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	2025	2031
<i>Number of councillors:</i>	70	76
<i>Overall electorate:</i>	333,320	364,857
<i>Average electorate per cllr:</i>	4,762	4,801

Figure 1

What does it mean for Bristol North East?

Overall, the elector figures for BNE are set out in *Figure 2* including whether to increase the number of councillors from the current 8 to either 9 or 10 overall.

	2025	2031	2031
<i>Number of councillors:</i>	8	9	10
<i>Overall electorate:</i>	39,451	43,186	43,186
<i>Average electorate per cllr:</i>	4,931	4,798	4,319

Figure 2

If we drill down to individual wards in terms of current electors and the 2031 prediction this is set out in *Figure 3*

Name of ward	Number of cllrs per ward	Electorate 2025	Variance 2025	Electorate 2031	Variance 2031
Eastville	2	10,749	13%	11,353	18%
Frome Vale	2	10,084	6%	10,533	10%
Hillfields	2	9,208	-3%	10,259	7%
Lockleaze	2	9,410	-1%	11,041	15%

Figure 3

Proposal

You can quickly determine from *Figure 2* that in order to closely match the overall elector per councillor set out in *Figure 1* Bristol North East will need to increase the number of Bristol Councillors from 8 to 9.

Eastgate for instance. All the retail outlets within the Eastgate Retail Park have Eastville in their postal addresses (Figure 7)

There are a number of businesses in LOCF (Figure 7) that have Eastville in their names. Eastville Veterinary Centre and The Eastville Club.

Glenfrome Primary School (Figure 8) further over to the East within LOCF also lists Eastville as its postal addresses along with all the homes around this community.


This community both businesses, public facilities and the electors has always viewed themselves as Eastville this the majority of this polling district. Again, that is including their postal addresses. These businesses and individuals have never felt part of Lockleaze. LOCF was formed as an electoral convenience to ensure Lockleaze previously had the correct number of electors. Once that was okay to do making this change would correct an electoral injustice.

The Eastville community existed before the M32 was built and exists after the M32, so we believe community cohesion justifies crossing the road here for these specific reasons set out above.

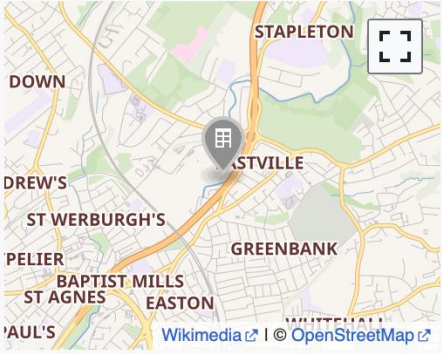
Included in our submission is that HILD is also moved from Hillfields into Eastville. The proposal tidies up that the main road through HILD and EASV Ridgeway Road and the electors off of it would all be within Eastville.

The community identity in HILD centres around Ridgeway Playing Fields and Coombe Brook Valley both located in ESGV. Homes in Vera Road, Moorlands Road, Abingdon Road, and Ridgeway Road all state Eastville as their postal address and have strong links to the playing fields and Coombe Brook itself with homes themselves backing onto this space.

Eastville Stadium



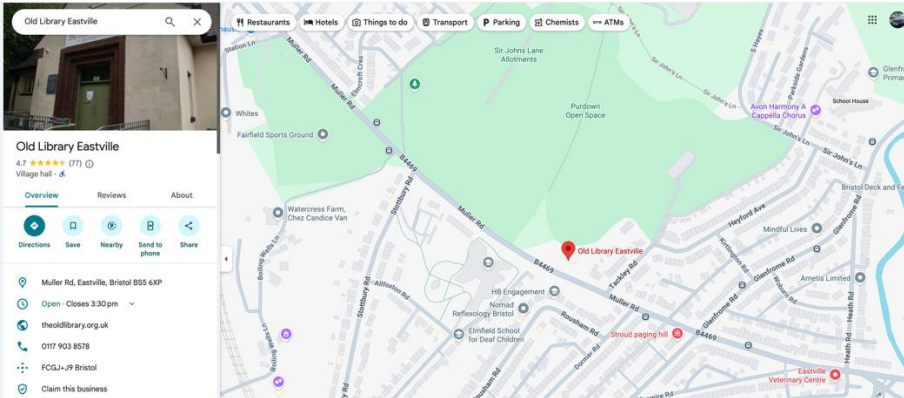
Eastville Stadium in 1986



Interactive map of the Eastville Stadium area

General information	
Location	Bristol, England
Coordinates	$51.4725^{\circ}\text{N } 2.5635^{\circ}\text{W}$
Completed	1897
Demolished	1998
Client	Bristol Rovers F.C.

Figure 5



Old Library Eastville

4.7 (77)

Village hall

Muller Rd, Eastville, Bristol BS5 6XP

Open - Closes 3:30 pm

theoldlibrary.org.uk

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FCGJ-J9 Bristol

Claim this business

Figure 6

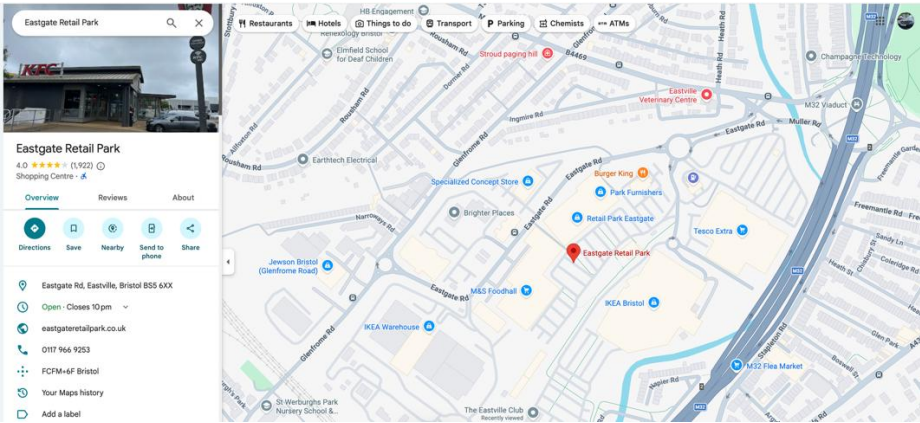


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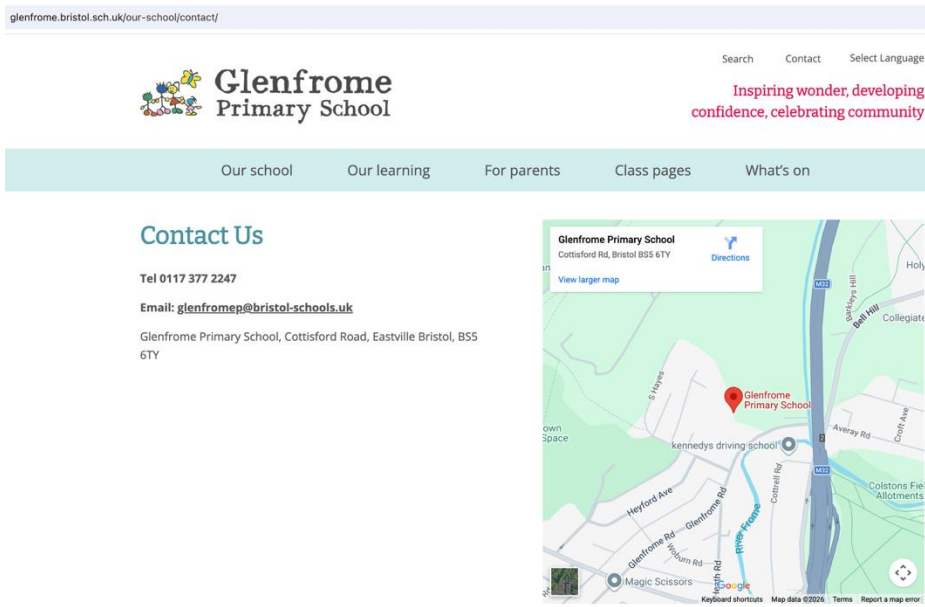


Figure 8

Lockleaze – 2-member ward losing LOCF to Eastville

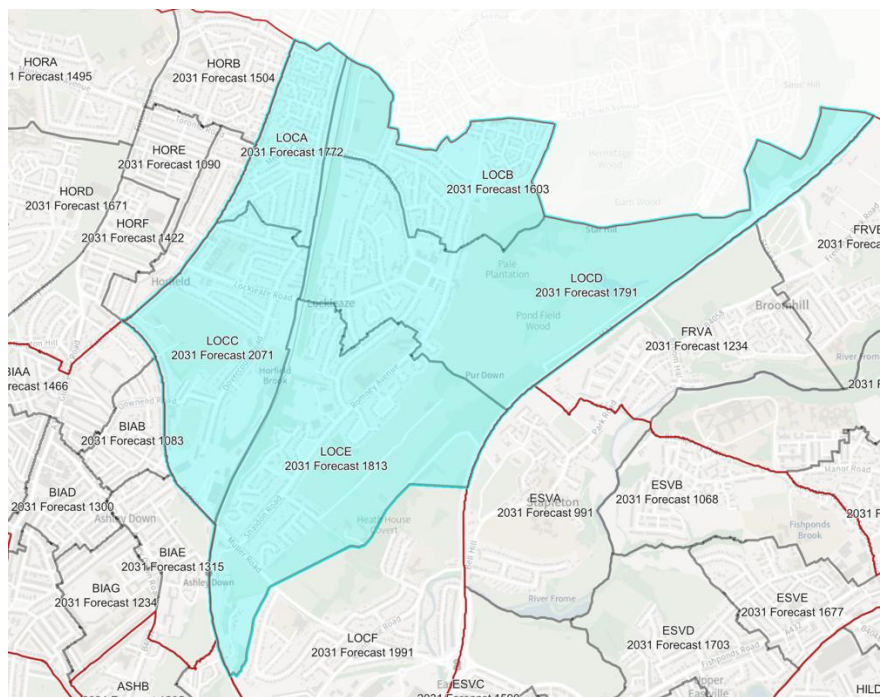


Figure 9

Lockleaze Justification

Details are set out above. In addition to this Lockleaze is growing with new houses to the north part of the road so can justify losing one polling district. Plus, the remaining polling districts truly reflect the natural boundaries of the Lockleaze community itself. Whilst Lockleaze would be under the desired number of electors per councillor by 6% with the growth predicted we believe this figure is likely to be less in 2031.

