

No	Area or Properties Under Review	Parishes Directly Affected	Matter covered by the final recommendation
1	Bury St Edmunds (Out Westgate) Town Ward and Bury St Edmunds (Westgate) Town Ward	Bury St Edmunds	To combine the two town wards into a single ward called Bury St Edmunds (Westgate) Town Ward.

Final recommendation

It is recommended that the Town Council warding arrangements for Bury St Edmunds Town Council be amended so that there is a single Town Council Ward for Bury St Edmunds Westgate.

It is recommended that the overall number of town councillors for Bury St Edmunds be decreased from 17 to 16.

The new town ward boundary would follow the existing district ward boundary for the Westgate district ward. The recommended new boundary is shown on the map overleaf.

The reasons for the recommendation include:

1. local preference (the proposal was supported by the Town Council); and
2. it potentially provides more appropriate parish boundaries to reflect the identities and interests of local residents and offers them more effective and convenient local government as the town ward would be coterminous with the district ward and county division.

Allocation of councillors

The latest estimate of electorate change relating to Bury St Edmunds will be used to allocate town councillors to the Town Council Wards. The electorate forecast is only a guide figure and is produced using the councils 5-year housing land supply document.

Town Ward	Number of town councillors	Projected electors per town councillor in 2026
Bury St Edmunds (Abbeygate)	2	1968
Bury St Edmunds (Eastgate)	1	1773
Bury St Edmunds (Minden)	2	2185
Bury St Edmunds (Moreton Hall)	3	1835
Bury St Edmunds (Southgate)	2	1661
Bury St Edmunds (St Olaves)	2	2261
Bury St Edmunds (Tollgate)	2	2249
Bury St Edmunds (Westgate)	2	1953

Responses During Phase 2 Consultation

A. Town Council

The Town Council responded to support the recommendation.

Note of any changes to the draft recommendation approved by Council in March 2022.

Further consultation was held on a revised recommendation which would allocate two councillors to the proposed Bury St Edmunds (Westgate) Town Ward and reduce the overall number of councillors from 17 to 16. The Town Council responded to support this revised recommendation.

