

How to propose new ward boundaries:

- Explain your opinion using **evidence and examples**.
- Think about the **three legal factors** the Commission uses to draw new boundaries:
 - 1 New wards should leave each councillor representing roughly the **same number of voters** as other councillors elsewhere in the authority.
 - 2 New wards should – as far as possible – reflect **community interests and identities**, and boundaries should be identifiable. Consider transport links, community groups and facilities, natural or physical boundaries, parishes and shared interests.
 - 3 New wards should promote **effective and convenient local government**. Consider the number of councillors for, the geographic size of, and the links between parts of the ward.
- Have your say! The Commission gives **equal weight** to all submissions, regardless of whom they are from.

