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The  
**Local Government  
Boundary Commission**  
for England

Canvey Island Town Council  
admin@canveyisland-tc.gov.uk

4 October 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

**ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CASTLE POINT BOROUGH COUNCIL: DRAFT  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published proposals for new electoral arrangements for Castle Point. A summary is attached.

The electoral arrangements for your town council may change because of our proposals. Please find attached a map outlining the proposed electoral arrangements for your council.

We propose that 39 councillors should be elected to Castle Point in future. We also propose new ward boundaries across the authority.

A public consultation on the proposals will run from 4 October 2022 to 12 December 2022.

Once we have considered all responses to the consultation, we aim to publish final recommendations in February 2023. We will then lay a draft order in both houses of Parliament. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements are scheduled to come into effect at the authority's elections in 2024.

We considered all representations received from local people and organisations during our initial consultation when drawing up our proposals. We have sought to balance statutory criteria we must follow when drawing up these proposals, and we seek to:

- Make sure that, within an authority, each councillor represents a similar number of electors
- Create boundaries that are appropriate, and reflect community ties and identities

- Deliver reviews informed by local needs, views and circumstances
- Reflect the electoral cycle so that each ward is represented by three councillors

We are now inviting comments on the proposals before we finalise the new electoral arrangements in your area. We will consider every response we receive during the consultation period and will weigh each response against the criteria above.

If you would like to explore the draft recommendations, you can do so by visiting our **consultation website** at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/34394>. Interactive consultation pages give access to the full recommendations. They allow people to explore maps of the proposals in greater detail and make comments. We also accept comments:

by email [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk)

by post The Review Officer for Castle Point  
LGBCE  
PO Box 133  
Blyth  
NE24 9FE

The Commission's main website contains further information about the electoral review and our work: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk>

We will write to you again when we publish our final recommendations.

Yours sincerely



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## Have your say

We are now consulting local people on a new pattern of wards for Castle Point Borough Council. We have an open mind about our final recommendations, and we will consider every piece of evidence we receive from local groups and people, regardless of whom it is from or whether it relates to the whole council area or just a part of it. If you agree with our recommendations, please let us know. If you don't think our recommendations are right for Castle Point we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of wards.

We aim to propose a pattern of wards for Castle Point Borough Council which delivers:

- **Electoral equality:** each councillor represents a similar number of electors.
- **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 electors.
- 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 electors as elsewhere in the council area?

### Community identity

- **Transport links:** are there good links across your proposed ward? Is there any form of public transport?
- **Community groups:** is there a parish council, residents association or another group that represents the area?
- **Facilities:** does your pattern of wards reflect where local people go for shops, medical services, leisure facilities etc?

### Write to:

Review Officer (Castle Point)  
LGBCE  
PO Box 133  
Blyth  
NE24 9FE

- **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

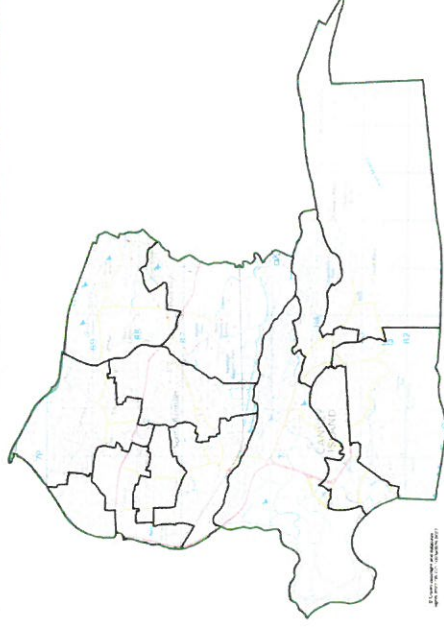
- Are any of the proposed wards too large or small to be represented effectively?
- Are the proposed names of the wards appropriate?

### Useful tips

- Our website has a special consultation area where you can explore the maps. You can find it at [consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk).
- We publish all submissions we receive on our website. Go to: [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

# Castle Point Borough Council

## Draft Recommendations on the new electoral arrangements



### Who we are

- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England 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, including:

- The total number of councillors representing the council's electors ('council size').
- The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
- The number of councillors for each ward or division.

### Why Castle Point?

- The Commission has a legal duty to carry out an electoral review of each council in England 'from time to time'.
- Castle Point Borough Council has not been reviewed since 2000 and the Commission has therefore decided that it should review Castle Point in advance of the elections in 2024.

### Our proposals

- We propose that the council should have **39 councillors** in future, representing 13 three-councillor wards across the council area.

**You have until 12 December 2022 to have your say on the recommendations**

## Summary of our recommendations

Our draft recommendations propose that Castle Point Borough Council should have 39 councillors, a decrease of two from the existing arrangements.

Those councillors should represent 13 three-councillor wards across the council area.

