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Eastleigh Borough Council

Electoral Review

Detailed submission for a warding pattern to the Local Government Boundary Commission

Introduction

This submission represents the Borough Council's preferred pattern of wards and electoral arrangements for implementation from 2018. It is based on the Council's submission for a 39-member Council with elections by thirds, in the context of providing electoral arrangements to accord with the Borough's Local Area Committee system of internal governance.

Background

The Borough Council has since 1976 seen substantial population growth yet has maintained electoral arrangements for 44 councillors throughout this period. Population growth is set to continue but as a consequence of wishing to achieve electoral arrangements to accommodate internal governance for the Council's Local Area Committee (LAC) system within recognised parish and community boundaries, the Council recommended that it proceed from 2018 with 39 councillors. The Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) endorsed this approach.

The Council's LACs are the building block for Borough's decision-making: they act as the primary contact point for Parish and Town Councils, have responsibility for determining all planning applications and licensing issues, and have delegated budgets from Cabinet for operational expenditure within their areas. They overview capital projects in their area and maintain relationships with the public sector from health to police and community safety, education and libraries, youth services and public transport. They matter: so their boundaries linked to natural and historic communities is at the centre of democracy in Eastleigh, and has been for twenty years.

The Council's submission for warding arrangements reflects its commitment to maintain and enhance its LAC system, achieving the LGBC's objective of maintaining 2021 future electorates for each ward within 10% of the average electorate for each councillor, and providing, in the majority of cases, 3-member wards. This 3-member ward arrangement works well for all except two parish council areas, as explained in this submission.

This submission therefore details warding patterns within each of the five LAC areas. It has been subject to consultation with each of the LACs including all members of the Council ahead of determination by the Council's Administration Committee.

Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury

The Council's existing arrangements provide for four two-member wards. The overall electorate of this area is 17,389 at 2021, suggesting two three-member wards. No changes to parish electoral arrangements are required from the proposed that:

Hiltingbury

The existing Hiltingbury East and Hiltingbury West wards are combined to form a new three-member ward with 8,861 electors (8.1% above the average electorate for 2021).

Chandler's Ford

The existing Chandler's Ford East and Chandler's Ford West wards are combined to form a new three-member ward with 8,528 electors (4.1% above the average electorate for 2021).

The proposals are shown on Map CFH attached.

Eastleigh

The Council's existing arrangements provide for three three-member wards. The overall electorate of this area is 23,644 at 2021, suggesting three three-member wards are retained. The Eastleigh LAC area includes all of the unparished part of the Borough, together with the parish of Allbrook and North Boyatt and part of the parish of Chandler's Ford. It is proposed that:

Eastleigh North

The existing Eastleigh North ward is retained with the addition of the DF polling district from Eastleigh Central and that part of the DB polling district to the north of the Romsey-Fareham railway line (Barton Road, Bishopstoke Road, Chickenhall Lane and Dutton Lane, labelled DN on Map ELAC) totalling 7,556 electors (7.7% below the average electorate for 2021). This will form a new ward with a clear southern-boundary of the railway line that is easier to understand and better reflects community identity than the current ward. The parish of Allbrook and North Boyatt is contained within this ward.

Eastleigh Central

The existing Eastleigh Central ward is retained with the removal of the DF polling district from and that part of the DB polling district to the north of the Romsey-Fareham railway line (Barton Road, Bishopstoke Road, Chickenhall Lane and Dutton Lane, labelled DN on Map ELAC) totalling 8,332 electors (1.7% above the average electorate for 2021). This will form a new ward with a clear northern-boundary of the railway line that is easier to understand and better reflects community identity than the current ward.

Eastleigh South

The existing Eastleigh South ward is retained on its current boundaries totalling 7,746 electors (5.5% below the average electorate for 2021). It contains one ward of the parish of Chandler's Ford with no changes to polling districts.

