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Please see the attached document for my representations for North East Bristol and East Bristol. To summarise:

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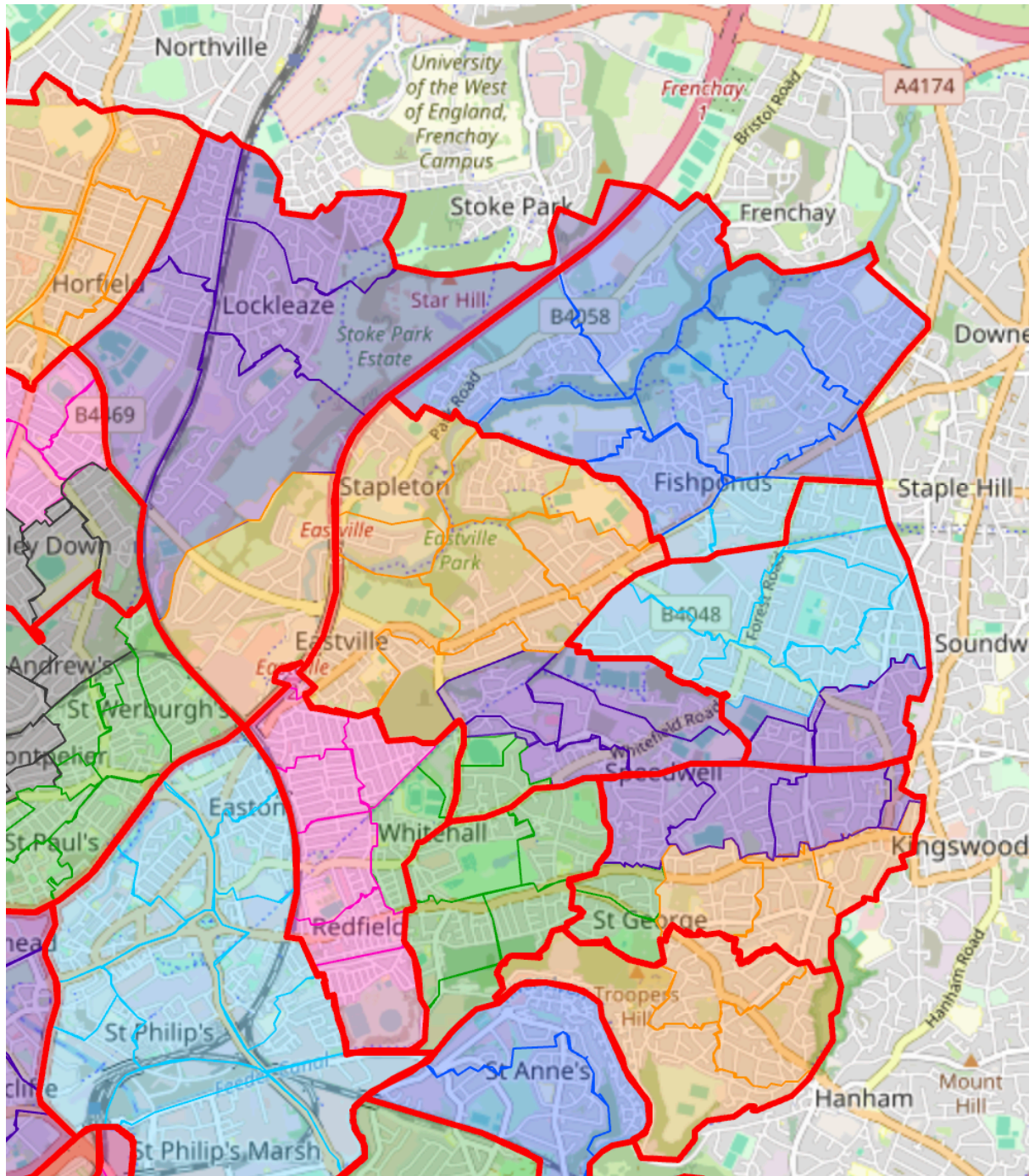
Attached Documents:

- [boundary-review-feedback-ef-22-jan-26.pdf](#)

Boundary review feedback

Ed Fraser

Focussed feedback primarily on East and North-East Bristol.



