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BASSETLAW CONSERVATIVES

2024 BOUNDARY PROPOSALS

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FOREWORD

I am pleased to write this foreword to the proposals the Conservative Party as well as the Conservative Group at Bassetlaw District Council to the Boundary Commission.

Our proposals are the result of wide-ranging consultation with our residents, discussions with Councillors and reflection on what communities offer currently. We have started by identifying communities rather than using Bassetlaw District Council wards as they currently exist. We have attempted to be responsive to the historic and natural aspects of our area, with our proposals seeking to re-design Bassetlaw to be more reflective of who we are.

Currently, Bassetlaw District Council's ward boundaries can cause residents confusion or a sense of not belonging to a specific electoral ward, with some areas paying no attention to existing communities. This is clearly an anomaly, and our proposals attempt to redress this and promote a stronger sense of community, area and people.

I hope that the Commission accepts our proposals as a means of bringing together communities across Bassetlaw in an equitable, effective, and efficient way, so we can get on with the job of moving Bassetlaw forward.



Cllr Fraser McFarland

Chairman of Bassetlaw Conservative Association

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OUR APPROACH

PRINCIPLES

Our approach has put electoral equality and community at its heart. We have started from scratch: wherever possible we have tried to unite actual communities, instead of using existing arbitrary electoral boundaries. This has meant that communities which have historically split up and/or joined together across multiple wards, polling districts or parliamentary constituencies are united wherever possible.

Electoral equality is the starting point for this review. The LGBCE require that as far as possible each ward in Bassetlaw should have an equal number of electors to ensure that there is equality of representation across the District. Bassetlaw's electorate forecast of 97,023 elector residents in the District by 2030 and the councillor numbers decision already made by the LGBCE (48 councillors), means that as far as possible any warding pattern proposed should therefore aim to have circa 2,021 electors in each ward.

There had been instances during this process where it would make more sense to create smaller wards with clear community identities, to foster effective local government; however, this would have meant wards above or below the $\pm 10\%$ threshold, which would have not met the test for electoral equality. We have therefore taken the decision throughout to prioritise electoral equality over the other two criteria.

When making our decision we have also concentrated on important local issues which unite communities within Bassetlaw, from major planning issues to anti-social behaviour and proposals for new infrastructure. These are issues that will shape the very makeup of our District over the coming decade and by grouping ward boundaries around common issues we can deliver on the Commission's third and final criteria of effective and convenient local government.

There have been several historic anomalies in the existing warding pattern which we are seeking to rectify with this proposal. Retford for example: Retford town centre has been split between three wards where it is one distinct community. There are distinct communities in East Retford East (Bolham Ward, Whitehouses Ward, Balkfield Ward) currently joined together.

Worksop for example: Worksop North-East includes three distinct communities which we seek to rectify by creating three new wards (Thievesdale Ward, Prospect Ward, Edmund Hillary Ward). Furthermore, there are currently three wards (Worksop North-West, Worksop East, Worksop South-East) which cover Worksop Town Centre. As an example of us putting electoral equality and community at the heart of our proposal, we have sought to change this.

This has been our approach with each ward proposal. Where we have given precedence to one of the Commission's criteria over another, we will make clear the reasons for doing so.

METHODOLOGY

Our Figures were generated from the Commission's published elector figures. Where we have split existing polling districts this has been done initially based on current electorate figures. The electoral forecast figures for 2030 were published by the Boundary Commission after being provided by Bassetlaw District Council.

Our work has included residents conversations, door to door surveys, email campaigns and strong local knowledge to establish where strong community ties exist. We have also asked questions about local issues and used this data in the sections around effective and convenient local government.

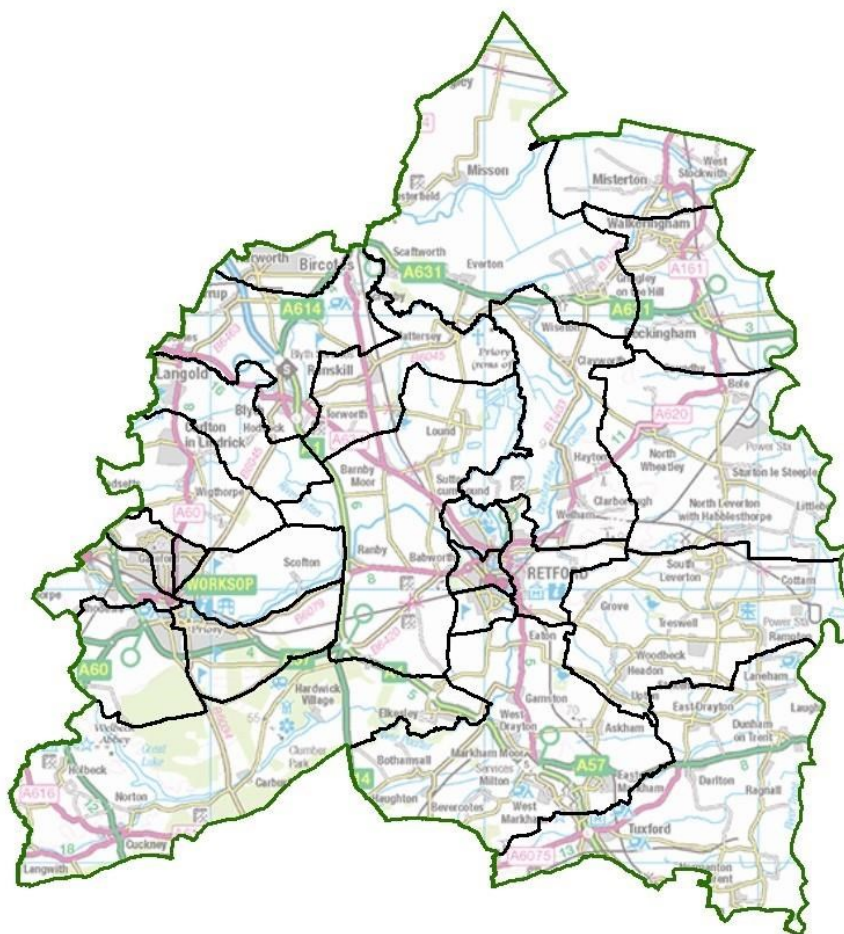
The ward names have been suggested by residents and selected based on suitability of the names to the final boundaries drawn. However, we understand if upon consultation some of these names were changed.

PROPOSED NEW WARDING ARRANGEMENTS

The material reason for this electoral review is the current variance in population between of the current wards. These boundaries have been unchanged since 1999.

There has been a substantial shift across our District in that time with many new developments linking communities and historical boundaries becoming less relevant.

The current makeup of Bassetlaw District Council is 48 members across a variety of three, two and single member wards. These wards vary wildly in terms of population and in some cases new developments and communities have been split in half because of these boundaries.



Below are the existing wards with number of councillors per ward, existing ward electorate (2030 forecast) and the ward variance (2030 forecast).

Existing ward	Number of Councillors per ward	Existing Ward Electorate (2030 Forecast)	Ward Variance (2030 Forecast)
Blyth	1	2,335	16%
Beckingham	1	1,882	-7%
Carlton	3	5,462	-10%
Clayworth	1	1,546	-24%
East Markham	1	2,125	5%
East Retford East	3	5,990	-1%
East Retford North	3	5,721	-6%
East Retford South	2	4,122	2%
East Retford West	2	3,786	-6%
Everton	1	2,022	0%
Harworth	3	8,184	35%
Langold	1	2,531	25%
Misterton	1	2,072	3%
Rampton	1	1,728	-15%
Ranskill	1	2,086	3%
Sturton	1	1,872	-7%
Sutton	1	1,700	-16%
Tuxford and Trent	2	3,667	-9%
Welbeck	1	1,667	-18%
Worksop East	3	4,864	-20%
Worksop North	3	7,986	32%
Worksop North-East	3	5,204	-14%
Worksop North-West	3	6,997	15%
Worksop South	3	5,654	-7%
Worksop South-East	3	5,820	-4%

Under our proposals all 36 wards would be within the recommended $\pm 10\%$ variance of electors using the projected 2030 figures.

We started with the principle that single member wards provide better governance, public awareness and strengthens accountability.

In recent years in Bassetlaw we have seen in a number of cases of three member wards that the workload between councillors is unfairly split, with attendance levels being on average lower for three member wards, compared to their colleagues in single member wards and in one example a councillor in a three member ward left the United Kingdom, but refused to resign from the council.

Unfortunately, due to mapping software difficulties and due to the electoral numbers in areas such as Langold, we have been unable to move on this occasion to single member wards. However, we have ruled out creating three member wards and have restricted two member wards to areas that have either a strong community requirement or when electoral equalities prevented us from offering an alternative.

Regarding ward names we have tried to make these reflective of the communities that are contained in each ward, rather than having static geographical names such as “East Retford East”, “Worksop North” and “Worksop North-East” wards. We would welcome the Commission taking the same approach to ward names when putting together their proposals as static geographical names can make it difficult to explain their remit to residents.

This has been a particular problem under the current naming scheme when considering that we also have Nottinghamshire County Council Divisions that also have static geographic names such as “Worksop North” that does not cover the Bassetlaw District Council ward of “Worksop North” - but instead covers the Bassetlaw District Council wards of “Worksop North-East” and “Carlton”. As another example, the “Worksop West” Division for Nottinghamshire County Council covers the Bassetlaw District Council wards of “Worksop North” and “Worksop North-West”. However due to electoral equality, some of the more localised ward names have been designated cardinal points due to a lack of distinct local identity.

The Proposed electorate figures (below) are based on the projected electoral numbers provided by Bassetlaw District Council. They reflect our intention to stick to the recommended $\pm 10\%$ variance of electors under the projected 2030 figures.

Proposed New Ward	Councillors	Proposed Electorate (2030 Forecast)	Proposed Variant (2030 Forecast)
Beckingham	1	2,003	-1%
Bircotes	2	3,843	-5%
Blyth	1	1,882	-7%
Carlton	2	4,008	+1.5%
Clarborough	1	2,178	+7.5%
Clumber Park	1	1,900	-6%
East Markham	1	1,898	-6.5%
Everton	1	2,017	-0.5%
Harworth	2	4,341	+8%
Langold and Costhorpe	2	3,985	-1.5%
Leverton	1	2,072	+2.5%
Misterton	1	2,072	+3%
Ranskill	1	2,092	+3.5%
Retford Bolham	1	1,850	-8%
Retford Hallcroft	2	1,830	-9%
Retford Ordsall North	1	2,203	+9%
Retford Ordsall South	1	1,917	-5%
Retford Thrumpton and Whitehouses	1	2,222	10%
Retford Town Centre	2	3,818	-6%
Retford Trinity Farm and Hospital	1	1,839	-9%
Retford Westfield and Station	1	2,034	+1%
Trent	1	2,171	+7.5%
Tuxford	1	2,200	+9%
Walkeringham	1	2,034	+1%
Worksop Edmund Hillary	1	1,818	-10%
Worksop Gateford Meadows	2	3,947	-2.5%
Worksop Gateford North	2	3,764	-2%
Worksop Kilton and Bracebridge	2	4,292	+6%

Proposed New Ward	Councillors	Proposed Electorate (2030 Forecast)	Proposed Variant (2030 Forecast)
Worksop Manton	2	4,059	+1%
Worksop Prospect	1	2,221	+10%
Worksop Shireoaks and Rhodesia	2	3,741	-7.5%
Worksop St Anne's	1	2,202	+10%
Worksop Thievesdale	1	2,165	+7%
Worksop Town Centre	1	2,019	0%
Worksop Valley	2	3,634	-2%
Worksop Water Meadows	1	2,121	+5%

In developing this proposed warding pattern, we have closely considered and sought to apply the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's criteria. We have also been mindful of the LGBCE's acknowledgment that it will never be possible to achieve exact electoral equality across every ward.

The proposed warding arrangements are therefore considered to represent the best fit against the LGBCEs criteria, and a fair and appropriate balance where those criteria compete. Electoral equality is much improved in the proposed arrangements. Where variances remain, they are overall much smaller than currently and, in every proposal, these are within $\pm 10\%$ of the ideal elector numbers per ward.

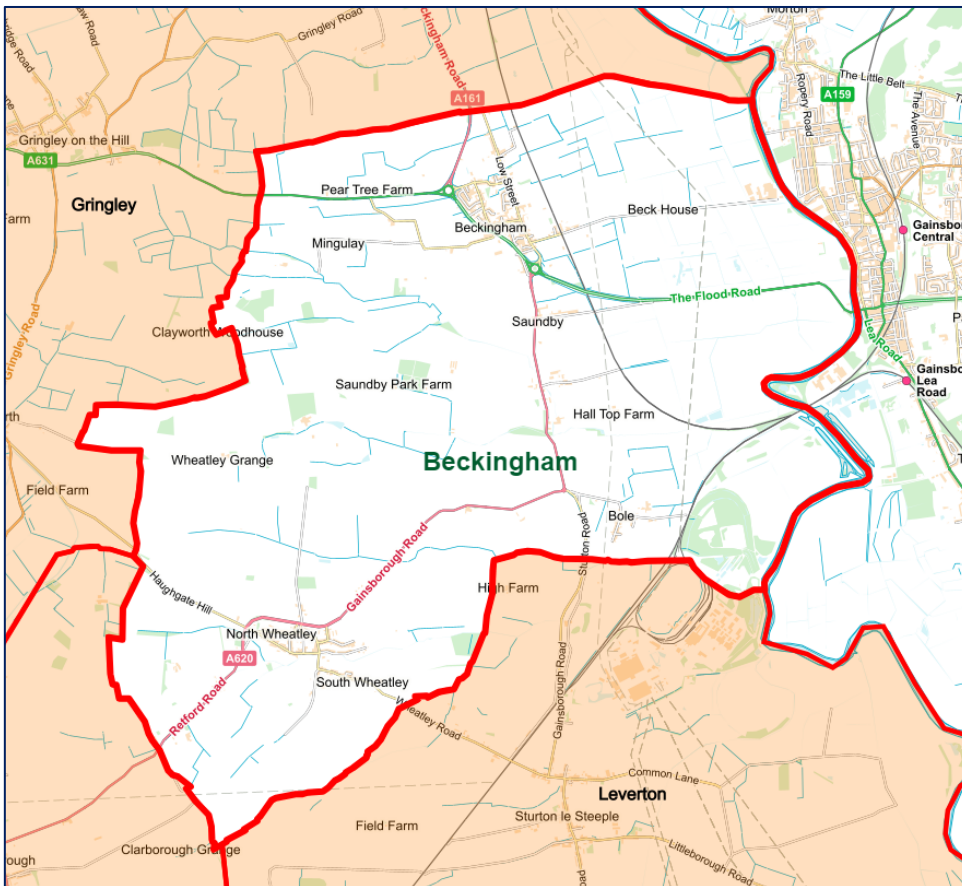
BECKINGHAM

NEAREST CURRENT WARD - BECKINGHAM

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 2,003
VARIANT - -1%

Currently, the Beckingham ward is a combination of the villages of Beckingham, Bole, Saundby and Walkeringham. The current ward is represented by one Councillor with a projected electorate of 2,335 which is 16% over variant.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

These proposed boundary changes contain most of the current Beckingham ward including the Parishes of Beckingham, Bole and Saundby. The new Beckingham ward will include the Parish of North Wheatley. This proposal also relinquishes the Walkeringham Parish Council area to the new Walkeringham ward.

However, these proposed boundary changes will bridge communities that have strong links to each other via the A620 which connects all 4 residential areas of the new ward. The new ward also shares a number of public services including GP surgery, Primary and Secondary School catchment areas and are connected via the 95-bus service.

The proposal for this rural ward allows for the proposed Walkeringham ward to take in the entirety of Walkeringham Parish Council.

When proposing this ward there was some discussion about retaining Walkeringham within the new Beckingham ward, but after consulting with residents we found little community connections between the current villages in the Beckingham ward, with residents in Walkeringham looking towards Gringley-on-the-Hill for shared community links rather than to the other villages in the current Beckingham ward.

WARD OVERVIEW

The proposed ward will include schools, community spaces, parks, a post office, tennis club, farms and natural beauty spots like ponds and wooded areas that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy picnics, dog walks or outdoor exercise or games.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The area is connected by the A620 with all four villages seeing Gainsborough as its closest commercial center.

Beckingham ward's southern border is with the Leverton ward, with the western border connecting them with the Sutton ward and in the north they are connected to the new Walkeringham ward.

The proposals have closely considered how best to split the current Beckingham ward between wards which is necessary to achieve electoral equality. We have chosen to listen to residents who consider community connections between North Wheatley and Saundby, to be more important locally than the current connection to Walkeringham.

COMMUNITY

There are four places of worship across the ward providing hubs of activities for the local communities by providing spiritual support; there is also a Post Office in Beckingham which is used by residents across the proposed ward for a range of services. A large part of the ward is rural in nature with farms, cottages, and B&B businesses which bring tourism to the area.

Other amenities in the ward include various children's groups, tennis club and pub.

There is also a rural community of farmers within this ward who can often be overlooked by the local authority when combined with comparatively urban areas.

TRANSPORT

The main bus route through the ward that connects to other areas of the District is the number 95 which links to Retford and Gainsborough – connecting all four villages within the new Beckingham ward.

Public transport is a major issue in this area given the limited options due to the rural nature of the proposed ward; councillors would undoubtedly pick this up as a key issue for them to address.

SCHOOLS

Early Years Education is provided for the children of the ward at Beckingham Primary School. The nearest Secondary Schools are in Retford which are accessible by buses that run term time.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The rurality of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, with electoral equality allowing the elected representative to share their time between ward work, attending parish councils and their responsibilities on Bassetlaw District Council.

BIRCOTES

NEAREST CURRENT WARD - HARWORTH

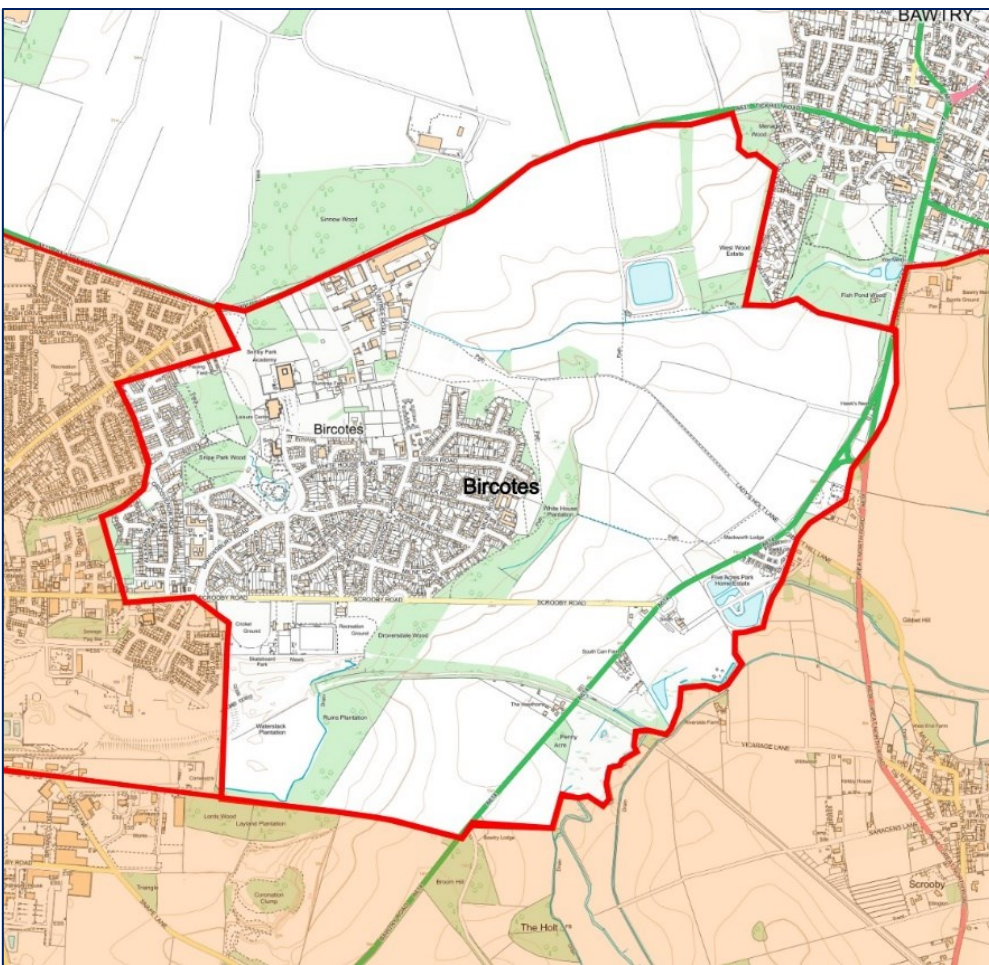
COUNCILLORS - TWO

ELECTORATE – 3,843

VARIANT – -5%

The new proposed ward includes the Bircotes are of the Harworth ward.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

The current Harworth ward is currently underrepresented with a 35% electoral variance. Considering this, our proposed ward recommends splitting the current Harworth ward into two, reflecting the two communities which make up the current Harworth ward.

WARD OVERVIEW

The Bircotes ward is created from the current Harworth ward, aligning with the boundaries for Bircotes.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The Bircotes ward boundary will cover the known area of Bircotes. The northern boundary will be Tickhill Road serving as a natural northern boundary. The eastern boundary will follow down Westcod Road, before moving further east to the A638 / A614, and then following this until you meet the southern boundary of the Harworth and Bircotes Town Council Parish boundary. The western boundary will be Blyth Road, and will follow Brinsley Way at the junction with Blyth Road, before moving north to Scooby Road, and splitting the current Harworth ward – with Grosvenor Road and all side streets being included within the Bircotes ward, before taking in Dorchester Road into the ward and all the houses on the south side of Bawtry Road.

COMMUNITY

The main Facebook Group for the Bircotes ward would be the “Harworth, Bircotes & Styrrup Community Hub Original Group”.

The Harworth and Bircotes town council boundary would encompass the entirety of the Bircotes ward and will represent residents on Parish matters. It is noted in the Harworth and Bircotes Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015-28 that whilst Harworth comprises most of the area to the west of Bawtry Road; Bircotes is the land to the east.

This proposed ward does reflect where local people use their local services. The Bircotes Library is located within the proposed ward, alongside Bircotes leisure centre. All the residents of the proposed Bircotes ward would fall under the Serlby Park Academy (both Primary and Secondary). St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School, Holly House Day Nursery and Snipe Park would also reside within the ward alongside Harworth and Bircotes Welfare Hall and a host of other businesses such as the local corner store off Droversdale Road. Residents from across the Harworth and Bircotes ward use these facilities – although some are used by Bircotes residents more than others.

TRANSPORT

There are good transport links across the ward. Scooby Road and Tickhill Road provide good east-west connections, with Shrewsbury Road connecting with White House Road and Droversdale and Essex Road. The 21, 25 and 29 travels through the ward providing ease of transport through the ward.

SCHOOLS

As previously referenced, students from Bircotes ward are all within the Selby Park Academy catchment area, providing clear consistency.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

There are clear shared issues for the proposed ward.

Developments such as the Vickers Grange development on Wright Drive prompt planning issues that ward councillors would have to work to resolve and which residents will be concerned with. Anti-social behaviour within the area such as reports of motorbikes on streets and at Snipe Park will be of particular concern for the ward. Traffic on Scooby Road will likewise be an issue which ward councillors will have to pick up.

The proposed Bircotes ward would provide good electoral equality, reflect community interests and identities, have good easily identifiable boundaries, and would help the Council deliver effective and convenient local government.

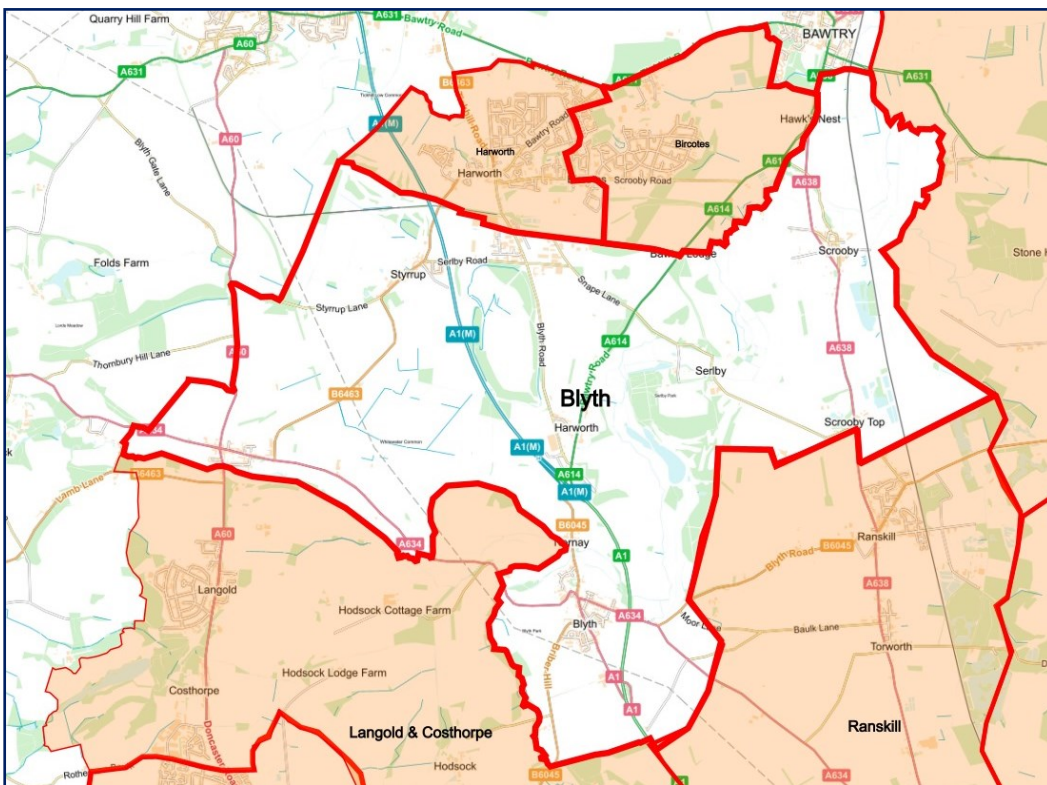
BLYTH

NEAREST CURRENT WARD - BLYTH

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 1,882
VARIANT – -7%

Currently, the Blyth ward is a combination of the Parishes of Blyth, Scrooby and Styrrupo-with-Oldcotes. The current ward is represented by one councillor with a projected electorate of 1,882 which is 7% under variant.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

As the Blyth ward is within the variant, we are proposing no changes to the current ward. We considered Bassetlaw District Council's option of merging Blyth with Langold, but found no community links between the two areas and therefore dismissed this proposal.

WARD OVERVIEW

The Blyth ward is unchanged a collection of small villages including Blyth, Oldcotes, Scrooby and Styrrup.

The unchanged ward will include a school, community spaces, parks, a post office, tennis club, farms and natural beauty spots like ponds and wooded areas that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy picnics, dog walks or outdoor exercise or games.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The boundary remains unchanged from the current Blyth ward which centralises around the Blyth services on the A1.

Blyth ward's southern border is with the new Langold and Costhorpe ward, with the western border connecting with the South Yorkshire region, the western boundary is with the new Ranskill and Everton wards and in the north they are connected to the new Harworth and Bircotes wards.

The proposals elsewhere to achieve electoral equality mean we have no changes to the current Blyth ward, which forms a strong community of villages to the South of Harworth and Bircotes.

COMMUNITY

There is one place of worship across the ward providing hubs of activities for the local communities by providing spiritual support; there is also a range of shops and fast food outlets at Blyth services. A large part of the ward is rural in nature with farms, cottages, and B&B businesses which bring tourism to the area.

Blyth has its own GP surgery from the Larwood Riverside which covers lots of areas in Bassetlaw.

Other amenities in the ward include various community groups, Serlby Park Golf Course and rural pubs.

There is also a rural community of farmers within this ward who can often be overlooked by the local authority when combined with comparatively urban areas.

TRANSPORT

The main road connection is the A1 with the roads from it connecting the villages that make up the Blyth ward.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

As we are proposing no changed to this ward, we accept that this ward complies with the electoral variance numbers and that the villages have formed a connection.

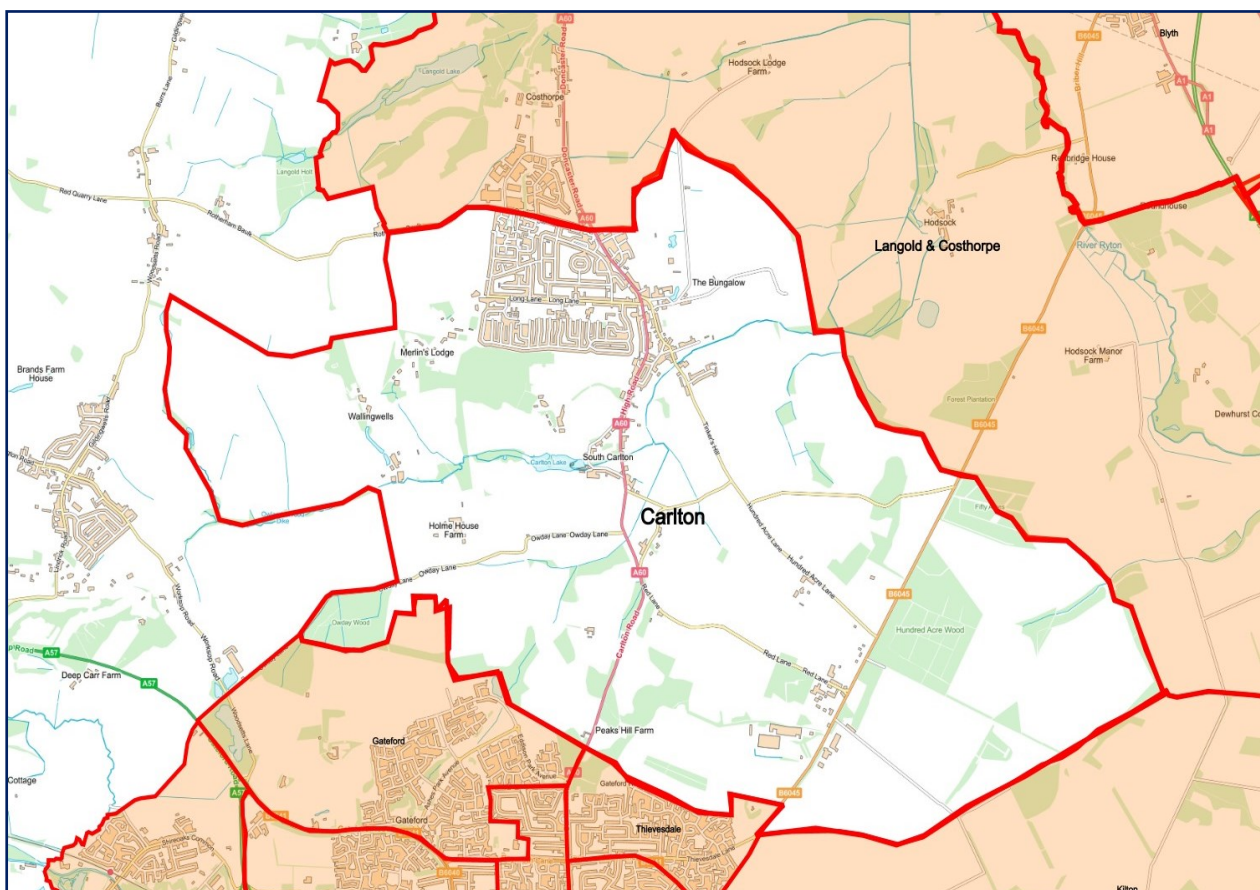
CARLTON

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – CARLTON

COUNCILLORS - TWO
ELECTORATE – 4,008
VARIANT – +1.5%

The new proposed ward remains the existing Carlton Ward, minus Costhorpe and the additional Councillor.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

The new proposed ward remains the existing Carlton Ward, minus Costhorpe and the additional Councillor.

There was discussion of splitting the Carlton Ward further to reflect the communities of the village.

Currently, there exists several communities in Carlton such as “Old Carlton” which includes the houses on the A60 and the houses developed in the 20th century on Long Lane which have been separated into their own estates just as the “Bells Estate” for the homes to the south of Long Lane or the Wimpey Estate to reflect the homes off Hawthorne Way.

