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COUNCIL ENCOURAGES LOCAL PEOPLE TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON NEW WARD BOUNDARIES

Local people are being urged to help the independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England draw up new council wards for the London Borough of Bexley.

The Council has welcomed the recent announcement by the Commission that it is minded to recommend that the Borough should have 45 councillors in future: 18 less than the current 63.

The Commission is now asking people and groups to provide information to help it to set the boundaries of new wards to accommodate the proposed 45 councillors.

In drawing up new boundaries, the Commission will have two aims –

1. To deliver electoral equality for voters in council elections, so that each councillor represents roughly the same number of voters.
2. To ensure that the new council wards reflect, as far as possible, the interests and identities of communities across Bexley.

The Commission will consider all the evidence it receives, whether it relates to all the borough, or just part. It will publish all the submissions on its website. Local people have until 16 November 2015 to submit their views

Residents will have another chance to have their say after the Commission publishes its draft recommendations in June 2016.

The new arrangements will come into effect after the Council elections in May 2018.

You can find more information about the review and interactive maps of the existing wards at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk and www.lgbce.org.uk.

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