Summary of main changes

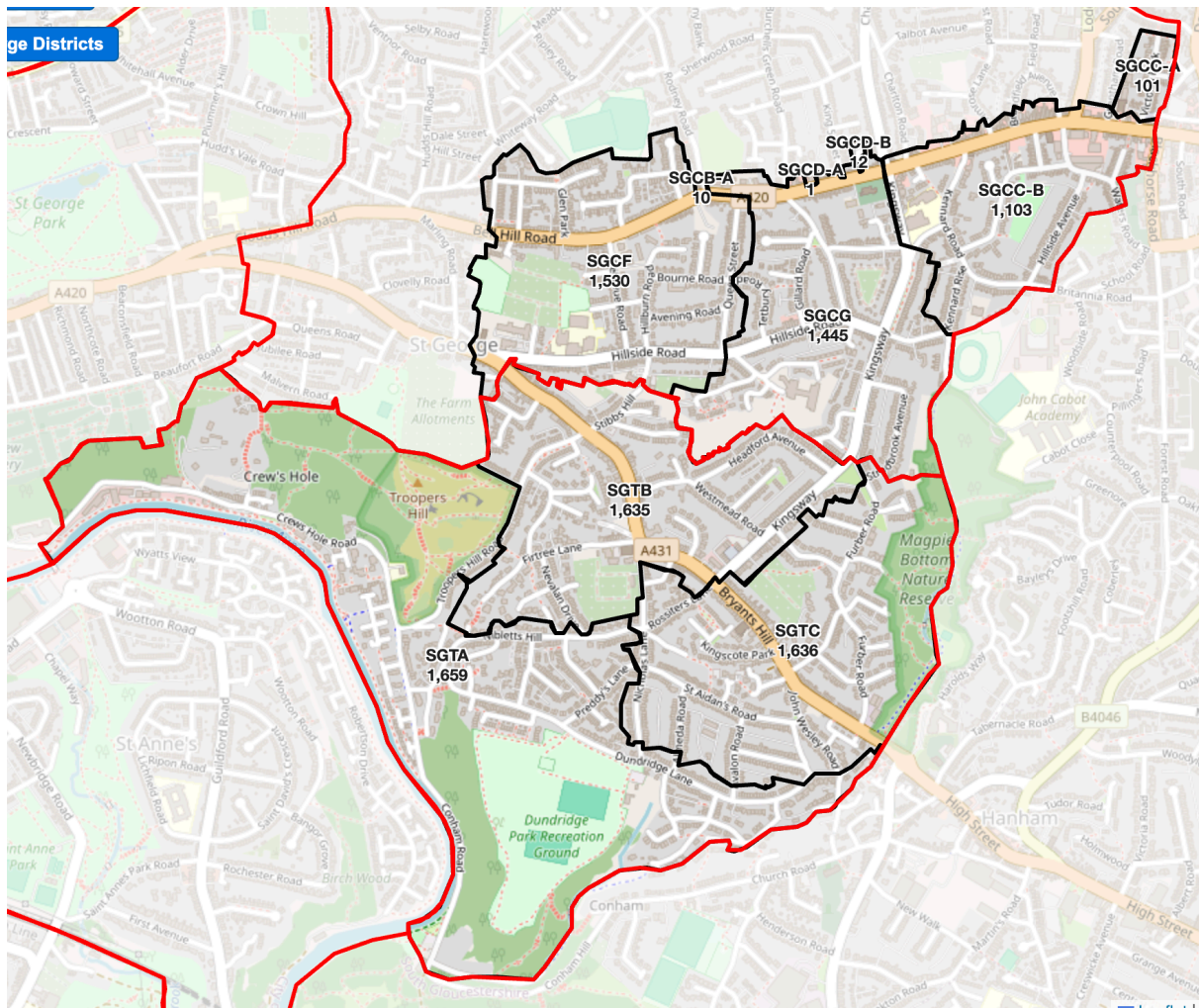
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Elector numbers

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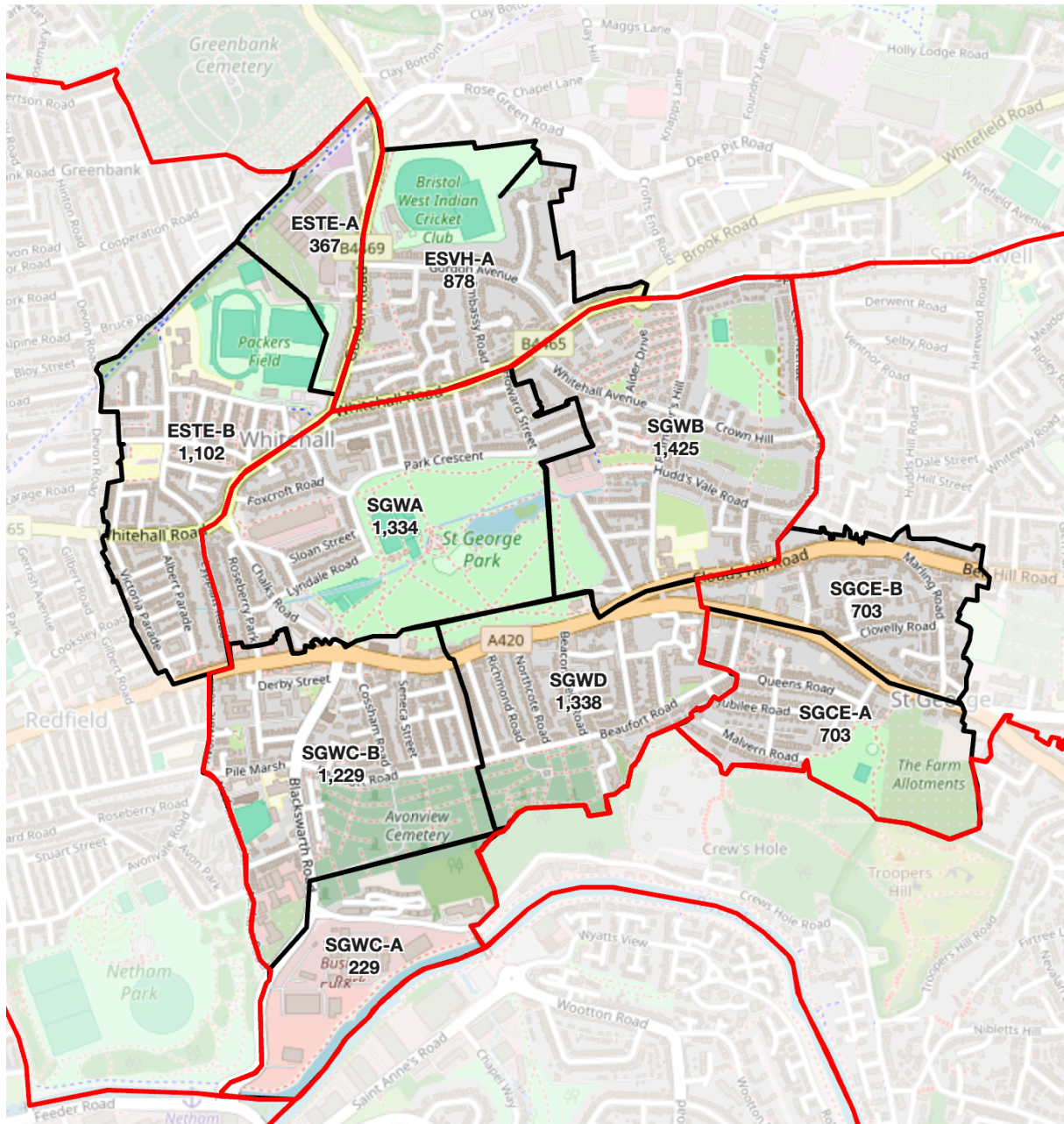
Detailed ward cases