Having looked into this, we decided that this would not meet the Commission’s requirements for electoral equivalence when splitting the Carlton Ward further down into local communities – as “Old Carlton” would be too small, even included the proposed Peaks Hill Farm development.

Instead, it was decided that with Costhorpe being proposed to go to our Langold and Costhorpe Ward, a 2 member Carlton ward would be appropriate.

WARD OVERVIEW

The proposed ward will include schools, community spaces, parks, a post office, farms and natural beauty spots like ponds and wooded areas that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy picnics, dog walks or outdoor exercise or games.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The proposed ward is the entirety of the Carlton in Lindrick and Wallingwells Parish, minus Costhorpe, which will serve as the distinctive and natural boundary between the proposed Langold and Costhorpe ward and our proposed Carlton ward.

The southern boundary will meet at our proposed Thievesdale ward which matches with the Carlton in Lindrick Parish boundary.

COMMUNITY

The new Carlton ward proposes to take in and represent the entirety of Carlton in Lindrick village which is currently split between several different communities and estates including Old Carlton, Wallingwells, the Bells Estate, the Sovereign Estate and the Wimpey Estate.

The village itself has two centres in which businesses operate. The first is just off Long Lane with the hub including the local library, a pharmacy, a surgery and local businesses such as a hairdresser.

Not far if the Carlton Civic Centre which hosts the Parish Council and other events including sports clubs.

The other centre is on the A60, close to Churchfield Close, where there is the Methodist Church, a very popular fish and chip shop, another hairdresser, and a pub.

Other community assets within the ward include the Cleveland Close Community Centre, and St John's Church, two other pubs (the Grey Horses and The Blue Bell), a working man's club, and several local parks and allotments throughout the village.

Facebook group for the local area include:

- CARLTON IN LINDRICK PAST & PRESENT (6.1k members)

TRANSPORT

It is the 22 and 21 Bus that goes from Worksop to Doncaster that connects the local communities throughout Carlton in Lindrick. This bus route connects the new ward.

Aside from bus routes, the A60 is the main road that connects the south of the ward to the north. The other main road will be Long Lane, which is used by most residents who live just off this road. To travel one end of the ward from the south (of the main village – so from Wigthorpe Lane) to the north will take 3 minutes by car, 25 minutes by walking, and 5 minutes by cycling.

It is our view that the transport links within the ward are substantial.

SCHOOLS

The ward has two schools which cover the area – Kingston Park Academy and Ramsden Primary School. Every child in the ward will also graduate to go to Outwood Academy Portland. With Costhorpe moving to Langold ward, it now means the Carlton ward is no longer split by two catchment areas.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The nature of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, retaining close links to the existing ward and covering the Carlton village. Two councillors will bring the ward to within variance, bringing much better electoral equality than a 3 member ward.

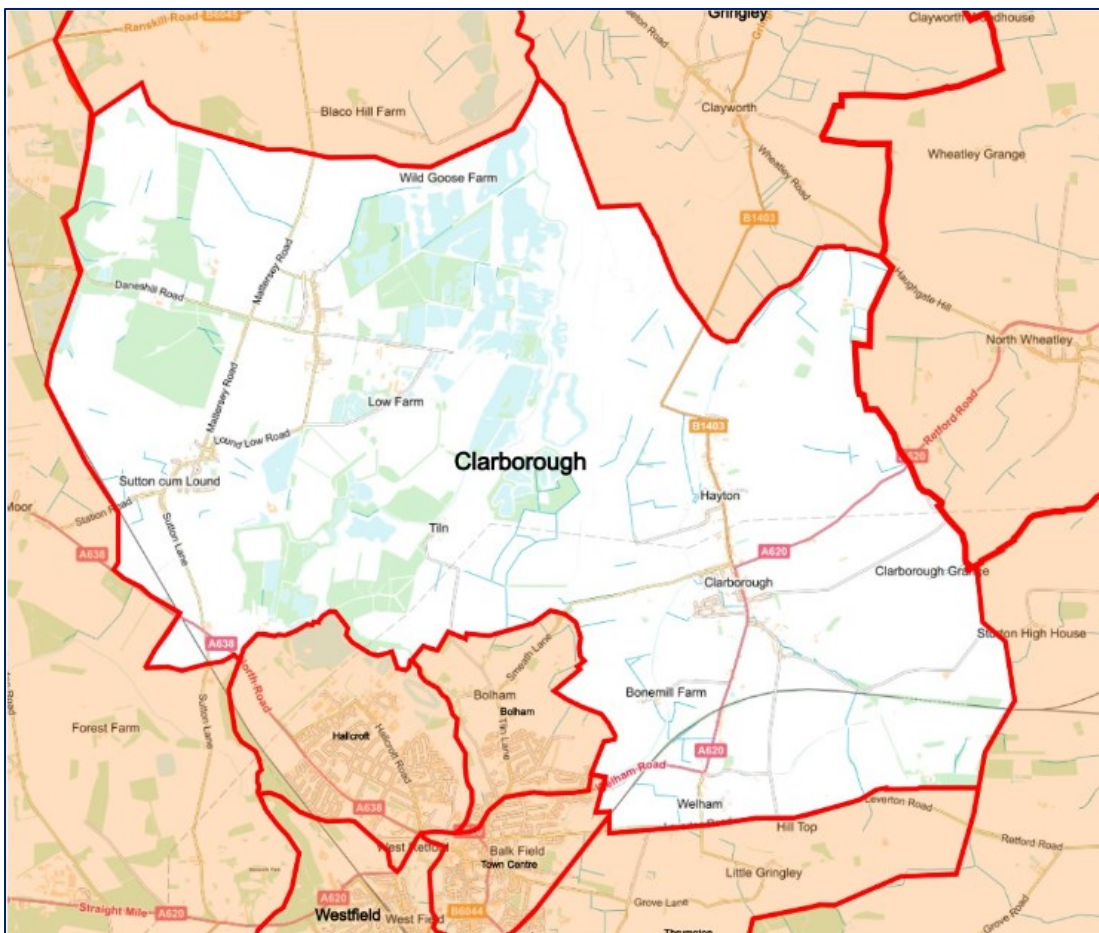
CLARBOROUGH

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – SUTTON/CLAYWORTH

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 2,178
VARIANT – +7.5%

The proposed Clarborough ward is a combination of the Parishes of Clarborough and Welham, Hayton, Lound and Sutton-cum-Lound.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

These proposed boundary changes contain many of the current Clayworth ward including the villages of Clarborough, Hayton and Welham. The new Clarborough ward will include the Parishes of Lound and Sutton-Cum-Lound from the current Sutton ward. This proposals are based upon the shared interest of these communities in the Idle Valley Nature Reserve and the surrounding wetlands, which all four Parish Councils neighbour.

These proposed boundary changes will see the ward connected via Chainbridge lane, which is used currently by residents to access public services and commercial units across the proposed ward.

The proposal for this rural ward allows for the proposed Clayworth and Wiseton to join Gringley-on-the-Hill and Walkeringham to form the new Walkeringham ward. This provides better connectivity, as residents in both Walkeringham and Clayworth use Gringley-on-the-Hill for many public services, including Riverside Gringley GP surgery.

WARD OVERVIEW

The Clarborough ward is a collection of small villages approximately on the outskirts of Retford.

The proposed ward will include community spaces, parks, pubs, farms and natural beauty spots like ponds and wooded areas that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy picnics, dog walks or outdoor exercise or games.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The area is connected by the Chainbridge Lane with all four Parish Councils seeing Retford as its closest commercial center.

Clarborough ward's southern border is the market town of Retford, with the other borders with similar rural communities.

The proposals have closely considered how best to achieve electoral equality and we believe creating a ward around the shared asset of the Idle Valley Nature Reserve achieves a strong community bond between the four Parish Councils, who have been working together recently against development plans near the Nature Reserve, as part of the 'No Way PFA' campaign.

COMMUNITY

There are four places of worship across the ward providing hubs of activities for the local communities by providing spiritual support; there is also a Convenience shop in Clarborough which is used by residents across the proposed ward for a range of services. A large part of the ward is

rural in nature with the Idle Valley Nature Reserve and surrounding wetlands which brings tourism to the area.

Other amenities in the ward include various children's groups, fishing lakes and country pubs.

There is also an active campaign with the Parish Councils to jointly oppose plans for future developments near the Idle Valley Nature Reserve.

TRANSPORT

Public transport is a major issue in this area given the limited options due to the rural nature of the proposed ward; councillors would undoubtedly pick this up as a key issue for them to address. The new bus on demand service from Nottinghamshire County Council connects these villages and is accessible via the My Notts App.

SCHOOLS

Early Years Education is provided for the children of the ward at Sutton-cum-Lound Church of England Primary School. The nearest Secondary Schools are in Retford, which all 4 Parishes share the catchment area for and are accessible by buses that run term time.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The rurality of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, with electoral equality allowing the elected representative to share their time between ward work, attending Parish Councils and their responsibilities on Bassetlaw District Council.

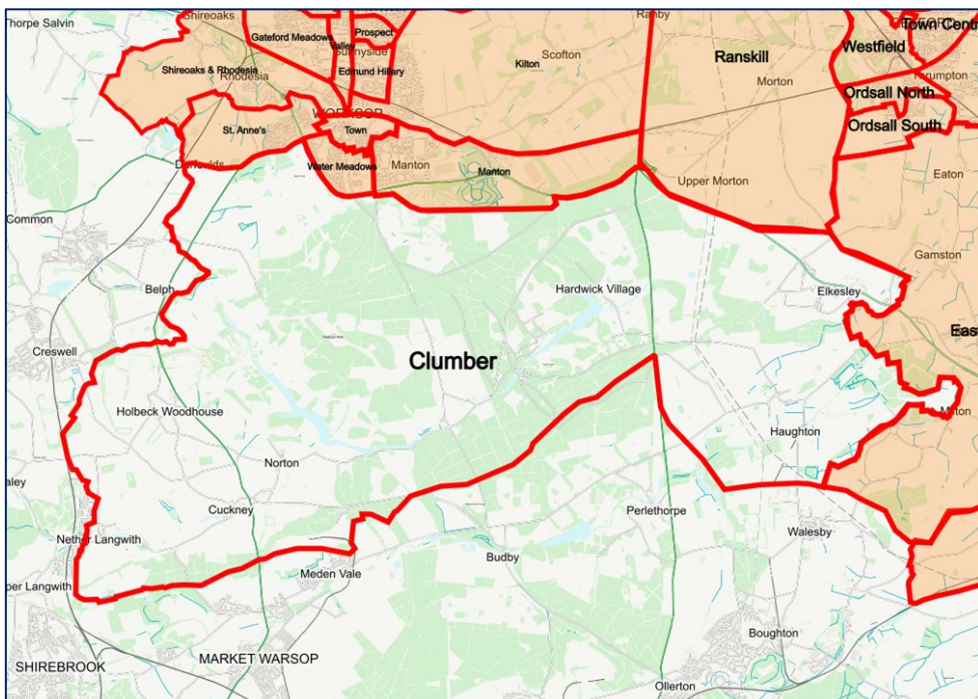
CLUMBER PARK

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – WELBECK AND EAST MARKHAM

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 1,900
VARIANT – -6%

The proposed Clumber Park ward comprises of the villages and Parish Councils around Clumber Park, a National Trust estate that provides employment, social and community links to the villages around it.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

These proposed boundary changes contain most of the current Welbeck ward with the addition of the Parish Councils of Bothamsall and Haughton wards. This change is to provide electoral equality in the new East Markham ward. This also allows us to reconnect up Elkesley and Bothamsall/Haughton who have shared community links.

WARD OVERVIEW

The Clumber Park ward is a collection of small villages and Parish Councillors in the South of Bassetlaw. They are linked via the National Trust's estate of Clumber Park, which runs in the centre of the proposed ward.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The Clumber Park wards boundary in the West will follow the existing District Council Boundary with Bolsover until the A619. The Northern boundary will be defined by the A60 and A57 as a natural boundary

To the South the current District Boundary with the Districts of Mansfield and Newark & Sherwood shall be maintained. The Eastern boundary will be defined by the existing Parish boundaries between Haughton, Bothamsall and Elkesley with Babworth, Gamston, West Drayton, West Markham and Bevercotes.

The proposal for the Clumber Park ward has closely considered how best to attain the required number of electors while navigating the tough geographical restrictions the creation of the ward has. Ultimately, we have been guided by residents' views that the ward should represent solely rural interest, respecting the wishes of the community to be a ward, which represents the Parishes in the ward share services and historical connections.

COMMUNITY

Due to the rural nature of the Clumber Park ward community assets are spread far between the Parishes, this is a strong issue within the ward which given the geographical constraints within the ward which prevents major development within the ward. This has resulted in the majority of community asset being provided by the remnants of historical Ducal Estates such as Welbeck and the National Trust.

The Clumber Park ward is dominated by the Clumber Park National Trust property, which in our view acts as a central community asset used for recreational, educational and employment that all Parishes within the ward look to and are impacted by. This is further compounded by the historical

connection the Parishes in the ward have to the “Dukeries” of Welbeck, Portland, Clumber and Budby.

TRANSPORT

The Western part of the ward is connected by the 209 bus service, which services Nether Langwith, and Norton, Cuckney, Holbeck and Welbeck Parishes. And the Eastern wing of the ward is connected by the 331 and 335 bus service, which services Haughton, Bothamsall and Elkesley.

While the ward currently lacks a cross length service, it does currently enjoy the major public rights of way connection offered by the “Robin Hood Way” a public footpath the connects all the Parishes together.

Public transport is a major issue in this area, given the limited options due to the rural nature of the proposed ward; councillors would undoubtedly pick this up as a key issue for them to address.

SCHOOLS

Early Years Education is provided for the children of the ward at both Cuckney CofE Primary School, which serves the communities of Nether Langwith, Norton, Cuckney, Holbeck, and Welbeck, as well as Carbuton and Hardwick. Elkesley Primary School services the remaining Parishes of Elkesley, Bothamsall, and Haughton. Both schools are accessible via the aforementioned bus services.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The rurality of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, with electoral equality allowing the elected representative to share their time between ward work, attending Parish Council and their responsibilities on Bassetlaw District Council.

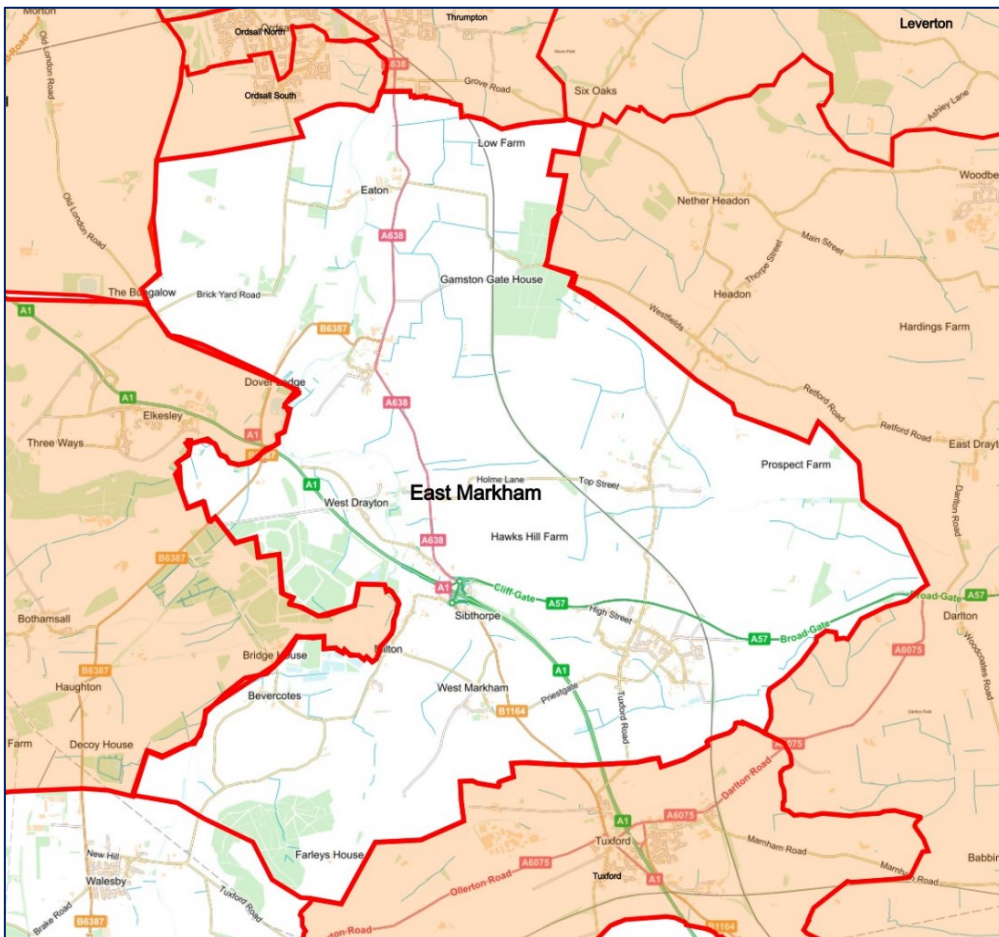
EAST MARKHAM

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – EAST MARKHAM

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 1,898
VARIANT – -6.5%

Currently Bassetlaw District Council's proposed East Markham ward is over variant, we have proposed a small alteration to get this ward within variant to provide electoral equality.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

This proposed boundary consists of the Parishes of; Eaton, Gamston, West Drayton, East Markham, West Markham, Bevercotes, and Askham. This follows the boundary of the original ward except for Bothamsall and Haughton which are moved into the Clumber ward for electoral equality.

WARD OVERVIEW

The Ward's Southern boundary will follow the existing District Border with Newark and Sherwood, Tuxford Parish and Darlton Parish. The Western border will follow the existing border with the Parishes of Haughton, Bothamsall, Elkesley and Babworth. The Northern border will be defined by the border with East Drayton. Headon cum Upton and Grove Parishes as well as by the new wards of Retford Ordsall South and Retford Thrumpton and Whitehouses.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The ward is most of the current East Markham ward, excluding the wards of Bothamsall and Haughton which goes into Clumber Park in order to achieve electoral equality.

COMMUNITY

As a large rural community, the ward has no central community hub, however due to the distribution of public services and facilities, communities within the ward already have strong community link with the neighbouring Parishes within the ward.

The rural nature of the ward also means, that residents generally face the same local issues such as fly-tipping, dog fouling and anti-social behaviour due to the rural isolation the wards geography possess.

TRANSPORT

The ward benefits from internal connections through a series of bus routes such as the 37, 37A and 136, which service all the parishes within the East Markham ward.

SCHOOLS

The ward has both Primary and Secondary education provision within from facilities such as; East Markham Primary, Gamston St Peter's CofE Primary School and Al Karam Secondary School.

All schools within the Ward are accessible by means of the aforementioned public transport or are within a 20min drive for residents to make use of existing provision.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

It is our view that the new ward continues to provide efficient and effective local governance while the A1 does bisect the ward it is our view that the current transport provision provides ample remedy and does not pose a large issue to the hegemony of the ward due to its rural nature and the inherent distance between communities this causes.

The ward continues to maintain its rural focus, with the ward comprising solely of Civil Parishes, the reduction in the number of Parishes will also reduce the burden on the Councillor and enable them to provide better representation to the communities contained within the ward.

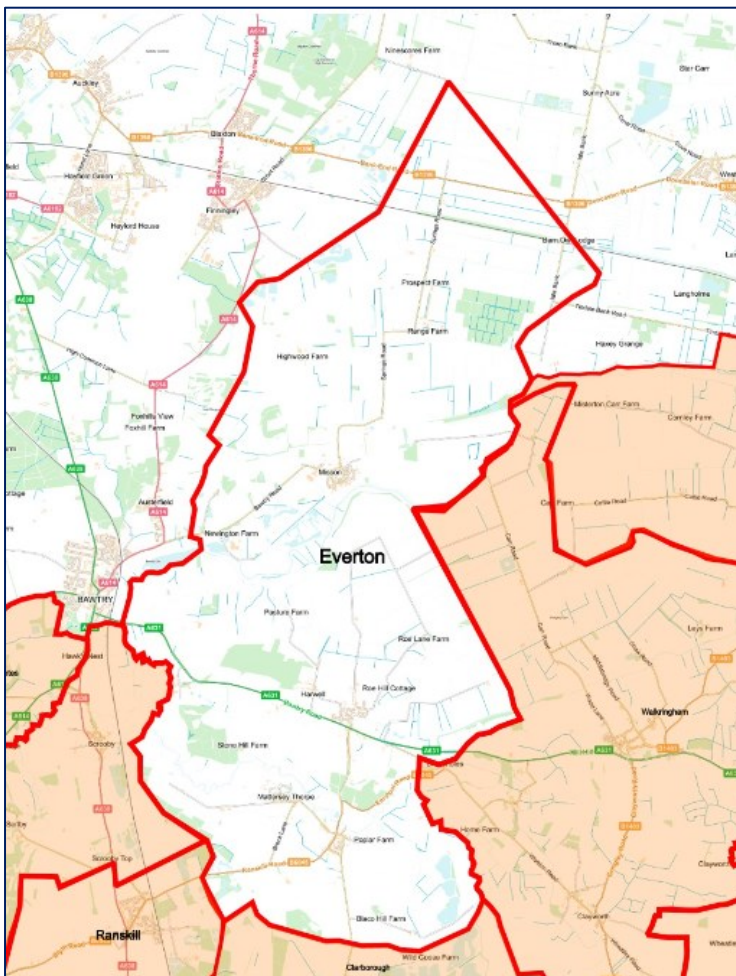
EVERTON

NEAREST CURRENT WARD - EVERTON

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 2,017
VARIANT – -0.5%

Currently, the Everton ward is a combination of the villages of Everton, Gringley-on-the-Hill, Misson and Scaftworth. The current ward is represented by one councillor.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

This proposed boundary contains most of the current Everton ward, except for Gringley-on-the-Hill which joins the new Walkeringham ward. This change means Mattersey Parish Council is included within the new Everton ward.

These proposed boundary changes will bridge communities that have strong links to each other via the A631, with the exception of Misson Parish Council, which is an ignominy that cannot be accessed via the road network within Bassetlaw District Council. The new ward also shares a number of public services including GP surgery, Primary and Secondary School catchment areas and are the major villages of Everton and Mattersey are connected via the 27-bus service.

The proposal for this rural ward allows for the proposed Walkeringham ward to take in the entirety of Gringley-on-the-Hill Parish Council.

WARD OVERVIEW

The proposed ward will include schools, community spaces, parks, a post office, farms and natural beauty spots like ponds and wooded areas that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy picnics, dog walks or outdoor exercise or games.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The area is connected by the A631 with the four villages seeing Bawtry as its closest commercial center.

Everton ward's southern border is with the Claborough ward, with the western border connecting them with the unchanged Blyth ward, the eastern border is with the new Walkeringham ward and in the north go up to the South Yorkshire border.

We have chosen to listen to residents who consider Everton to be the central village for these communities, providing the local Primary school.

COMMUNITY

There are three places of worship across the ward providing hubs of activities for the local communities by providing spiritual support; there is also a Post Office in Mattersey which is used by residents across the proposed ward for a range of services. A large part of the ward is rural in nature with farms, cottages, and B&B businesses which bring tourism to the area.

Other amenities in the ward include various children's groups, community voluntary clubs and rural pubs.

There is also a rural community of farmers within this ward who can often be overlooked by the local authority when combined with comparatively urban areas.

TRANSPORT

The main bus route through the ward that connects to other areas of the District is the number 27 which links Mattersey, Mattersey Thorpe and Everton – connecting three out of the four villages within the new Everton ward.

Public transport is a major issue in this area given the limited options due to the rural nature of the proposed ward; councillors would undoubtedly pick this up as a key issue for them to address.

SCHOOLS

Early Years Education is provided for the children of the ward at Everton Primary School. The nearest Secondary Schools are in Retford which are accessible by buses that run term time.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The rurality of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, with electoral equality allowing the elected representative to share their time between ward work, attending parish councils and their responsibilities on Bassetlaw District Council.

HARWORTH

NEAREST CURRENT WARD - HARWORTH

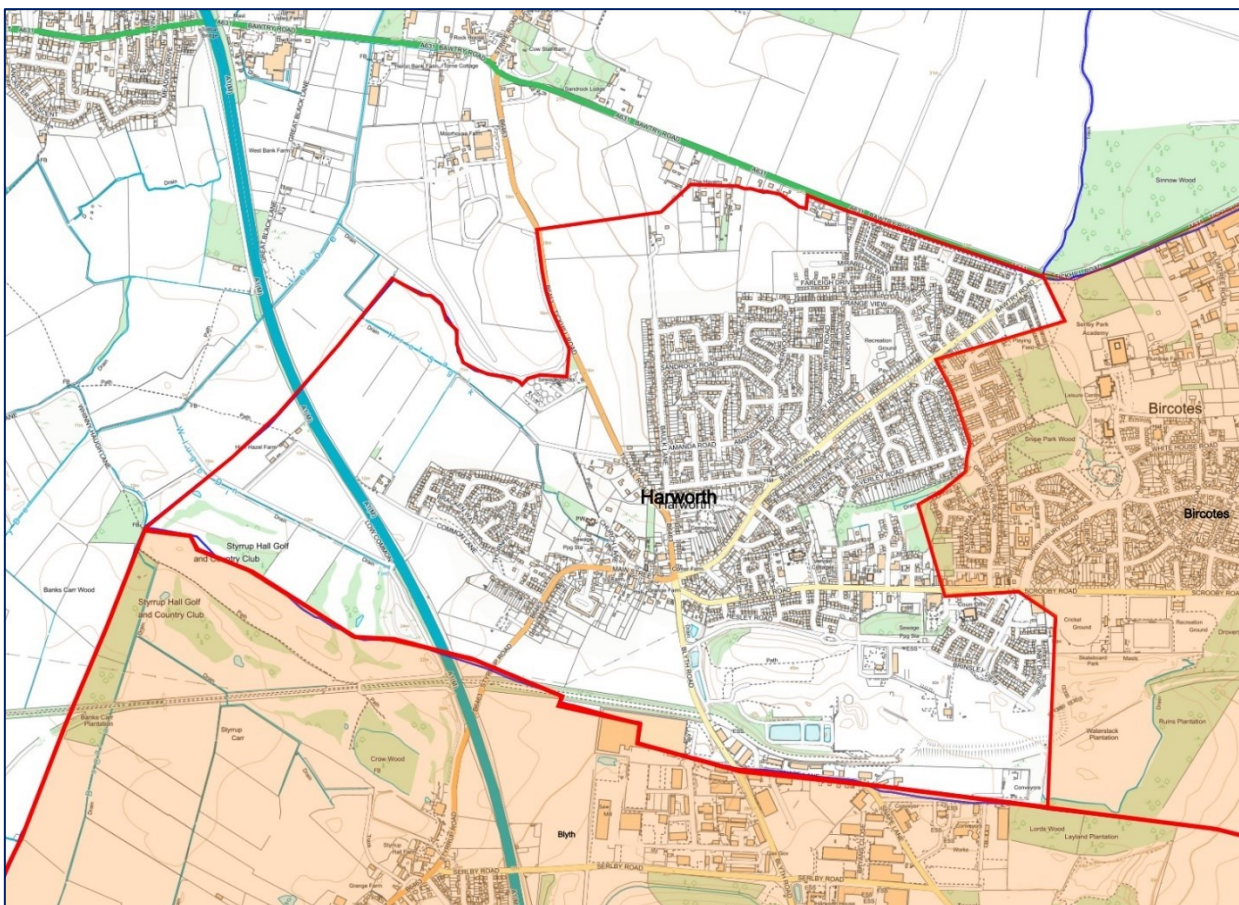
COUNCILLORS - TWO

ELECTORATE – 4,341

VARIANT – +8%

The current Harworth ward is currently underrepresented with a 35% electoral variance. Considering this, our proposed ward recommends splitting the current Harworth ward into two, reflecting the two communities which make up the current Harworth ward.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

The current Harworth ward is currently underrepresented with a 35% electoral variance. Considering this, our proposed ward recommends splitting the current Harworth ward into two, reflecting the two communities which make up the current Harworth ward.

The new proposed ward includes the Harworth area of the Harworth ward.

It has always been our view that for effective governance, single member wards are best placed to provide accountability and representation for residents. When considering this ward however, we note the fact that whilst you could create four single member wards in the area, in this case, owing to the community links, it would be best placed as a two-member ward.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The boundary for the ward is natural and defining. The Harworth ward boundary will cover the known area of Harworth. The northern boundary will be Bawtry Road serving as a natural northern boundary. The eastern boundary and southern boundary will follow southern boundary of the Harworth and Bircotes Town Council Parish boundary. The eastern boundary will primarily be Bawtry Road as it heads south, before it encompasses the homes on East Street and follows the existing Polling District.

The Bircotes ward has few similarities with the rural areas outside it and there are distinct differences to Harworth.

COMMUNITY

The main Facebook Group for the Bircotes ward would be the “Harworth, Bircotes & Styrrup Community Hub Original Group”.

The Harworth and Bircotes town council boundary would encompass the entirety of the Harworth ward, and will represent residents on Parish matters. It is noted in the Harworth and Bircotes Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015-28 that whilst Harworth comprises most of the area to the west of Bawtry Road; Bircotes is the land to the east.

This proposed ward does reflect where local people use their local services. All Saints’ Church is located within the ward in addition to Harworth cemetery, Harworth Church of England Academy and other local stores such as smaller businesses on Bawtry Road. It has a local ALDI, Pharmacy, and GP Service located within the main town centre.

TRANSPORT

There are good transport links across the ward. Scooby Road and Bawtry provide good east-west connections. Baulk Lane and Bawtry Road also provide good north-south connections. The 21, 25 and 29 travels through the ward providing ease of transport through the ward.

SCHOOLS

As previously referenced, students from Harworth ward are all within the Selby Park Academy catchment area, providing clear consistency.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

There are clear shared issues for the proposed ward.

Developments such as the Mirabelle Way development will be of planning consideration and will impact the ward.

Anti-social behaviour within the area such as reports of motorbikes on streets and at on the industrial estate will be of particular concern for the ward. Traffic on Scrooby Road will likewise be an issue which ward councillors will have to pick up.

The proposed Harworth ward would provide good electoral equality, reflect community interests and identities, have good easily identifiable boundaries, and would help the Council deliver effective and convenient local government.

LANGOLD AND COSTHORPE

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – CARLTON/LANGOLD

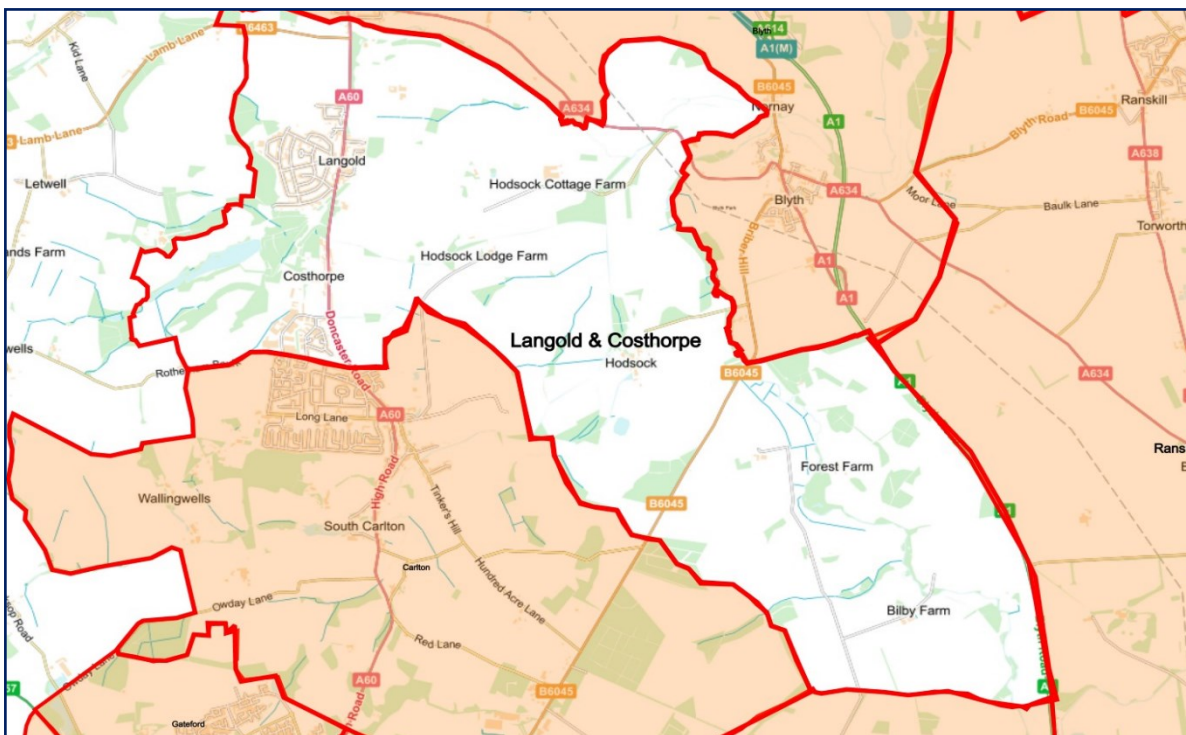
COUNCILLORS – TWO

ELECTORATE – 3,985

VARIANT – -1.5%

Currently, the Langold ward is a single member ward representing the Parish of Langold and Hodsock. The current ward is represented by one councillor with a projected electorate of 2,531 which is over variant for a single member ward and under variant for a two member ward.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

The new proposed ward includes the entirety of the Langold and Hodsock Parish, whilst moving Costhorpe from the Carlton ward into a new Langold and Costhorpe ward. This is to achieve

electoral equality and because there are better community links between Langold and Costhorpe, compared to the proposal from Bassetlaw District Council to link Langold with Blyth.

