

Bristol

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Related subject: The areas of the city that currently constitute the Bristol Central Constituency.

Our proposals are described best within the attached document.

Attached Documents:

- bristol-central-clp-ward-boundary-proposal.pdf

Bristol Central CLP Ward Boundary Proposal

This submission proposes new ward boundaries for the wards that currently constitute the Bristol Central Constituency.

Considerations

Primary consideration has been given to the following factors in priority order.

Representation

To ensure that the electorates within the proposed wards have fair representation within the city. We have done this using the population estimates for Bristol in 2031 from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's website (a total estimated population of 364,857) and the newly agreed Councillor number for the city of 76. This gives us a target of 4800 electors per councillor. Our proposals aim to be within 10% of this figure.

Cultural cohesion

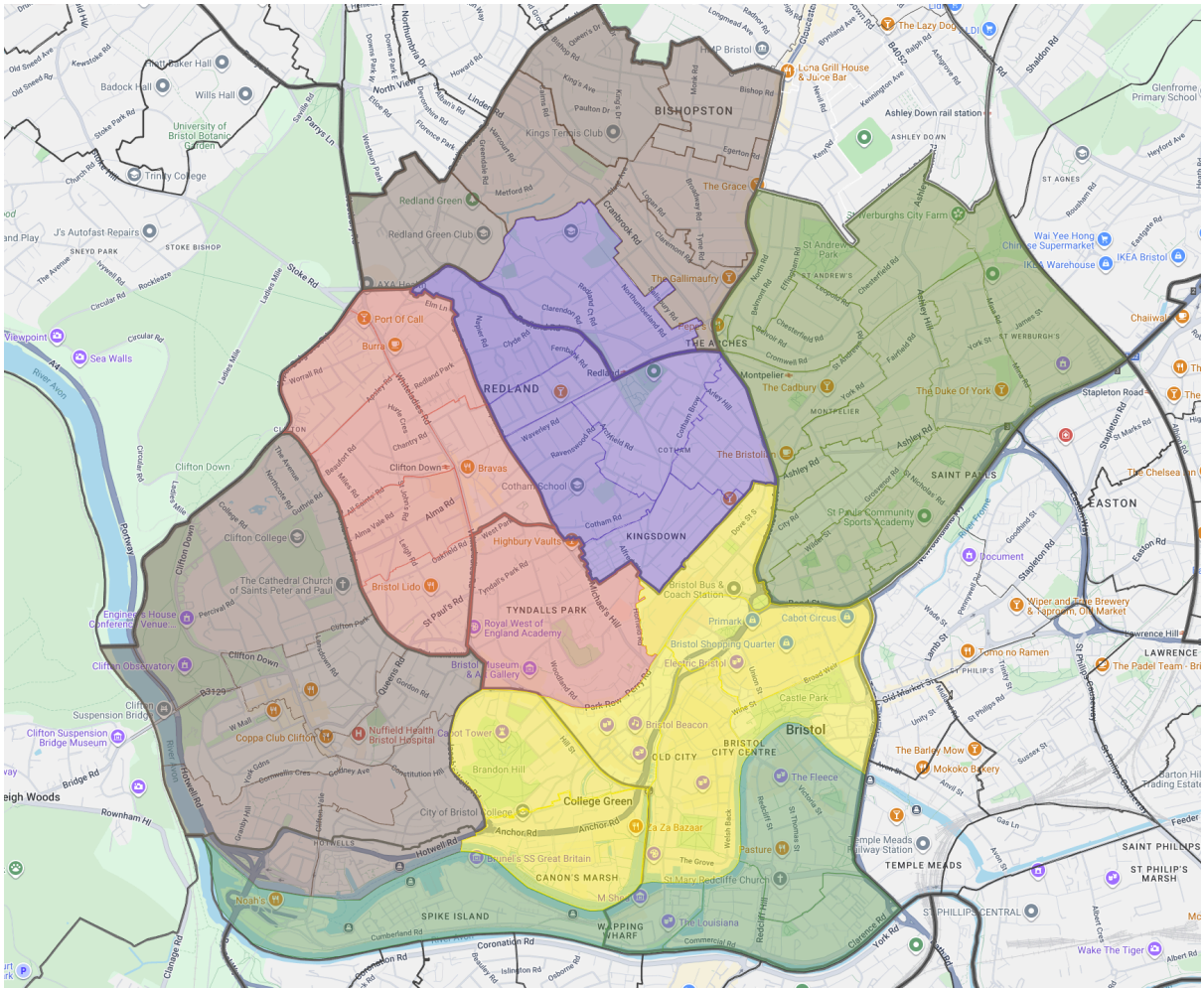
Aiming to create seats which represent distinct and aligned parts of the city which are culturally similar.

