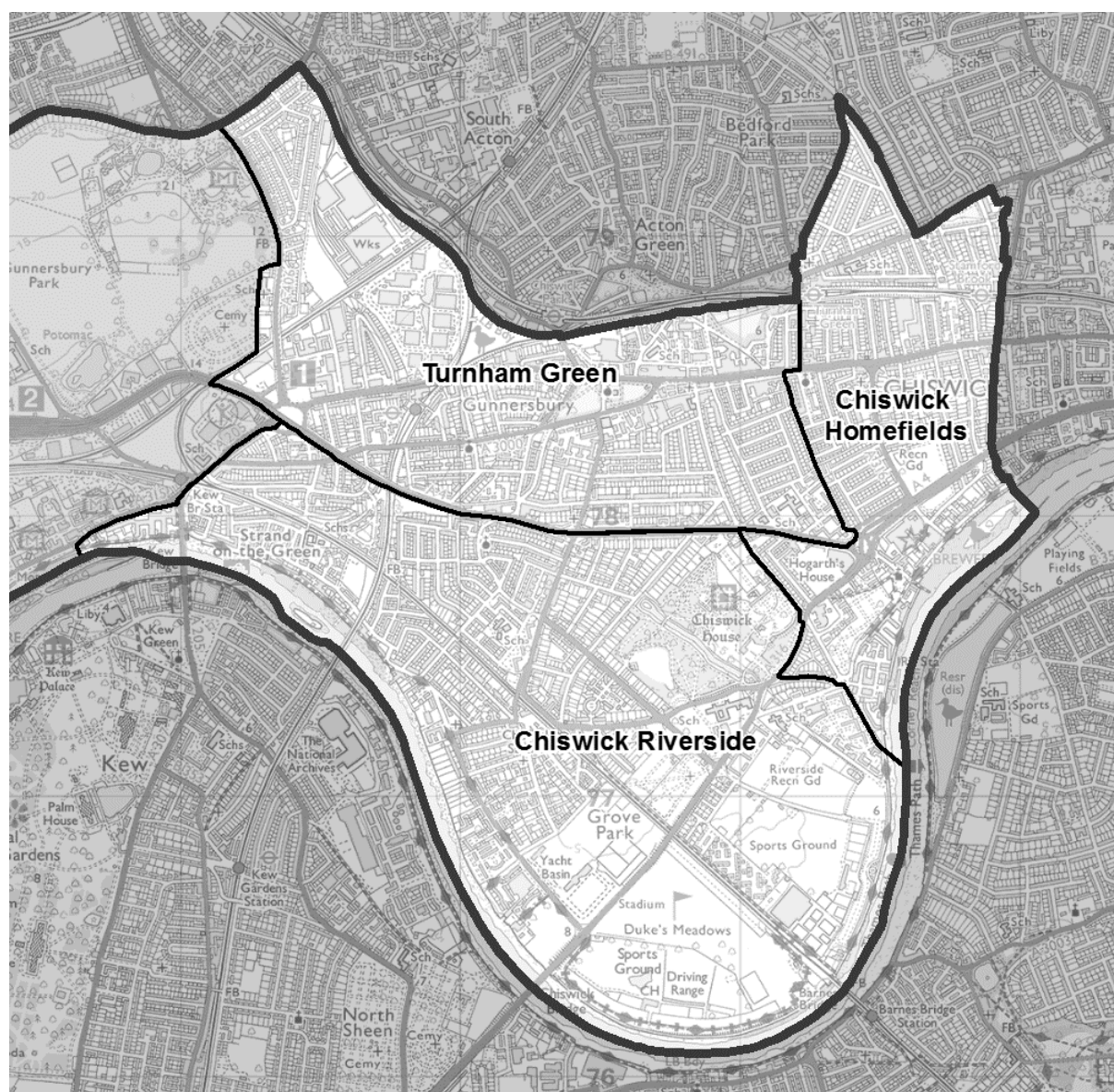
- Equality of representation.
- Reflecting community interests and identities.
- Providing for effective and convenient local government.

⁵ Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

41 A summary of our proposed new wards is set out in the table starting on page 29 and on the large map accompanying this report.

42 We welcome all comments on these draft recommendations, particularly on the location of the ward boundaries, and the names of our proposed wards.

Chiswick



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2024
Chiswick Homefields	2	-4%
Chiswick Riverside	3	-7%
Turnham Green	3	-7%

Chiswick Homefields, Chiswick Riverside and Turnham Green

43 The three borough-wide proposals we received for the Chiswick area proposed significantly different boundaries, represented by either seven, eight or nine councillors.

44 The proposal from the Council was for two three-councillor wards of Chiswick Riverside and Turnham Green and a two-councillor ward of Chiswick Homefields. The proposal from the Conservative Group proposed the three-councillor wards of

Chiswick Homefields, Chiswick Riverside and Turnham Green. The proposal from a member of the public proposed a three-councillor Chiswick Riverside ward and the two-councillor wards of Chiswick Homefields and Turnham Green.