Before drawing up the draft recommendations, the Commission carried out a public consultation inviting proposals for a new pattern of wards for Castle Point.

We have considered all of the submissions we received during that phase of consultation. The boundaries of all wards should change.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right. A detailed report on the recommendations and interactive mapping is available on our website at: [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk).

We welcome comments on our draft recommendations, whether you support the proposals or wish to put forward alternative arrangements.

Have your say at [consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk):

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level,
- zoom into the areas that interest you most,
- find more guidance on how to have your say,
- read the full report of our recommendations,
- send us your views directly.

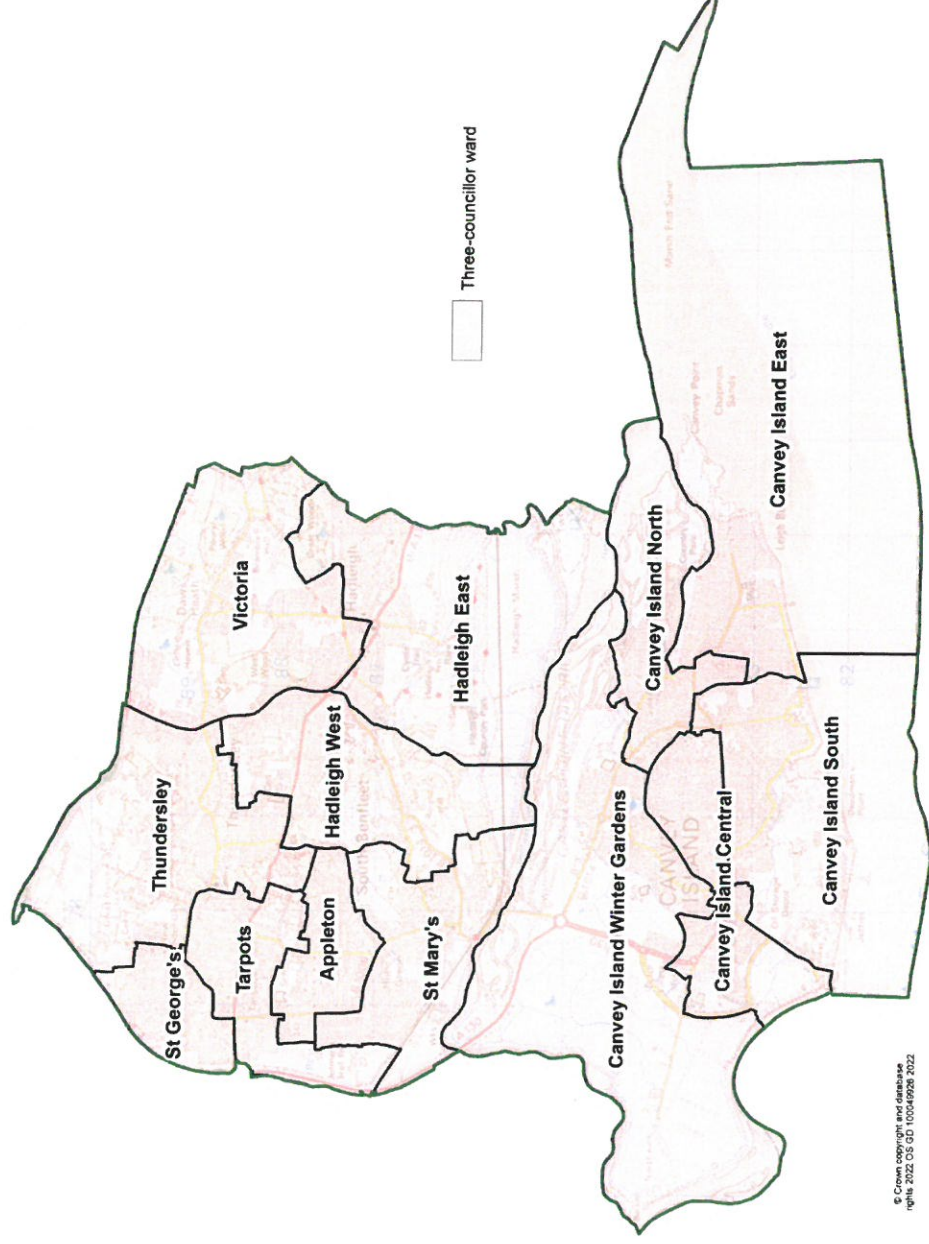
# Overview of draft recommendations for Castle Point Borough Council

View this map online:

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Stage of Review	Description
10 May 2022 - 18 July 2022	Public consultation on warding arrangements
4 October 2022- 12 December 2022	Public consultation on draft recommendations
28 February 2023	Publication of final recommendations
May 2024	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

### Parish Warding Arrangements for Canvey Island

- District
- Draft Recommendations
- Parish
- Parish Ward

