

Bristol

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Please find our Bristol Green Group Submission attached. The PDF file includes links to view digital versions of proposed ward configurations. If you have any issue accessing these, then let me know.

Attached Documents:

- bristol-green-group-boundary-submission.pdf

Geography: Rivers

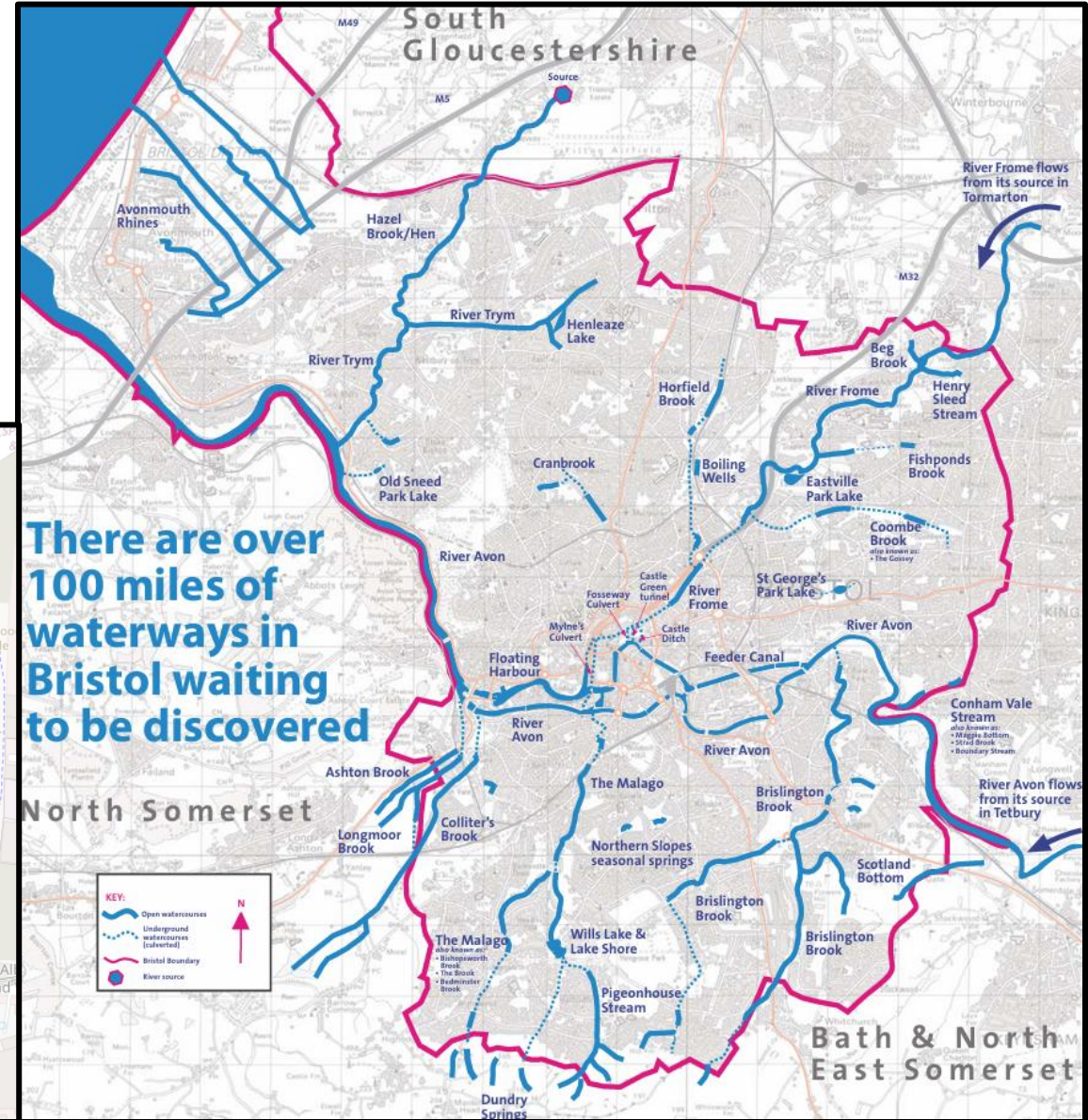
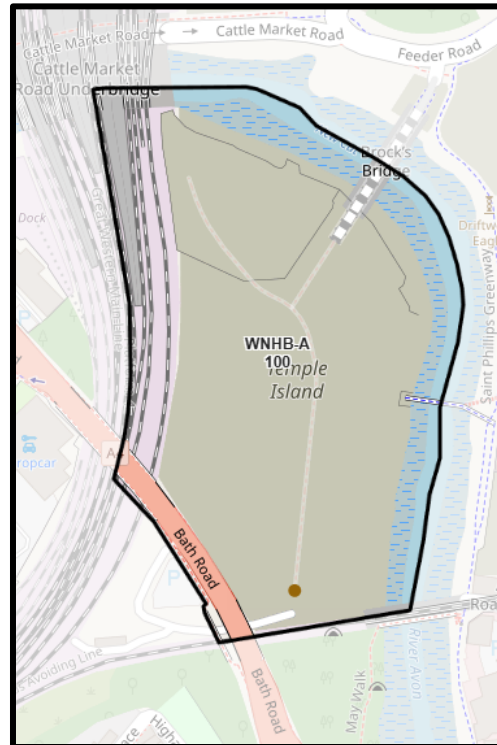
The River Avon is Bristol's major river, which splits the city into north and south. The river itself splits into two near Plimsoll Swing Bridge in the west before merging again near Netham Bridge in the east. The northern route of the river is referred to as the Floating Harbour between Plimsoll Swing Bridge and Temple Meads railway station, where it becomes the Feeder Canal until Netham Bridge. The southern route of the river, which is notable for having a very high tidal range, is referred to as the New Cut between Plimsoll Swing Bridge and Temple Meads.

Historically, ward boundaries have always aligned with the southern route of the river for as long as we have records available (1973). As Spike Island and Redcliffe have a distinctly more city centre feel than the areas on the river's southern bank, we recommend that ward boundaries continue to predominantly align with the southern route of the river.

With this in mind, according to the 2031 projected electorate data provided, 238,666 of electors live north of the river, and 126,191 live south of the river. This equates to 49.7 councillors north of the river and 26.3 councillors south of the river. If rounded to 50 and 26, this leads to the south being slightly underrepresented. We therefore considered whether there are any suitable places for cross-river ward, particularly as there are several regeneration projects taking place along the southern bank of the river.

The conclusion we came to is the only appropriate place to do this would be Temple Island. It is small parcel of land that is physically separated from its surroundings in all directions by the river and extensive infrastructure. It is currently disused land but is expected to be developed and inhabited within the lifetime of these ward boundaries. Its closest community ties will be to the rest of the St Philip's Marsh regeneration area (Temple Quarter) via foot and vehicle bridges, so we recommend it shares a ward with St Philip's Marsh.

Other rivers that have an influence on Bristol's communities are the Frome, Malago, Trym, and Brislington Brook.



Geography: Topography

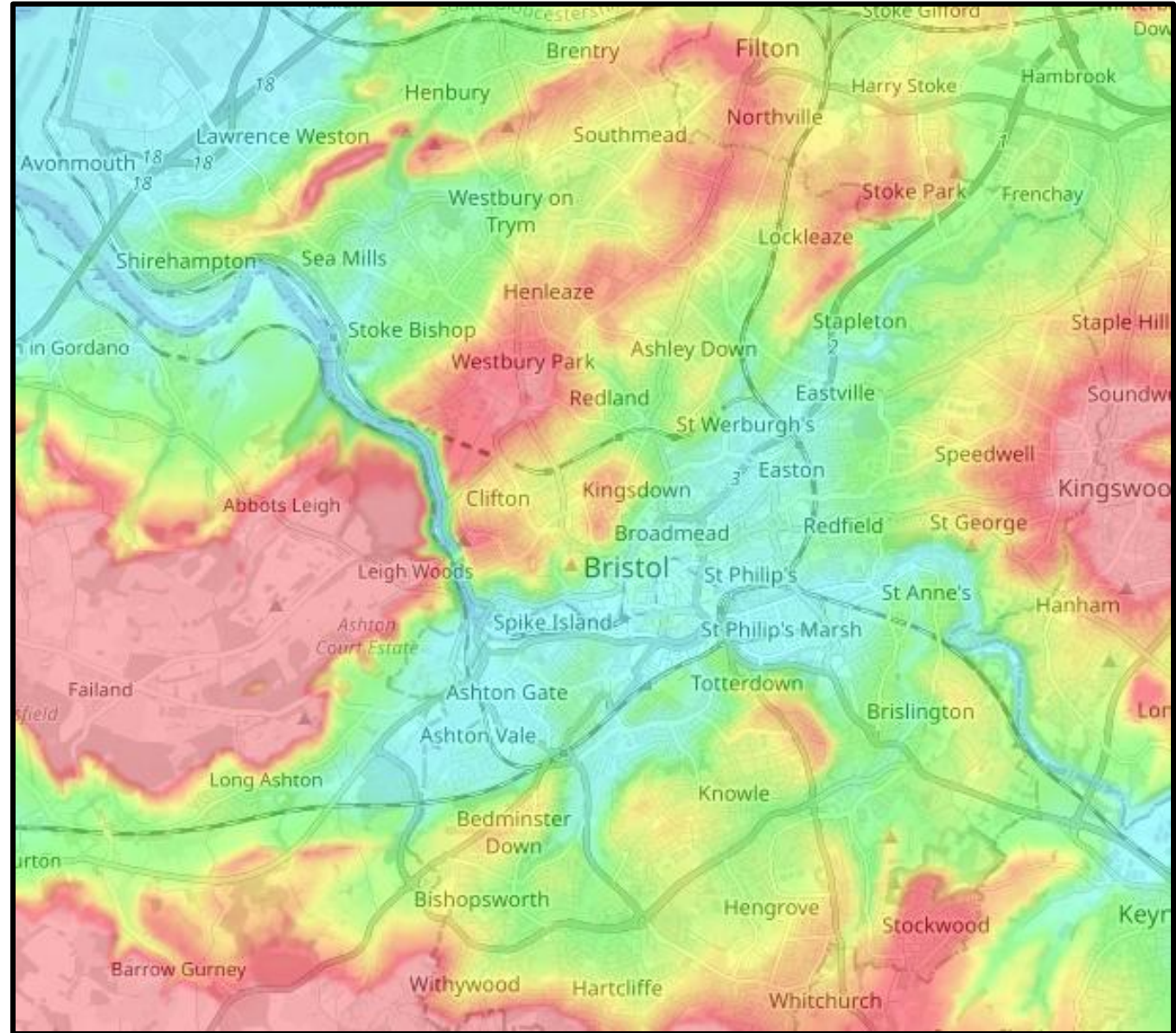
Bristol is characterised by a number of steep hills. While some communities are built up the side of the hills, it can also be a barrier to two adjoining communities which might look like a match on a flat map, but are separated by their topography.

It is notable that many of the steep hills are close to the rivers, which leaves small and/or narrow communities at the bottom of the hills. Locations where this can be observed include:

- Hotwells
- Crew's Hole
- Totterdown

Due to the challenges for community cohesion faced by Bristol's topography, we recommend the boundary commission refers to topography maps when determining ward configurations, such as the map linked under the image. We have tried to point out locations where this should be a consideration in our community outlines.

Alternatively, using Google Earth can provide you a feeling for the topography and geographical barriers, although it is sometimes difficult to get a true sense of scale.



Geography: Road and Railway Network

While major trunk roads act as barriers between communities, particularly if they are multi-lane or lack crossings, high streets often connect communities on either side. Many of Bristol's major high streets are also radial trunk roads so these are competing factors that need to be weighed against each other when determining appropriate ward boundaries. A map of Bristol's designated high streets and local centres can be found here (some smaller high streets may not be listed):

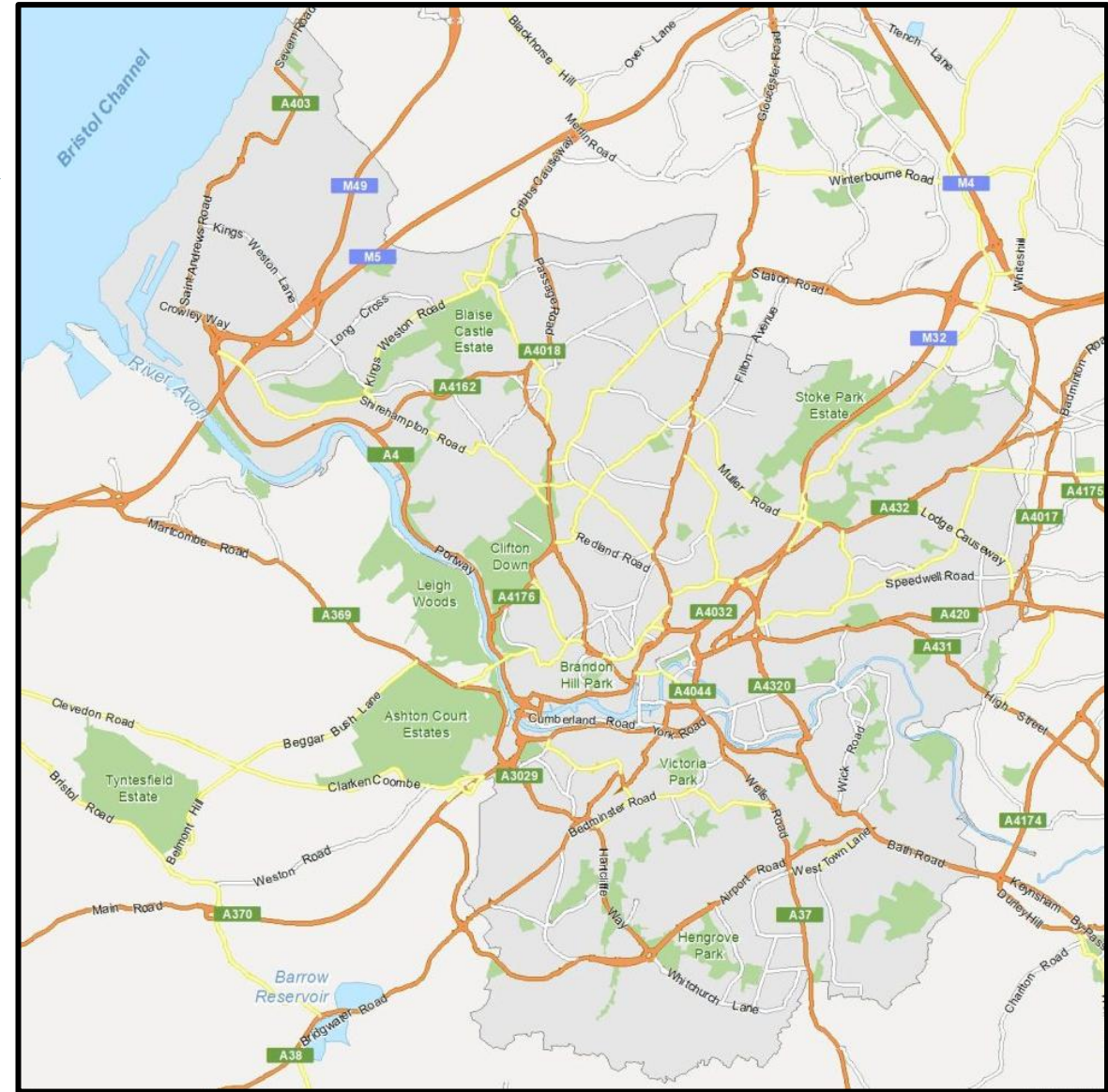
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Bristol's current ward boundaries are notable for often cutting residential roads down the middle. Whilst this is understandable if the road also acts as a trunk road, there are many instances where there is no clear reason for it. We believe the boundary commission should avoid running ward boundaries down the middle of roads in residential areas wherever possible.

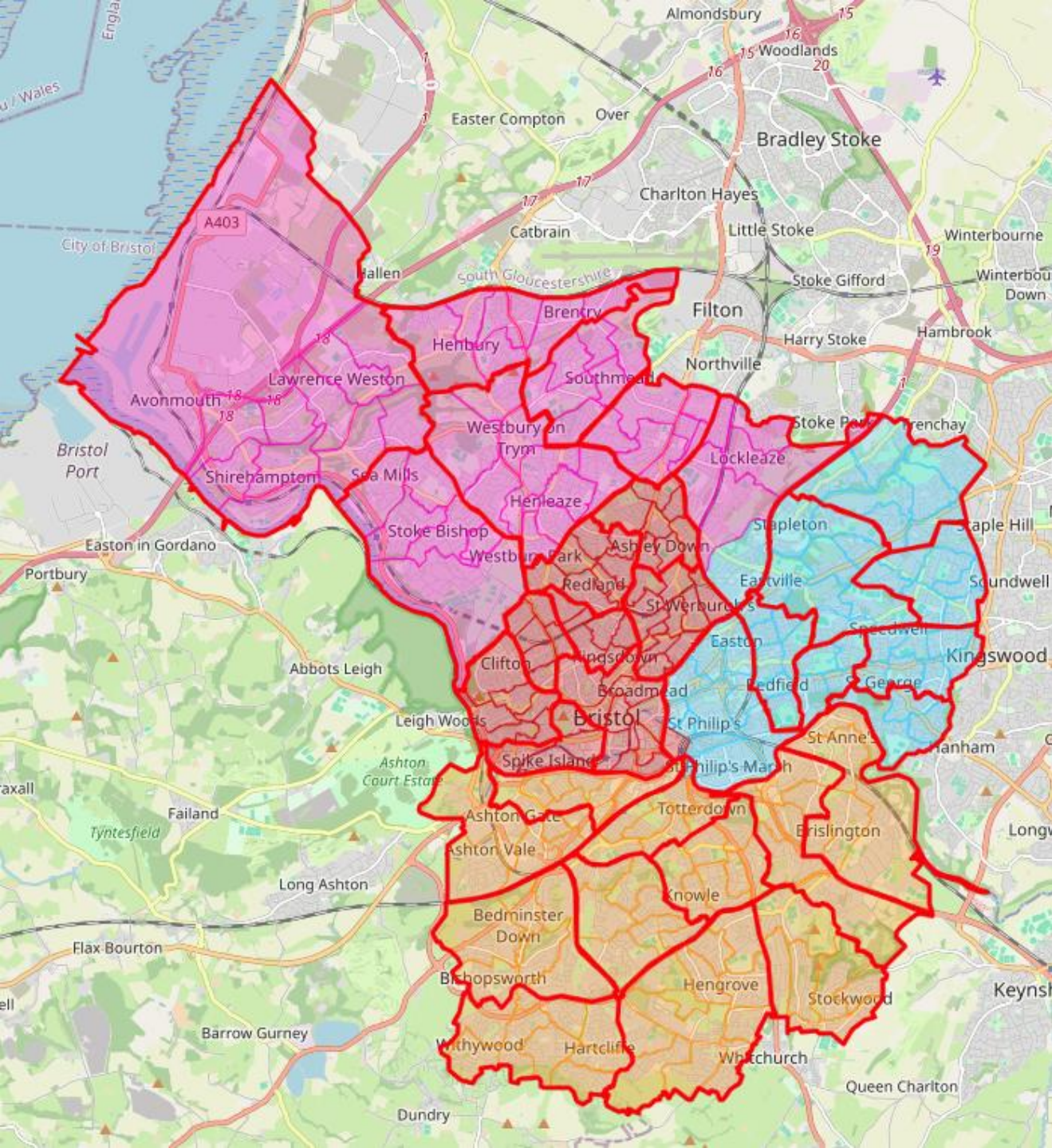
Railway lines can often act as a barrier between communities because usually crossings are only sporadic. However, train stations can sometimes act as a hub for a local centre, so they can bring communities together too. The Bristol & Bath Railway Path is a former railway that is now a prominent cycle route. Due to its history as a railway line, it acts much the same way as any other railway in separating communities due to a lack of crossings.



Source: www.travelwest.info/app/uploads/2024/05/Freedom-Travelpass-2024-scaled.jpg



Source: gisgeography.com/bristol-map-england/#RoadMap



Regions

For the ease of navigating this report, we have divided the city into 4 regions. Please note that these do not align with constituency boundaries. They do align with current ward boundaries unless a polling district is stated.

Area	Electors	Current Cllrs	Required Cllrs	Required Cllrs (rounded)
Central	77,307	16	16.10	16
East	80,408	14	16.75	17
North	81,051	16	16.88	17
South	126,091	24	26.26	26

Central	Wards: Ashley, Bishopston & Ashley Down, Central, Clifton, Clifton Down, Cotham, Hotwells & Harbourside, Redland, and part of LAWK.
	Bounded by: Avon River (south), The Downs and Kellaway Avenue (northwest), Muller Road (northeast), M32 and Temple Way (east).

East	Wards: Easton, Eastville, Frome Vale, Hillfields, Lawrence Hill, St George Central, St George Troopers Hill, St George West, LOCF, part of WNHB.
	Bounded by: Avon River (south), Temple Way (west), M32 (northwest)

North	Wards: Avonmouth & Lawrence Weston, Henbury & Brentry, Horfield, Lockleaze, Southmead, Stoke Bishop, Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze.
	Bounded by: The Downs, Kellaway Avenue and Muller Road (south), M32 (east).

South	Wards: Bedminster, Bishopsworth, Brislington West, Brislington East, Filwood, Knowle, Hartcliffe & Withywood, Hengrove & Whitchurch Park, Southville, Stockwood, and Windmill Hill.
	Bounded by: Avon River (north).

Communities & Methodology

Rather than looking at where we think existing ward boundaries should be tweaked, we have taken a blank slate approach as a starting point. Through this method, we are attempting to map out where actual communities or neighbourhoods exist, regardless of current ward boundaries.

Polling districts have been used as the building blocks for mapping out these communities, which do not always align. Using our digital mapping tool, we have split some polling districts to more accurately convey the community's boundaries, with the electorate split estimated.

Due to being a city, which has a significant continuous built-up area, communities often do not have an obvious and definitive boundary. Therefore, our suggested community boundaries should be taken as only being an estimation unless there is a clear geographic barrier. When we think communities blend, then we have labelled these as 'soft boundaries'. When mapping out soft boundaries, we have tended to stick more to polling districts rather than trying to split them.

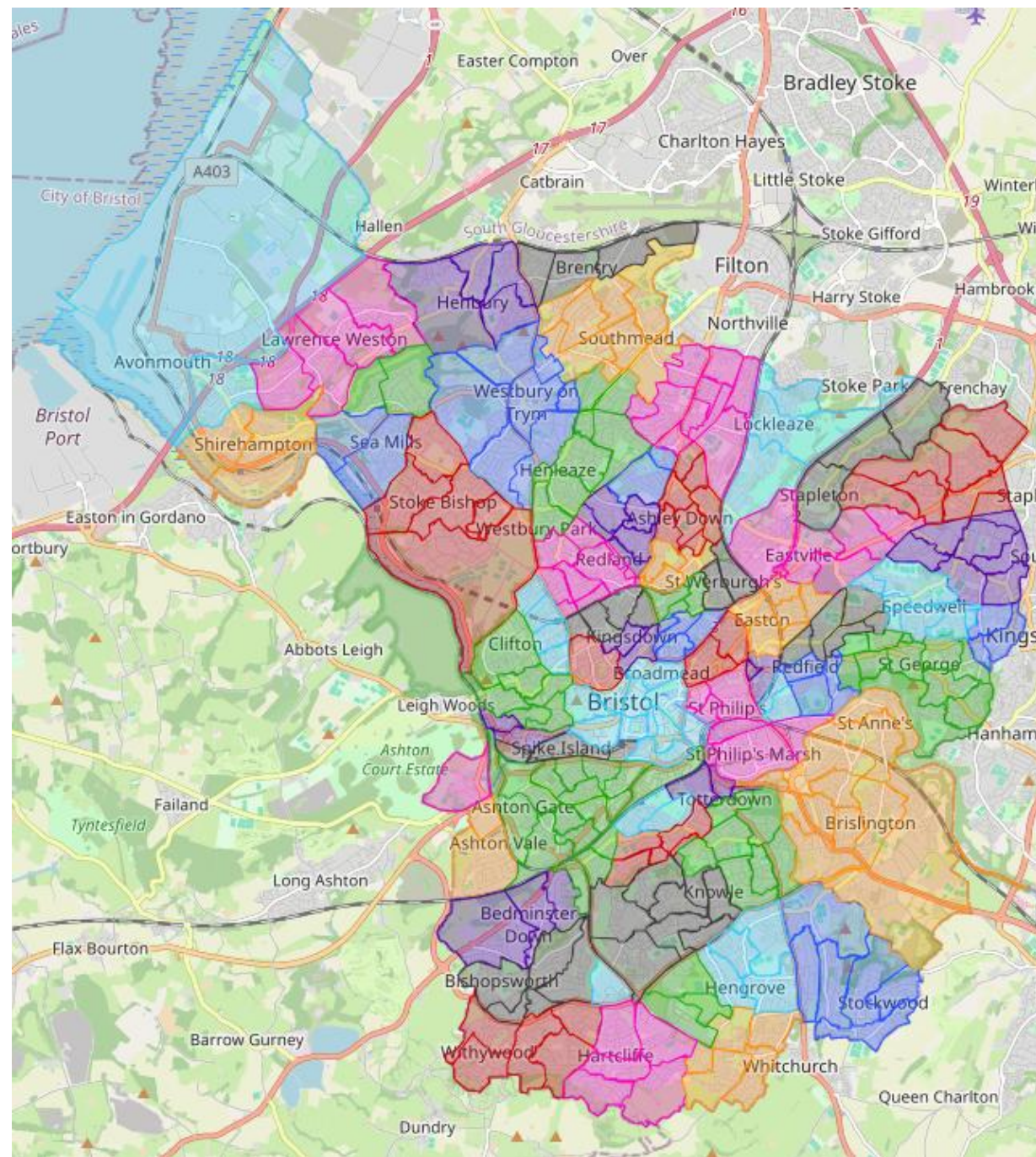
In some parts of their city, there are communities within communities. We have referred to these as sub-communities (With the prefix 'Sub:' in table headers). Not all sub-communities are listed.

We have then made suggestions of various ward configurations that respect these community identities. This is only intended to give broad stroke ideas rather than detailed street by street ward boundaries. We have generally aimed for two member wards as a good balance between maintaining a manageable ward size, sharing of workload, and protecting community identities. One or three member wards may be required in cases where communities are geographically isolated, or it is the only way to avoid splitting a community between wards.

To make it easier for the boundary commission to see the details of our suggested communities, wards and boundaries, they can use our digital viewer. The 'Communities' and 'Sub-Communities' are linked below. Ward boundary suggestions will be linked on the relevant page.

Communities: wardproposalviewer.netlify.app/view_index.html?plan=Communities.geojson
Sub-Comms: wardproposalviewer.netlify.app/view_index.html?plan=SubCommunities.geojson

For the above links, you can ignore the 'Electors' and 'Variance' columns, as these will only become relevant for actual ward configurations. You can select a ward in the sidebar to see an outline of it on the map. Click the '+' to get a list of Polling Districts assigned to the ward. Toggle to see an outline of current wards using the button in the top right. You can also create a spreadsheet with all the data using the button in the top left.



Central Communities

Central Communities – City Centre

City Centre

Electors: 10,497

Polling Districts (PDs): HOHA, HOHC, CENC, CEND, CENE, CENF (part), CENG, CENH, CENJ, LAWK (part)

Features: Highest concentration of commercial uses, offices, and high rises.

Soft boundaries: Stokes Croft, Old Market, Wapping Wharf, and the Triangle could all be considered extensions of the city centre.

Sub: Brandon Hill

PDs: HOHA

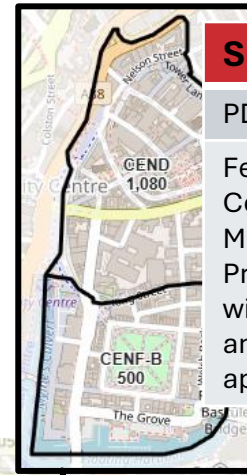
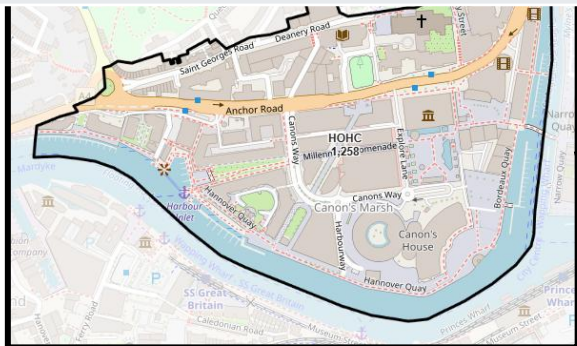
Features: Brandon Hill Park, College Green, Park Street High Street. Primarily townhouses with some midrise apartment blocks.

Soft boundaries: John Carr's Terrace could be considered part of Cliftonwood. Queens Parade could be considered part of Canon's Marsh.

Sub: Canon's Marsh

PDs: HOHC

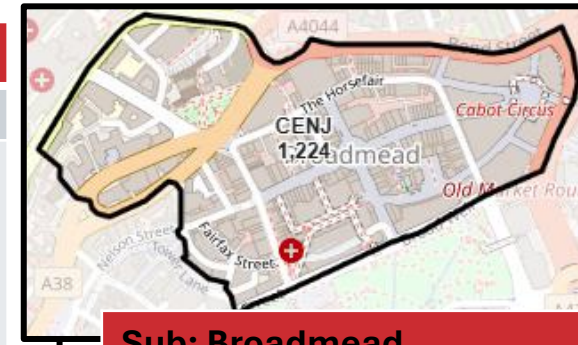
Features: Harbourside, Millennium Square. Primarily midrise apartment blocks.



Sub: Old City

PDs: CEND, CENF (part)

Features: King Street, Corn Street, St Nicholas Market, Queen Square. Primarily commercial with some townhouses and midrise/highrise apartment blocks.



Sub: Broadmead

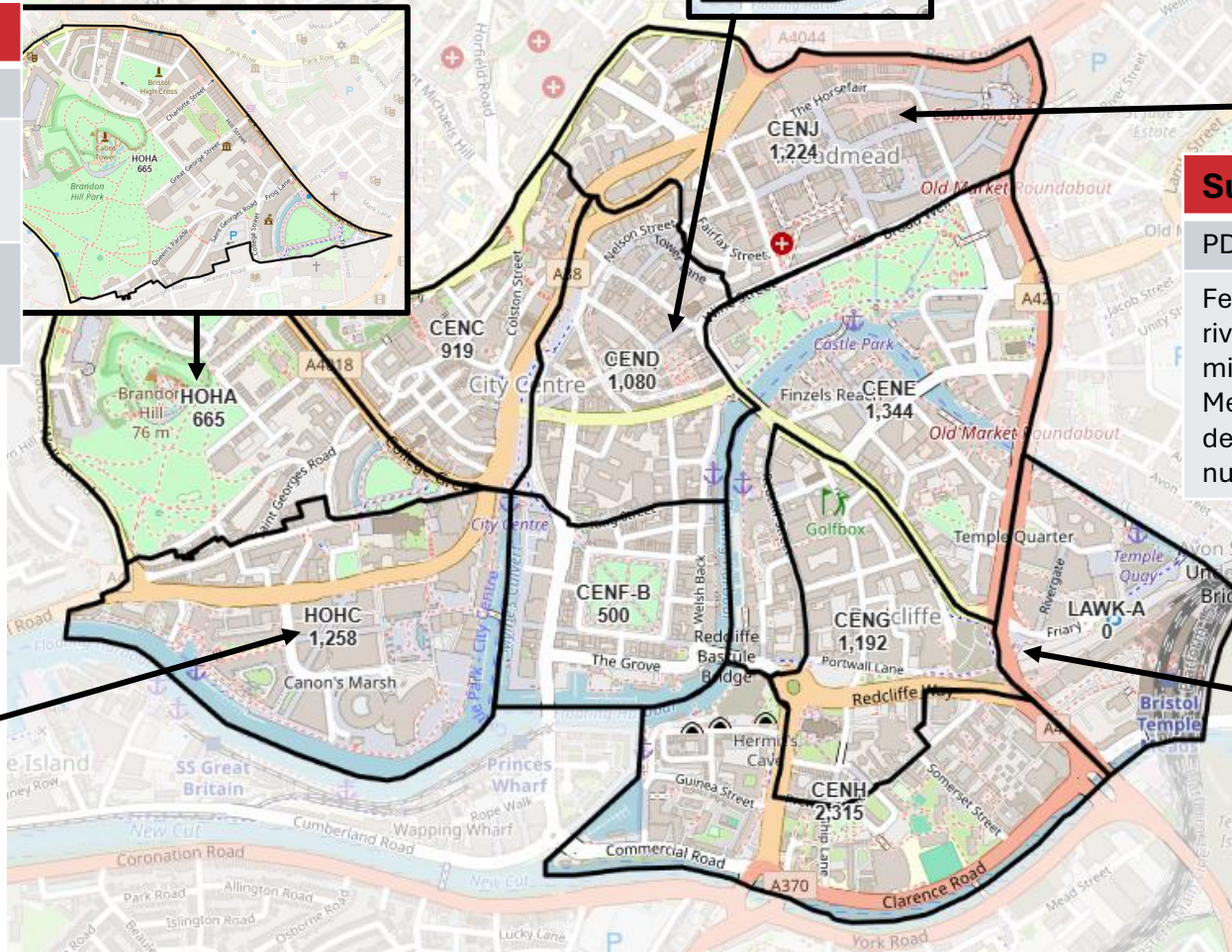
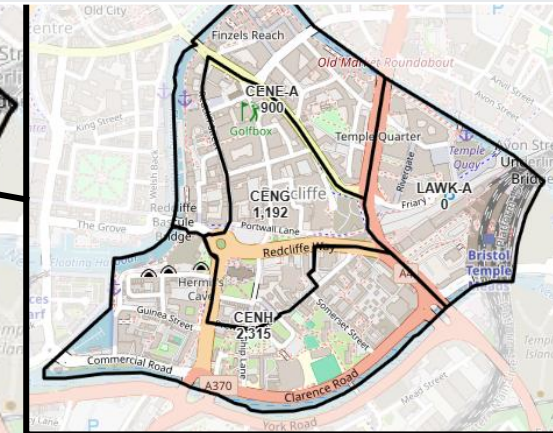
PDs: CENJ

Features: Primary shopping district. Cabot Circus, Bus Station. Increase in residential highrise development expected in near future.

Sub: Redcliffe

PDs: CENE (part), CENG, CENH, LAWK (part)

Features: Separated from rest of centre by river, but still distinctively city centre with midrise apartment blocks and offices. Temple Meads (main railway station). Temple Quarter development around the station will increase number of residents.



Central Communities – Spike Island

Spike Island

Electors: 1,991

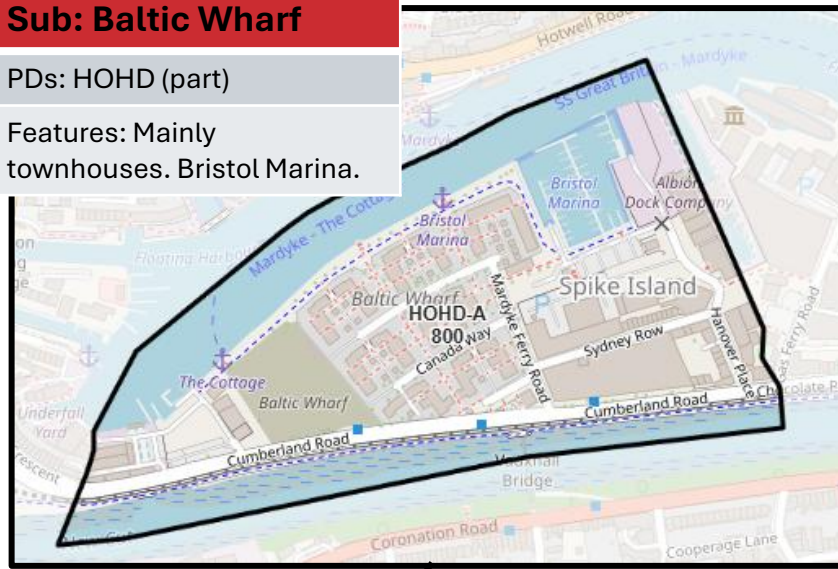
PDs: HOHB (part), HOHD, CENF (part)

Features: Sits between the two routes of the river, bordered by Bathurst Basin in the east. SS Great Britain, Underfall Yard

Sub: Baltic Wharf

PDs: HOHD (part)

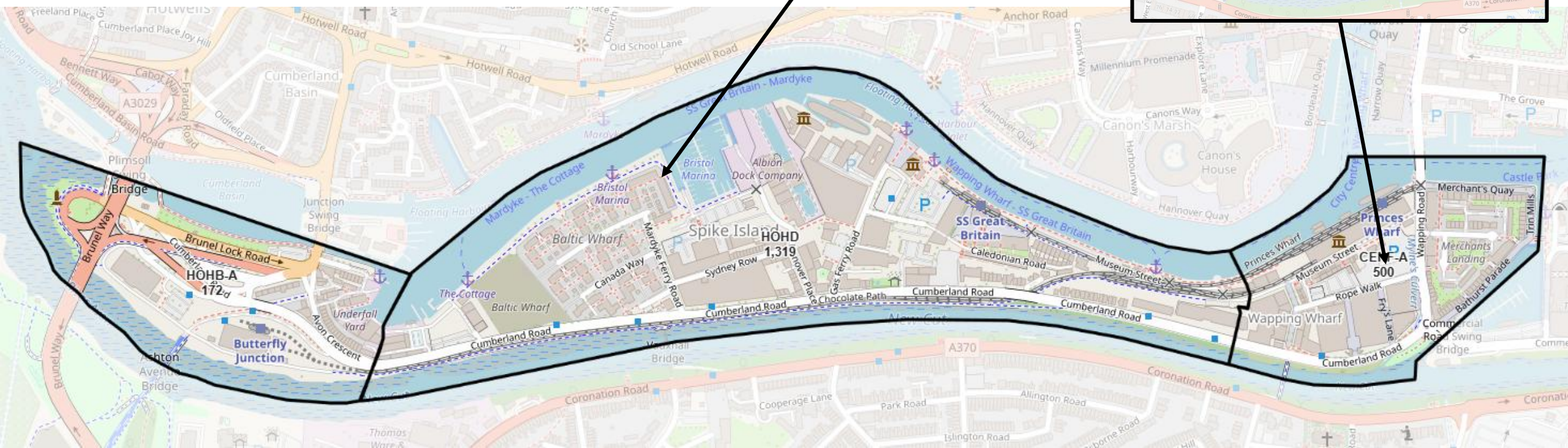
Features: Mainly townhouses. Bristol Marina.



Sub: Wapping Wharf

PDs: CENF (part)

Features: Mixed use, townhouses and low-rise apartments. M Shed. Has a closer connection to city centre than rest of Spike Island.



Central Communities – Hotwells

Hotwells

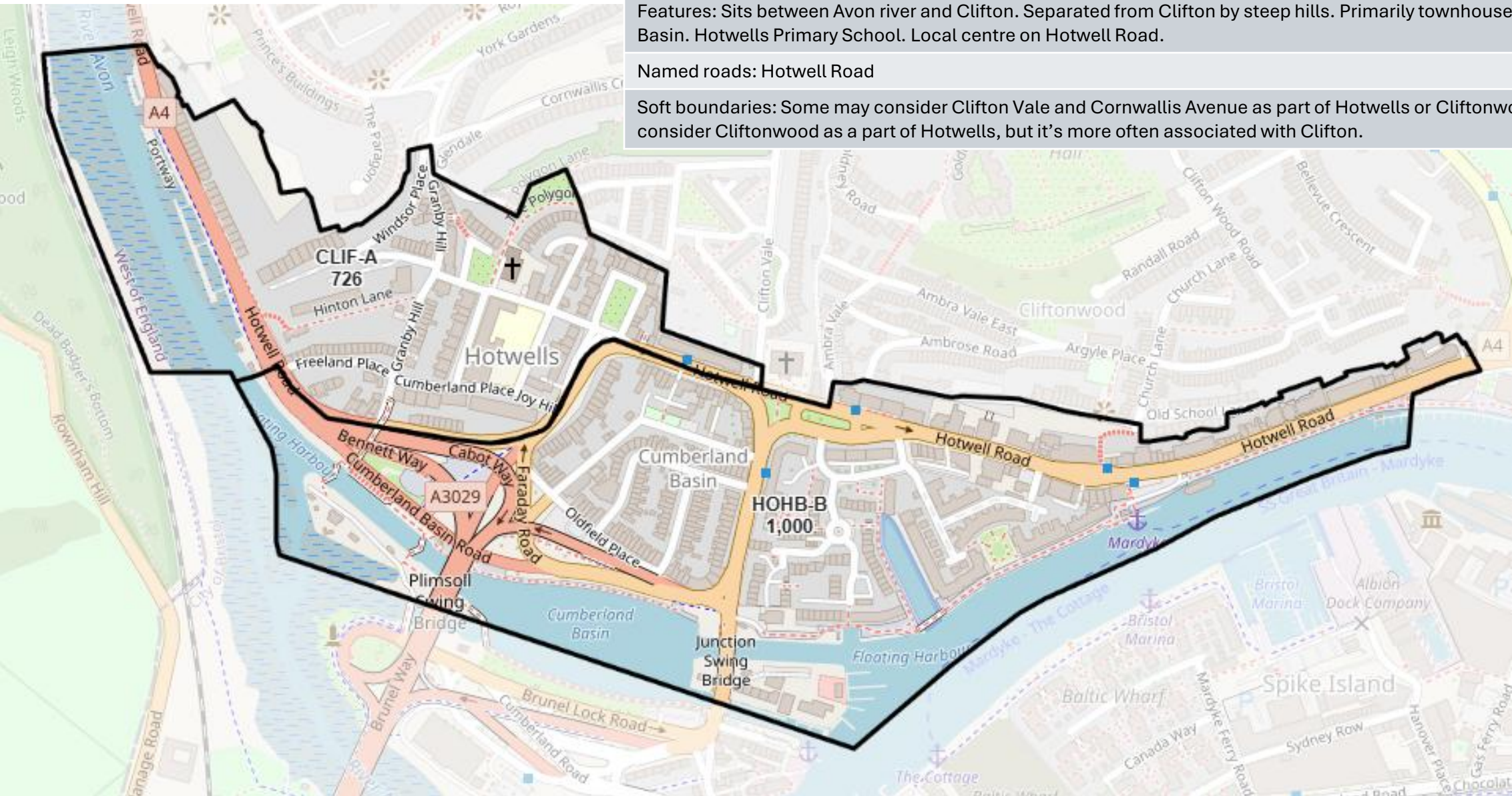
Electors: 1,726

PDs: CLIF (part), HOHB (part)

Features: Sits between Avon river and Clifton. Separated from Clifton by steep hills. Primarily townhouses. Cumberland Basin. Hotwells Primary School. Local centre on Hotwell Road.