Frome Vale – 2-member ward largely staying the same with small changes with its south border with Hillfields

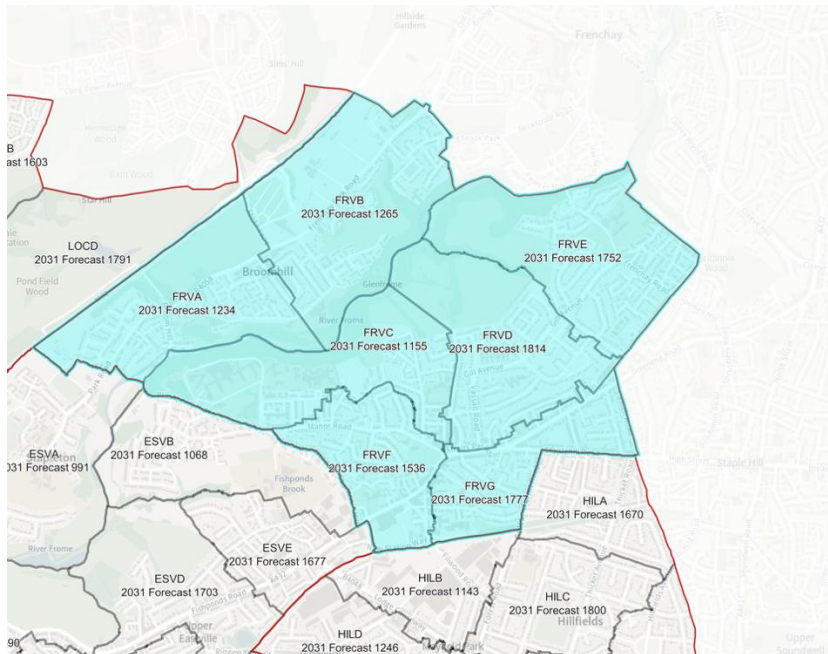


Figure 10

Frome Vale Justification

The proposal above puts Frome Vale over the number of electors by 9.7% so within the tolerances of the electoral commission review however we would suggest that the review looks at moving some electors in FRVG into Hillfields to balance the elector numbers.

Also, Frome Vale has grown significantly in recent years with new housing developments around the Blackberry Hill hospital location. There is limited space for further developments. The elector prediction tool the review has used predicts an additional 500 electors in Frome Vale. We believe this may be an over estimation given the above.

Hillfields – 2-member ward losing HILD to Eastville with additional small changes to its north border with Frome Vale

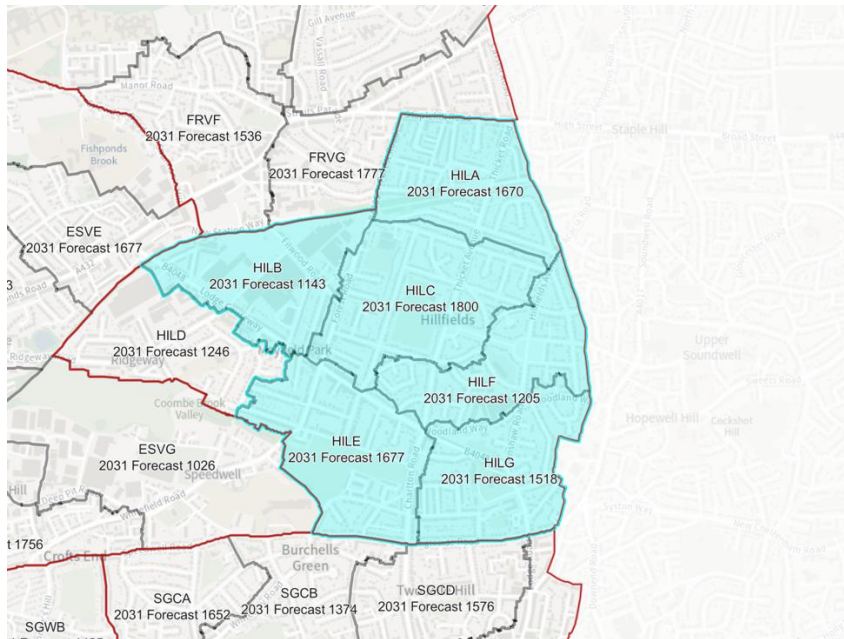


Figure 11

Hillfields Justification

Details of HILD move into Eastville as set out above along with small changes to FRVG into Hillfields as set out above.

The remaining polling districts that make up are more in line with the Hillfields community. Plus, there are large proposals for additional housing in HILB which we believe the forecasting tool has not fully taken account of therefore whilst the predicted number of electors is 6% under the desired number of 4,800 we believe this will not be the case when we consider the growth of new homes as part of the Atlas Place developments.

Predicted Electors per ward in 2031

The detailed elector figures are set out here

	2031			
	Eastville	Lockleaze	Hillfields	Frome Vale
<i>Number of councillors:</i>	3	2	2	2
<i>Overall electorate:</i>	14,590	9,050	9,013	10,533
<i>Average electorate per cllr:</i>	4,863	4,525	4,507	5,267

Figure 12

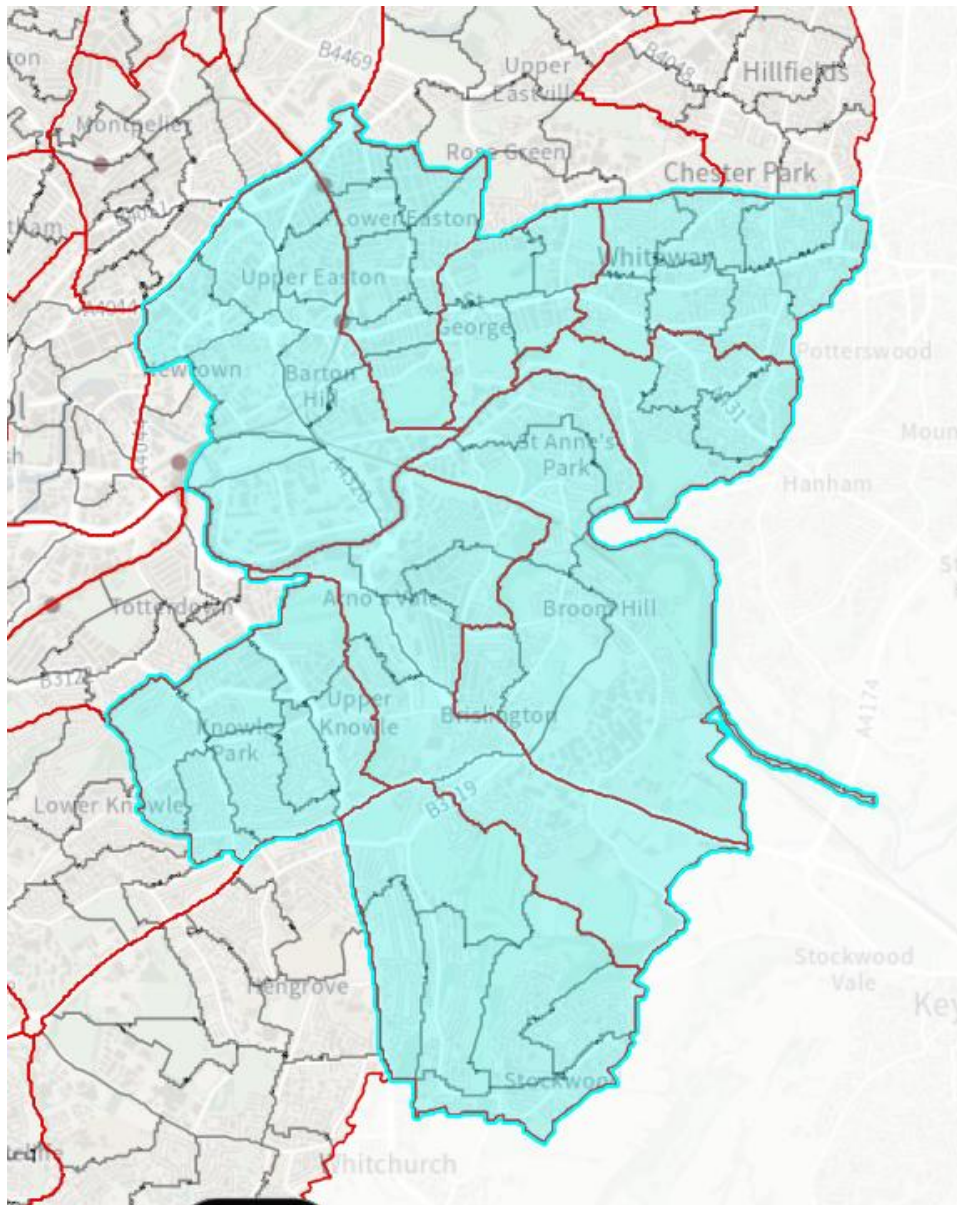
Bristol North East Conclusion

Moving Eastville to a 3-member ward taking in LOCF and HILD deals with the oversubscribed number of electors in Lockleaze and Eastville and is more in line with Eastville's natural community.

Frome Vale is over the number of electors per councillor however housing developments in this ward have concluded therefore there is little by way of growth whereas Hillfields and Lockleaze are growing. Small changes to the north boundary of Hillfields and south boundary of Frome Vale could resolve the mismatch of electors.

Our changes meet the three major considerations of electors per councillor, community cohesion, and real potential housing growth in our wards.

Bristol East – Boundary Changes



This submission proposes new ward boundaries within Bristol East Constituency. They have been determined on, in order of importance:

- Cultural cohesion: trying to create seats which represent distinct and aligned parts of the city which are culturally similar
- Two member wards: Aiming for each ward to have 2 seats, with roughly 9,602 electors (variance of 10%)
- Not crossing major boundaries; the river, the M32 or key roads.

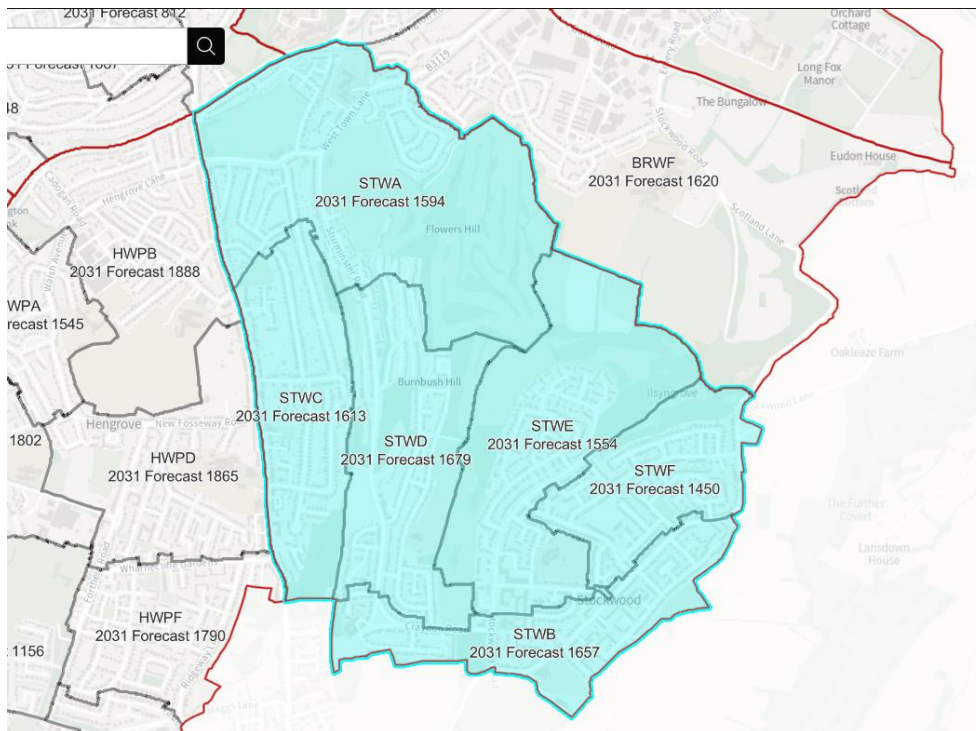
The Proposals:

Name of ward	Constituency	Number of cllrs per ward	Electorate 2031	Variance 2031
Brislington East	East	2	9,465	-1%
Brislington West	East	2	8,787	-8%
Easton	East	2	9,615	0%
Knowle	East	2	10,735	12%
Lawrence Hill and Temple Quarter	East	2	9,012	-6%
Old Market	East	2	9,758	2%
St George East	East	2	9,328	-3%
St George West	East	2	9,994	4%
Stockwood	East	2	9,547	-1%

We largely propose keeping the existing seats south of the river the same as presently, with the only alteration being moving the ‘Paintworks’ development (BRWC) to a new ‘Lawrence Hill and Temple Quarter ward. This is because the nature of the Paintworks development, with medium rise flats, young professionals and a mixed-use development have greater similarity to the proposed Temple Quarter development which will be underway when these wards are used than wider Brislington West. Ideally, we would split BRWC in half, to keep the south part of the polling district (south of the cemetery) in Brislington West, while the north part (paintworks) in Lawrence Hill and Temple Quarter.