45 We received other submissions that gave support to both the wards proposed by the Council and the Conservative Group. We also received a detailed submission from the West Chiswick & Gunnersbury Society with their view of where the boundary between Chiswick and Brentford lies. We also received a submission concerning the possible inclusion of the Strand on the Green area in Chiswick Riverside ward rather than Turnham Green and the lack of access between the two areas. Whilst we are conscious that the two areas do not share a great deal of access routes with each other there are some connections. We cannot include the Strand on the Green area in Turnham Green ward due to the extremely poor electoral equality that would result in both Chiswick Riverside and Turnham Green wards.

46 We also received a number of submissions for this area that relate to the external boundary of Hounslow borough. The external boundaries of the borough are outside of the remit of this review and we can't consider these proposals.

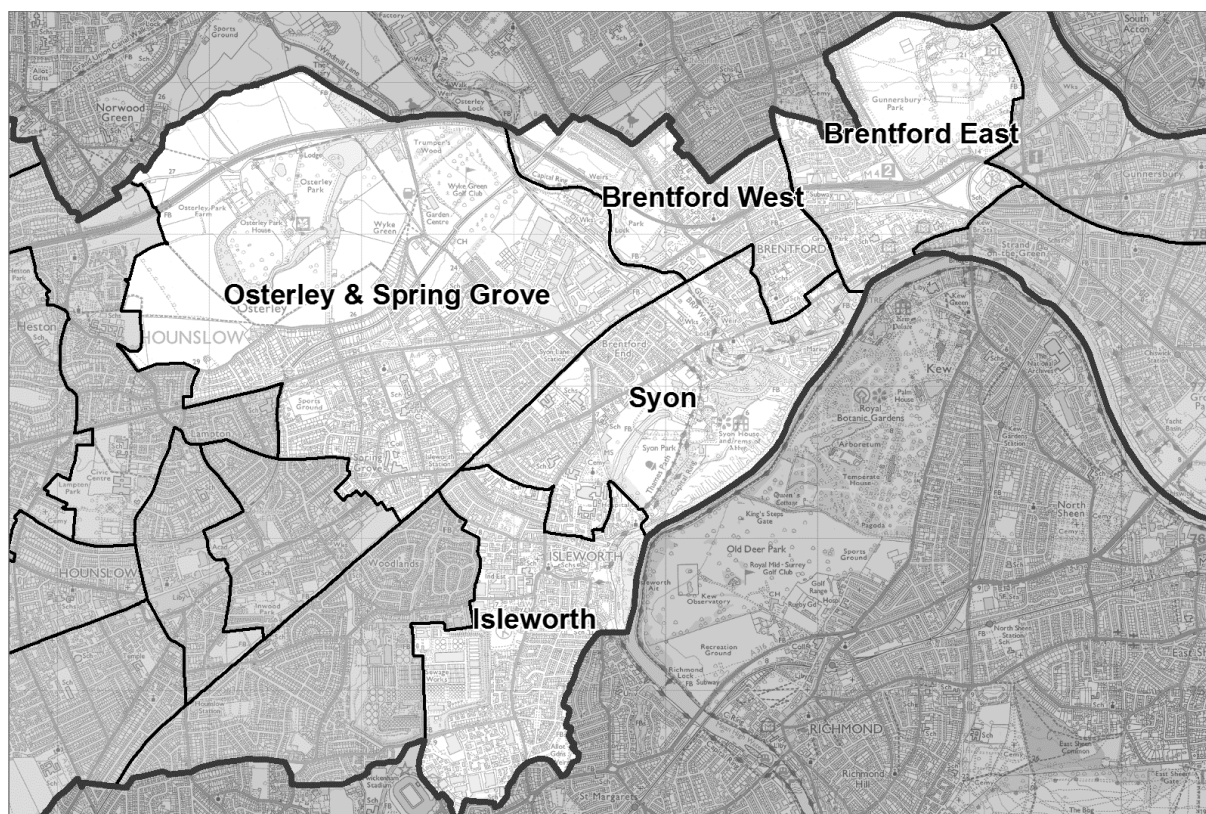
47 As part of our tour of the area, we were able to confirm that the boundary between the Chiswick and Brentford areas that was suggested by the West Chiswick & Gunnersbury Society appears to be the most appropriate boundary. We do, however, make two small amendments to this boundary to provide for more identifiable boundaries and better electoral equality.

48 Given the above, we note that the schemes from the Conservative Group and the member of the public both proposed wards that crossed what we consider to be the boundary between Brentford and Chiswick.

49 We have concluded that wards that cross this boundary will fail to adequately reflect the community ties in the area. We are particularly concerned with those proposals that include a significant number of electors from proposed developments around Capital Interchange Way and Carville Hall Park in a Chiswick or Turnham Green ward. We do not believe this will reflect their community identity once the development is complete.

50 Our draft recommendations are based on the submission received from the Council that proposes a two-councillor Chiswick Homefields ward, and the three-councillor wards of Chiswick Riverside and Turnham Green. These wards are similar to the existing wards in the area, subject to the transfer of a small number of electors to Chiswick Riverside ward from Chiswick Homefields and the Brentford area. This change is to provide for better electoral equality. These wards will have electoral variances of -4%, -7% and -7% respectively by 2024.