Geographical Boundaries

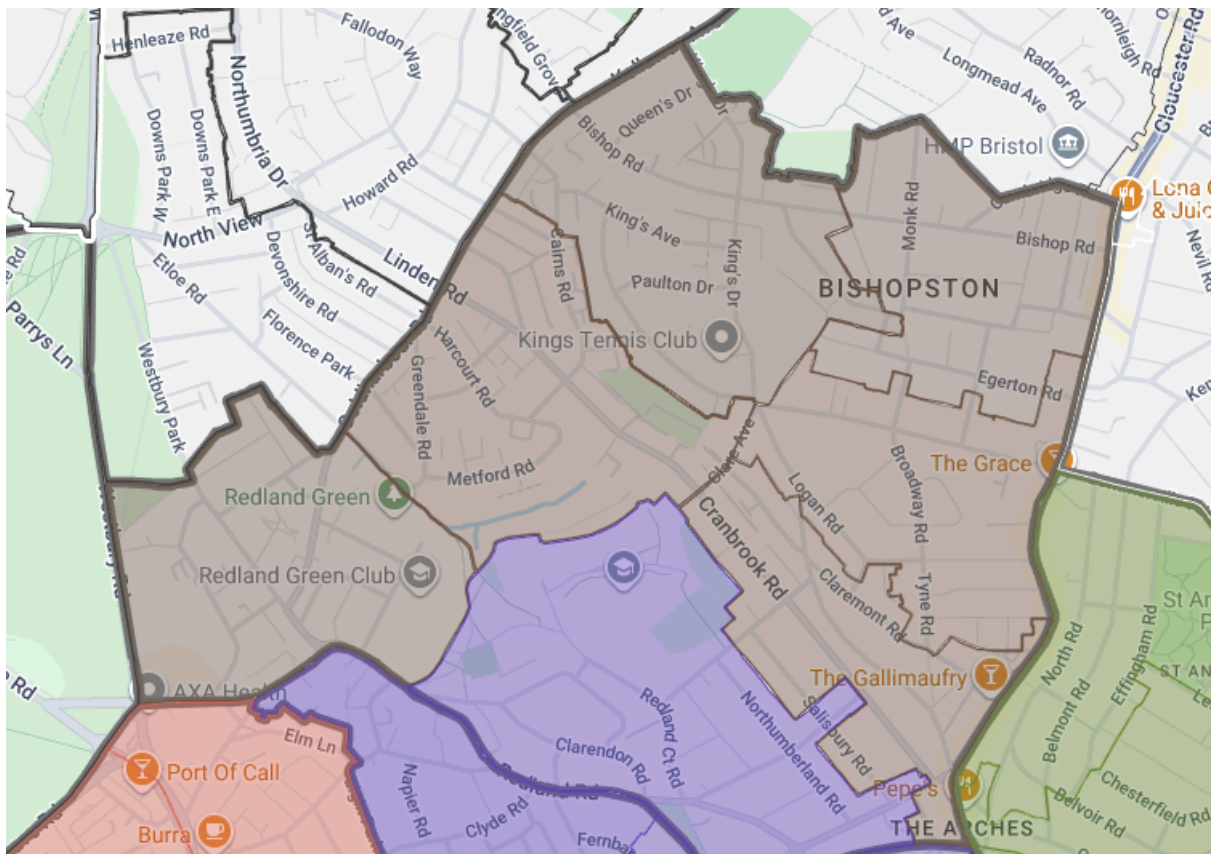
Using existing significant geographical features as boundaries where possible such as rivers, railways and major roads.