St George Troopers Hill



- Community ties between Bryants Hill, Hillside Road and Kingsway
- No perfect break along Bell Hill Road and Summerhill Road, however best point is just past Marling Road. Properties east of Marling Road may identify with the St George Park area, properties west of here may identify more closely with Kingswood or Hanham areas just past the city boundary.
- Makes sense to keep properties on side streets north of Bell Hill Road in the same ward, as these do not link through to Whiteway Road so lack community ties
- Similarly it makes sense to keep properties on north side of Two Mile Hill Road in the same ward as properties on the south side, including a couple of no through roads (St Michael's Drive, Victoria Park)
- While it is possible to neatly keep this as a one member ward with the existing boundaries, as St George West will certainly need to become a two member ward it would leave St George Troopers Hill as a significant outlier.

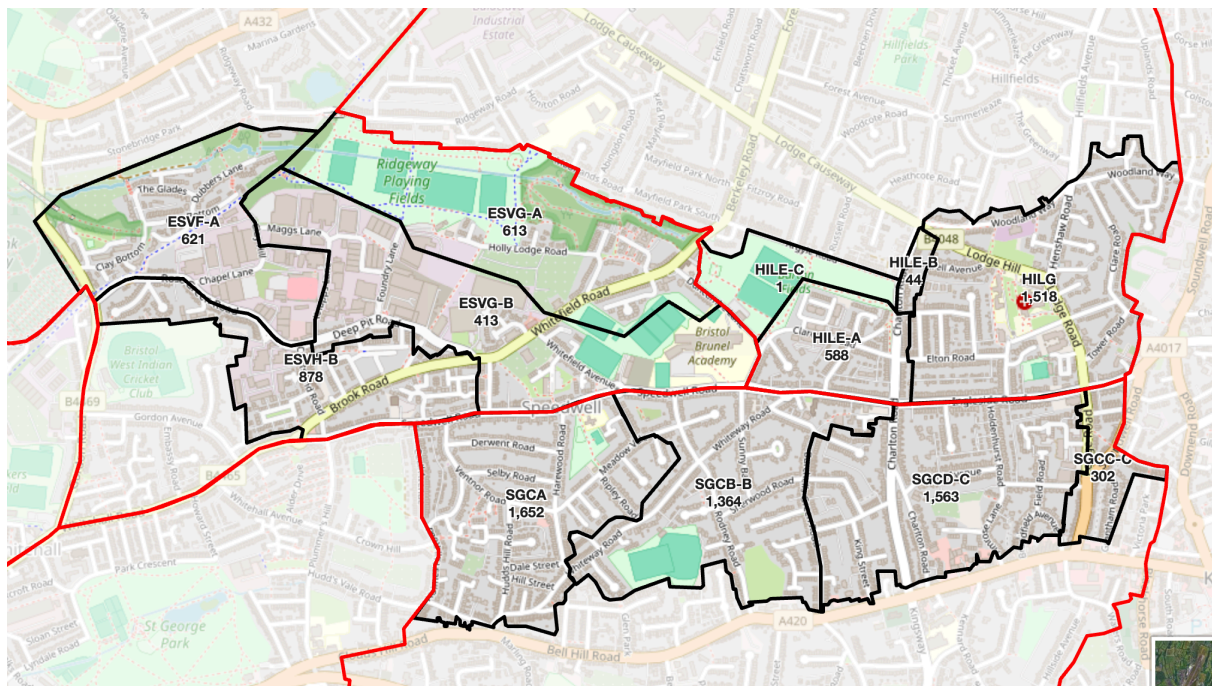
St George West



- Keeping the existing boundaries for a one-councillor ward is not viable as this would have over 5500 electors and ceding territory to a neighbouring ward would make the geographical area unusually small, possibly even ceding part of St George Park on which the ward is centred. It is therefore best to take territory from neighbouring wards to make this a two-councillor ward.