Named roads: Hotwell Road

Soft boundaries: Some may consider Clifton Vale and Cornwallis Avenue as part of Hotwells or Cliftonwood. Some may consider Cliftonwood as a part of Hotwells, but it's more often associated with Clifton.



Central Communities – Clifton

Clifton

Electors: 8,987

PDs: CLIA, CLIB, CLIC, CLID, CLIE, CLIF (part)

Features: On top of the hill above Hotwells. Clifton Suspension Bridge, Clifton Observatory, Clifton Village (Princess Victoria Street & The Mall), Clifton College, The Downs. Primarily made up of townhouses.

Named roads: Clifton Hill, Lower Clifton Hill, Clifton Park, Clifton Park Road, Clifton Down

Soft boundaries: CLIA could be considered part of Clifton Down due to proximity of the Downs, but more commonly associated with Clifton Village

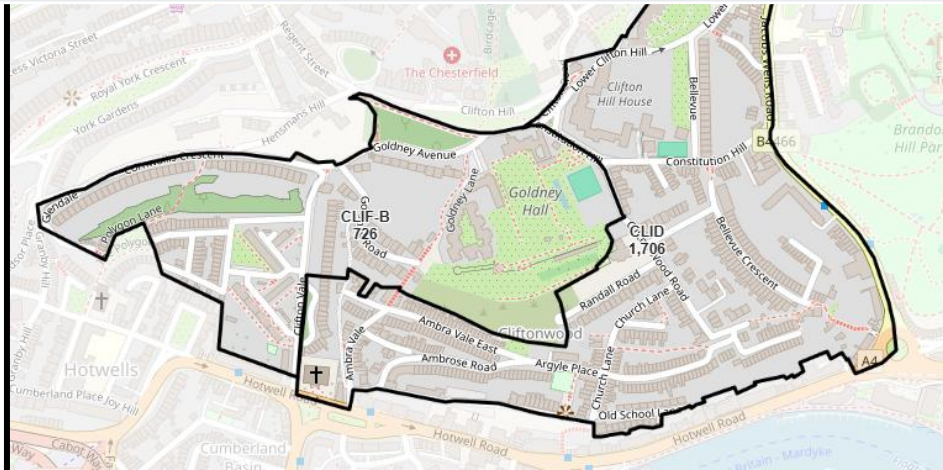
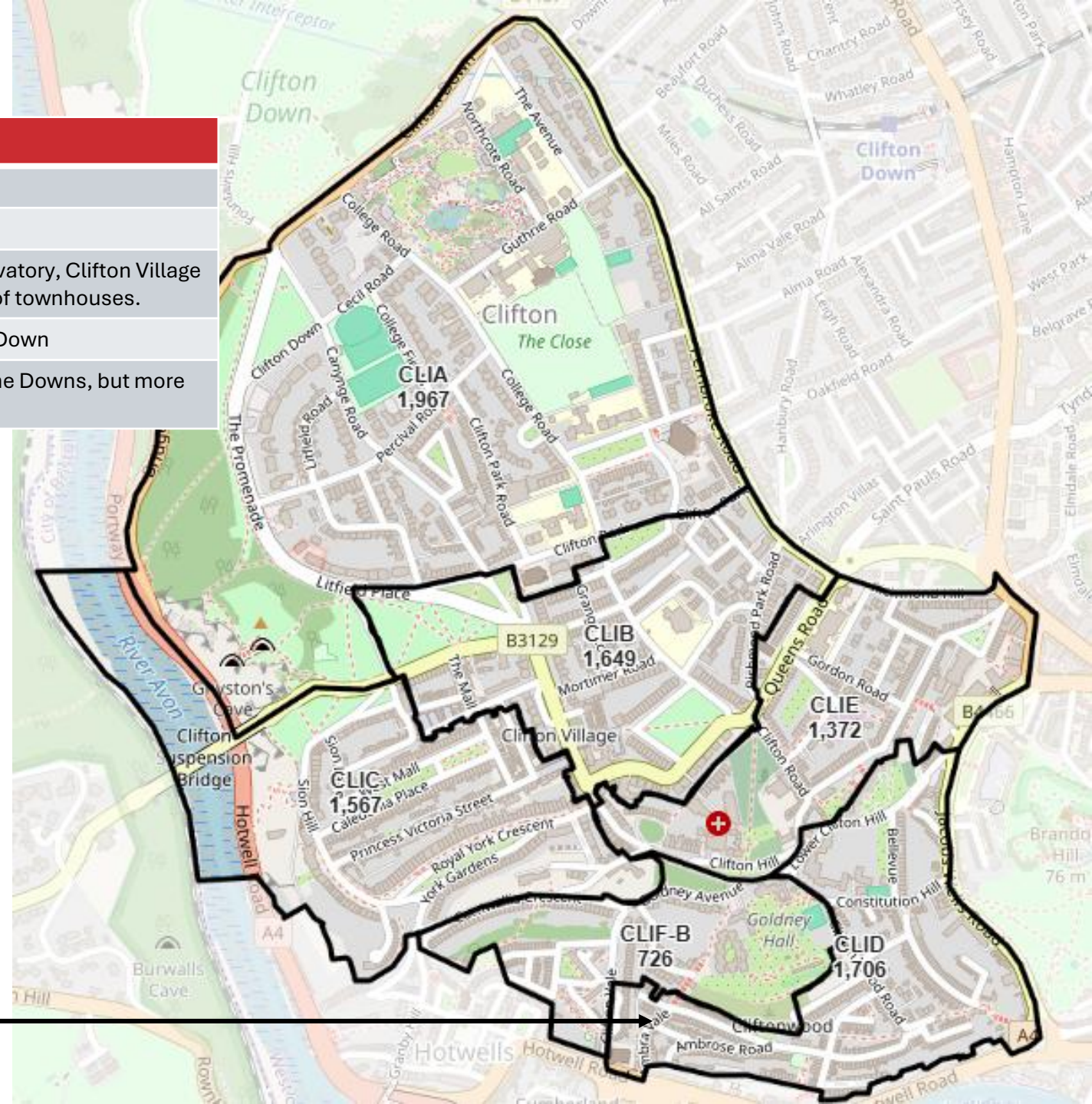
Sub: Cliftonwood

PDs: CLID, CLIF (part)

Features: Sits on the hill between Clifton and Hotwells. Could be considered part of Hotwells but more commonly associated with Clifton. Mix of terraced houses and townhouses.

Named roads: Cliftonwood Crescent, Clifton Wood Road

Soft boundaries: Area around Clifton Vale and Cornwallis Avenue could be considered part of Hotwells or just Clifton.



Central Communities – Clifton Down

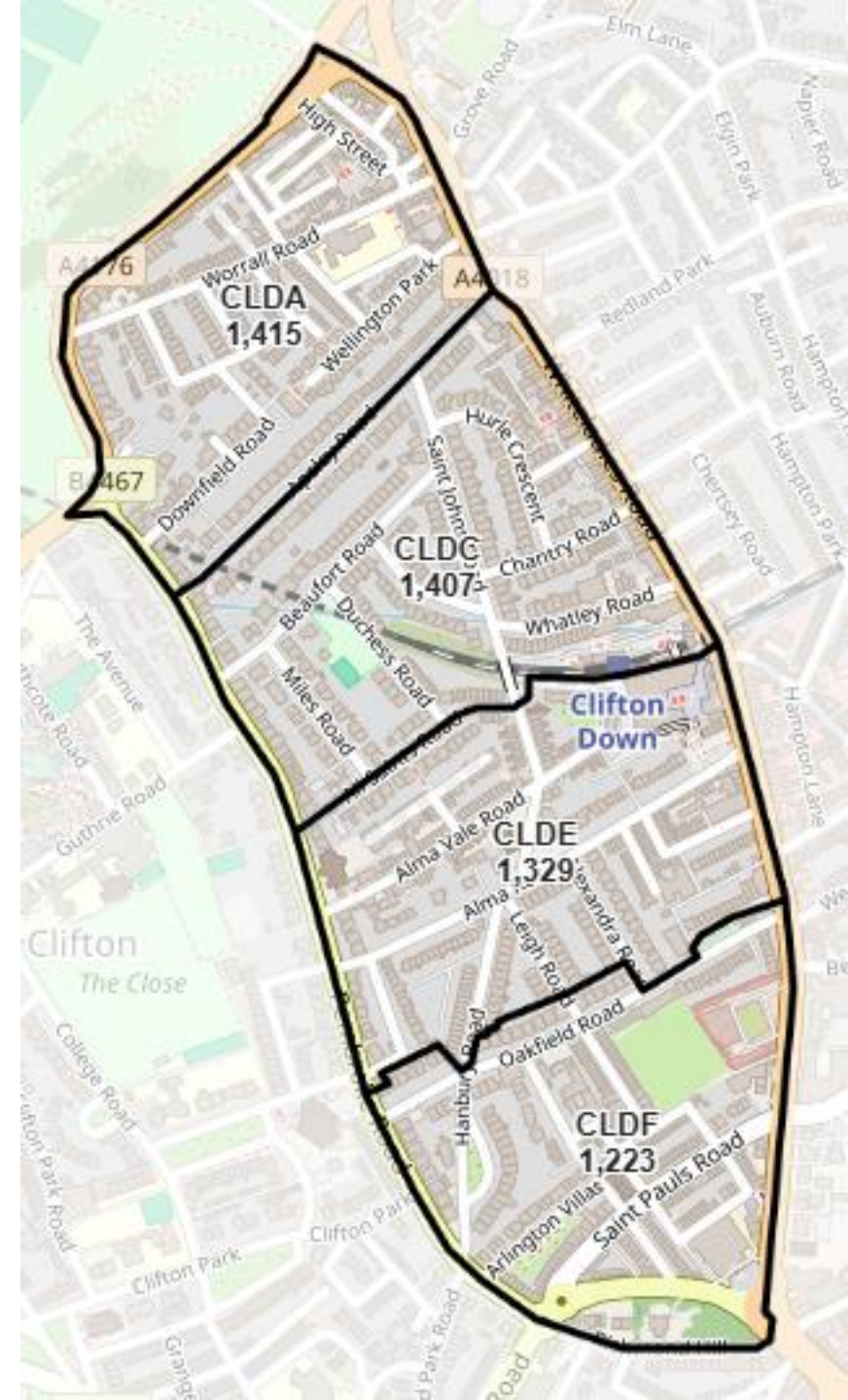
Clifton Down

Electors: 5,374

PDs: CLDA, CLDC, CLDE, CLDF

Features: The area between Whiteladies Road (main high street) and Pembroke Road. Clifton Down station, Clifton Down Shopping Centre, The Downs, Alma Vale Road. Primarily made up of townhouses, many of which have been converted into HMOs.

Soft boundaries: Sometimes just considered part of Clifton, but it does have a distinctly different character due to high prevalence of students and HMOs, and it is more closely tied to Whiteladies Road than Clifton Village.



Central Communities – Redland

Redland

Electors: 8,686

PDs: CLDB, CLDD (part), COTA, COTB, REDD (part), REDE, REDF, REDG (part)

Features: Generally consider to be the area between Whiteladies Road (main high street) and Cranbrook Road, north of the railway line. Redland Green School, Redland Green, Redland Library, Redland station, Chandos Road. Mix of terraced housing, townhouses, and semi-detached housing.

Named roads: Redland Road, Lower Redland Road, Redland Park, Redland Hill, Redland Green Road, Redland Court Road, Redland Grove.

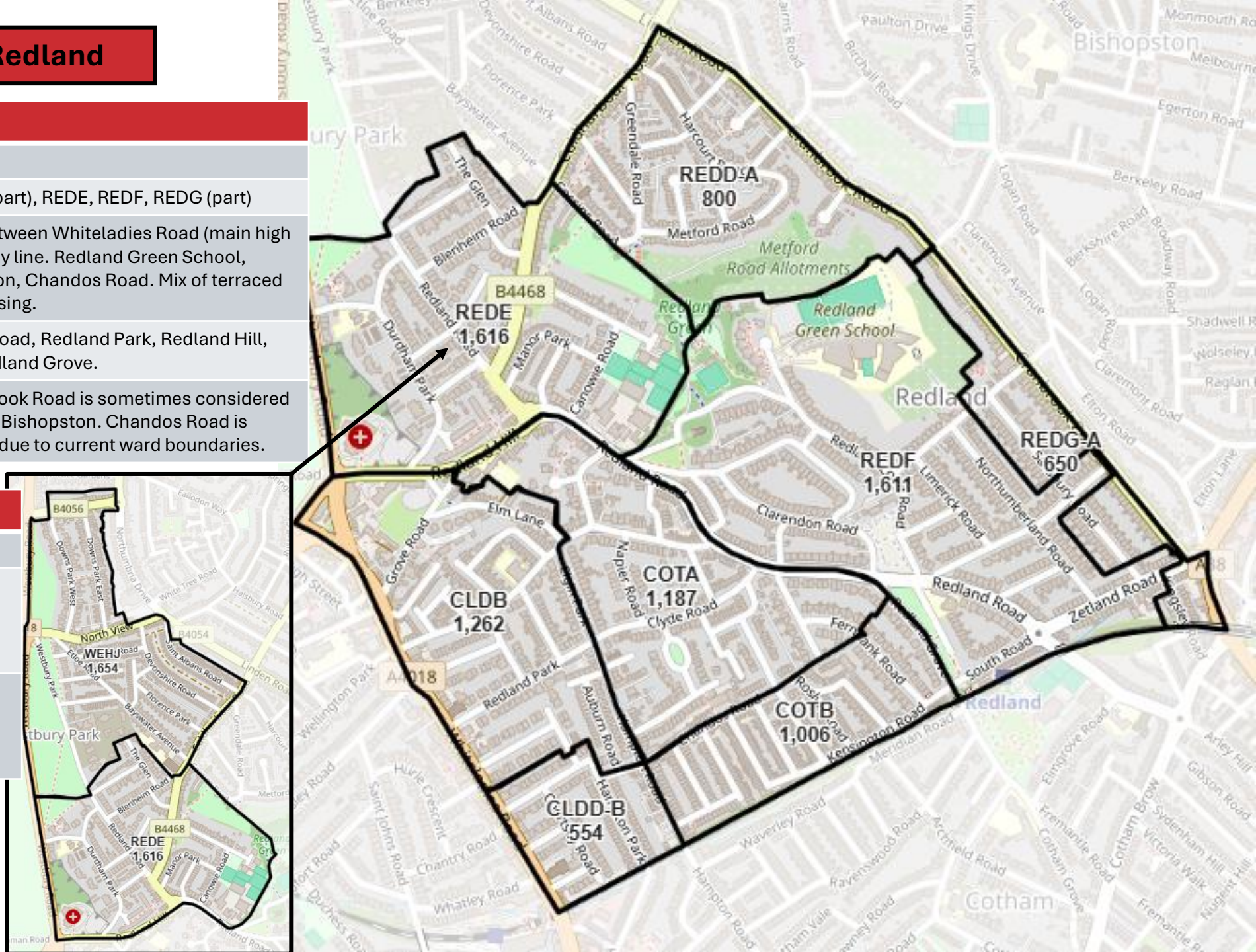
Soft boundaries: The area either side of Cranbrook Road is sometimes considered part of Redland, sometimes considered part of Bishopston. Chandos Road is sometimes considered part of Cotham, in part due to current ward boundaries.

Sub: Westbury Park

PDs: REDE, WEHJ

Features: The area between The Downs, Coldharbour Road, Linden Road and Northumbria Road. North View and Coldharbour Road are local centres.

Soft boundaries: Northern boundary could be considered North View or Henleaze Road. Westbury Park could be considered a sub community of Henleaze and/or Redland.



Central Communities – Cotham

Cotham

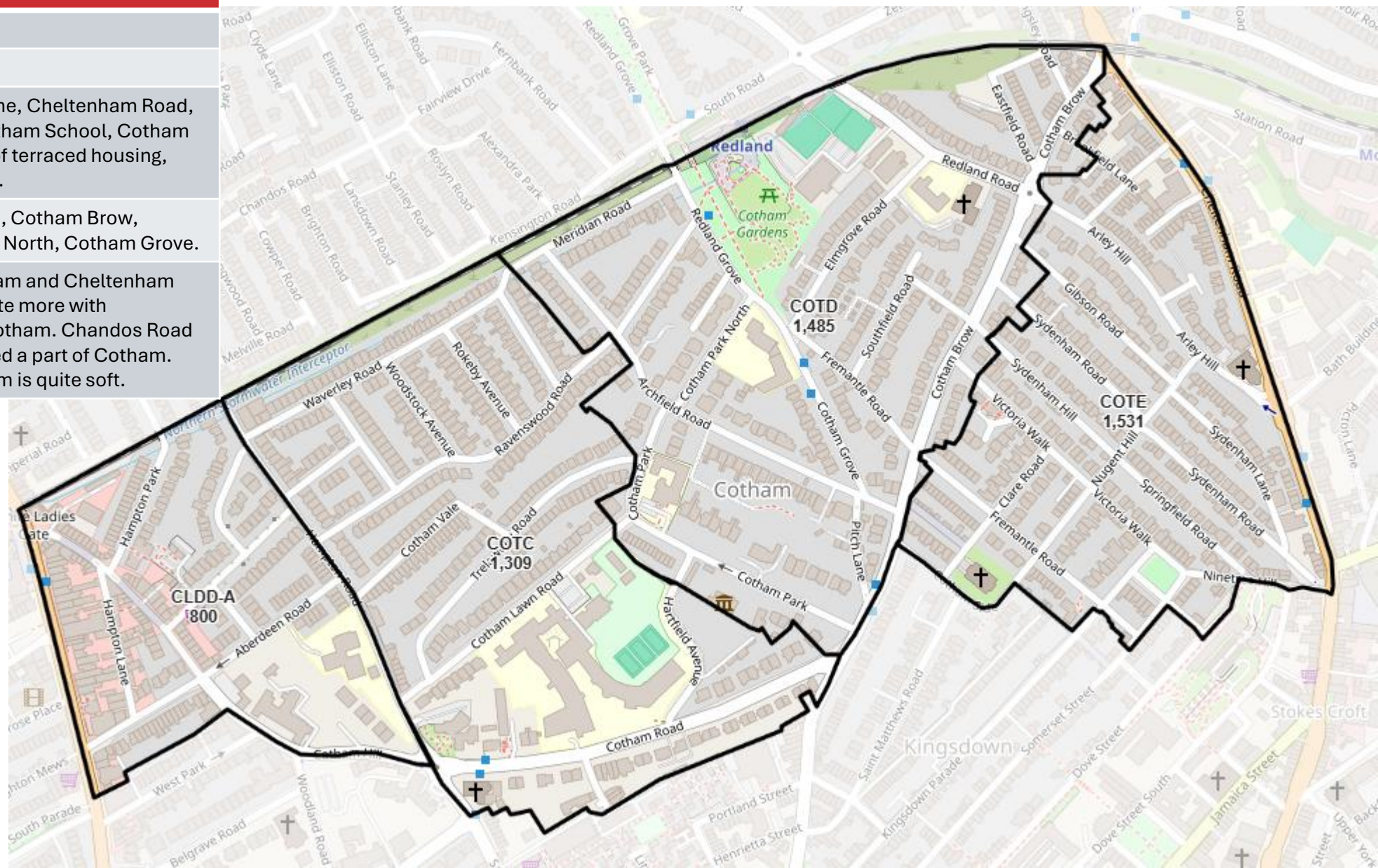
Electors: 5,125

PDs: COTC, COTD, COTE, CLDD (part)

Features: The area between the railway line, Cheltenham Road, Cotham Road, and Whiteladies Road. Cotham School, Cotham Gardens, Cotham Hill (local centre). Mix of terraced housing, townhouses, and semi-detached housing.

Named roads: Cotham Hill, Cotham Road, Cotham Brow, Cotham Vale, Cotham Park, Cotham Park North, Cotham Grove.

Soft boundaries: Steep hill between Cotham and Cheltenham Road means parts of COTE might associate more with Cheltenham Road and Montpelier than Cotham. Chandos Road local centre may sometimes be considered a part of Cotham. Boundary between Kingsdown and Cotham is quite soft.



Central Communities – Tyndall's Park

Tyndall's Park

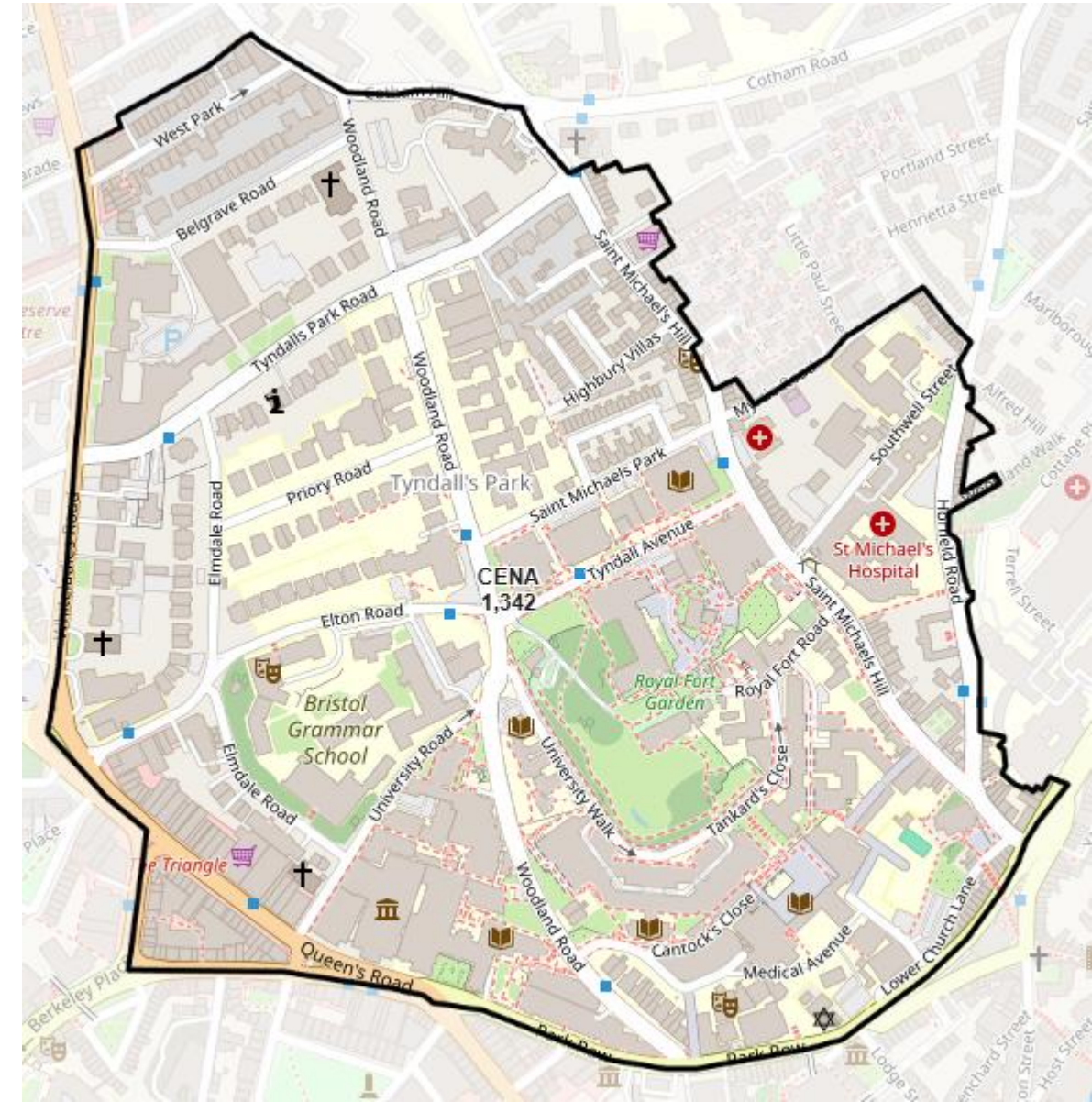
Electors: 1,342

PDs: CENA

Features: Contains main Bristol University campus (see inset image, campus in navy blue). Bounded by Park Row, St Michaels Hill, Whiteladies Road, and Cotham Hill, which all act as local centres. Bristol Grammar School, BBC Studios, St Michael's Hospital.

Named roads: Tyndalls Park Road, Tyndall Avenue

Soft boundaries: Name isn't necessarily in everyday usage, with people more likely to either refer to the university campus or the surrounding local centres.



Central Communities – Kingsdown

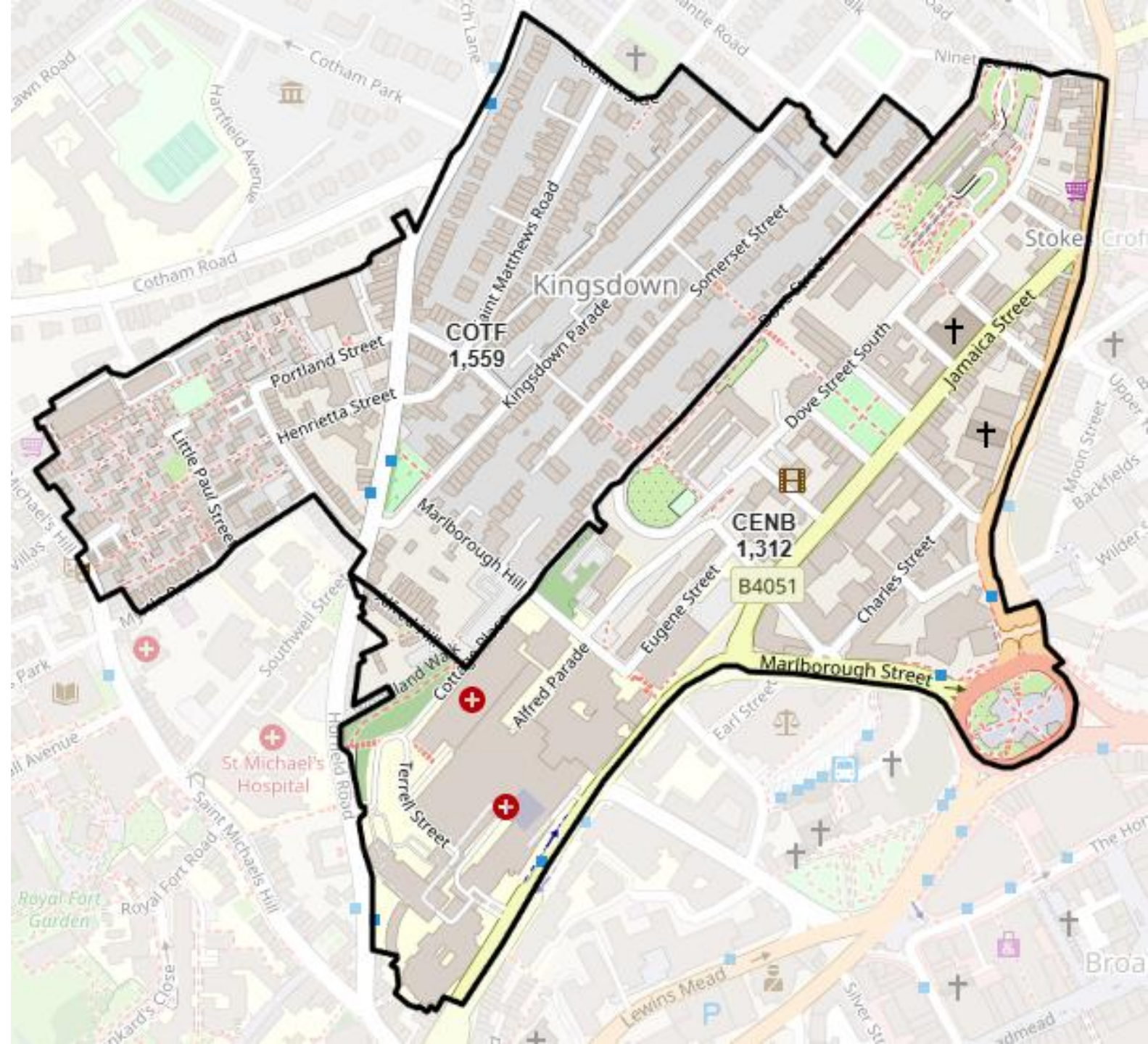
Kingsdown

Electors: 2,871

PDs: CENB, COTF

Features: Although CENB and COTF are both considered Kingsdown, the two PDs are very different from each other. CENB is characterised by midrise and highrise apartment blocks with a handful of townhouses – it is more closely associated to the Stokes Croft local centre. COTF is more like Cotham in character, primarily made up of townhouses. There is a very steep hill between CENB and COTF.

Named roads: Kingsdown Parade.



Central Communities – St Paul's

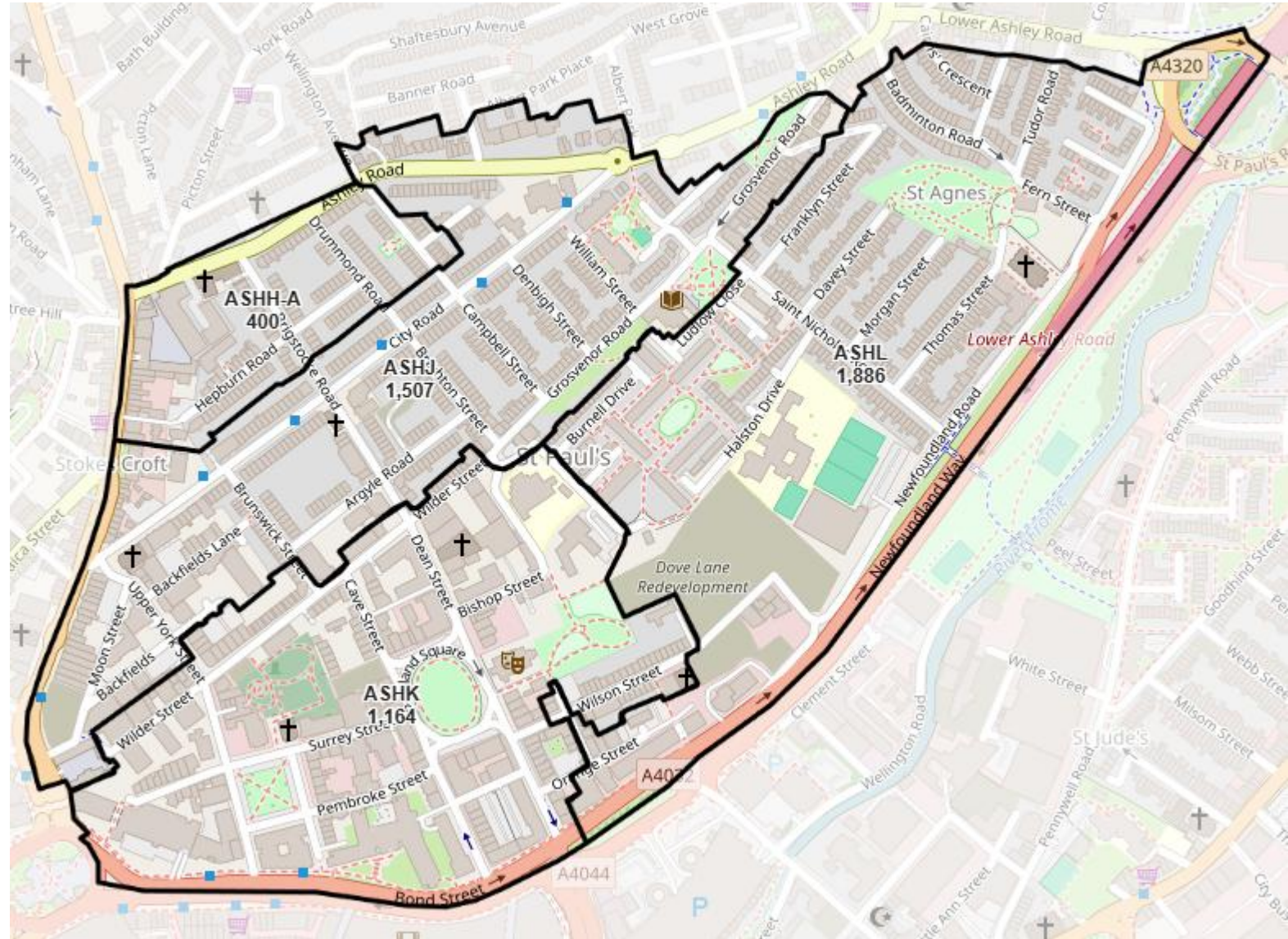
St Paul's

Electors: 4,957

PDs: ASHH (part), ASHJ, ASHK, ASHL

Features: Bounded by Stokes Croft, Ashley Road, Newfoundland Way, and Bond Street. ASHK has more of a city centre feel with a mix of lowrise/midrise apartment blocks and townhouses. The rest is a mix of terraced and townhouses, with a few lowrise apartment blocks. Stokes Croft, Ashley Road, and Grosvenor Road are the main local centres. St Paul's Learning Centre, St Paul's Settlement, Malcolm X Community Centre, St Paul's Park, St Paul's Sports Academy.

Soft boundaries: Some ties to lower parts of Kingsdown (CENB) due to shared Stokes Croft local centre and steep hill up to COTF.



Central Communities – St Werburgh's

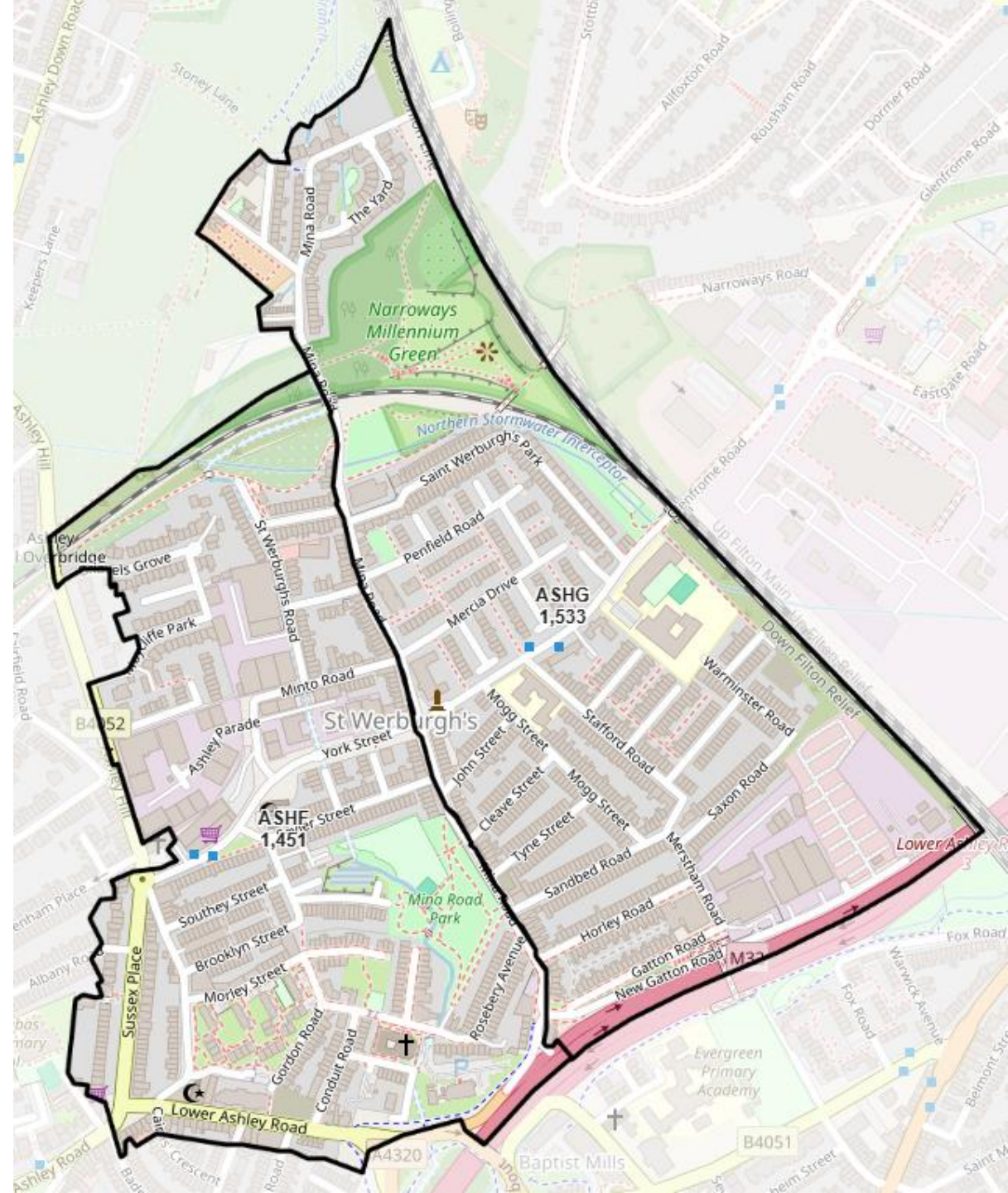
St Werburgh's

Electors: 2,984

PDs: ASHF, ASHG

Features: Bounded by Ashley Vale allotments, railway line, Ashley Hill, and M32. Main local centres are Mina Road and Ashley Road. St Werburgh's Farm, Narrowways, St Werburgh's Community Centre, St Werburgh's Primary School. Primarily terraced housing.

Named roads: St Werburgh's Park, St Werburgh's Road



Central Communities – Montpelier

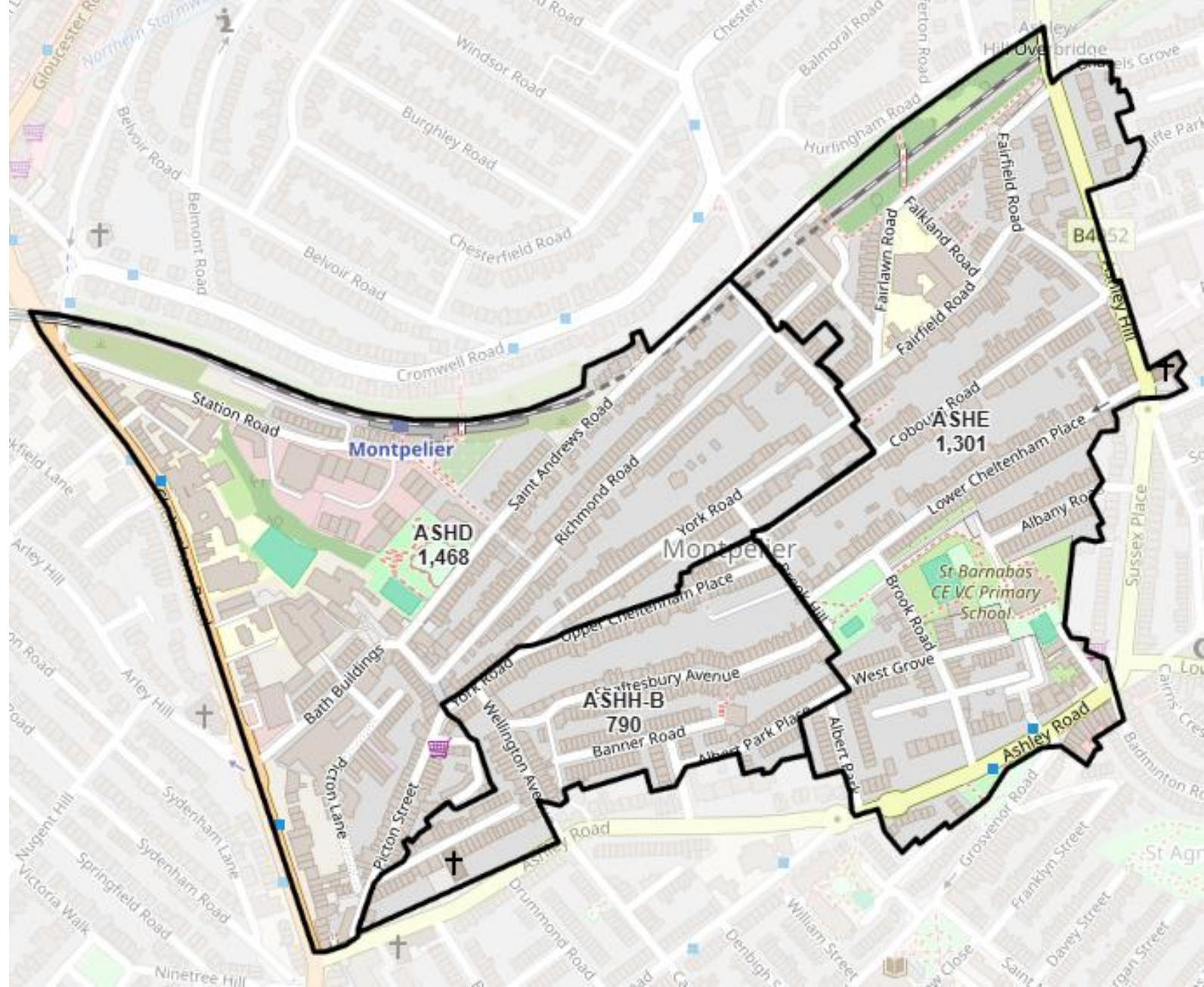
Montpelier

Electors: 3,559

PDs: ASHD, ASHE, ASHH (part)

Features: Bounded by Cheltenham Road, Ashley Road, Ashley Hill, and the railway line. Montpelier station, Montpelier High School, Montpelier Health Centre, Montpelier Park. Main local centres are Cheltenham Road and Picton Street. Primarily made up of townhouses.