Bishopstoke and Fair Oak

The Council's existing arrangements provide for two two-member and one three-member wards. The overall electorate of this area is 17,667 at 2021, suggesting two three-member wards are created. It is proposed that:

Bishopstoke

The existing Bishopstoke East and Bishopstoke West wards are merged with the removal of AG polling district in Fair Oak parish to the Fair Oak & Horton Heath ward along with the addition of part of the AH polling district (Hardings Lane, Olympic Way, Roselands Close and Stoke Heights, labelled AK on Map BIFOHH) totalling 8,719 electors (6.4% above the average electorate for 2021). This will form a new ward that provides for all the parish of Bishopstoke to be contained within one ward. As with the existing arrangements it is not possible to achieve all of Fair Oak & Horton Heath parish in one ward due to the total electorate of this parish. This proposal achieves unity of those roads from Olympic Way to the junction of Sandy Lane in the same ward, and is easier to understand and better reflects community identity than the current arrangements with a portion of Fair Oak & Horton Heath parish in Bishopstoke East ward. A new parish ward will be required for the AK polling district as Fair Oak North-West.

Fair Oak & Horton Heath

The existing Fair Oak and Horton Heath ward is retained with the addition of the AG polling district and the removal of part of the AH polling district (Hardings Lane, Olympic Way, Roselands Close and Stoke Heights, labelled AK on Map BIFOHH) totalling 8,948 electors (9.2% above the average electorate for 2021). This proposal retains the largest possible portion of Fair Oak & Horton Heath parish in one ward, removing that part of the parish with the strongest geographical linkage to Bishopstoke. The existing Fair Oak West parish ward can be re-accommodated in Fair oak, subject to the Borough's forthcoming Community Governance Review.

Hedge End, West End and Botley

The Council's existing arrangements provide for five two-member and one three-member wards. The overall electorate of this area is 32,172 at 2021. There is no way to achieve a uniform pattern of three member wards in this part of the Borough without creating wards that both cross parish boundaries with no community coherence. Hedge End's electorate of 16,703 in 2021 allows for two three-member wards. West End's electorate of 10,075 in 2021 allows for two two-member wards, with a two-member ward for Botley with 5,394 electors. These arrangements require no changes to parish warding. It is proposed that:

Botley

The existing Botley ward is retained on its current boundary with two councillors and 5,394 electors (1.3% below the average electorate for 2021). This ward contains all of, and only, the parish of Botley.

Hedge End North

The HE (Shamblehurst) polling district of Hedge End Wildern is added to the Hedge End Grange Park ward to form a three-member ward of 7,850 electors (4.2% below the average electorate for 2021). This ward contains all of, and only, the wards of Grange Park East, Grange Park West and Shamblehurst of Hedge End Town Council. No changes to parish electoral arrangement are required.

Hedge End South

The HD (Wildern) polling district of Hedge End Wildern is added to the Hedge End St John's ward to form a three-member ward of 8,853 electors (8.0% above the average electorate for 2021). This ward contains all of, and only, the wards of Freegrounds, St Helens, St Johns and Wildern of Hedge End Town Council. No changes to parish electoral arrangement are required.

West End North

Two roads (Atlantic Park View and Carpathia Close) of the HK polling district are added to HH polling district as the only change to the existing ward of West End North to form a two-member ward of 4,982 electors (8.8% below the average electorate for 2021, Map HEWEB refers). This ward contains all of the wards of Allington, Hatch Grange and Moorgreen of West End Parish Council. Moving Atlantic Park View and Carpathia Close achieves a more understandable boundary to the ward including all of this part of Townhill Farm north of Townhill School west of Townhill Way in one ward. No changes to parish electoral arrangement are required.

West End South

Two roads (Atlantic Park View and Carpathia Close) of the HK polling district are removed to HH polling district with the addition of BD polling district from Bursledon & Old Netley ward as the only changes to the existing ward of West End South to form a two-member ward of 5,083 electors (7.0% below the average electorate for 2021). This ward contains all of the wards of Chartwell, St James and Telegraph Woods of West End Parish Council. The addition of BD (Kanes Hill) ward of the parish reunites the entire parish in two wards, as was the position before the last electoral review. No changes to parish electoral arrangement are required.