Isleworth and Brentford



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2024
Brentford East	3	2%
Brentford West	2	-1%
Isleworth	3	-5%
Osterley & Spring Grove	3	-4%
Syon	3	5%

Brentford East and Brentford West

51 Our draft recommendations for Brentford East and Brentford West wards are based on the submission we received from the Council. The electorate in Brentford is forecast to grow substantially by 2024 due to the large developments in the east of the existing Brentford ward. As a result, the existing Brentford ward needs to be divided into two smaller wards to accommodate the growth.

52 We propose that the B455 Ealing Road forms the boundary between Brentford East and Brentford West wards. We also propose to include a number of electors located between Brentford station and the A4 Great West Road in our Brentford West ward. We further propose to make a couple of amendments to the boundary between the existing Brentford and Syon wards to provide for better electoral equality in our proposed Brentford West and Syon wards. We received a submission

that was concerned about Brentford High Street being divided between Brentford West and Syon wards. This submission suggested that the boundary between the wards should follow the Grand Union Canal to the River Thames and that Brentford West should have three councillors and Syon ward should be represented by two councillors.

53 We carefully considered the alternative warding proposals suggested for this area, but have concluded that none will provide a clearer division of the Brentford area than the Council's proposals. We consider the Council's warding scheme is most likely to represent the community identities of both current and future electors in this area.

54 Our proposals are for a three-councillor Brentford East ward and a two-councillor Brentford West ward with electoral variances of 2% and -1% respectively by 2024.

Isleworth and Syon

55 Our proposals for these wards are similar to all of the proposed warding patterns submitted during consultation. However, we make some modifications to provide for better electoral equality and also to use what we consider to be more identifiable ward boundaries.

56 We propose to include electors around Linkfield Road in Isleworth ward. In recommending this we note that all three of the borough-wide proposals suggested that some electors needed to be moved into Isleworth ward to provide for better electoral equality in both Isleworth and Syon wards. The area we have transferred was suggested in a submission from a member of the public. We also considered whether to include a number of electors around West Middlesex University Hospital in Isleworth ward but have concluded that this would not provide for acceptable electoral equality.

57 We also propose to move an area to the east of the Clock Tower Industrial Estate from Isleworth ward to Hounslow ward which is discussed below in paragraph 76.

58 Our draft recommendations are for the three-councillor wards of Isleworth and Syon. Our proposed wards will have electoral variances of -5% and 5% respectively by 2024.

