

Have your say on a new political map for Somerset Council

A public consultation has been launched to help shape new council divisions for Somerset Council. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England wants to hear people's views on where they live, to help make sure that the new divisions reflect the size and shape of local communities.

An electoral review is being carried out to make sure that each local councillor represents about the same number of electors, and that the divisions they represent reflect community identities.

The Local Government Boundary Commission has decided that the number of councillors in Somerset Council should be **96**. This is a change from the current council, which has **110** members.

Launching the consultation on the electoral review of Somerset Council, Professor Colin Mellors, Chair of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, said:

"We are looking for your views, as local people, on how you think Somerset should be represented in divisions that reflect local communities and identities.

"By telling us about where you live and where you access local services, it will help us to create appropriate and meaningful boundaries.

"It might be something as straightforward as where you go for shops, schools or a sporting venue, whether you see a road, park or river as a dividing feature or the heart of a community, or which areas have joint projects.

"Hearing from local residents will give us important evidence to inform our recommendations for a pattern of divisions for Somerset that ensures each councillor represents about the same number of electors."

The consultation on this stage of the electoral review of Somerset Council lasts for ten weeks and closes on 20 January. The Commission will use local views to help draw up their proposals for new division boundaries.

Local people can provide their views via the Commission website at: [Somerset | LGBCE](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/lgbce)

by emailing reviews@lgbce.org.uk

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