Ward Boundary Proposals

This map illustrates the proposals that are described below:



Redland

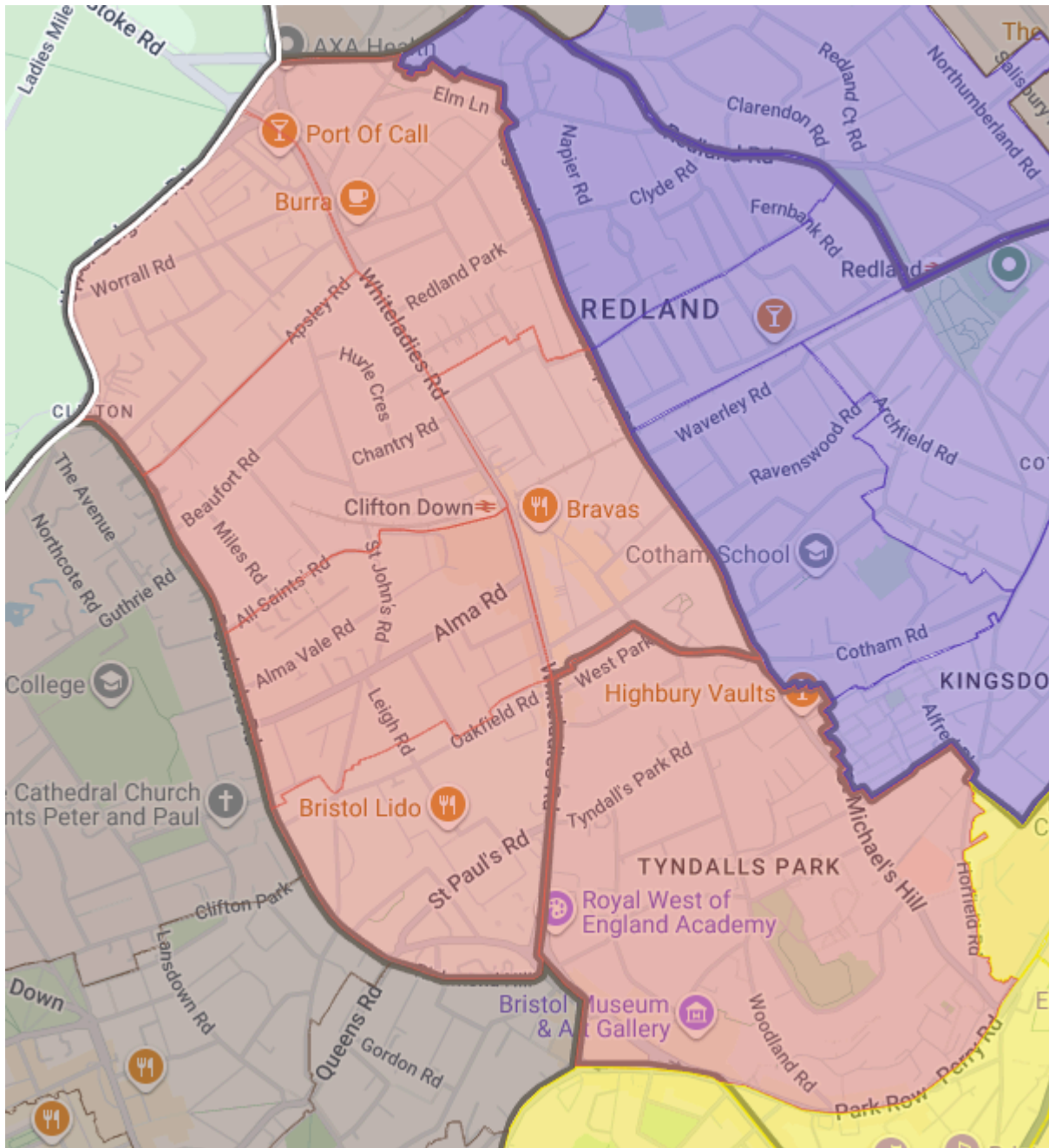


Councillors: 2

We propose leaving the boundaries largely unchanged but moving the polling district REDF out of the ward into Cotham ward.