Soft boundaries: Some ties to COTE due to shared Cheltenham Road local centre, and steep hill up to rest of Cotham.



Central Communities – St Andrew's

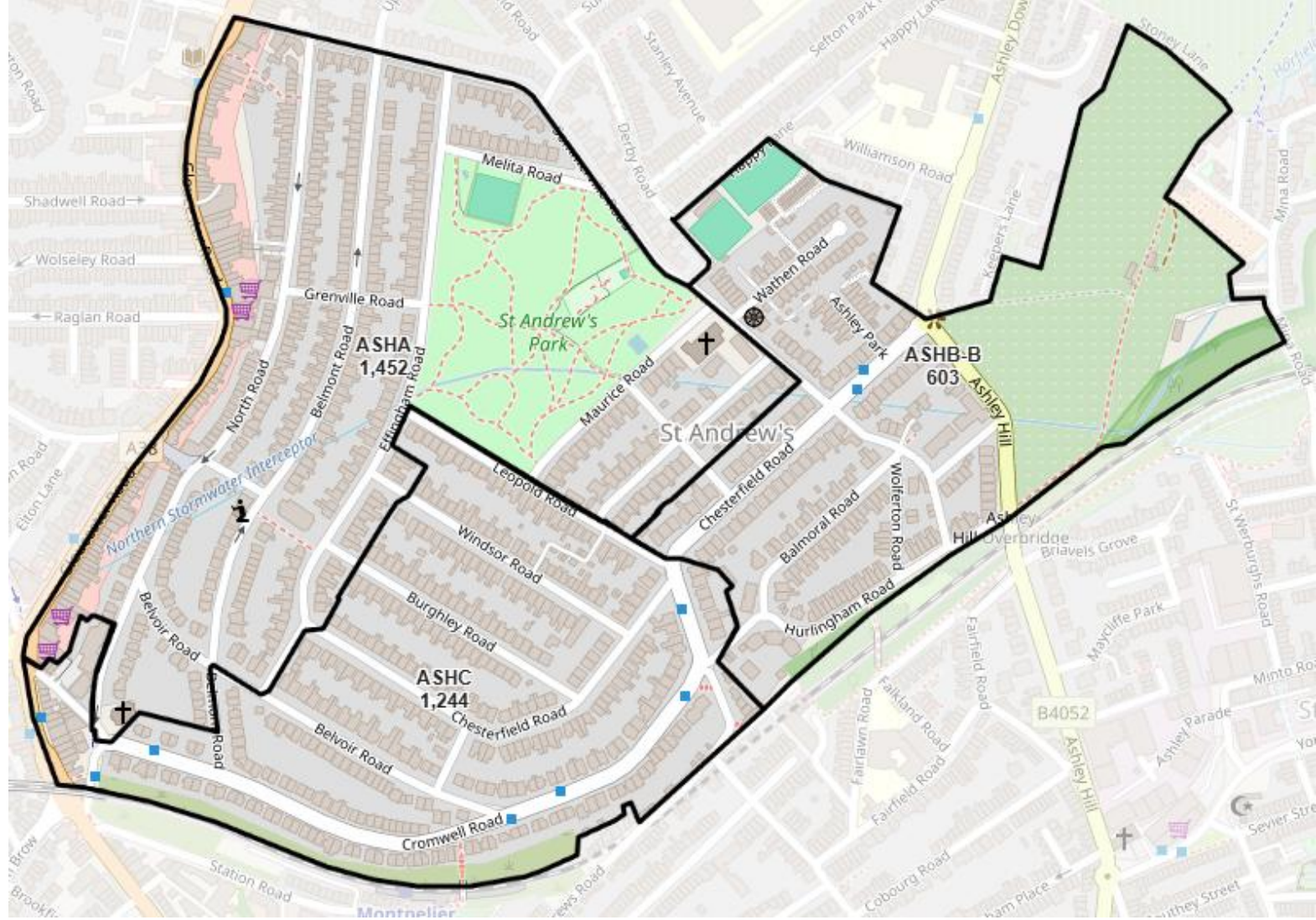
St Andrew's

Electors: 3,299

PDs: ASHA, ASHB (part), ASHC

Features: Bounded by Gloucester Road, Sommerville Road, Ashley Vale allotments, and railway line to the south. Gloucester Road, St Andrew's Park, St Andrew's Bowling Club. Primarily semi-detached houses, with some townhouses.

Soft boundaries: boundary between St Andrews and Ashley Down is soft, with St Andrew's Park generally considered to be at the North of the district. Area west of St Andrew's Park is sometimes considered to be part of Bishopston, with Gloucester Road being the local centre that ties it together.



Central Communities – Ashley Down

Ashley Down

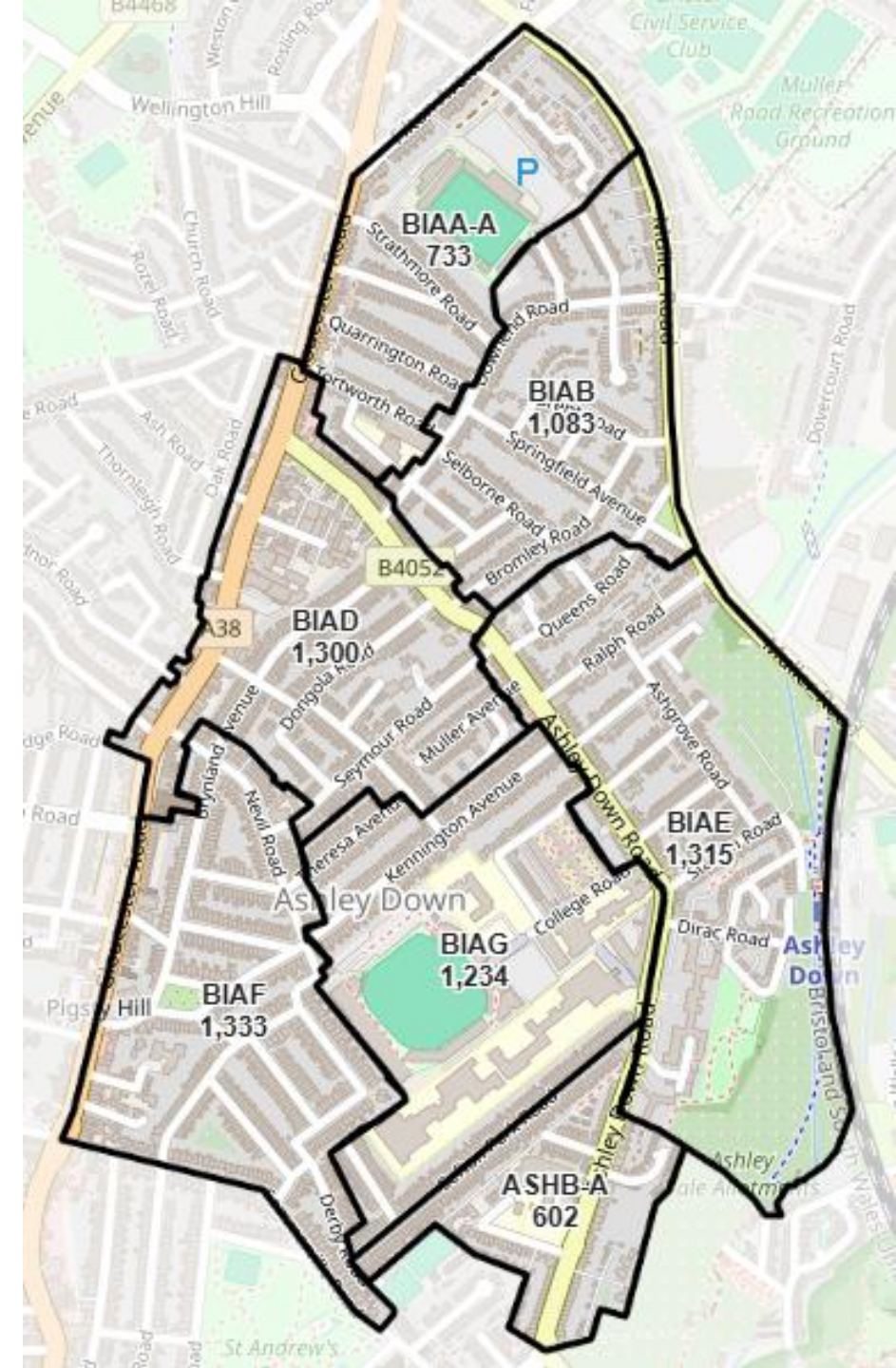
Electors: 7,600

PDs: BIAA (part), BIAB, BIAD, BIAE, BIAF, BIAG, ASHB (part)

Features: Area either side of Ashley Down Road, extending to Muller Road, Gloucester Road, and Sommerville Avenue. Memorial Stadium, Bristol County Cricket Ground, City of Bristol College Ashley Down Campus, Ashley Down Station, Ashley Down Allotments. Gloucester Road is main local centre. Mostly terraced housing.

Named roads: Ashley Down Road

Soft boundaries: Some may consider BIAF to be part of Bishopston due to the Gloucester Road connection. Boundary between Ashley Down and St Andrew's is soft. Filton Avenue and Trubshaw Close may be better described as being part of Horfield (north of Memorial Stadium).



Central Communities – Horfield Common

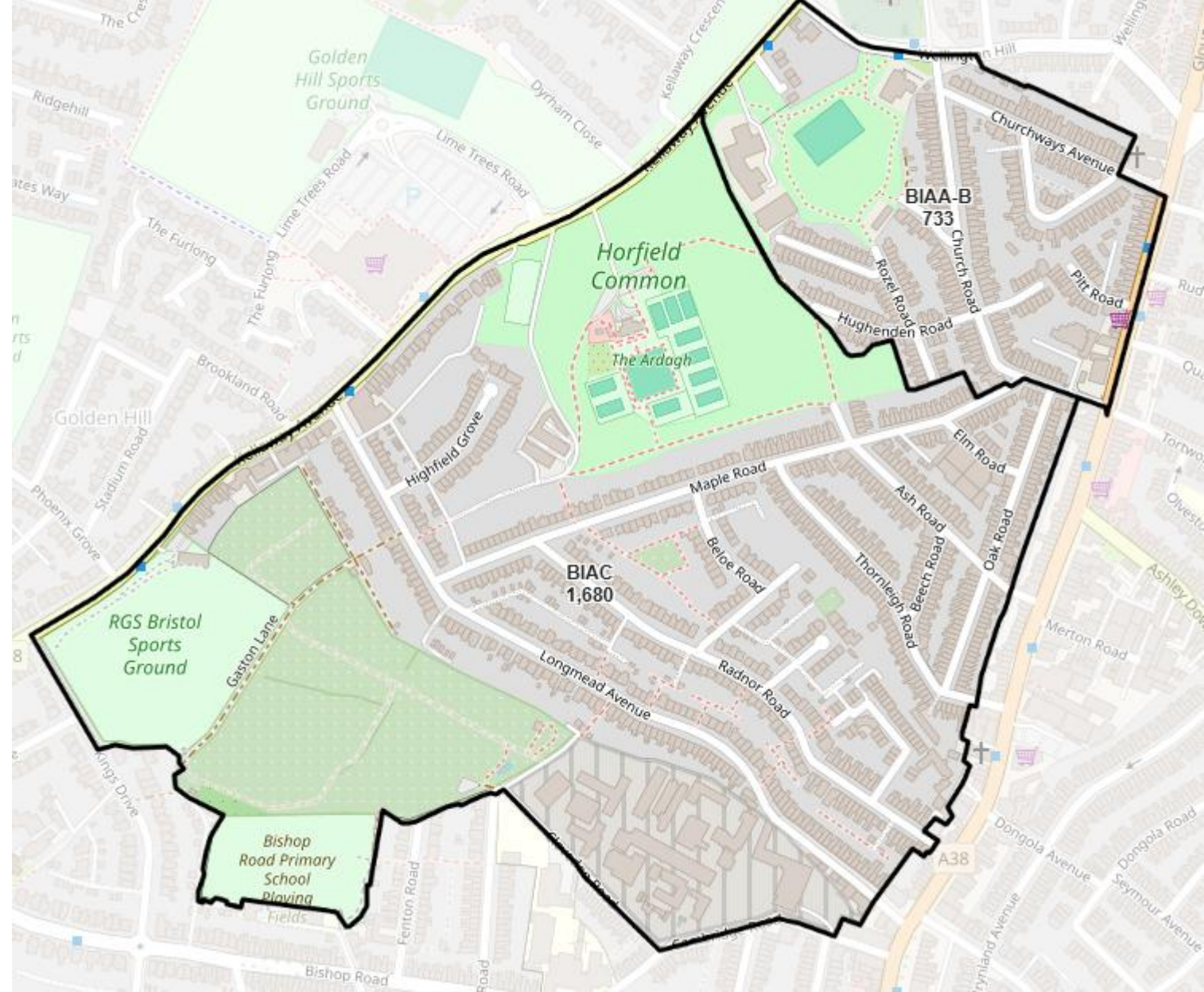
Horfield Common

Electors: 2,413

PDs: BIAA (part), BIAC

Features: Bounded by Kellaway Avenue, Wellington Hill, Gloucester Road, the prison on Cambridge Road, and Golden Hill allotments. Horfield Common, The Ardagh, Horfield Lodge. Gloucester Road is main local centre. Mostly terraced housing.

Soft boundaries: Horfield Common could be considered a sub-community of either Bishopston or Horfield. The area between Wellington Hill, Kellaway Avenue, and Gloucester Road could be considered part of Horfield Common. Golden Hill (See North communities) could be considered a sub-community of either Horfield Common or Henleaze.



Central Communities – Bishopston

Bishopston

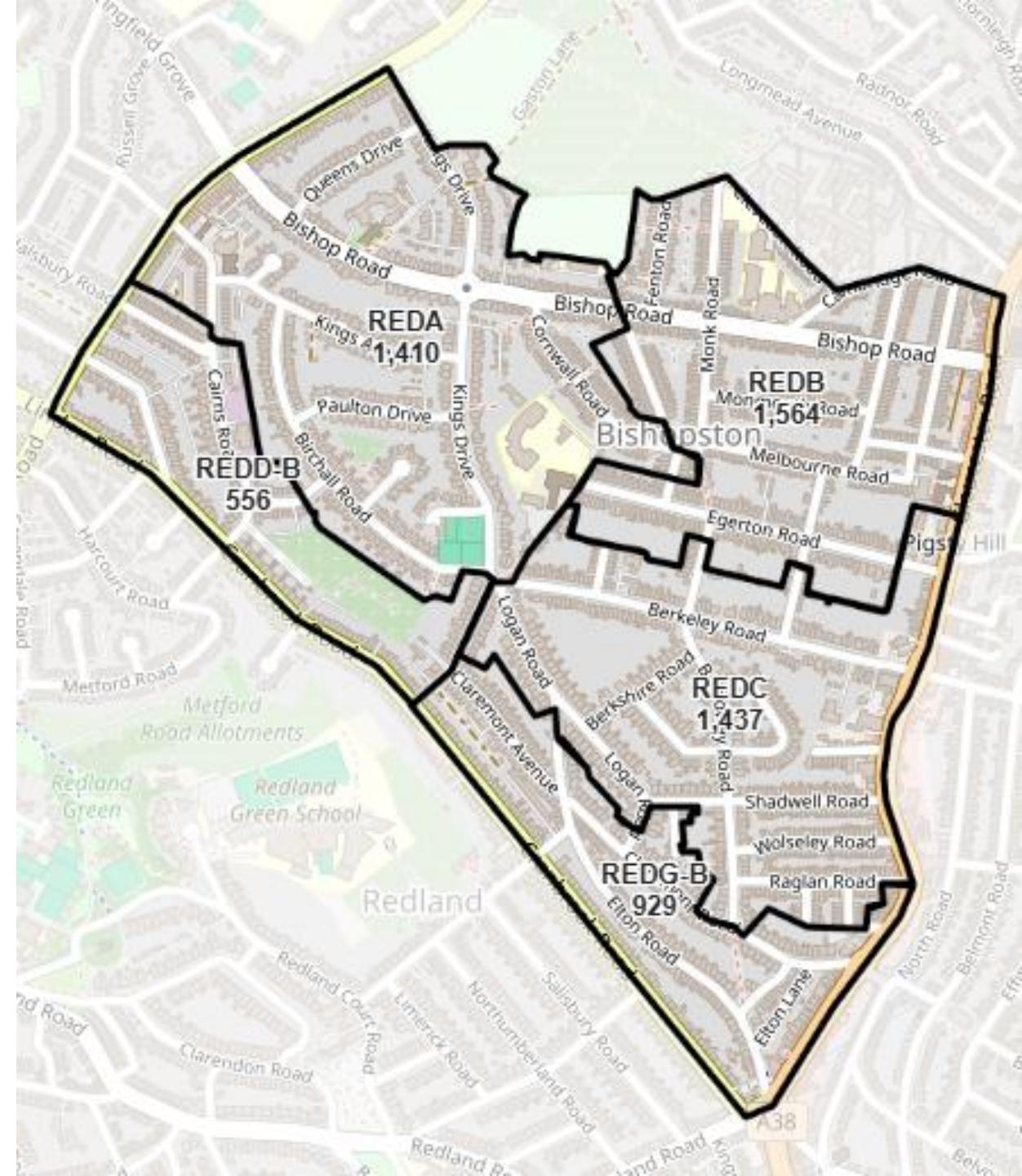
Electors: 5,896

PDs: REDA, REDB, REDC, REDD (part), REDG (part)

Features: Bounded by Gloucester Road, Cranbrook Road, Kellaway Avenue, Golden Hill allotments, and the prison. Bishop Road Primary School, Bishopston Library. Mostly terraced housing. Gloucester Road is main local centre.

Named roads: Bishop Road.

Soft boundaries: Horfield Common could be considered a sub-community of Bishopston. The area either side of Cranbrook Road is sometimes considered part of Redland, sometimes considered part of Bishopston.



Central Ward Configuration Proposals

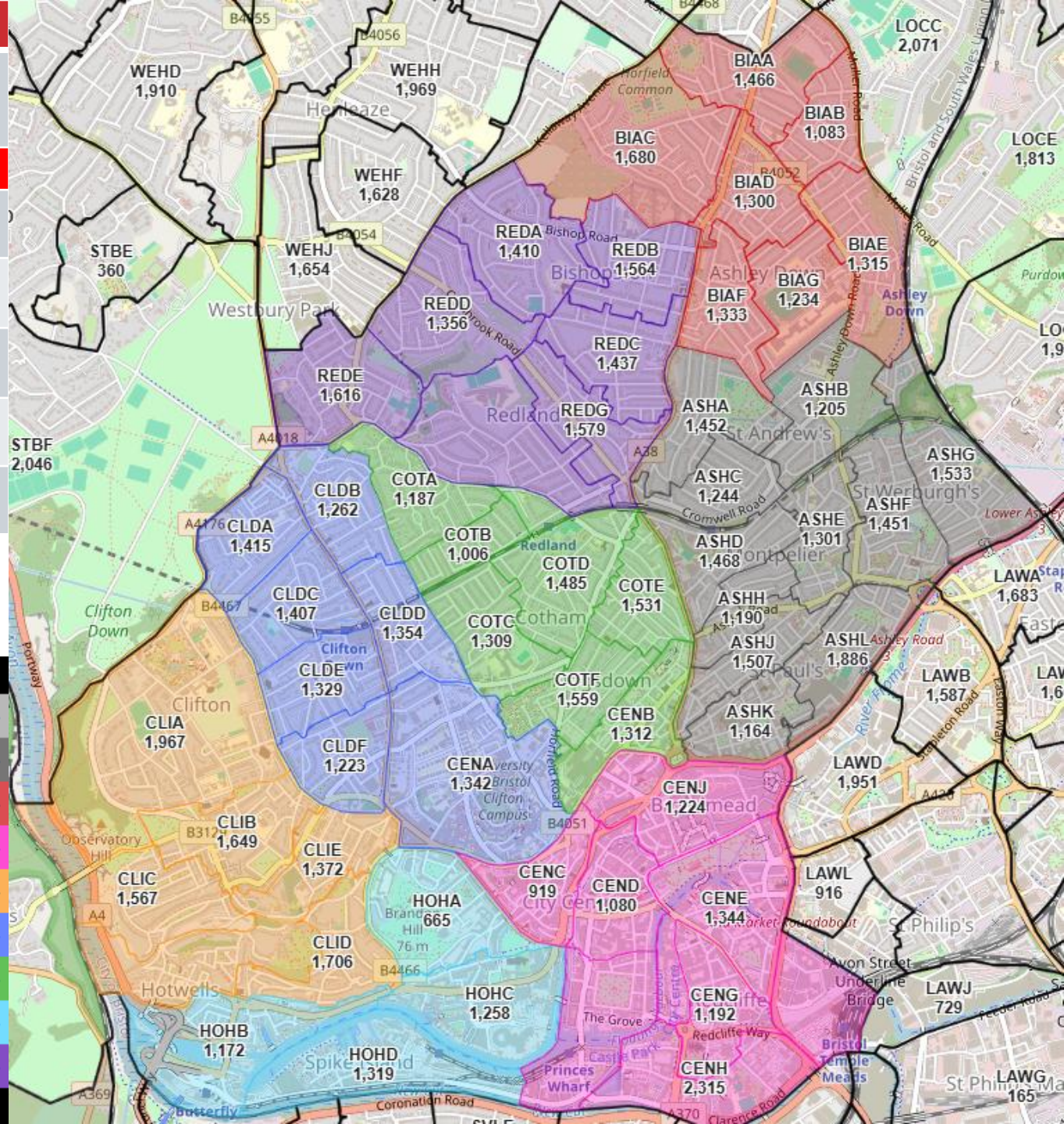
Central Proposal 1

Similar to current ward boundaries, except Clifton Down takes CENA, and Cotham takes CENB. Cotham also takes part of REDF due to Redland being oversized.

Link: wardproposalviewer.netlify.app/view_index.html?plan=Central1.geojson

Pros	Cons
Respects constituency boundaries.	Much of Redland is actually in Cotham ward.
CENA is a good fit with Clifton Down	Much of Bishopston is actually in Redland ward.
CENB is reunited with the rest of Kingsdown	Spike Island and Hotwells communities split between wards.

Ward	Electors	Variance	Cllrs
● Unassigned	287,550		+
● Ashley	15,401	● +6.9%	3 ▼
● Bishopston & Ashley Down	9,411	● -2.0%	2 ▼
● Central	9,074	● -5.5%	2 ▼
● Clifton	9,713	● +1.2%	2 ▼
● Clifton Down	9,332	● -2.8%	2 ▼
● Cotham	9,489	● -1.2%	2 ▼
● Hotwells & Harbourside	4,414	● -8.1%	1 ▼
● Redland	10,473	● +9.1%	2 ▼
Total	77,307		17



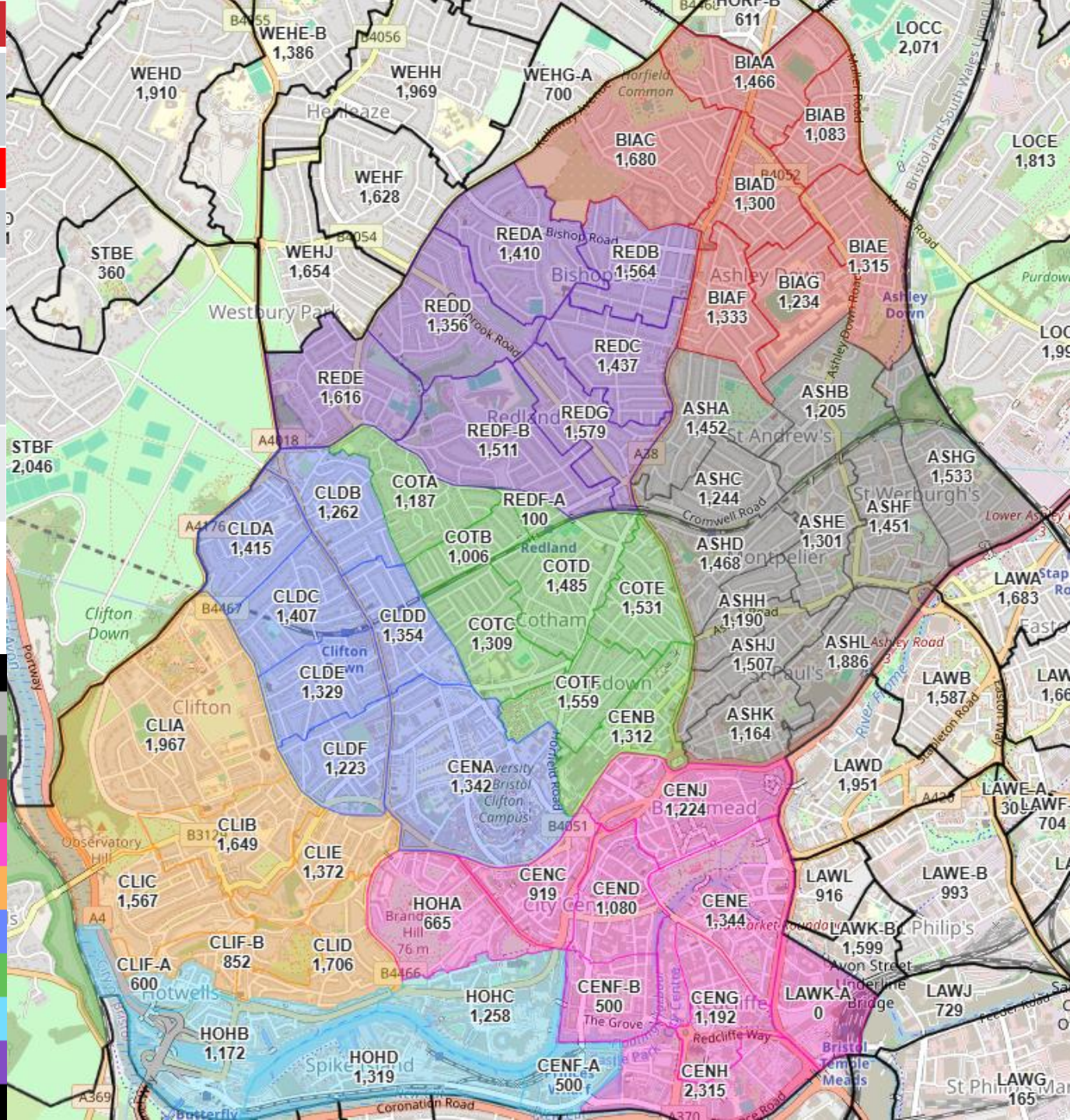
Central Proposal 2

Proposal 2 is similar to Proposal 1 except Hotwells & Harbourside takes parts of CLIF and CENF. Central takes HOHA.

Link: wardproposalviewer.netlify.app/view_index.html?plan=Central2.geojson

Pros	Cons
CENA is a good fit with Clifton Down	Much of Redland is actually in Cotham ward.
CENB is reunited with the rest of Kingsdown	Much of Bishopston is actually in Redland ward.
Spike Island and Hotwells community identities are protected.	Wapping Wharf is a bit more connected to the city centre and Redcliffe than the rest of Spike Island is.
Park Street and Brandon Hill (HOHA) are united with the city centre	Park Street and Brandon Hill (HOHA) are united with the city centre

Ward	Electors	Variance	Cllrs	
Unassigned	287,550			+
Ashley	15,401	+6.9%	3	+
Bishopston & Ashley Down	9,411	-2.0%	2	+
Central	9,239	-3.8%	2	+
Clifton	9,113	-5.1%	2	+
Clifton Down	9,332	-2.8%	2	+
Cotham	9,489	-1.2%	2	+
Hotwells & Harbourside	4,849	+1.0%	1	+
Redland	10,473	+9.1%	2	+
Total	77,307		16	

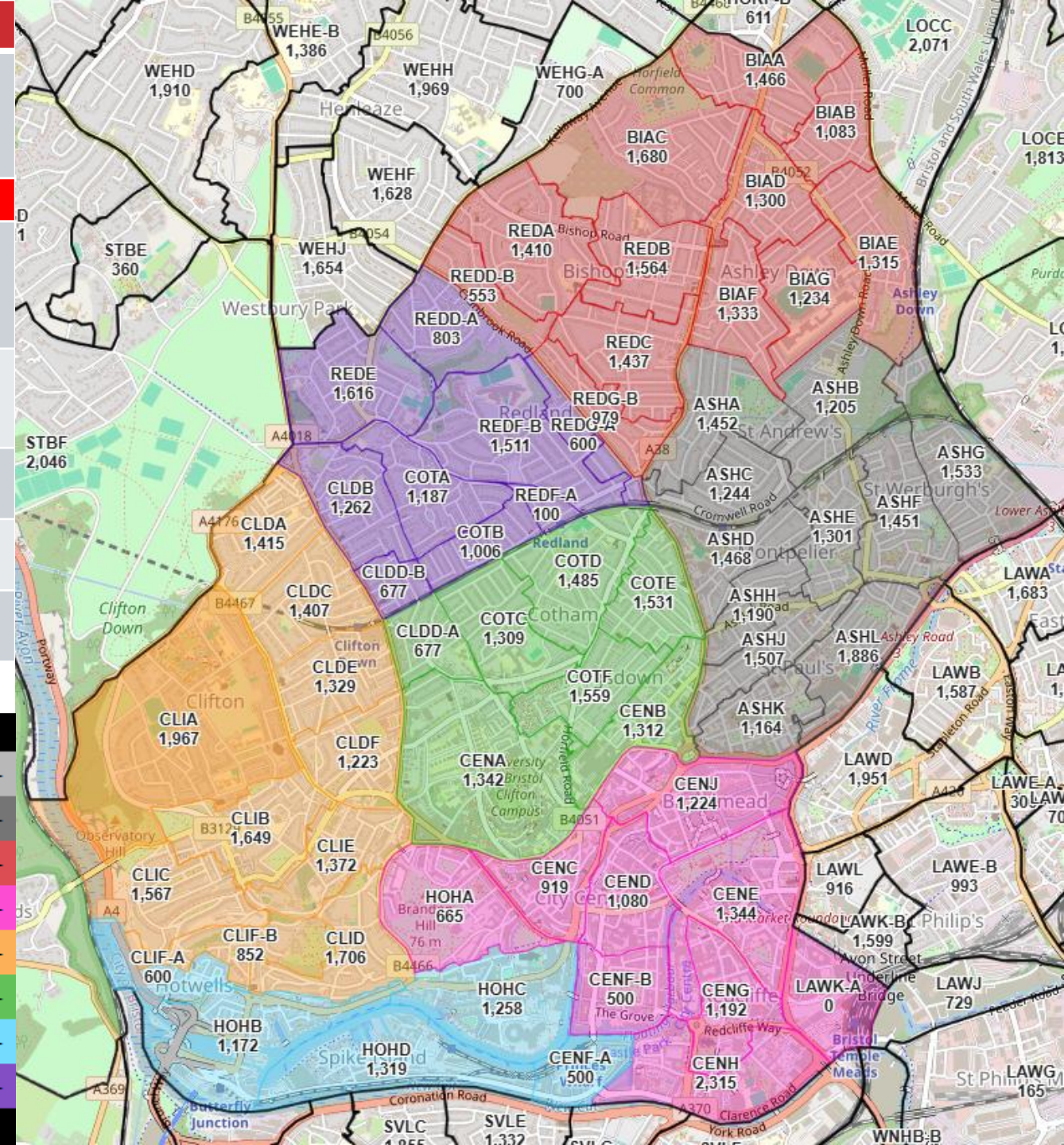


Central Proposal 3

Clifton expanded to Whiteladies Road to become 3 member ward. Cotham and Redland migrate westwards to Whiteladies Road, with the railway line now the boundary between the two. Bishopston & Ashley Down expanded into Bishopston Proper to become a 3 member ward. Link: wardproposalviewer.netlify.app/view_index.html?plan=Central3.geojson

Pros	Cons
Bishopston & Ashley Down now actually includes Bishopston	Whiteladies Road is a major high street that works as a community in itself so having a ward of Clifton Down to surround it worked well.
Redland more closely aligns with what most people would consider Redland.	A total of three 3 member wards (including two new ones) feels excessive with no strong geographical arguments to justify it.
CENB is reunited with the rest of Kingsdown	Clifton Down area quite culturally distinct from the rest of Clifton, despite the name.
Park Street and Brandon Hill (HOHA) are united with the city centre	
Spike Island and Hotwells community identities are protected.	

Ward	Electors	Variance	Cllrs	
Unassigned	287,550			+
Ashley	15,401	+6.9%	3	+
Bishopston & Ashley Down	15,354	+6.6%	3	+
Central	9,239	-3.8%	2	+
Clifton	14,487	+0.6%	3	+
Cotham	9,215	-4.0%	2	+
Hotwells & Harbourside	4,849	+1.0%	1	+
Redland	8,762	-8.7%	2	+
Total	77,307		16	



Central Rejected Ward Configurations

Options Tried	Reason Rejected
A Montpelier, St Paul's & St Werburghs ward (excluding St Andrews).	Too big for 2 member ward, too small for 3 member ward.
As above, but including CENB and COTE to make a 3 member ward.	Has knock-on impacts on Cotham, Redland, and Clifton Down that are difficult to resolve
A 2 member St Paul's, St Werburgh's and CENB ward, alongside a 2 member Montpelier, St Andrew's and COTE ward.	Has knock-on impacts on Cotham, Redland, and Clifton Down that are difficult to resolve
A 2 member Ashley Down & St Andrews ward, alongside a 2 member Bishopston & Horfield Common ward	Numbers don't quite work. Has knock-on impacts on Ashley, Redland, Cotham & Clifton Down that are difficult to resolve.
A 2 member Ashley Down & Horfield Common ward, alongside a 2 member Bishopston & St Andrews ward	Numbers don't quite work. Has knock-on impacts on Ashley, Redland, Cotham & Clifton Down that are difficult to resolve.
One member Clifton Down ward between Pembroke Road and Whiteladies Road.	Variance of +11.9% so oversized. Also, no strong geographical reason for creating a one member ward in middle of a conurbation.
Combining Central and Hotwells & Harbourside.	Hotwells and the western end of Spike Island are significantly different to the city centre feel of Central ward.
Retaining CENA and CENB in Central, and expanding into St Pauls up to Brigstocke Road and Dean Street to make a three member ward.	Unnecessarily divides the St Paul's community. Has knock-on impacts on Ashley, Cotham, and Clifton Down that can't be resolved.

Recommended Configuration: Proposal 2

On balance, Proposal 2 seems like the best option from the ones we've explored. The cons for Proposal 2 are more of an issue of ward naming rather than the boundaries themselves. As such they could be renamed as such:

Redland -> Redland & Bishopston

Bishopston & Ashley Down -> Ashley Down & Horfield Common

Clifton Down -> Whiteladies (to better reflect the area both sides of the high street)

Central -> Cabot (old name for the ward. As it now sits in the Bristol Central constituency, the current name can cause confusion)

East Communities

East Communities – St Jude's

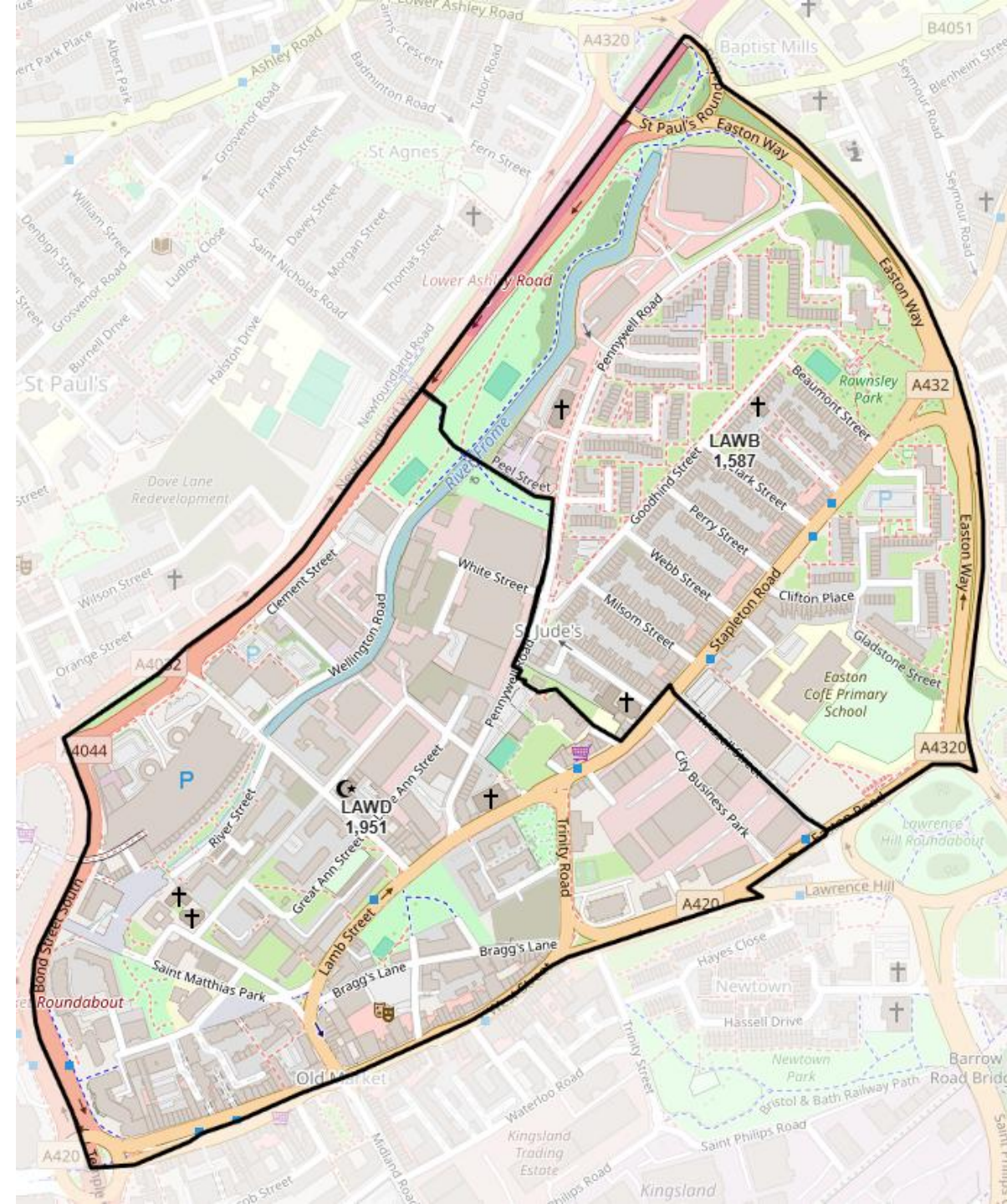
St Jude's

Electors: 3,538

PDs: LAWB, LAWD

Features: Bounded by Old Market, Easton Road, Easton Way, Newfoundland Way, and Bond Street South. Old Market and Stapleton Road are the main local centres. Riverside Park. Some of the area is industrial and expected to be redeveloped as part of Frome Gateway. Mix of housing types.

Soft boundaries: LAWB may be considered Easton by some due to the Stapleton Road local centre and Easton Primary School.