To the North of the river, we propose amalgamating the three St George seats into two: St George West and East reflecting the different cultural sides. We would also propose a new ‘Old Market’ seat to reflect the recent population increase in this area and it is separate cultural feeling from Lawrence Hill.

Stockwood:

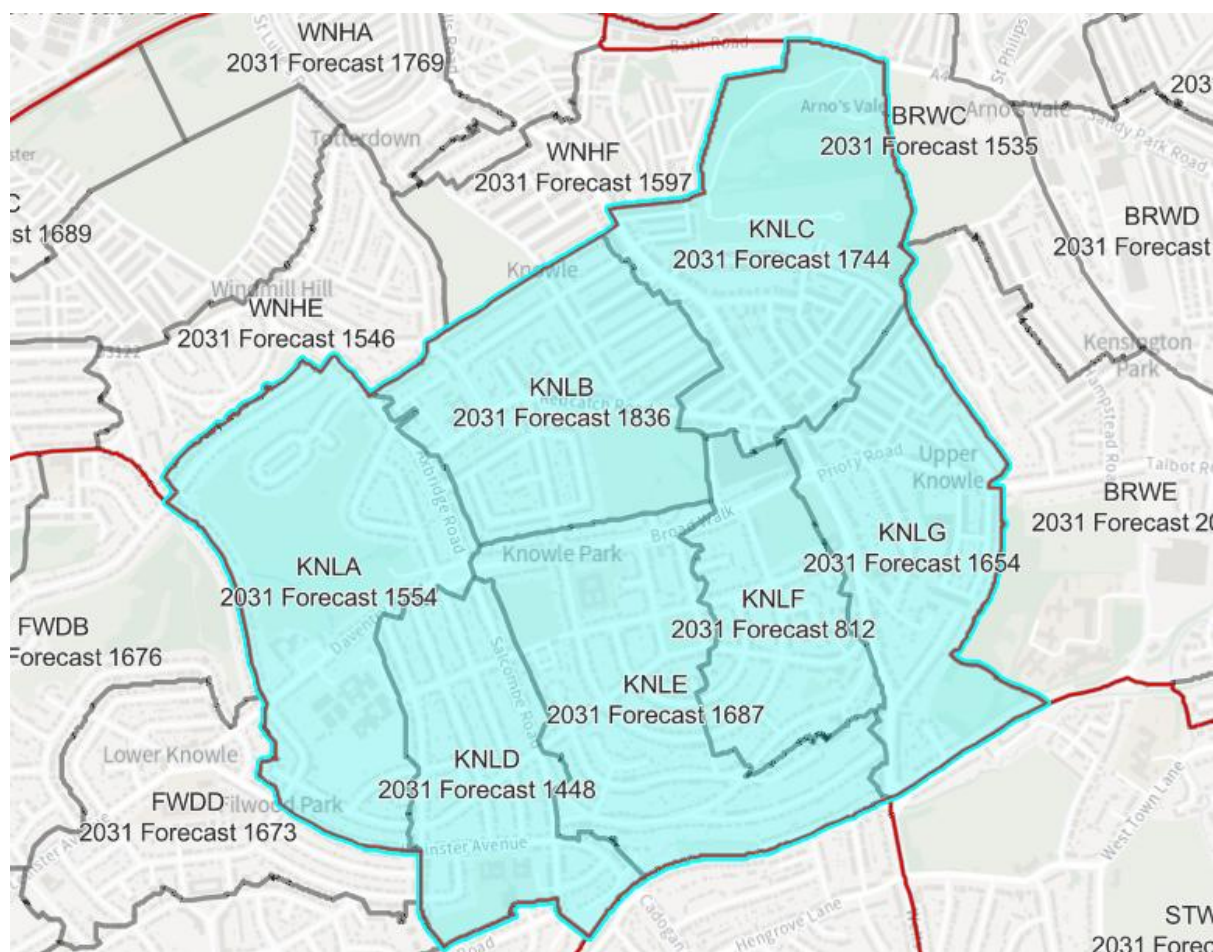


We propose no changes to the existing Stockwood ward. It remains a clearly defined cultural area, but around a mix of Stockwood itself (and the Hollway Road shops) and Sturminster Road.

The area is clearly bordered by the edge of Bristol, the Wells Road and Imperial sports ground/Callington Road, and Stockwood Open Space. It is also culturally coherent across each of its elements.

It falls within -1% of variance

Knowle:

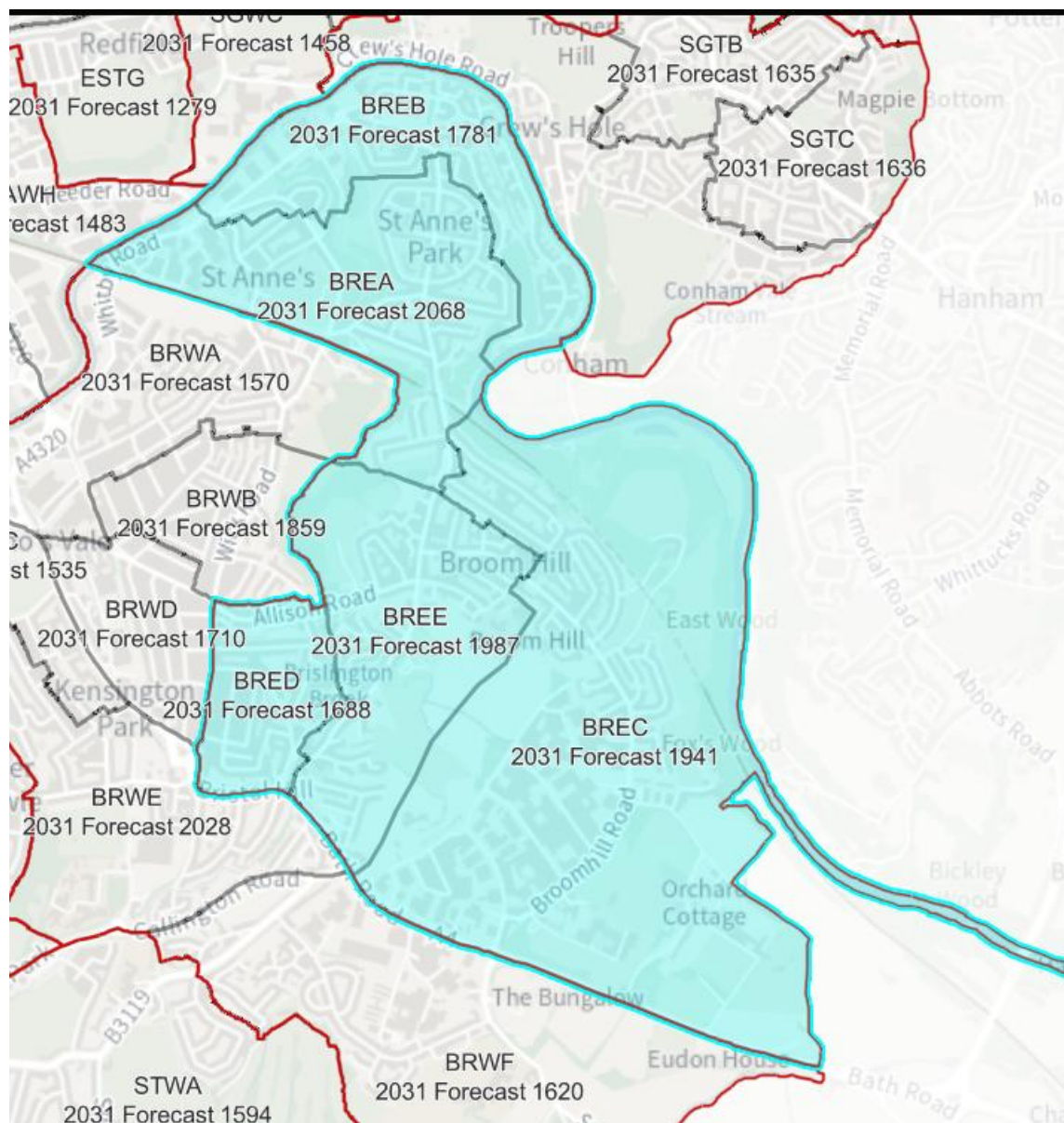


We also propose no changes to Knowle.

While this does fall very slightly out of variance (+12%) we feel that this is justified by the exceptional cultural coherence of Upper Knowle and Knowle Park which are contained within the seat. Removing any element of this would destroy that coherence.

Presently the seat operates well, and its boundaries are largely recognised locally. It is centred around Redcatch Park and Knowle High Street/Wells Road with clear boundaries on the Talbot Road allotments and along to Arnos Court gardens. To the west the boundary is also clear, though we would recommend moving Tavistock Road into Filwood for clarity as this would help bring the seat into variance and have a clearer distinction.

Brislington East

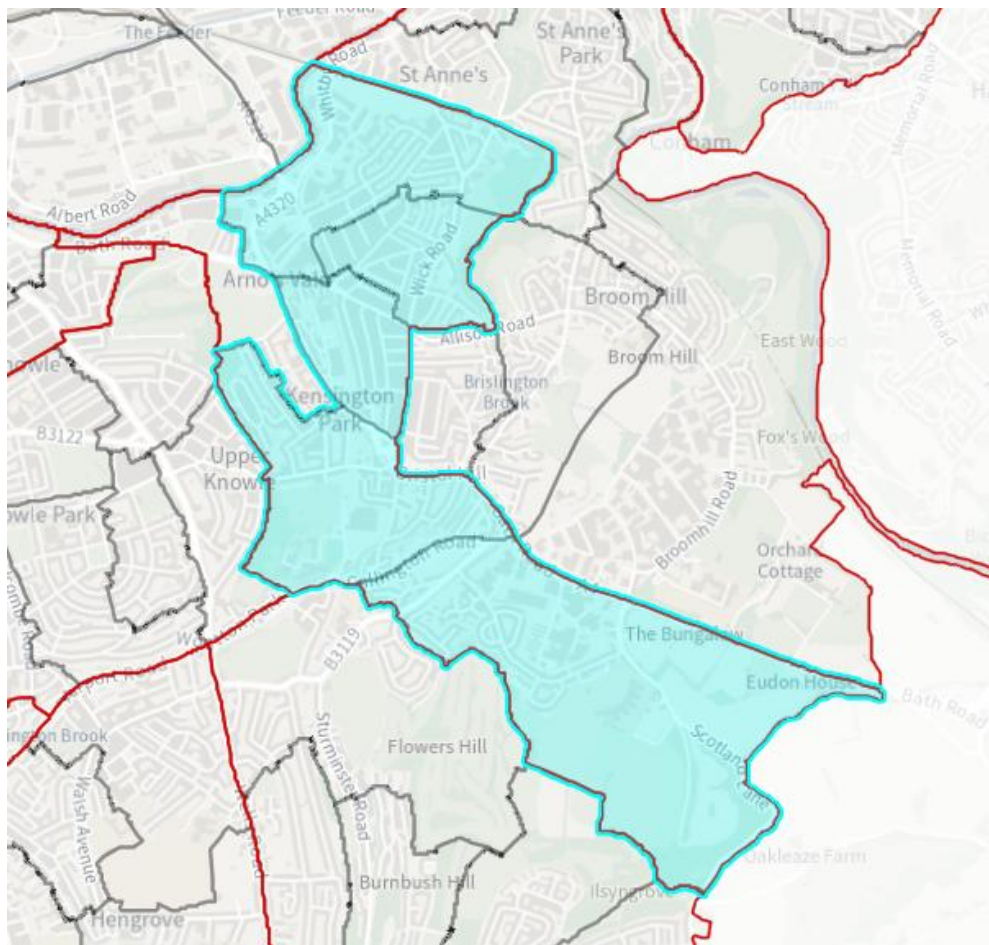


We propose leaving Brislington East within its present boundaries. These are within variance (-1%)

Brislington East is built around two communities, each of which are culturally similar in being largely working class, with a high percentage of social housing. These are St Annes and Broom Hill, each of which are clear areas built around share services and cores; the shops on Broomhill Road, Brislington Meadows, and St Annes House. The ward has a clear boundary on three sides with the river, the Bath Road and the Nightingale Valley.