- To the North-west, taking the existing polling district E from Easton ward neatly joins up the two halves of the well-established Whitehall neighbourhood, including the Athletics Track associated with the community.
- To the North, incorporating the south-western section of the existing polling district H from Eastville ward ties in the established neighbourhood including Gordon Avenue and Thurstons Barton, and unites both sides of Gordon Road in the same ward, which have strong mutual ties to Whitehall.
- To the South-East, streets west of Marling Road are drawn more towards the centre of gravity of St George Park than to other neighbourhoods. In particular the streets south of Summerhill Road (Queens Road, Jubilee Road, Malvern Road) have very strong ties to Beaufort Road, particularly since the introduction of the East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood.

Speedwell (formerly St George Central)

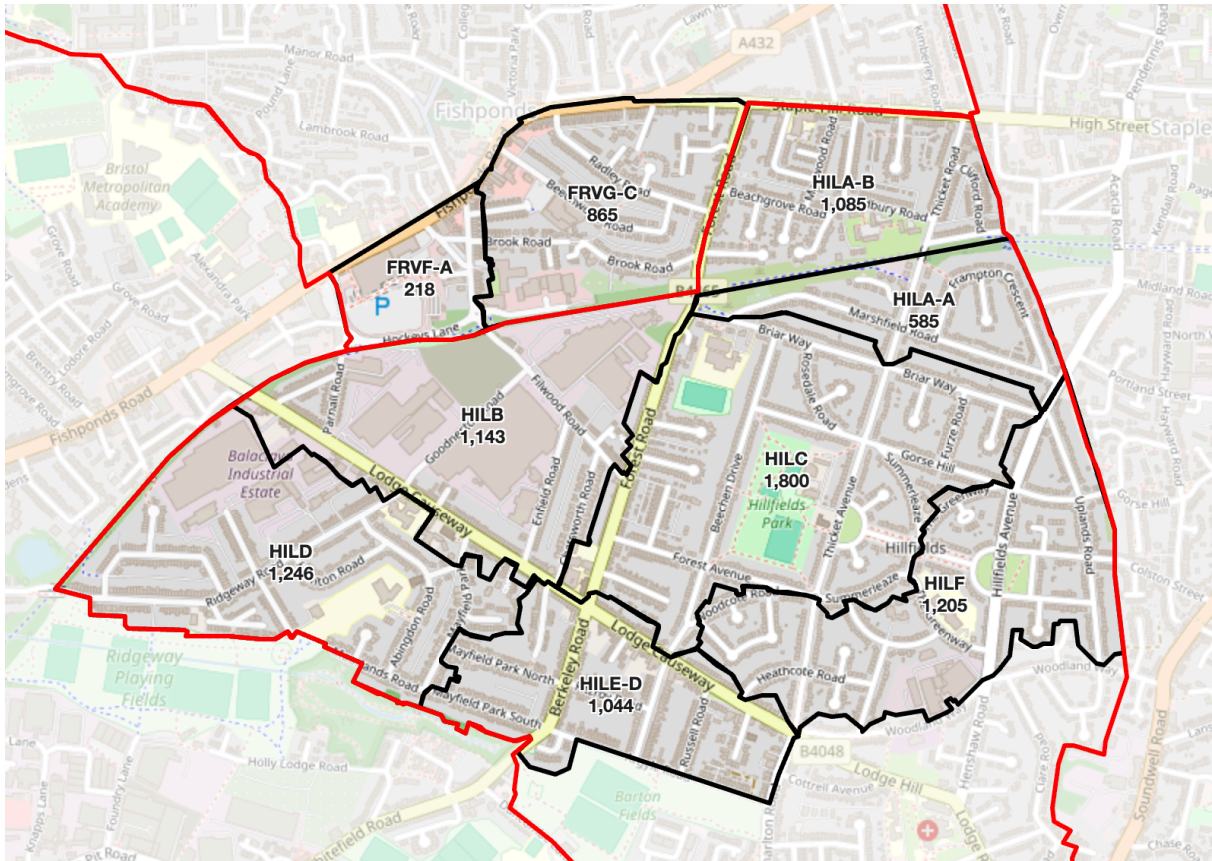


- The contiguous neighbourhood of Speedwell is currently divided between Eastville and St George Central wards. It has a strong community identity, with many families sending children to Bristol Brunel Academy, using local green spaces such as Barton Fields and Meadow Vale, and working at the

Fishponds industrial estate. The local area is characterised by its former Clay Pit mining sites and railway sidings, which have since been converted for residential and light industrial use.