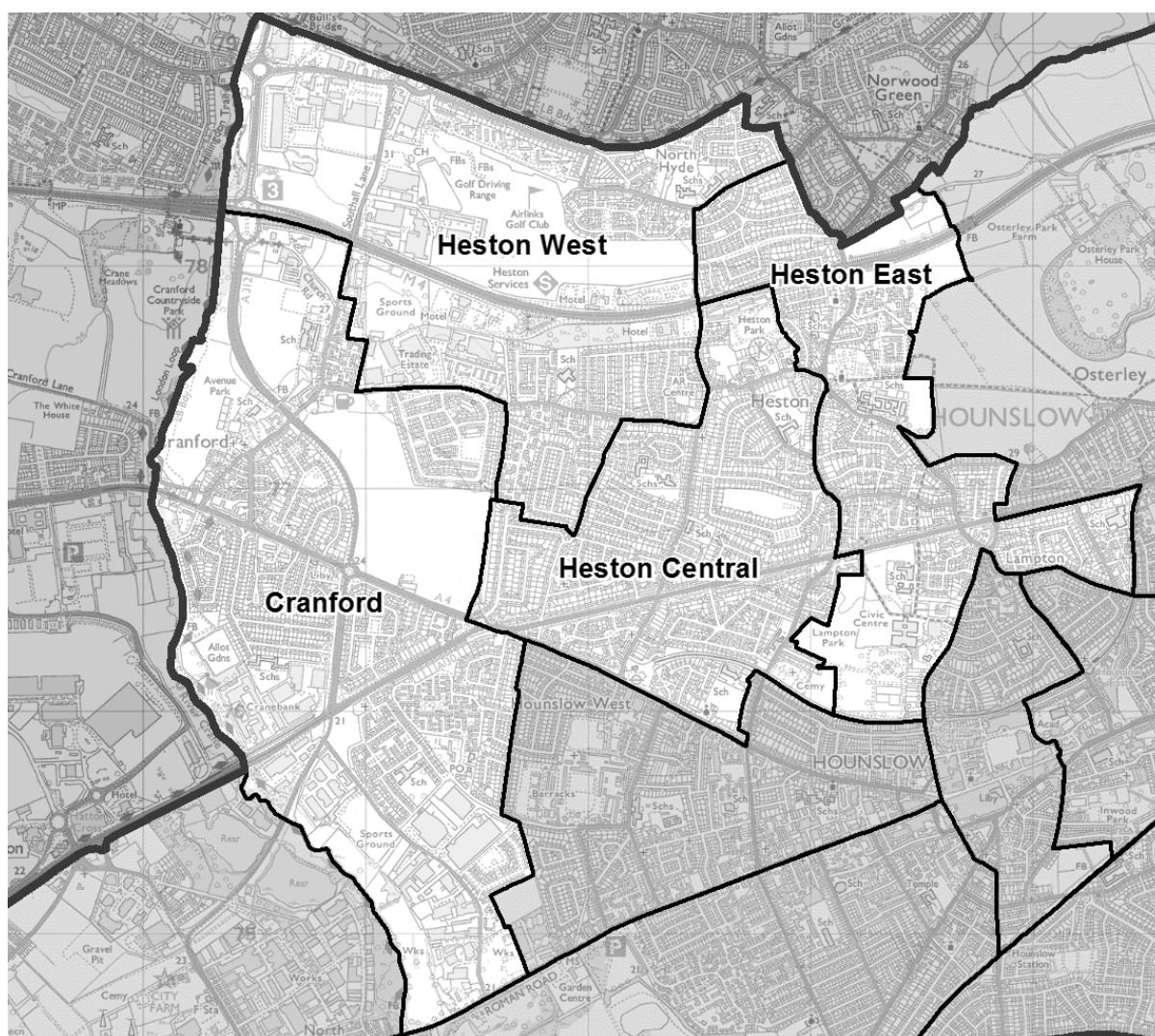
Osterley & Spring Grove

59 The majority of submissions we received that referred to this ward suggested it should remain unchanged as the current ward reflected the local community very well. While we recognise this, we do propose to make a minor amendment to the ward boundary based on a number of submissions we received during consultation.

60 We propose to transfer numbers 2–50 Thornbury Road plus electors on Offley Place and Draper Close from Hounslow East ward to Osterley & Spring Grove. The evidence we received suggested that their community ties were with other electors on Thornbury Road who are currently in Osterley & Spring Grove ward.

61 Our proposed Osterley & Spring Grove ward will be represented by three councillors and will have an electoral variance of -4% by 2024.

Heston and Cranford



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2024
Cranford	3	6%
Heston Central	3	5%
Heston East	3	-1%
Heston West	2	3%

Cranford, Heston Central, Heston East and Heston West

62 We have carefully considered all the submissions received for this area. We note that it was difficult to identify a warding pattern that allowed for good electoral equality while maintaining 12 councillors for the area.

63 Whilst considering the warding patterns we realised that by decreasing the number of councillors representing the area to 11, we could propose a better warding pattern that would reflect communities and minimise electoral variances.

64 We noted that there was good evidence received which suggested that the existing Heston East and Heston Central wards reflected community identifies and interests.

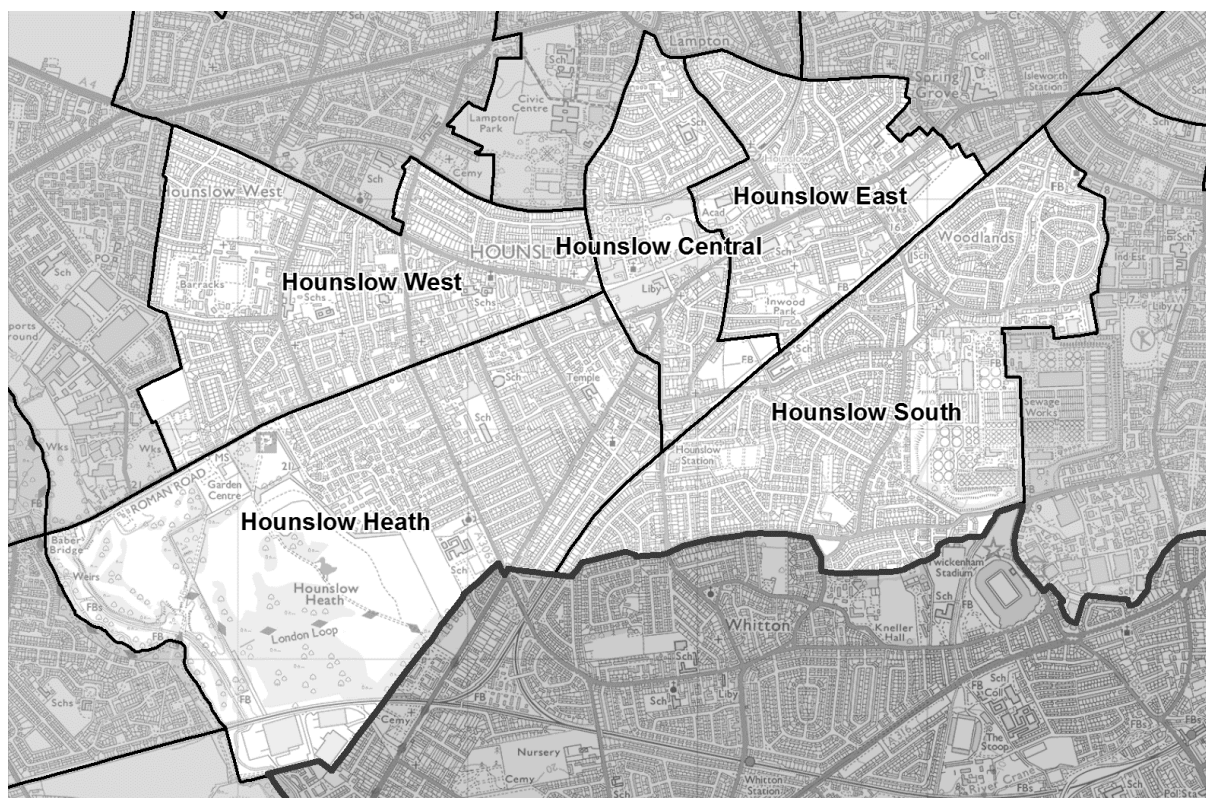
65 Our proposed Heston East ward is therefore similar to the existing ward. However, we propose to move the area of North Hyde to our proposed Heston West ward. This was proposed by the Conservative Group in its submission. Having visited the area on our tour of the borough, we consider that this proposal is reflective of the local community. We are, however, eager to hear local views on this proposal during the current consultation.