East Communities – St Philip’s

St Philip’s

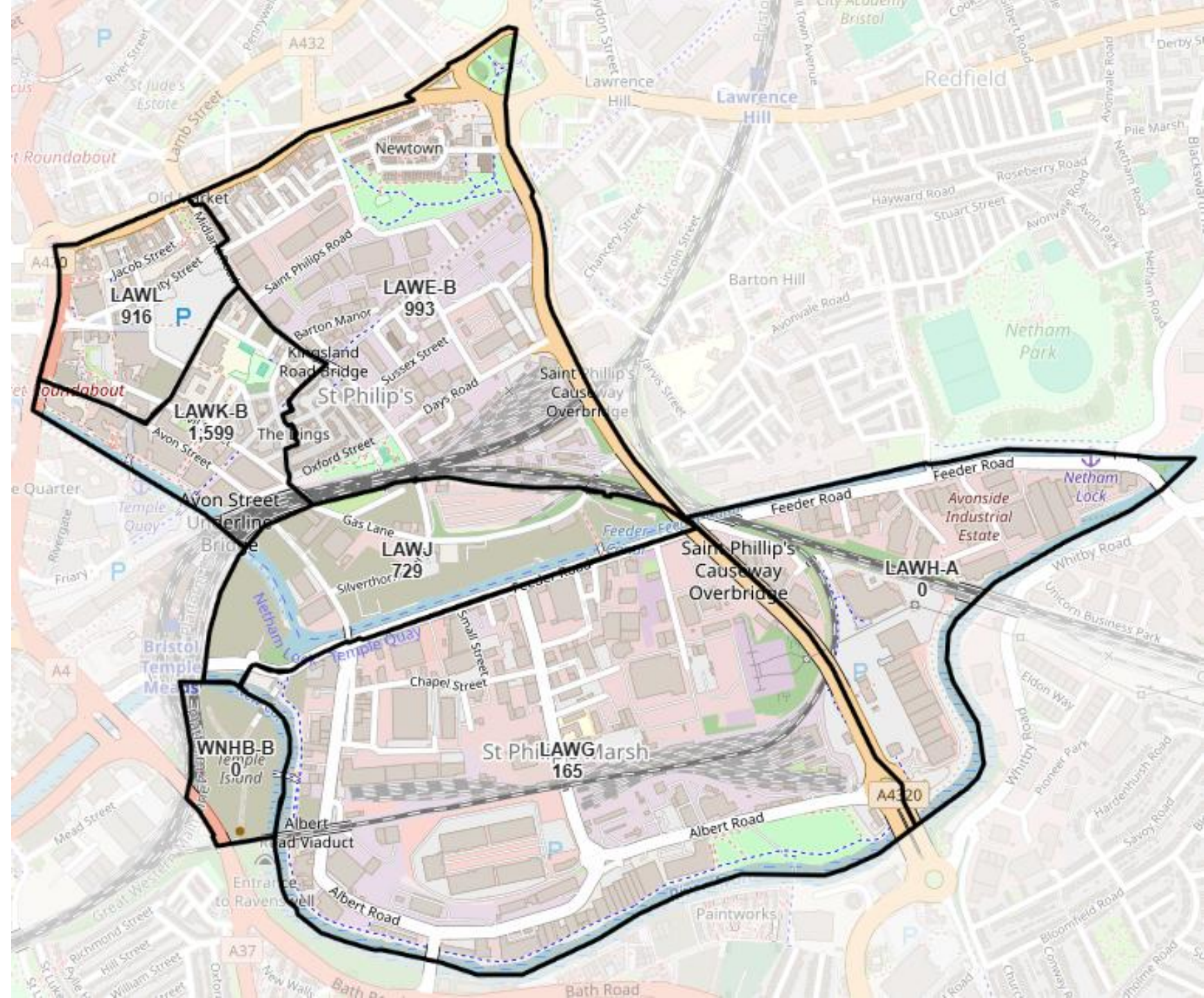
Electors: 4,402

PDs: LAWE (part), LAWG, LAWH (part), LAWJ, LAWK (part), LAWL, WNHB (part)

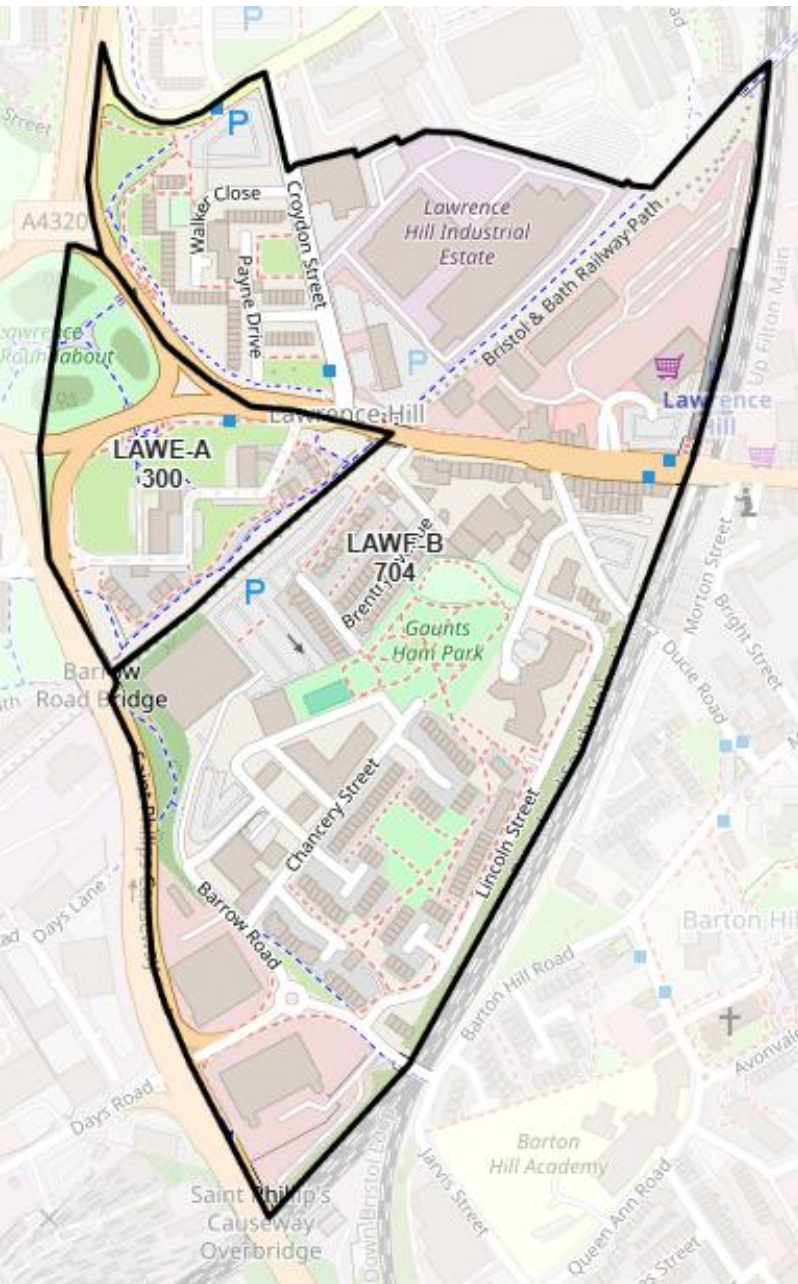
Features: Bounded by Old Market, Avon River, Temple Meads, Feeder Canal, St Philip’s Causeway. Mix of residential housing types. Smaller communities exist like The Dings and Newtown. Area around Avon Street (LAWK) has more of a city centre feel with midrise apartment blocks and offices.

Contains significant areas of industrial land. The industrial land in LAWG (Silverthorne Lane), LAWJ (St Philip’s Marsh), and WMHB (Temple Island) is set to be developed as part of Temple Quarter, with up to 10,000 homes planned, along with a university campus, offices, and commercial uses.

Named roads: St Philips Road, St Philips Causeway, Philip Street.



East Communities – Lawrence Hill and Barton Hill



Lawrence Hill

Electors: 1,004

PDs: LAWE (part), LAWF (part)

Features: Consists of area between Lawrence Hill (road), St Philips Causeway, and the railway line, plus Lawrence Hill Industrial Estate. Lawrence Hill roundabout, Lawrence Hill station, Gaunts Ham Park. Mix of high rise and lowrise flats, plus terraced housing.

Named roads: Lawrence Hill

Soft boundaries: Despite the railway line, it has a strong connection with Barton Hill. Boundary with Upper Easton is somewhat soft.

Barton Hill

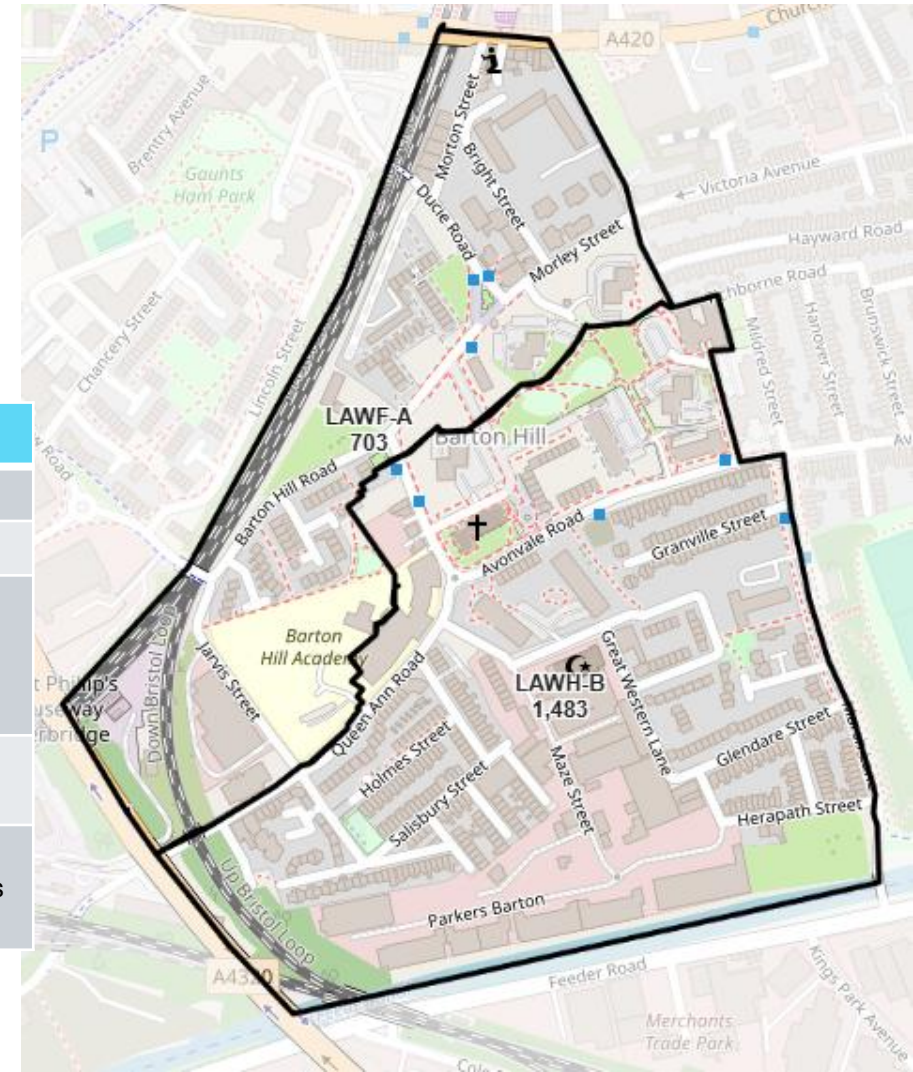
Electors: 2,186

PDs: LAWF (part), LAWH

Features: Area between railway line, feeder canal, and Netham Park. Mix of high rise and lowrise flats, plus terraced housing. Barton Hill Urban Park, Barton Hill Academy, Wellspring Settlement.

Named roads: Barton Hill Road, Barton Court, Parkers Barton

Soft boundaries: Despite the railway line, it has a strong connection with Lawrence Hill. Some might consider areas like Granville Street to be more Redfield than Barton Hill.



East Communities – Redfield

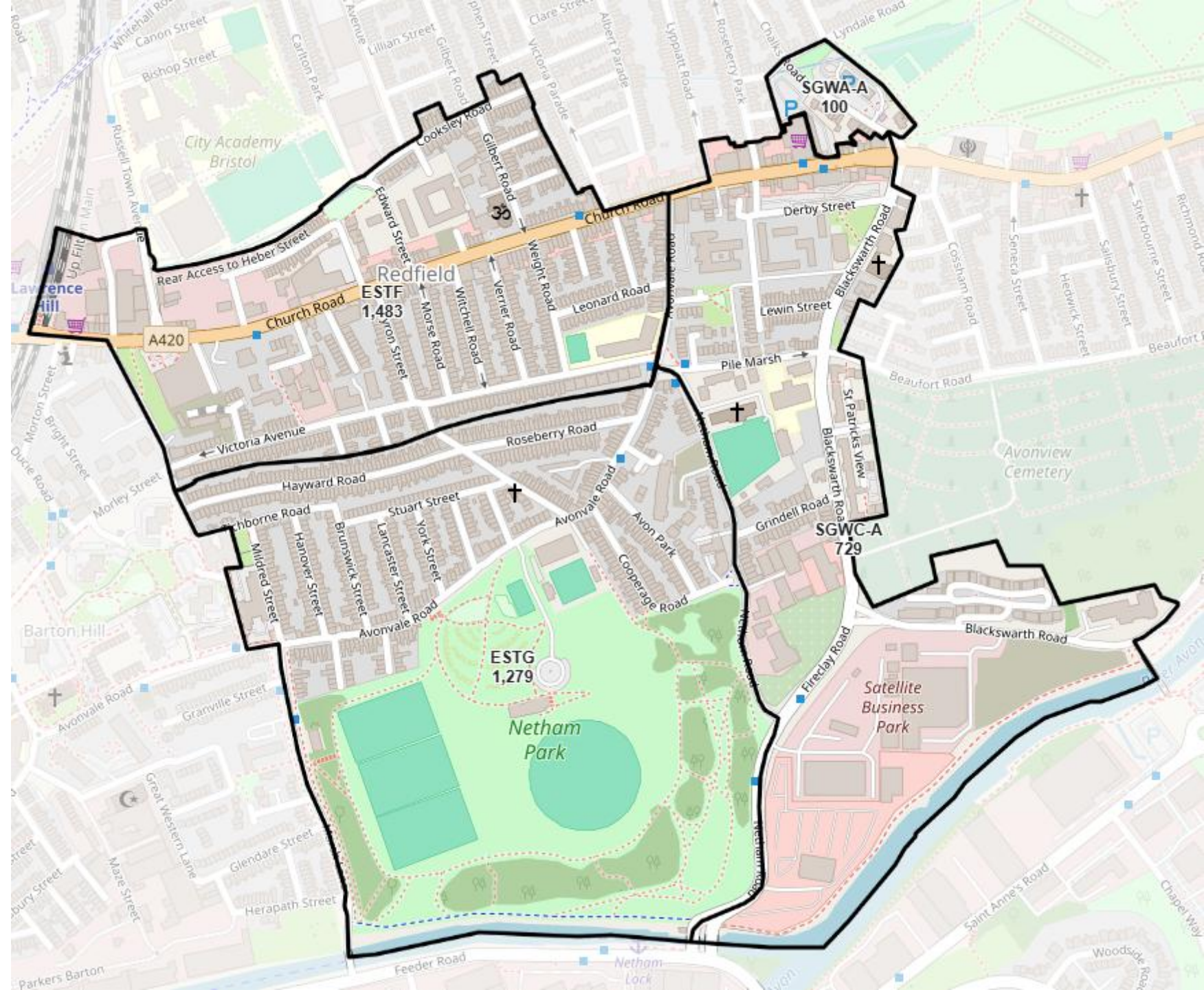
Redfield

Electors: 3,591

PDs: ESTF, ESTG, SGWA (part), SGWC (part)

Features: Roughly equates to the area between Church Road, Blackswarth Road, Feeder Canal, and Barton Hill. Church Road is the local centre. Netham Park, Redfield Primary Academy

Soft boundaries: Area between Church Road and Whitehall Road could be considered part of either Redfield or Whitehall. Redfield occasionally considered part of St George.



East Communities – St George

St George

Electors: 11,498

PDs: SGWA (part), SGWB (part), SGWC (part), SGWD, SGCA (part), SGCE, SGCF, SGCG (part), SGTA, SGTB, SGTC.

Features: Roughly equates to the area between the A420 and the River Avon, east of Blackswarth Road. St George Park and Church Road in the northwest act as the main local centre, with smaller centres on Nags Head Hill, Kingsway and Hillside Road. St George Health Centre, St George Library, Magpie Bottom.

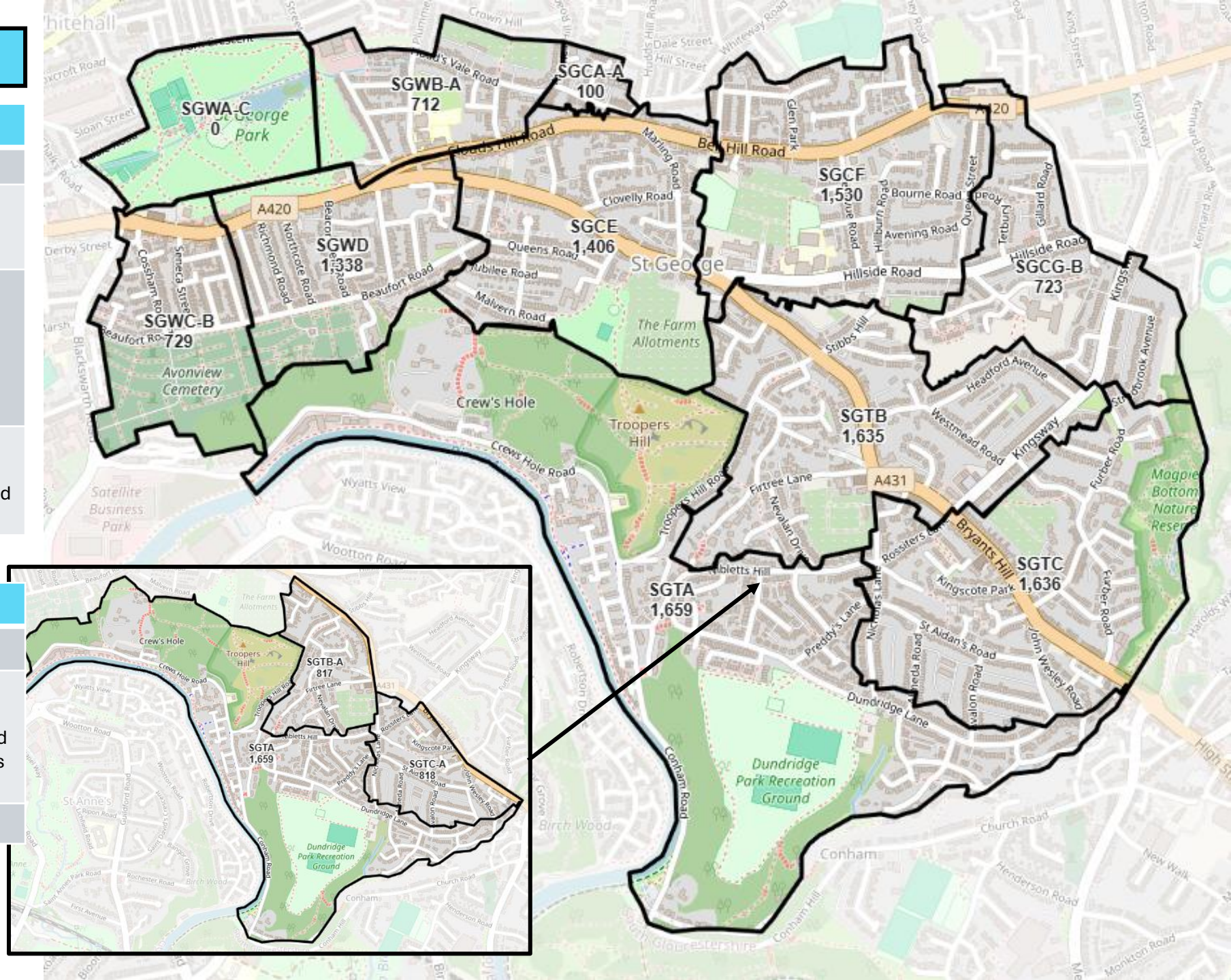
Soft boundaries: Area between Church Road and Whitehall Road could be considered part of either Redfield or Whitehall. Redfield occasionally considered part of St George.

Sub: Troopers Hill & Crew's Hole

PDs: SGTA, SGTB (part), SGTC (part)

Features: Troopers Hill refers to the area between Troopers Hill Park and Bryants Hill. Also includes Dundridge Park. Crew's Hole is sometimes considered distinct from Troopers Hill – it is the area around Crews Hole Road at the bottom of the (steep) hill.

Named Roads: Troopers Hill Road, Crews Hole Road



East Communities - Kingswood

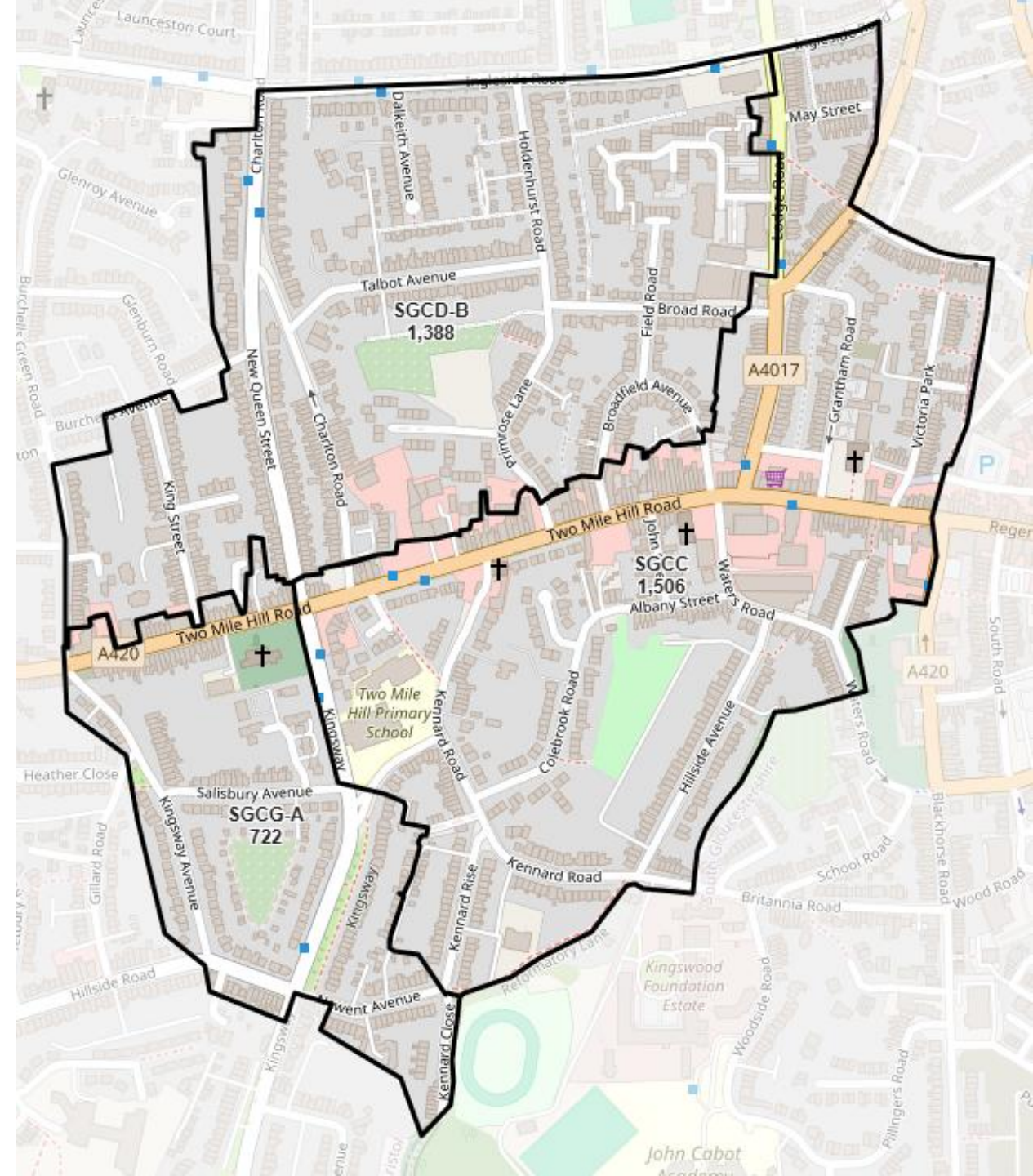
Kingswood

Electors: 3,616

PDs: SGCC, SGCD (part), SGCG (part).

Features: Kingswood is the general area either side of the Two Mile Hill Road high street. Kingswood and its high street continue into South Gloucestershire in the east. Kingswood Methodist Church.

Soft boundaries: Kingsway Avenue and Ingleside Road are only an approximation of its extent.



East Communities - Hillfields

Hillfields

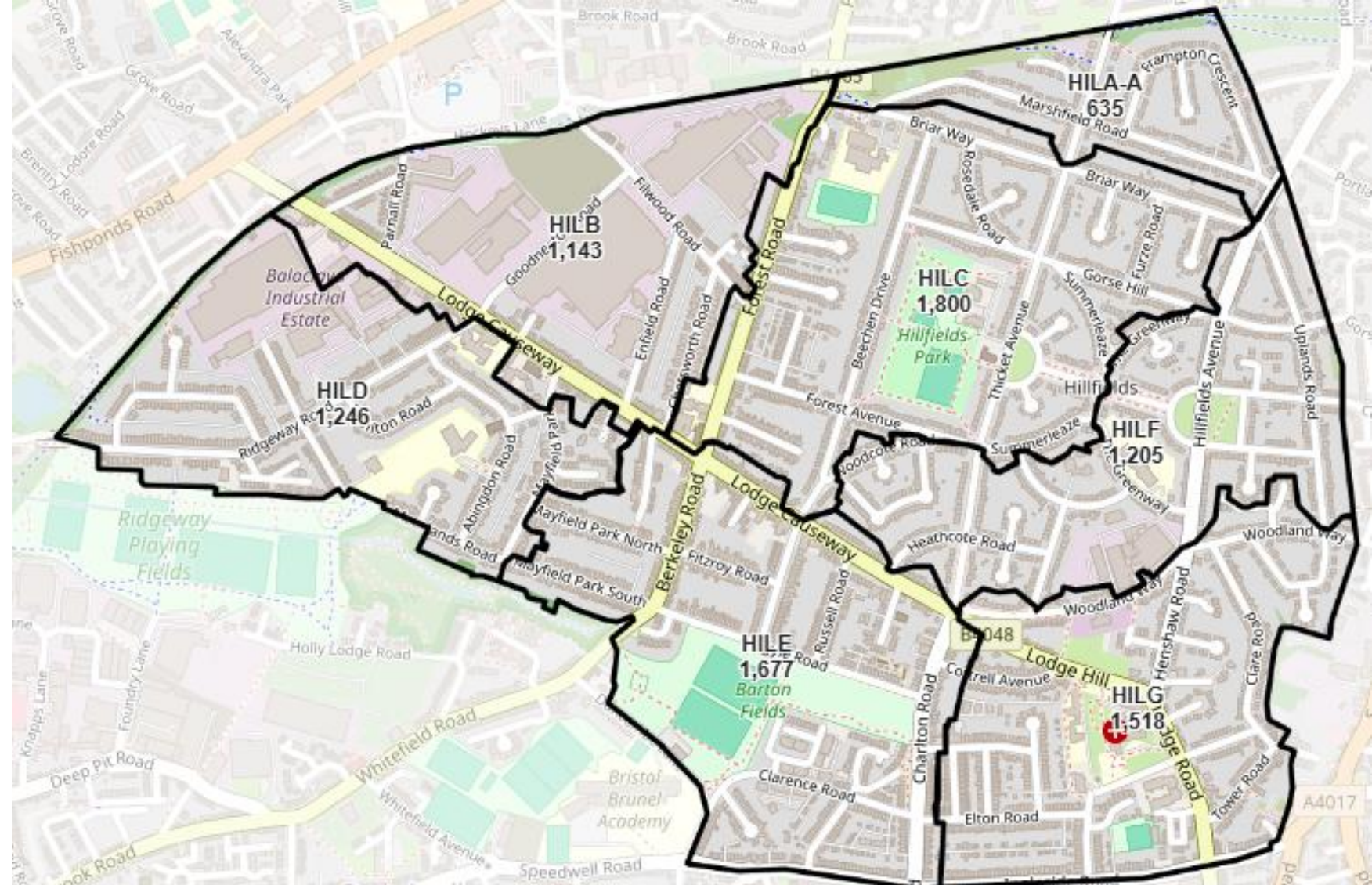
Electors: 9,224

PDs: HILA (part), HILB, HILC, HILD, HILE, HILF, HILG

Features: Bounded by the Bristol & Bath Railway Path, Coombe Brook Nature Reserve, and Ingleside Road. Hillfields Park and Lodge Causeway are the local centres. Hillfields Library, Cossham Hospital.

Named Roads: Hillfields Avenue.

Soft boundaries: Much of HILB is set to be redeveloped as Atlas Place. Its proximity to the Fishponds high street means some may consider it part of Fishponds.



East Communities - Speedwell

Speedwell

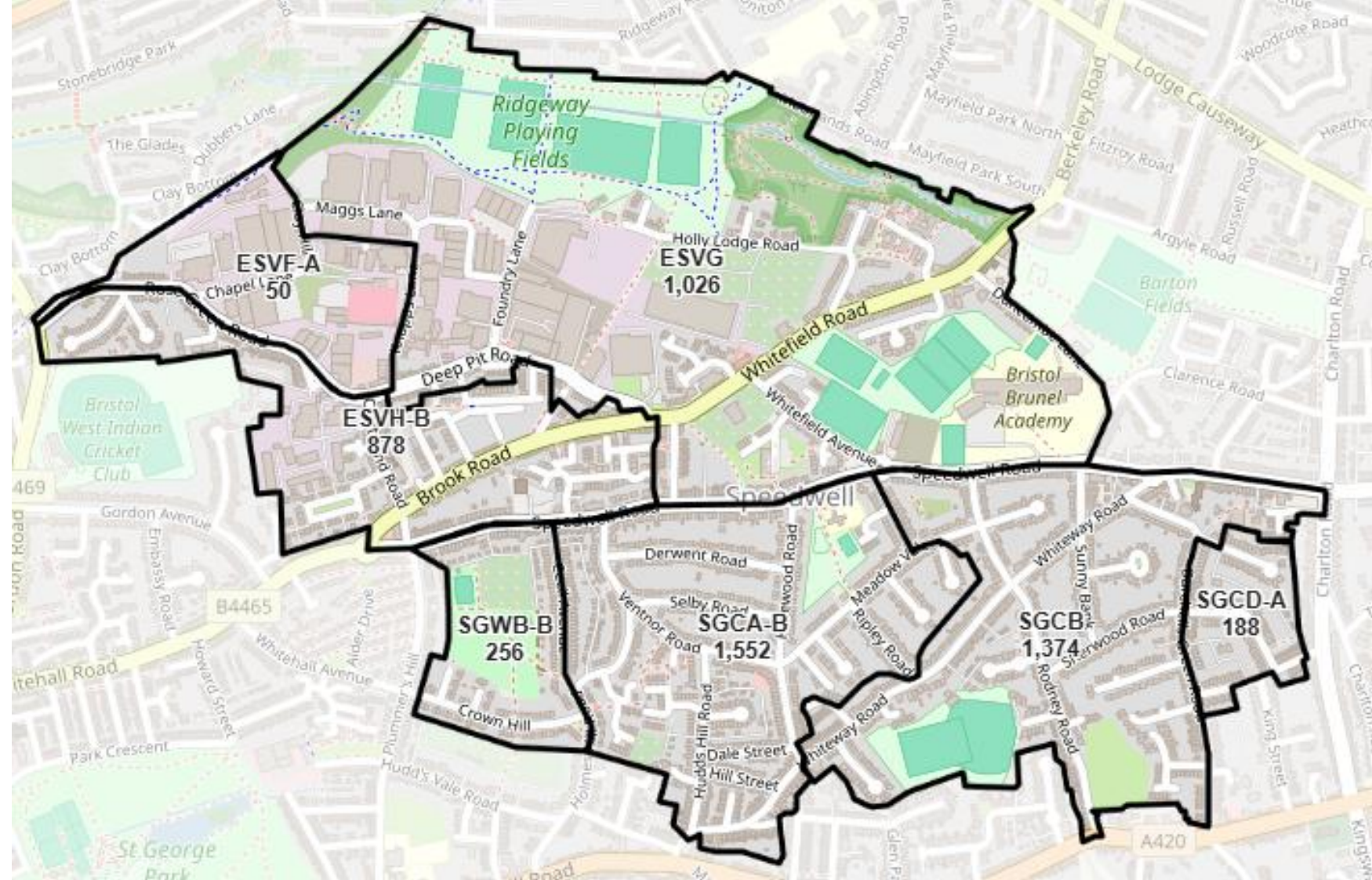
Electors: 5,324

PDs: ESVF (part), ESGV, ESVH (part), SGCA (part), SGCB, SGCD (part), SGWB (part)

Features: The area either side of Speedwell Road. Roughly bounded by the Bristol & Bath Railway Path, Coombe Brook Nature Reserve, Plummers Hill, Bell Hill Road, Charlton Road. Speedwell Allotments, Meadow Vale Community Centre, Bristol Brunel Academy

Named Roads: Speedwell Road.

Soft boundaries: Its boundaries with Kingswood and St George are soft. The boundary between Speedwell and Whitehall is fairly soft too, but where Speedwell Road becomes Whitehall Road provides a good approximation.



East Communities - Whitehall

Whitehall

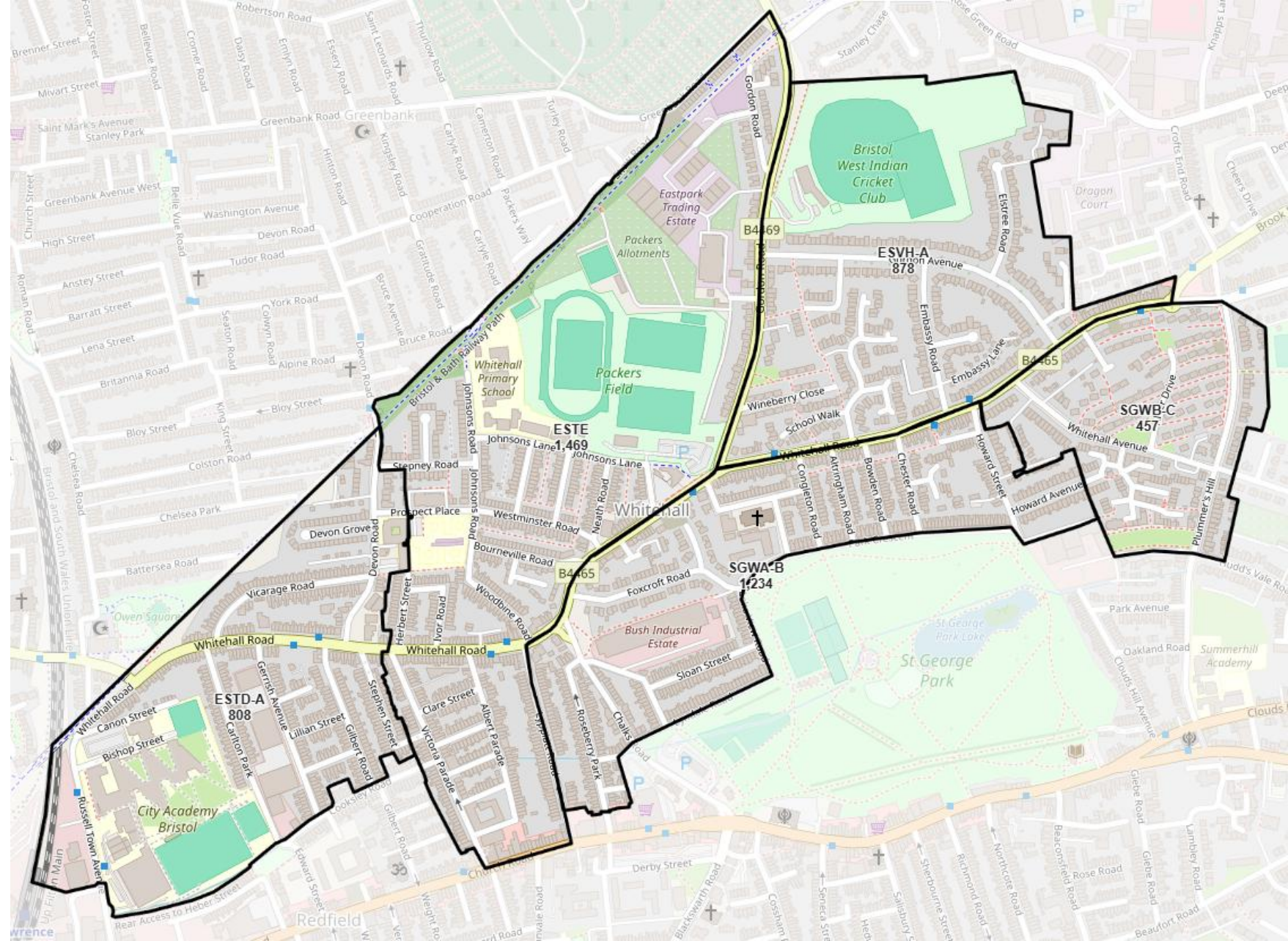
Electors: 4,846

PDs: ESTD (part), ESTE, SGWA (part), SGWB (part),
ESVH (part)

Features: The area either side of Whitehall Road.
Roughly bounded by the Bristol & Bath Railway Path,
Church Road, St George Park, and Plummer's Hill.
Local centre is Whitehall Road. Whitehall Primary
School, Packers Field, City Academy Bristol, Whitehall
Tavern.

Named Roads: Whitehall Road.

Soft boundaries: The boundary between Speedwell and
Whitehall is fairly soft, but where Whitehall Road
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approximation. Area between Church Road and
Whitehall Road could be considered part of either
Redfield or Whitehall.



East Communities – Easton

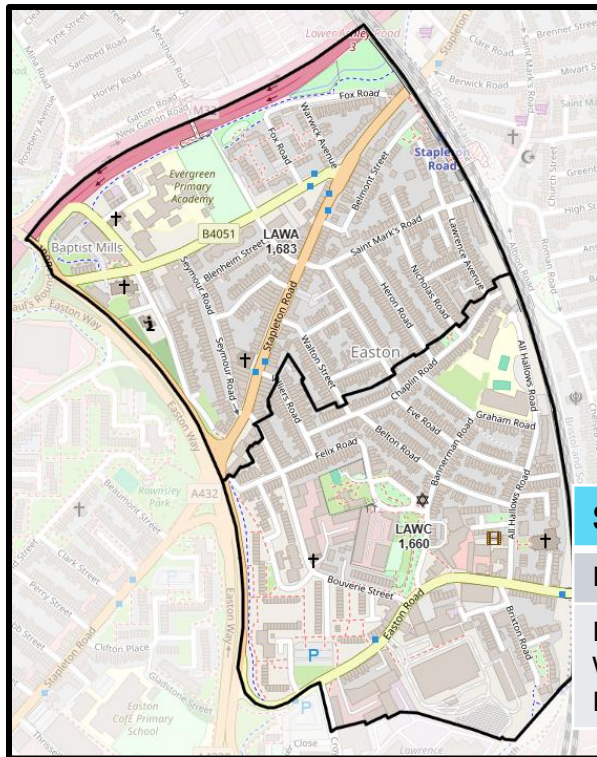
Easton

Electors: 8,829

PDs: ESTA (part), ESTB, ESTC, ESTD (part), LAWA, LAWC.

Features: Bounded by M32, Easton Way, Bristol & Bath Railway Path, and Greenbank Cemetery. Stapleton Road and St Mark's Road are local centre. Easton Community Centre, Easton Business Park, Easton Jamia Masjid.

Named Roads: Easton Way, Easton Road.