- Parts in the east of the prospective ward, such as the current polling district G for Hillfields, have loose community ties to Kingswood outside the local authority boundary. This area does not form part of the original Hillfields estate and residents in historic Speedwell will often use Cossham Hospital in this area.
- The northern extremes of the current polling district C for St George Central (Soundwell Road, Grantham Road, Cross Street, May Street and 68-78 Ingleside Road) should be kept in the same ward as the current polling District C.
- In the North-western corner of the ward, the Clay Bottom and Rose Green areas, while currently only connected to residential areas via Rose Green Road, should be with Speedwell ward rather than Eastville, due to their historic status in the clay mining district. It is also reasonably likely that parts of the Fishponds Industrial Estate will be converted into residential areas, which would strengthen community ties. Clay Bottom and Rose Green Road are also well connected by an open section of the Bristol & Bath Railway Path which runs between them.

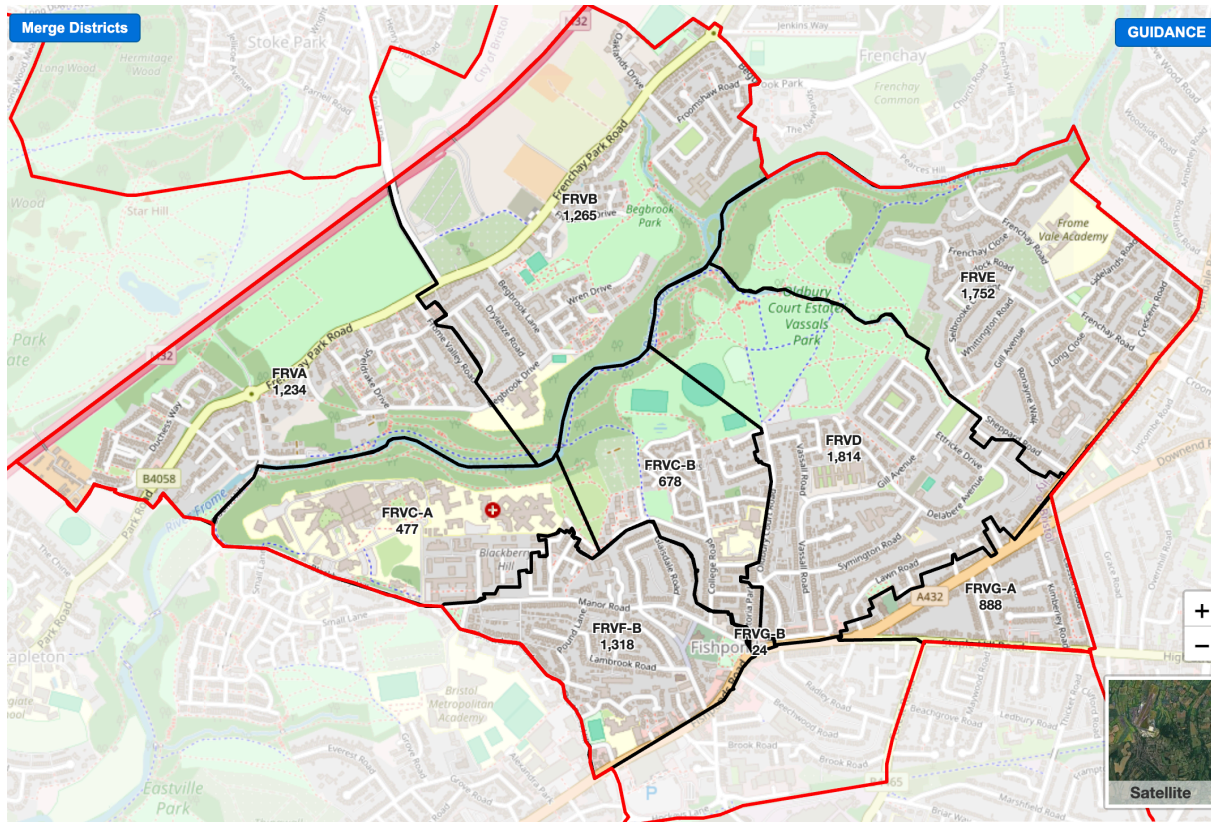
Hillfields



- The historic Hillfields Estate is contained within the existing polling districts A, C and F, so despite the loss of territory southward from Woodland way, the character of the ward would be preserved.
- Almost the entirety of the current polling district B will be converted from residential to industrial use between 2027-2032 due to the Atlas Place development, with the introduction of over 2,000 properties expected. While it is a shame the project numbers grossly underestimate the number of residents due to the way the projections are calculated, these boundaries would give Hillfields ward slightly fewer projected residents than neighbouring wards, meaning the negative impact of this calculation and the resulting democratic deficit will be slightly offset.
- It is likely that the Atlas Place development will move the natural focal of the Greater Fishponds area south from Fishponds Road. This therefore would make the high street section of Fishponds Road a more appropriate boundary line between Hillfields and Frome Vale wards.
- Integrating the portions of the current polling districts F and G from Frome Vale ward that are south of Fishponds Road will restore a clear community tie between the residential streets either side of Forest Road. These

properties share local amenities such as the high street, Morrisons and Lidl supermarkets, and the medical practice on Beechwood Road.