The feeling of councillors and residents is the present seat works well and, as such, we feel it should be maintained.

Brislington West

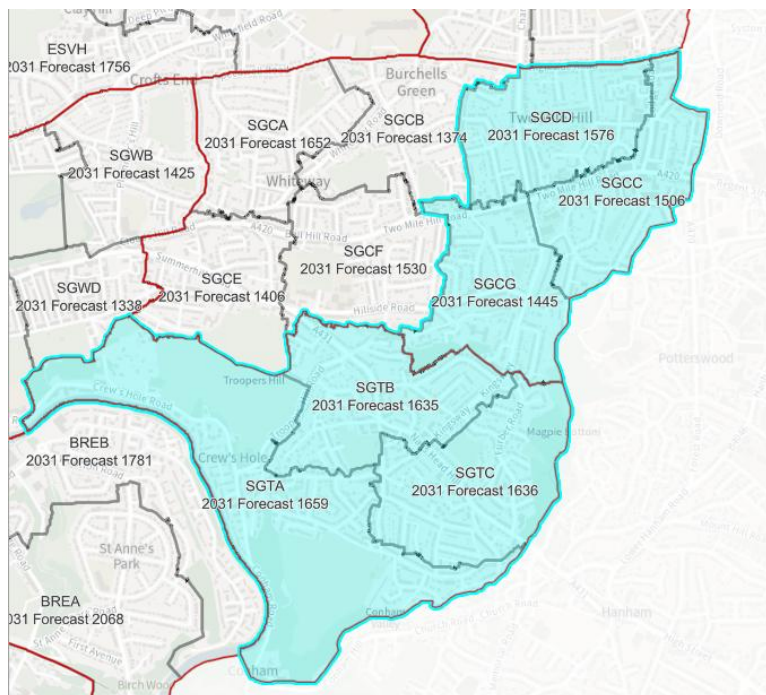


Brislington West is another existing east which largely coheres, being built around Wick Road, Sandy Park Road, and Kensington Park. It consists of largely similar homes and people; slightly more middle class than its neighbouring seats, with homes dating back to the 1890s, rather than the 1960s and more classically urban.

Given this character we would propose removing the modern 'Paintworks' development in BRWC from the seat and reallocating it to a new 'Lawrence Hill and Temple Quarter Development' as it is more culturally similar as a development to this area. The south part of BRWC is very much in line with the wider Brislington West seat and we would propose splitting the polling district in half to reflect this.

Our proposals:

A new St George East/Troopers Hill seat:

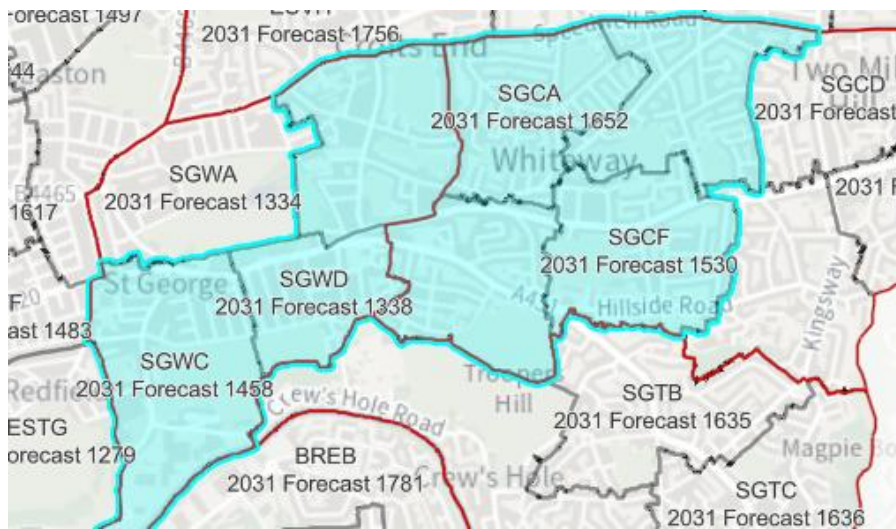


We propose amalgamating the three St George seats into two; St George East and West. This simplifies the map and better reflects the cultural similarities in these areas.

The proposed new St George East seat brings together Crews Hole, Troopers Hill, and Two-Mile Hill areas. None of these are classically considered St George and we considered the name 'Kingsway' to reflect this as many of these areas rely on the shops and centre around Kingsway Road.

These areas share a clear cultural coherence, largely having been built in the 1950s and 1960s, being relatively car centric and far more classically suburban than wider St George. They also tend to be less diverse and share similar challenges with public transport and a lack of community spaces, which does not apply to 'St George' proper. We feel they make more sense as a separate ward of their own and this would work within variance.

St George West

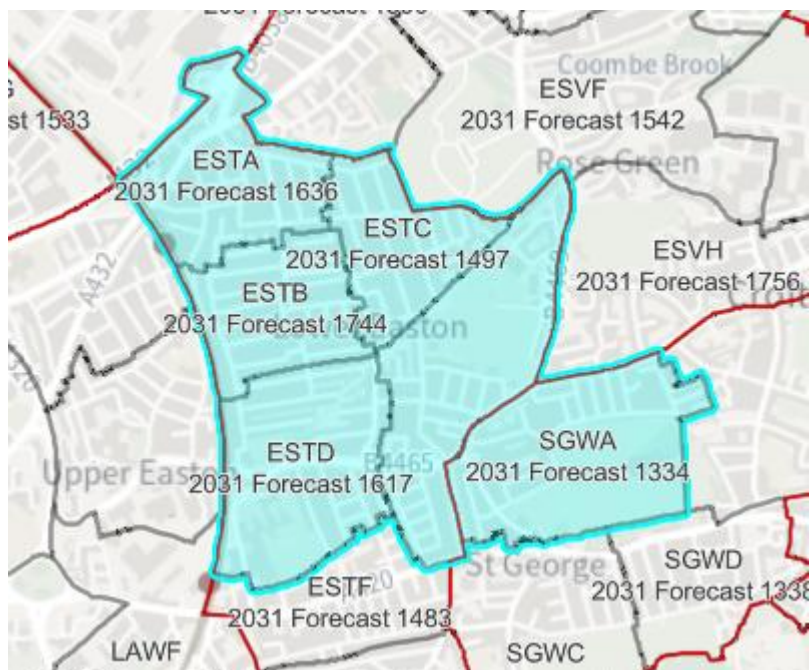


This proposed 'St George West' seat contains all the parts of what would, traditionally, be considerably defined by 1880s-1910s housing, tighter street layouts and greater density compared to St George East. It has a clear core of shops and community centres around Church Road/Summerhill Road and shares schools and catchments.

We feel it thus makes sense for this to operate as a single seat, rather than being split as presently. It does have a slightly different community to the north east based around Meadow Vale which we have taken care to include in full.

Presently this seat does not include the SGWA polling district – this is because the homes here look towards Easton and are closer to the amenities and, in particular, the school catchment face there rather than the rest of St George. To rectify this, we would recommend splitting up this polling district so that the park is included in SGWD ward.

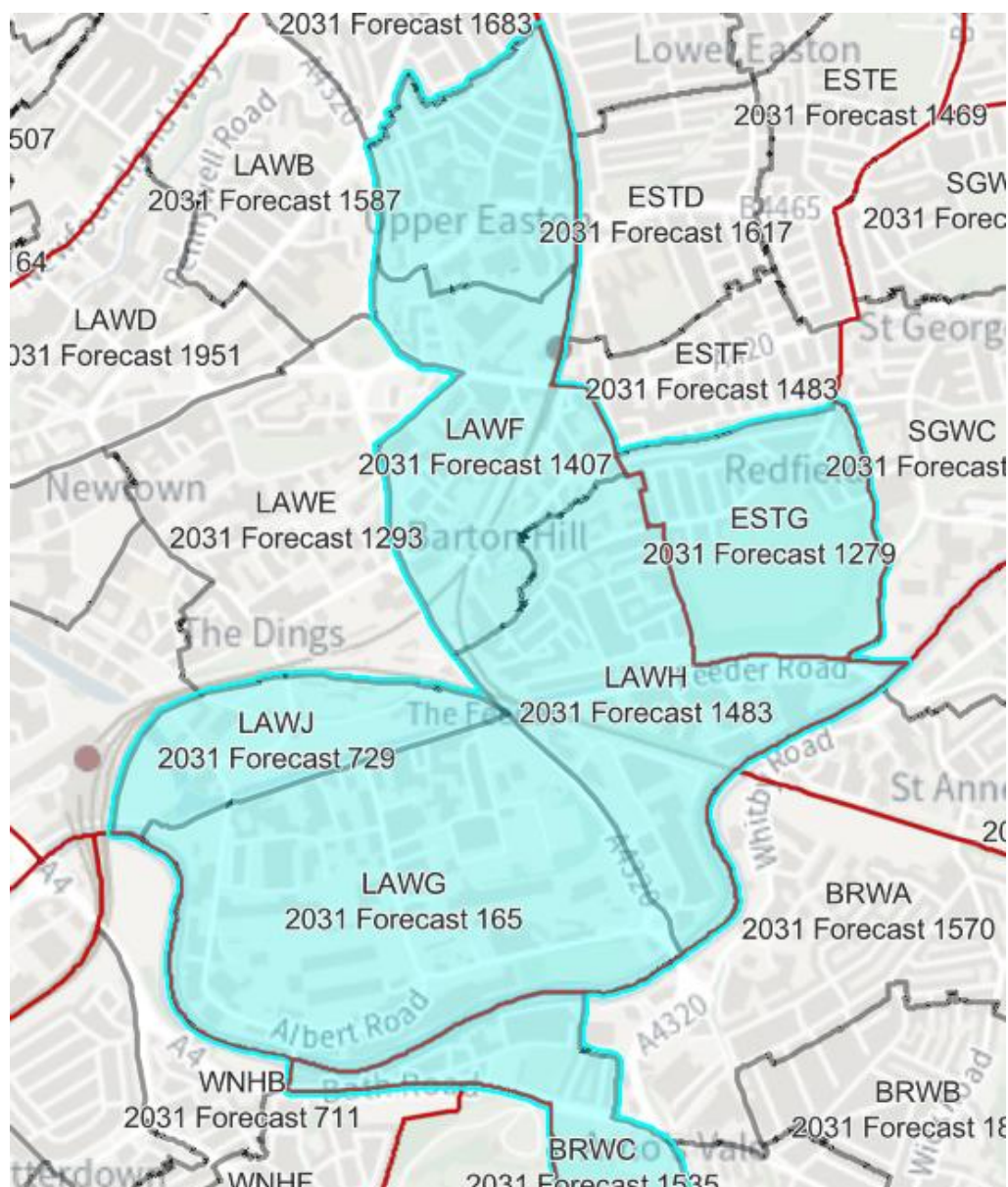
Easton:



This is an altered Easton Ward which loses its 'Redfield' section to a new Lawrence Hill and Temple Quarter seat while gaining SGWA from St George.