WARD OVERVIEW

The proposed ward will include schools, community spaces, parks, farms and natural beauty spots like ponds and wooded areas that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy picnics, dog walks or outdoor exercise or games.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The proposed ward is the entirety of the Langold and Hodsock Parish, and including Costhorpe with Rotherham Baulk, serving as the distinctive and natural boundary between the proposed Langold and Costhorpe ward and our proposed Carlton in Lindrick ward. The entirety of Hawfinch Place estate is included within the Langold and Costhorpe ward. Notably, the southern boundary is also the boundary for the Langold Dycarr Primary School catchment area.

COMMUNITY

The new Langold and Costhorpe ward proposes to take in and represent the entirety of Langold Lake Country Park which is currently split between four different Councillors. Langold Country Park is a large community asset that for maximum representation would make sense to include within one ward.

Also included with the new ward are the Cricket Club and Youth Club in Costhorpe (and used by both residents of Costhorpe and Langold), Lakeside Surgery and the shops on Doncaster Road including a Working Men's Club, Langold Library, Langold Pharmacy, Langold Post Office and Now Church.

TRANSPORT

It is the 22 and 21 Bus that goes from Worksop to Doncaster that connects with Langold. This means there is a bus route that connects Worksop, Carlton in Lindrick, Costhorpe and Langold and Oldcoates before leaving the District. This bus route connects the new ward.

Aside from bus routes, the A60 is the main road that connects Costhorpe and Langold. To travel one end of the ward from the south to the north will take five minutes by car, 36 minutes by walking, and 9 minutes by cycling.

It is our view that the transport links within the ward are substantial.

SCHOOLS

Pre-school education sees Granby House Nursery in Costhorpe cover both Costhorpe and residents in Langold. Langold Dyscarr Primary School's catchment includes all of Langold in addition to all the children in Costhorpe. Not only do Langold and Costhorpe share a shared Primary School, but they also share a secondary school catchment to Outwood Academy Portland.

School placement will no doubt be picked up as a key issue for Councillors – in particular as the developments at the Firbeck Colliery Site between Langold and Costhorpe in addition to the Firbeck Fields estate to the north of Langold will add additional pupils to educational facilities.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The nature of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, rather than having one large rural settlement (Langold) alongside smaller rural settlements miles away from Langold which may result in them being overlooked – instead Councillors will be able to work closely with the existing community hubs and shared priorities such as schools, buses, roads, the Country Park, and the new developments at the Firbeck Colliery Site.

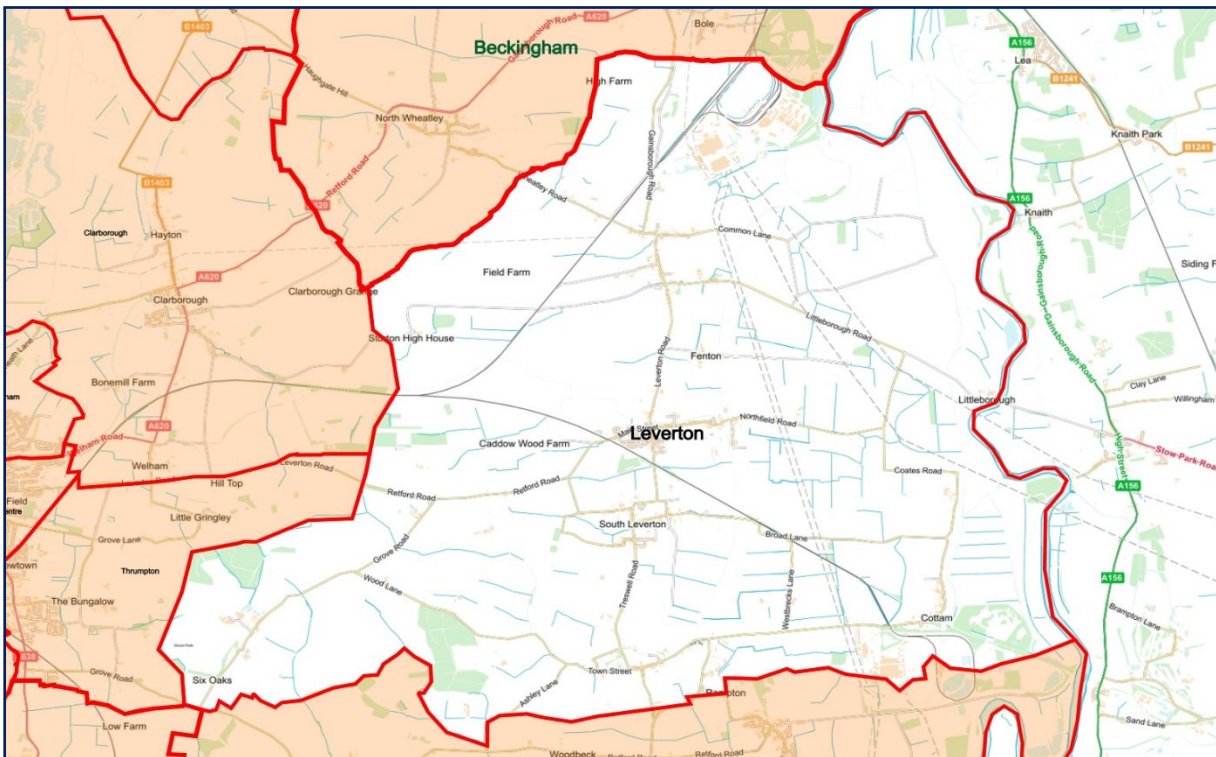
LEVERTON

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – RAMPTON AND STURTON

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 2,072
VARIANT – +2.5%

Currently the proposed Leverton ward is a combination of the current Rampton and Sturton wards. The proposed new ward will be represented by one councillor.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

These proposed boundary changes contain parts of the current Rampton and Sturton wards including several Parish Councils including Sturton le Steeple, North Leverton with Hablesthorpe, South Leverton, Cottam, Grove and Treswell.

The proposal for this rural ward allows for electoral equality across the rural wards in Bassetlaw.

WARD OVERVIEW

The proposed ward will include schools, community spaces, parks, power stations and natural beauty spots like ponds and wooded areas that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy picnics, dog walks or outdoor exercise or games.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The Leverton ward is made up of rural villages to the South- East of Bassetlaw with road connections between the larger villages within the proposed ward.

The proposals have closely considered community links and how best to achieve electoral equality.

COMMUNITY

The new Leverton ward includes a number of linked public services including a number of villages halls that provide venues for voluntary groups to meet which is used by residents across the proposed ward for a range of services. A large part of the ward is rural in nature with farms, cottages, and B&B businesses which bring tourism to the area.

There is also a rural community of farmers within this ward who can often be overlooked by the local authority when combined with comparatively urban areas.

TRANSPORT

The area is covered by the 95/195/p190/190 bus services. Public transport is a major issue in this area given the limited options due to the rural nature of the proposed ward; councillors would undoubtedly pick this up as a key issue for them to address.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The rurality of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, with electoral equality allowing the elected representative to share their time between ward work, attending parish councils and their responsibilities on Bassetlaw District Council.

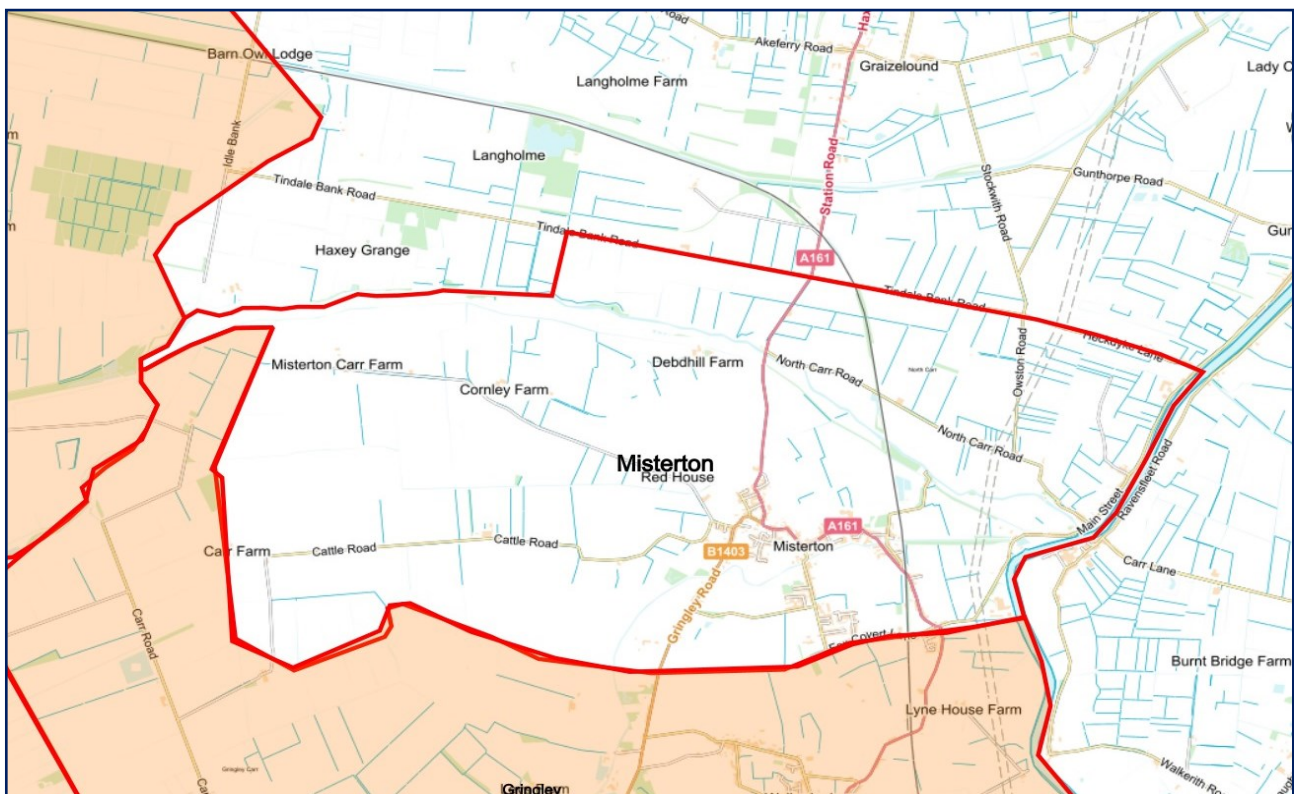
MISTERTON

NEAREST CURRENT WARD - MISTERTON

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 2,072
VARIANT – +3%

Currently, the Misterton ward is a combination of the Parishes of Misterton and West Stockwith. The current ward is represented by one councillor with and is within the acceptable variant levels.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

As the Misterton ward is within the variant and serves as an existing community, we are proposing no changes to the current ward.

WARD OVERVIEW

The Misterton ward is unchanged a collection of small villages including Misterton and West Stockwith.

The unchanged ward will include West Stockwith Yacht Club, Misterton Cricket Club, community spaces, parks, Riverside Misterton GP surgery, farms and natural beauty spots like ponds and wooded areas that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy picnics, dog walks or outdoor exercise or games.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The boundary remains unchanged from the current Misterton ward which borders both South Yorkshire and Lincolnshire.

Misterton ward's southern border is with the new Walkeringham ward with the western boundary is with the new Everton ward.

The proposals elsewhere to achieve electoral equality mean we have no changes to the current Misterton ward.

COMMUNITY

There are two places of worship across the ward providing hubs of activities for the local communities by providing spiritual support; there is also a range of pubs. A large part of the ward is rural in nature with farms, cottages, and B&B businesses which bring tourism to the area.

Other amenities in the ward include various community groups, the yacht club at West Stockwith, the Cricket Club in Misterton and rural pubs.

There is also a rural community of farmers within this ward who can often be overlooked by the local authority when combined with comparatively urban areas.

TRANSPORT

The connection between Misterton and West Stockwith is via the A161 and Stockwith road.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

As we are proposing no changes to this ward, we accept that this ward complies with the electoral variance numbers and that the villages have formed a connection.

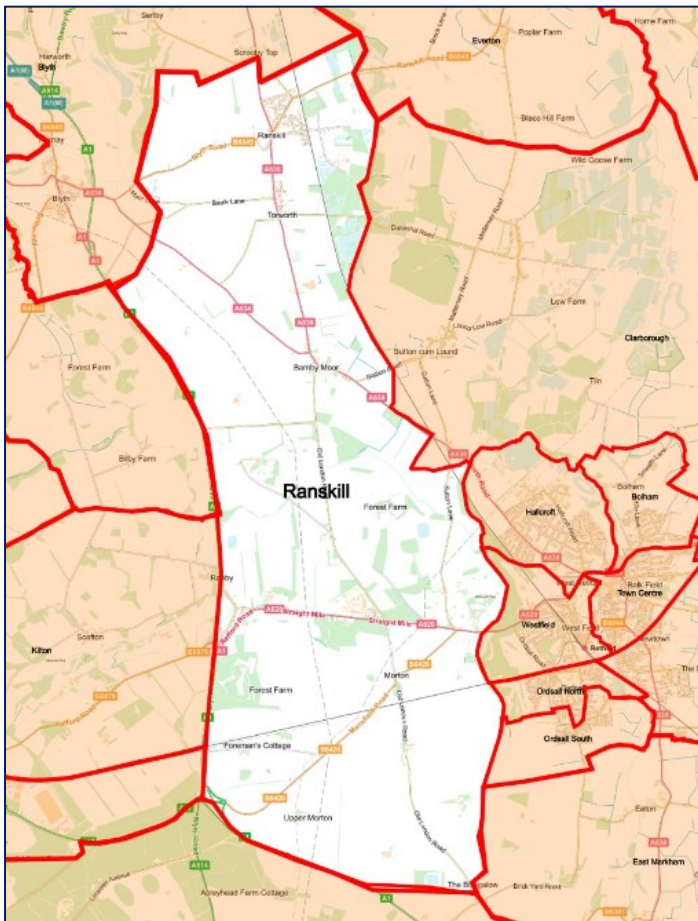
RANSKILL

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – RANSKILL AND SUTTON

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 2,092
VARIANT – +7.5%

Currently the proposed Ranskill ward is a combination of the current Sutton and Ranskill wards, including the Parish Councils of Ranskill, Torworth, Barnby Moor and Babworth. The proposed new ward will be represented by one councillor.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

These proposed boundary changes contain most of the current Ranskill and Sutton wards including the Parishes of Babworth, Barnby Moor, Ranskill and Torworth. The new Ranskill ward delivers electoral equality and links villages on A638 which leads into Retford.

This new ward includes strong community links between the villages that are linked via the A638, which connects all the villages of the new ward. The new ward also shares a number of public services including GP surgery, Primary and Secondary School catchment areas and are connected via the 689 bus service.

The proposal for this rural ward allows for electoral equality across the rural wards in Bassetlaw.

WARD OVERVIEW

The proposed ward will include schools, community spaces, a gymnastic club, parks, a sailing club, fishing lakes and natural beauty spots like ponds and wooded areas that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy picnics, dog walks or outdoor exercise or games.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The Ranskill ward is connected by the A638 with all three villages seeing Retford as its closest commercial center, and is geographically central within Bassetlaw District.

The proposals have closely considered community links and how best to achieve electoral equality. We have chosen to listen to residents who consider community connections between Barnby Moor, Torworth and Ranskill to be locally important with residents sharing local services including Ranskill Primary School.

COMMUNITY

There are two crematoriums within the new Ranskill ward and number of villages halls that provide venues for voluntary groups to meet; there is also a Post Office in Ranskill which is used by residents across the proposed ward for a range of services. A large part of the ward is rural in nature with farms, cottages, and B&B businesses which bring tourism to the area.

Other amenities in the ward include various community groups, including a gardening club based in Barnby Moor that attracts residents from both Torworth and Ranskill, we also have children's groups, fishing lakes, a gymnastics club and village pubs.

There is also a rural community of farmers within this ward who can often be overlooked by the local authority when combined with comparatively urban areas.

TRANSPORT

The main bus route through the ward that connects to other areas of the District is the number 689 which links to Retford– connecting all three main villages within the new Ranskill ward. Babworth as a Parish is dominated by Ranby and is closest to Barnby Moor.

Public transport is a major issue in this area given the limited options due to the rural nature of the proposed ward; councillors would undoubtedly pick this up as a key issue for them to address.

SCHOOLS

Early Years Education is provided for the children of the ward at Ranskill Primary School. The nearest Secondary Schools are in Retford which are accessible by buses that run term time.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The rurality of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, with electoral equality allowing the elected representative to share their time between ward work, attending parish councils and their responsibilities on Bassetlaw District Council.

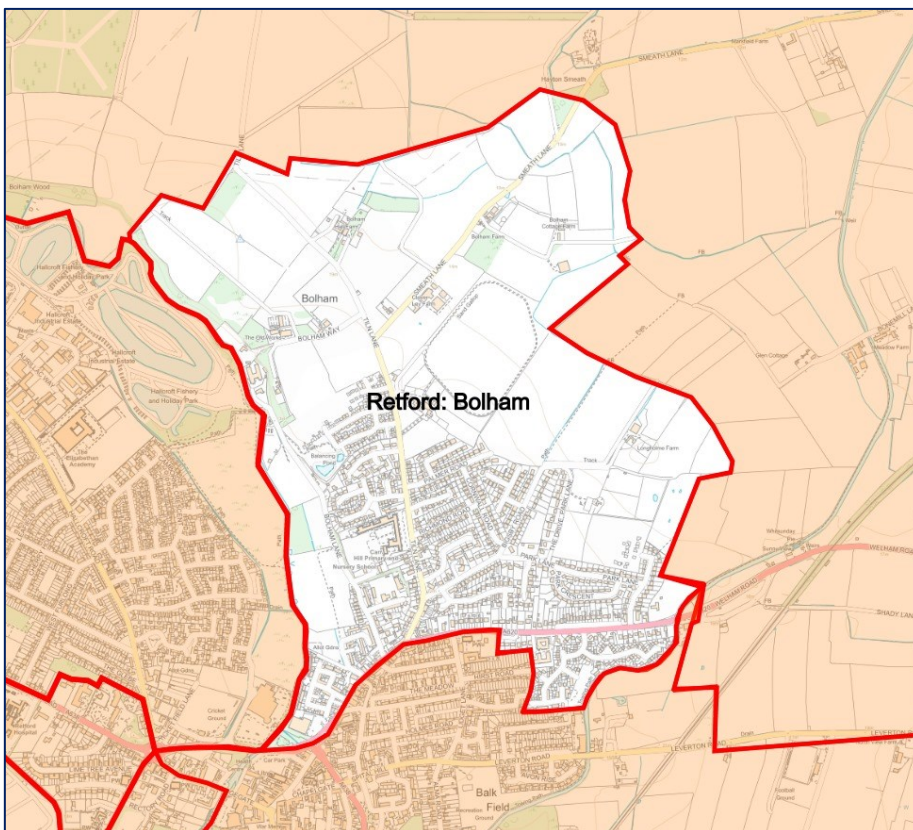
RETFORD BOLHAM

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – RETFORD EAST AND RETFORD NORTH

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 1,850
VARIANT – -8%

Currently, the proposed Bolham ward is part of the current East Retford East and East Retford North wards. The proposed new ward will be represented by one councillor.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

This proposed boundary contains the northern section of East Retford East from the north of Welham Road, including however Brixworth Way and Welham Grove. The western section of East Retford North from the north of Moorgate following the natural boundary of the River Idle.

These proposed boundary changes will bring together the same community which was once split by the previous East Retford East and East Retford West wards. This new ward shares a number of public services including Carr Hill Primary School as well as local amenities such as Home Bargains and is connected by the 123 and 97-bus service.

Upon consultation with residents within the ward, these proposals were well received. The current ward split in Bolham between East Retford North and East Retford East caused undue confusion for residents, who often mistaken which District Councillor represents them. This proposal removes that confusion and unites the community into one ward.

WARD OVERVIEW

The Bolham ward is the community in the north-east of Retford on the A620 (Moorgate) between Retford and Welham village.

The proposed ward will include a primary school, community spaces, farms and natural beauty spots such as the River Idle that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy picnics, dog walks or outdoor exercise or games.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

Bolham ward is north of the A620 corridor past the river Idle whilst including Brixworth Way and Welham Grove with the ward using the centre of Retford as its closest commercial centre.

Bolham ward's southern border is with the Retford Town Centre ward, with the western border connecting them with the Hallcroft ward, the eastern border is with Claborough ward.

The proposals have closely considered how best to split the current East Retford East and East Retford North wards into the newly proposed Bolham ward which is necessary to achieve electoral equality. We have chosen to listen to residents who consider community connections between the former wards to bring together community cohesion.

COMMUNITY

There is one place of worship across the ward providing a hub of activities for the local community by providing spiritual support. A large part of the ward is suburban in nature with restaurants, general merchandise, and B&B businesses which bring tourism to the area.

Other amenities in the ward include various community groups, the River Idle and a number of pubs.

There is also a rural community of farmers within the north of this ward who can often be overlooked by the local authority when combined with comparatively urban areas.

TRANSPORT

The two main bus routes through the ward that connects to other areas of the District are the number 123 and 97-bus service. The 123-bus service links Bolham with the town centre of Retford. Whilst the 97-bus service links to villages in the new Claborough ward and then on through to Gainsborough in Lincolnshire.

Public transport is accessible in Bolham through the aforementioned 123-bus service to Retford Bus Station which then provides transport through the District, County and Region. The Bus Station acts as a central link to Retford Train Station on the Sherwood Arrow-bus service.

Infrastructure in the ward has been a key uniting issue uniting the community of the ward for many years; Moorgate, Welham Road, Bolham Lane and Tiln Lane have all raised concerns regarding industrial haulage transporting goods on suburban roads.

SCHOOLS

Early Years Education is provided for the children of the ward at Carr Hill Primary School and Nursery. The nearest Secondary Schools are Retford Oaks Academy in the proposed Westfield ward and The Elizabethan Academy in the proposed Hallcroft ward which are accessible by buses that run term time.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The suburban nature of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, with electoral equality allowing the elected representative to share their time between ward work, attending East Retford Charter Trustees' meetings and their responsibilities on Bassetlaw District Council.

RETFORD HALLCROFT

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – EAST RETFORD NORTH

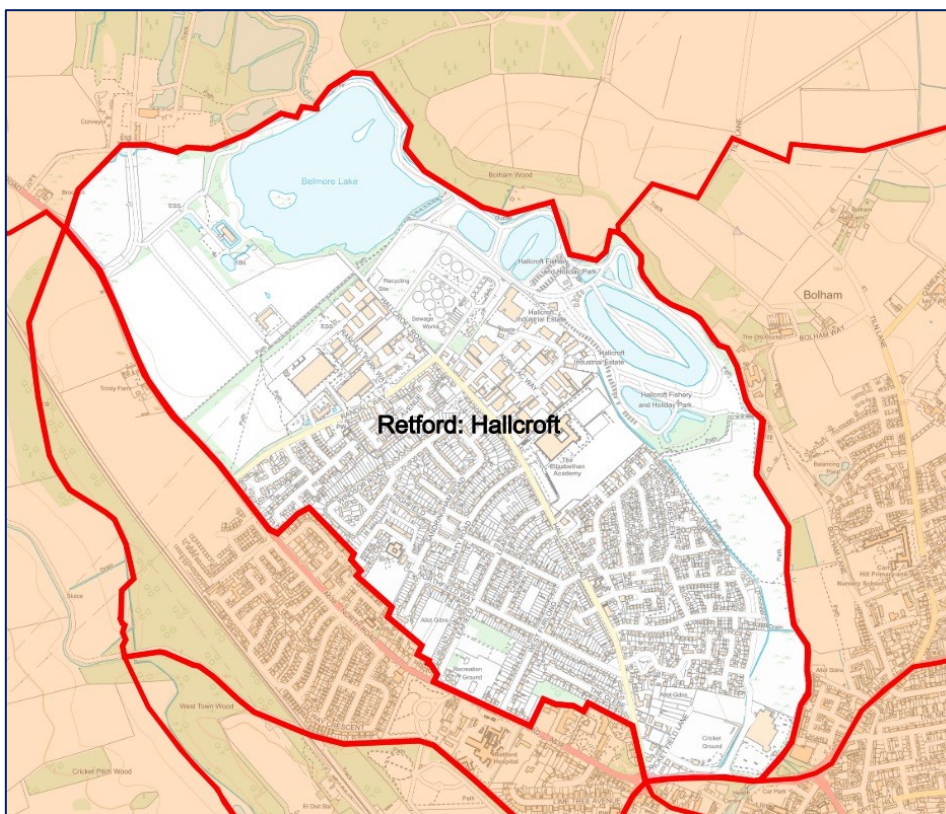
COUNCILLORS - TWO

ELECTORATE – 1,830

VARIANT – -9%

Currently, the proposed Hallcroft ward are parts of the current East Retford North ward. The proposed new ward will be represented by two councillors.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

This proposed boundary contains the northern section of East Retford North ward from the north of North Road and north of Amcott Way before it reaches the natural boundary of the River Idle. This new proposal removes the eastern section past the river Idle to the newly proposed Bolham ward and also removes the southern section of North Road to be named the new Trinity Park ward.

These proposed boundary changes keep the community of Hallcroft together. This new ward shares a number of public services including Hallcroft Infant and Nursery School, Elizabethan Academy well as local amenities such as Morrisons and a large portion of Retford's industrial sector. This ward is connected by three bus routes: 27, 47 and 47a. Two further routes stop on the North Road stopping in the ward briefly, those are: 99 and 29.

Splitting the current East Retford North ward between the north and south of North Road has been well received upon consultation with residents. Moving the traditional "West Retford" from the ward reflects the different community in which it encompasses, creating the more representative community of Hallcroft.

WARD OVERVIEW

The Hallcroft ward is the community in the north-west of Retford on the north of the A638 (North Road) and on the north of the A620 (Amcott Way) before the road reaches the River Idle.

The proposed ward will include a primary school, secondary school, community spaces, parks like Retford Cricket Club and Retford Bowling Green and natural beauty spots such as Belmoor Lake and Hallcroft Fishery and Holiday Park that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy picnics, dog walks or outdoor exercise or games.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The Hallcroft Ward is north of the A638 corridor and though to A620 until it reaches the River Idle with the ward using the centre of Retford as its closest commercial centre as well as Morrisons within the ward.

Hallcroft ward's southern border is with the Trinity Farm and Hospital ward, with the northern border connecting them with the Claborough ward, the eastern border is with the Bolham ward and the Retford Town Centre ward.

The proposals have closely considered how best to split the current East Retford North ward into the newly proposed Hallcroft ward which is necessary to achieve electoral equality. We have chosen to listen to residents who consider community connections within the ward as a paramount reason to keep the ward together.

COMMUNITY

There are two places of worship across the ward providing a hub of activities for the local community by providing spiritual support. A large part of the ward is suburban in nature with restaurants, general merchandise, and B&B businesses and a hotel which bring tourism to the area.

Other amenities in the ward include various community groups, the Hallcroft Fishery and Holiday Park, Idle Vally Nature Reserve, Retford Cricket Club, Retford Bowling Green and a number of pubs.

There is also large business sector in Hallcroft which accounts for a large proportion of both service and industrial output for Retford. This is encapsulated by the presence of Retford Enterprise Centre. This centre bring together all the businesses in the ward to promote their businesses and empower employment in the ward.

TRANSPORT

The three main bus routes through the ward that connects to other areas of the District are the number 27, 47 and 47a-bus services. The 47 and 47a-bus service links Hallcroft with the vast majority of Retford apart from the Bolham ward. Whilst the 27-bus service links some of the villages of the Clarbrough ward ending in Mattersey Thorpe.

The number 99 and 29-bus services also stop on North Road contacting the Hallcroft Ward to Bawtry and then onto Doncaster. As well as to Ranskill and then onto Doncaster.

Public transport is accessible in Hallcroft through the aforementioned bus services to Retford Bus Station which then provides transport through the District, County and Region. The Bus Station acts as a central link to Retford Train Station on the Sherwood Arrow-bus service.

SCHOOLS

Early Years Education is provided for the children of the ward at Hallcroft Infant and Nursery School. The nearest Secondary School provision is The Elizabethan Academy in the proposed Hallcroft ward which is supported by the 47 and 47a bus service providing access for students across Hallcroft.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The suburban nature of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, with electoral equality allowing the elected representatives to share their time between ward work, attending East Retford Charter Trustees' meetings and their responsibilities on Bassetlaw District Council.

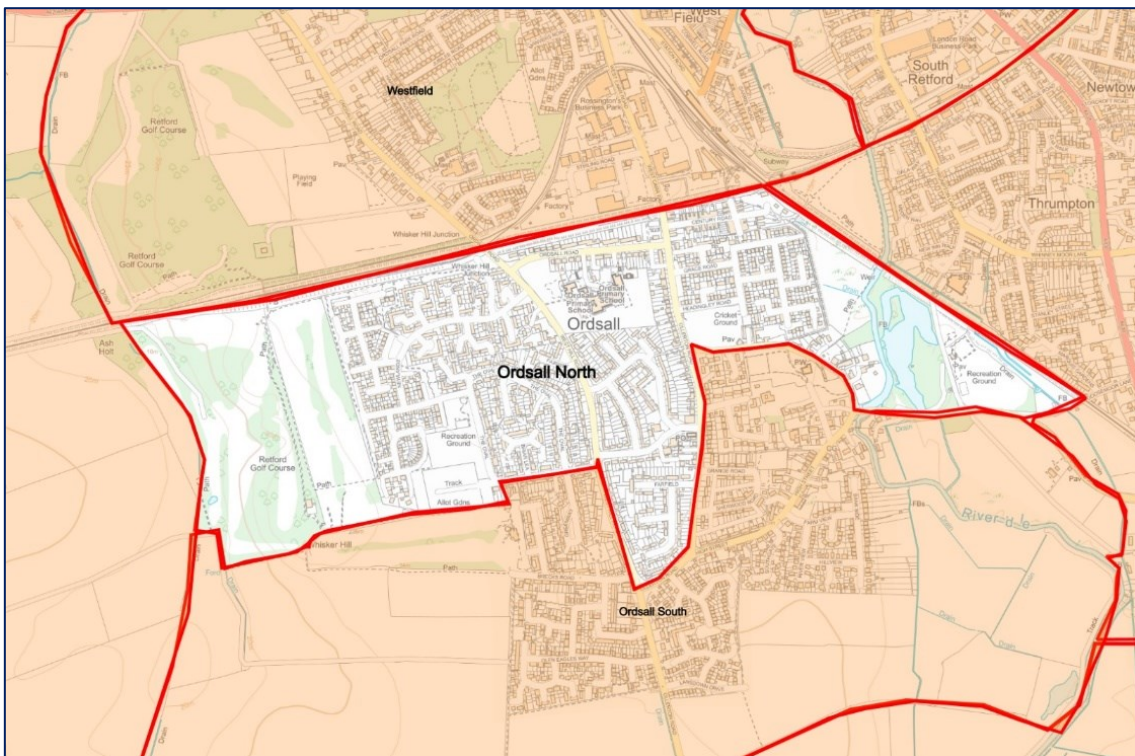
RETFORD ORDSALL NORTH

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – EAST RETFORD SOUTH

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 2,203
VARIANT – +9%

Currently, the proposed Ordsall North ward is part of the current East Retford South ward. The proposed new ward will be represented by one councillor.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

This proposed boundary contains the northern section of East Retford South from the south of railway line as a boundary, north of Rufford Avenue and West of Ollerton Road and the railway line in the west acting as the other boundary.