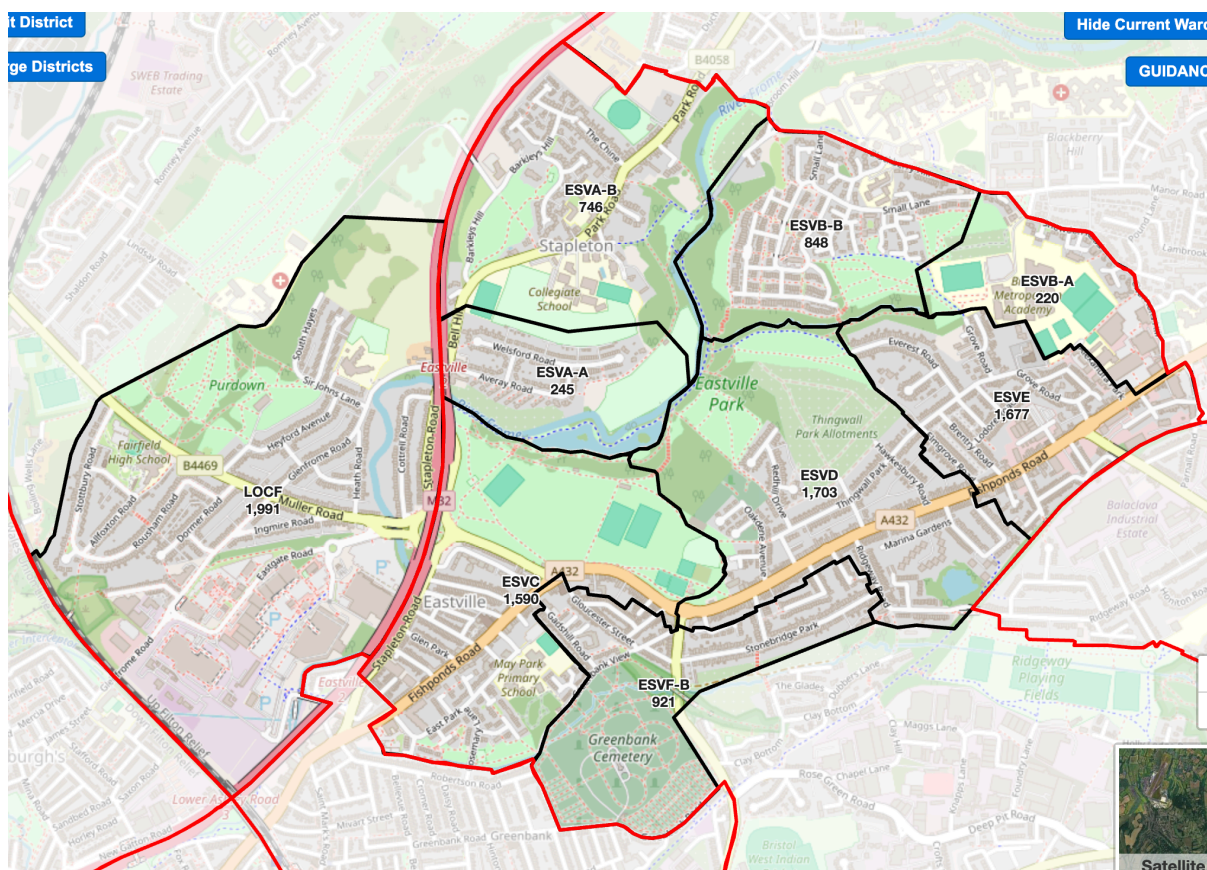
Frome Vale



- Due to the project population in 2031, it is certain that the current frome vale ward has to decrease in size. As it is positioned in the North-eastern corner of the city of Bristol boundaries and the presence of the river Frome and accompanying valley, the options for doing this are limited.
- To allow for a more cohesive 'Fishponds' ward, a single councillor ward could be created northwest of the valley, incorporating Stapleton and Begbrook villages (with the addition of Eastville polling district A), but even this would require incorporating streets southeast of the valley, including most of Eastville polling district B and the UWE Glenside campus north of Blackberry Hill and some of the neighbouring blocks of flats.
- Therefore it is much neater to keep Frome as a two councillor ward and cede territory south of Fishponds Road to Hillfields ward.

- This does mean that the northern and southern halves of Stapleton village would continue to be split between Eastville and Frome Vale wards. However this is not a source of discontent within the community and integrating the southern half of the village into Frome Vale ward would leave the populations less balanced and the ward shapes highly irregular. It would also involve ceding a portion of the titular Eastville Park to a neighbouring ward.