Sub: Upper Easton

PDs: LAWA, LAWC

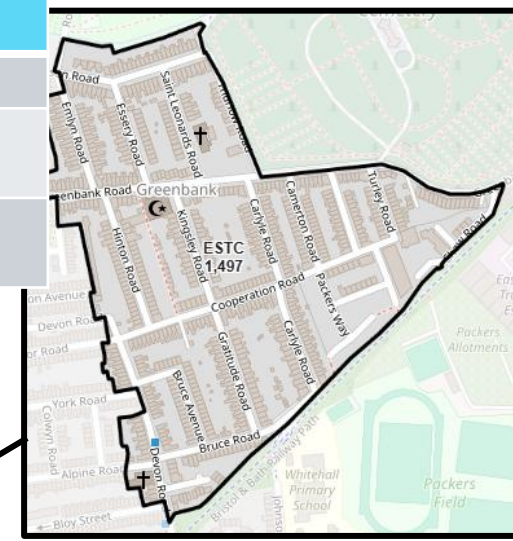
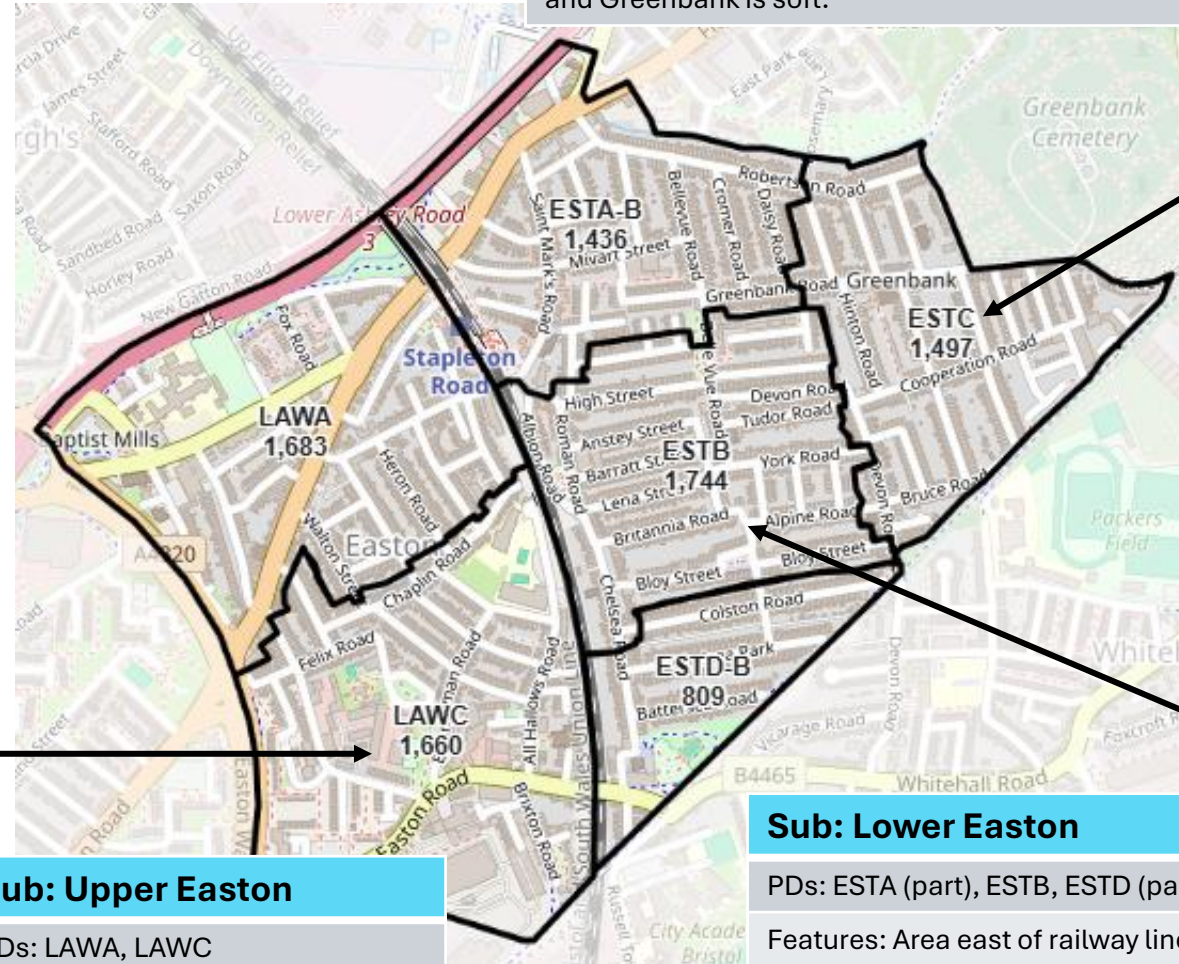
Features: Area between Easton Way and railway line. Stapleton Road is local centre.

Sub: Greenbank

PDs: ESTC

Features: Area either side of Greenbank Road (acts as a local centre) and west of Greenbank Cemetery

Soft boundaries: boundary between Lower Easton and Greenbank is soft.

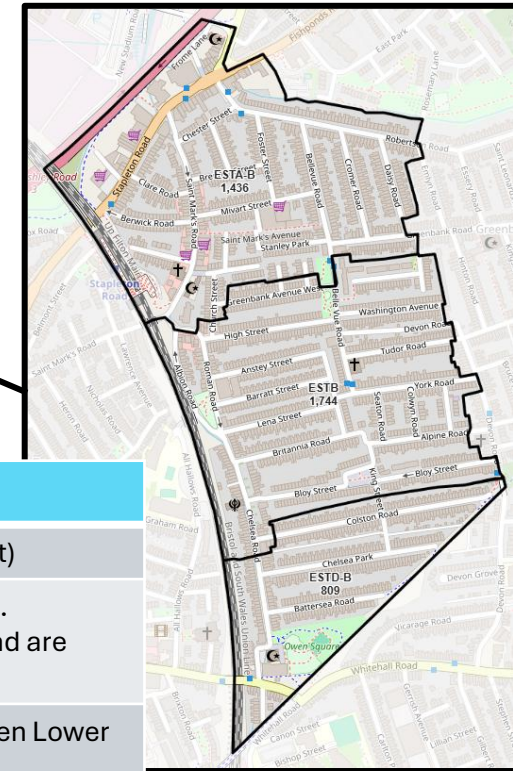


Sub: Lower Easton

PDs: ESTA (part), ESTB, ESTD (part)

Features: Area east of railway line. Stapleton Road and St Mark's Road are local centres.

Soft boundaries: boundary between Lower Easton and Greenbank is soft.



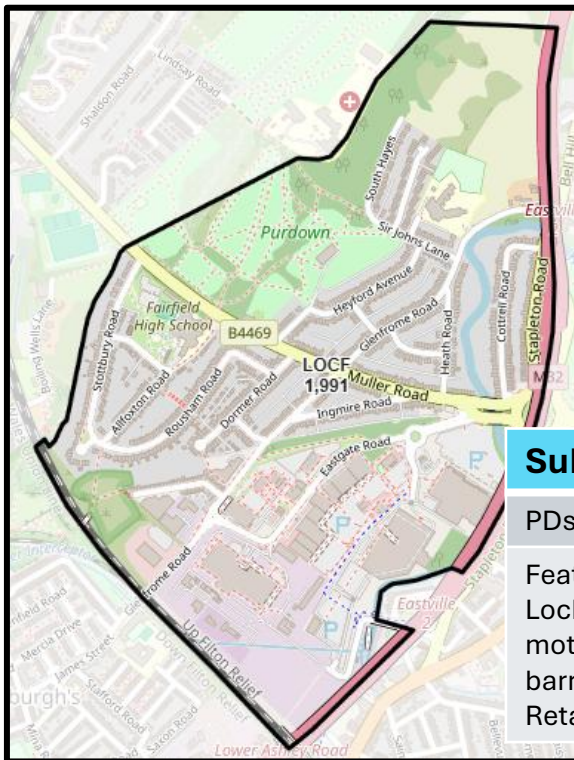
East Communities – Eastville

Eastville

Electors: 8,653

PDs: ESVC, ESVD, ESVE, ESVF (part), ESTA (part), LOCF

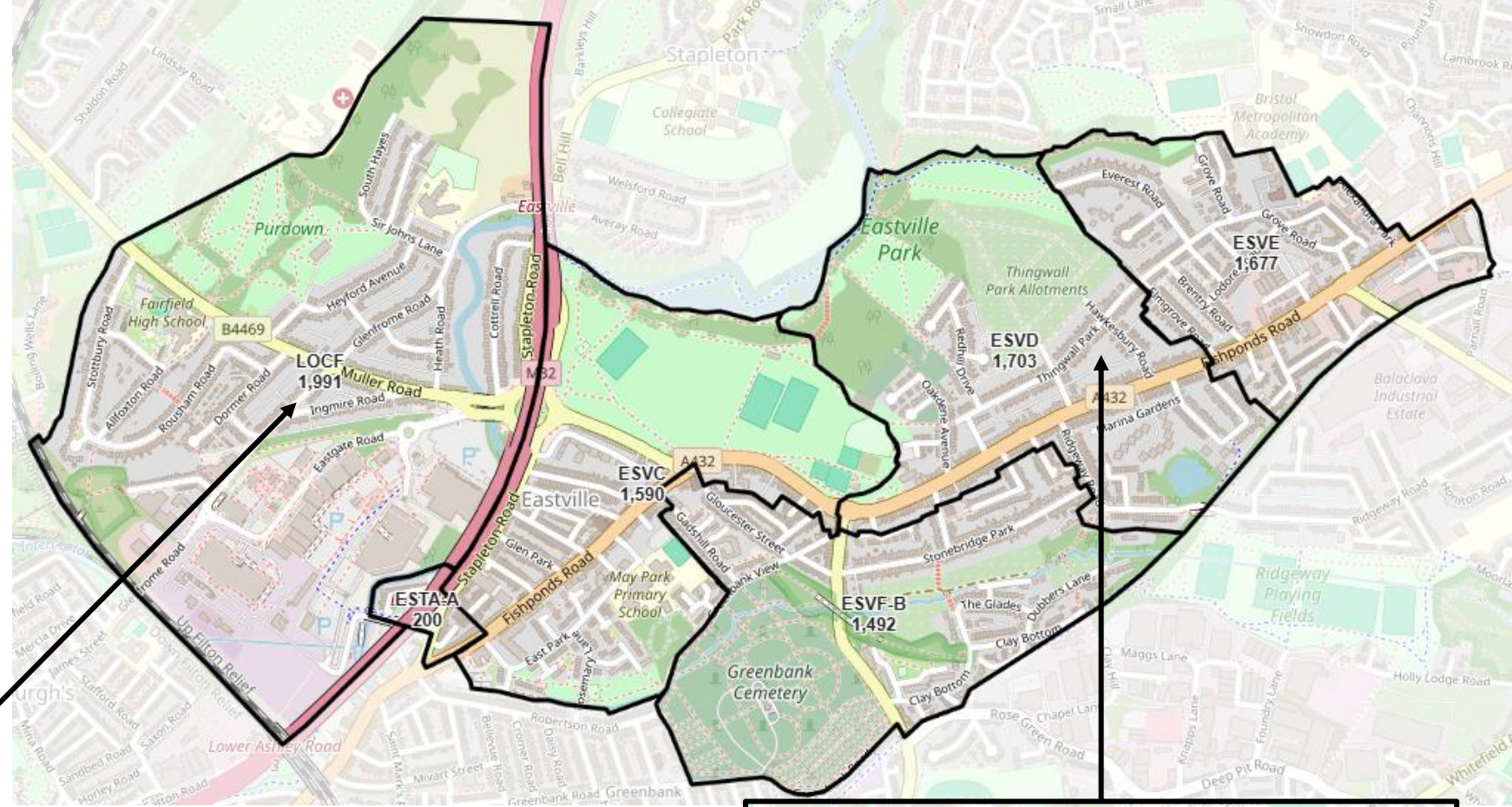
Features: Bounded by Purdown, the railway line, Rosemary Green, the Bristol & Bath Railway Path, Hockey Lane, Eastville Park and River Frome. Eastville Vets.



Sub: Eastgate

PDs: LOCF

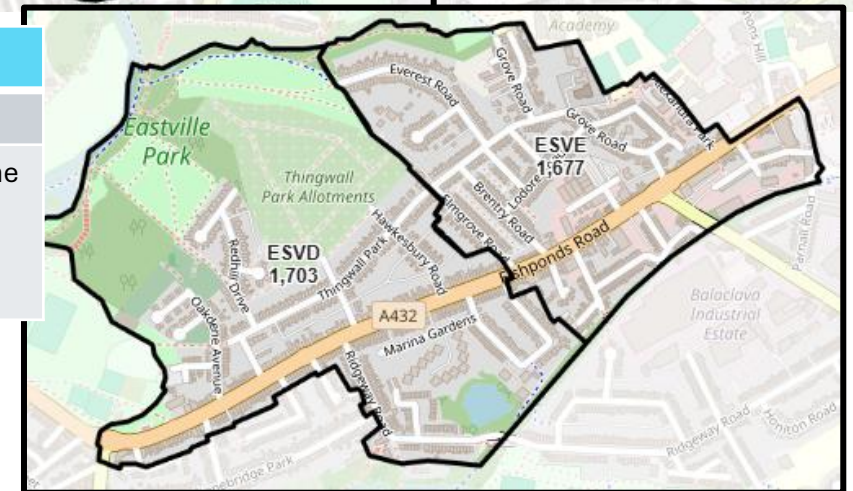
Features: Sits between Eastville and Lockleaze. The area west of the M32 – the motorway acts as less of a geographical barrier here due to being a viaduct. Eastgate Retail Park.



Sub: Upper Eastville

PDs: ESVD, ESVE

Features: Generally considered the area east of Eastville Park.



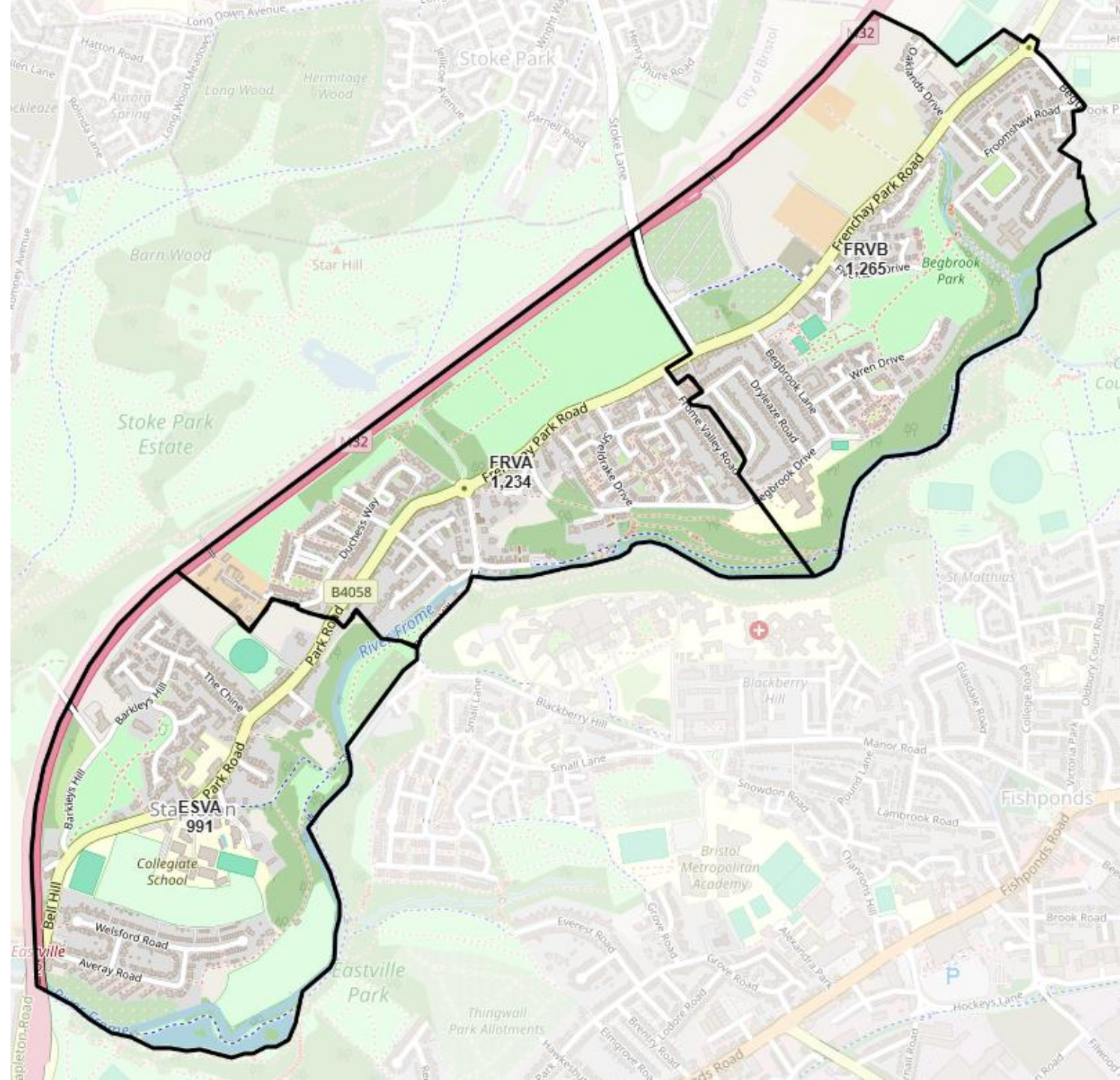
East Communities – Stapleton

Stapleton

Electors: 3,490

PDs: ESVA, FRVA, FRVB

Features: Small community nestled between the M32 and River Frome, with only a small number of connections to surrounding communities. Stapleton Cricket Club, Stapleton Allotments.



East Communities – Fishponds

Fishponds

Electors: 10,137

PDs: ESVB, FRVC, FRVD, FRVE, FRVF, FRVG, HILA (part)

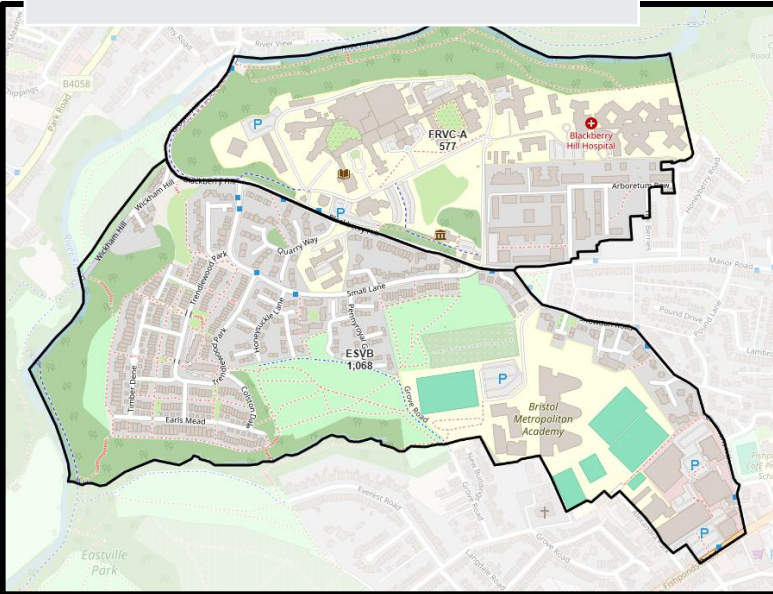
Features: Bounded by the Bristol & Bath railway path and the River Frome. Centred around the Fishponds Road and Straits Parade high street.

Named Roads: Fishponds Road.

Sub: Blackberry Hill

PDs: ESVB, FRVC (part)

Features: The area around the UWE Glenside Campus, Blackberry Hill Hospital.

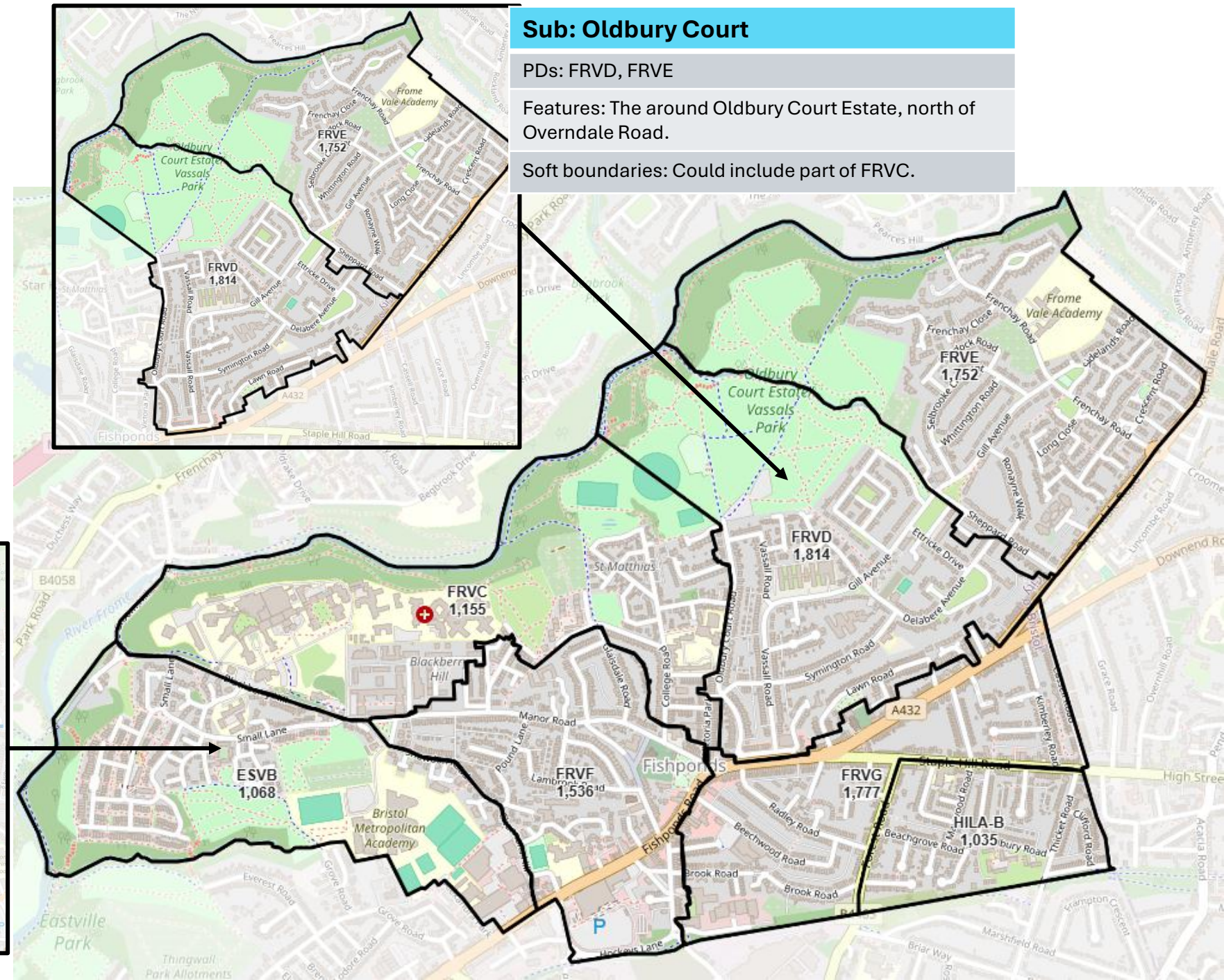


Sub: Oldbury Court

PDs: FRVD, FRVE

Features: The area around Oldbury Court Estate, north of Overdale Road.

Soft boundaries: Could include part of FRVC.



East Ward Configuration Proposals

East Rejected Ward Configurations

Options Tried	Reason Rejected
Redfield and Whitehall ward.	Would lump Speedwell in with St George West – the connection between the two is tenuous.
Lawrence Hill as a 3 member ward with current boundaries, keep Redfield in Easton.	Redfield would need to lose a bit of Whitehall, leaving it even more disjointed than it is now. Has a knock-on effect on rest of East Bristol with no clear way of configuring wards in a way that respects community boundaries.
Retaining ESVA and ESVB in Eastville.	Leaves FRVA and FRVB disconnected from rest of Frome Vale. Both Eastville and Frome Vale are pushing the upper limit of variance.
Creating a 3 member ward out of St George and Kingswood.	No clean way of creating ward boundaries around Redfield, Whitehall and Speedwell.
Keep Redfield in Easton	Would need to lose a bit of Whitehall, leaving it even more disjointed than it is now.

Recommended Configuration: Proposal 1

Only Proposal 1 was deemed suitable out of the configurations we tried. Depending on exact electors in split polling districts, Eastville could be undersized – we recommend including Rose Green Road and surrounding area into Eastville if so.

North Communities

North Communities – Avonmouth, Shirehampton, Lawrence Weston

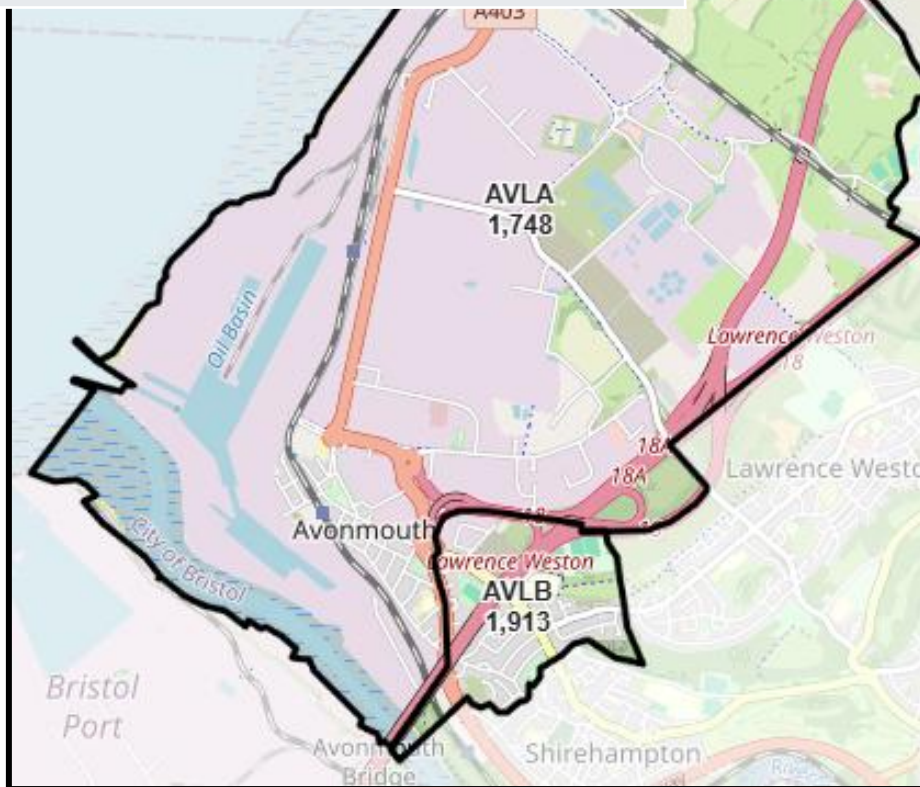
Avonmouth

Electors: 3,661

PDs: AVLA, AVLB

Features: Most of Avonmouth is industrial land, but there is some residential in the south, either side of Avonmouth Road. Avonmouth Station, Avonmouth Medical Centre, Avonmouth Library. Bounded in southeast by Penpole Wood and St Mary's Park.

Named Roads: Avonmouth Road.



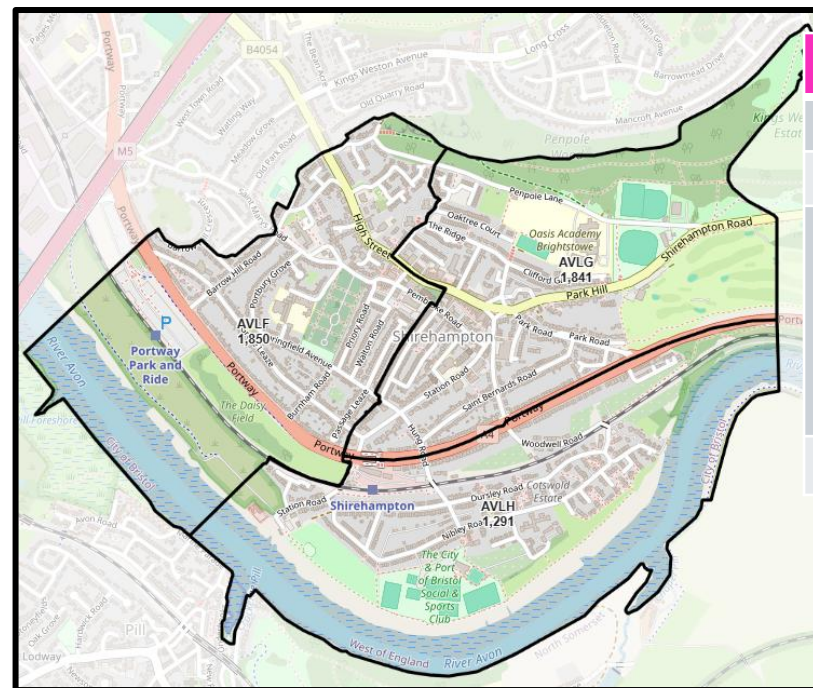
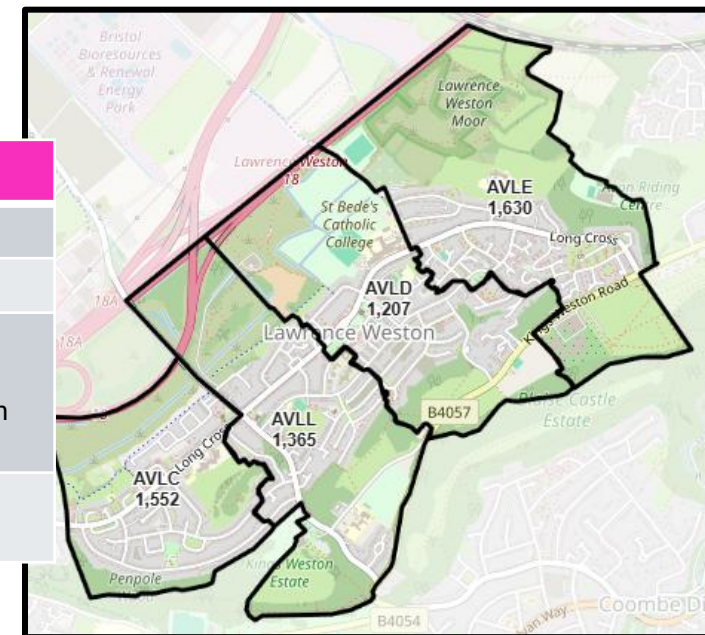
Lawrence Weston

Electors: 5,754

PDs: AVLC, AVLD, AVLE, AVLL

Features: Local Centre is on Ringleaze. Lawrence Weston Moor, Lawrence Weston Community Farm, Blaise Castle, Kings Weston Estate.

Named Roads: Lawrence Weston Road, Kings Weston Road, Kings Weston Lane.



Shirehampton

Electors: 4,982

PDs: AVLF, AVLG, AVLH

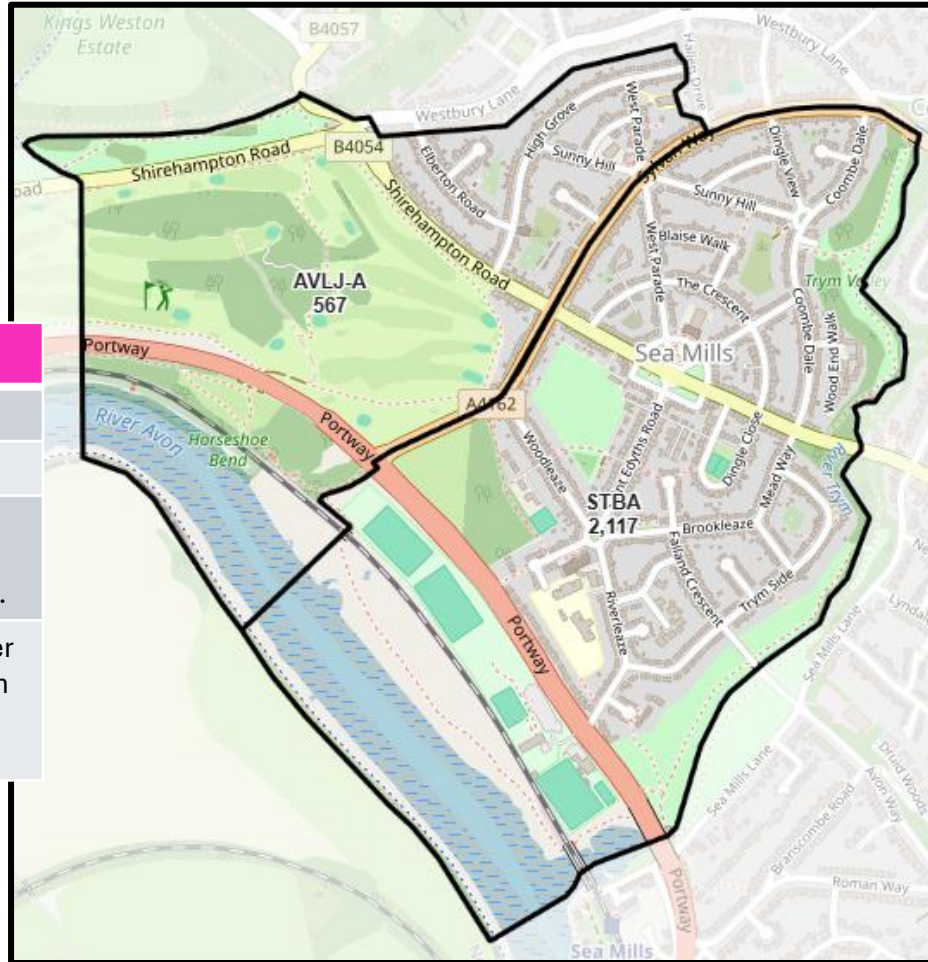
Features: Bounded by Penpole Wood and Shirehampton Golf Club. Shirehampton Station, Shirehampton Cricket Club, Shirehampton Public Hall, Shirehampton Primary School, Shirehampton Cemetery. Local centre is around 'High Street'.

Named Roads: Shirehampton Road

North Communities – Sea Mills & Coombe Dingle

Sea Mills & Coombe Dingle

Sea Mills & Coombe Dingle sit between Blaise Castle and the River Trym. The boundary between them is soft but can roughly be said to be Westbury Lane.



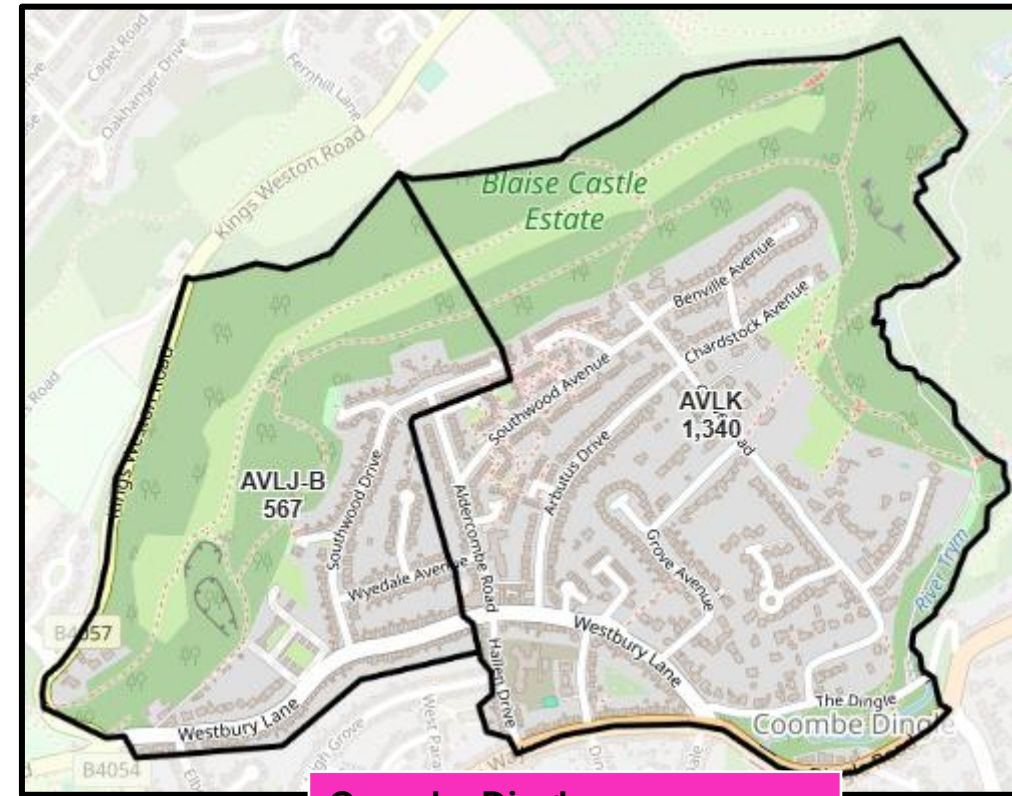
Sea Mills

Electors: 2,684

PDs: AVLJ (part), STBA

Features: Local centre around Sea Mills Square. Sea Mills Methodist Church, Sea Mills Recreation Ground.

Soft boundaries: Some might consider Sea Mills to continue beyond the Trym into STBC – in part due to Sea Mills station and Sea Mills Lane.



Coombe Dingle

Electors: 1,907

PDs: AVLJ (part), AVLK

Features: Small local centre on Westbury Lane.

Soft boundaries: Some might consider Coombe Dingle to continue beyond the Trym into parts of STBB and WEHB.

North Communities – Stoke Bishop

Stoke Bishop

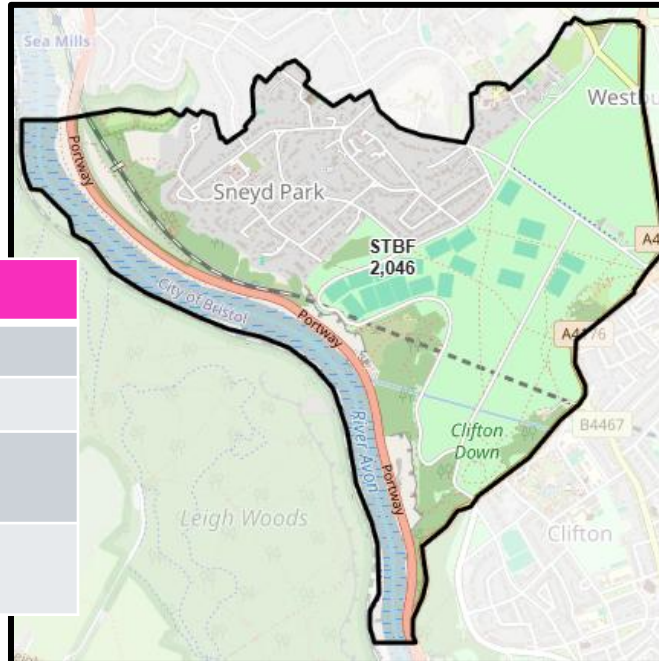
Electors: 6,784

PDs: STBB, STBC, STBD, STBE, STBF

Features: Bounded by River Trym, Coombe Lane, Parrys Lane, and The Downs. Local centres on Shirehampton Road and Druid Hill. University Halls around STBE. Stoke Lodge Playing Fields, Stoke Bishop Primary School, Stoke Bishop Children's Centre.

Named Roads: Stoke Hill, Stoke Park Road, Little Stoke Road

Soft boundaries: Coombe Lane and Parrys Lane are soft boundaries with Westbury-on-Trym.



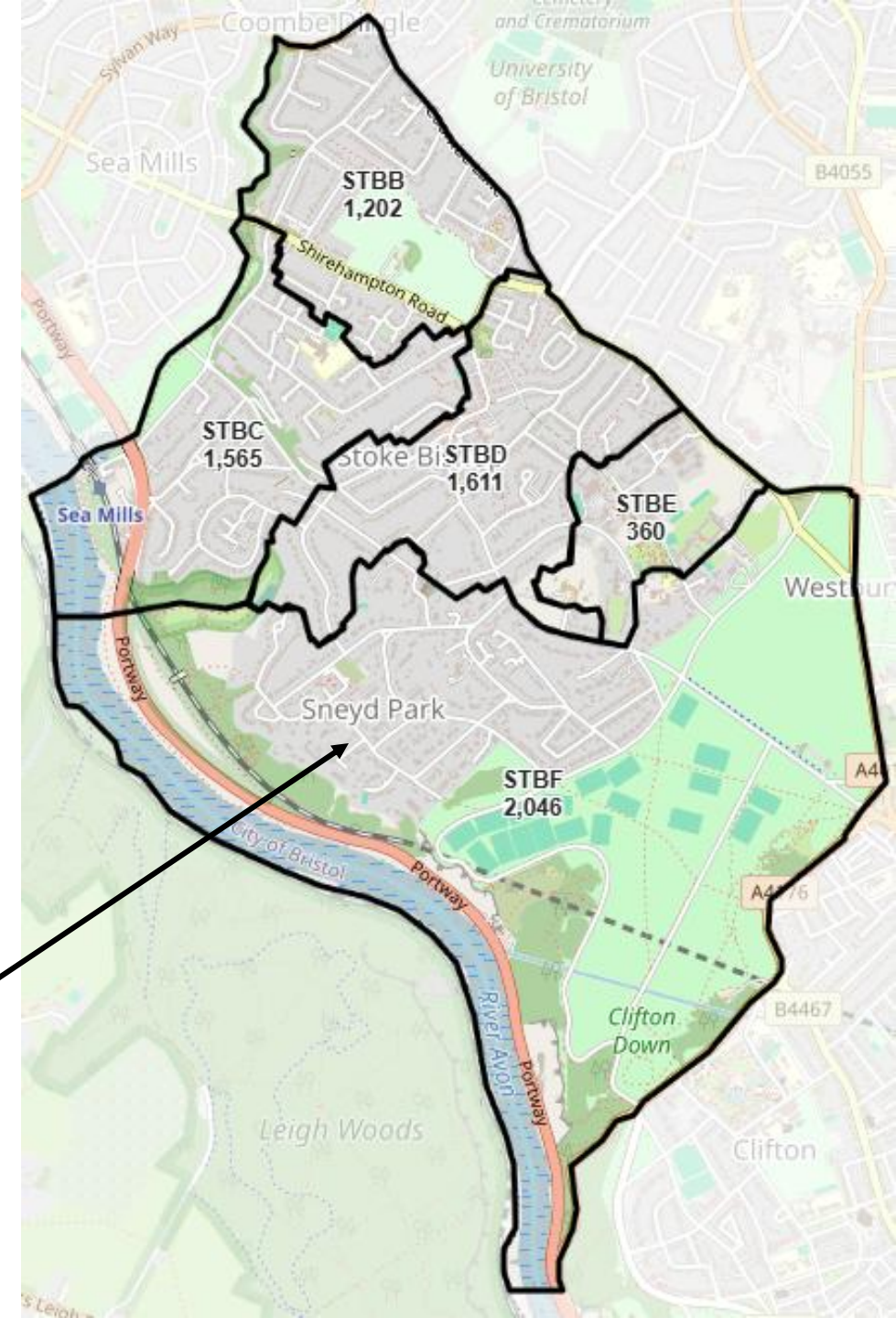
Sub: Sneyd Park

Electors: 1,907

PDs: STBF

Features: Old Sneyd Park Nature Reserve.

Roads: Old Sneyd Park.



North Communities – Henleaze

Henleaze

Electors: 9,492

PDs: WEHE (part), WEHF, WEHG, WEHH, WEHJ, SMDF (part), HORC (part)

Features: The area between Westbury Road, Henleaze Road, and Kellaway Avenue. Local centre around Henleaze Road. Henleaze Lake, Henleaze Junior School, Henleaze Library.