This leaves an 2031 estimated electorate of 8962. 6.6% below the target of 9600.

Clifton Down

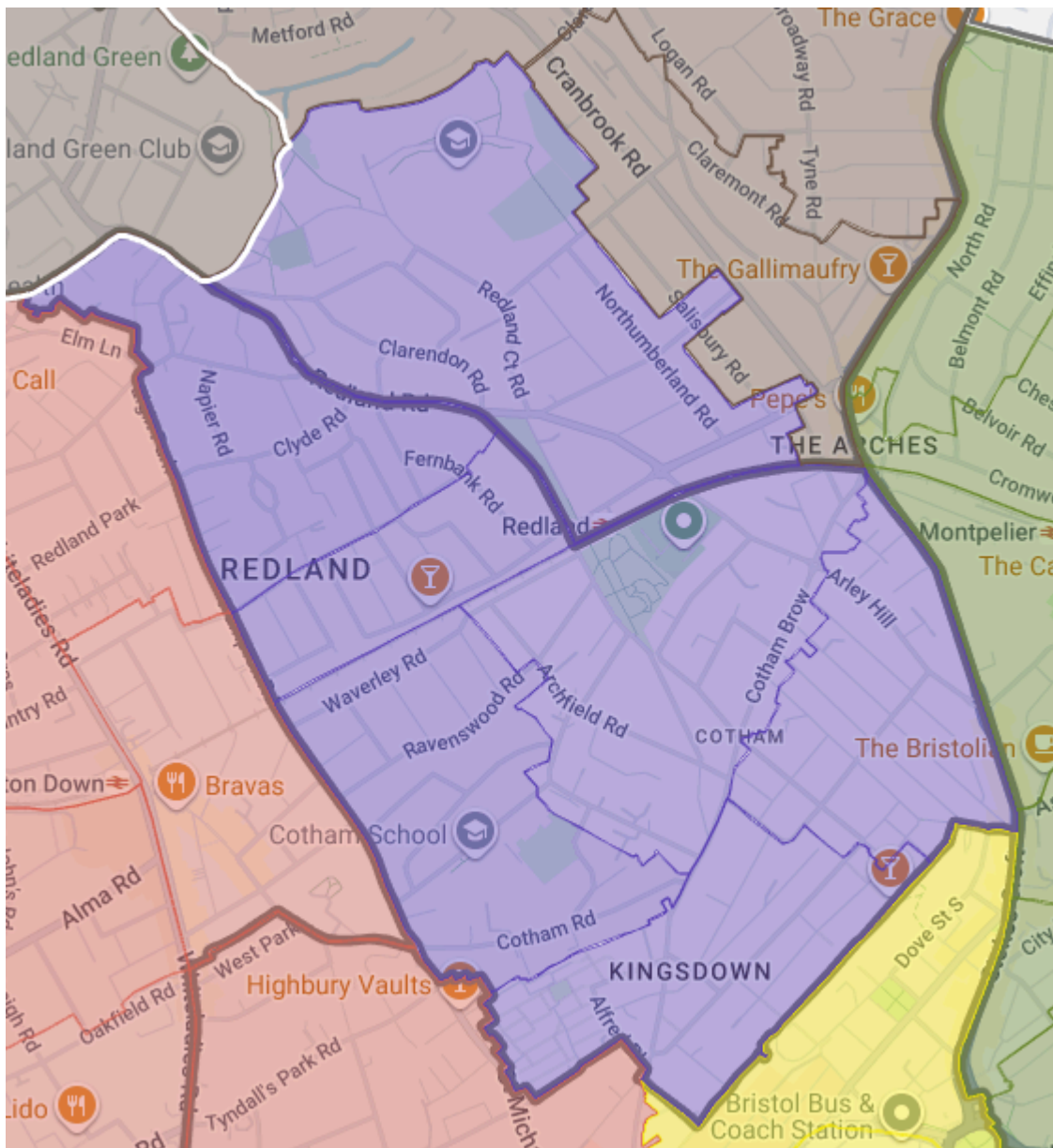


Councillors: 2

We propose leaving the boundaries largely unchanged but adding the polling district CENA from the present Central ward.