These proposed boundary changes will bring together the same community which was once part of the previous East Retford South ward. This new ward shares a number of public services including Ordsall Primary School as well as local amenities such as Coop and is connected by the 47, 47a and Sherwood Arrow bus service.

This new ward upon consultation with residents has its community at the heart of Newlands Community Centre and its smaller high street on Welbeck Road. This section of Ordsall has its own distinct community away from the traditional centre of Ordsall in Ordsall South ward who holds a different community centre.

WARD OVERVIEW

The Ordsall North ward is the community in the West of Retford south of the railway line over the bridges on Ordsall Road and West Carr Road between Retford and South Ordsall ward.

The proposed ward will include a primary school, community spaces, natural beauty spots such as the River Idle that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy picnics, dog walks or outdoor exercise or games.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

Ordsall North is South from the south of railway line as a boundary, north of Rufford Avenue and West of Ollerton Road and the railway line in the west acting as the other boundary, using its high street as its closest commercial centre as well as the centre of Retford.

Ordsall North ward's northern border is with the Westfield and Station ward, its southern border is with the Ordsall South ward, with the western border connecting them with the Ranskill ward, the eastern border is with the Thrumpton and Whitehouses ward.

The proposals have closely considered how best to split the current East Retford South ward into the newly proposed Ordsall North ward which is necessary to achieve electoral equality. We have chosen to listen to residents who consider community connections within the ward to be its main priority.

COMMUNITY

There is one community centre across the ward providing a hub of activities for the local community by providing local support. A large part of the ward is suburban in nature with restaurants, general merchandise, and small businesses. Ordsall Cricket Club is a large part of the ward's identity acting as a focal point for the community.

Other amenities in the ward include various community groups, the River Idle and play parks and its own pharmacy. The Clumber Inn Pub acts as a meeting point for residents fostering further community cohesion.

TRANSPORT

The three main bus routes through the ward that connects to other areas of the District are the number 47, 47a and Sherwood Arrow bus service. The 47 and 47a-bus service links Ordsall North with the town centre of Retford. Whilst the Sherwood Arrow bus service links to villages in the East Markham ward ultimately ending in Ollerton.

Public transport is accessible in Ordsall North through the aforementioned 47 and 47a bus service to Retford Bus Station which then provides transport through the District, County and Region. The Sherwood Arrow-bus service operates in the ward linking the community directly to Retford Train Station.

Infrastructure in the ward has been a key uniting issue uniting the community of the ward for many years; the particularly on Welbeck Road as new developments add to the increasing strain on aging infrastructure not built to withstand increasing urbanisation of the area. An issue which a local councillor can address.

SCHOOLS

Early Years Education is provided for the children of the ward at Ordsall Primary School within the ward. The nearest Secondary Schools are Retford Oaks Academy in the proposed Westfield ward and The Elizabethan Academy in the proposed Hallcroft ward which are accessible by buses that run term time.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The suburban nature of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, with electoral equality allowing the elected representative to share their time between ward work, attending East Retford Charter Trustees' meetings and their responsibilities on Bassetlaw District Council.

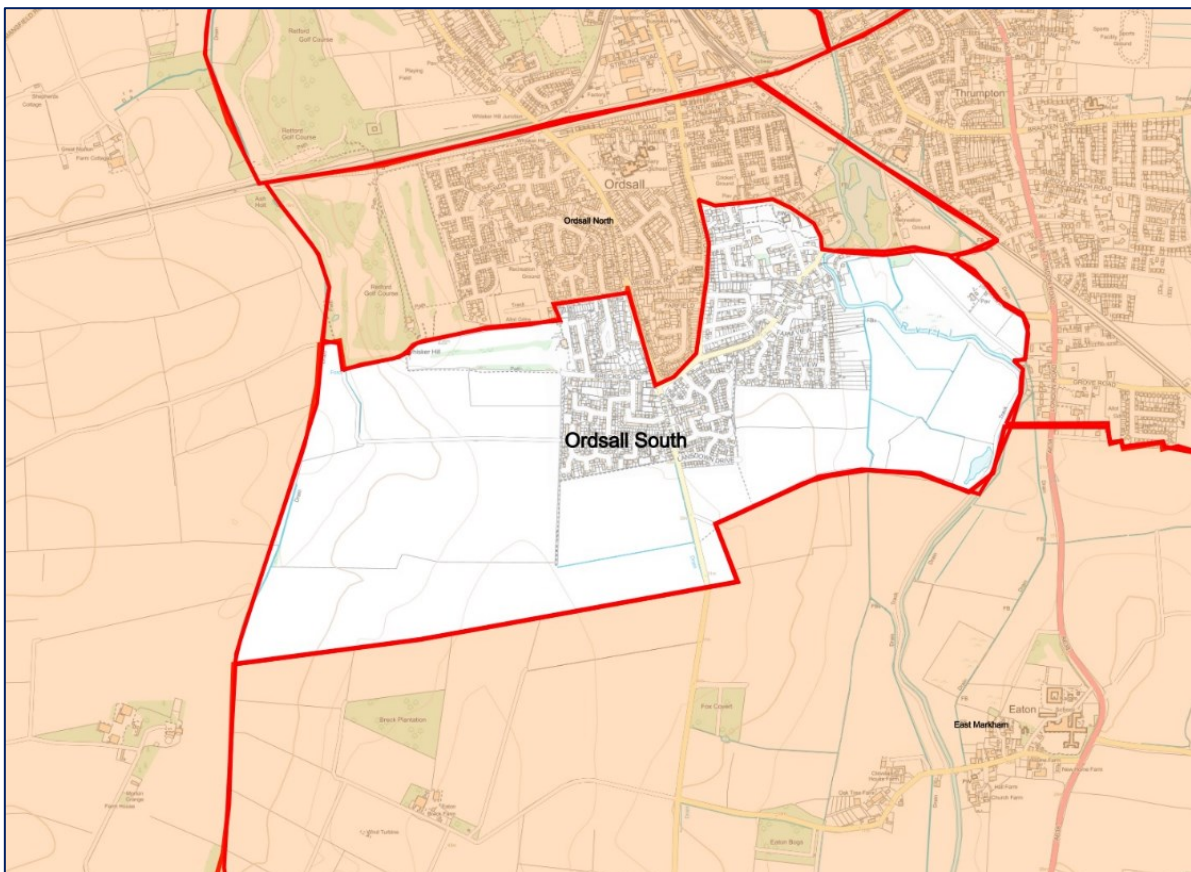
RETFORD ORDSALL SOUTH

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – EAST RETFORD SOUTH

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 1,917
VARIANT – -5%

Currently, the proposed Ordsall South ward is part of the current East Retford South Ward. The proposed new ward will be represented by one councillor.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

This proposed boundary contains the southern section of East Retford South ward from the east of Ollerton Road and south of All Hallows Street, south of High Street and West of West Hill Road and south of Rufford Avenue.

These proposed boundary changes will bring together the most recent “Glen Eagles Estate” with the oldest section of Ordsall. Together with the proposed new estate south of Glen Eagles this ward will bind together old and new Ordsall fostering greater community cohesion. This new ward will share a number of public services including All Hallows Church as well as a proposed Health Hub and a Community Centre and is connected by the 47, 47a and Sherwood Arrow bus service.

Upon consultation with residents within the ward, these proposals were well received. Residents believed that the rural/suburban make-up of the proposed boundaries better represented them and that the community in the ward was more likely to integrate new residents under one councillor.

WARD OVERVIEW

The Ordsall South ward is the community in the south-west of Retford south of All Hallow Street and south of Rufford Avenue, between Retford and the villages of Eaton and Elkesley.

The proposed ward will include a health centre, community spaces, farms and sports facilities such as the Retford Golf Club that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The proposed ward is from the east of Ollerton Road and south of All Hallows Street, south of High Street and West of West Hill Road and south of Rufford Avenue using the centre of Retford as its closest commercial centre.

Ordsall South ward’s northern border is with the Ordsall North Ward, its southern border is with the East Markham ward, with the western border connecting them with the Ranskill ward, the eastern border is with Thrumpton and Whitehouses ward.

The proposals have closely considered how best to split the current East Retford South ward into the newly proposed Ordsall South ward which is necessary to achieve electoral equality. We have chosen to listen to residents who consider community connections between the new developments such as the “Glen Eagles Estate” and the old traditional section of Ordsall to bring together community cohesion.

COMMUNITY

There is one place of worship across the ward providing a hub of activities for the local community by providing spiritual support. A large part of the ward is suburban in nature and is primarily low density residential with a mixture of businesses and sports facilities such as the Retford Golf Club.

All Hallows' Church is at the heart of the community and acts as a focal point for community cohesion and activity. With Ordsall Parish Hall acting as a meeting point for residents. Various community groups are well established in the community often centred around the parish.

The historic centre of Ordsall is present in the Ordsall South Ward with the community having deep roots within the ward.

TRANSPORT

The three main bus routes through the ward that connects to other areas of the District are the number 47, 47a and Sherwood Arrow bus service. The 47 and 47a-bus service links Ordsall South with the town centre of Retford. Whilst the Sherwood Arrow bus service links to villages in the East Markham ward ultimately ending in Ollerton.

Public transport is accessible in Ordsall South through the aforementioned 47 and 47a bus service to Retford Bus Station which then provides transport through the District, County and Region. The Sherwood Arrow-bus service operates in the ward linking the community directly to Retford Train Station.

Infrastructure in the ward has been a key uniting issue uniting the community of the ward for many years; Goosemoor Lane and the increasing density of houses to the North of Ordsall South ward have been causing pressure on its historic streets, something that can be taken up in more detail by a single councillor for the ward.

SCHOOLS

Early Years Education is provided for the children of the ward at Ordsall Primary School. The nearest Secondary Schools are Retford Oaks Academy in the proposed Westfield ward and The Elizabethan Academy in the proposed Hallcroft ward which are accessible by buses that run term time.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The suburban nature of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, with electoral equality allowing the elected representative to share their time between ward work, attending East Retford Charter Trustees' meetings and their responsibilities on Bassetlaw District Council.

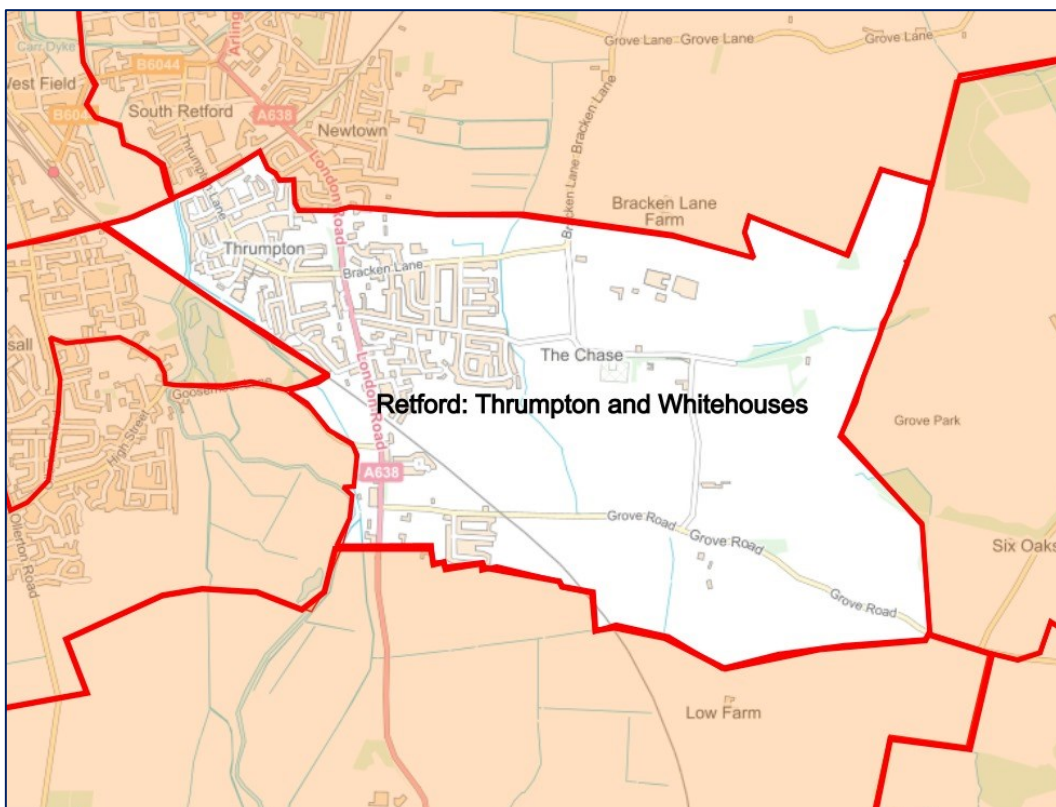
RETFORD THRUMPTON AND WHITEHOUSES

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – EAST RETFORD WEST

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 2,222
VARIANT – +10%

Currently, the proposed Thrumpton and White Houses ward is part of the current East Retford East and East Retford West wards. The proposed new ward will be represented by one councillor.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

This proposed boundary contains the southern section of East Retford East following both trainlines until the border of Ordsall maintaining the remainder of the former East Retford East Ward. The eastern section of East Retford west the community of Thrumpton has been included into the Thrumpton and Whitehouses ward due to its suburban nature and community connection with the rest of the ward.

These proposed boundary changes will bring together similar communities which was once split by the previous East Retford East and East Retford West wards. This new ward shares a number of public services including Bracken Lane Primary Academy and Thrumpton Primary Academy as well as local amenities such as Retford Athletics Clun and is connected by the 47 and 47a-bus service.

Upon consultation with residents within the ward the residents of Thrumpton reacted positively to the proposed change as their concerns and issues are more closely linked to the rest of the newly proposed ward. Residents in Whitehouses reacted positively as well as they did not previously identify with the more urban sections of the former East Retford East ward, nor the most northern section; the proposed Bolham ward. This proposal creates community cohesion with placing likeminded suburban areas into one ward which satisfies electoral equality.

WARD OVERVIEW

The Thrumpton and Whitehouses ward are the communities in the south-east of Retford south of the trainline towards Lincoln and East of the trainline towards London until it intersects with the River Idle.

The proposed ward will include two primary schools, community spaces, farms and natural beauty spots such as the River Idle and the Retford Beck which provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy picnics, dog walks or outdoor exercise or games.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The Thrumpton and Whitehouses ward is mainly south of the Lincoln trainline using the centre of Retford as its closest commercial centre.

Thrumpton and Whitehouses ward ward's northern border is Town Centre Ward and Clarborough Ward, its southern border is with the East Markham ward, with the western border connecting them with the Ordsall North and South wards, the eastern border is with Leverton ward.

The proposals have closely considered how best to split the current East Retford East and East Retford West wards into the newly proposed Thrumpton and Whitehouses ward which is necessary

to achieve electoral equality. We have chosen to listen to residents who consider community connections between the former wards to bring together community cohesion.

COMMUNITY

A large part of the ward is suburban in nature with restaurants, general merchandise, and hotels which bring tourism to the area.

Other amenities in the ward include various community groups, Retford Athletics Club, Retford United Football Club and a number of pubs.

There is also a rural community of farmers within the east of this ward who can often be overlooked by the local authority when combined with comparatively urban areas.

TRANSPORT

The two main bus routes through the ward that connects to other areas of the District is the number 47 and the 47a-bus services. The 47 and 47a-bus services links Thrumpton and Whitehouses ward with the town centre of Retford.

Public transport is accessible in Thrumpton and Whitehouses ward through the aforementioned 123-bus service to Retford Bus Station which then provides transport through the District, County and Region. The Bus Station acts as a central link to Retford Train Station on the Sherwood Arrow-bus service.

Infrastructure in the ward has been a key uniting issue uniting the community of the ward for many years. The 47 and 47a-bus service only passes through London Road and does not link to any other part of the ward. Thrumpton and Whitehouses are unique in their lack of transport provision within Retford. This issue has been raised through our consultation process with residents and could be tackled by a councillor representing the ward.

SCHOOLS

Early Years Education is provided for the children of the ward at Thrumpton Primary Academy and Bracken Lane Academy. The nearest Secondary Schools are Retford Oaks Academy in the proposed Westfield and Station ward and The Elizabethan Academy in the proposed Hallcroft ward which are accessible by buses that run term time. However, bus provision only follows London Road and is not accessible to all of the ward.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The suburban nature of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, with electoral equality allowing the elected representative to share their time between ward work, attending East Retford Charter Trustees' meetings and their responsibilities on Bassetlaw District Council.

RETFORD TOWN CENTRE

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – RETFORD WARDS

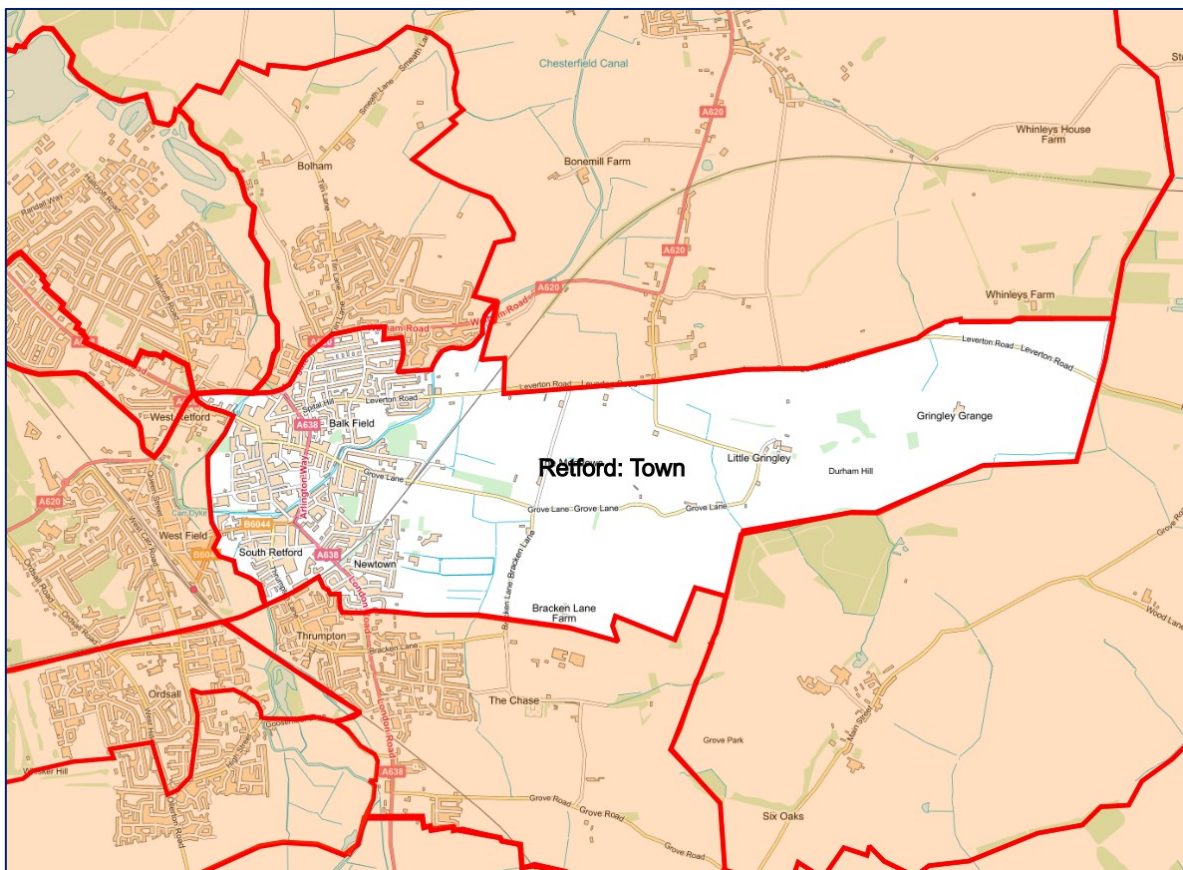
COUNCILLORS - TWO

ELECTORATE – 3,818

VARIANT – -6%

Currently, the proposed Town Centre ward is part of the current East Retford East and East Retford West wards. The proposed new ward will be represented by one councillor.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

This proposed boundary contains the middle section of East Retford East from the south of Welham Road, excluding however Brixworth Way and Welham Grove. The eastern section of East Retford East from the River Idle the north of Moorgate following the natural boundary of the River Idle until the boundary between South Retford and Thrumpton.

These proposed boundary changes will bring together urban communities of Retford which was once split by the previous East Retford East and East Retford West wards. This new ward shares a number of public services including the Town Centre, Bassetlaw Museum and Retford Town Hall well as local amenities such as Asda and is connected by every bus service that passes through and around Retford including all previously mentioned services in Retford based wards.

Upon consultation with residents within the ward residents agreed that the current ward split between East Retford West and East Retford East caused undue confusion for residents, who often mistaken which District Councillor represents them. This proposal removes that confusion and unites the community into one ward. This is an almost purely urban ward with the highest population density in Retford indicative of being the centre of Retford which residents agreed has its own specific challenges and characteristics.

WARD OVERVIEW

The Town Centre ward is the community in the centre and east of Retford. East from the south of Welham Road. The eastern section of East Retford East from the River Idle the north of Moorgate following the natural boundary of the River Idle until the boundary between South Retford and Thrumpton.

The proposed ward will include, community spaces, urban beauty spots such as Retford Town Square, Cannon Square, Bassetlaw Museum and a number of historic monuments that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy, and indoor spaces befitting of a busy town centre.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The ward is south of the A620 corridor almost entirely east of the River Idle using the centre of Retford as its commercial centre.

Town Centre ward's northern border is with the Bolham and Hallcroft wards, its southern border is with the Thrumpton and Whitehouses ward, with the western border connecting them with the Westfield and Station ward and the eastern border is with Clarborough ward.

The proposals have closely considered how best to split the current East Retford East and East Retford West wards into the newly proposed Town Centre ward which is necessary to achieve electoral equality. We have chosen to listen to residents who consider community connections between the former wards to bring together community cohesion in a predominantly urban ward.

COMMUNITY

There are three places of worship across the ward providing a hub of activities for the local community by providing spiritual support. A large part of the ward is urban in nature with restaurants, town market, and a plethora of businesses and cultural monuments which bring tourism to the area.

Other amenities in the ward include various community groups, the town centre and the vast majority of pubs in Retford.

As this ward is primarily urban this ward offers a melting pot of differing subcultures as is characteristic of any town centre. The town centre offers a large amount of employment to residents of the Town Centre ward fostering greater community cohesion.

TRANSPORT

Retford Bus Station acts as the epicentre of transport within the Town Centre ward and is within walking distance from almost everywhere in the ward. The Station also acts as a central link to Retford Train Station.

The 47, 47a and Sherwood Arrow service the south of the ward, servicing London Road and Albert Road respectively. 123, 97 and 95 all service the east of the ward. Whilst the 27, 29, 43 and 99 service the north and west.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The urban nature of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, with electoral equality allowing the elected representative to share their time between ward work, attending East Retford Charter Trustees' meetings and their responsibilities on Bassetlaw District Council.

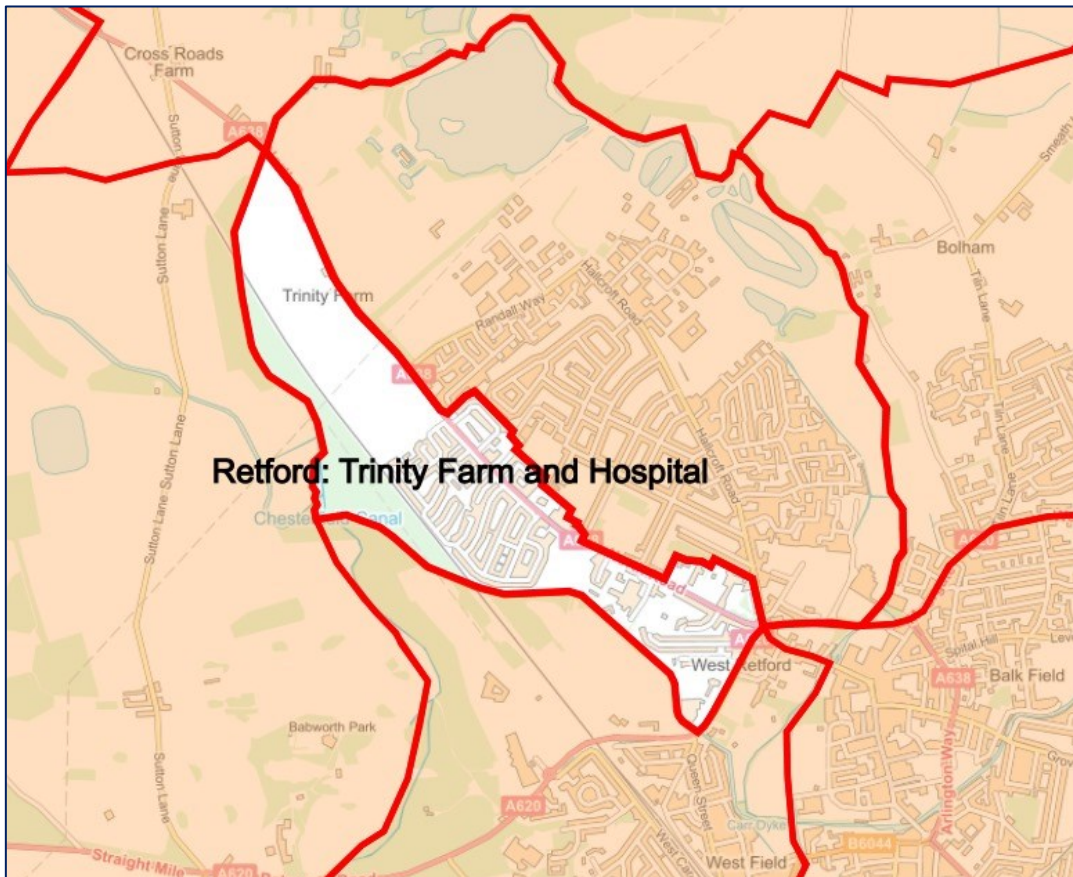
RETFORD TRINITY FARM AND HOSPITAL

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – EAST RETFORD NORTH

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 1,839
VARIANT – -9%

Currently, the proposed Trinity Farm and Hospital ward is part of the current East Retford North ward. The proposed new ward will be represented by one councillor.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

This proposed boundary contains the southern section of East Retford North from the south of the A638 (North Road) of Welham Road, including the remainder of the previous East Retford North Ward, following the natural boundary of the Chesterfield Canal.

These proposed boundary changes will bring together the growing community currently developing with the construction of the “Trinity Fields Estate”. This ward brings together the distinct community south of North Road and the newly built Trinity Fields Estate into one ward which has its own unique issues. This new ward shares a number of public services including Retford Hospital as well as local amenities such as Coop. This Trinity Farm and Hospital ward is connected by three bus routes: 27, 47 and 47a. Two further routes stop on the North Road stopping in the ward briefly, those are: 99 and 29.

Upon consultation with residents within the ward, these proposals were well received. The current ward East Retford North often neglects the south-eastern section (past Retford Hospital) the traditional “West Retford” which upon consultation does not see itself as part of Hallcroft. New residents of the ward on the “Trinity Fields Estate” equally see themselves as a new community establishing itself. This brings the opportunity to bring these communities together to achieve electoral equality and district representation.

WARD OVERVIEW

The This Trinity Farm and Hospital ward is the community in the north-west of Retford south of the A638 (North Road) between Retford and Barnby Moor.

The proposed ward will include a church, community spaces, farms and natural beauty spots such as the Chesterfield Canal that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy picnics, dog walks or outdoor exercise or games.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The ward is south of the A638 corridor and though to Hospital Road (A620) until it reaches the intersection with Queen Street with the ward using the centre of Retford as its closest commercial centre as well as Coop within the ward.

Hallcroft ward’s southern border is with the Westfield and Station ward, with the northern border connecting them with the Hallcroft ward, the western border is with the Ranskill ward.

The proposals have closely considered how best to split the current East Retford North ward into the newly proposed Trinity Farm and Hospital ward which is necessary to achieve electoral equality.

We have chosen to listen to residents who consider new community connections within the ward as a paramount reason to create the ward.

COMMUNITY

There is one place of worship across the ward providing a hub of activities for the local community by providing spiritual support. A large part of the ward is suburban in nature with restaurants, general merchandise and is primarily residential.

Other amenities in the ward include various community groups, Retford Lawn Tennis Club, Retford Hospital, The Well, Bassetlaw Hospice and a number of pubs.

TRANSPORT

The three main bus routes through the ward that connects to other areas of the District are the number 27, 47 and 47a-bus services. The 47 and 47a-bus service links Trinity Farm and Hospital ward with the vast majority of Retford apart from the Bolham ward. Whilst the 27-bus service links some of the villages of the Claborough ward ending in Mattersey Thorpe.

The number 99 and 29-bus services also stop on North Road contacting the Trinity Farm and Hospital Ward to Bawtry and then onto Doncaster. As well as to Ranskill and then onto Doncaster.

Public transport is accessible in Trinity Farm and Hospital through the aforementioned bus services to Retford Bus Station which then provides transport through the District, County and Region. The Bus Station acts as a central link to Retford Train Station on the Sherwood Arrow-bus service.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The suburban nature of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, with electoral equality allowing the elected representatives to share their time between ward work, attending East Retford Charter Trustees' meetings and their responsibilities on Bassetlaw District Council.

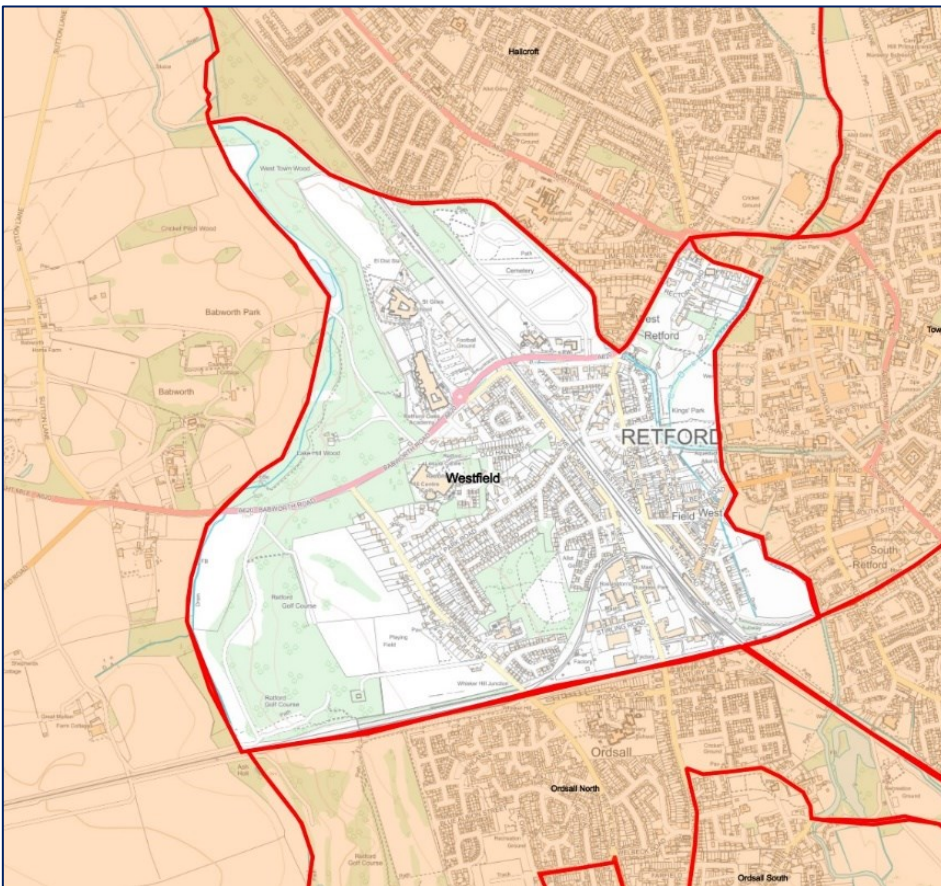
RETFORD WESTFIELD AND STATION

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – EAST RETFORD WEST

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 2,034
VARIANT – +1%

Currently, the proposed Westfield and Station ward is part of the current East Retford West ward. The proposed new ward will be represented by one councillor.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

This proposed boundary for the Westfield and Station ward contains the majority of the former East Retford West ward. This new ward proposal removes part of the Town Centre from the ward; east of the bridge on Bridgegate. The proposed ward removes the more urban areas of Retford from the ward by following the natural boundary of the River Idle until the ward meets the railway line as another boundary.