66 We also propose including the area around Burns Way and Springwell Road in our proposed Heston Central ward. Whilst this was not suggested to us in any of the submissions received, we have sought to identify alternative ward boundaries that better reflect our statutory criteria. We consider that this area has some community ties with neighbouring electors along the A4 Great West Road and this proposal allows us to ensure better electoral equality for both Heston Central and Heston West wards.

67 Our proposed Cranford ward is similar to the existing ward with the addition of the Brabazon Road area and the Redwood Estate. This proposal provided good electoral equality for the area, but we are aware that both areas may have community ties elsewhere. As a result, we are eager to hear the views of local people regarding this proposal during the current consultation.

68 Our proposals are for the three-councillor wards of Cranford, Heston Central and Heston East, and a two-councillor Heston West ward. These wards will have good electoral equality with variances of 6%, 5%, -1% and 3% by 2024.

Central Hounslow



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2024
Hounslow Central	3	-5%
Hounslow East	2	5%
Hounslow Heath	3	5%
Hounslow South	3	-6%
Hounslow West	3	4%

Hounslow Central and Hounslow East

69 This area is the subject of very significant housing development that is projected to add approximately 5,000 electors over the next five years. As a result, the area covered by the existing Hounslow Central ward is entitled to five councillors based on the electorate forecast rather than three as at present. We noted that if we were to provide 14 councillors for the Hounslow area, we would be able to produce a warding pattern with better electoral equality. The consequence of proposing 14 councillors for Hounslow is that we increase the overall number of councillors for Hounslow from 60 to 61, as mentioned in paragraph 29.

70 The proposals we received for this area contained a number of different options. The proposal received from the Council had very high electoral variances. The Conservative Group proposed a three-councillor ward for Hounslow Central. This ward did not include the retail centre of Hounslow along with Hounslow High Street, instead placing the area in their proposed Hounslow West ward. The member

of the public proposed two wards for the area covered by the existing Hounslow Central ward, a two-councillor Hounslow Central ward and a three-councillor Hounslow East ward.

71 We consider that the suggestion from the member of the public for two wards covering the existing Hounslow Central ward is the best suggestion for this area, but we have decided to recommend alternative boundaries. We propose a two-councillor Hounslow East ward and a three-councillor Hounslow Central ward.

72 We propose that a number of electors on Stanborough Road, Birch Close and on the south side of London Road be included in Hounslow South ward, as suggested by the Conservative Group. We accept that this is the only part of Hounslow South ward that straddles the railway line but this proposal allows us to ensure good electoral equality for all three wards. We would particularly welcome views on this proposal. In addition to this we propose to include electors living in numbers 2–50 Thornbury Road, plus Offley Place and Draper Close, in our Osterley & Spring Grove ward, as mentioned in paragraph 60.

73 Our proposed boundary between Hounslow East and Hounslow Central wards follows Kingsley Road, as suggested by the member of the public. The boundary then follows the Piccadilly Line, Prince Regent Road and Inwood Road. We visited this area on our tour of the borough and considered this boundary to be an appropriate division of the area. However, we are particularly interested in hearing local views on our proposed boundary during the current consultation.

74 The remainder of the existing Hounslow Central ward makes up our proposed three-councillor Hounslow Central ward.

Hounslow South

75 Our proposed Hounslow South ward is based on the existing ward with two additional areas added to provide for better electoral equality. As mentioned in paragraph 72, we propose to include a small area to the north of the railway line in Hounslow South ward.

76 Our other proposed change is to include an area to the east of the Clock Tower Industrial Estate in Hounslow South rather than Isleworth ward. This includes the area on either side of Worton Road, to the north to the St John's Road. Having visited the area on our tour of the borough, we consider that this boundary will fully unite the Woodlands area in a single ward.