Eastville

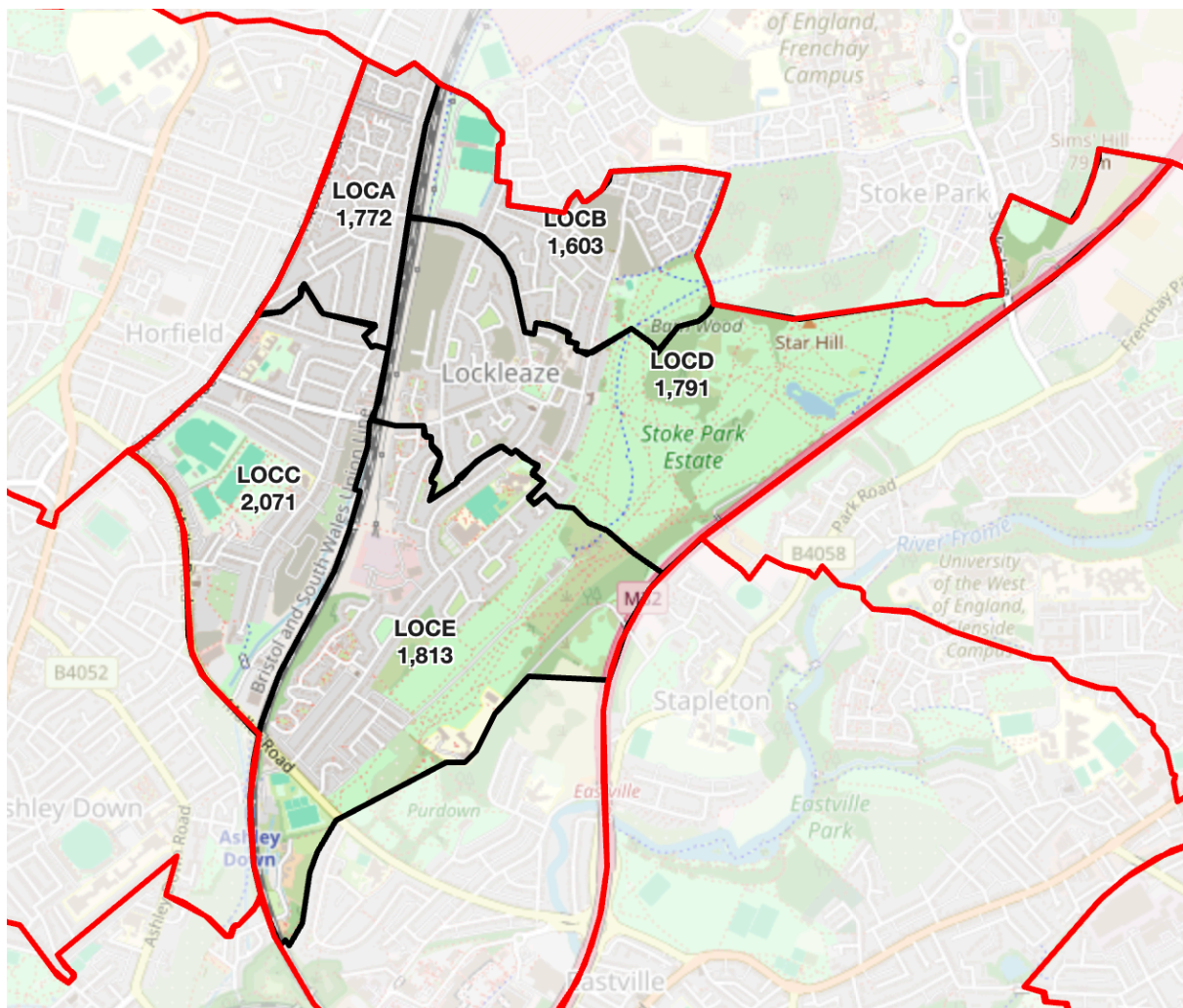


- The former polling district F for Lockleaze ward is colloquially referred to as Eastville. This area includes the site of the former Eastville stadium, the historic home of Bristol Rovers FC. It has always been an anomaly that this area is not in Eastville ward itself - this redrawing would correct this.
- While this will mean the M32 would intersect the ward, at this section it is a viaduct. Due to the Eastgate shopping centre serving as the commercial focal point for communities on both sides of the viaduct, and the relative ease of crossing the motorway due to the viaduct, particularly on Muller

Road and between Glenfrome Road and Averay Road/Bell Hill, community ties here are very strong. The presence of Glenfrome Primary School in the area which serves families on both sides and from Stapleton further solidifies these ties.

- Ties to the south of the Royate Hill viaduct to the communities on and around Fishponds Road are much weaker than those to the streets north-east of Eastville Park off Small Lane, so when deciding which areas to cede in order to unite the historic Eastville neighbourhood, it makes sense for this territory to be ceded to the new Speedwell ward.