These proposed boundary changes will bring together the same distinct community of Westfield which boundary is represented in the proposed ward boundary. This new ward shares a number of public services including St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Retford Oaks Academy as well as local amenities such as Retford Leisure Centre and is connected by the 47, 47a and 43-bus services.

Upon consultation with residents within the ward, these proposals were well received. The current ward bundled multiple communities; the Town Centre, Retford South, Thrumpton and Westfield to create a two-member ward. This ward was not representative of the communities within it shifting between suburban and urban areas of Retford whilst ignoring natural boundaries which delineated district communities. Separating those communities and placing them in wards more akin to their own should foster greater social cohesion and in turn better representation.

WARD OVERVIEW

The Westfield and Station ward is the community in the east of Retford on the A620 (Babworth Road) between Retford and Babworth village. Following the River Idle until it reaches the intersection with the trainline. Following the trainline west until the end of Retford's boundary.

The proposed ward will include a primary school, secondary school, community spaces and natural beauty spots such as Kings Park that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy picnics, dog walks or outdoor exercise or games.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The ward is east of Hospital Road until it reaches the River Idle until it reaches the intersection with the trainline. Following the trainline west until the end of Retford's boundary and everything south of the Chesterfield Canal until it intersects with the river Idle using the centre of Retford as its closest commercial centre.

Bolham ward's northern border is with the Trinity Farm and Hospital ward, its southern border is with the Ordsall North ward, with the western border connecting them with the Ranskill ward, the eastern border connects to the Town Centre ward.

The proposals have closely considered how best to split the current East Retford West ward into the newly proposed Westfield and Station ward which achieves electoral equality. We have chosen to listen to residents who are a distinct community in Westfield and separate the former urban sections of the ward to foster community cohesion.

COMMUNITY

There are two places of worship across the ward, St Michael the Archangel and St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church providing a hub of activities for the local community by providing spiritual support. The ward is suburban in nature with restaurants, general merchandise and other local amenities in the area.

Other amenities in the ward include various community groups, Kings Park, Retford Leisure Centre, Retford F.C., East Retford Rugby Club, Retford Junior F.C. and a number of pubs.

There is also a large business estate in the south of the ward over West Car Road bridge, this estate services both industrial and service sectors in Retford providing a large amount of employment for the ward.

TRANSPORT

No singular bus service supports the entirety of the ward. Though there are four bus routes each cover a differing section of the ward and do not link. This is a key issue which is prevalent from our consultation with residents who have raised this concern throughout our consultation.

The four services are the 43, 47, 47a and the Sherwood Arrow. The 47 and 47a bus route services the south of the proposed ward from Ordsall Park Road south. Whilst the Sherwood Arrow and the 43-bus service serve the north of the ward.

Public transport is accessible in Westfield and Station ward through each of the aforementioned bus routes to Retford Bus Station which then provides transport through the District, County and Region.

Retford Train Station is present in this ward and can be accessed via the Sherwood Arrow or by walking as it is easily accessible across the ward.

SCHOOLS

Early Years Education is provided for the children of the ward at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School and secondary education can be accessed by Retford Oaks Academy. The Elizabethan

Academy in the proposed Hallcroft ward can be accessed through the 47 and 47a buses that run term time.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The suburban nature of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, with electoral equality allowing the elected representative to share their time between ward work, attending East Retford Charter Trustees' meetings and their responsibilities on Bassetlaw District Council.

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

This proposed boundary contains the villages from the former Tuxford and Trent ward and includes Rampton Parish Council. As per Langold and Costhorpe ward, we do not believe it appropriate that one town should be included with villages and parishes where alternatives exist.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The Trent ward is made up of rural villages and Parish Councils.

The proposals have closely considered how best to split the current Tuxford and Trent ward between wards which is necessary to achieve electoral equality. We have chosen to listen to residents who accept there is a separation between the town of Tuxford and the rural communities surrounding the market town.

COMMUNITY

There are a number of village halls and places of worship across the ward providing hubs of activities for the local communities by providing spiritual support. A large part of the ward is rural in nature with farms, cottages, and B&B businesses which bring tourism to the area. There is also the secure Hospital in Rampton.

Other amenities in the ward include various community groups and village pubs.

There is also a rural community of farmers within this ward who can often be overlooked by the local authority when combined with comparatively urban areas.

TRANSPORT

Public transport is a major issue in this area given the limited options due to the rural nature of the proposed ward; councillors would undoubtedly pick this up as a key issue for them to address. However, there is the On Demand bus service in this area provided by Nottinghamshire County Council.

SCHOOLS

The nearest Secondary Schools is in Tuxford which are accessible by buses that run term time.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The rurality of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, with electoral equality allowing the elected representative to share their time between ward work, attending parish councils and their responsibilities on Bassetlaw District Council.

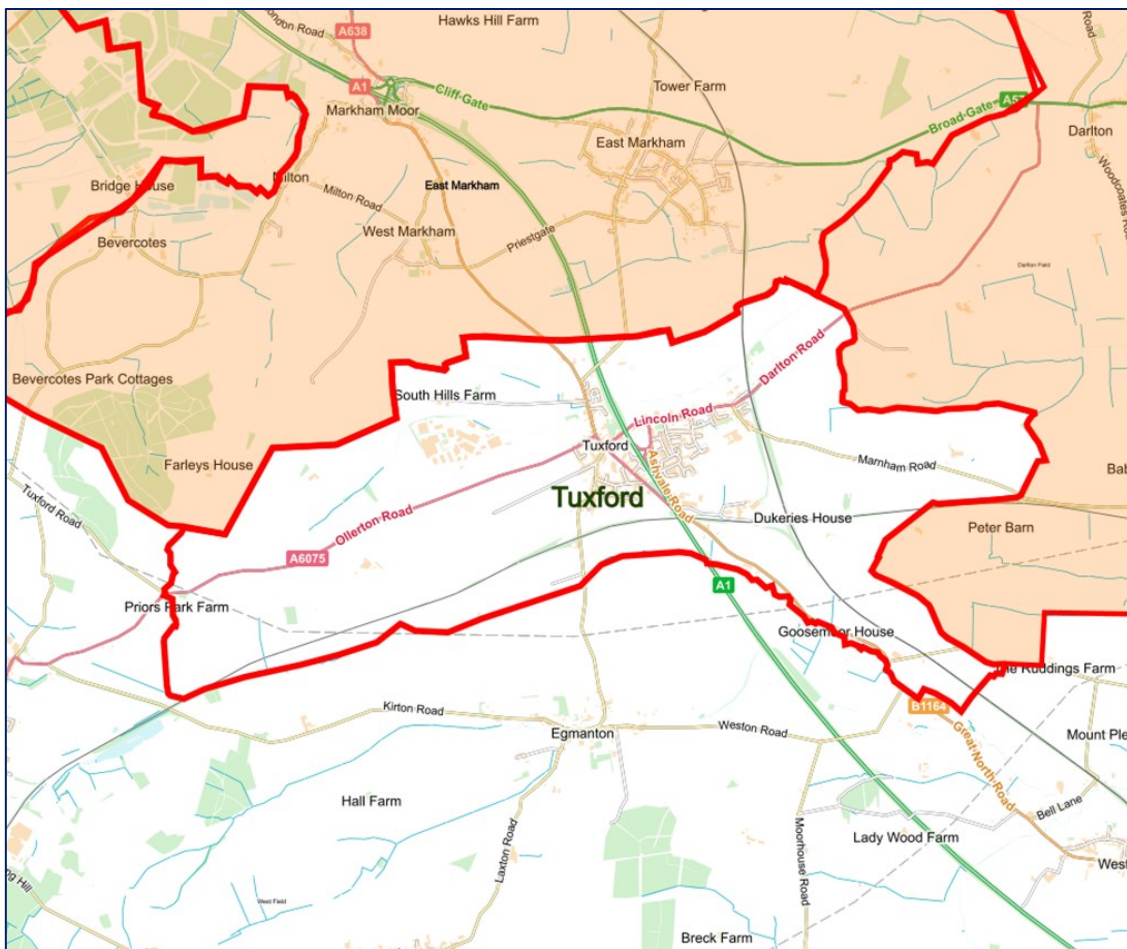
TUXFORD

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – TUXFORD AND TRENT

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 2,200
VARIANT – +9%

Tuxford is currently in the two member of Tuxford and Trent. We propose creating two separate wards for the town of Tuxford and for the surrounding villages.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

The proposed boundary contains the market town of Tuxford. The town of Tuxford had a strong community with shared public services across the town.

WARD OVERVIEW

The Tuxford ward shares the boundary of Tuxford Town Council and includes the town of Tuxford.

The proposed ward will include schools, community spaces, parks, a banking hub, and natural beauty spots like ponds and wooded areas that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy picnics, dog walks or outdoor exercise or games.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The Tuxford ward is on the A1 and is in the Southeast of Bassetlaw District Council.

COMMUNITY

Tuxford town is served by St. Nicholas Church for worship across the ward providing hubs of activities for the local communities by providing spiritual support; there is also a new Banking Hub in Tuxford which will be used by residents across the proposed ward for a range of services.

Other amenities in the ward include various voluntary groups, community groups, shops and pub. Tuxford also has its own GP surgery.

There is also a rural community of farmers within this ward who can often be overlooked by the local authority when combined with comparatively urban areas.

TRANSPORT

Public transport is a major issue in this area given the limited options due to the rural nature of the proposed ward; councillors would undoubtedly pick this up as a key issue for them to address. The A1 through the town is a major local issue with noise and pollution.

SCHOOLS

Early Years Education is provided for the children of the ward at Tuxford Primary School, with Tuxford Academy providing secondary education.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The single member ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, with electoral equality allowing the elected representative to share their time between ward work, attending parish councils and their responsibilities on Bassetlaw District Council.

WALKERINGHAM

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – BECKINGHAM, EVERTON AND CLAYWORTH

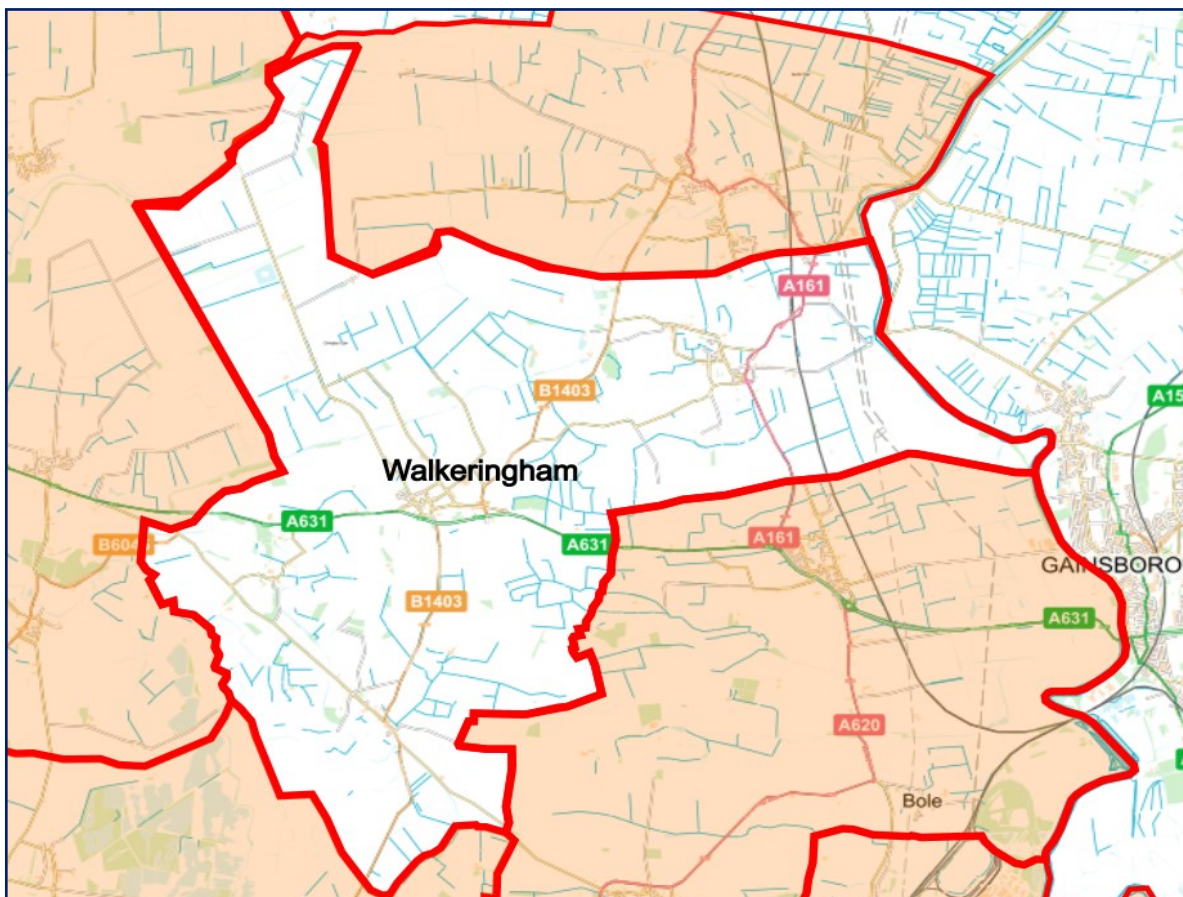
COUNCILLORS - ONE

ELECTORATE – 2,034%

VARIANT – +1%

Currently, the proposed Walkeringham ward are parts of the current Beckingham, Everton and Clayworth wards. The proposed new ward will be represented by one councillor.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

This proposed boundary contains the Parishes of Walkeringham, Gringley-on-the-Hill and Clayworth. Due to the electoral numbers of the current Beckingham ward, we have had to move Walkeringham out of the ward in order to achieve electoral equality. This alternative was to split Beckingham and Saundby Parish Council, which we oppose as we do not want to break up those strong community links.

These proposed boundary changes will bridge communities that have strong links together. Clayworth, Gringley-on-the-Hill and Walkeringham are connected via the 597 bus service and are in very close proximity to one another.

The new ward also shares a number of public services including Riverside Gringley GP surgery, Primary and Secondary School catchment areas without splitting them.

The proposal for this rural ward allows for the proposed Beckingham ward to take in the entirety of Beckingham and Saundby Parish Council.

WARD OVERVIEW

The Walkeringham ward is a collection of small villages on the A631 corridor between Gainsborough and Bawtry.

The proposed ward will include schools, community spaces, parks, a post office, farms and natural beauty spots such as Walkeringham Nature Reserve areas that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy picnics, dog walks or outdoor exercise or games.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The area is on the A631 corridor with the four villages using Gainsborough as its closest commercial center.

Walkeringham ward's southern border is with the Claborough and Beckingham wards, with the western border connecting them with the Everton ward, the eastern border is with Lincolnshire and the town of Gainsborough.

We have chosen to listen to residents who consider Gringley-on-the-Hill to be the central village for these communities, providing the local services such as the GP surgery as well as the popular Community Centre.

COMMUNITY

There are three places of worship across the ward providing hubs of activities for the local communities by providing spiritual support; there is also a Community Centre in Gringley-on-the-Hill which is used by residents across the proposed ward for a range of services. A large part of the ward is rural in nature with farms, cottages, and B&B businesses which bring tourism to the area.

Other amenities in the ward include various community groups, Walkeringham Nature Reserve and rural pubs.

There is also a rural community of farmers within this ward who can often be overlooked by the local authority when combined with comparatively urban areas.

TRANSPORT

The main bus route through the ward that connects to other areas of the District is the number 597 which links Clayworth, Gringley-on-the-Hill and Walkeringham.

Public transport is a major issue in this area given the limited options due to the rural nature of the proposed ward; councillors would undoubtedly pick this up as a key issue for them to address.

SCHOOLS

Early Years Education is provided for the children of the ward at Walkeringham Primary School. The nearest Secondary Schools are in Retford which are accessible by buses that run term time.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The rurality of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, with electoral equality allowing the elected representative to share their time between ward work, attending parish councils and their responsibilities on Bassetlaw District Council.

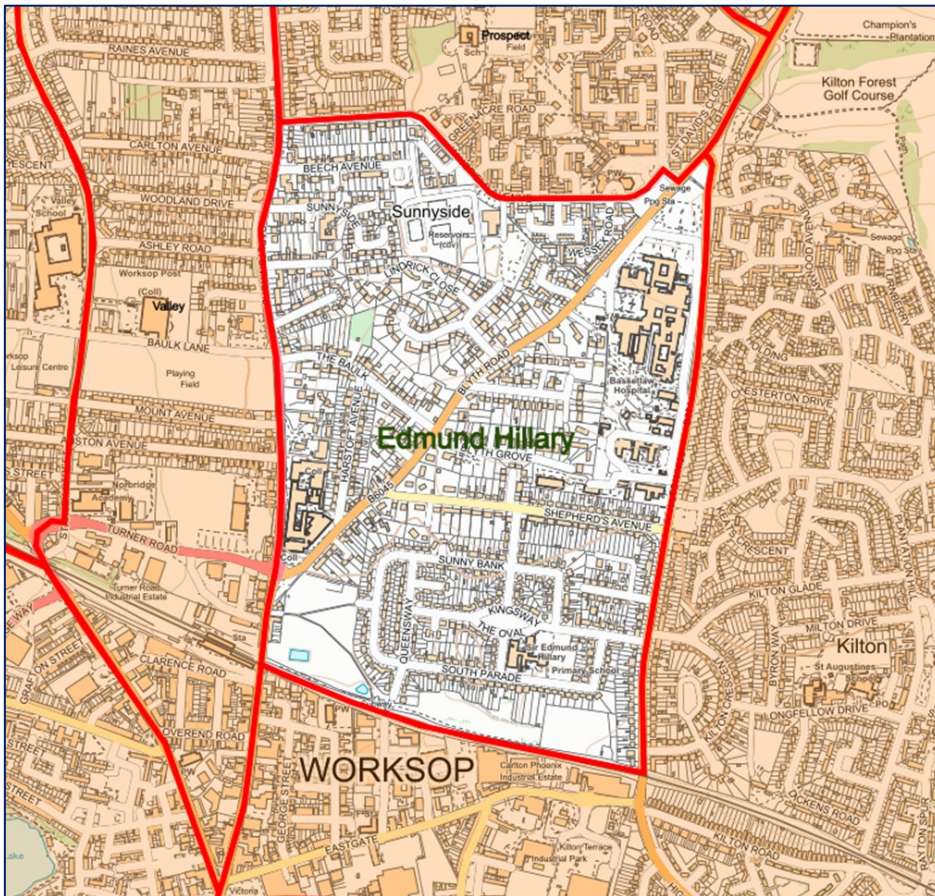
WORKSOP EDMUND HILLARY

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – WORKSOP NORTH-EAST AND WORKSOP EAST

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 1,818
VARIANT – -10%

The Worksop Edmund Hillary ward is a combination of the current Worksop North-east and Worksop North wards.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

WARD OVERVIEW

The proposed electorate for the Worksop Edmund Hillary ward would be 1,818. The electorate variance would be -10%.

The proposed ward would take in “Sunnyside” from the current Worksop North-East ward and the South Parade/Sunny Bank Estate off Shepherds Avenue from the current Worksop East ward.

Bassetlaw Hospital will be included within the proposed ward.

IDENTIFIABLE BOUNDARIES

The boundary for the ward is natural and defining, following the A60 in west, following the railway line in the south, and following Kilton Hill in the east, with Blyth Road and Kilton Hill meeting in the north, before the boundary to the north meets the proposed Prospect ward.

TRANSPORT LINKS

There are good transport links across the ward. The A60, Blyth Road, Shepherds Avenue and Kilton Hill are all major roads that surround the ward and in the case of Shepherds Avenue, pass through the ward to provide a clear east-west link. Public transport links include the 22 and 108 bus service. Footpaths exist across the proposed ward. There is a footpath that takes you between Carlton Road and South Parade / Sunny Bank as well as a longer footpath that sits between Carlton Road and Queensway – which itself leads towards the “Sandies” field to the south of the ward.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

As is the case across Worksop, there is not a resident's association which represents this area – preferring to use Worksop-wide Facebook Groups etc.

FACILITIES

This proposed ward does reflect where local people go to utilise local services. The entirety of the ward reflects the Sir Edmund Hillary Academy catchment area, providing a clear local service which everybody in the proposed ward would affiliate themselves with. The Kilton Hill One Stop – opposite Shepherds Avenue is where residents would go to shop and in the future, with the proposed Lidl which has been submitted to Bassetlaw District Council at the site just south of North Notts College, residents would shop at the Lidl. The Sandies provide a joint field in which children from across the ward gravitate towards, whilst Mr Straw’s House is a tourist destination advertised by the National Trust. North Notts College, Bassetlaw Hospital, Beech Care Home and Ashley Care Home provide clear shared facilities.

INTERESTS

There are clear shared issues for the proposed ward.

As previously referenced, there is a proposed development opposite North Notts College for a Lidl. Considering the connections to the site from South Parade / Sunny Bank in addition to it being across from the College and the traffic concerns this will bring – this development and any future concerns regarding the site will be of a concern for the community. The shared concern regarding issues relating to Sir Edmund Hillary Academy also bind the ward together. Parking relating to North Notts College and Bassetlaw Hospital bind the community together. Parking on residential roads such as the Baulk, Blyth Road, and Kilton Hill present difficulties.

As it stands stand, under the current ward boundaries, Sunnyside is separate from both Thievesdale and Prospect which dominate the current proposed ward. The lack of shared community facilities such a primary school cement this fact. Likewise, the South Parade / Sunnybank area is separate from the current ward boundaries by Kilton Hill, which serves as a barrier to the rest of the ward. It makes sense, therefore, to have Sunnyside and South Parade/Sunny Bank to share a ward.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The proposed Worksop Edmund Hillary would provide good electoral equality, reflect community interests and identities, have good easily identifiable boundaries, and would help the Council deliver effective and convenient local government.

The proposed electorate for the Worksop Edmund Hillary ward would be 1,818. The electorate variance would be -10%.

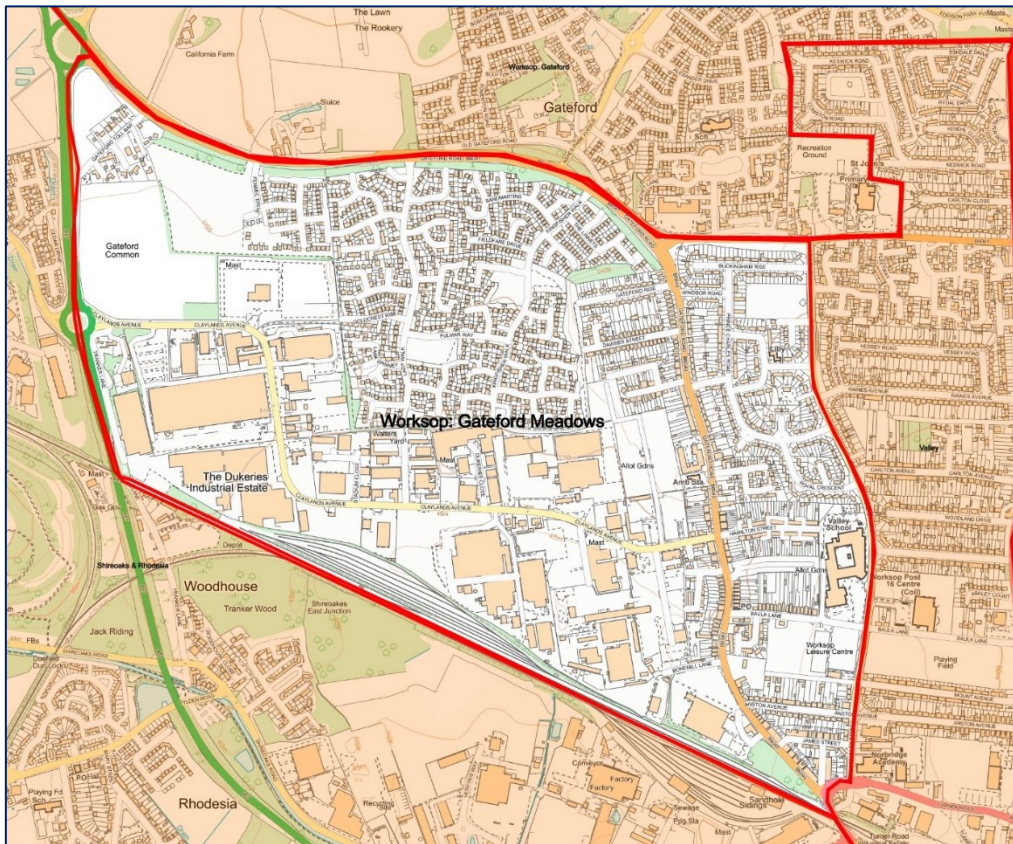
WORKSOP GATEFORD MEADOWS

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – WORKSOP NORTH/WORKSOP NORTH-WEST

COUNCILLORS - TWO
ELECTORATE – 3,947
VARIANT – -2.5%

The proposed ward would take in Gateford Meadows, alongside Claylands and the roads immediately off Gateford Road.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

IDENTIFIABLE BOUNDARIES

The boundary for the ward is natural and defining. The ward boundary to the west is the current Shireoaks Parish Area, whilst Gateford Road forms a northern boundary until it meets Raymouth Lane which then follows the northern boundary of the proposed ward. Valley Road serves as an eastern boundary until it meets Gateford Road and the trainline in the south, where that then serves as the southern boundary.

TRANSPORT LINKS

There are good transport links across the ward. Gateford Road, Valley Road and Raymouth Lane all provide good transport links around the ward. Through the ward is also Gateford Road which allows for good connects throughout the ward. Prince Charles Road serves as a good connector for residents of the ward. The number 19 and 7 buses connect through the ward, again providing good transport links.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

As is the case across Worksop, there is not a resident's association which represents this area – preferring to use Worksop-wide Facebook Groups etc.

There are however, groups that utilise the Balmoral Library, Leisure Centre, the Young People's Centre.

FACILITIES

This proposed ward does reflect where local people go to utilise local services. Claylands is a major employer which residents work at. Balmoral Library, the Leisure Centre, the Young People's Centre, Jubilee Court Nursing Home, Outwood Academy Valley, the and the Valley Road Play Area as well as shops down Gateford Road are all utilised in various capacities by residents.

The catchment area for Redlands Primary and Nursery encompass the entirety of the proposed ward.

INTERESTS

There are clear shared issues for the proposed ward.

The Claylands Industrial Estate will provide casework for councillors in the form of anti-social behaviour on issue such as motorbikes or indeed speeding. Gateford Road and Valley Road likewise provide issues on this front, with matters of parking on these roads impacting everyone within the

ward. Planning considerations, in particular on the Gateford Birds Estate proper will require focus from councillors.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The proposed Worksop Gateford Meadows ward would provide good electoral equality, reflect community interests and identities, have good easily identifiable boundaries, and would help the Council deliver effective and convenient local government.

Creating this ward will allow the residents of Gateford Water Meadows to have a distinctive voice, compared to the newer estates being built in Gateford.

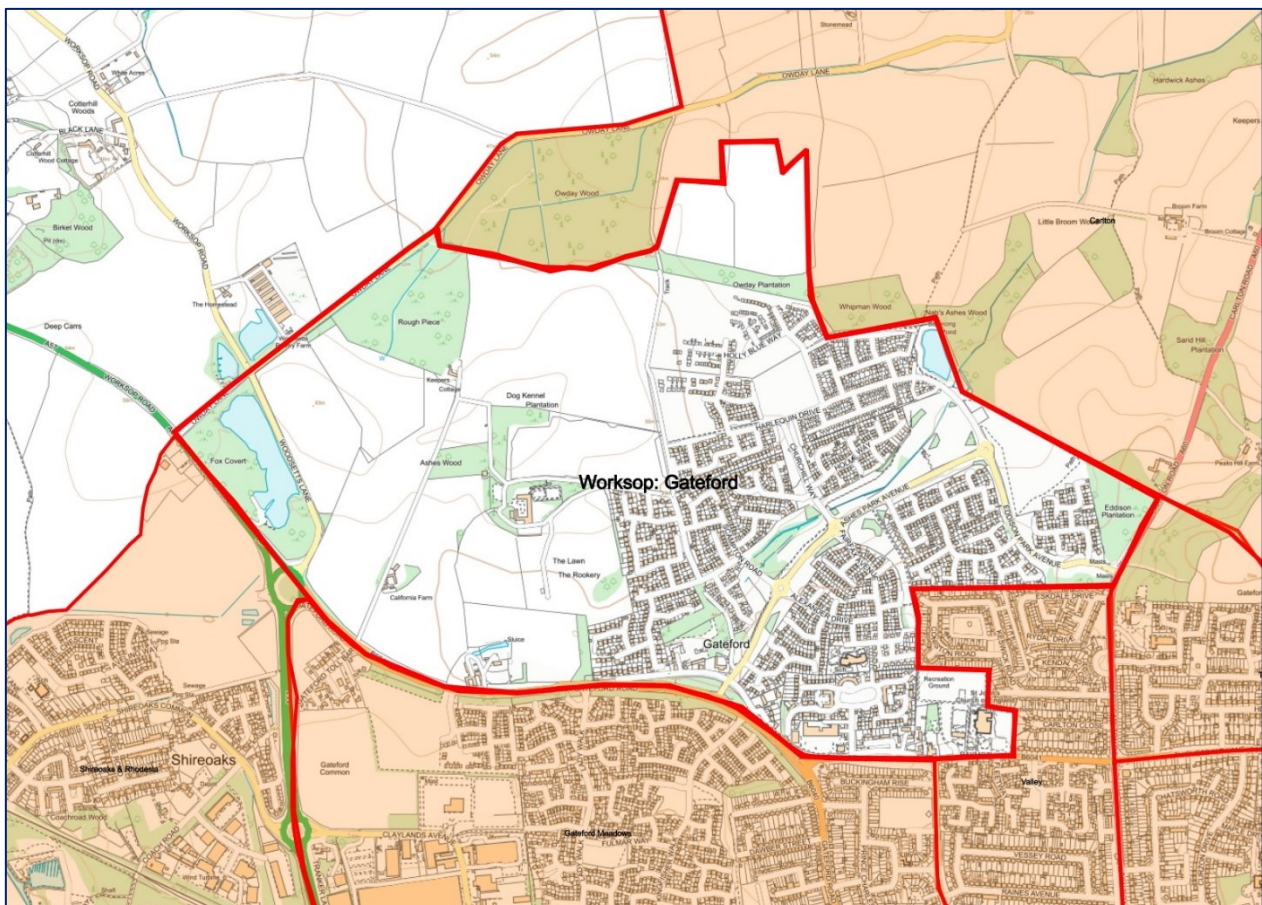
WORKSOP GATEFORD NORTH

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – WORKSOP NORTH

COUNCILLORS - TWO
ELECTORATE – 3,764
VARIANT – -2%

The proposed ward would take in the entirety of the Gateford Estate including Celtic Point.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

Owing to electorate equality and not wishing a ward to be created in the Valley Road/Carlton Road area south of Raymouth Lane, we opted to separate the Bird Estate from Gateford and instead create a ward that reflects the Gateford community north of Gateford Road. Consideration was brought to determine if it made sense to include the Eskdale Drive roads just off Carlton within this road. However, because these residents look towards Carlton Road rather than Gateford, we determined it would not make sense – in addition to the continued concerns regarding electoral equality.

IDENTIFIABLE BOUNDARIES

The boundary for the ward is natural and defining. Gateford Road and Raymouth Lane separate Gateford from the rest of Worksop. To the north, the boundary with Shireoaks and Rhodesia Parish, Carlton in Lindrick Parish, and South Yorkshire mark a clear identifying boundary.