Hounslow Heath and Hounslow West

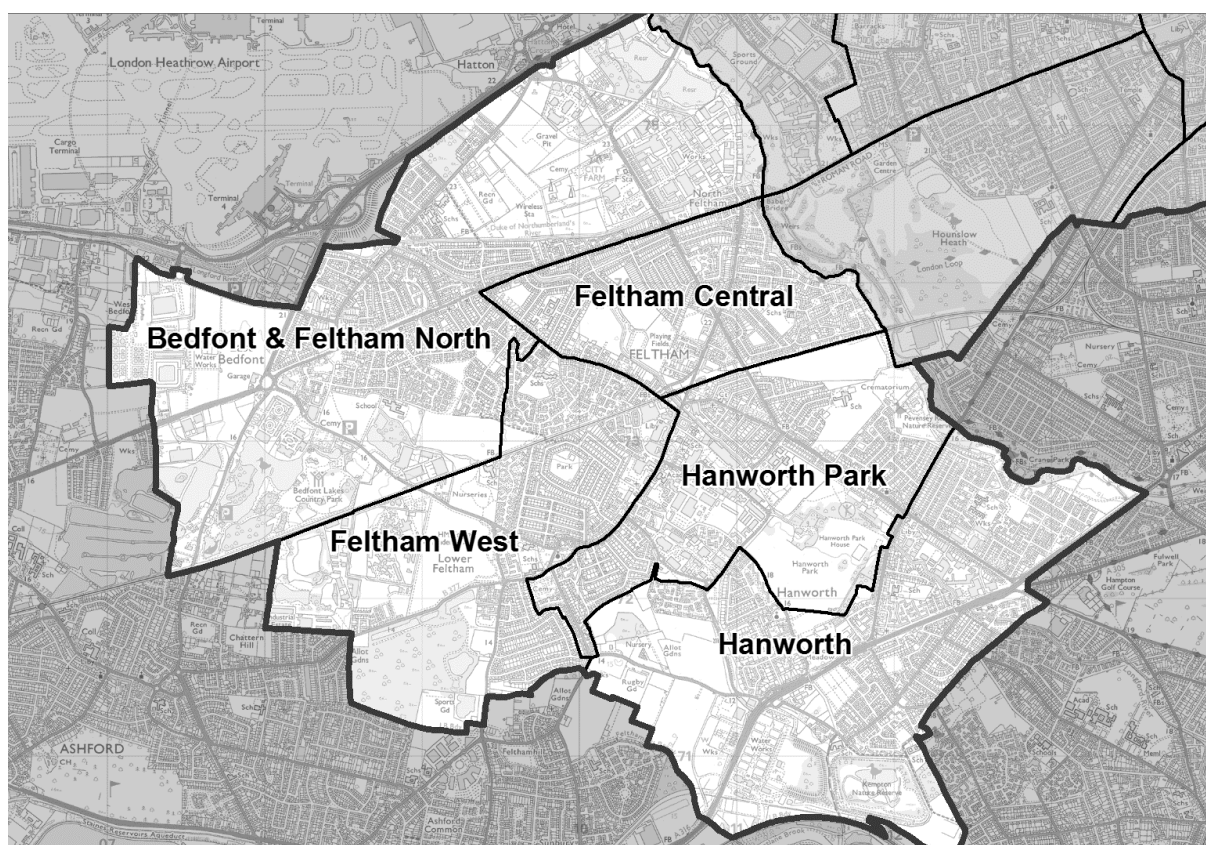
77 We received a number of submissions that requested that we do not change the existing Hounslow Heath ward. This included a 284-name petition directly

relating to the retention of Hounslow Heath ward. We also noted that two of the three borough-wide submissions proposed minimal or no change to Hounslow West ward.

78 The Council proposed some minor amendments to the boundaries of both wards to provide for better electoral equality in neighbouring wards. The Conservative Group proposed a more significant change to provide alternative warding arrangements in Cranford and Hounslow Central. The proposal from the member of the public proposed that both wards remain unchanged. Having visited the area as part of our tour of the borough and having considered all the evidence submitted, we consider that the most appropriate warding arrangements for this area in terms of all three of our statutory criteria is maintaining the existing wards. In particular, we consider that the existing wards use identifiable boundaries that reflect the communities within the wards. The evidence we received stated that the existing wards reflected the transport links in the area and also the communities within the ward. They also make use of physical boundaries in the area such as the A315 Staines Road and the Piccadilly Line.

79 Our proposals for the Hounslow area are for the three-councillor wards of Hounslow Central, Hounslow Heath, Hounslow South and Hounslow West, and a two-councillor Hounslow East ward. These five wards will have electoral variances of -5%, 5%, -6%, 4% and 5% respectively by 2024.

Feltham and Hanworth



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2024
Bedfont & Feltham North	3	-1%
Feltham Central	3	-5%
Feltham West	3	6%
Hanworth	3	5%
Hanworth Park	2	3%

Bedfont & Feltham North, Feltham Central and Feltham West

80 We received strong support in this area for retaining the existing Feltham North ward. This included a petition signed by 343 residents. The submissions received made particular reference to the inclusion of the Sparrow Farm Estate in Feltham North. This support was mainly in response to the proposal from the Council to include this area in a Hanworth Park ward.

81 Whilst we understand the support for retaining the existing ward we have concluded that this is not possible given the need to ensure good electoral equality for the area. In particular, we note that retaining the existing ward will result in an electoral variance of -12% in Bedfont & Feltham North, which will mean that electors in this ward will not have a vote of broadly equal weight when compared with their neighbours. We therefore propose that the properties to the north of Staines Road in

the existing Feltham North ward are included in our proposed Bedfont & Feltham North ward.