This leaves an 2031 estimated electorate of 9332. 2.7% below the target of 9600.

Cotham

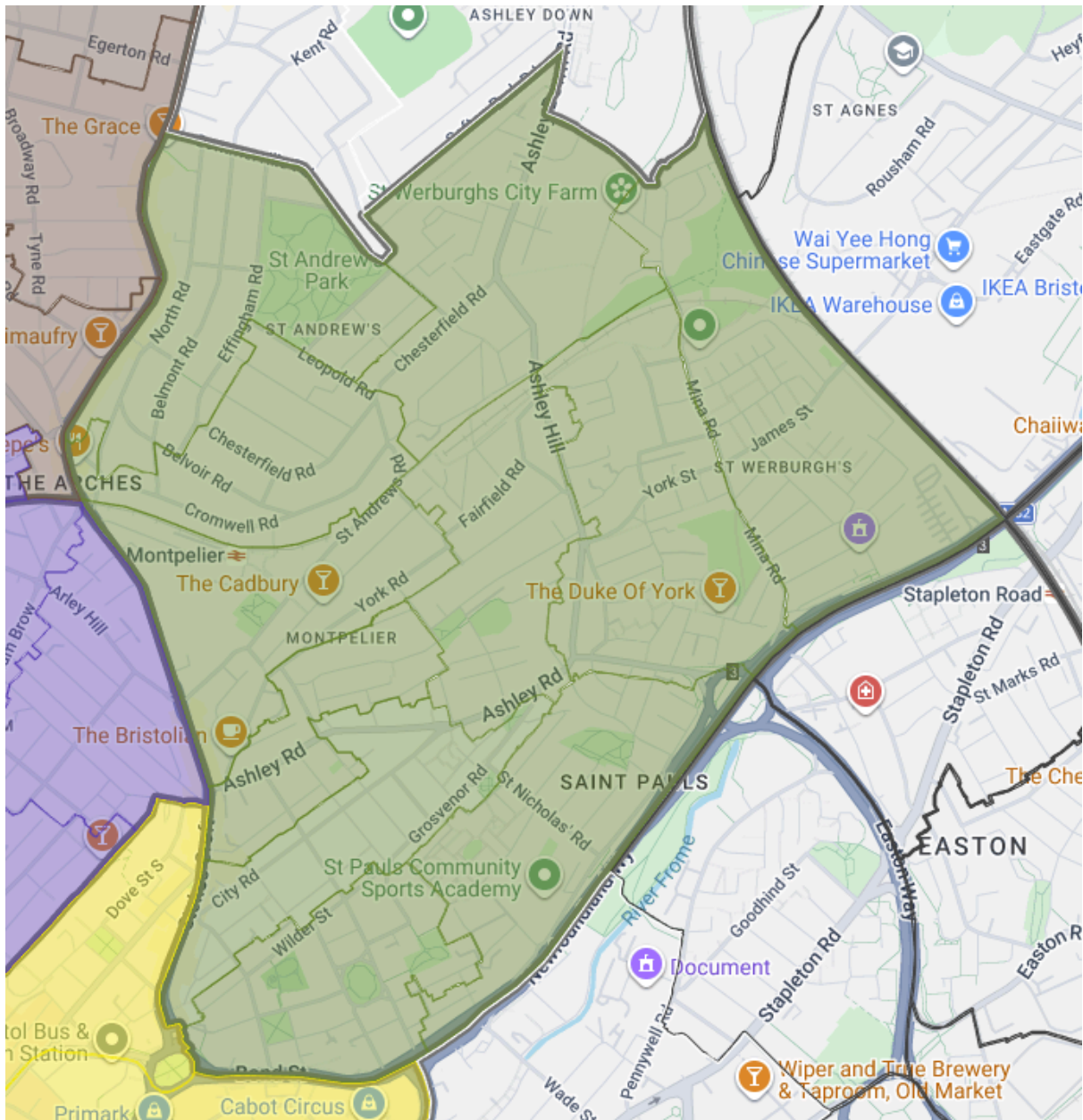


Councillors: 2

We propose leaving the boundaries largely unchanged but adding the polling district REDF from the present Redland ward.