This creates a far more coherent and focused Easton seat based around Easton itself, which is an extremely distinct cultural area. To the west it is bounded by the railway line, to the North by the M32 and south by Cooksley Road. Each of the areas of the seat share schools, high streets and institutions and we feel this produces a very coherent seat that hits the target population perfectly.

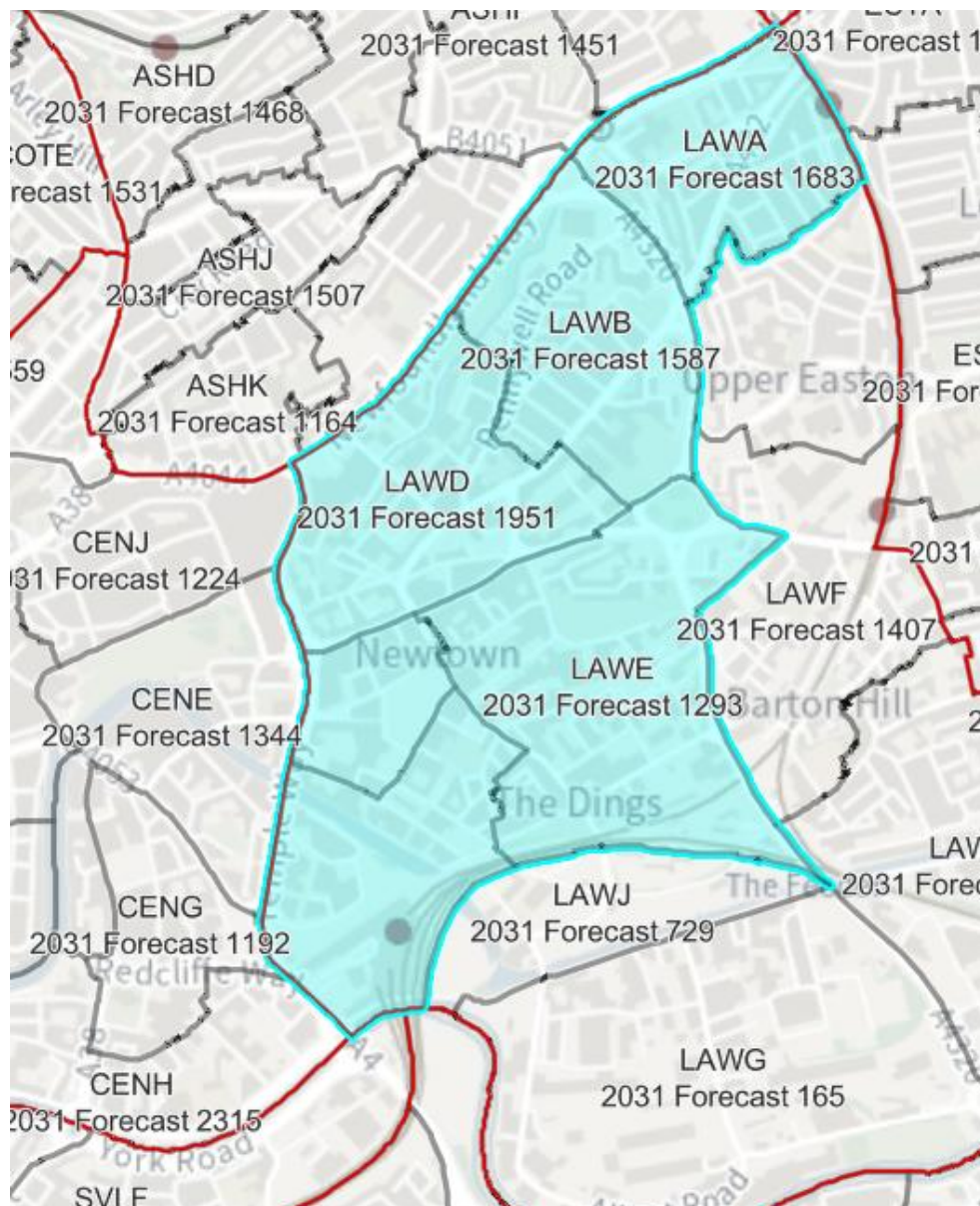
Lawrence Hill and Temple Quarter:



We propose creating a new Lawrence Hill and Temple Quarter seat, centred around Lawrence/Barton Hill/Redfield which is a very distinct community that shares a core centre, the Wellspring Settlement, schools, and recreational areas.

To this we had added the proposed Temple Quarter development. This area presently does not have a high population but will, over the course of the next 15 years, be the site of large-scale new build housing. We have added the 'Paintworks' development to this (as discussed in 'Brislington West'), which will be very similar to the proposed new area with a mixed-use, high-rise housing and form a coherent area.

‘Old market’

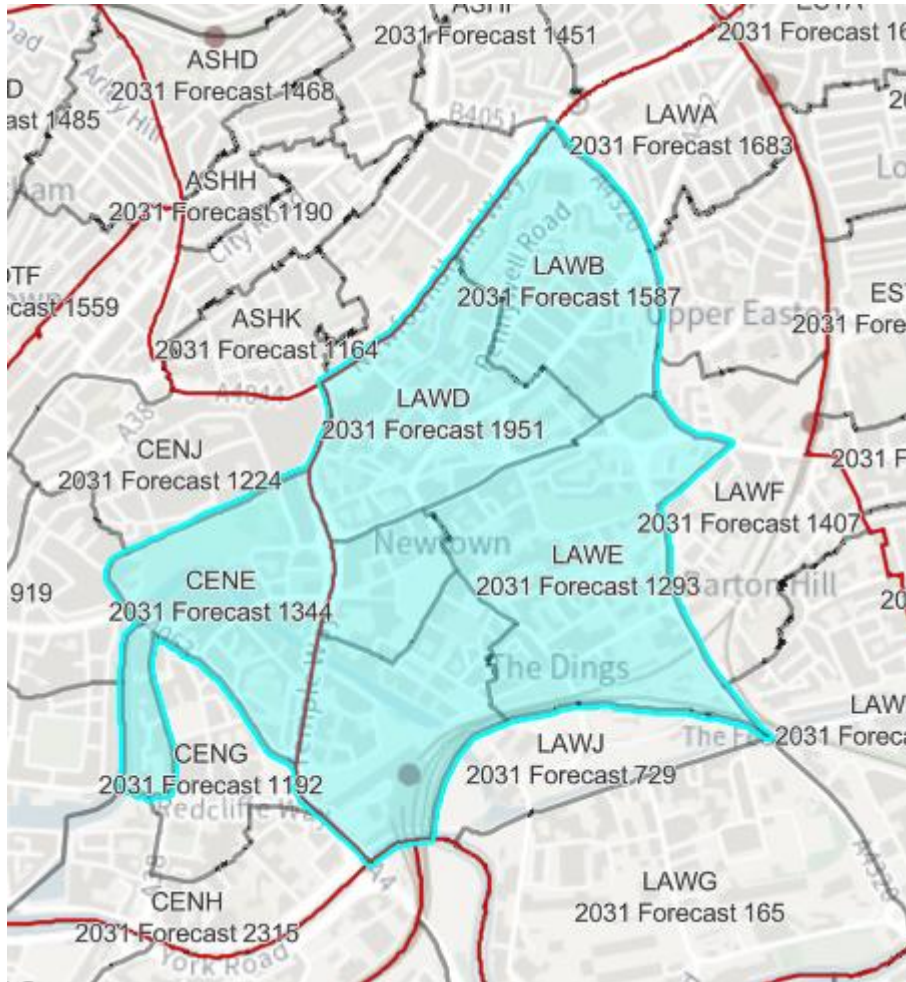


We propose the creation of a new seat; Old Market to reflect the population growth in the area.

This seat brings together three distinct historic areas of Bristol: the Dings, Old Market and St Judes. While each of these small areas has their own identity, they are linked by both their location on the city centre and through large scale, local development plans. They have gentrifying in recent years bringing cultural coherence.

The Dings is Bristol's historic warehouse district and has been revitalised in recent years through regeneration with many young professionals moving to it. This has partly been driven by its closeness to Old Market which has emerged as the city's LGBT centre and a key location for many hospitality businesses. They share an interwoven history.

To the North-East of these you have the historic area of St Judes. This is a poorer area with a large Somali heritage population but has seen substantial change in recent years and will see more with the Frome Gateway proposals. It shares many similarities in this aspect with the other areas. We have focused on trying to keep these clear areas together in each of our proposals and this applies to St Judes.



The new proposed seat brings together the Dings, Newtown, St Judes, and Old Market. To hit variance requires some of central – comes in -2% under in that case. Broadly makes sense in terms of area – bounded by St Phillips causeway and town.