Named roads: Henleaze Road, Henleaze Park Drive, Henleaze Park, Henleaze Avenue, Henleaze Gardens

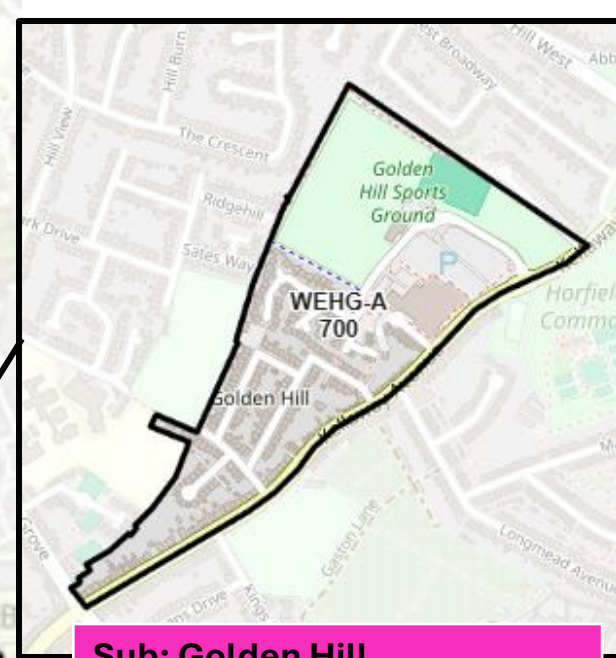
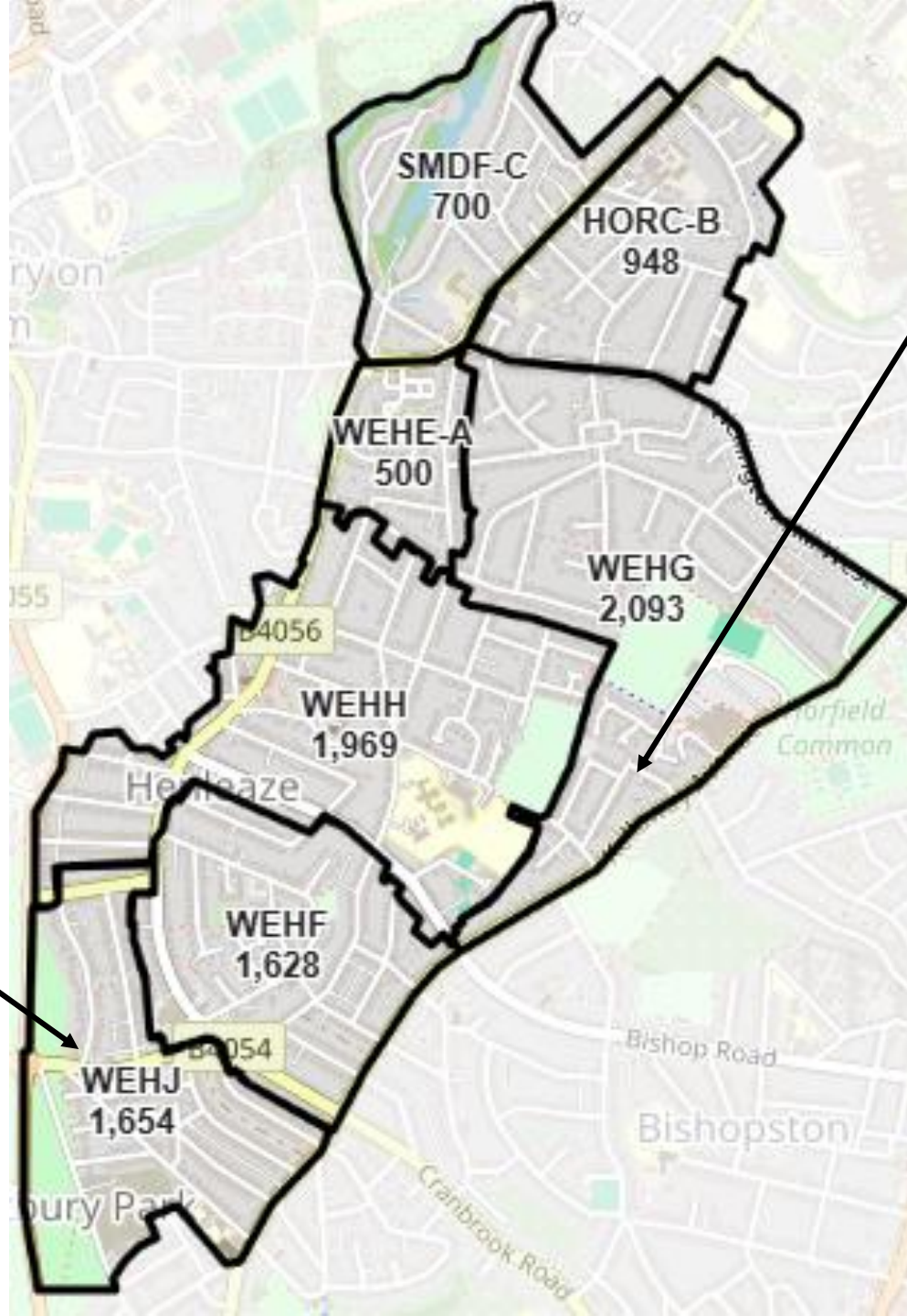
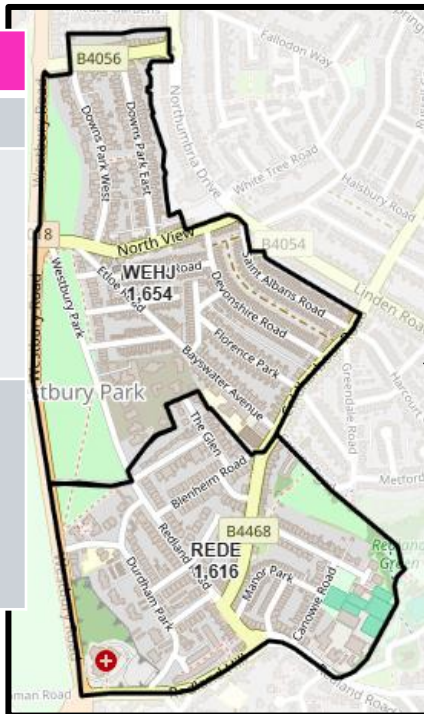
Soft boundaries: Boundary is soft with Westbury-on-Trym - could include areas around Brecon Road and Cherton Place. Area around West Broadway may sit better with Horfield.

Sub: Westbury Park

PDs: REDE, WEHJ

Features: The area between The Downs, Coldharbour Road, Linden Road and Northumbria Road. North View and Coldharbour Road are local centres.

Soft boundaries: Northern boundary could be considered North View or Henleaze Road. Westbury Park could be considered a sub community of Henleaze and/or Redland.



Sub: Golden Hill

PDs: WEHG (part)

Features: Golden Hill sits just off Kellaway Avenue.

Soft boundaries: As it is surrounded by Golden Hill Sports Ground and Golden Hill Allotments, it is somewhat separated from both Henleaze and Horfield Common. It could be considered a part of either.

North Communities – Westbury-On-Trym

Westbury-On-Trym

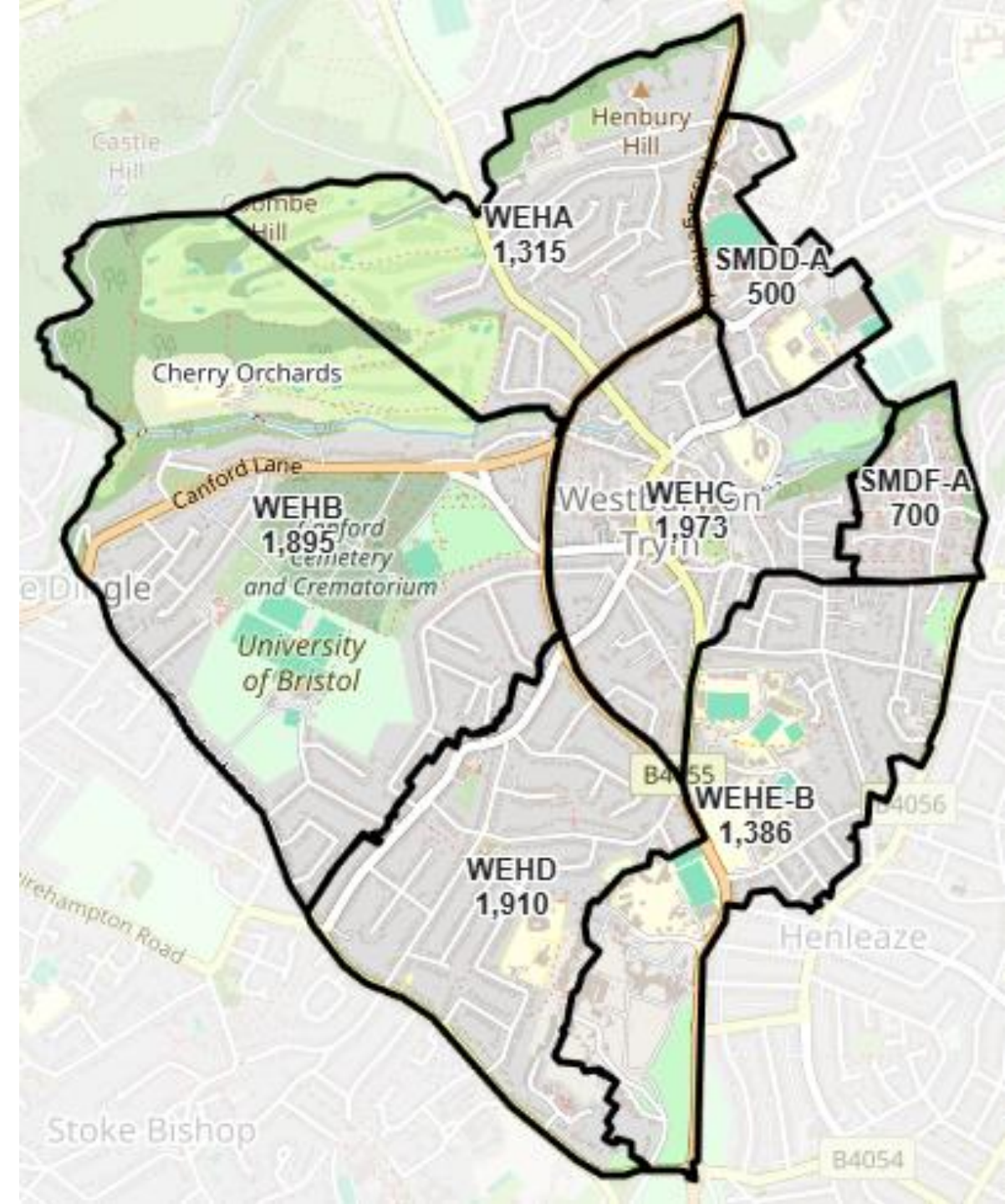
Electors: 9,679

PDs: WEHA, WEHB, WEHC, WEHD, WEHE (part), SMDD (part), SMDF (part)

Features: Local centre around Canford Lane, Westbury Hill, and High Street. Secondary local centre on Stoke Lane. Canford Park and Canford Cemetery.

Named roads: Westbury Court Road, Westbury Road, Trym Road

Soft boundaries: Boundary is soft with Henleaze – area around Brecon Road and Cherton Place could move across. Coombe Lane and Parrys Lane are soft boundaries with Stoke Bishop.



North Communities – Henbury & Brentry

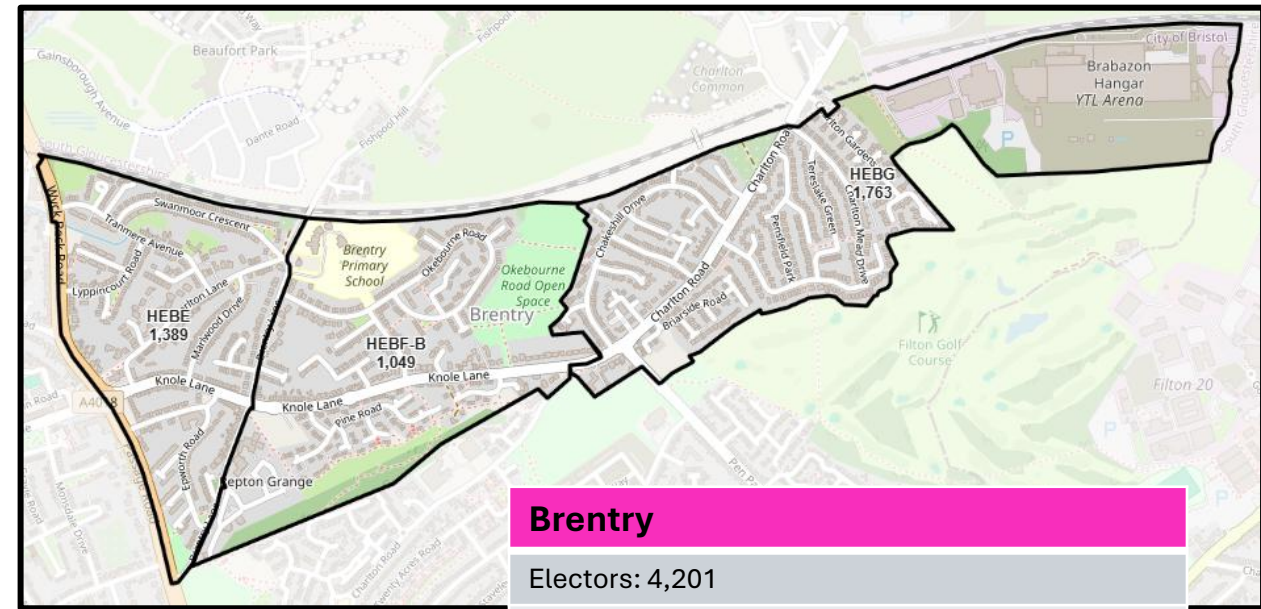
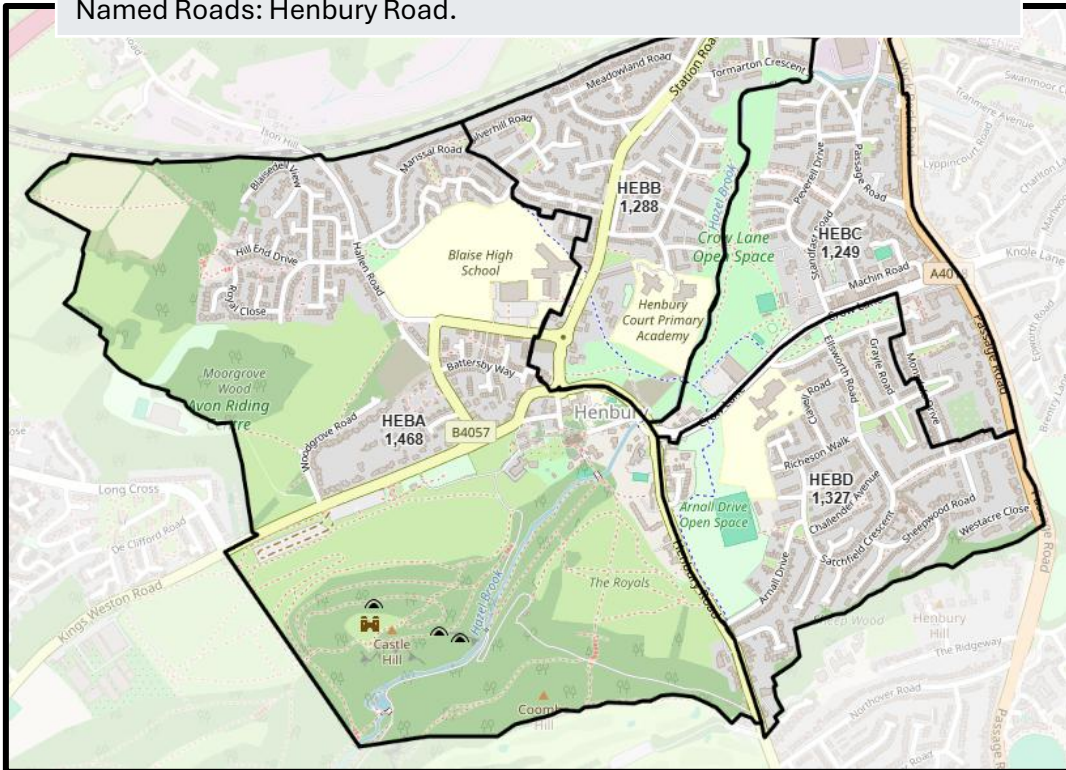
Henbury

Electors: 5,332

PDs: HEBA, HEBB, HEBC, HEBD

Features: Bounded by Blaise Dell, Blaise Castle Estate, Henbury Hill and Passage Road. Local centre is on Crow Lane. Henbury Court Primary Academy, Henbury Leisure Centre, Henbury Library, Henbury & Brentry Community Centre, Henbury Village Hall, Crow Lane Open Space.

Named Roads: Henbury Road.



Brentry

Electors: 4,201

PDs: HEBE, HEBF (part), HEBG

Features: Bounded by Passage Road, Brentry Woods, and Filton Golf Course. Small local centre on Charlton Road. Brentry Primary School.

Named Roads: Brentry Lane.

North Communities – Southmead

Southmead

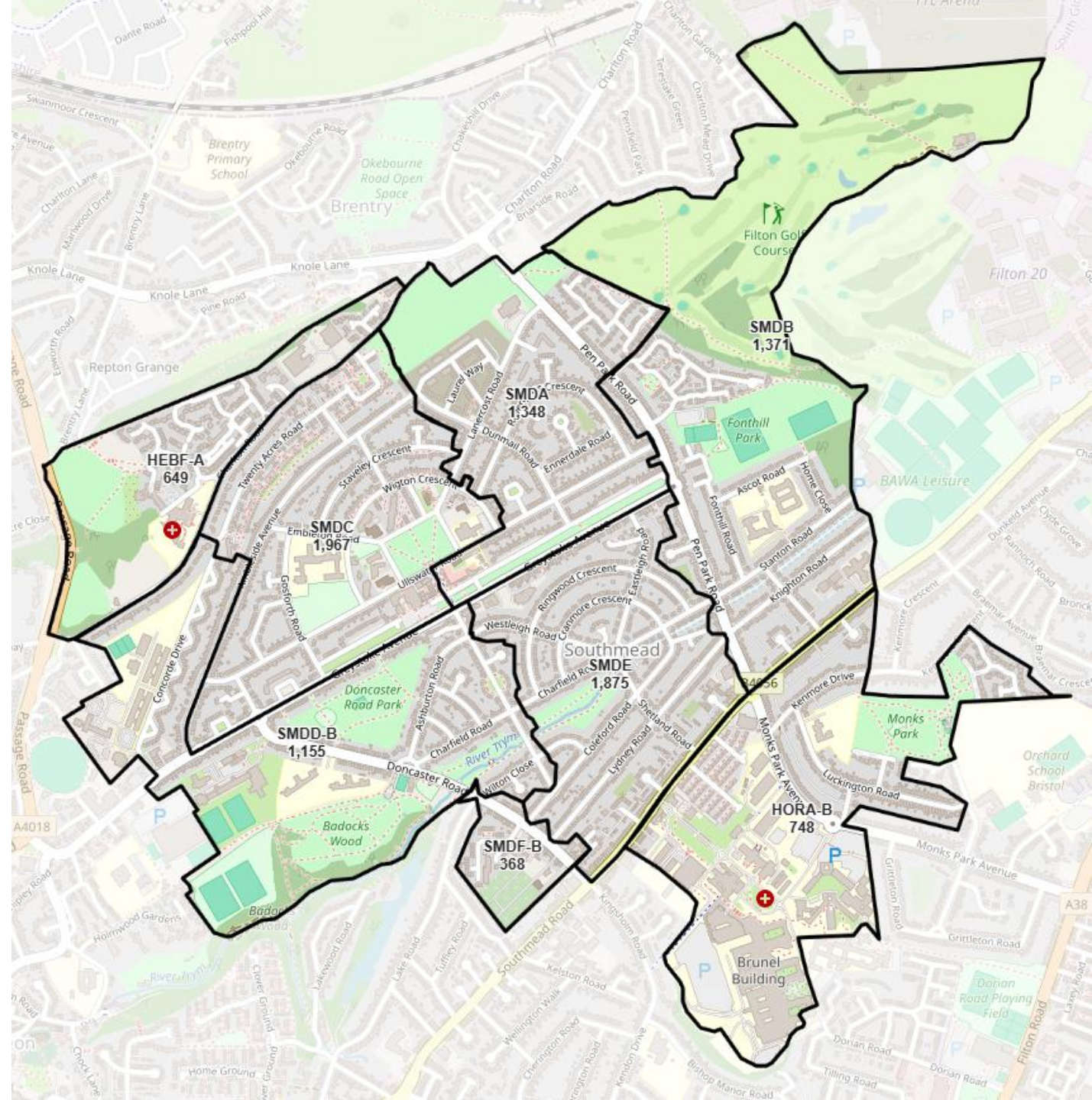
Electors: 9,481

PDs: SMDA SMDB, SMDC, SMDD (part), SMDE, SMDF (part)

Features: Local centre on Greystoke Avenue and Arnside Road. Bounded by Brentry Woods to the north, other boundaries are soft. Southmead Hospital, Southmead Allotments, Badocks Wood, Fonhill Park.

Named roads: Southmead Road.

Soft boundaries: Boundary is soft with Henleaze around Southmead Road, and with Horfield around Monks Park Avenue.



North Communities – Horfield

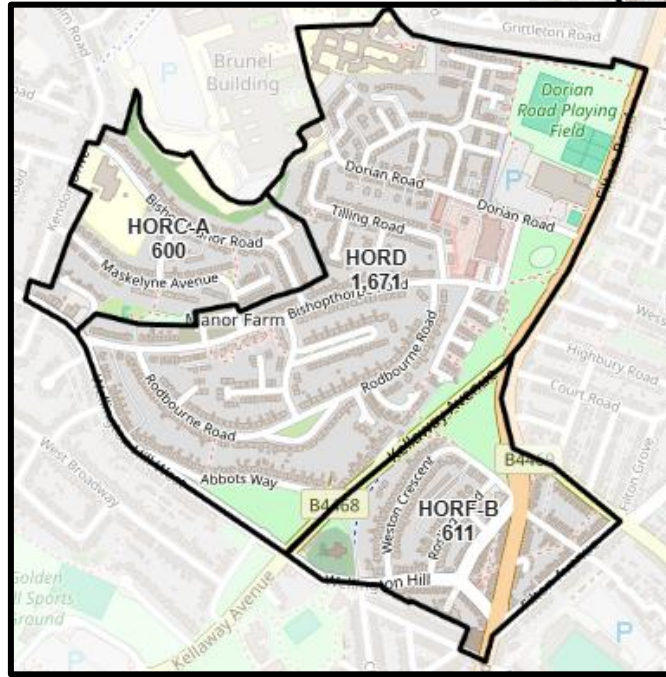
Horfield

Electors: 11,887

PDs: HORA (part), HORB, HORG (part), HORD, HORE, HORF, HORG, LOCA, LOCC

Features: Bounded by railway in the East, Wellington Hill and Muller Road in South. Local Centres on Filton Road and Filton Avenue. Horfield Library, Horfield Leisure Centre, Horfield Allotments, Upper Horfield Primary School, Horfield Primary School, Horfield Parish Church.

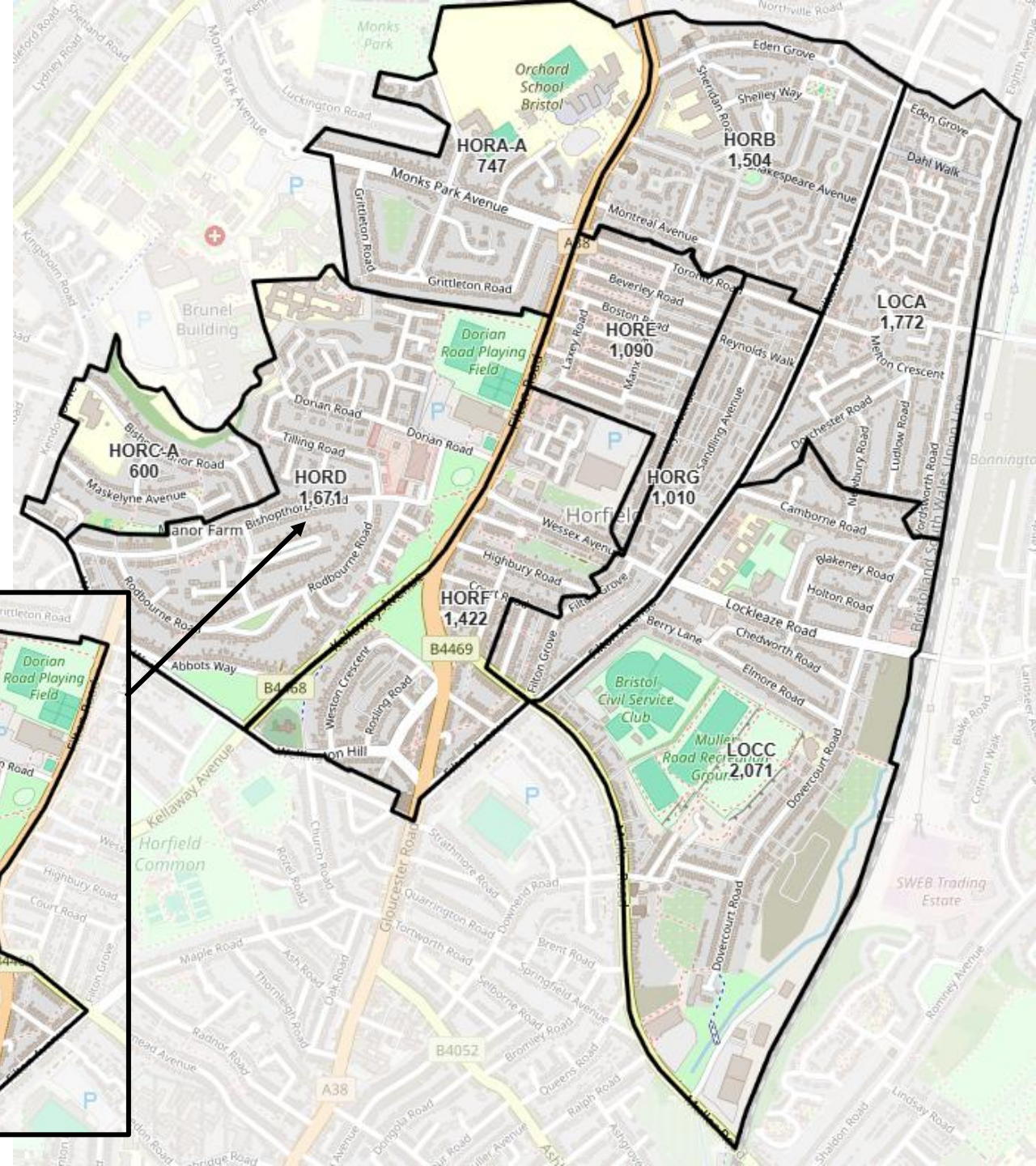
Soft boundaries: Boundaries are soft with Southmead around Monks Park Avenue, Henleaze around West Broadway, Horfield Common around Wellington Hill, and Ashley Down around Filton Avenue and Trubshaw Close.



Sub: Manor Farm

PDs: HORG (part), HORD, HORG (part)

Features: Small local centre around Bishopthorpe Road. Manor Farm Boys Club.



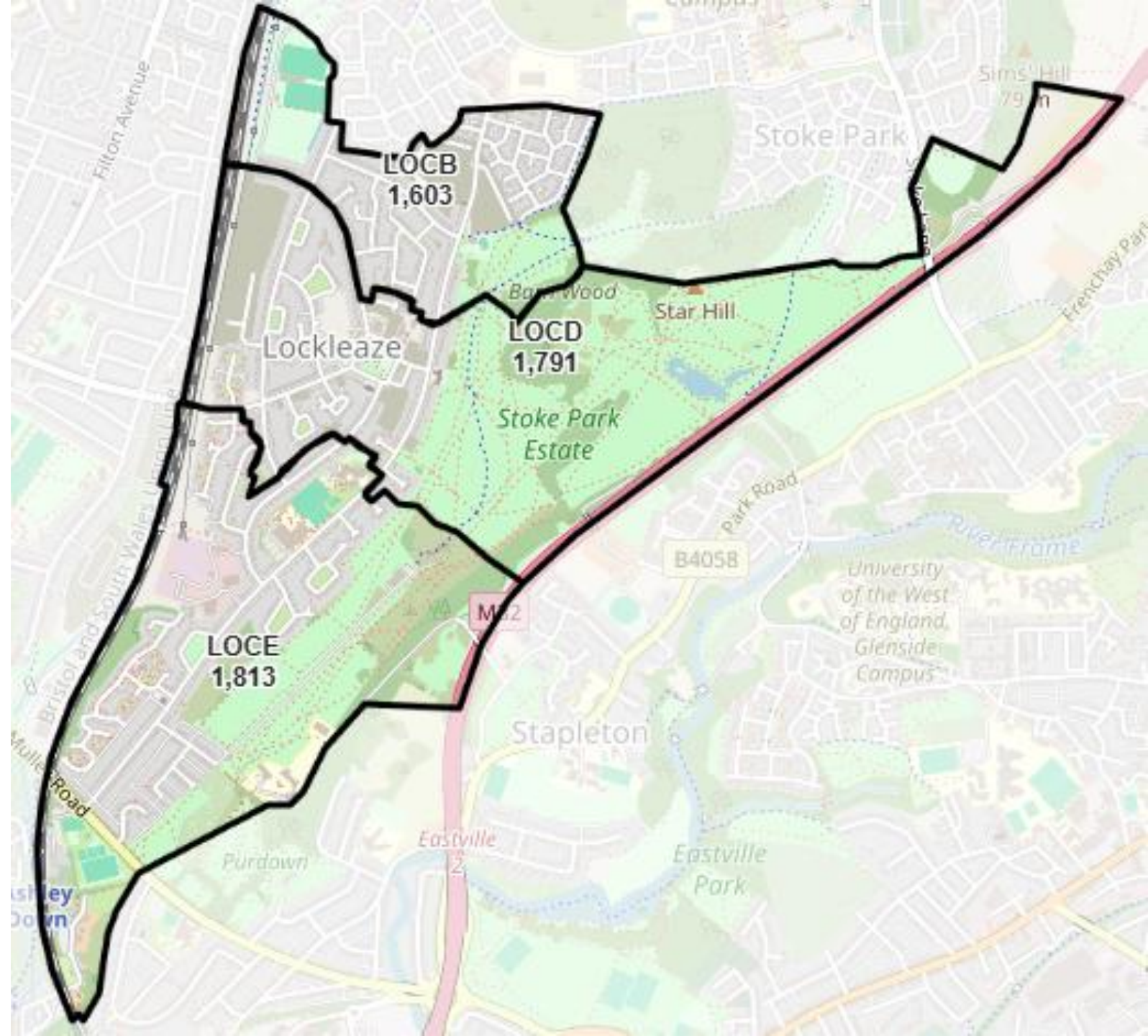
North Communities – Lockleaze

Lockleaze

Electors: 5,207

PDs: LOCB, LOCD, LOCE

Features: Bounded by railway line in the west, Purdown and M32 in east. Local centre about Gainsborough Square. The Vench - Lockleaze Youth and Play Space, Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust Hub, Stoke Park Estate.



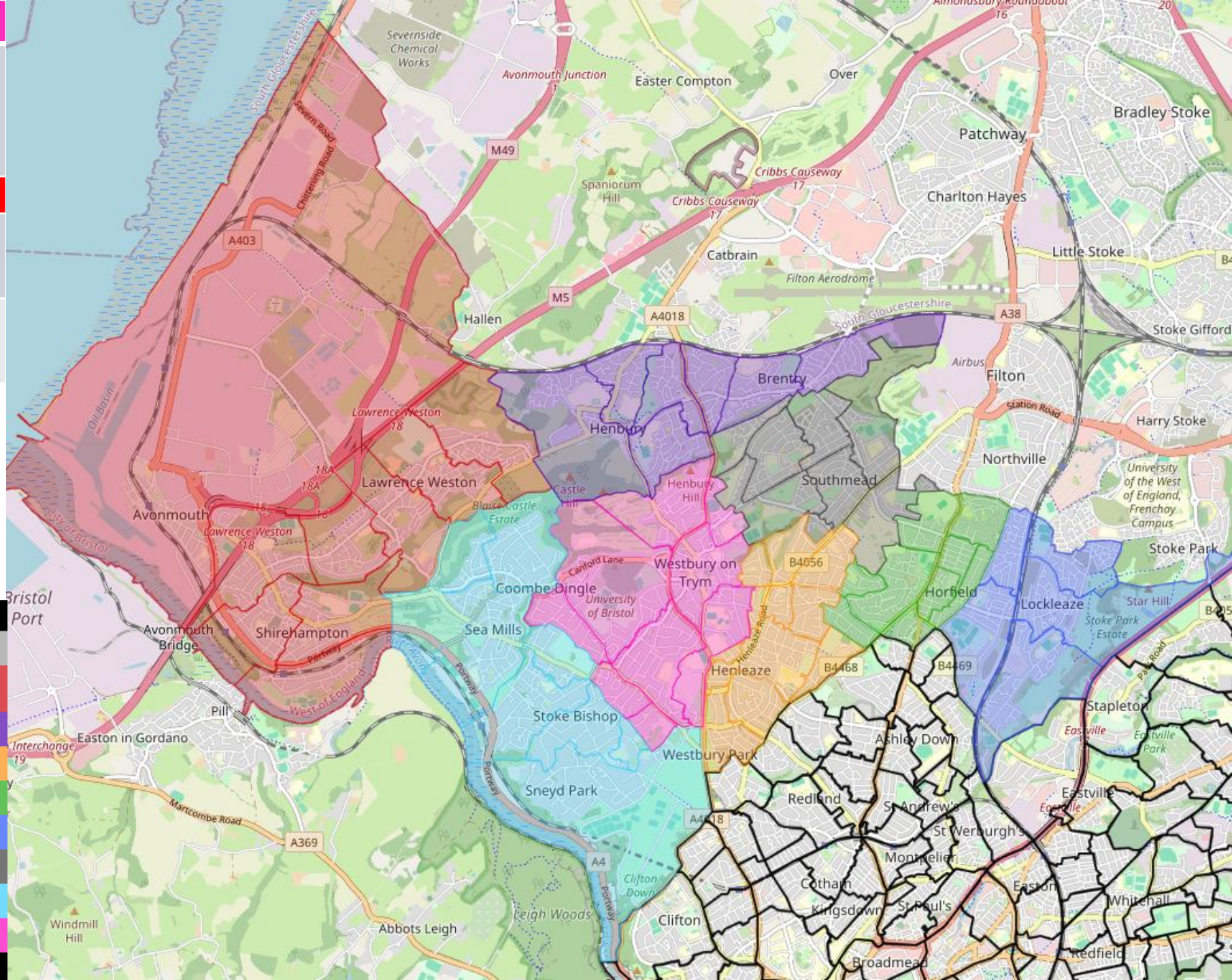
North Ward Configuration Proposals

North Proposal 1

Stoke Bishop takes Sea Mills. Westbury-on-Trym and Henleaze split into two 2 member wards

Link:
wardproposalviewer.netlify.app/view_index.html?plan=North1.geojson

Pros	Cons
Clear boundaries for Avonmouth & LW, Henbury & B	Messy between Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym
Generally good alignment between wards and communities	



Ward	Electors	Variance	Cllrs	
Unassigned	283,806			+
Avonmouth & Lawrence Weston	14,397	• -0.0%	3	+
Henbury & Brentry	9,533	• -0.7%	2	+
Henleaze	10,192	• +6.2%	2	+
Horfield	8,644	• -10.0%	2	+
Lockleaze	9,050	• -5.7%	2	+
Southmead	9,481	• -1.3%	2	+
Stoke Bishop	10,094	• +5.1%	2	+
Westbury-on-Trym	9,660	• +0.6%	2	+
Total	81,051		17	

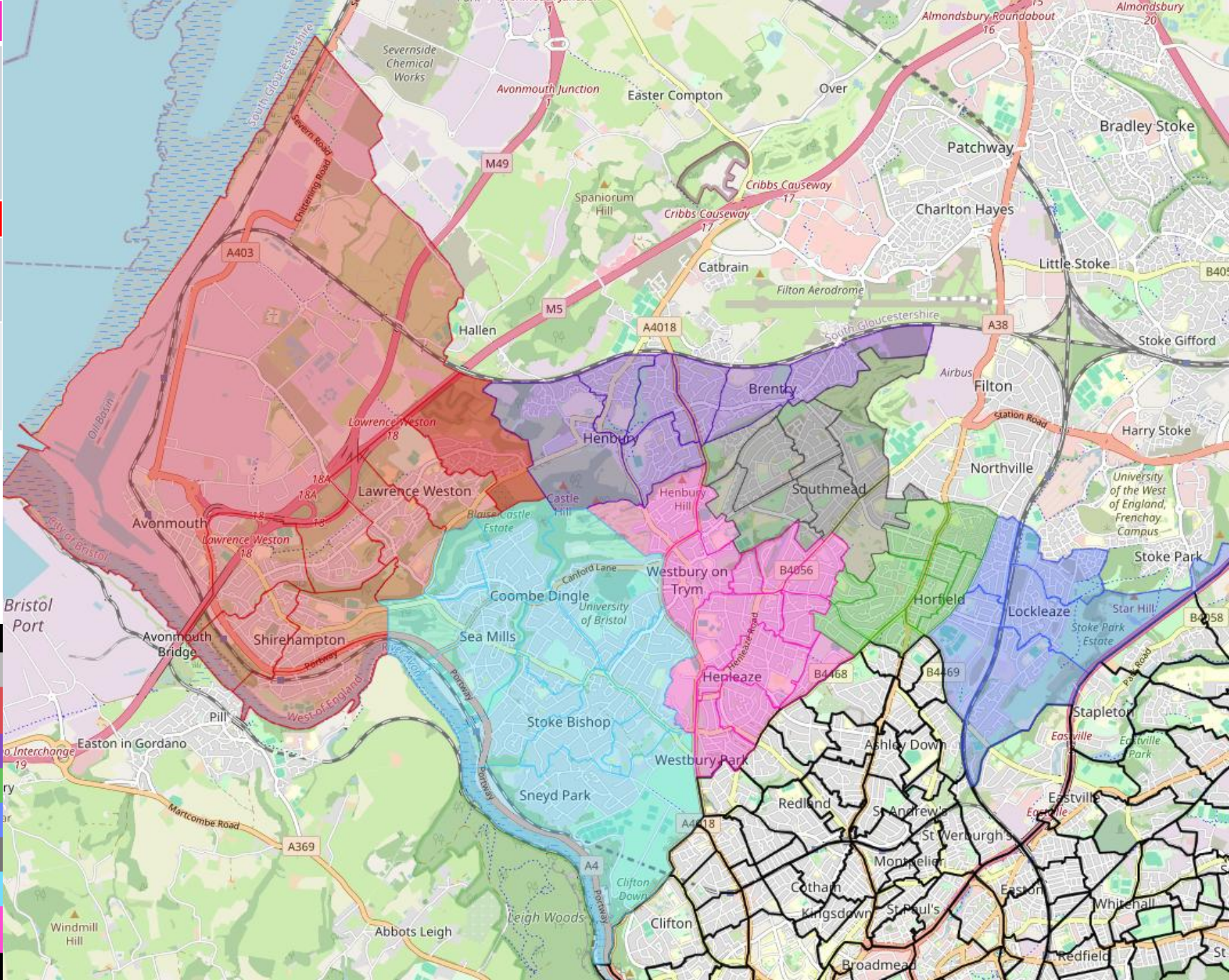
North Proposal 2

Similar to Proposal 1 but extend Stoke Bishop into a 3 member ward. Keep Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze as a 3 member ward instead of splitting.