This leaves an 2031 estimated electorate of 9688. 0.9% above the target of 9600.

Ashley

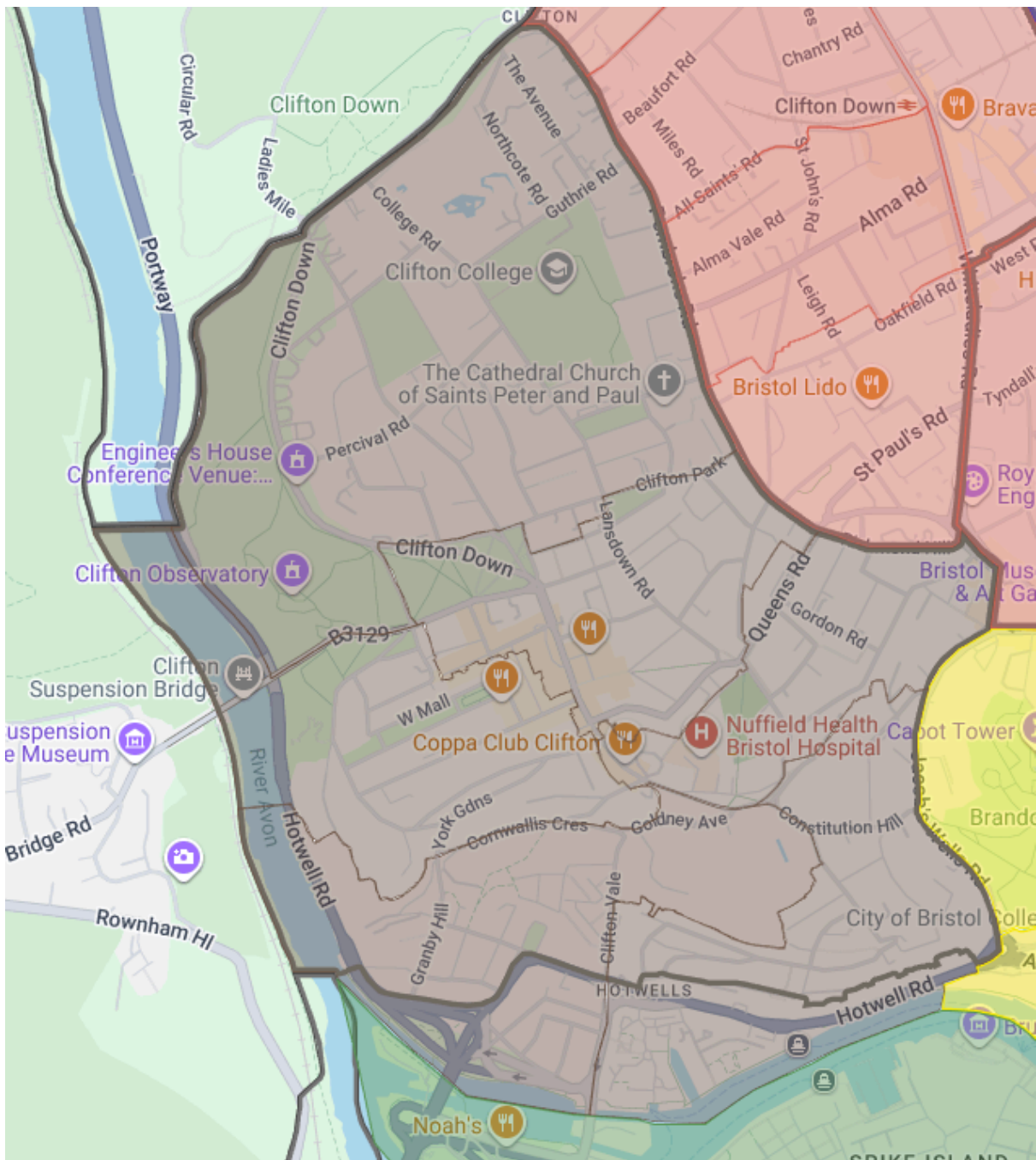


Councillors: 3

We propose leaving the boundaries unchanged.