TRANSPORT LINKS

There are good transport links across the ward. Not only do you have to the clear transport links surrounding the ward, but Ashes Park Avenue flows through the centre of the ward. The 7 bus travels through the ward.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

There is a local Gateford Residents Facebook Group, in addition to the additional homes being built in the ward forming their own distinct communities to address concerns relating to developers. Furthermore, Celtic Point likewise has its own inbuilt community.

FACILITIES

This proposed ward does reflect where local people go to utilise local services. Celtic Point provides the closest area which locals would go shopping. Celtic Point precinct has an ASDA, pub, and corner shop to attend. Furthermore, you have Gateford Park Primary School whose catchment covers the ward. A new school being build will likewise cover the Gateford area.

INTERESTS

There are clear shared issues for the proposed ward.

Planning will remain a continued concern for Gateford ward residents, in addition to anti-social behaviour at Celtic Point, speeding through Ashes Park and school.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The proposed Worksop Gateford North ward would provide good electoral equality, reflect community interests and identities, have good easily identifiable boundaries, and would help the Council deliver effective and convenient local government.

WORKSOP KILTON AND BRACEBRIDGE

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – WORKSOP EAST AND WORKSOP SOUTH

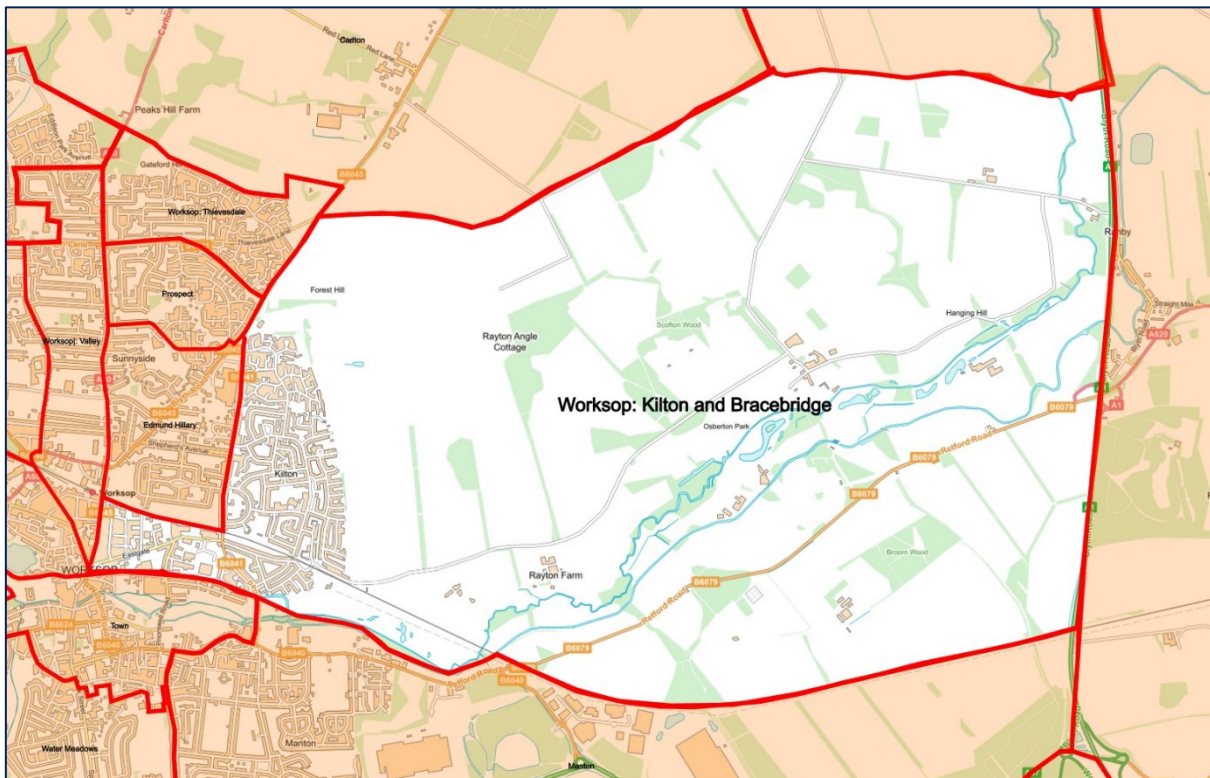
COUNCILLORS - TWO

ELECTORATE – 4,292

VARIANT – +6%

The proposed ward would take in Kilton from the current ward entirety of the Bracebridge estate – which is currently split between different wards, including everything north of the Chesterfield Canal up until reaching Carlton Road.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

IDENTIFIABLE BOUNDARIES

The boundary for the ward is natural and defining, with the existing northern and eastern boundary remaining the same as the existing Worksop East ward, and the southern boundary dominated by the trainline, before following the Chesterfield Canal. The western boundary follows Carlton Road, the trainline, and then Kilton Hill, again, providing a strong and natural boundary. Rather than splitting any estates, we propose to keep the entirety of Bracebridge and Kilton together, recognising the strong links that already exist between the two communities. Bracebridge looks towards Kilton, rather than Manton.

TRANSPORT LINKS

There are good transport links across the ward. Public transport links include the 4 and 4a bus service, which pass through the entirety of the ward including at George Street, through Bracebridge Road itself, as well as through Plantation Hill. Whilst there is a railway line going through the ward and we have generally sought to use the trainline as a natural boundary, in the case of this ward, due to electorate equality, we believed the transport connections that connect Kilton Hill to Kilton Road as well as Rayton Spur and Kilton Road are strong. This itself was recognised at the last boundary review. Kilton Road and East Gate provide strong east-west connections, with Kilton Hill providing strong north-south connections. Throughout the Kilton Estate, Plantation Hill and Larwood Avenue provide further strong connections.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

As is the case across Worksop, there is not a resident's association which represents this area – preferring to use Worksop-wide Facebook Groups etc. However, there is a Kilton's Residents Group on Facebook which it utilised to cover the Kilton area.

FACILITIES

This proposed ward does reflect where local people go to utilise local services. St Augustine's School's catchment covers the entirety of Kilton and Bracebridge, whilst within Kilton and Bracebridge itself there are several facilities utilised by residents including the Larwood Community Centre, GP Practice, and Pharmacy and a playing field in the north of Kilton off Larwood Avenue. On Plantation Hill you have several shops and local businesses including the Co-Op, Post Office and a sandwich shop. Close to Bracebridge you have the Rayton Spar Community Centre run by Bassetlaw District Council and the Bracebridge Lock for the Chesterfield Canal. You also have Morrisons, North Notts Community Area, Kids Zone and other shop units off Kilton Road and East Gate which residents at Kilton will utilise (alongside other residents of Bassetlaw).

INTERESTS

There are clear shared issues for the proposed ward.

Kilton is kept within the ward in its entirety, and our proposal will ensure that Bracebridge is likewise kept within the ward in its entirety. The impact of the Chesterfield Canal will be of importance to Councillors following flooding in Worksop. In Kilton itself the local facilities and groups are best placed to flourish where there are councillors

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The proposed Worksop Kilton and Bracebridge ward would provide good electoral equality, reflect community interests and identities, have good easily identifiable boundaries, and would help the Council deliver effective and convenient local government.

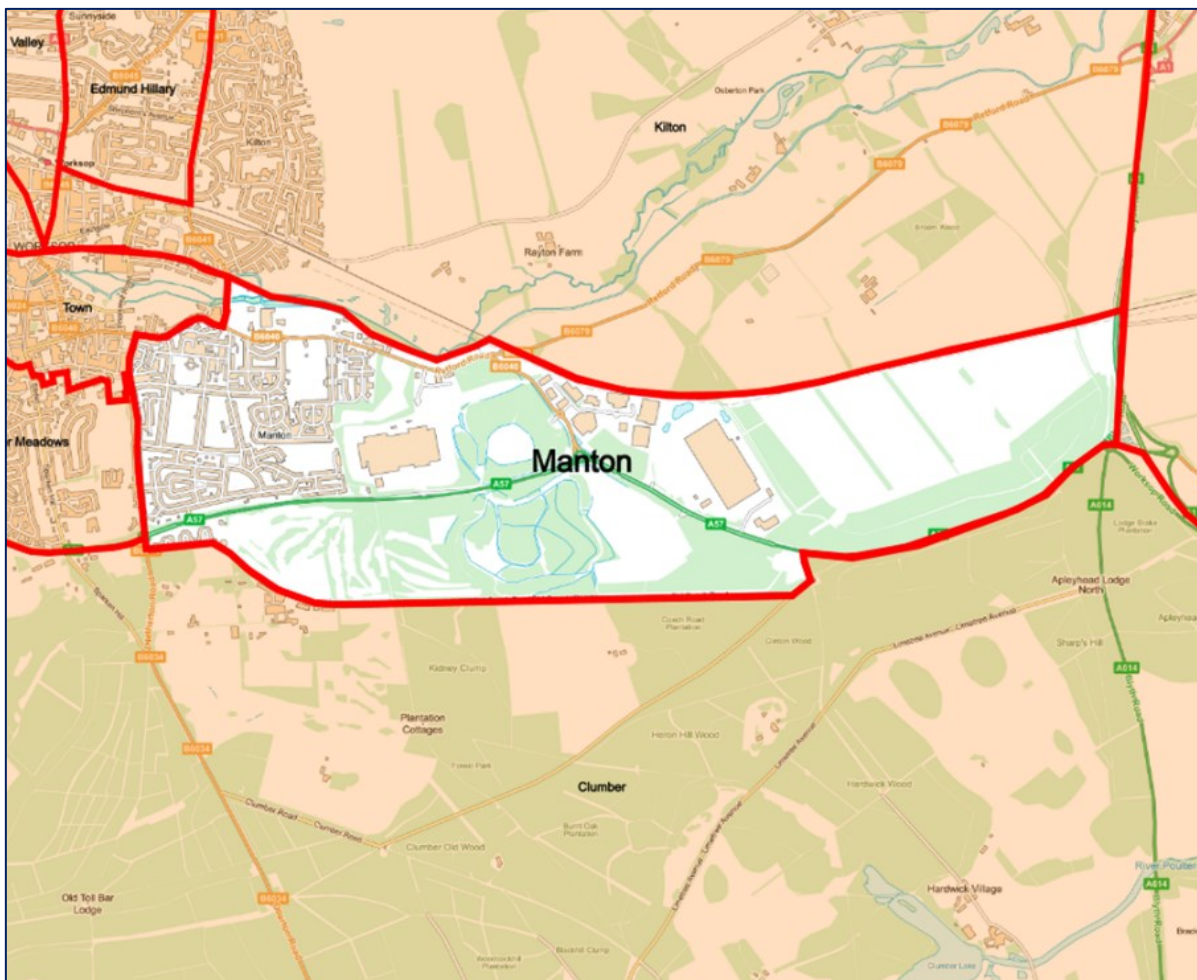
WORKSOP MANTON

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – WORKSOP SOUTH-EAST

COUNCILLORS - TWO
ELECTORATE – 4,059
VARIANT – +1%

The proposed ward would take in the current Manton area in its entirety.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

IDENTIFIABLE BOUNDARIES

The boundary for the ward is natural and defining, the northern boundary follows the Chesterfield Canal and then the trainline. The eastern boundary meets with the A1. The southern boundary follows the A57, before moving further south to include the Worksop Golf Club and the houses off Windmill Lane (which have a footpath across the A57 to the rest of the Manton estate. Netherton Road serves as the western boundary until it meets Lowtown Street, at which point the western boundary meets Cheapside and follows this road until it meets the northern boundary of the Chesterfield Canal.

TRANSPORT LINKS

There are good transport links across the ward. Retford Road, Cheapside and Netherton Road provide clear roads that surround the proposed ward. Within the ward you have major roads such as Clinton Street and St Paul's Road. Public transport links include the 42, 43, 21 and 25X bus service. Footpaths exist across the proposed ward, such as the one connecting the homes off Windmill Lane to the rest of the ward.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

As is the case across Worksop, there is not a resident's association which represents this area – preferring to use Worksop-wide Facebook Groups etc.

There are however, key community groups that have formed including from the Manton Sports facility, and the Manton Children's Centre.

FACILITIES

This proposed ward does reflect where local people go to utilise local services. On Retford Road you have a small local shops such as a One-Stop and Manton Snack Bar. You also have on this road the Dukeries Business Centre, Mencap, a McDonalds, the Manton Sports facility, and the Cemetery. Further to the west you also have gyms and car dealers and employment centres such as Manton Wood. To the south you have the Gold Club and you also have Manton Shop, Manton Pharmacy, the Bassetlaw Foodbank and the Manton's Children's Centre just off Pelham Street and Shewsbury Road. On Talbot Road you have Westwood Care Home.

INTERESTS

There are clear shared issues for the proposed ward.

The shared school catchment will ensure that there a common school which Councillors can refer to. Local issues include anti-social behaviour, planning and other local issues within the Manton Estate with Cheapside and Netherton Road providing a clear boundary and thus effective governance when it comes to these issues. The community of Manton is well developed and having two local councillors dedicated to the ward will provide effective governance.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The proposed Worksop Manton ward would provide good electoral equality, reflect community interests and identities, have good easily identifiable boundaries, and would help the Council deliver effective and convenient local government.

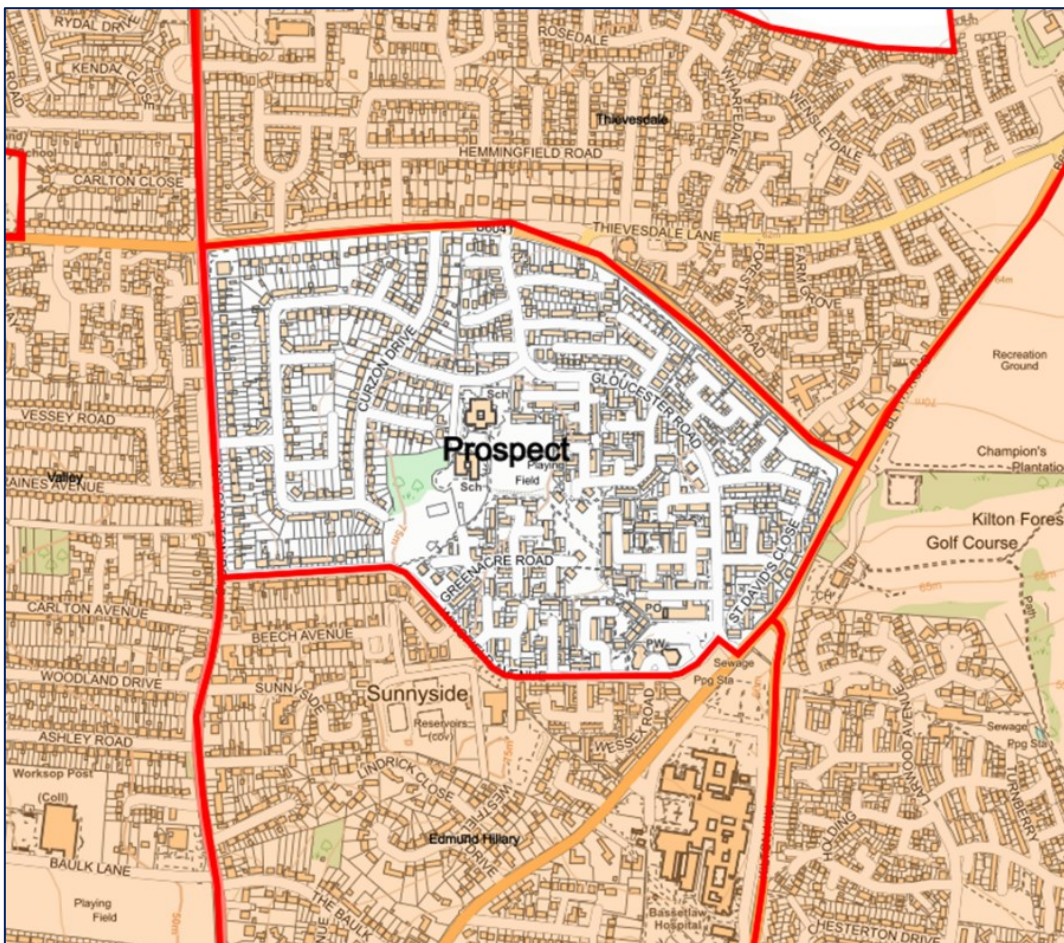
WORKSOP PROSPECT

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – WORKSOP NORTH-EAST

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 2,221
VARIANT – +10%

The proposed electorate for the Worksop Prospect ward would be 2221. The electorate variance would be 10%.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

The proposed ward would take in “Prospect” Estate from the current Worksop North-East ward.

IDENTIFIABLE BOUNDARIES

The boundary for the ward is natural and defining. Thievesdale Lane and Farmers Branch mark the northern boundary, Carlton Road the eastern boundary, Blyth Road the western boundary, and Wingfield Avenue the southern boundary.

TRANSPORT LINKS

There are good transport links across the ward. Alongside the natural road layout surrounding the ward, Gloucester Road serves as a direct link between Thievesdale Lane and Blyth Road to the Prospect Shopping precinct. Public transport links include the 21, 22, 42 and 43 which pass through the ward at Gloucester Road. Through the ward there are multiple footpaths that direct you through the ward. As an example, is a footpath directly taking you from the Prospect Play Area through to Curzon Drive.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

As is the case across Worksop, there is not a resident's association which represents this area – preferring to use Worksop-wide Facebook Groups etc. Within the Prospect ward however, there is the Monmouth Court Housing Association development.

However, there is a private “Prospect neighbourhood group” On Facebook consisting of 851 members where residents post about goings on in the local area.

FACILITIES

This proposed ward does reflect where local people go to utilise local services. The entirety of the ward reflects the Prospect Hill School (both infant, nursery and junior) catchment area, providing a clear local service which everybody in the proposed ward would affiliate themselves with. This also results in everybody being within the Outwood Academy Valley catchment. The Prospect Precinct shopping area is where residents go. This has a local Sainsbury's, a Pharmacy and local businesses such as a fish and chop shop. The Prospect Playing Area provides a joint field in which children from across the ward gravitate towards, whilst St Joesph's Church and the St Joseph's Parish Centre also provide useful hubs across the ward.

INTERESTS

There are clear shared issues for the proposed ward including anti-social behaviour and parking issues being the estates main concerns.

CONCLUSION

The proposed Worksop Prospect would provide good electoral equality, reflect community interests and identities, have good easily identifiable boundaries, and would help the Council deliver effective and convenient local government.

WORKSOP SHIREOAKS AND RHODESIA

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – WORKSOP NORTH-WEST

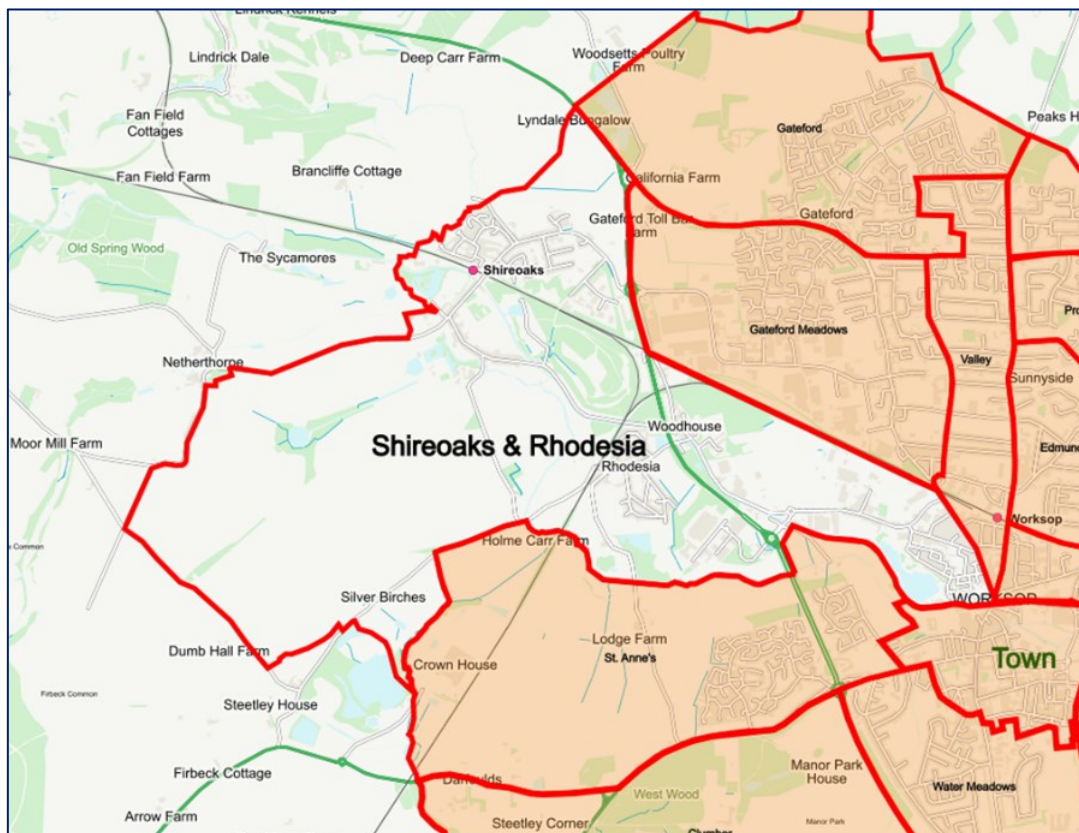
COUNCILLORS - TWO

ELECTORATE – 3,741

VARIANT – -7.5%

The new Shireoaks and Rhodesia ward connects the new semi-rural communities on the outskirts of Worksop, creating a two member ward.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

The proposed boundary contains the Parishes of Shireoaks and Rhodesia, and the ward includes the Sandy Lane Residential and Industrial Estate. The ward reflects the desires of residents to be represented by a ward which is more homogenous and does not have conflicting interests between different communities which have little in common given the contrast between the more rural and urban communities.

The alternative considered to this proposal was an independent Shireokas and Rhodesia consisting solely of their respective Parishes, however electoral variance was out of scope.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The Shireoaks and Rhodesia Ward's Western and Northern boundary will follow the existing District Boundary of Rotherham Council, and will utilize the A57 and the railway at the border between the new ward and the Gateford Meadows ward. To the South the ward will utilize the existing ward boundary Rhodesia and Shireoaks as well as the Chesterfield Canal which separate the Sandy Lane residential estate from the town centre.

COMMUNITY

The ward, although spread out, does utilize centralized services within the ward; the retail centres provided by ASDA and Sainsbury are located in the middle of the ward and are easily accessible to all residents within the ward.

The ward also contains many shared community assets such as Shireokas Pit Top, which is the main open and public green space within the Community, in addition to this the ward is also home to the Worksop Town Football Club Pitch and Cricket Field all located on the Sandy Lane Industrial Estate.

TRANSPORT

The entire ward is connected and serviced by the No. 7 bus service; this connects the ward to the central Worksop bus station hub, allowing for further onward journeys across the District.

SCHOOLS

The ward shares a number of school connections, such as St. Luke's CofE Primary School, Haggonfields Primary School and Redland Primary School and Nursery; these school's catchment covers proposed new ward boundaries. In addition to the Primary Education connection, all students from within the ward are within the Worksop Valley catchment zone so all residents will attend the same secondary education.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The proposed new arrangements will deliver increased efficiency and allow for more effective representation. This will be delivered through a stronger voice for a community which has often been overlooked due to previous boundaries which included it in the far larger Gateford area.

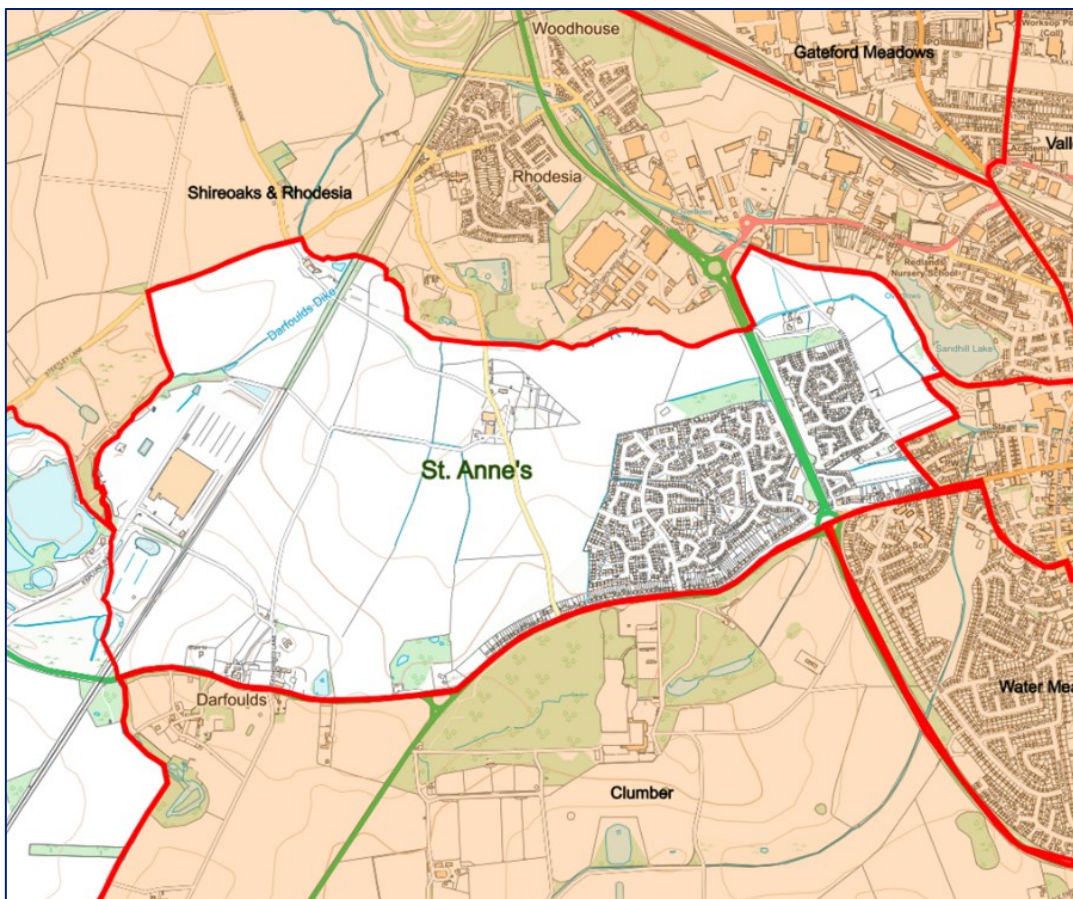
WORKSOP ST. ANNE'S

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – WORKSOP SOUTH

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 2,202
VARIANT – +10%

The St Anne's estate is known as a separate community on the southern border of Worksop with it's own community identity.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

The proposed boundary includes the entirety of the St. Annes residential estate and Stubbing Lane estate. The alternative of maintaining the existing ward boundary was considered but rejected in favour of the new ward due to the greater ability to achieve more effective and efficient representation and following feedback from residents within the ward.

Both estates are within the Worksop South ward, including the Water meadows estate and the town centre. While we considered retaining St Anne's within the Water meadows ward, we decided the best suitable way to ensure electoral equality whilst also reflecting community identity and the interests of local communities would be to create a one-member ward.

St Anne's, separated from the rest of the town centre by the Millhouse roundabout, sees itself as a separate community from the town centre. This makes up the bulk of the ward; however, in the interest of electoral equality, this estate could not manage to be a one-member ward on its own. We, therefore, also opted to include Stubbing Lane. This is separate from the main town centre as its own community and whilst it does associate itself with Newcastle Avenue as a method of service delivery, it is still distinct and looks towards the roundabout at St Anne's as a fellow estate on the outskirts of the town centre and with joint concerns for example regarding the roundabout.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The proposed ward's northern border will be defined by the existing Parish boundary with Shireoaks and Rhodesia Parishes and the River Ryton. The Western border of the Ward will be the existing District Border with Bolsover. The ward's Southern border will be defined by the A619, A60, B62024. The Easter Border of the ward will be defined by the course of the River Ryton and the use of Stubbing Lane as a natural demarcation.

COMMUNITY

The Community has two main assets: the allotment grounds found on both sides of Stubbin Lane and Worksop Rugby Club. With respect to community identity, within St Anne's you have a Starbucks, Petrol station, Subway and a motel. This is a central hub for service activity for those at the St Anne's Estate. Meanwhile, Stubbing Lane looks towards the Millhouse pub within the ward.

ISSUES

The proposed ward shares many of the same concerns, such as anti-social behaviour and, more recently, illegal encampments at the Rugby Club. Planning considerations at the Stubbing Lane estate are of particular concern. The Millhouse roundabout serves as a central issue for both estates.

TRANSPORT

The 209 and 77 bus services service the ward, which connects it to the central Worksop Bus Station.

SCHOOLS

While there are no educational services located directly within the ward, the ward is serviced by the nearby primary school located within the Water meadows ward and at Secondary level by both Valley and Portland Outwood Academies.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

This ward achieves greater efficiency and effective governance because it acknowledges the differences the residents in the ward have compared with the wider town. The A60 and A57 divide the St. Annes's estate from the wider town, which is reflected by the attitude residents within the ward have, as they see themselves as suburb of Worksop rather than as part of the inner town. The Stubbing Lane, enclave is faced with a similar situation and the estate has a natural green buffer which creates a gap between the estate and the town centre.

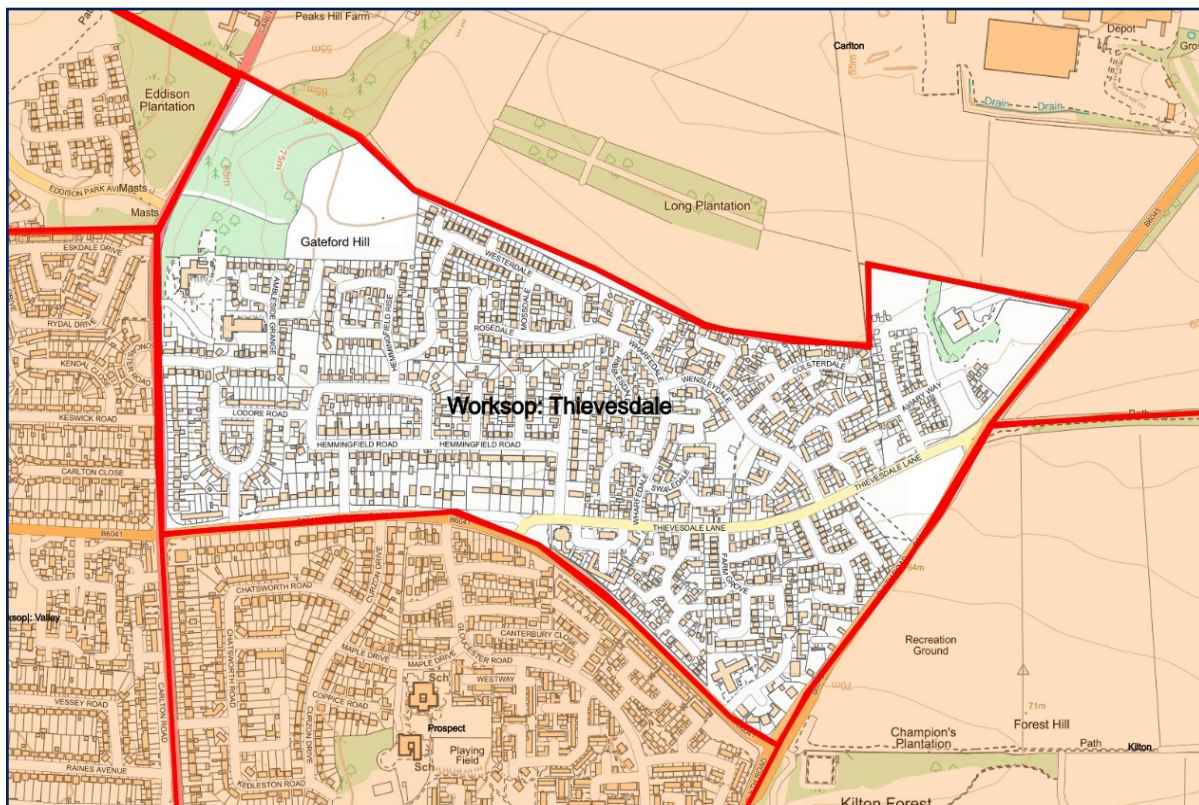
WORKSOP THIEVESDALE

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – WORKSOP NORTH-EAST

COUNCILLORS – ONE
ELECTORATE – 2,165
VARIANT – +7%

The Thievesdale ward is on the very north of Worksop with its own identity and community links.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

Thievesdale Ward has a cohesive community, which is viewed by residents as separate to the other distinct community of Prospect. This proposal aims to separate Thievesdale to ensure that its identity is kept as distinct and protected. These proposed boundaries provide a clear and more natural boundary that reflects the community as it is currently.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

Thievesdale Ward's northern, western and eastern boundary will remain the same as the existing Worksop North-East boundary as Carlton Road and Blyth Road provide a clear natural road boundary and already encompasses the current Thievesdale community. The western boundary will stop at the "Cannon Crossroads" where Raymouth Lane, Carlton Road and Thievesdale Lane meet. The boundary will follow Thievesdale Lane until it becomes Farmers Branch until it meets up with Blyth Road again. Residents would consider everything north of Thievesdale Lane and Farmers Branch as Thievesdale.