Bursledon, Hamble and Hound

The Council's existing arrangements provide for two two-member and one three-member wards. The overall electorate of this area is 15,669 at 2021, suggesting two three-member wards are created. It is proposed that:

Bursledon & Hound North

The BF polling district of Hamble & Butlocks Heath is added to the existing Bursledon & Old Netley ward with the removal of electors south of the Southampton-Fareham railway line to BH polling district (2-16a Hound Road and the Royal Victoria Country Park, Map BHH refers) to the new Hamble & Netley ward and the BD polling district to West End South ward to form a new three-member ward with 7,398 electors (9.7% below the average electorate for 2021). This proposal contains all of Bursledon parish in ward, with the addition of the northern two settlements in Hound parish (BC Old Netley and BF Butlocks Heath) and allows the removal of part of West End parish from this ward. No changes to parish electoral arrangement are required.

Hamble & Netley

The existing wards of Netley Abbey and Hamble & Butlocks Heath are merged to form a new ward with the removal of those parts of BF polling district north of the Southampton-Fareham polling district (2-16a Hound Road and the Royal Victoria Country Park) to BH polling district to form a new three-member ward with 8,271 electors (0.9% above the average electorate for 2021). This proposal contains all of the parish of Hamble-le-Rice and the southern settlement in Hound parish (BG and BH Netley Abbey) and reunites the Country Park with Netley Abbey ward from which it was removed at the last electoral review to equalise numbers. The Country Park's principal access is from Netley Abbey, not Butlocks Heath. No changes to parish electoral arrangement are required.

Future Proofing

The Council is aware that the Commission can only take account of electorate projections through to October 2021. The proposals here do however try to take account of future-proofing by linking under-sized wards to areas with current development proposals from the Local Plan most recently taken to the Planning Inspectorate by the Council. Under-sized wards Botley, Bursledon & Hound North, Eastleigh South, Hedge End North, West End North reflect this pattern.

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Electoral data

	2015	2021	
Number of councillors:	44	39	
Overall electorate:	98,225	106,530	2,994
Average electorate per cllr:	2,232	2,732	2,450
		106,176	
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3 Member Ward threshold	8982.6	8194.62	7349.4