This leaves an 2031 estimated electorate of 915401. 7.0% above the target of 14400.

Clifton



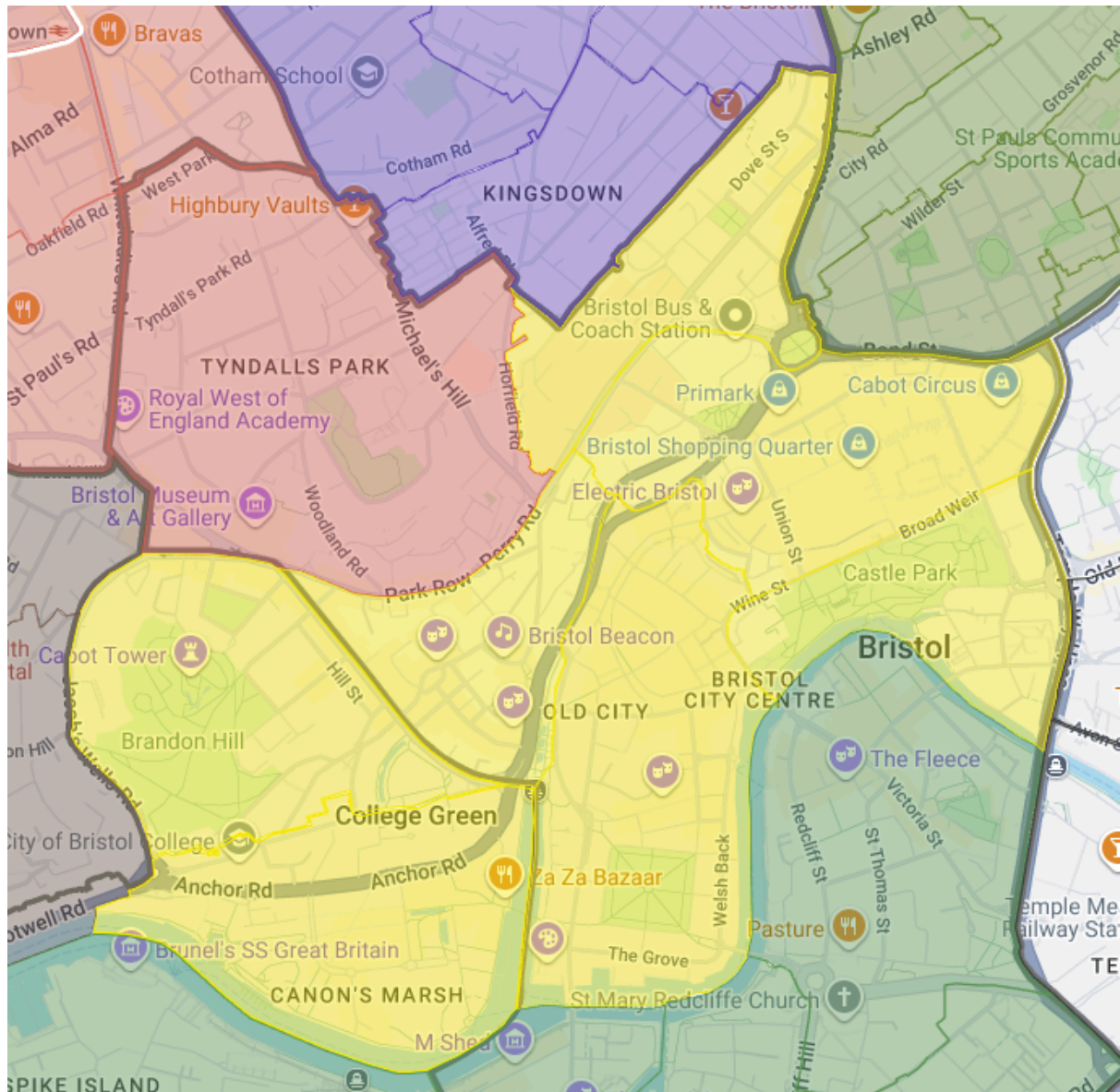
Councillors: 2

We propose leaving the borders of the ward mostly unchanged with the exception of extending the southern boundary down to the riverside, taking in the northern portion of what is currently polling district HOHB within Hotwells & Harbourside ward.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England's website does not provide data at a more granular level than polling district so we have had to estimate elector numbers within our new proposal. These estimates consider the static nature of residential property to the north of the river and the expected development that will occur in the coming years south of the river, where most of the areas expected growth will occur.

We believe this proposal will maintain fair representation within the a 10% tolerance a target electorate of 9600.

North Central

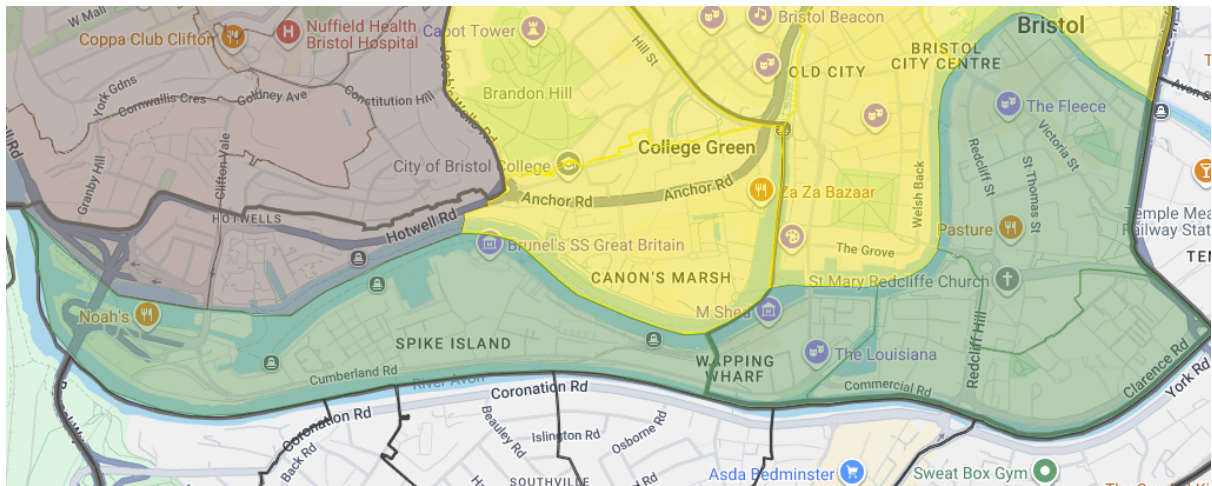


Councillors: 2

We propose a consolidation of Central ward around the city center area that are north of the river, taking in the entirety of polling districts CENB, CENC, CEND and CENJ from the current Central ward and the portions of CENE that are north of the river around Castle Park. Additionally we include polling districts HOHA and HOHC from the current Hotwells & Harbourside ward and the part of polling district CENF that is north of the river around Queens Square.

Without granular data to represent boundary changes to existing polling district borders we have had to make our own estimation of this proposed ward's electorate to be within the 10% tolerance of a target electorate of 9600.

South Central



Councillors: 1

We propose a new ward that constitutes the central areas of the city that reside south of the river, running from the western end of spike island past Wapping Wharf to the existing boundary of Temple Way, using the River to define the northern and southern boundaries. Without granular data to represent boundary changes to existing polling district borders we have had to make our own estimation of this proposed ward's electorate to be within the 10% tolerance of a target electorate of 4800.