82 As a result, we propose that the remainder of the existing ward to the south of Staines Road form a new ward called Feltham Central.

83 We propose to make no change to the boundaries of Feltham West ward as, having visited the ward as part of our tour of the borough, we are of the view that the existing ward best meets our statutory criteria.

Hanworth and Hanworth Park

84 The area covered by our proposed Hanworth and Hanworth Park wards is currently represented by two three-councillor wards with high electoral variances. To provide for good electoral equality, the area needs to be represented by five councillors.

85 We therefore propose to include around 1,000 electors in the area bounded by Felthambrook Way, Elmwood Avenue, Castle Way and Sunbury Way as well as electors on Sycamore Close and Roebuck Close in Hanworth ward.

86 This proposal provides electoral equality for both wards. We considered whether we could include this area in Hanworth Park ward and provide two councillors for that ward and three councillors for Hanworth ward. However, this would provide poor electoral equality for Hanworth ward. We are, however, particularly interested in hearing local views of the community identity in this area.

87 Our draft recommendations for this area are for the three-councillor wards of Bedfont & Feltham North, Feltham Central, Feltham West and Hanworth, and a two-Hanworth Park ward. Our proposals will ensure good electoral equality, with electoral variances -1%, -5%, 6%, 5% and 3% for each ward respectively by 2024.

Conclusions

88 The table below provides a summary as to the impact of our draft recommendations on electoral equality in Hounslow, referencing the 2018 and 2024 electorate figures. A full list of wards, names and their corresponding electoral variances can be found at Appendix A to the back of this report. An outline map of the wards is provided at Appendix B.

Summary of electoral arrangements

	Draft recommendations	
	2018	2024
Number of councillors	61	61
Number of electoral wards	22	22
Average number of electors per councillor	3,196	3,636
Number of wards with a variance more than 10% from the average	12	0
Number of wards with a variance more than 20% from the average	4	0

Draft recommendations

Hounslow Council should be made up of 61 councillors serving 22 wards representing five two-councillor wards and 17 three-councillor wards. The details and names are shown in Appendix A and illustrated on the large maps accompanying this report.

Mapping

Sheet 1, Map 1 shows the proposed wards for Hounslow.

You can also view our draft recommendations for Hounslow on our interactive maps at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk

Have your say

89 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.

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

91 Our website has a special consultation area where you can explore the maps and draw your own proposed boundaries. You can find it at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk

92 Submissions can also be made by emailing reviews@lgbce.org.uk or by writing to:

Review Officer (Hounslow)
The Local Government Boundary Commission for England
1st Floor, Windsor House
50 Victoria Street
London SW1H 0TL

93 The Commission aims to propose a pattern of wards for Hounslow 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.

94 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.

95 Electoral equality:

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

96 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?

97 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 wards? Is there any form of public transport?

98 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 and on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk A list of respondents will be available from us on request after the end of the consultation period.

99 If you are a member of the public and not writing on behalf of a council or organisation we will remove any personal identifiers. This includes your name, 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.

100 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.

101 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 Hounslow in 2022.

Equalities

102 The Commission has looked at how it carries out reviews under the guidelines set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. It has made best endeavours to ensure that people with protected characteristics can participate in the review process and is sufficiently satisfied that no adverse equality impacts will arise as a result of the outcome of the review.

Appendices

Appendix A

Draft recommendations for Hounslow Council

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2018)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2024)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Bedfont & Feltham North	3	10,732	3,577	12%	10,758	3,586	-1%
2	Brentford East	3	6,191	2,064	-35%	11,116	3,705	2%
3	Brentford West	2	6,316	3,158	-1%	7,164	3,582	-1%
4	Chiswick Homefields	2	7,270	3,635	14%	7,004	3,502	-4%
5	Chiswick Riverside	3	10,474	3,491	9%	10,107	3,369	-7%
6	Cranford	3	11,684	3,895	22%	11,549	3,850	6%
7	Feltham Central	3	7,777	2,592	-19%	10,402	3,467	-5%
8	Feltham West	3	11,029	3,676	15%	11,511	3,837	6%
9	Hanworth	3	11,402	3,801	19%	11,437	3,812	5%
10	Hanworth Park	2	6,681	3,341	5%	7,479	3,740	3%
11	Heston Central	3	10,456	3,485	9%	11,434	3,811	5%
12	Heston East	3	7,884	2,628	-18%	10,823	3,608	-1%