Polling district	Description of area	New Ward Name	Parish	Parish ward	Existing district/borough/city ward	Existing county division	Future county division based on HCC submission	Elect 2015	Elect 2021	Total ward elect	Var
BISHOPSTOKE											
AA	Bishopstoke North West No. 1	Bishopstoke	Bishopstoke	Bishopstoke (North West) War	Bishopstoke West	Eastleigh East	Bishopstoke & Fair Oak	989	1553		
AB	Bishopstoke Central No. 1	Bishopstoke	Bishopstoke	Bishopstoke (Central) Ward	Bishopstoke West	Bishopstoke and Fair Oak	Bishopstoke & Fair Oak	980	974		
AC	Bishopstoke North West No. 2	Bishopstoke	Bishopstoke	Bishopstoke (North West) War	Bishopstoke West	Eastleigh East	Bishopstoke & Fair Oak	1081	1100		
AD	Bishopstoke Central No. 2	Bishopstoke	Bishopstoke	Bishopstoke (Central) Ward	Bishopstoke West	Bishopstoke and Fair Oak	Bishopstoke & Fair Oak	1270	1256		
AE	Bishopstoke East No. 1	Bishopstoke	Bishopstoke	Bishopstoke (East) Ward	Bishopstoke East	Bishopstoke and Fair Oak	Bishopstoke & Fair Oak	2519	2544		
AF	Bishopstoke East No. 2	Bishopstoke	Bishopstoke	Bishopstoke (East) Ward	Bishopstoke East	Bishopstoke and Fair Oak	Bishopstoke & Fair Oak	905	826		
AH PART	Fair Oak & Horton Heath No. 1	Fair Oak	Fair Oak & Horton Heath	Fair Oak & Horton Heath (East Fair Oak & Horton Heath		Bishopstoke and Fair Oak	Bishopstoke & Fair Oak	466	466	8719	106.4%
FAIR OAK & HORTON HEATH											
AG	Bishopstoke East No. 3	Fair Oak	Fair Oak & Horton Heath	Fair Oak & Horton Heath (Wes Bishopstoke East		Bishopstoke and Fair Oak	Bishopstoke & Fair Oak	1089	1120		
AH PART	Fair Oak & Horton Heath No. 1	Fair Oak	Fair Oak & Horton Heath	Fair Oak & Horton Heath (East Fair Oak & Horton Heath		Bishopstoke and Fair Oak	Bishopstoke & Fair Oak	2649	3308		
AI	Fair Oak & Horton Heath No. 2	Fair Oak	Fair Oak & Horton Heath	Fair Oak & Horton Heath (East Fair Oak & Horton Heath		Bishopstoke and Fair Oak	West End & Horton Heath	1970	2664		
AJ	Fair Oak & Horton Heath No. 3	Fair Oak	Fair Oak & Horton Heath	Fair Oak & Horton Heath (East Fair Oak & Horton Heath		Bishopstoke and Fair Oak	West End & Horton Heath	1802	1856	8948	109.2%
BURSLEDON & HOUND NORTH											
BA(1)	Bursledon (Bursledon) No. 1	Bursledon & Hound	Bursledon	N/A	Bursledon & Old Netley	Hamble	Hamble	162	568		
BA(2)	Bursledon (Bursledon) No. 2	Bursledon & Hound	Bursledon	N/A	Bursledon & Old Netley	Hamble	Hamble	3270	3467		
BB	Bursledon (Pilands) No. 2	Bursledon & Hound	Bursledon	N/A	Bursledon & Old Netley	Hamble	Hamble	1269	1340		
BC	Bursledon (Old Netley) No. 3	Bursledon & Hound	Hound	Hound (Old Netley) Ward	Bursledon & Old Netley	Hamble	Hamble	628	1056		