Link:
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Pros	Cons
Clear boundaries for Avonmouth & LW, Henbury & B	Two extra 3 member wards
Generally good alignment between wards and communities	Significant portion of what people would consider Westbury-on-Trym no longer in the ward

Ward	Electors	Variance	Cllrs	
○ Unassigned	283,806			+
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● Southmead	9,481	● -1.3%	2 ▼	+
● Stoke Bishop	15,180	● +5.4%	3 ▼	+
● Westbury-On-Trym & Henleaze	14,766	● +2.5%	3 ▼	+
Total	81,051		17	



North Rejected Ward Configurations

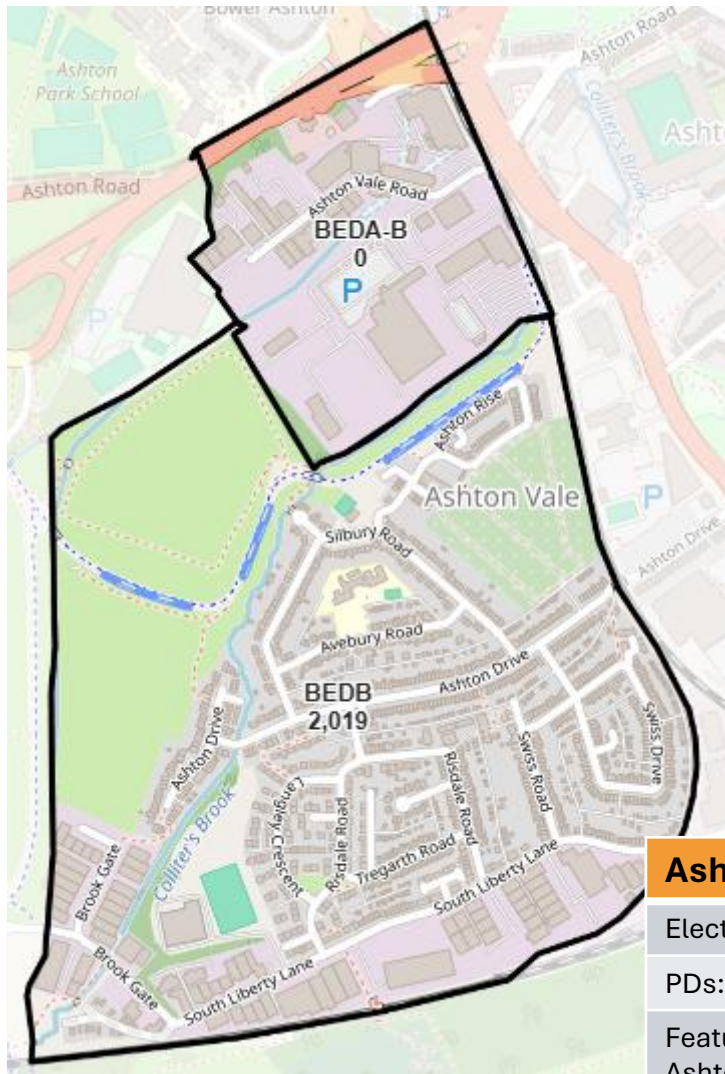
Options Tried	Reason Rejected
Cut Lockleaze down to a one member ward, east of the railway line.	Means Horfield must be a 3 member ward. Having a 1 member and 3 member ward next together is a bit odd when they share a contiguous urban area.
Making a 2 member Avonmouth & Shirehampton ward, and 2 member Lawrence Weston & Sea Mills/Coombe Dingle ward (similar to old Kingsweston ward)	There's a big hill between Lawrence Weston and Sea Mills/Coombe Dingle, so it doesn't make much geographical sense. Lawrence Weston has much stronger ties to Avonmouth and Shirehampton.

Recommended Configuration: Proposal 1

The two proposals are quite similar, but Westbury-on-Trym and Henleaze are two distinct areas, each big enough to be their own ward, so it makes sense to split them into two member wards, instead of having an oversized 3 member wards.

South Communities

South Communities – Bower Ashton and Ashton Vale

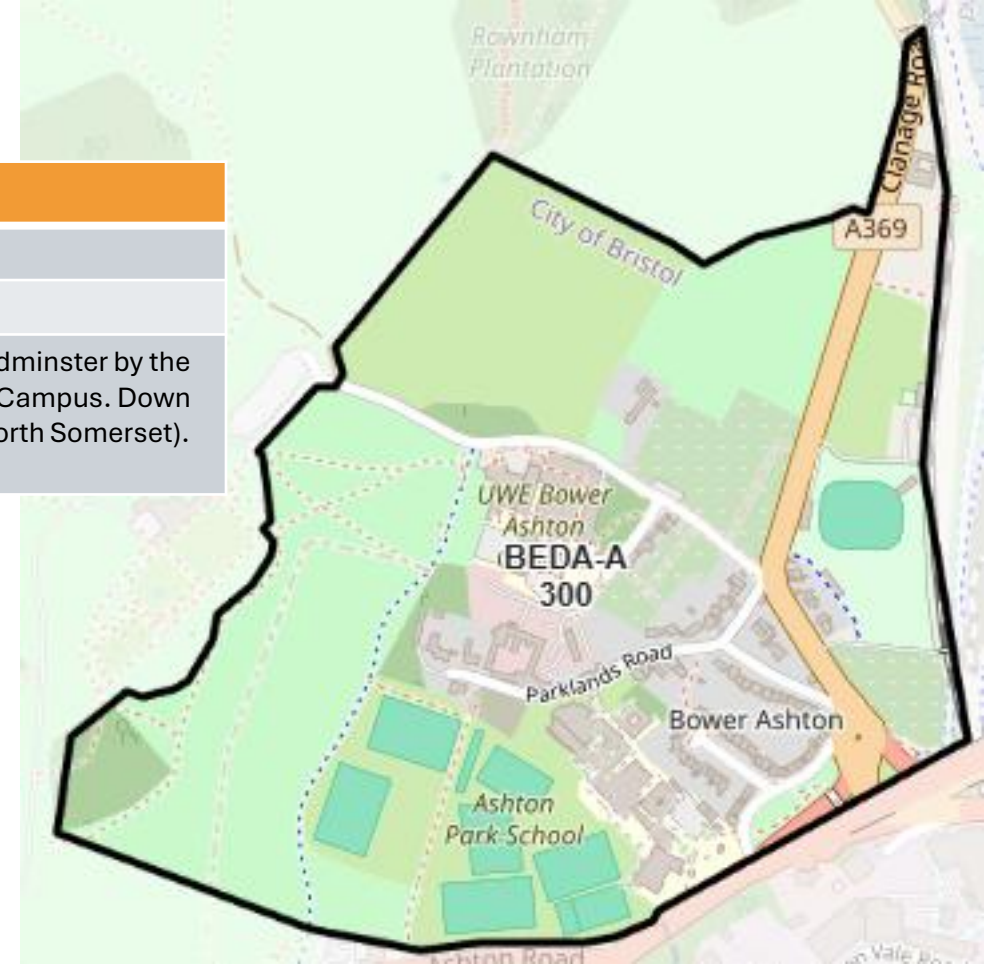


Bower Ashton

Electors: 300

PDs: BEDA (part)

Features: Small community separated from Bedminster by the Brunel Way Spaghetti Junction. Contains UWE Campus. Down the hill from Ashton Court Estate (which is in North Somerset). Ashton Park School.



Ashton Vale

Electors: 2,019

PDs: BEDA (part), BEDB

Features: Separated from Bedminster by Portishead railway line. Ashton Vale Primary School, Ashton Vale Community Centre.

Named Roads: Ashton Drive, Ashton Rise, Ashton Vale Road,

South Communities – Bedminster

Bedminster

Electors: 23,417

PDs: SVLA, SVLB, SVLC, SVLD, SCLE, SCLF, SVLG, SVLH, BEDA (part), BEDC, BEDD, BEDE, BEDF, BISC (part), FWDA (part), WNHG (part)

Features: The area between the railway lines and the New Cut, plus the little area between the river Malago and south of the railway line. North Street, East Street, and West Street as local centres. Bedminster Library, Bedminster Station. BISC (part) is considered part of Bedminster due to the steep hill up to Bedminster Down.

Named Roads: Bedminster Parade, Bedminster Road

Soft boundaries: Malago river is a soft boundary with parts of Lower Knowle sometimes referred to as Bedminster.

Sub: Ashton Gate

Electors: 5,527

PDs: BEDA (part), BEDC, SVLA

Features: Primarily the area surrounding the Ashton Gate Stadium. Bounded by railway line to the west and south, North Street, and Luckwell Road. Greville Smyth Park, South Bristol Retail Park.

Named Roads: Ashton Road

Soft boundaries: Luckwell Road is a soft boundary. Part of SVLB and SVLC could be considered Ashton Gate due to Ashton Gate Primary School and Ashton Gate Road.

Sub: Southville

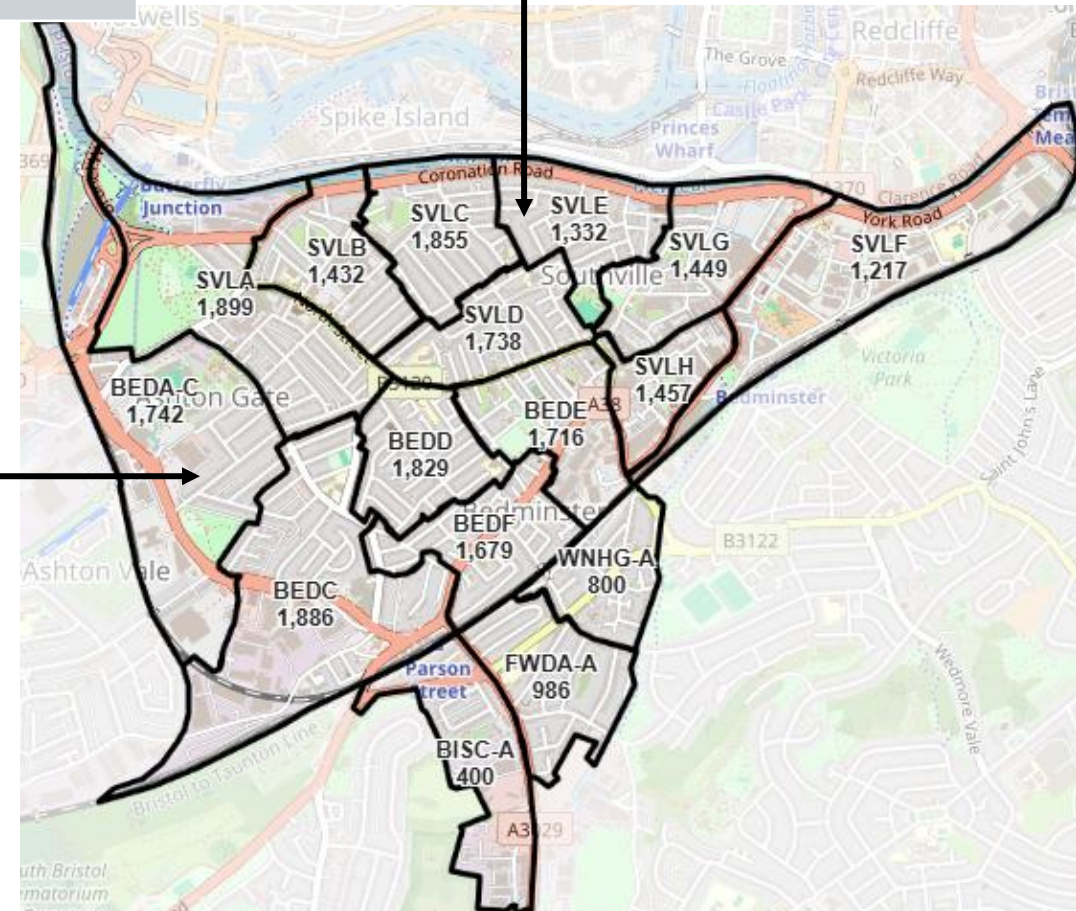
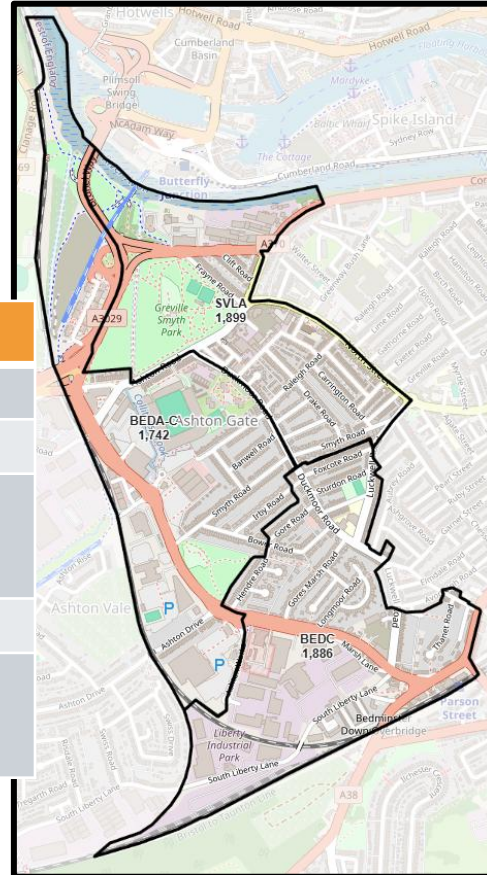
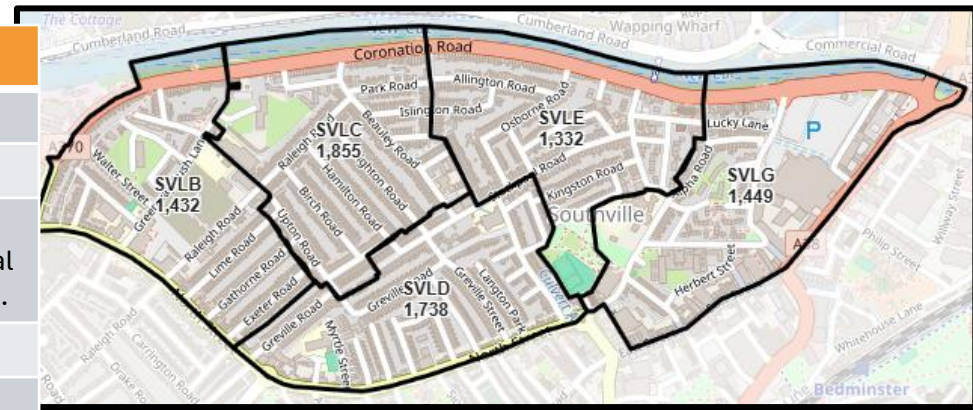
Electors: 7,806

PDs: SVLB, SVLC, SVLD, SCLE, SVLG

Features: The area between North Street, East Street and the New Cut. North Street and East Street as local centres. Southville Primary School, Southville Centre.

Named Roads: Southville Road, Southville Place.

Soft boundaries: SVLF (east of Philip Street) is mostly industrial but is earmarked for regeneration and would likely be considered Southville in the future.



South Communities – Windmill Hill, Lower Knowle, Totterdown

Windmill Hill

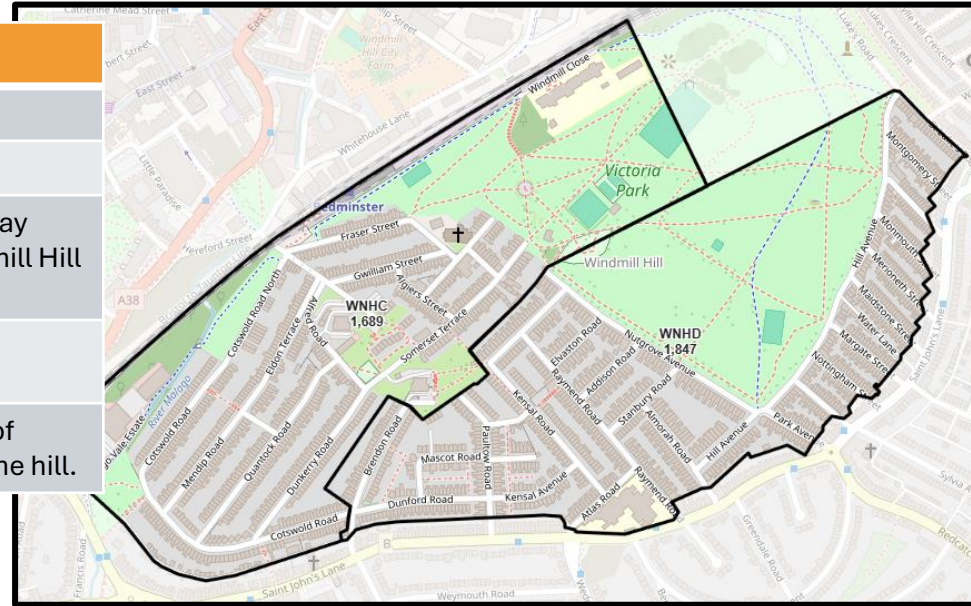
Electors: 3,536

PDs: WHNC, WNHD

Features: As the name suggests, it's a hill. Bounded by the railway line, St John's Lane, and Victoria Park. The Windmill Pub, Windmill Hill Community Centre.

Named Roads: Windmill Hill

Soft boundaries: Sometimes parts of SVLF are considered part of Windmill Hill due to the Windmill Hill City Farm, but it's not on the hill.



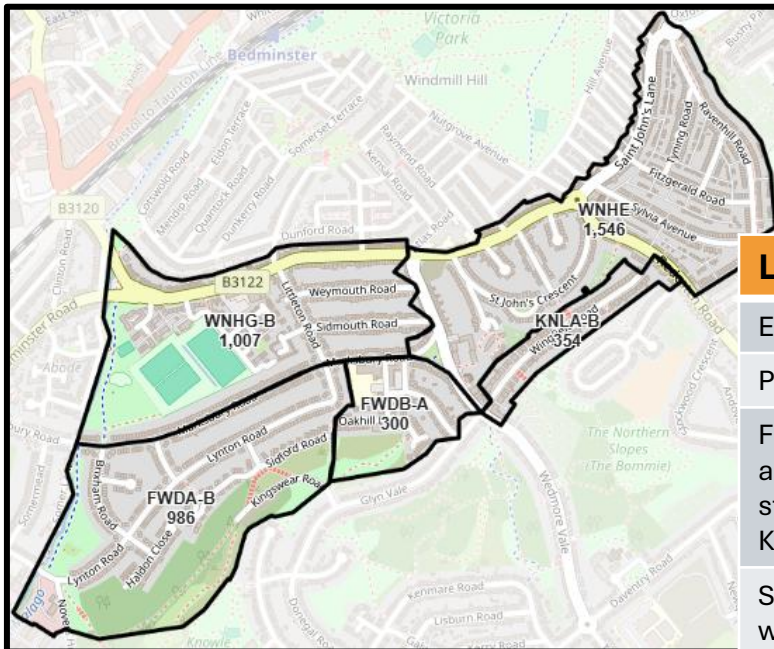
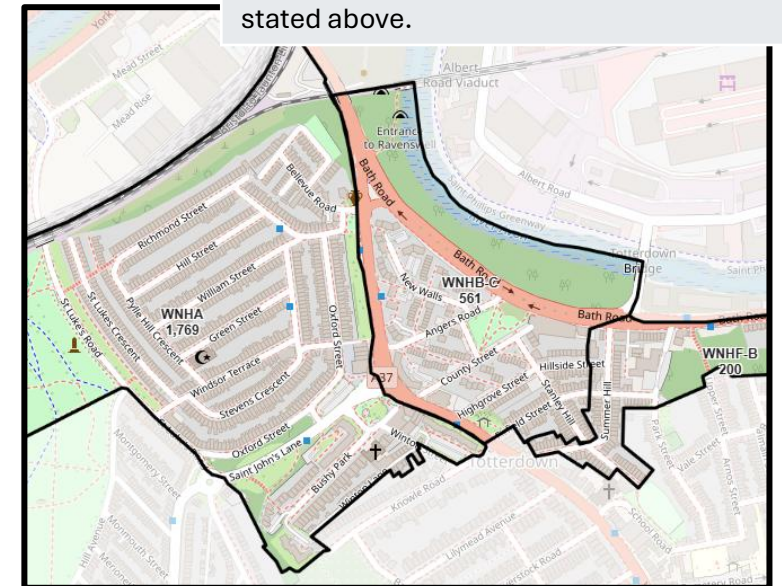
Totterdown

Electors: 2,530

PDs: WNHA, WNHB (part), WNHF (part)

Features: Totterdown area is characterised by lots of hills. Local centres on Oxford Street and Wells Road. The Wells Road high street (between Knowle Road and Rookery Road) is often referred to as Totterdown but the surrounding streets are often considered to be part of Knowle, particularly those on higher ground.

Soft boundaries: The boundary between Totterdown and Knowle is blurred, as stated above.



Lower Knowle

Electors: 4,193

PDs: WNHE, WHNG (part), FWDA (part), FWDB (part), KNLA (part)

Features: The area that sits between the two hills (Windmill Hill and Redcatch Hill). Redcatch Hill (leading up to Knowle) is very steep, so it doesn't have strong ties with the rest of Knowle. Lower Knowle Farm.

Soft boundaries: The 'Lower Knowle' name isn't commonly used, with the area often just referred to as Windmill Hill or Bedminster.

South Communities – Knowle

Knowle

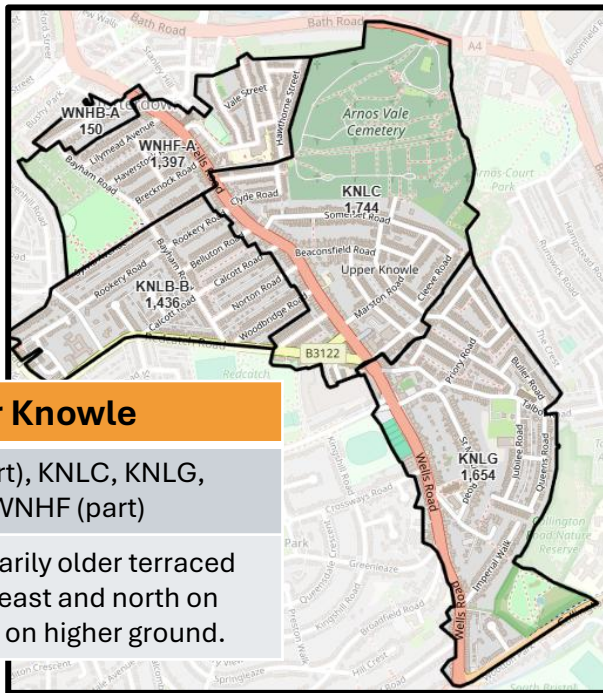
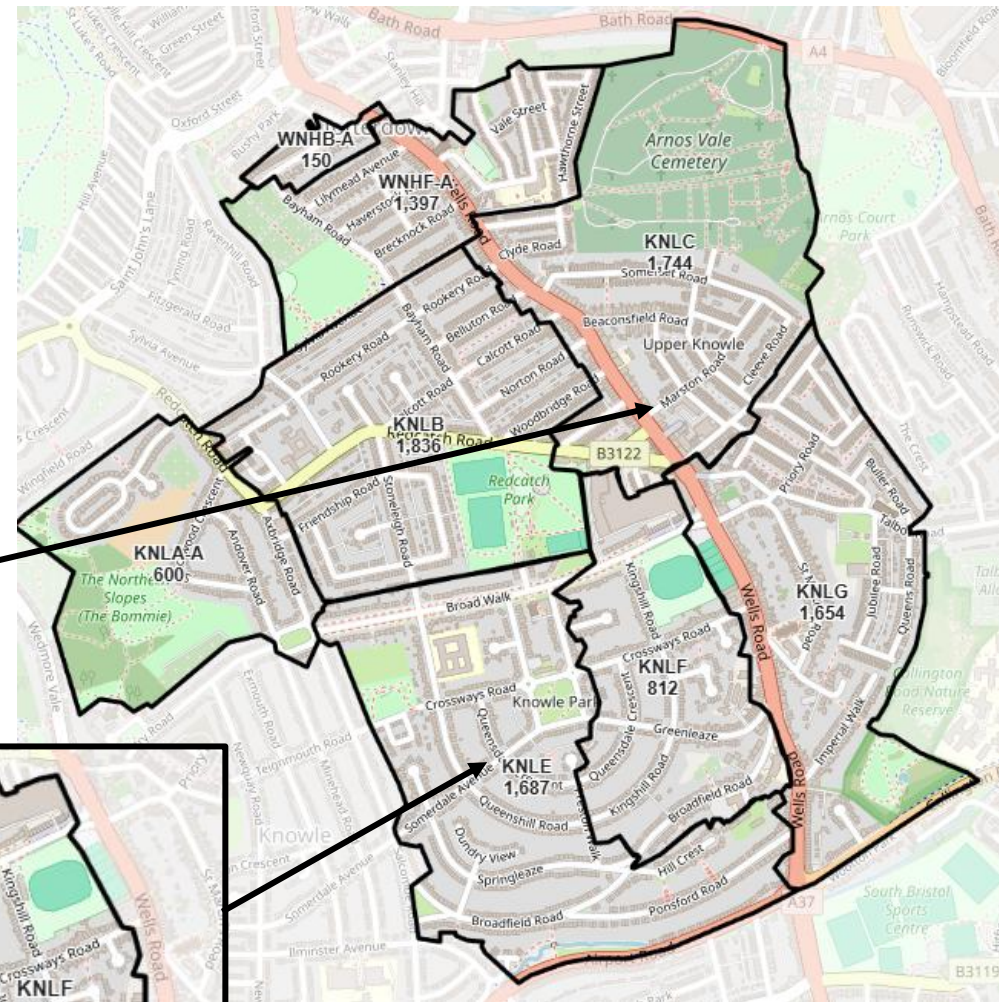
Electors: 9,880

PDs: KNLA (part), KNLB, KNLC, KNLE, KNLF, KNLG, WHNB (part), WNHF (part)

Features: Primarily consists of the area either side of Wells Road. Distinctive boundary to Brislington in the East due to steep hill. Local centre on Wells Road and Broadwalk Shopping Centre (due to be redeveloped). Redcatch Park, Arnos Vale, Perrett Park. The parts of the current Windmill Hill ward are on higher ground than Totterdown, so may be considered Knowle.

Named Roads: Knowle Road

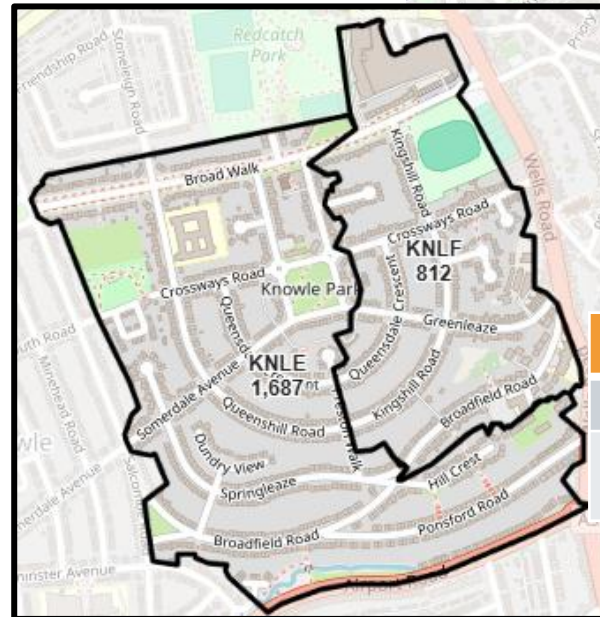
Soft boundaries: The Wells Road high street between Knowle Road and Rookery Road is often referred to as Totterdown even though the surrounding streets are often considered to be part of Knowle.



Sub: Upper Knowle

PDs: KNLB (part), KNLC, KNLG, WHNB (part), WNHF (part)

Features: Primarily older terraced housing in the east and north on Knowle, sitting on higher ground.



Sub: Knowle Park

PDs: KNLE, KNLF

Features: Primarily 1930s semi-detached housing. Local Centre at The Square

South Communities – Knowle West

Knowle West

Electors: 10,511

PDs: FWDB (part), FWDC, FWDD, FWDE, FWDF, FWDG, KNLA (part), KNLD

Features: Salcombe Road and 'The Bommie' are a distinct boundary between Knowle and Knowle West. Other boundaries are Airport Road, Hartcliffe Way, and Knowle West Health Park. Local centres on Filwood Broadway, Melvin Square, and Leinster Avenue. Knowle West Media Centre, Knowle West Children's Centre

Sub: Novers Hill

PDs: FWDC

Features: Novers Park, KnowleDGE Centre.

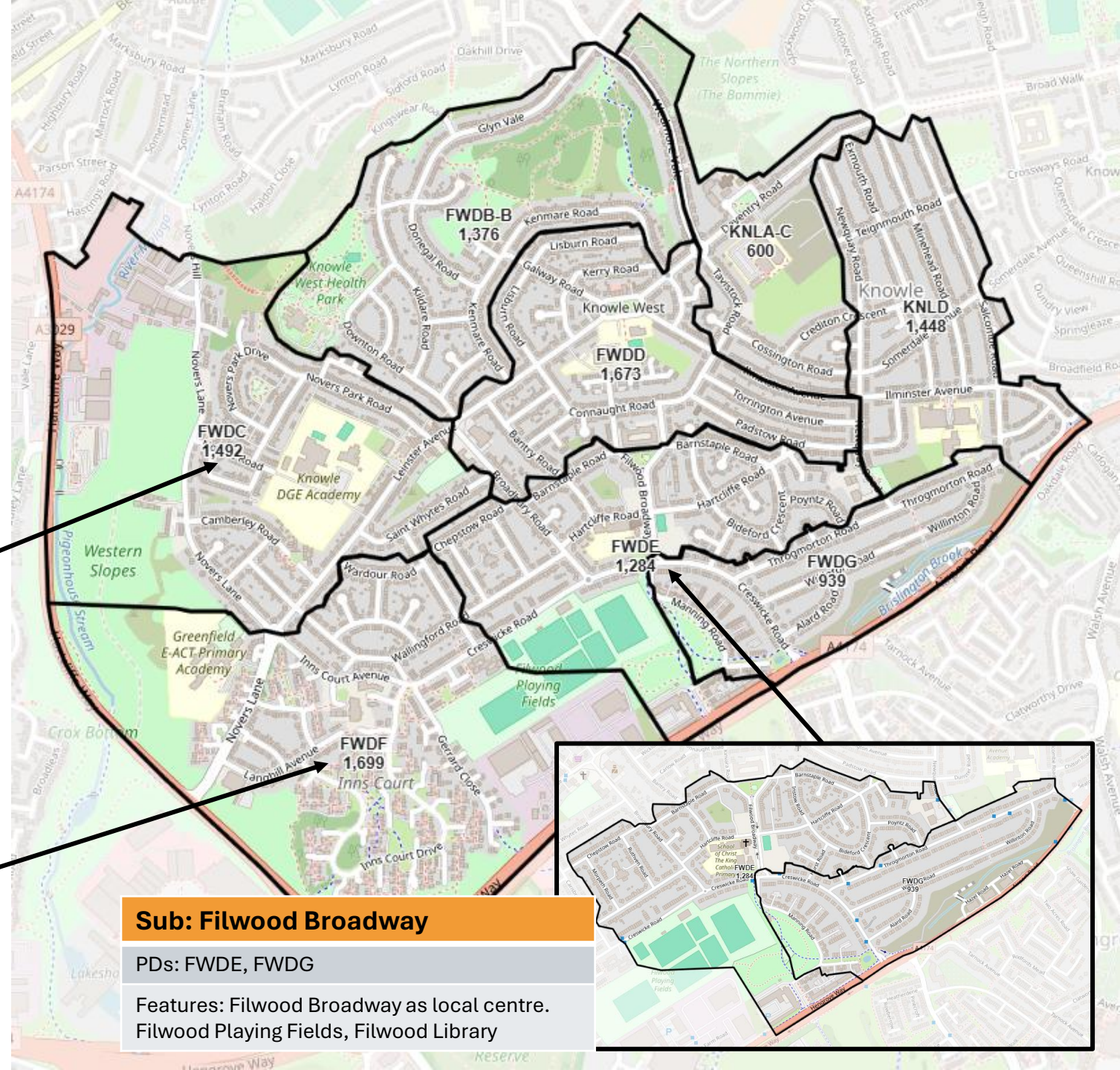
Named Roads: Novers Hill, Novers Road, Novers Park Road, Novers Park Drive, Novers Lane.

Sub: Inns Court

PDs: FWDF

Features: Inns Court Community & Family Centre

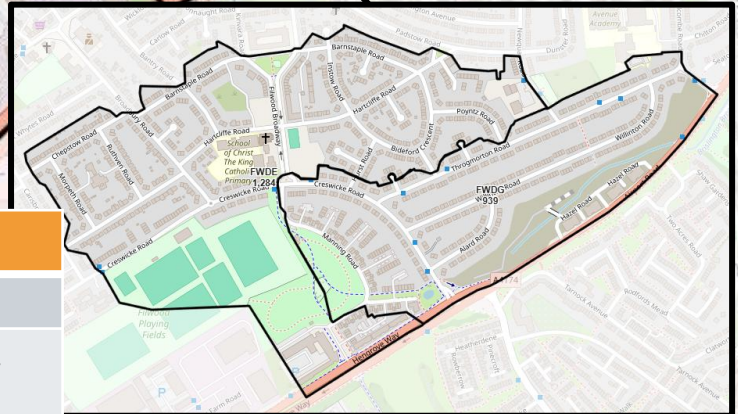
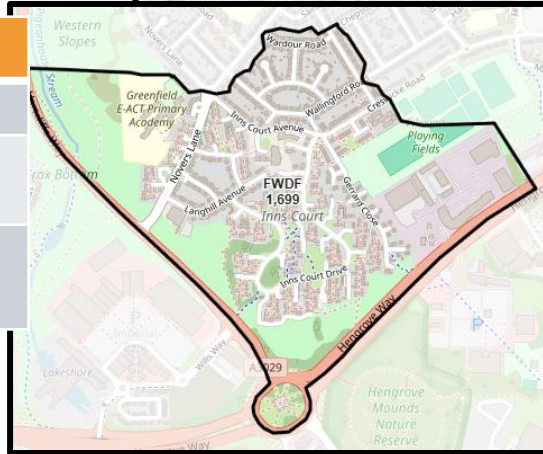
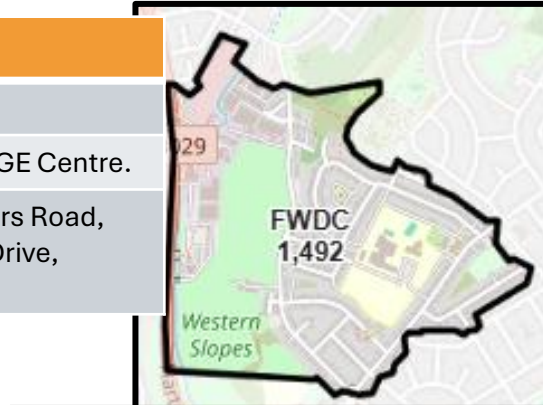
Named Roads: Inns Court Drive, Inns Court Avenue



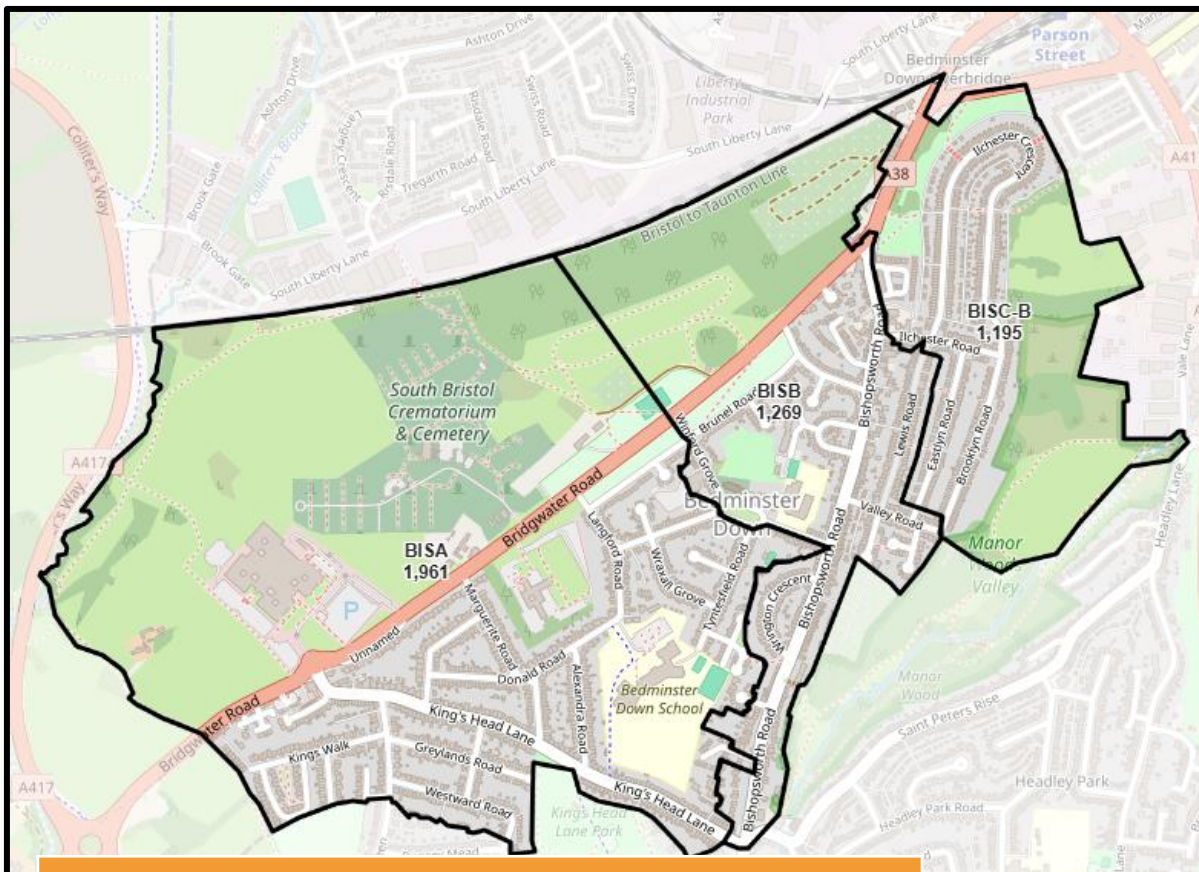
Sub: Filwood Broadway

PDs: FWDE, FWDG

Features: Filwood Broadway as local centre. Filwood Playing Fields, Filwood Library



South Communities – Bedminster Down and Bishopsworth



Bedminster Down

Electors: 4,425

PDs: BISA, BISB, BISC (part)

Features: Considered distinct from Bedminster. Bounded by the railway line, Manor Woods Valley, and King's Head Lane. Bedminster Down School, Bedminster Down Allotments.

Named Roads: Bedminster Down Road

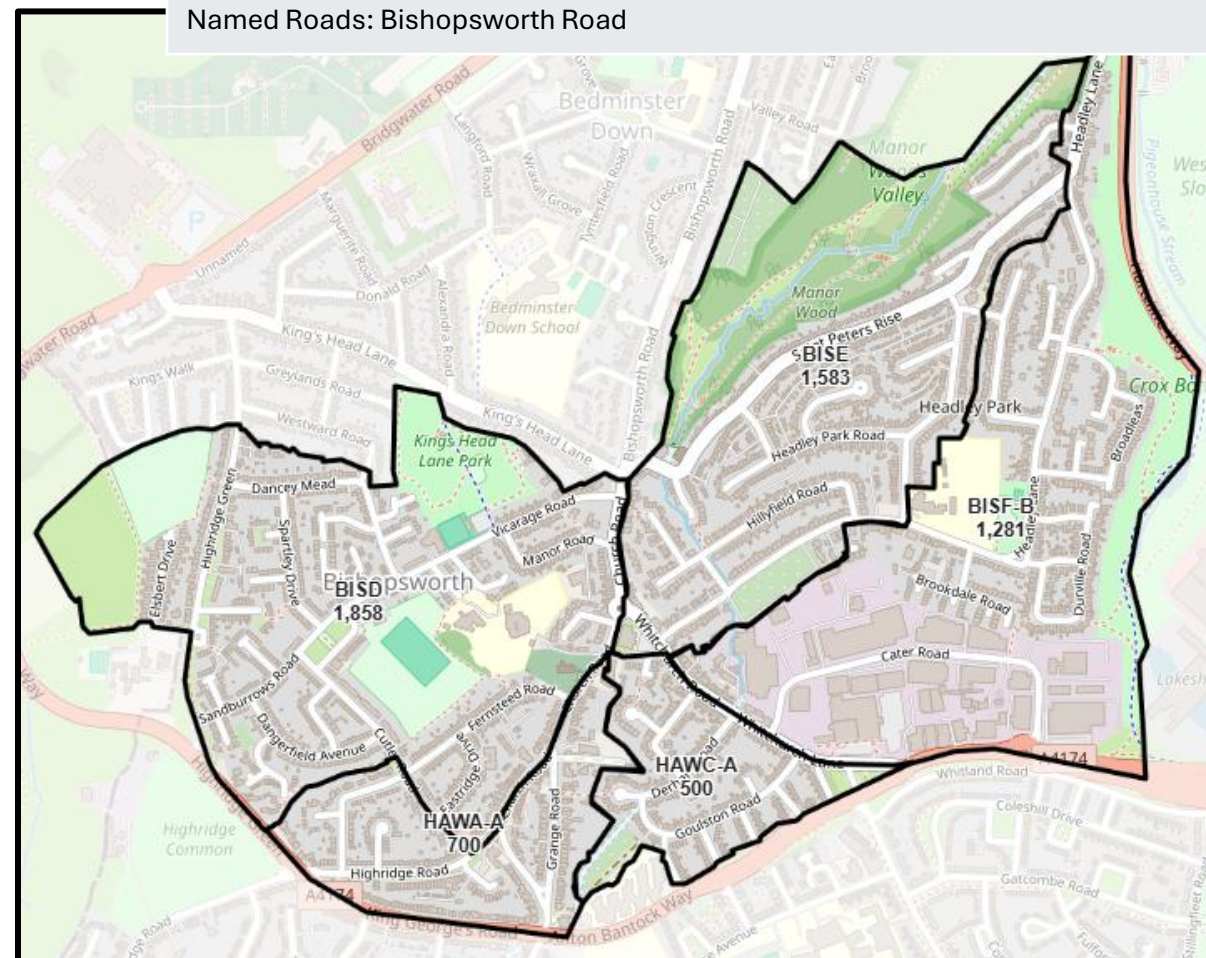
Bishopsworth

Electors: 5,922

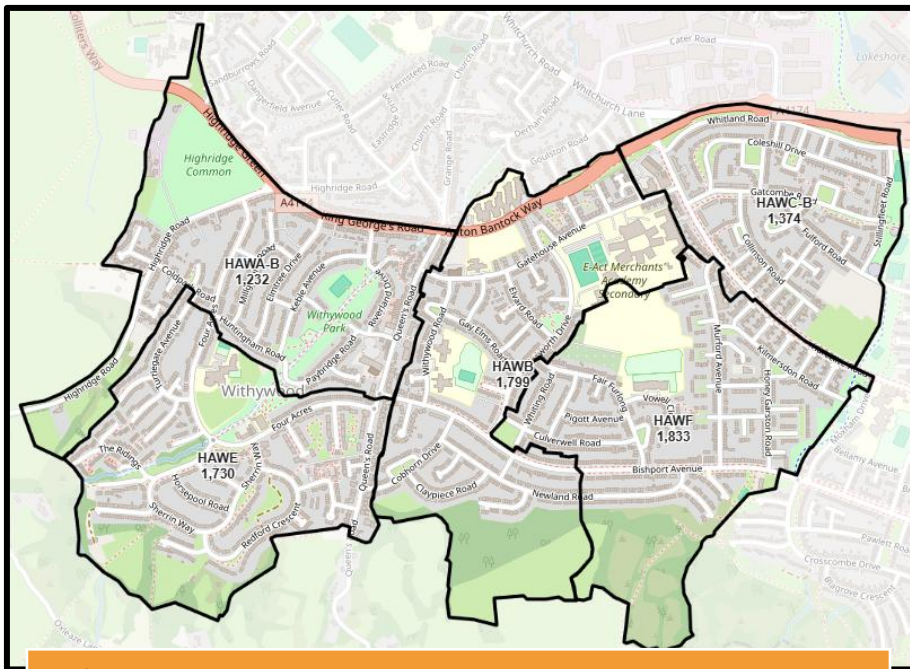
PDs: BISD, BISE, BISF (part), HAWA (part), HAWC (part)

Features: The area between Manor Woods Valley, King's Head Lane, and the A4174. Local centre around Church Road and Highridge Road. Bishopsworth Library, Bishopsworth Allotments.