COMMUNITY

Thievesdale has two playing areas (Wensleydale Play Area and Thievesdale Field) and a community hub where there is a church (Christ Church), local convenience store (Thievesdale Convenience Store) community centre (Thievesdale Community Centre) and even local businesses including a tanning salon on Thievesdale Close. There is a Business Enterprise Centre and a local care home on Forest Hill Road as well.

Groups have been formed in the local community on local priorities including the "Residents Against Peaks Hill Farm, Thievesdale Development" Facebook Group where the description notes "this is a Facebook Group which has been established by local residents of Thievesdale, Worksop to highlight the impact to residents the proposed plans for development will have." The residents in Thievesdale have a clear and distinct identity separate from the current Worksop North-East ward.

TRANSPORT

The 42 and 43 Bus Services travel through the Thievesdale Ward, connecting the proposed ward from Carlton Road. The proposed ward would be surrounded by clear, distinctive roads such as Carlton Road to the west, Thievesdale Lane and Blyth Road to the west allowing for easy connectivity.

To travel from Ambleside Grange to Blyth Road it will take roughly 3 minutes by car, 23 minutes by walking, and 6 minutes by cycling.

SCHOOLS

The school catchment area for the new Thievesdale ward is the Outwood Valley Academy. There is also a children's play group at Christ Church within the new ward.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The proposed new arrangements will deliver increased efficiency and allow for more effective representation. This will be delivered through a stronger voice for a community which has often been overlooked due to previous boundaries.

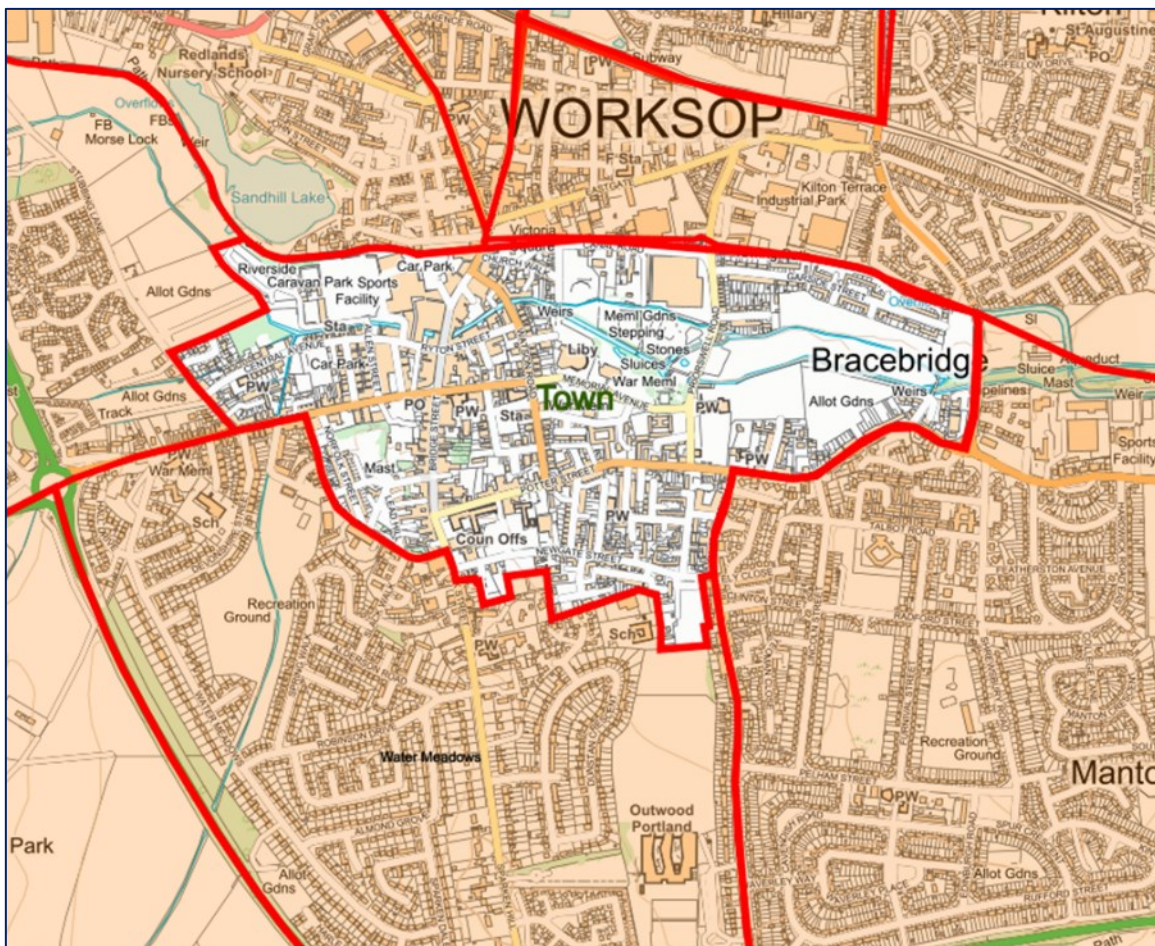
WORKSOP TOWN CENTRE

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – WORKSOP

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 2,019
VARIANT – 0%

The proposed ward would take in the majority of the town centre of Worksop.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

Previously, the town centre has been split between several wards where other communities have dominated. It does not make sense, in our view, to have Manton ward incur into the town centre at the same time as the St Anne's Estate also encroaches into the town centre.

Instead, we have sought to include the town centre as its own ward, reflecting local identities and concerns.

Identifiable Boundaries

The boundary for the ward is natural and defining. The ward boundary in the north is the Chesterfield Canal. To the east, the boundary follows Stubbing Lane and Westgate. In the south, the boundary follows Newgate Street and then follows Cheapside, before linking up with High Hoe Road in the east.

Transport Links

Being the town centre, the transport links are evidently good. Newcastle Avenue, Watson Road and Cheapside all provide good transport links within the ward. The bus station is located within the centre of this ward, providing good links outwards throughout the ward.

Community Groups

As is the case across Worksop, there is not a resident's association which represents this area – preferring to use Worksop-wide Facebook Groups etc.

Community collaboration occurs between residents and businesses. There is a Worksop Business Forum in addition to other local groups who tend to focus in on the town centre. For example, BCVS litter picks at the Canch, meanwhile residents of roads next to the Chesterfield Canal and the River Ryton, such as Priorswell Road and Hardy Street, as a result of flooding, have flood groups and in some cases flood warden status.

Facilities

This proposed ward reflects where local people utilise local services. Owing to the fact it is the town centre with east access, everybody in the ward tends towards the shops on Bridge Street, Newcastle Avenue and Potter Street. In terms of schooling, the catchment area for Sparken Hill Academy and Outwood Academy Valley covers the Worksop Town, providing a joint shared point of collaboration between residents.

Interests

There are clear shared issues for the proposed ward.

Flooding is a major concern owing to the river Ryton flowing through the ward. Anti-social behaviour is likewise a concern within the town centre. Residents throughout the ward have a shared interest in proposed developments occurring within the town centre.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The proposed Worksop Town Centre would provide good electoral equality, reflect community interests and identities, have good easily identifiable boundaries, and would help the Council deliver effective and convenient local government.

WORKSOP VALLEY

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – WORKSOP NORTH

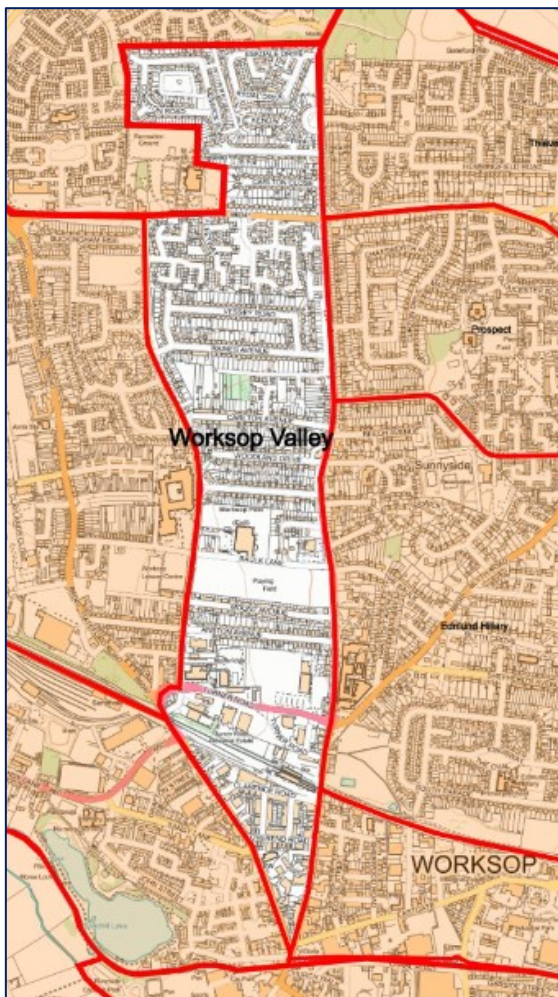
COUNCILLORS - TWO

ELECTORATE – 3,634

VARIANT – -2%

The proposed ward would take in the homes off to the west of Carlton Road, from Eskdale Drive to the junction of Gateford Road and Eastgate.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

Discussion was held whether it was appropriate to include the houses south of the train station within the ward – in addition to the homes north of Raymouth Lane. In the interests of electoral equality, we sought to ensure any ward within the Valley School area was not over nor underrepresented. Considering the north of the ward – Eskdale Drive looks more towards Carlton Road than Gateford. And for the houses south of the trainline, we determined that the trainline did not serve as significant barrier to the already existing links north of the trainline including the fact that Clarence Road, Elms Road, already share a County Division with Anston Avenue and Mouth Avenue.

Identifiable Boundaries

The boundary for the ward is natural and defining. The ward follows Carlton Road as it's eastern boundary, with Gateford Road and then Valley Road serving as it's Southern and western boundary respectively. The northern boundary is the southern area of Gateford, and then Raymouth Lane.

Transport Links

There are good transport links across the ward. It goes without saying that Carlton Road, Valley and Gateford are all major roads through the ward and see bus routes and significant traffic. Throughout the ward, you have roads such as Raymouth Lane, Rains Park Road, Mouth Avenue and Overend Road providing strong east-west links.

Community Groups

As is the case across Worksop, there is not a resident's association which represents this area – preferring to use Worksop-wide Facebook Groups etc.

Community collaboration occur within the ward on a smaller basis. As an example, those on Eskdale Drive collaborate with one another, the estate south of Raymouth Lane work together, Vessey Road/Raines Avenue collaborate, then Carlton Avenue/Woodland Drive, Mouth Avenue/Anston Avenue, and then those at Overend.

Facilities

This proposed ward reflects where local people utilise local services. Those at Overend Road utilise the shops off Carlton Road such as the Worksop Minimarket and other stores and facilities such as the Station Hotel. Those further north would utilise the Ashley Pub and the local stores on Raines Avenues. Those closest to Raymouth Lane would either use Celtic Point. In terms of schooling, most of the ward utilise Norbridge Academy – which is within the ward. All residents in the ward will attend Outwood Academy Valley. The playing field is included within the ward, as well as

Interests

There are clear shared issues for the proposed ward.

The shared Carlton Road and Valley Road will be a huge connecting factor for the residents of the ward – as the major arterial surrounding the ward and providing a barrier. Planning concerns, anti-social behaviour and school concerns will likewise create shared interests within the ward and allow councillors to provide effective local governance.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The proposed Worksop Valley would provide good electoral equality, reflect community interests and identities, have good easily identifiable boundaries, and would help the Council deliver effective and convenient local government.

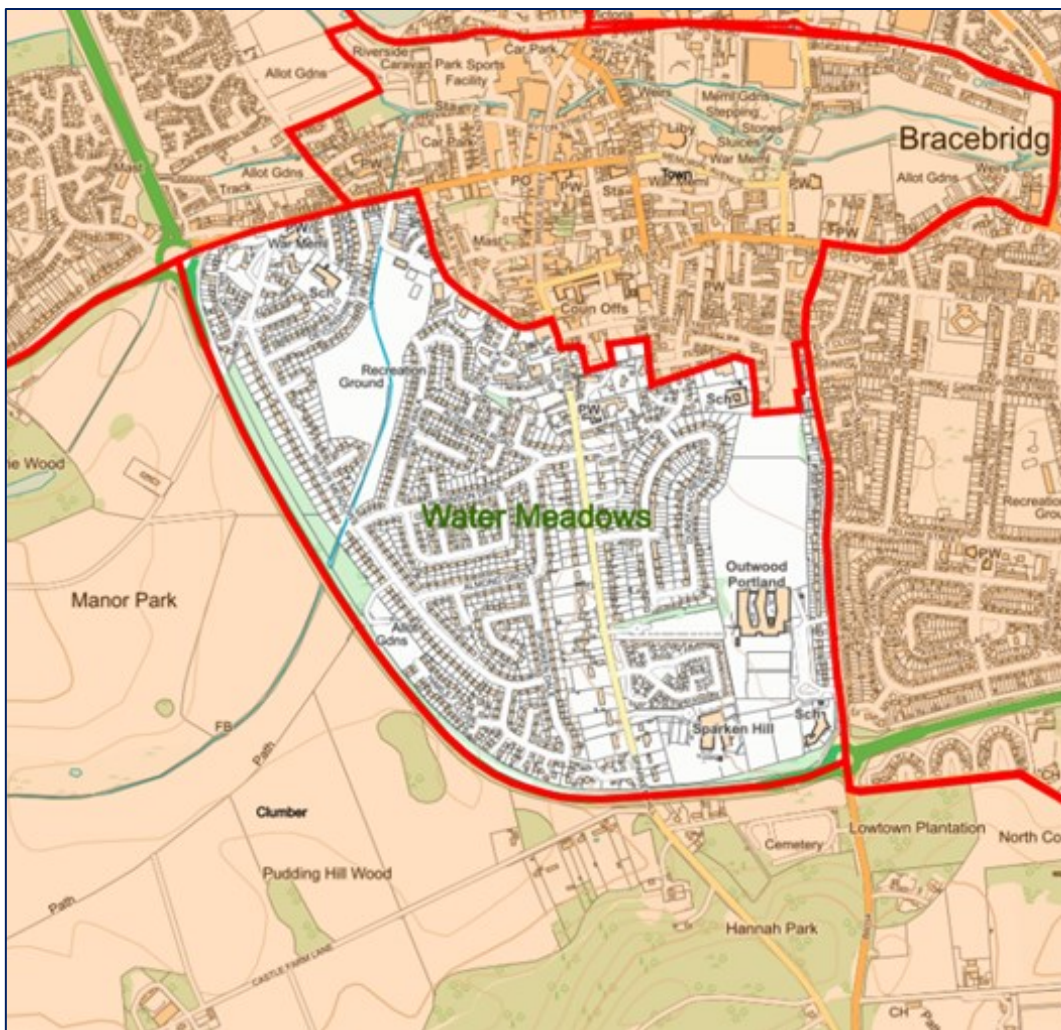
WORKSOP WATER MEADOWS

NEAREST CURRENT WARD – WORKSOP SOUTH

COUNCILLORS - ONE
ELECTORATE – 2,121
VARIANT – +5%

The new Water Meadows ward is a community to the South of Worksop.

PROPOSED WARD MAP



Full size ward maps shown in Appendix 1

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

These proposed boundary changes contain most of the current Beckingham ward including the Parishes of Beckingham, Bole and Saundby. The new Beckingham ward will include the Parish of North Wheatley. This proposal also relinquishes the Walkeringham Parish Council area to the new Walkeringham ward.

However, these proposed boundary changes will bridge communities that have strong links to each other via the A620 which connects all 4 residential areas of the new ward. The new ward also shares a number of public services including GP surgery, Primary and Secondary School catchment areas and are connected via the 95-bus service.

The proposal for this rural ward allows for the proposed Walkeringham ward to take in the entirety of Walkeringham Parish Council.

When proposing this ward there was some discussion about moving Walkeringham out of the ward, but after consulting with residents in the current Beckingham ward, we found little community connections between the current villages in the Beckingham ward, with residents in Walkeringham looking towards Gringley-on-the-Hill for shared community links rather than to the other villages in the current Beckingham ward.

WARD OVERVIEW

The Beckingham ward is a collection of small villages approximately xx miles north-east of Retford and xx miles from Gainsborough.

The proposed ward will include schools, community spaces, parks, a post office, tennis club, farms and natural beauty spots like ponds and wooded areas that provide outdoor spaces for the residents to enjoy picnics, dog walks or outdoor exercise or games.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The area is connected by the A620 with all four villages seeing Gainsborough as its closest commercial center.

Beckingham ward's southern border is with the Leverton ward, with the western border connecting them with the Sutton ward and in the north they are connected to the new Walkeringham ward.

The proposals have closely considered how best to split the current Beckingham ward between wards which is necessary to achieve electoral equality. We have chosen to listen to residents who

consider community connections between North Wheatly and Saundby, to be more important locally than the current connection to Walkeringham.

COMMUNITY

There are four places of worship across the ward providing hubs of activities for the local communities by providing spiritual support; there is also a Post Office in Beckingham which is used by residents across the proposed ward for a range of services. A large part of the ward is rural in nature with farms, cottages, and B&B businesses which bring tourism to the area.

Other amenities in the ward include various children's groups, tennis club and pub.

There is also a rural community of farmers within this ward who can often be overlooked by the local authority when combined with comparatively urban areas.

TRANSPORT

The main bus route through the ward that connects to other areas of the District is the number 95 which links to Retford and Gainsborough – connecting all four villages within the new Beckingham ward.

Public transport is a major issue in this area given the limited options due to the rural nature of the proposed ward; councillors would undoubtedly pick this up as a key issue for them to address.

SCHOOLS

Early Years Education is provided for the children of the ward at Beckingham Primary School. The nearest Secondary Schools are in Retford which are accessible by buses that run term time.

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The rurality of this ward will allow for effective and efficient local governance, with electoral equality allowing the elected representative to share their time between ward work, attending parish councils and their responsibilities on Bassetlaw District Council.

RESPONSE TO THE BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCIL SUBMISSION

Bassetlaw Conservative Association, Newark Conservative Association and the Conservative Group on Bassetlaw District Council formed a working group which reviewed the proposals made by Bassetlaw District Council and would like to use this opportunity to respond to each of their proposed wards.

The Council's proposal came out of a cross-party working group consisting of one Conservative Councillor, One Independent Councillor and three Labour Councillors. It was clear throughout the process that the Labour Councillors were seeking to use the process in a partisan way: prioritising the creation of a minimum number of safe Conservative wards and fewer marginal wards in order to maximise their chances of success at the 2027 elections and beyond, over community cohesion and electoral equality.

The Conservative representative on the cross-party group is supporting the proposals put forward by Bassetlaw Conservatives instead of these one-sided Council proposals.

Additionally, the entire Conservative Group voted against these proposals which are purely representative of the Labour Group and 2 Independents within the Council.

It is clear from the Labour Council submission that they have not properly followed the guidance set out by the Local Government Boundary Commission as they have not prioritised electoral equality, the interests and identities of local communities or effective governance. In particular we are concerned that despite the clear guidelines, the electoral variance ranges from +13.7% to -9.9% with two wards being outside the range without sufficient rationale. We are also concerned that the shapes of many wards fail to keep communities together and fail to follow obvious natural and community lines.

It is our contention that the Labour Councils proposals are a blatant attempt to gerrymander the process for political advantage at the expense of the communities whom they serve. This critique aims to express the views of residents and Councillors and highlight some clear anomalies in the proposals that are causing genuine concern.

BECKINGHAM +9.0%

The proposal in relation to Beckingham only makes small changes to the boundaries but does split Walkeringham Parish Council between the Beckingham and Misterton wards which seems irrational.

The proposal moves Newells Terrace area into Misterton, splitting them from the rest of the Parish. Bassetlaw District Council attempted in the past to move those houses from the Walkeringham Parish Council area into Misterton Parish Council. This proposal however was dropped during the governance review after clear opposition from residents in that area.

We therefore believe the proposal from Bassetlaw District Council to split up Walkeringham Parish Council to be a mistake. Our option protects the boundary of the Parish Council and offers stronger community links.

BLYTH AND LANGOLD +3.2%

Currently the Blyth and Langold wards are two separate one member wards with separate identities, schools, places of worship and communities. The Councils proposals join up the former mining village of Langold to the more historical village of Blyth.

We believe this proposal is just about meeting the electoral variant with Bassetlaw District Council unable to provide any evidence of shared community. There are no bus routes between Langold and Blyth making getting across the proposed new ward via public transport difficult. From Langold to Blyth it is over an hour walk in contrast to our proposed joining of Langold and Costhorpe which is under 15min. There is no shared catchment for schools aside from in Oldcotes. Whilst children in Langold go to Langold Dyscarr – children in Blyth village attend The Primary School of, St Mary & St Martin and Serlby Park in Harworth. Furthermore, Langold has Larwood GP Surgery whilst Blyth has its own separate GP practice not affiliated with Larwood. The Council ignores the natural boundary that the Oldcotes Dyke provides between Langold and Oldcotes and the natural barrier the River Ryton provides between Blyth and Hodsock.

Our proposals see Langold join with the Costhorpe community in Carlton, which is closer to Langold geographically, socially, demographically and have a shared community around both Firbeck Pit and Langold Lake Nature Reserve. It would end the current splitting of Langold Lake Nature Reserve that will continue to occur – despite the Council saying that it would preserve a natural boundary between their Carlton and Langold and Blyth ward. In fact, this proposal would do nothing to address this issue, and again raises the specter of the Council's ignorance of community views in this process.

The Council's proposal also poses the risk of coupling the residents of Blyth Ward with the larger urban centre of Langold which would likely monopolise Councillors attention and workload at the expense of the residents of the Blyth Ward, this would not represent either effective or convenient representation.

It is notable that residents in Blyth oppose merging with Langold based on our conversations – this is not noted by the Council.

CARLTON -9.9%

Whilst the Council assert that the Country Park and Langold Lake provide a strong point of differentiation between Carlton and Langold wards – this is not accurate. Both communities value the lake and utilize it. Under the current ward proposals by the Council, Langold Lake remains divided between five different Councillors. Our view is that by having two Councillors for Langold and Costhorpe, this can provide clear and effective governance over the lake.

Whilst the Council asserts that Costhorpe would not welcome being split from Carlton itself, in the interests of existing community ties (e.g. same educational catchment with Langold, proximity, shared interests, facilities) and residents we have spoken with being in favour of closer working with Langold and for more work to be done at the Lake which feels forgotten.

The community would not welcome being split from Carlton itself.

CLARBOROUGH +1.8%

In the Council's proposed ward the connections between Clayworth and North Wheatley are very few and weak in contrast to our proposed wards.

EAST MARKHAM +13.7%

The East Markham ward proposal from Bassetlaw District Council is 13.7% over variant, this is despite the option of moving the Bothamsall and Haughton Parishes into the Welbeck ward. The Welbeck ward is currently -4.9% under variant and would have provided electoral equality over the two wards, however we believe Labour discarded this option due to party political benefits for them.

EVERTON 0%

We accept that Bassetlaw District Council is suggesting no changes to this ward, however due to the flaws elsewhere in their submission of the rural wards. We believe our alternative

proposal solves our concerns over the other rural wards, but also shows that the current Everton ward has very few community links and we can provide stronger links with the villages of this ward to neighbouring communities.

HARWORTH AND BIRCOTES EAST -6% AND HARWORTH AND BIRCOTES WEST+8.6%

We are addressing these two wards together due to the clear community links already in place. The only change we are proposing to these wards are to more closely align with the boundary of Bircotes to allow for a distinctive separate communities of Harworth and Bircotes to be split into separate two member wards.

Residents of Bircotes are very protective of their community's name and heritage and we hope our proposal respects their wishes and will be accepted by the commission.

LEVERTON +7.3%

The Council's proposed Leverton ward includes Bole, despite strong community connections to Beckingham.

MISTERTON +9.1%

We understand the geographic restraints under this ward and our only concerns are over the splitting of Walkeringham Parish Council as set out in our comments regarding the Beckingham ward. We understand that the current Misterton ward is within variant and therefore see no reason to change this ward and believe our solution to the other rural wards provides better community links, respects geographic boundaries and achieves electoral equality.

RANSKILL +5.8%

The Council's proposal splits Ranskill and Torworth from one another. This presents a flaw as the two have deep rooted and strong historical and current connections and are a short distance away from one another and you can see Ranskill from Torworth. The two villages have strong collaboration with one another.

RETFORD ORDSALL AND STATION +1%

The Council proposal represents almost a complete merger of the current Retford South and Retford West wards, creating a new three member ward. The new ward covers a large area of

Retford and connects communities such as Ordsall North, Ordsall South and the houses around the train station in Retford. There are no community links between Ordsall South and the community near the train station. We believe these proposals do not create communities and seem to be focused on marginalizing the Liberal Democrat vote in the previous Retford West ward.

RETFORD HALLCROFT AND CENTRAL -9.5%

Bassetlaw District Council's proposal for the Retford Hallcroft and Central ward seems to have prioritised electoral equality over linking established communities within Retford. Connecting the separate communities of the Hallcroft Estate with houses off of Hospital Road, and South of North Road including near Retford Oaks. The proposed ward also includes communities within the Town Centre. All three areas have different community links to each other with very few connections between all three geographical locations.

The proposed ward also ignores two geographical boundaries including the River Idle and the railway line. We believe we should respect those geographic boundaries and the lack of clear community links are enough to reject these proposals.

RETFORD THRUMPTON AND SPITAL HILL -2.8%

The Council proposal seem to be attempting to manufacture a ward that includes the separate and independent communities of Little Gringley, New Town, Spital Hill, Thrumpton and White Houses and a proportion of Retford Town Centre.

This ward clearly falls short of the requirements set out by the commission for creating wards that reflects communities and is again focused too much on electoral equality and maximizing Labour's vote share, then it is providing good governance and representation for the separate communities currently be thrown together in this proposal.

RETFORD TILN +3.2%

We accept the logic behind this ward proposal from Bassetlaw District Council, but would suggest the name of Bolham, which is a bigger proportion of the proposed new ward, compared to the current suggestion of Tiln.

SUTTON -6.5%

The railway line serves as a dividing barrier between Barnby Moor and Sutton-cum-Lound.

WELBECK -4.9%

Bassetlaw District Council's proposal for the Welbeck ward provides limited changes to the current ward but does mean the neighbouring ward of East Marham is over variant. We believe that the decision not to include Bothamsall and Houghton Parish Council to be a political decision to maximise the Labour vote share in those wards.

Again the Council has not taken into consideration the views of local Parish Council's such as Norton, Cuckney, Holbeck and Welbeck which have written a submission to include the Parishes of Bothamsall and Houghton because they followed the commissions guidance, we hope Commission will agree with us that local views should be taken into account.

WORKSOP GATEFORD -0.2%

The Council proposal for Gateford whilst under variant has impacts on their proposed Valley Ward which is over variant. The ward crosses Gateford Road, a natural barrier, and represents multiple competing communities.

WORKSOP KILTON -2.5%

The Council proposal removes Shepherds Avenue from their already existing Worksop East ward. Furthermore, it makes no sense to separate the Sunnybank estate from Shepherds Avenue which is the main road through which residents access the estate.

WORKSOP MANTON -6.8%

The Council's proposal crosses over into Bracebridge – an estate on its own and into the town centre – two different communities. Not only that, it crosses already existing natural barriers including the River Ryton and the Chesterfield Canal. Manton can remain a two-member ward whilst retaining its community.

WORKSOP NORTH-EAST -8.1%

Worksop North-East's proposals from Bassetlaw District Council link the communities of Thievesdale Lane, the Prospect Estate, the Baulk area and a proportion of Kilton Hill. Residents in all these areas are very proud to say that live within their separate communities with little or no reference to the current or proposed Worksop North-East ward.

These communities despite being geographically close to one another have very few community connections with completely distinct cultural and political issues. They also differ

demographically and economically, which is self evident from inspection of the recent 2021 census data.

We believe that our option of smaller wards provided these communities with greater representation of their individual needs and issues and in turn provided better governance.

WORKSOP NORTH-WEST +7.8%

The Council's proposal crosses not just Gateford Road, but also Carlton Road which breaches a natural barrier, which in our opinion naturally demarks the existing communities present within the covered area.

In addition, similarly to our concerns with the Blyth and Langold proposal by the Council, the ward would suffer from extremely differing priorities between the rural residents residing in Rhodesia and Shireoaks and those residing in the Town of Worksop. Residents in Shireoaks and Rhodesia have long held that over development has encroached upon their rural identity and the Council's proposal does not address this long held view, but instead entrenches the issue in the name of reaching the required number of electors to make their other unworkable wards fit.

WORKSOP SOUTH +1%

The District Council proposal for a three member ward links together the geographic communities of St Anne's estate, Sparken Hill, Water Meadows estate and a proportion of Worksop Town Centre.

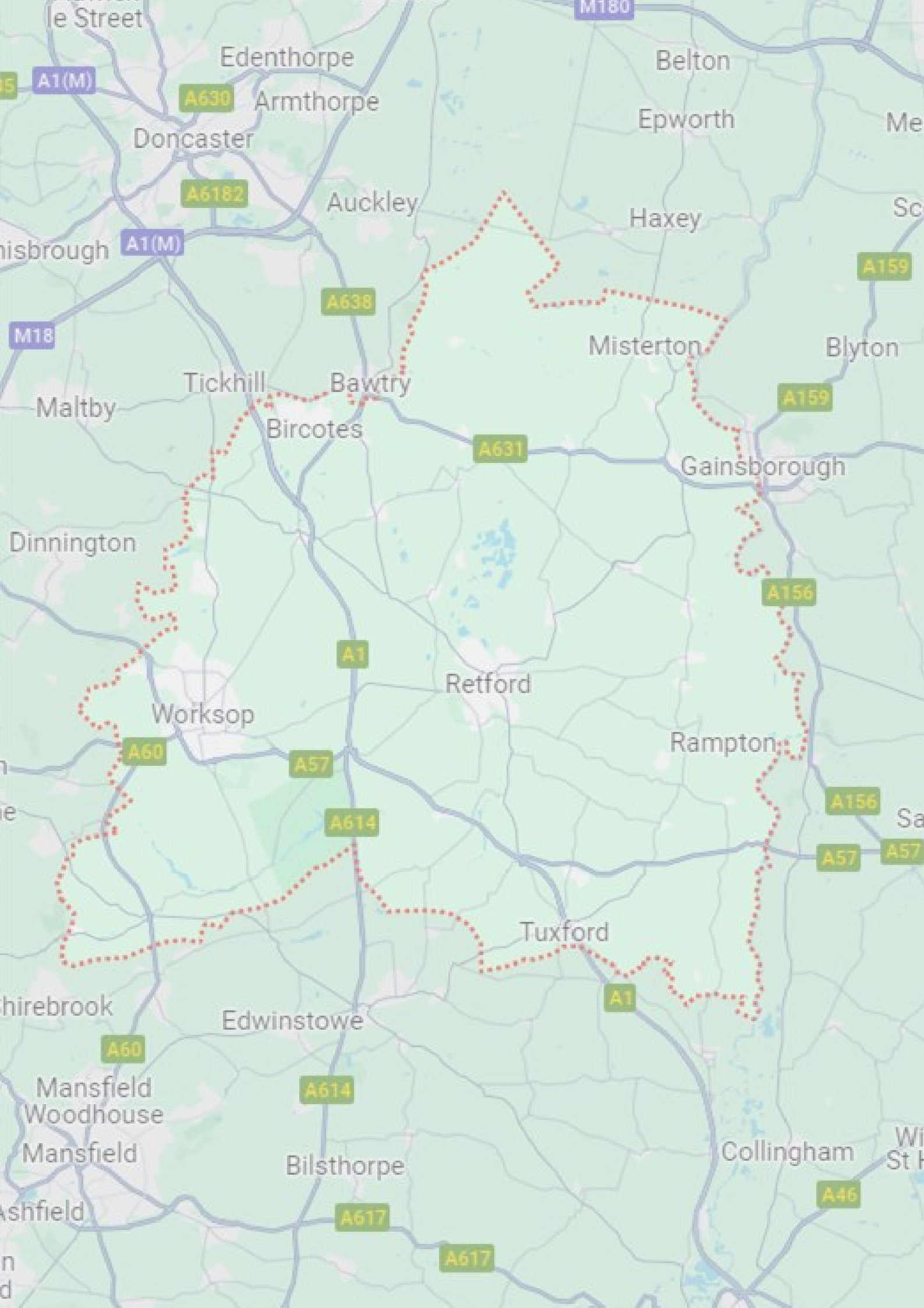
The St Anne's and Water Meadow estates are separate communities that share very few public services and are split via A57 carriageway. We believe that merging these distinctive communities to create a three member ward solely for party political reasons, not only goes against the principles set out by the Boundary Commission but also reduces the ability of these wards to have their own unique voiced heard.