BF PART	Butlocks Heath	Bursledon & Hound	Hound	Hound (Butlocks Heath) Ward	Hamble-Le-Rice & Butlocks Heath	Hamble	Hamble	753	967	7398	90.3%
HAMBLE & NETLEY											
BE	Hamble-le-Rice	Hamble & Netley Abbey	Hamble-Le-Rice	N/A	Hamble-Le-Rice & Butlocks Heath	Hamble	Hamble	3674	3704		
BF PART	Butlocks Heath	Bursledon & Hound	Hound	Hound (Butlocks Heath) Ward	Hamble-Le-Rice & Butlocks Heath	Hamble	Hamble	87	87		
BG	Ingleside	Hamble & Netley Abbey	Hound	Hound (Ingleside) Ward	Netley Abbey	Hamble	Hamble	1098	1238		
BH	Netley Abbey	Hamble & Netley Abbey	Hound	Hound (Netley Abbey) Ward	Netley Abbey	Hamble	Hamble	3197	3241	8271	100.9%
CHANDLER'S FORD											
CA	Chandler's Ford East No. 1	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford (East) Ward	Chandler's Ford East	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford	780	769		
CB	Chandler's Ford East No. 2	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford (East) Ward	Chandler's Ford East	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford	1149	1150		
CC	Chandler's Ford East No. 3	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford (East) Ward	Chandler's Ford East	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford	1861	1900		
CD	Chandler's Ford West No. 1	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford (West) Ward	Chandler's Ford West	Eastleigh West	Eastleigh South	1821	1797		
CE	Chandler's Ford West No. 2	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford (West) Ward	Chandler's Ford West	Eastleigh West	Eastleigh South	1057	1089		
CF	Chandler's Ford West No. 3	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford (West) Ward	Chandler's Ford West	Eastleigh West	Eastleigh South	1927	1823	8528	104.1%
HILTINGBURY											
CG	Hiltingbury East No. 1	Hiltingbury	Chandler's Ford	Hiltingbury (East) Ward	Hiltingbury East	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford	941	881		
CH	Hiltingbury East No. 2	Hiltingbury	Chandler's Ford	Hiltingbury (East) Ward	Hiltingbury East	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford	1368	1396		
CI	Hiltingbury East No. 3	Hiltingbury	Chandler's Ford	Hiltingbury (East) Ward	Hiltingbury East	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford	1796	1822		
CJ	Hiltingbury West No. 1	Hiltingbury	Chandler's Ford	Hiltingbury (West) Ward	Hiltingbury West	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford	1463	1586		
CK	Hiltingbury West No. 2	Hiltingbury	Chandler's Ford	Hiltingbury (West) Ward	Hiltingbury West	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford	889	1158		
CL	Hiltingbury West No. 3	Hiltingbury	Chandler's Ford	Hiltingbury (West) Ward	Hiltingbury West	Chandler's Ford	Chandler's Ford	1887	2018	8861	108.1%