Named Roads: Bishopsworth Road



South Communities – Withywood, Imperial Park, Hartcliffe



Withywood

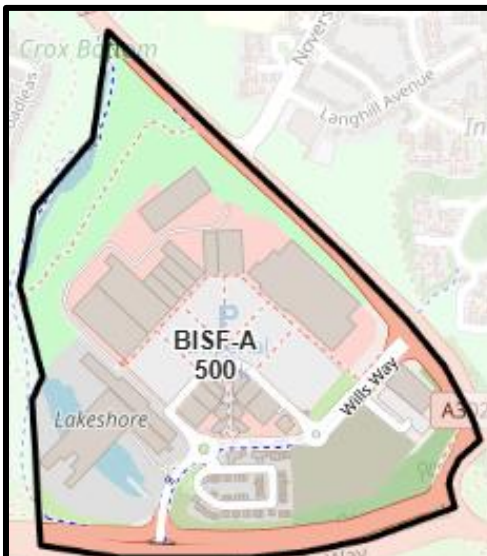
Electors: 7,968

PDs: HAWA (part), HAWB, HAWC (part), HAWE, HAWF

Features: Bounded by A4174 and Willmott Park. Local centre on Queen's Road. Withywood Park, Withywood Centre.

Named Roads: Withywood Road

Soft boundaries: Some may consider area East of Merchants' Academy Secondary to be part of Hartcliffe.



Imperial Park

Electors: 500

PDs: BISF (part)

Features: Consists of the Imperial Park Retail Park and some surrounding lowrise apartment blocks and terraced housing. Bounded by Crox Bottom, Hengrove Way & Hartcliffe Way.

Quite isolated from surrounding communities but probably fits best with Hartcliffe due to the proximity of the housing to Hengrove Way.

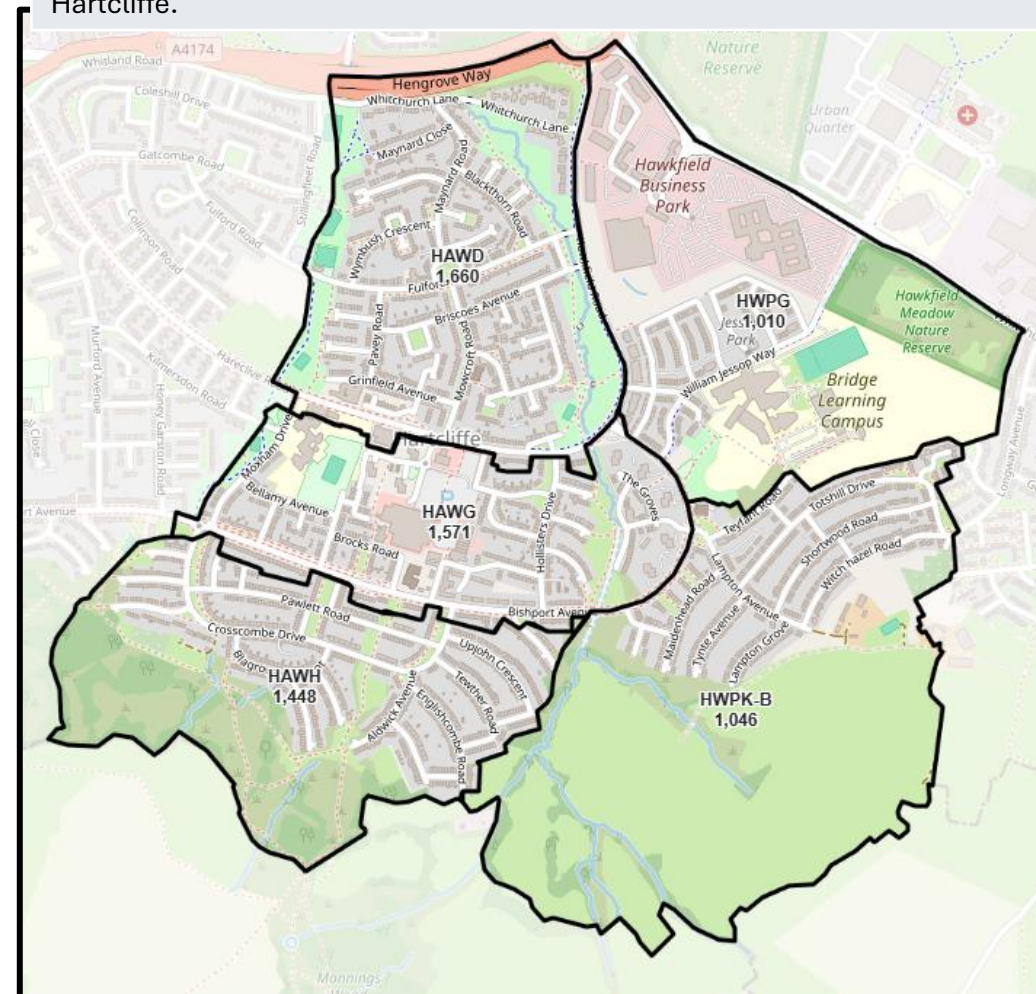
Hartcliffe

Electors: 6,735

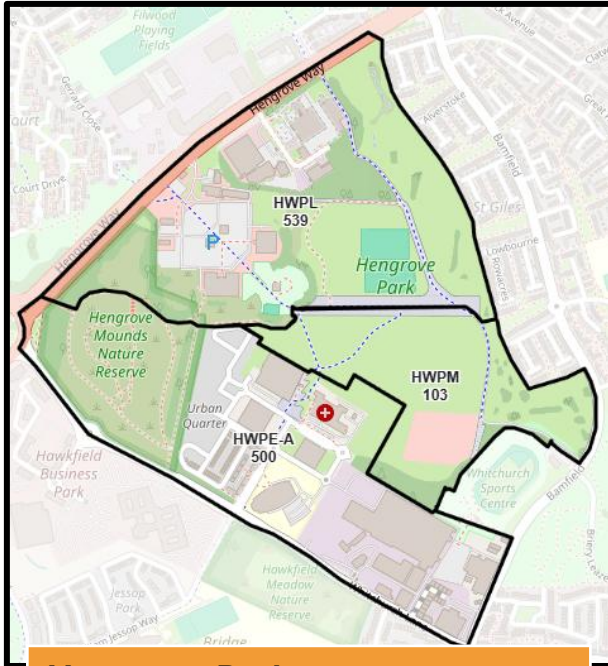
PDs: HAWD, HAWG, HAWH, HWPG, HWPK (part)

Features: The area between Willmott Park and Longway Avenue. Local centre on Peterson Avenue. Hartcliffe Community Centre, Hartcliffe Library, Hartcliffe City Farm, Hartcliffe Millenium Green.

Soft boundaries: Boundary between Hartcliffe and Whitchurch is quite soft in HWPK. Some area west of Willmott Park may be considered part of Hartcliffe.



South Communities – Hengrove & Whitchurch



Hengrove Park

Electors: 1,142

PDs: HWPE (part), HWPL, HWPM

Features: Area of major redevelopment in and around Hengrove Park. South Bristol Hospital, Hengrove Park Leisure Centre, Hengrove Mound.

Whitchurch

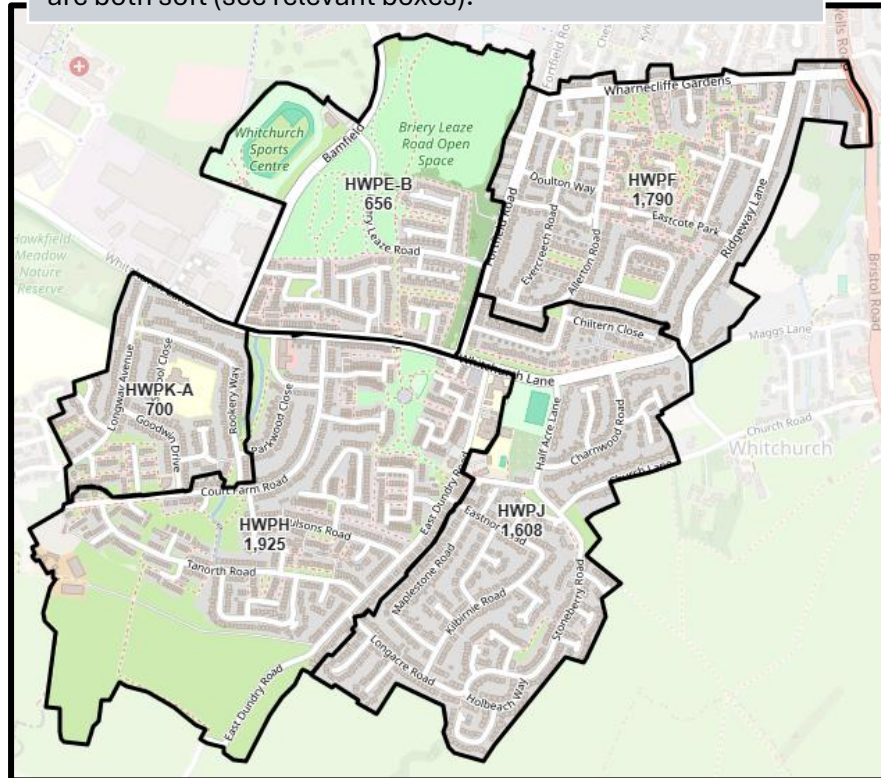
Electors: 6,679

PDs: HWPE (part), HWPF, HWPH, HWPJ, HWPK (part)

Features: Bounded by Longway Avenue, Bamfield, Oatlands Avenue, Wharnecliffe Gardens. Whitchurch Library, The Whitchurch pub, Whitchurch Folk House, Whitchurch Running Track. Whitchurch continues into North Somerset.

Named Roads: Whitchurch Lane

Soft boundaries: Boundaries with Hartcliffe and Hengrove are both soft (see relevant boxes).



Hengrove

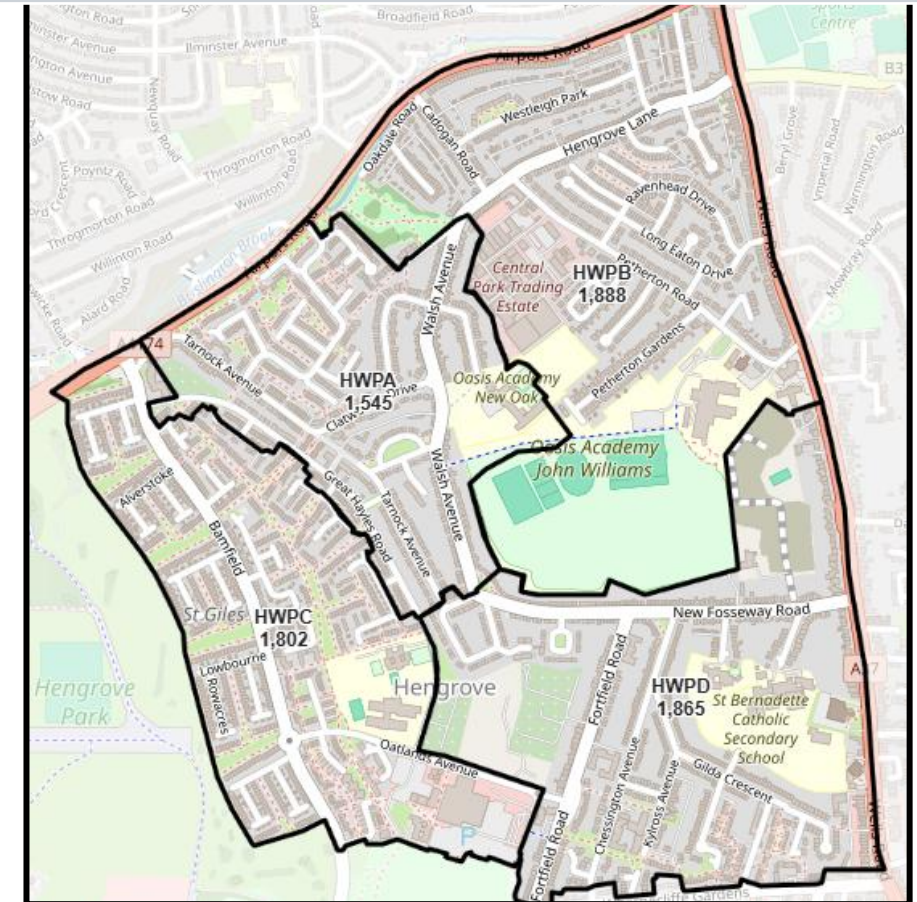
Electors: 7,100

PDs: HWPA, HWPB, HWPC, HWPD

Features: Bounded by Hengrove Park, Airport Road, Wells Road, Wharnecliffe Gardens and Oatlands Avenue. Local centres on Hengrove Lane and Wells Road.

Named Roads: Hengrove Lane, Hengrove Farm Lane.

Soft boundaries: Boundary between Hengrove and Whitchurch is soft. Some would consider everything North of Whitchurch Lane to be Hengrove. On the other hand, various places carry the Whitchurch name on Oatlands Avenue.



South Communities – Stockwood

Stockwood

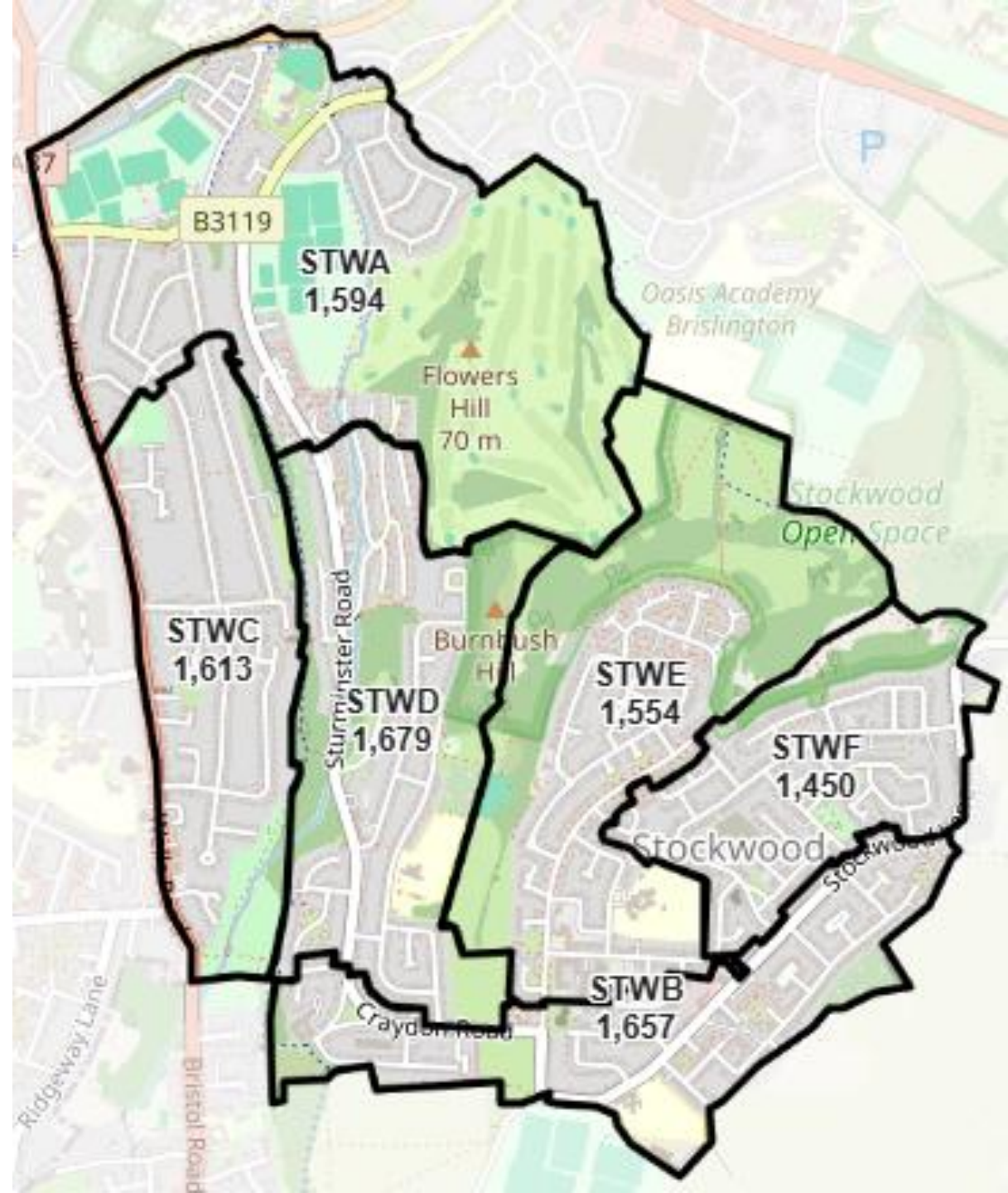
Electors: 9,547

PDs: STWA, STWB, STWC, STWD, STWE, STWF

Features: Bounded by Wells Road, Callington Road, Stockwood Open Space, and Knowle Golf Club. Local centres on Wells Road and Stockwood Road/Hollway Road (the latter is in Upper Stockwood, which could be considered its own sub-community). Stockwood Library, Stockwood Medical Centre, Imperial Sports Ground.

Named Roads: Stockwood Lane, Stockwood Road.

Soft boundaries: West Town Park and adjoining roads, which are east of Brislington Brook, may make more sense in Brislington than Stockwood.



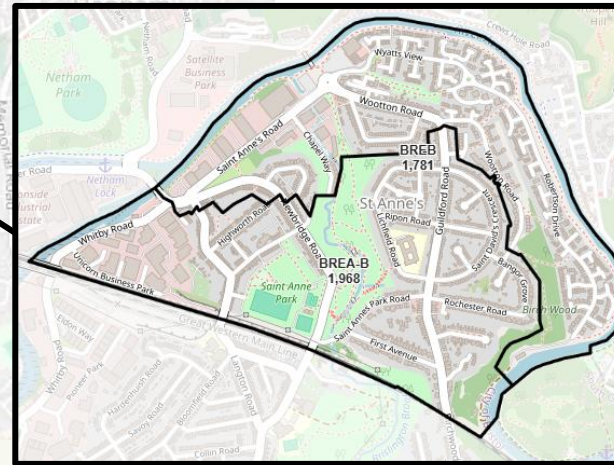
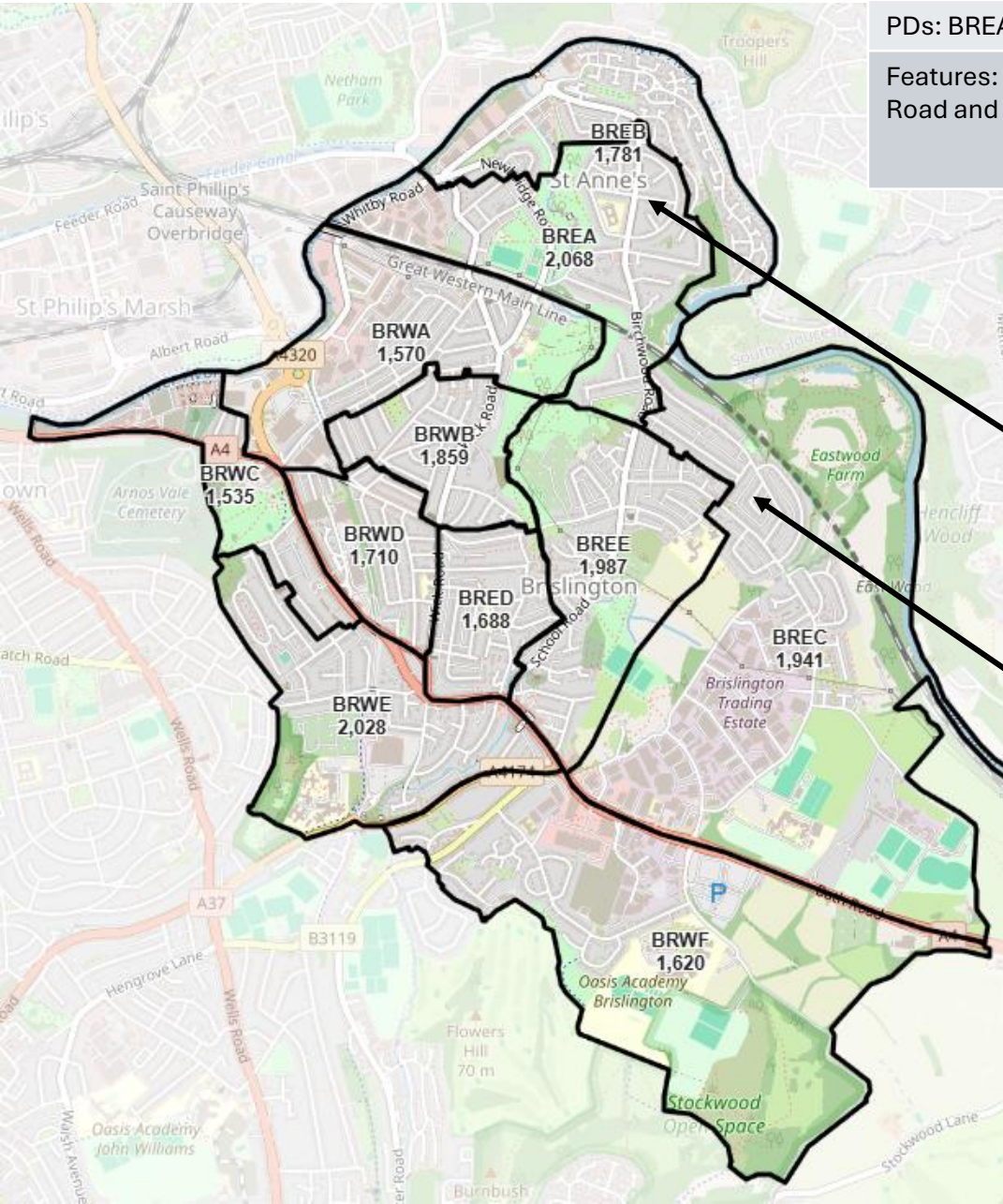
South Communities – Brislington

Brislington

Electors: 19,787

PDs: BREA, BREB, BREC, BRED, BREE, BRWA, BRWB, BRWC, BRWD, BRWE, BRWF

Features: Bounded by Avon River in North and East, and a steep hill up to Knowle in the West. Local Centres on Sandy Park Road and Brislington Hill. Brislington Retail Park, Brislington Meadows, Brislington Cemetery, Nightingale Valley,

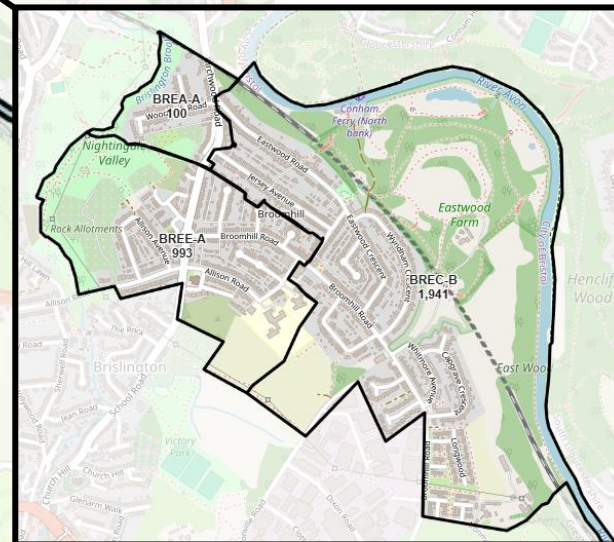


Sub: St Anne's

PDs: BREA (part), BREB

Features: Bounded by railway line and River Avon. Local centre just off Wyatts View. St Anne's Wood, St Anne's Park.

Named Roads: St Anne's Road, St Anne's Park Road



Sub: Broomhill

PDs: BREA (part), BREC (part), BREE (part)

Features: Local centre on Broomhill Road. Bounded by Avon River, Nightingale Valley, and Brislington Meadows. Broomhill Infant School, Broomhill Junior School.

Named Roads: Broomhill Road.

South Ward Configuration Proposals

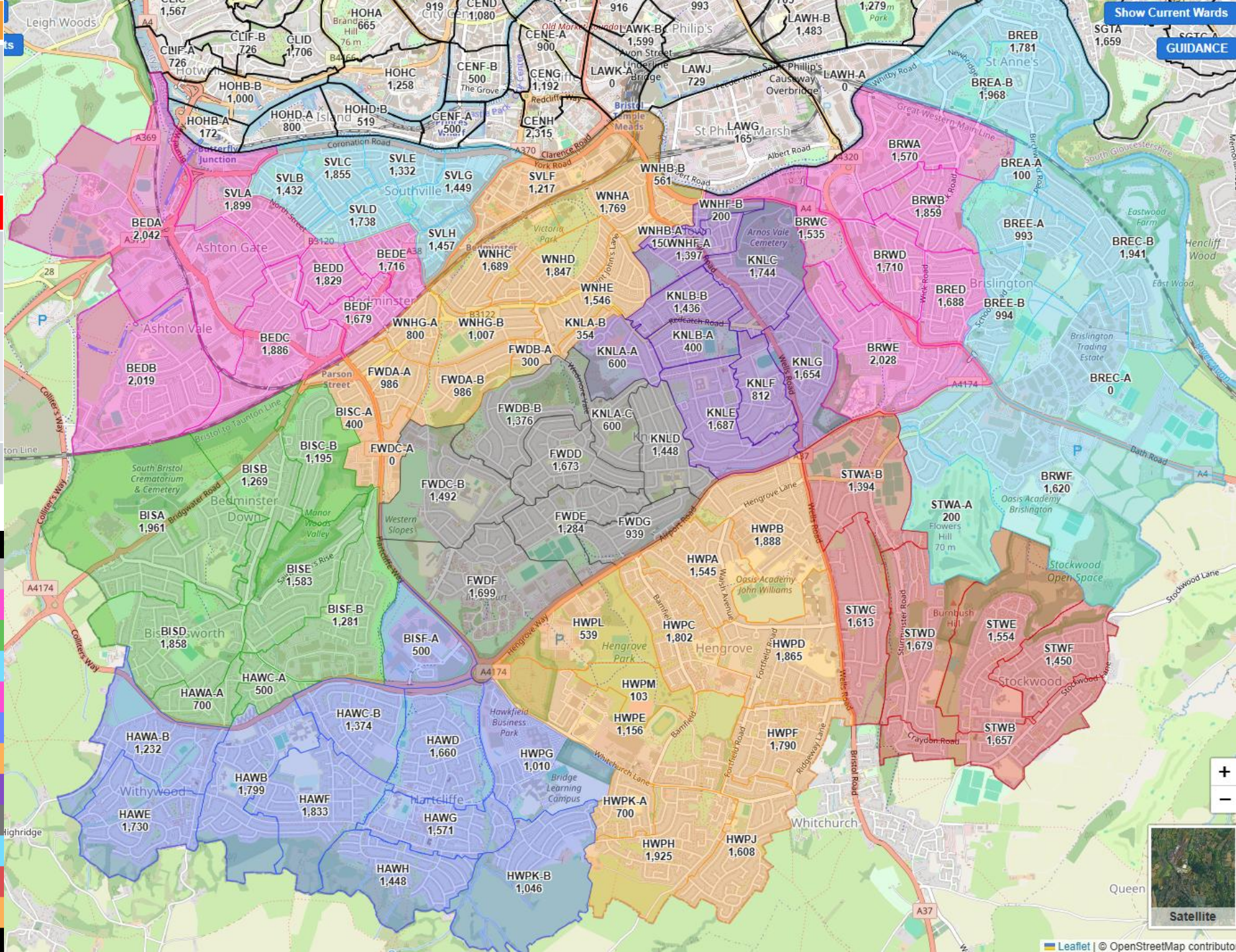
South Proposal 1

Bedminster and Windmill Hill extended to 3 member wards. Other tweaks all line up with the Communities.

Link: wardproposalviewer.netlify.app/view_index.html?plan=South1.geojson

Pros	Cons
Strong Community Alignment	Windmill Hill is a bit of a collection of various separate communities
BRED moved to Brislington West makes more sense due to proximity with Sandy Park Road high street.	BRWF is a bit out of place, although it does retain the link to Brislington Hill local centre

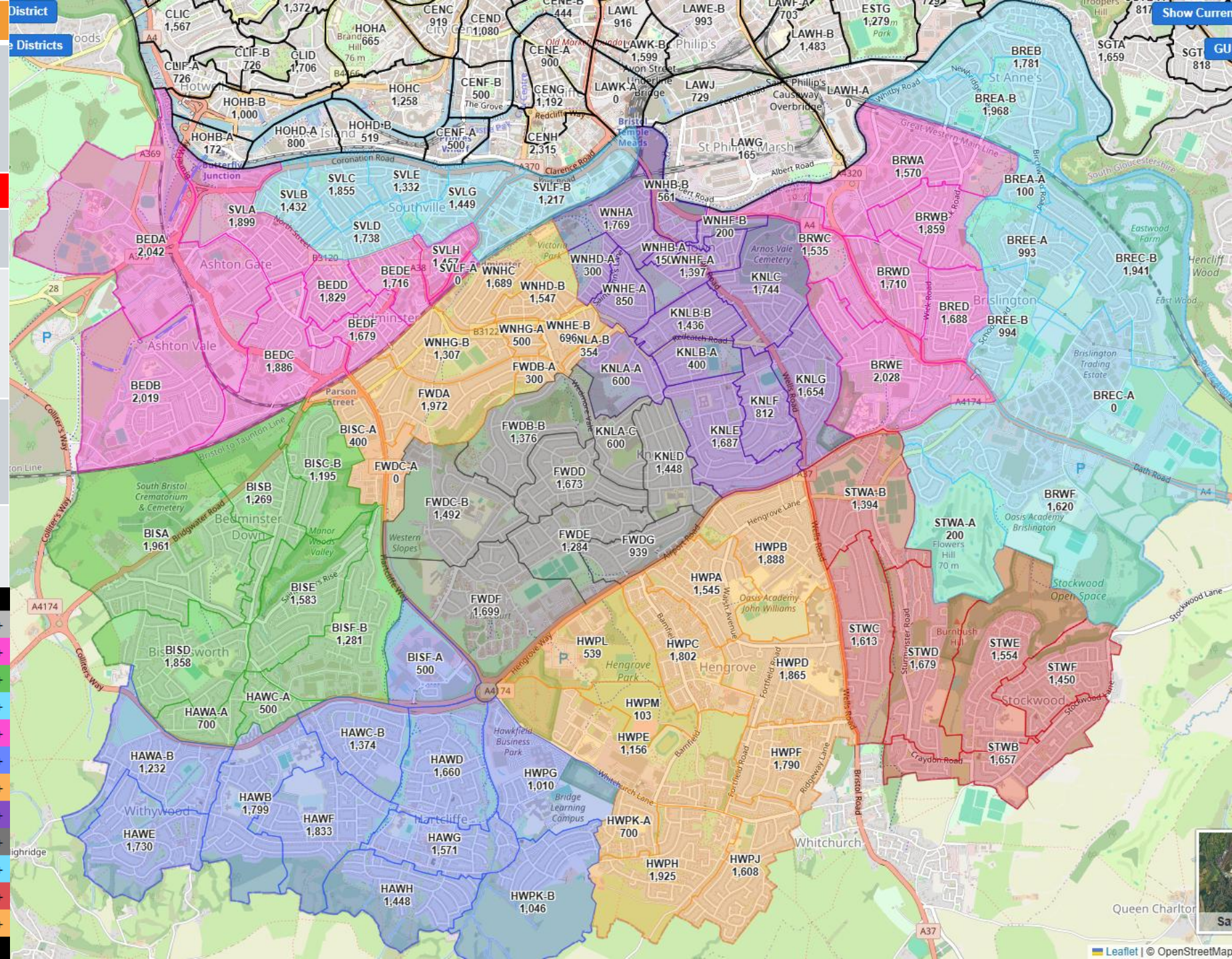
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Unassigned	238,666			+
Bedminster	13,070	• -9.3%	3	+
Bishopsworth	10,347	• +7.8%	2	+
Brislington East	9,597	• -0.0%	2	+
Brislington West	10,390	• +8.2%	2	+
Hartcliffe & Withywood	15,203	• +5.6%	3	+
Hengrove & Whitchurch	14,921	• +3.6%	3	+
Knowle	10,080	• +5.0%	2	+
Knowle West	10,511	• +9.5%	2	+
Southville	9,263	• -3.5%	2	+
Stockwood	9,347	• -2.7%	2	+
Windmill Hill	13,462	• -6.5%	3	+
Total	126,191		26	



South Proposal 2

Knowle extended to Totterdown to become a 3 member ward instead of Windmill Hill. Everything else the same as Proposal 1. Link: wardproposalviewer.netlify.app/view_index.html?plan=South2.geojson

Pros	Cons
Strong Community Alignment	Windmill Hill has a bit of a panhandle
BRED moved to Brislington West makes more sense due to proximity with Sandy Park Road high street.	BRWF is a bit out of place, although it does retain the link to Brislington Hill local centre
Boundary between Hengrove and Hartcliffe cleaned up and makes more sense now.	
Solves the ambiguity of the boundary between Knowle and Totterdown	



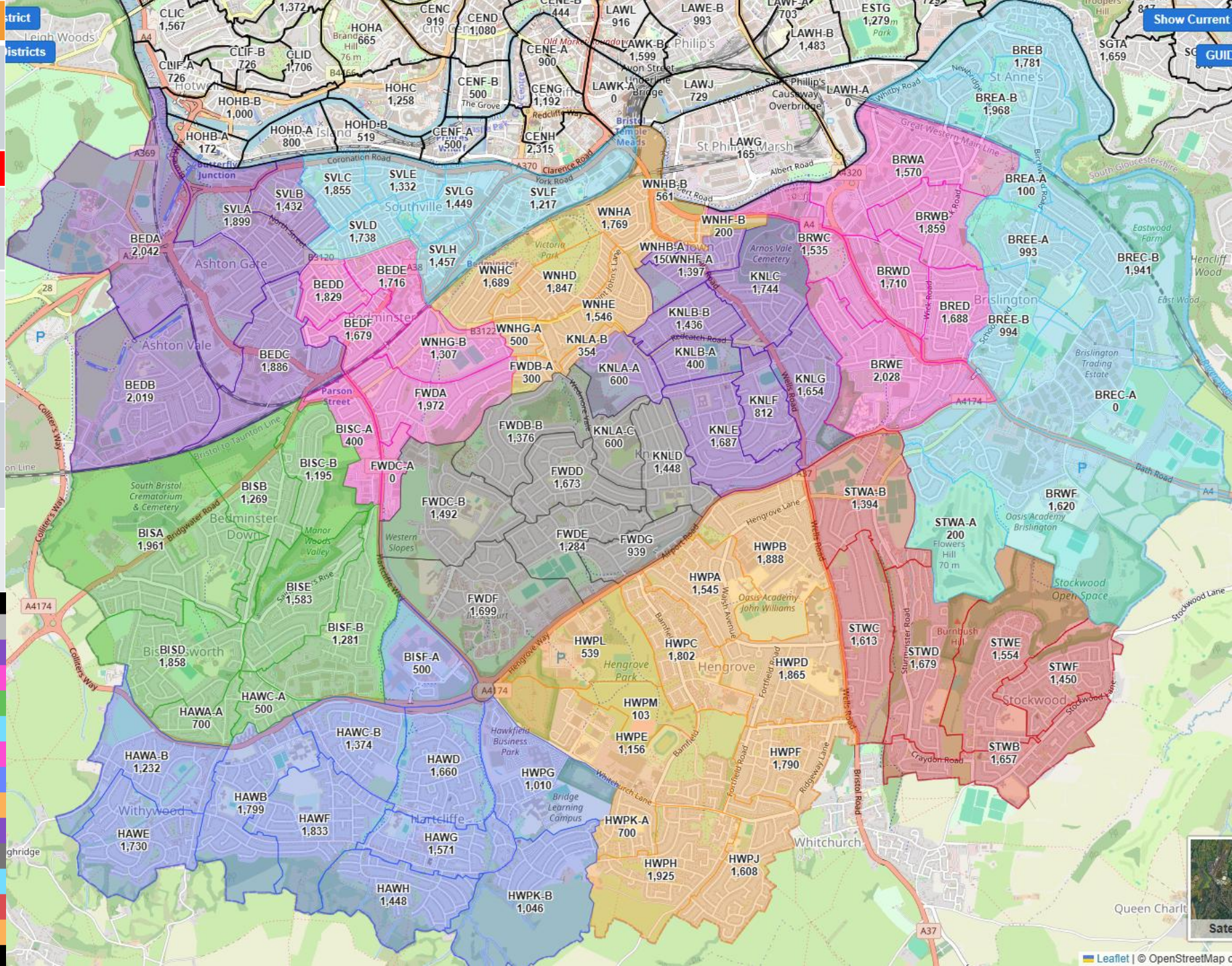
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Bishopsworth	10,347	+7.8%	2	+
Brislington East	9,597	-0.0%	2	+
Brislington West	10,390	+8.2%	2	+
Hartcliffe & Withywood	15,203	+5.6%	3	+
Hengrove & Whitchurch	14,921	+3.6%	3	+
Knowle & Totterdown	13,560	-5.8%	3	+
Knowle West	10,511	+9.5%	2	+
Southville	9,023	-6.0%	2	+
Stockwood	9,347	-2.7%	2	+
Windmill Hill	8,765	-8.7%	2	+
Total	126,191		26	

South Proposal 3

New Ashton ward created, Bedminster extended south of the railway line. Link: wardproposalviewer.netlify.app/view_index.html?plan=South3.geojson

Pros	Cons
Strong Community Alignment in the South.	Fiddly to get the numbers to work, might be slightly off.
BRED moved to Brislington West makes more sense due to proximity with Sandy Park Road high street.	Bedminster has to extend a long way into Lower Knowle – really stretching the definition of what Bedminster is.
Boundary between Hengrove and Hartcliffe cleaned up and makes more sense now.	
Less three member wards than previous 2 proposals.	

Ward	Electors	Variance	Cllrs	
Unassigned	238,666			+
Ashton	9,278	-3.4%	2	+
Bedminster	8,903	-7.3%	2	+
Bishopsworth	10,347	+7.8%	2	+
Brislington East	9,597	-0.0%	2	+
Brislington West	10,390	+8.2%	2	+
Hartcliffe & Withywood	15,203	+5.6%	3	+
Hengrove & Whitchurch	14,921	+3.6%	3	+
Knowle	9,880	+2.9%	2	+
Knowle West	10,511	+9.5%	2	+
Southville	9,048	-5.8%	2	+
Stockwood	9,347	-2.7%	2	+
Windmill Hill	8,766	-8.7%	2	+
Total	126,191		26	



South Rejected Ward Configurations

Options Tried	Reason Rejected
Creating a Brislington North, and Brislington South	BRWA and BRWB have strong ties with Sandy Park Road high street, so doesn't make sense to cut them off from it.
Changing Hengrove & Whitchurch, and Hartcliffe & Withywood into three 2 member wards ('Hengrove', 'Hartcliffe & Whitchurch' and 'Withywood')	Couldn't make the numbers stay within the variance in a way that respected natural boundaries such as Wilmott's Park.
For Proposal 3, moving SVLB into Southville, SVLH into Bedminster, and BEDD into Ashton.	Can't get the numbers to be within the variance. There's potential to get it to work by splitting BEDD around Chester Street.

No Specific Proposal Recommended

All 3 proposals have their merits and their drawbacks so we aren't recommending a specific one to go with. Each proposal has the same suggestions for Brislington, Stockwood, Hengrove, Hartcliffe, and Bishopsworth areas. It's the Knowle and Bedminster areas that are harder to work out.