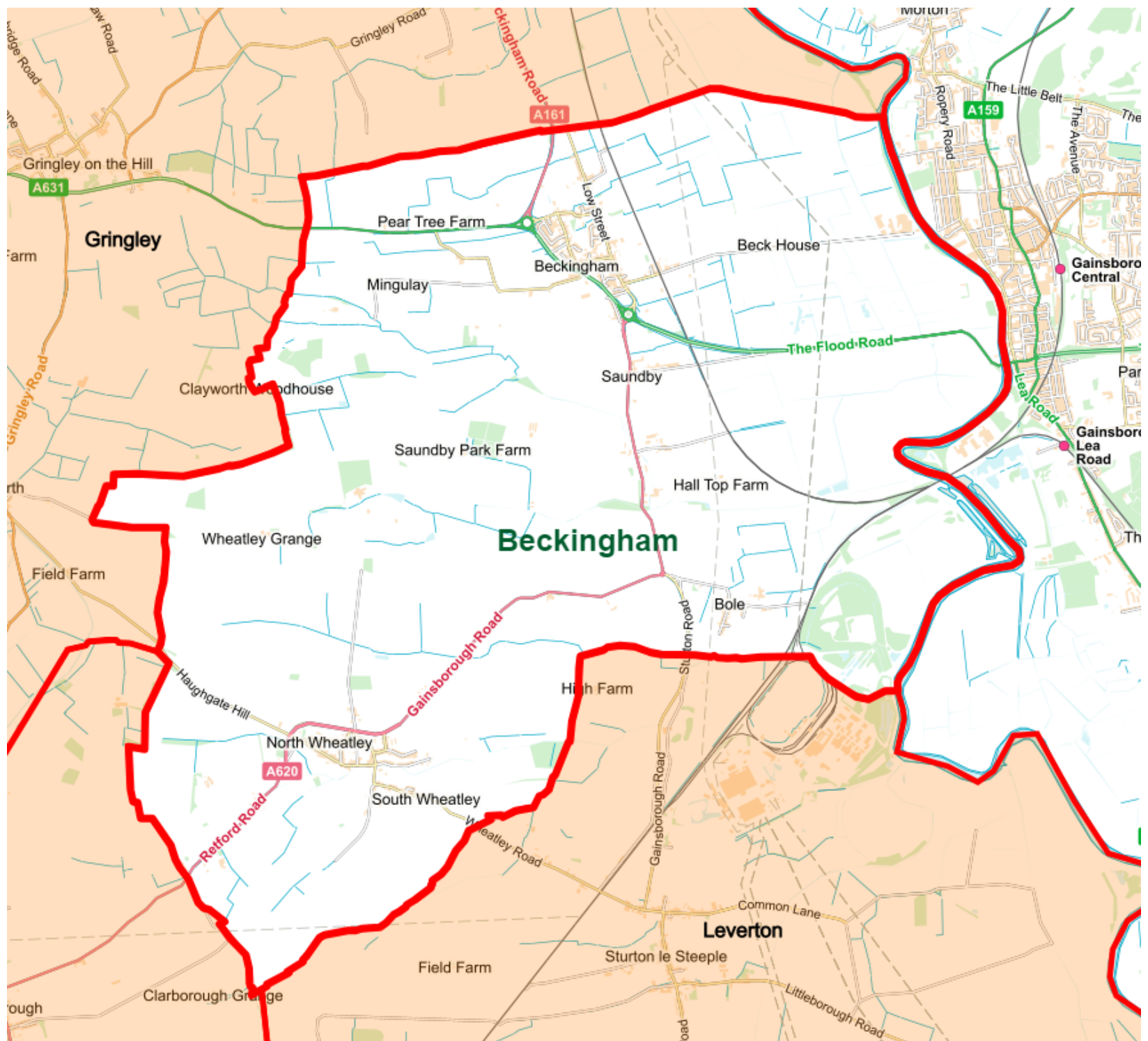
Our proposals are to provide three separate wards allowing for the uniqueness and character of these communities to be prioritised over clear gerrymandering attempt from the Labour Group on Bassetlaw District Council.

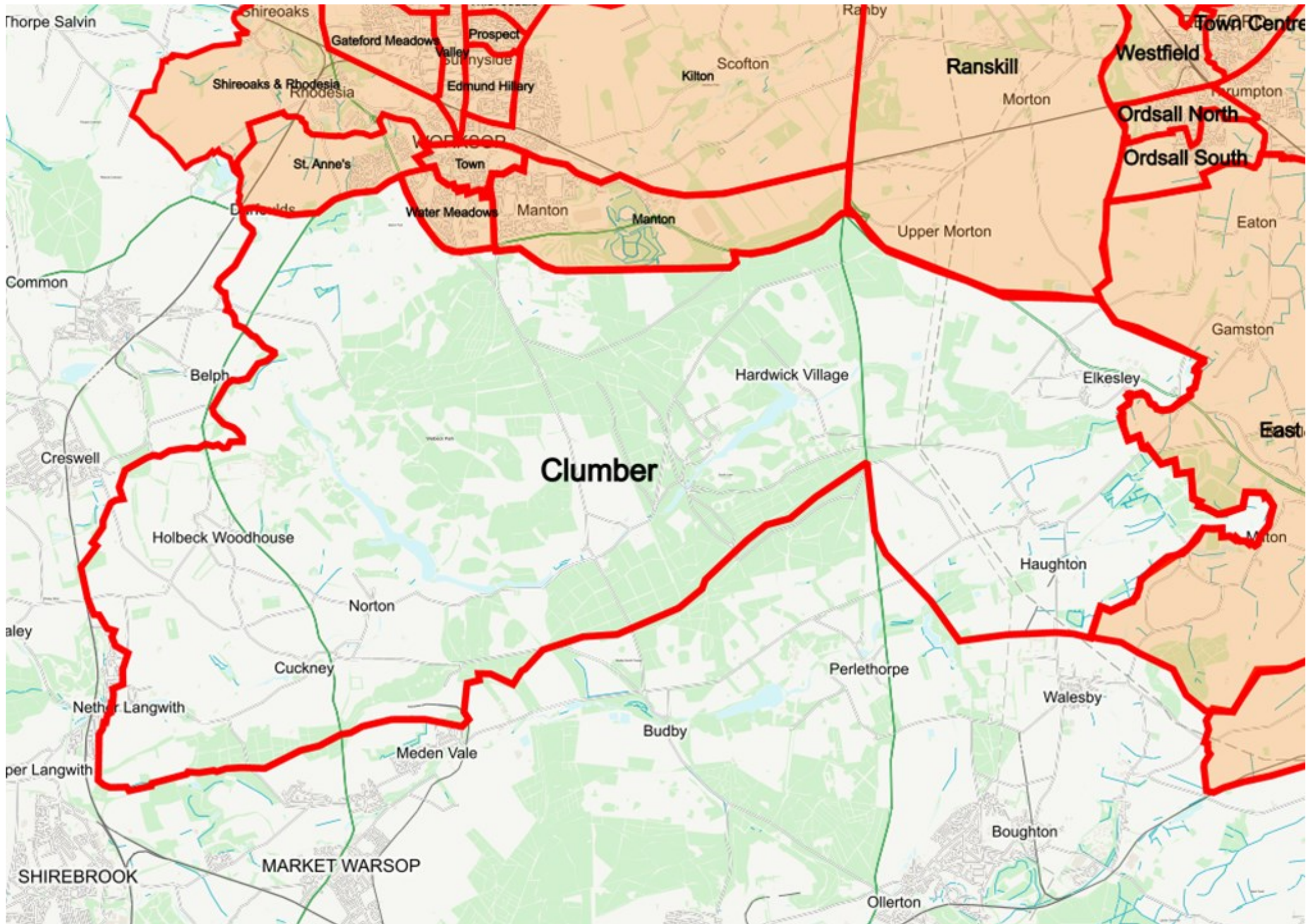
WORKSOP VALLEY +13.2%

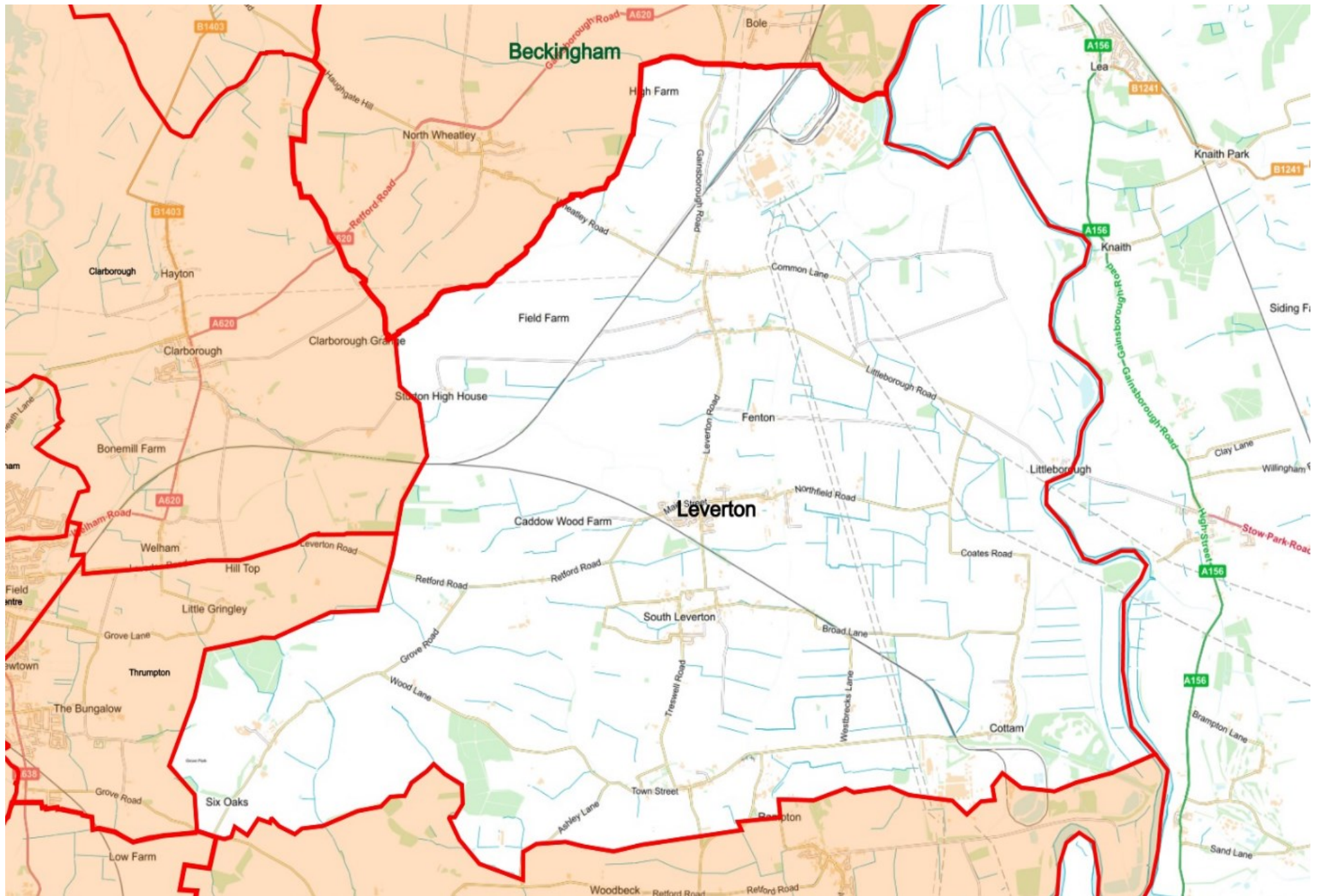
Bassetlaw District Council's proposal for the new two member Worksop Valley ward is 13.2% over variant. This is despite the proposed Worksop Valley ward being geographically central in Worksop Town, giving Bassetlaw District Council the option of moving electors into any of the

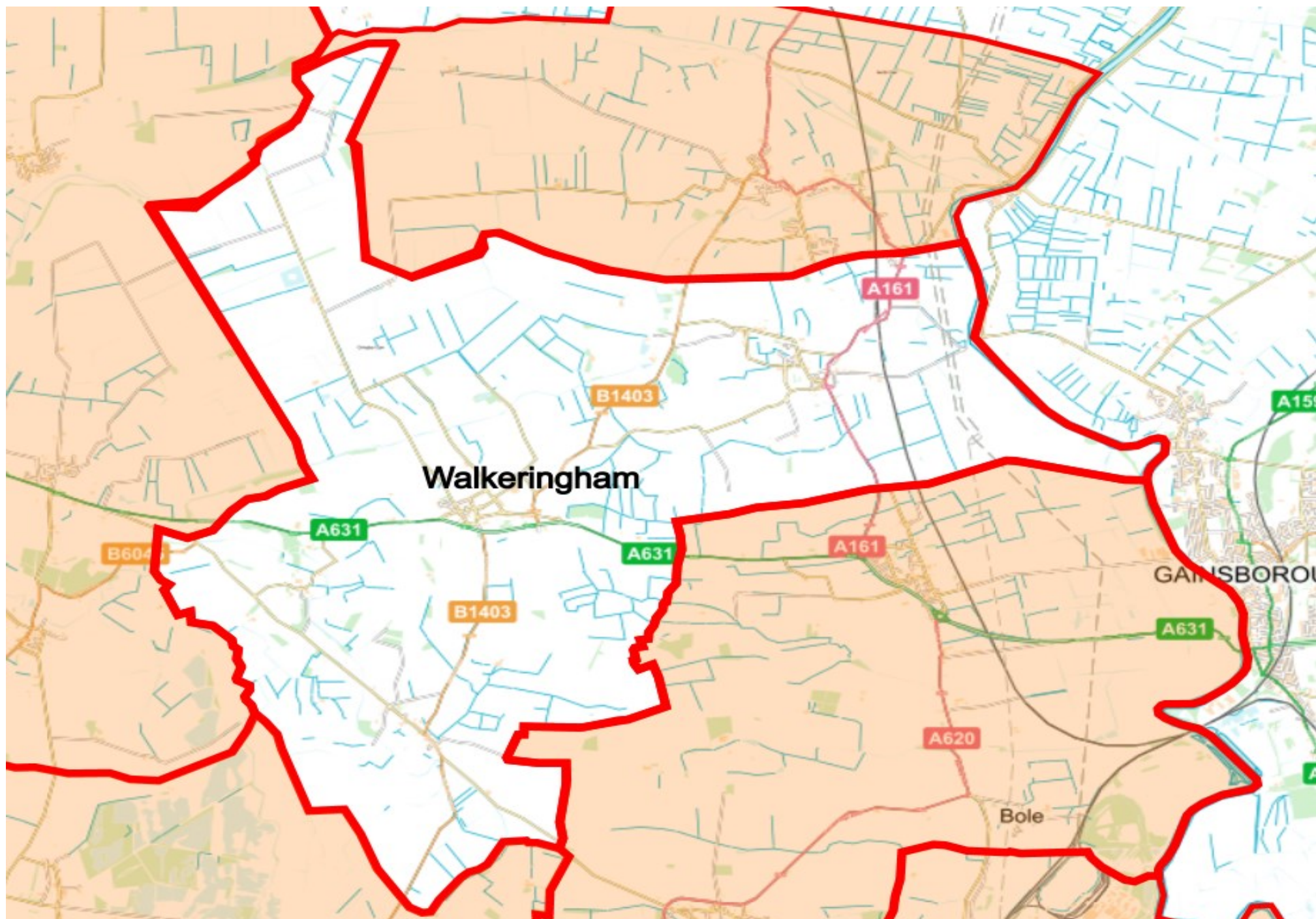
neighbouring wards. The neighbouring wards in Worksop are all under variant and we believe the decision not to attempt to achieve electoral equality is an attempt to maximise the Labour Party vote share.

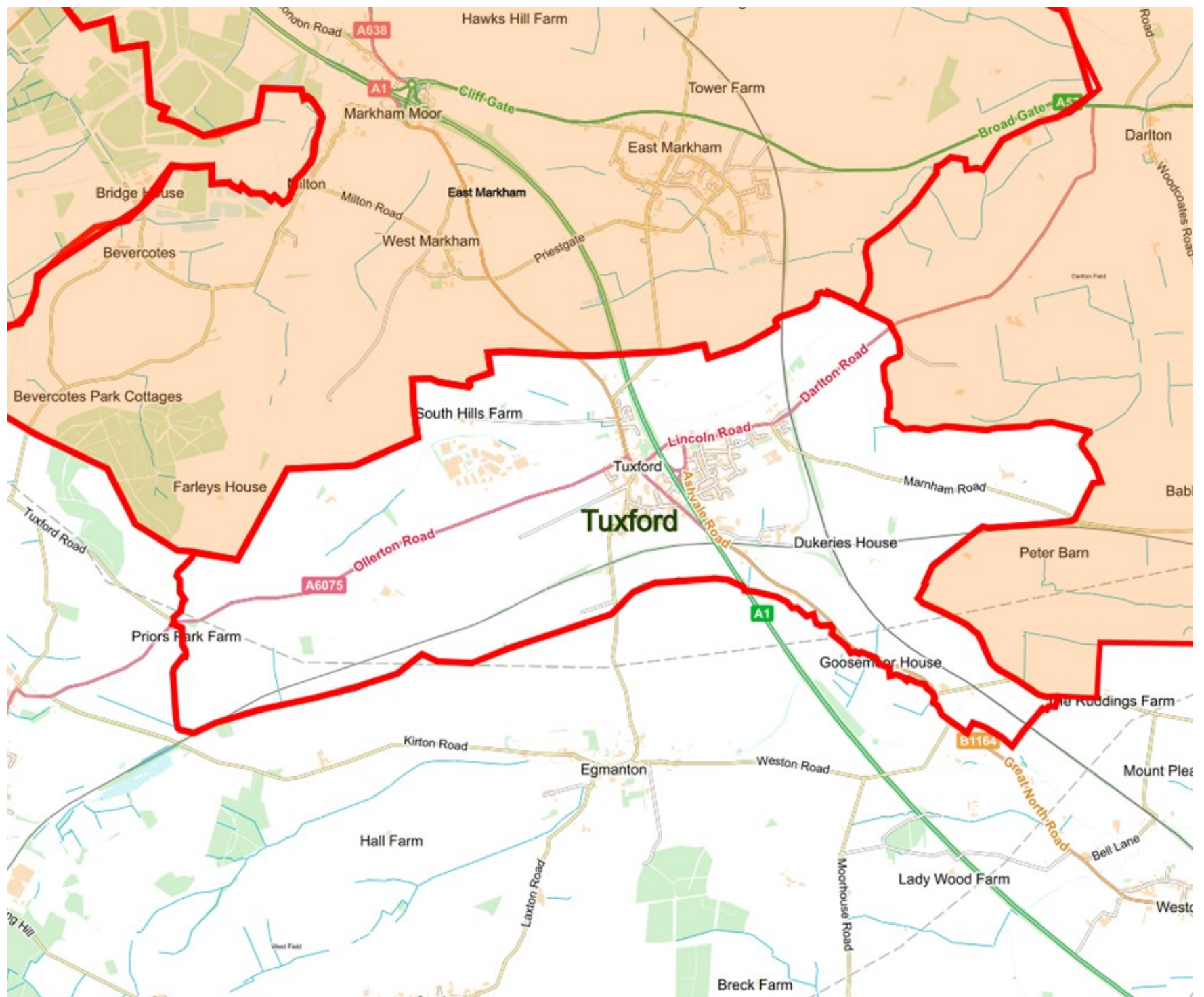


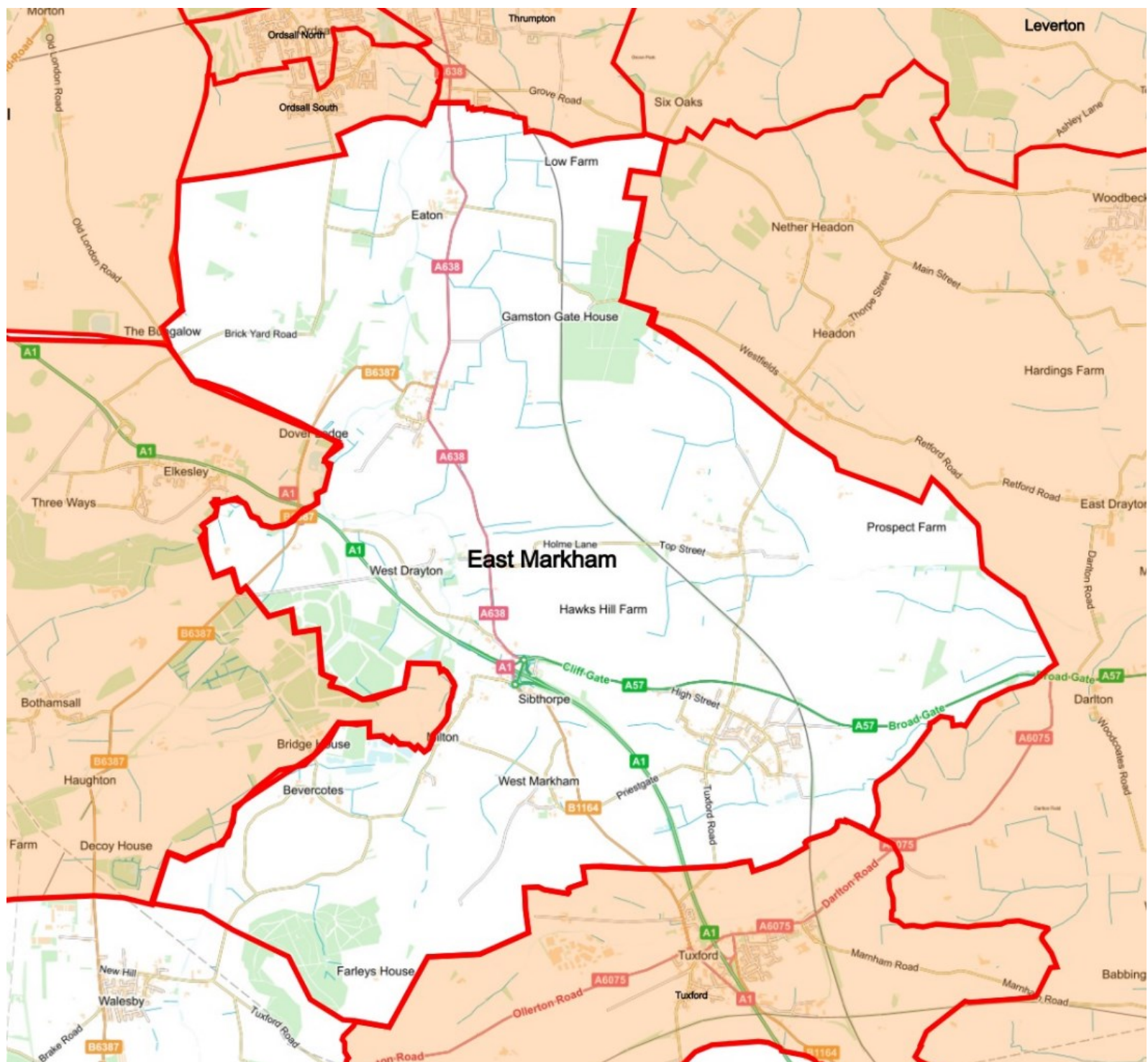


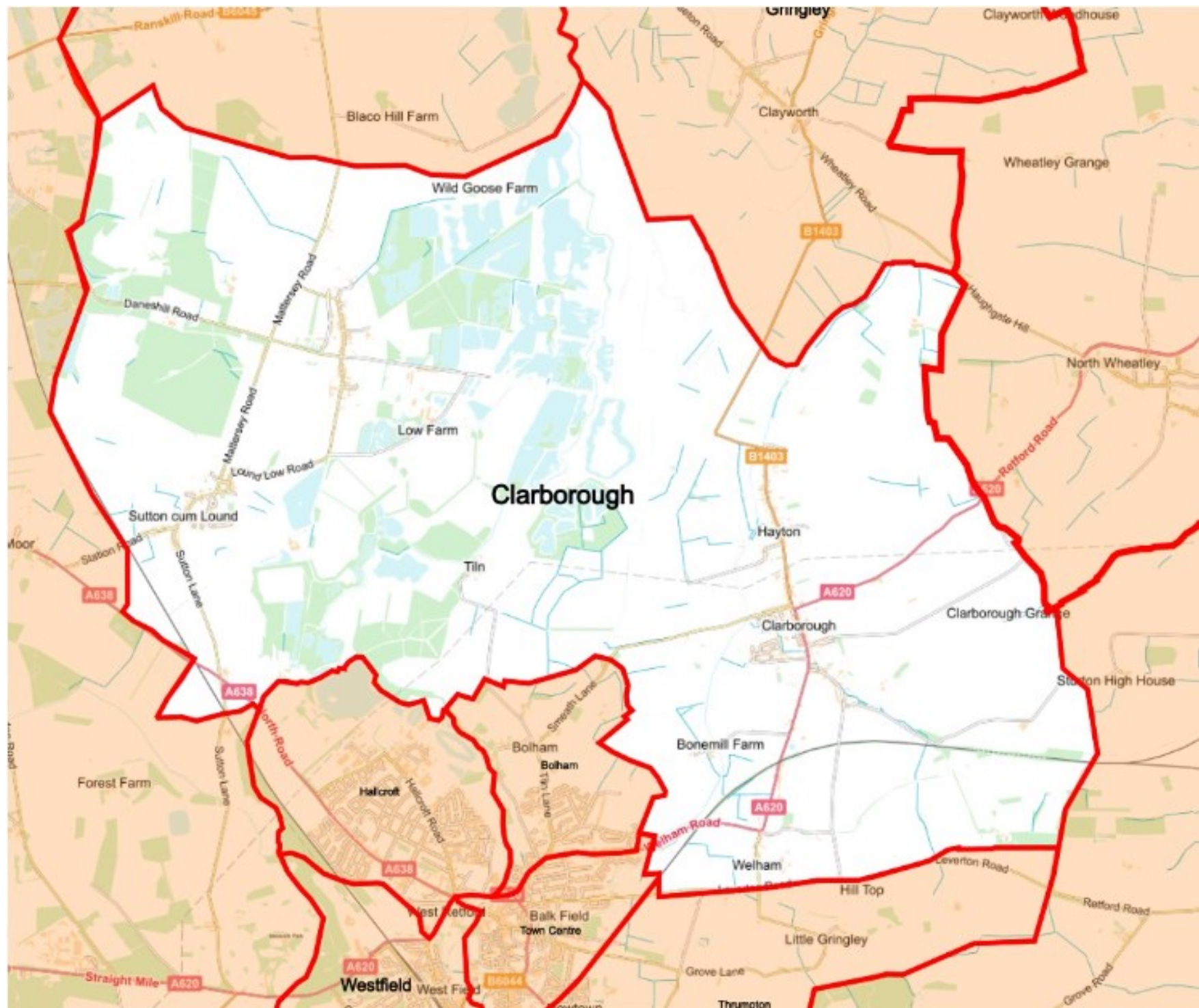


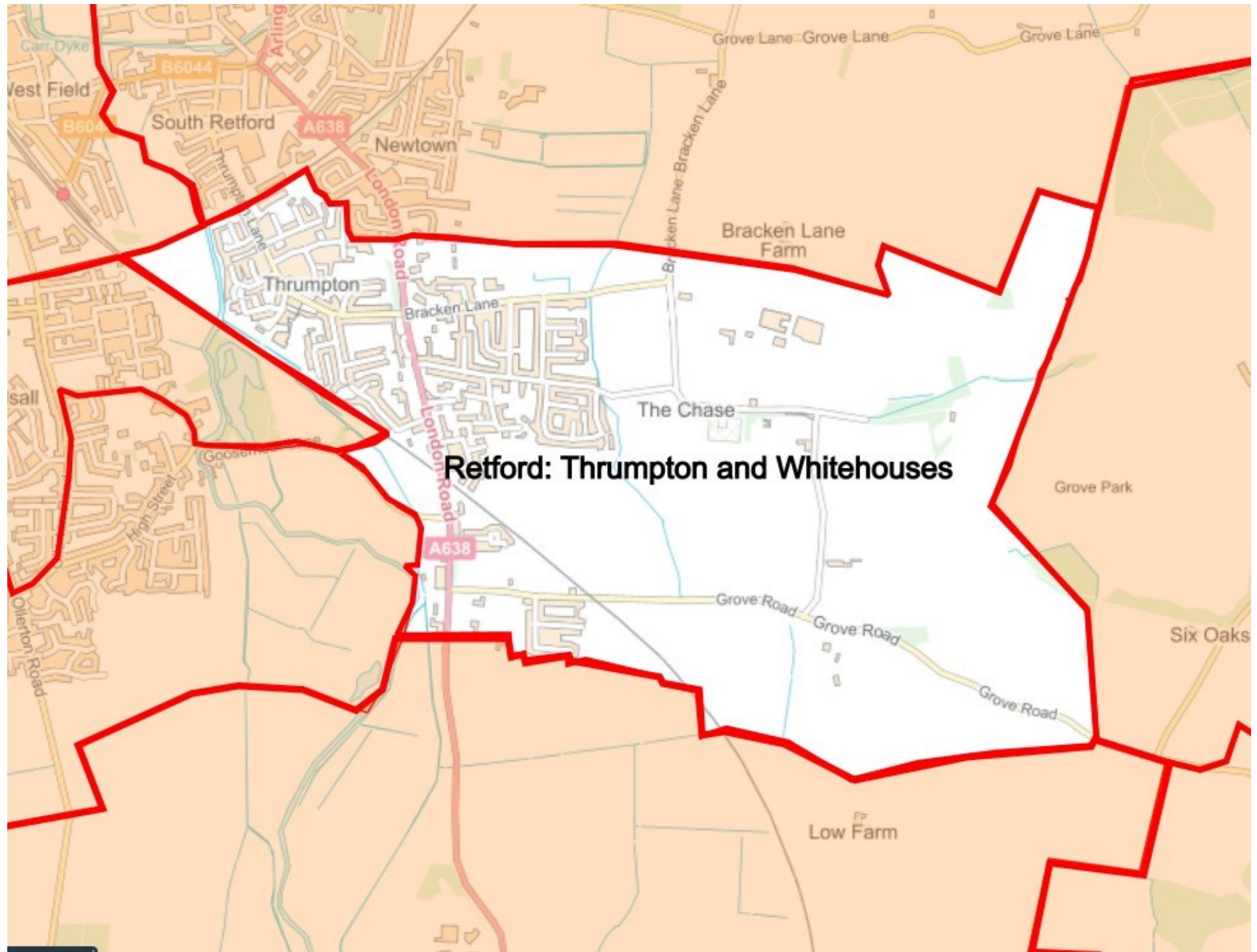












Retford: Thrumpton and Whitehouses