Lockleaze

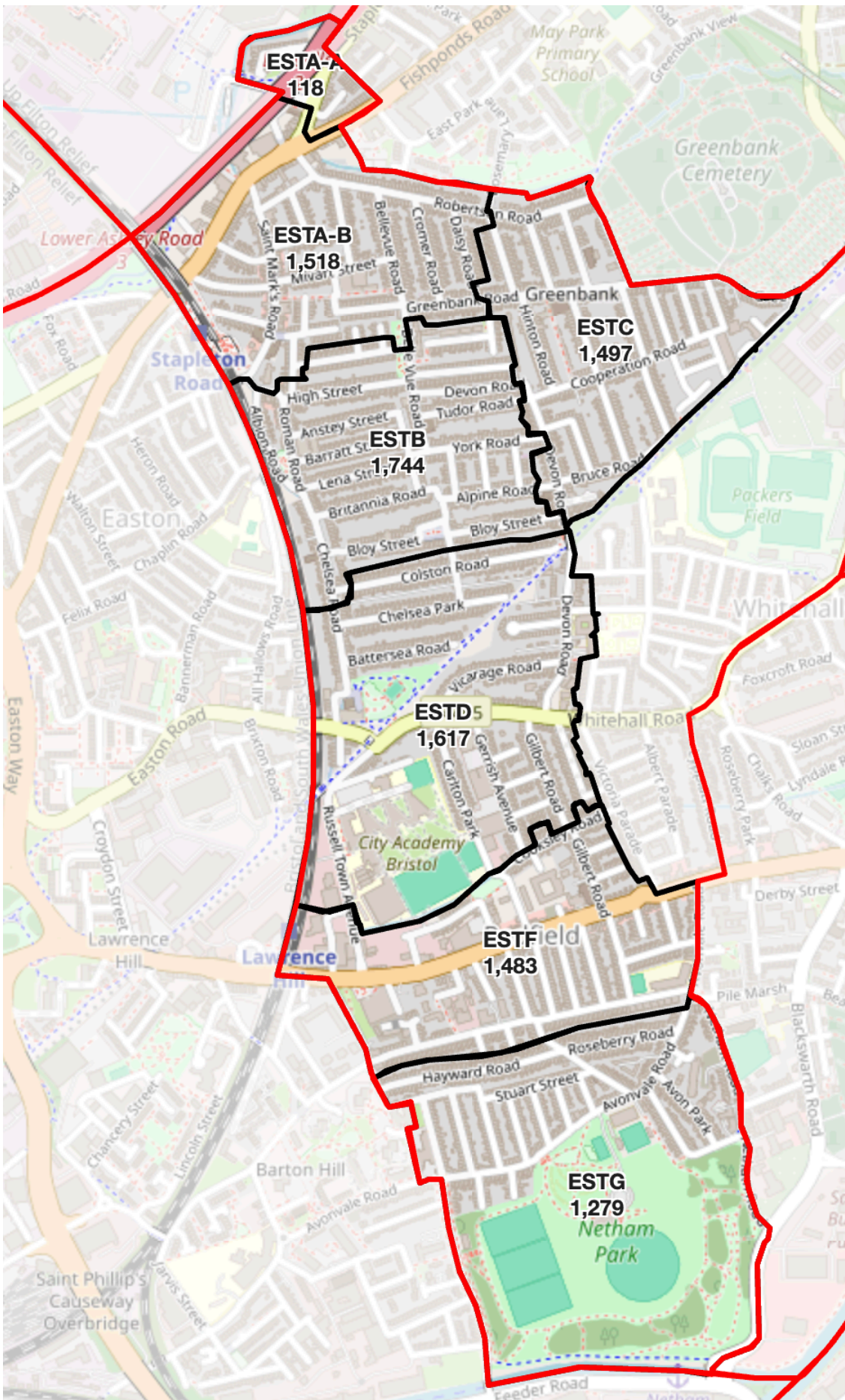


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of Bristol boundaries and the presence of the Stoke Park estate, the options for doing this are limited.

- One option is to cede most or all of polling district A or C to Horfield ward in order to retain polling district F. However this would break strong community ties east of the rail line, notably around Kendal Road, Filton Avenue primary school, and the local Health Centre. The existing boundary between Lockleaze and Horfield wards (Filton Avenue) is logical and clearly distinguishable.
- It is therefore more sensible to cede polling the existing polling district F to Eastville in entirety. This is only connected to Lockleaze ward by Muller Road, is distinctive in character and is separated by large green spaces including Purdown and Sir John's Lane allotments. (note Purdown tower would remain in Lockleaze).
- One minor consideration is whether to include Priory Hospital Bristol and the accompanying access road (Heath House Lane) in Eastville ward or keep it in Lockleaze. This is because this can only be access via road by travelling through Stapleton in Eastville ward on a bridge crossing the M32. I have no strong opinion on this but as it falls entirely within the existing polling district E, it would be reasonable to maintain the status quo.

Easton



- The core identity of Easton ward is comprised of two communities: Greenbank to the north of the railway cycle path, and Redfield to the south.
- The East of the existing ward also includes the north-western half of Whitehall, which does have some ties with both Greenbank and Redfield, is slightly different in character. Seeing as Easton would have to cede most or all of a polling district to a neighbouring ward, this is the most logical options.
- The only other alternative which preserves most of the shape of the existing ward would be to cede polling district G to the south, however this would mean dividing the community of Redfield between two wards.
- A range of other options could be considered for Easton in conjunction with Lawrence Hill ward, which would likely require five councillors within the contiguous area. However the rail line between Lawrence Hill station and Junction 3 of the M32 makes for a logical boundary line, and even if a different set of options were explored for this area, it would still be sensible to cede Easton polling district E to a neighbouring ward to reunite the historic Whitehall neighbourhood.