Final electors per councillor table

Scroll left to see the first table

Name of ward	Constituency	Number of cllrs per	Electorate 2025	Variance 2025	Number of cllrs per	Electorate 2031	Variance 2031
Easton	East	2	10,118	6%	2	9,297	-3%
Lawrence Hill	East	2	11,788	24%	2	9,160	-5%
Old Market	East	0			2	9,419	-2%
St George Central	East	2	9,843	3%	2		
St George Troopers Hill	East	1	4,641	-3%	2	9,457	-2%
St George West	East	1	5,250	10%	2	10,183	6%

Bristol Central 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

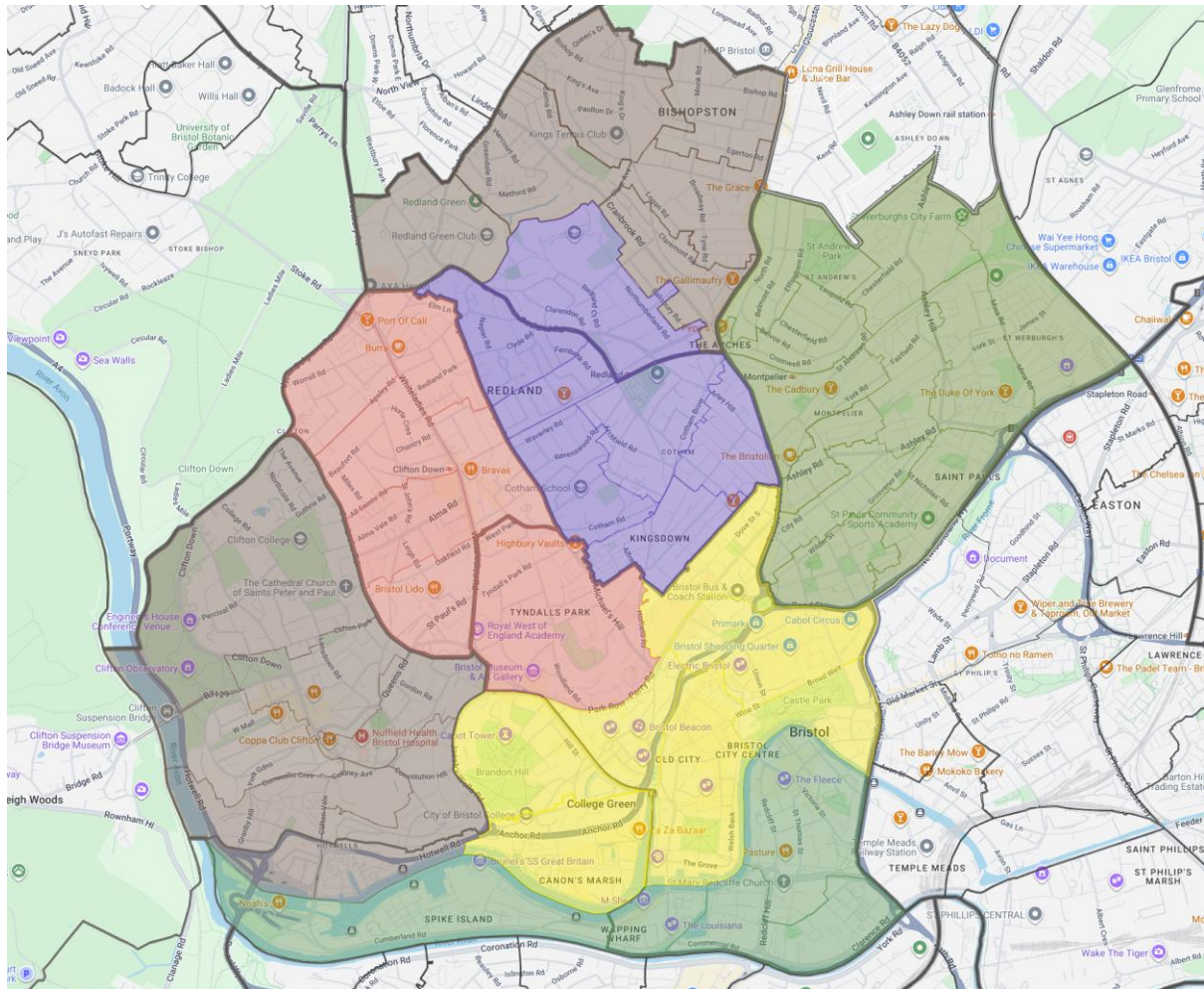
Aiming to create seats which represent distinct and aligned parts of the city which are culturally similar.

Geographical Boundaries

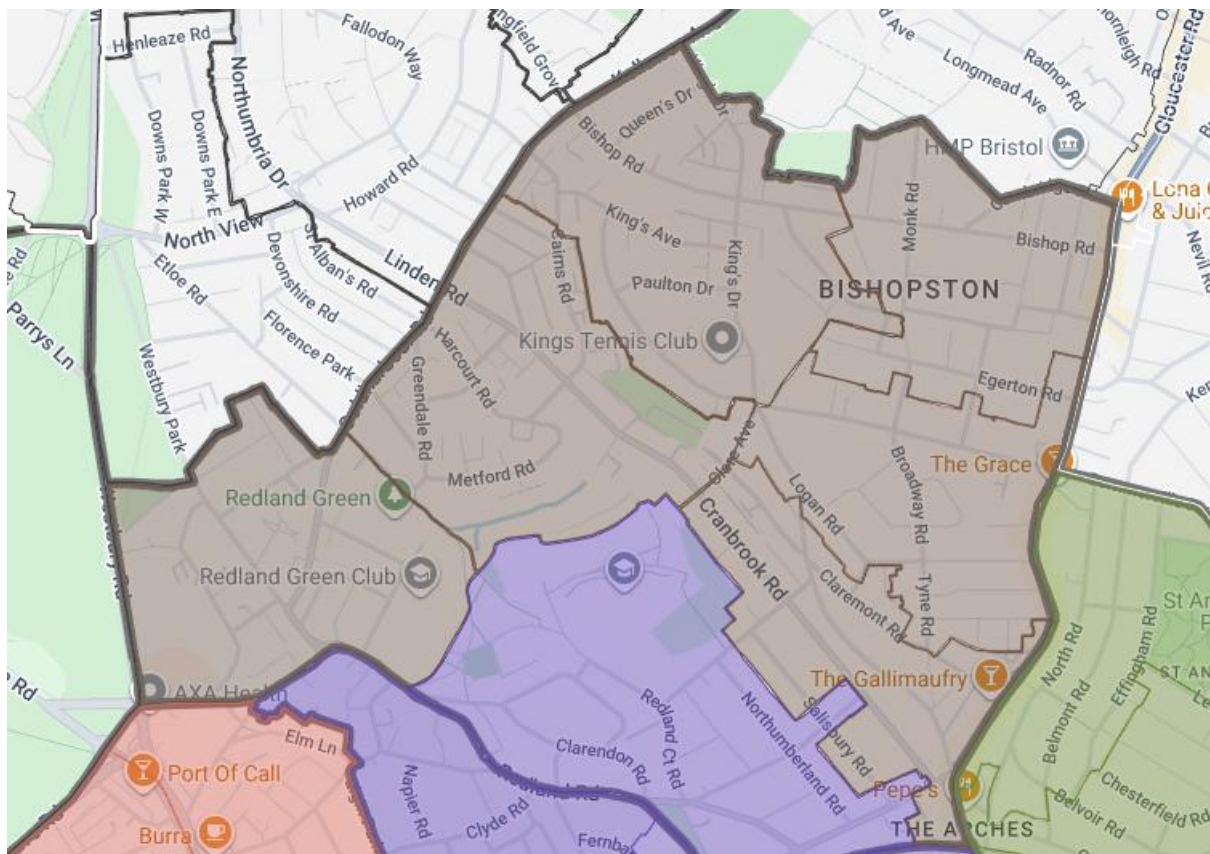
Using existing significant geographical features as boundaries where possible such as rivers, railways, and major roads.

Ward Boundary Proposals

This map illustrates the proposals that are described below:



Redland

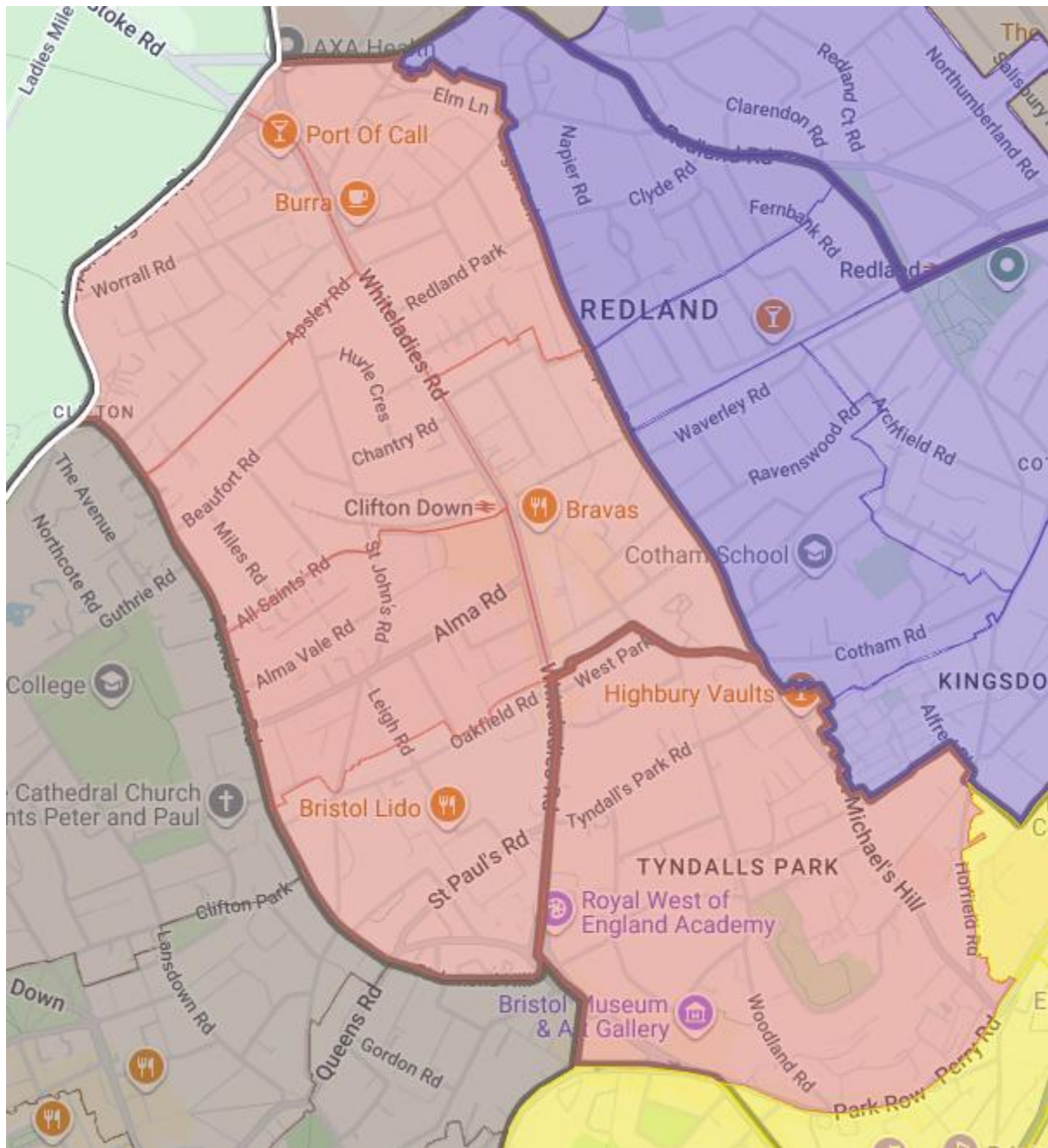


Councillors: 2

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

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

Clifton Down

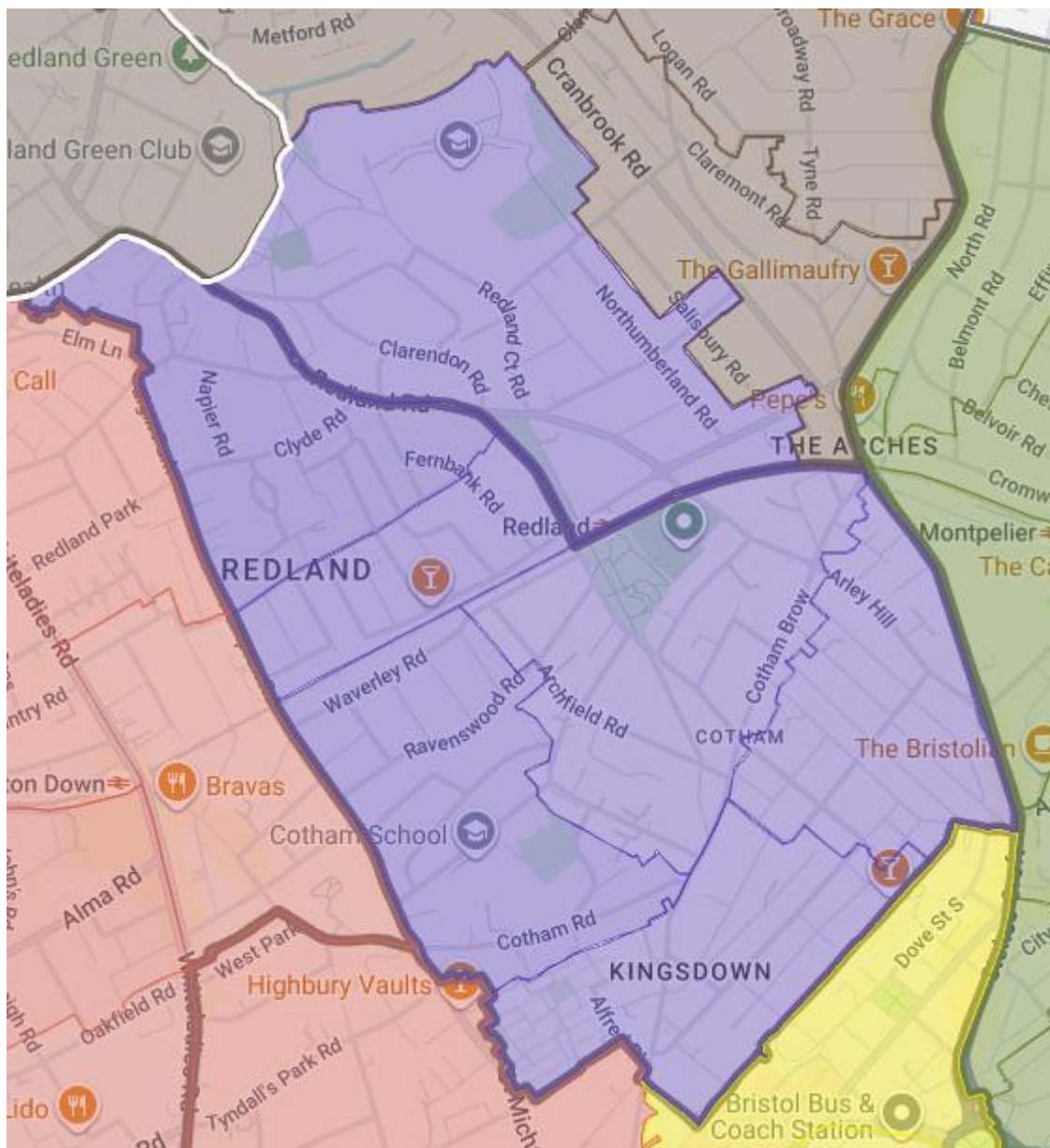


Councillors: 2

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

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

Cotham

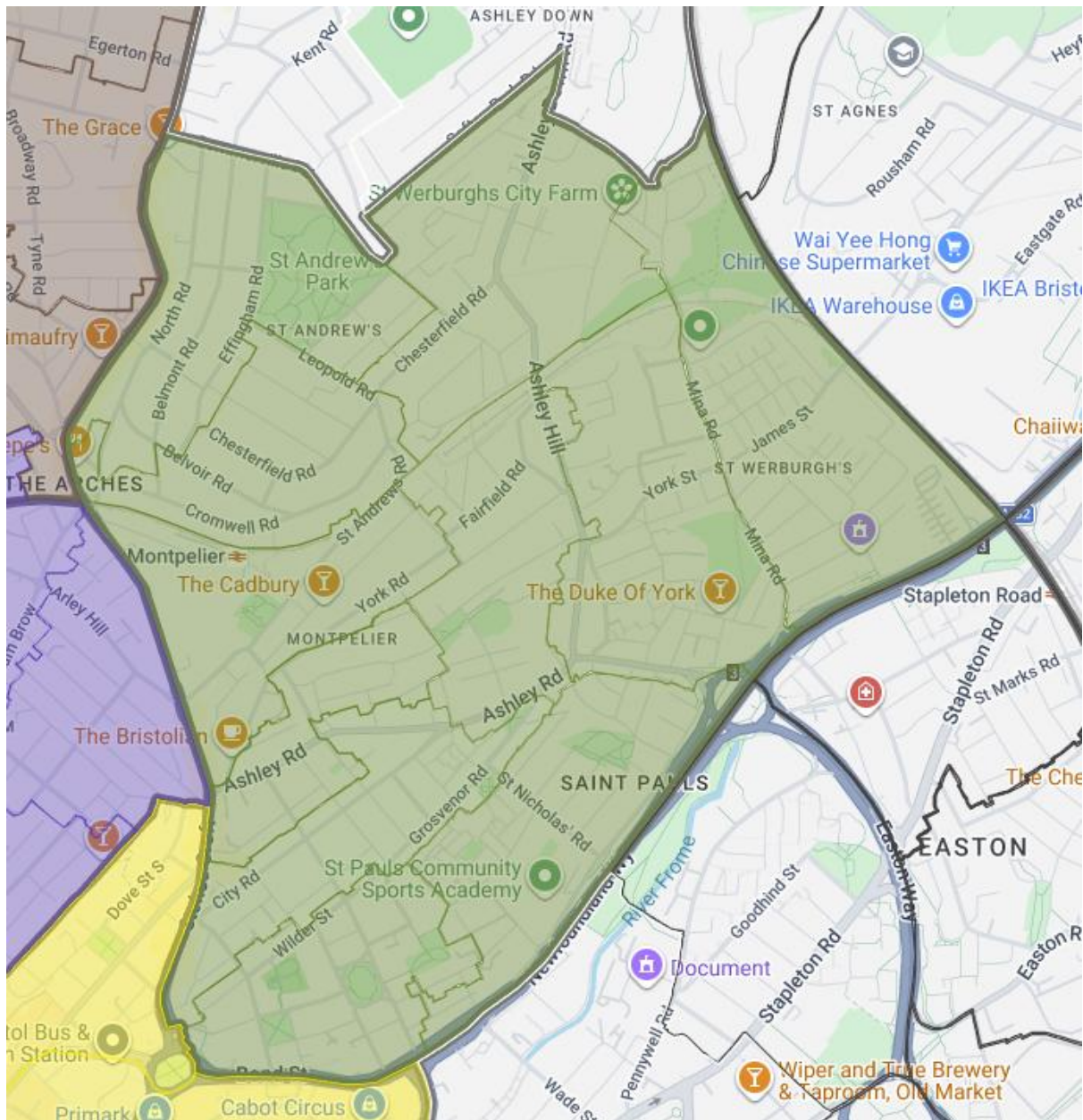


Councillors: 2

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

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

Ashley

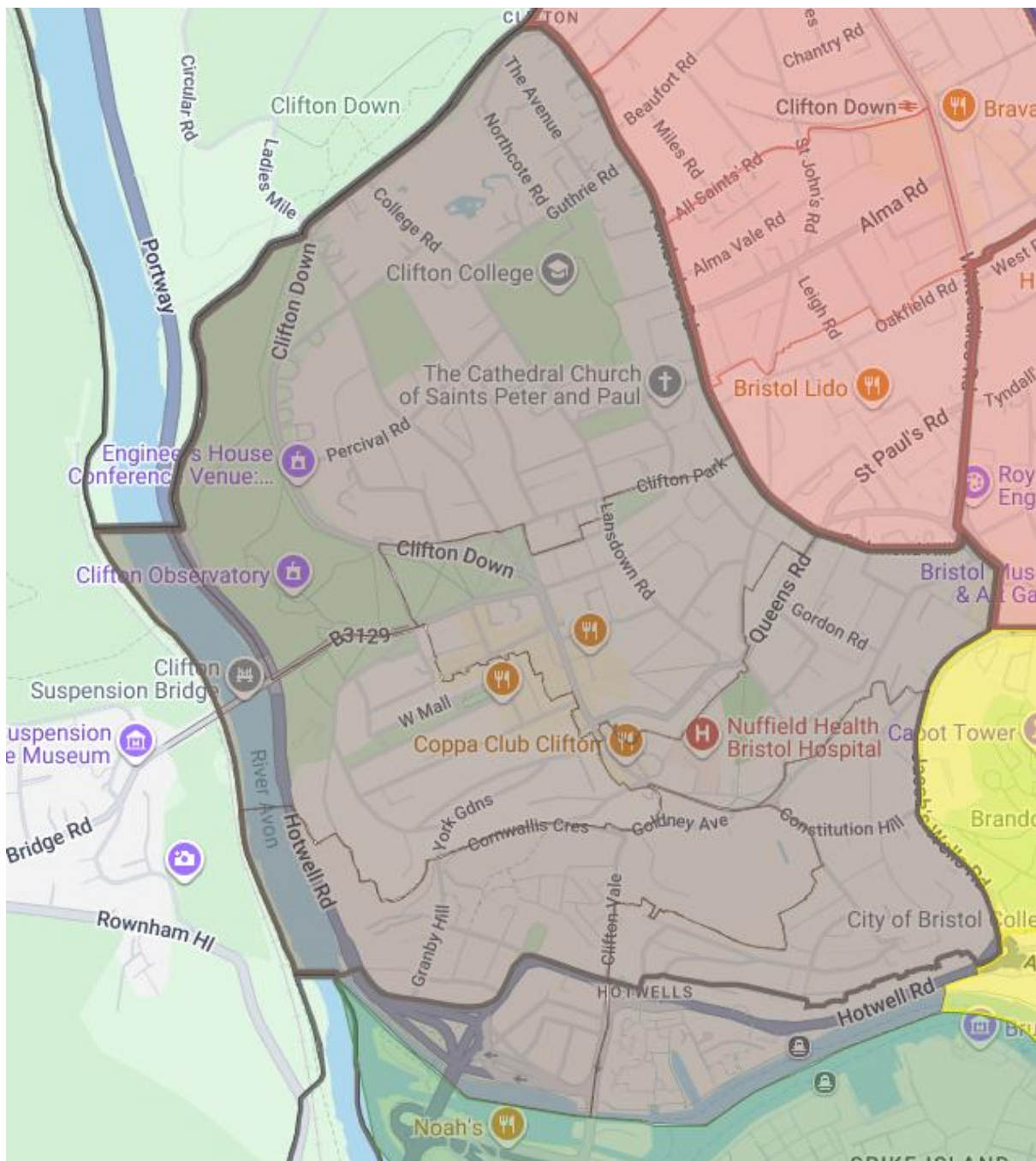


Councillors: 3

We propose leaving the boundaries unchanged.

This leaves a 2031 estimated electorate of 15401. 7.0% above the target of 14400.