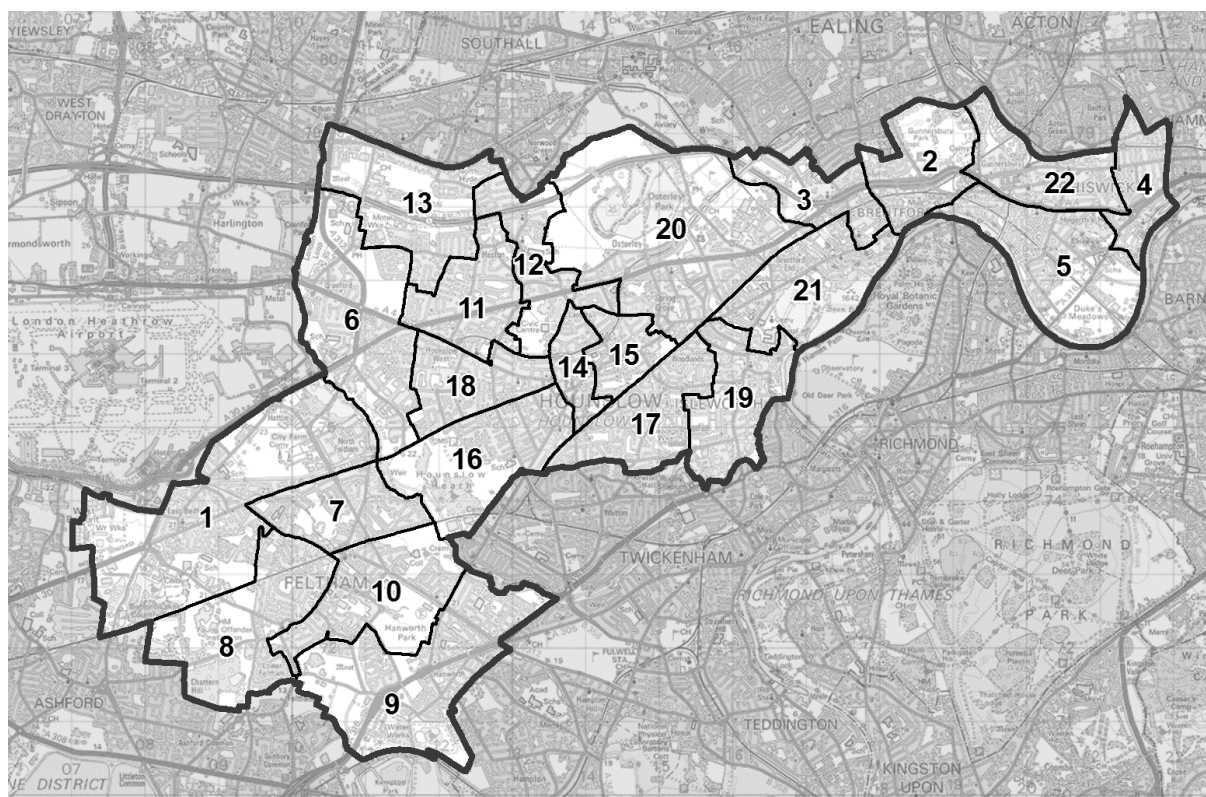
	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2018)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2024)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
13	Heston West	2	7,957	3,979	24%	7,461	3,731	3%
14	Hounslow Central	3	5,532	1,844	-42%	10,334	3,445	-5%
15	Hounslow East	2	5,974	2,987	-7%	7,671	3,835	5%
16	Hounslow Heath	3	10,494	3,498	9%	11,471	3,824	5%
17	Hounslow South	3	10,274	3,425	7%	10,290	3,430	-6%
18	Hounslow West	3	10,280	3,427	7%	11,353	3,784	4%
19	Isleworth	3	9,381	3,127	-2%	10,355	3,452	-5%
20	Osterley & Spring Grove	3	10,346	3,449	8%	10,508	3,503	-4%
21	Syon	3	8,225	2,742	-14%	11,420	3,807	5%
22	Turnham Green	3	8,573	2,858	-11%	10,167	3,389	-7%
Totals		61	194,932	–	–	221,814	–	–
Averages		–	–	3,196	–	–	3,636	–

Source: Electorate figures are based on information provided by Hounslow 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

Outline map



Number	Ward name
1	Bedfont & Feltham North
2	Brentford East
3	Brentford West
4	Chiswick Homefields
5	Chiswick Riverside
6	Cranford
7	Feltham Central
8	Feltham West
9	Hanworth
10	Hanworth Park
11	Heston Central
12	Heston East
13	Heston West
14	Hounslow Central
15	Hounslow East
16	Hounslow Heath
17	Hounslow South
18	Hounslow West
19	Isleworth

20	Osterley & Spring Grove
21	Syon
22	Turnham Green

A more detailed version of this map can be seen on the large map accompanying this report, or on our website: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/greater-london/greater-london/hounslow>

Appendix C

Submissions received

All submissions received can also be viewed on our website at:

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Local Authority

- Hounslow Council

Political Groups

- Hounslow Council Conservative Group

Councillors

- Councillor A. Ahmed (Feltham North ward)
- Councillor J. Biddolph (Turnham Green ward)
- Councillor J. Chatt (Feltham North ward)
- Councillor K. Chaudri (Feltham North ward)
- Councillor R. Eason (Osterley & Spring Grove ward)
- Councillor V. Grewal (Hounslow Heath ward)
- Councillor G. Lambert (Brentford ward)

Local Organisations

- West Chiswick & Gunnersbury Society
- St Johns Residents' Association

Local Residents

- 30 local residents

Petitions

- Petition of 284 names regarding Hounslow Heath ward
- Petition of 343 names regarding Feltham North ward

Appendix D

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 www.nalc.gov.uk
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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