EASTLEIGH CENTRAL											
DA	Eastleigh Central No. 1	Eastleigh Central	N/A	N/A	Eastleigh Central	Eastleigh West	Eastleigh North	1065	1474		
DB PART	Eastleigh Central No. 2 STH OF RAIL	Eastleigh Central	N/A	N/A	Eastleigh Central	Eastleigh East	Eastleigh North	1046	1112		
DC	Eastleigh Central No. 3	Eastleigh Central	N/A	N/A	Eastleigh Central	Eastleigh West	Eastleigh South	2770	3136		
DD	Eastleigh Central No. 4	Eastleigh Central	N/A	N/A	Eastleigh Central	Eastleigh East	Eastleigh North & South	1352	1528		
DE	Eastleigh Central No. 5	Eastleigh Central	N/A	N/A	Eastleigh Central	Eastleigh East	Eastleigh North	1026	1082	8332	101.7%
EASTLEIGH NORTH											
DB PART	Eastleigh Central No. 2 NTH OF RAIL	Eastleigh North	N/A	N/A	Eastleigh Central	Eastleigh East	Eastleigh North	227	227		
DF	Eastleigh Central No. 6	Eastleigh North	N/A	N/A	Eastleigh Central	Eastleigh East	Eastleigh North	733	792		
DG	Eastleigh North No. 1	Eastleigh North	N/A	N/A	Eastleigh North	Eastleigh East	Eastleigh North	2247	2160		
DH	Eastleigh North No. 2	Eastleigh North	N/A	Allbrook & North Boyatt	Eastleigh North	Eastleigh East	Eastleigh North	1390	1500		
DI	Eastleigh North No. 3	Eastleigh North	N/A	N/A	Eastleigh North	Eastleigh East	Eastleigh North	2626	2887	7566	92.3%
EASTLEIGH SOUTH											
DJ	Eastleigh South No. 1	Eastleigh South	N/A	N/A	Eastleigh South	Eastleigh West	Eastleigh South	2142	2168		
DK	Eastleigh South No. 2	Eastleigh South	N/A	N/A	Eastleigh South	Eastleigh West	Eastleigh South	1460	1270		
DL	Eastleigh South No. 3	Eastleigh South	Chandler's Ford	Velmore Ward	Eastleigh South	Eastleigh West	Eastleigh South	1980	2100		
DM	Eastleigh South No. 4	Eastleigh South	N/A	N/A	Eastleigh South	Eastleigh West	Eastleigh South	1390	2208	7746	94.5%
HEDGE END SOUTH											
HA	Hedge End St. Johns	Hedge End South	Hedge End	Hedge End (St. Johns) Ward	Hedge End St. Johns	Botley & Hedge End	Hedge End & West End South	1957	2077		
HB	Hedge End St. Helens	Hedge End South	Hedge End	Hedge End (St. Helens) Ward	Hedge End St. Johns	Botley & Hedge End	Hedge End & West End South	2621	2559		
HC	Hedge End Freerounds	Hedge End South	Hedge End	Hedge End (Freerounds) Ward	Hedge End St. Johns	Botley & Hedge End	Hedge End & West End South	1781	1794		
HD	Hedge End Wildern	Hedge End South	Hedge End	Hedge End (Wildern) Ward	Hedge End Wildern	Botley & Hedge End	Hedge End & West End South	2440	2422	8853	108.0%
HEDGE END NORTH											
HE	Hedge End Shamblehurst	Hedge End North	Hedge End	Hedge End (Shamblehurst) Ward	Hedge End Wildern	Botley & Hedge End	Botley & Hedge End North	1760	1801		
HF(1)	Hedge End Grange Park East No.1	Hedge End North	Hedge End	Hedge End (Grange Park East Hedge End Grange Park	Hedge End Grange Park	West End & Hedge End Gra	Botley & Hedge End North	1841	2096		
HF(2)	Hedge End Grange Park East No.2	Hedge End North	Hedge End	Hedge End (Grange Park East Hedge End Grange Park	Hedge End Grange Park	West End & Hedge End Gra	Botley & Hedge End North	659	605		
HG	Hedge End Grange Park West	Hedge End North	Hedge End	Hedge End (Grange Park West Hedge End Grange Park	Hedge End Grange Park	West End & Hedge End Gra	Botley & Hedge End North	3305	3348	7850	95.8%
WEST END NORTH											
HH	West End North No. 1	West End North	West End	West End (Allington) Ward	West End North	West End & Hedge End Gra	West End & Horton Heath	1004	1167		
HI	West End North No. 2	West End North	West End	West End (Hatch Grange) Ward	West End North	West End & Hedge End Gra	West End & Horton Heath	1525	1457		
HJ(1)	West End North No. 3	West End North	West End	West End (Moorgreen) Ward	West End North	West End & Hedge End Gra	West End & Horton Heath	43	358		
HJ(2)	West End North No. 4	West End North	West End	West End (Moorgreen) Ward	West End North	West End & Hedge End Gra	West End & Horton Heath	1656	1819		
HK PART	West End South No. 1 + ATLANTIC PK	West End North	West End	West End (Chartwell) Ward	West End South	West End & Hedge End Gra	West End & Horton Heath	181	181	4982	91.2%
WEST END SOUTH											
BD	Bursledon (Kanes Hill) No. 4	West End South	West End	West End (Kanes Hill) Ward	Bursledon & Old Netley	Hamble	Hedge End & West End South	574	512		
HK PART	West End South No. 1 - ATLANTIC F	West End South	West End	West End (Chartwell) Ward	West End South	West End & Hedge End Gra	West End & Horton Heath	2047	2129		
HL	West End South No. 2	West End South	West End	West End (St. James) Ward	West End South	West End & Hedge End Gra	Hedge End & West End South	1474	1433		
HM	West End South No. 3	West End South	West End	West End (Telegraph Woods) Ward	West End South	West End & Hedge End Gra	Hedge End & West End South	1002	1009	5083	93.0%
BOTLEY											
HN	Botley No. 1	Botley	Botley	N/A	Botley	Botley & Hedge End	Botley & Hedge End North	1768	1959		
HO	Botley No. 2	Botley	Botley	N/A	Botley	Botley & Hedge End	Botley & Hedge End North	1805	1833		
HP	Botley No. 3	Botley	Botley	N/A	Botley	Botley & Hedge End	Botley & Hedge End North	531	1602	5394	98.7%
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