Clifton



Councillors: 2

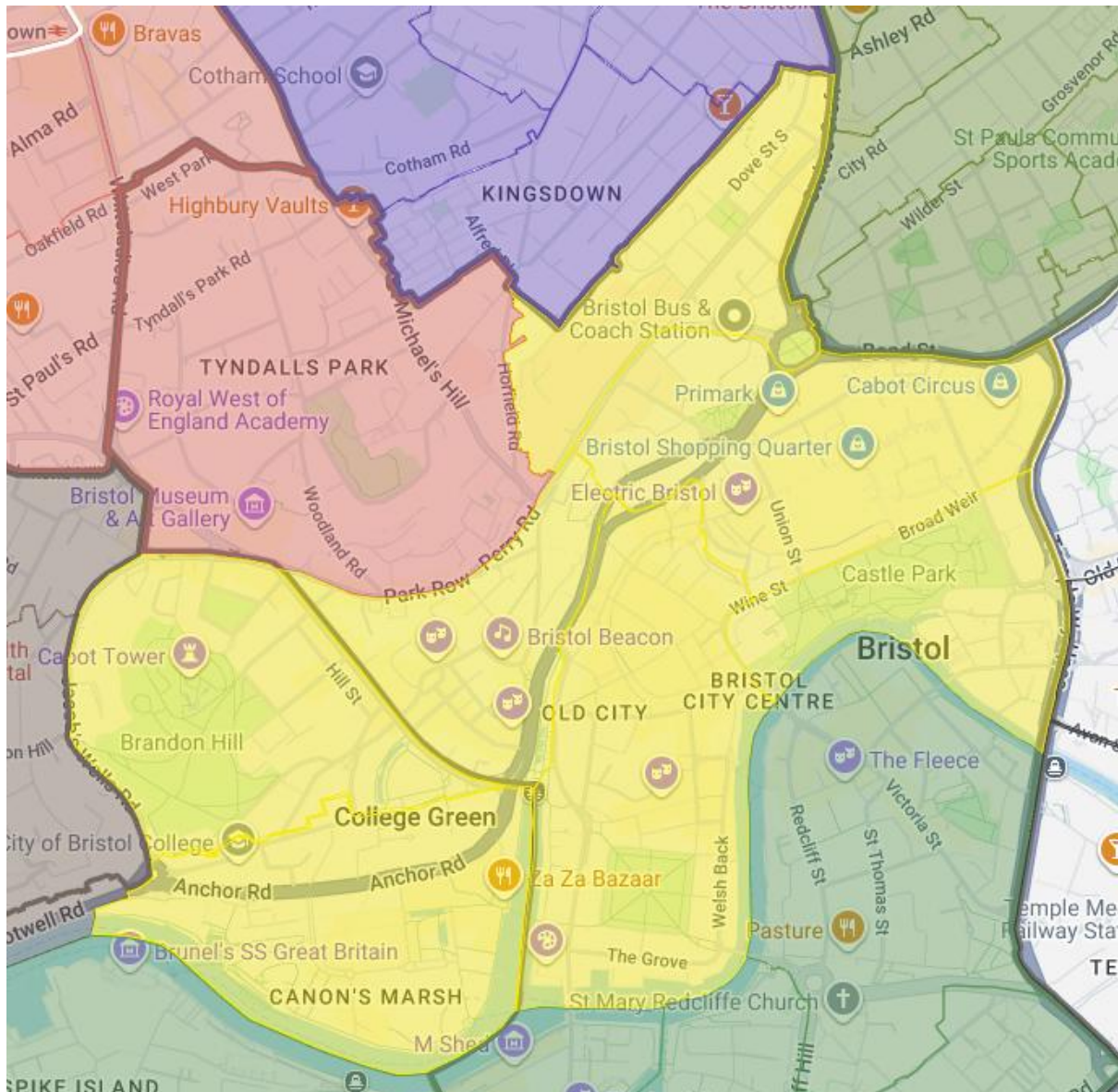
We propose leaving the borders of the ward mostly unchanged with the exception of extending the southern boundary down to the riverside, taking in the northern portion of what is currently polling district HOHB within Hotwells & Harbourside ward.

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 10% tolerance a target electorate of 9600.

North Central

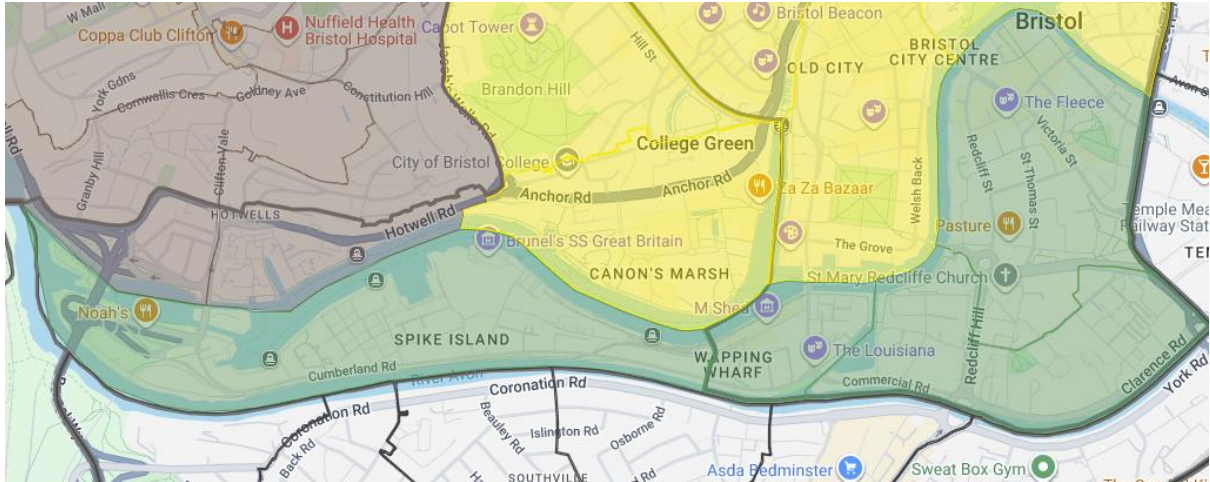


Councillors: 2

We propose a consolidation of Central ward around the city centre 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.

Boundary changes within the Bristol South Parliamentary constituency.

Both Hartcliffe & Withywood and Hengrove & Whitchurch Park will stay as three member wards, with movement from the latter to the former of around 300 voters around Teyfant, which includes Bridge Learning Campus (formerly Hartcliffe School) and is within the Hartcliffe Pride in Place programme area.

The new ward of Ashton contains Ashton Vale, Bower Ashton, and Ashton itself, all long-standing communities with ties of family, schooling, and social interaction. It also contains Ashton Gate Stadium, home of Bristol City FC and Bristol Bears RFC.

Bedminster ward has been amended to include parts of Bedminster which had previously been in other wards. The significant use of the bridges across the rail line reflects the closeness of the communities on both sides, this foot traffic reflects shared, education, retail, and employment. provision.

Windmill Hill & Totterdown is a more appropriate name for the geographically smaller ward, both are communities with a strong local identity often associated with the use of Victoria Park, this is shared with those living immediately to the south on the other side of St Johns Lane.

Southville ward better represents "real" Southville, the location of Southville Primary school, the Southville Centre and other provision, with the regeneration zone to the east towards Bristol Temple Meads.

Filwood ward returns to its former boundaries in the north, with that boundary on the northern slopes. There is a very strong community identity within the specific communities of Inns Court, the Novers, Filwood and Knowle West which make up the ward.

Bishopsworth is largely unchanged - reducing slightly with the loss of the Parson Street one-way system - which is widely regarded as in Bedminster. There is also some tidying up to the south, with some roads moving to Hartcliffe and Withywood.

Bristol North West ward boundary proposal

In light of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's three main criteria of electoral equality for electors, community identities and interests, and effective and convenient local government, the following is proposed:

Horfield

The current boundaries of the ward reflect strong local community identity and sits firmly within the target number of electors per councillor.

Located within the centre of the ward as currently defined, sits Horfield Leisure Centre (Horfield polling district D). It acts as a centre point for the ward, located directly opposite Horfield Common, a much-loved common that contains a play park and is used by residents across the ward.

Currently sitting within Horfield polling district C, resides Horfield Church of England Primary School. The catchment area for the school includes the Manor Farm estate, that sits across the polling districts of Horfield C and Horfield D. There is a strong local identity on Manor Farm itself, with the local community organisation that represents the area called Manor Farm Community Hub CIC, who also run the new local community centre that opened last year.

These two areas, along with Horfield polling district A, sit around the local hospital, which has large numbers of staff that live nearby. It is intertwined with the local communities of Southmead and Horfield, sitting as a focal point between the two.

Horfield polling district A contains the local secondary school, Orchard School. This has a wide catchment but includes lots of schoolchildren who walk to the school each day from the Horfield ward area. Monks Park is seen as a key part of the ward by local residents, with a local nearby park, and containing one of several allotments that are run by the Horfield and District Allotment Association (between Grittleton Road and Monks Park Ave).

Contained within Horfield polling district B, sits Upper Horfield Community School. This has recently expanded to include Elmfield School for the Deaf (primary school). Upper Horfield has long been seen with a clear community identity, based on the area near to this primary school.

In the same polling district, is St Gregory the Great Church of England, self-described as being situated in Horfield Bristol. More information can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/Stgregorys.horfield/>

Horfield polling districts E, F and G as currently configured, cover roads near to the Horfield Leisure Centre and bound by Filton Avenue at the bottom, sharing a border with Lockleaze ward. The border also shares Horfield library and other local amenities that sit along the road, including shops, takeaways and Ebenezer Church. Ebenezer Church self-describes as sitting in Horfield. More information can be found here:

<https://www.ebe.org.uk/>

The current name and constitution of the ward reflects strong community identity.

Southmead

Southmead is a very distinct community, still seen by local residents as encompassing the geography of the council estate that began being built in the 1930s. It continues to deliver to a community plan. More information can be found here:

<https://southmeadcommunityplan.co.uk/about-southmead-community-plan/>

Greystoke Avenue runs through the middle of the estate, with several local Southmead community organisations situated off it, along with the local library and high street at Arnside.

The Southmead Development Trust are the local established community development organisation working to improve the lives of local residents. They are an important stakeholder that work to a clear geography in their work.

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Henbury and Brentry

Henbury and Brentry retains a distinct identity, with Crow Lane shops as the defined high street in the area.

Bishopston and Ashley Down

The current name and constitution of the ward reflects strong community identity.

Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze

The current ward represents a set of clear distinct identities, including Avonmouth Village, Lawrence Weston, Shirehampton and parts of Sea Mills.

It is reflected that changes to the existing ward are challenging whilst trying to keep existing communities together within the defined electoral numbers and tolerance threshold.

However, the distinct community of Sea Mills, is currently split across the wards of Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston ward and Stoke Bishop ward. This is a community which is now divided into two despite it being the most geographically distinct community in Bristol. It has clear borders of rivers on two sides and NT and BCC parkland on the others.

Sea Mills has a distinct identity. Its origins go back to 1919, when construction began as part of the Addison Act and the Homes for Heroes focus that followed the end of the first world war. At the centre of the community sits the Addison Oak tree. More information can be found here: <https://seamills100.co.uk/tag/addison-oak/>

We propose the creation of **a single-member Sea Mills ward**, formed of polling districts AVLJ, AVLK, and STBA. Sea Mills has very clear geographical boundaries and a distinct community identity that is not well served by current ward arrangements. Projected number of electors for the new ward in 2031: 4,591.

We calculate that the remaining polling districts of **Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston** have a projected total of approximately 14,397 electors (4,799 electors per councillor).

We propose adding polling district WEHB to **Stoke Bishop**, giving a projected total of 8,679 electors (4,339 electors per councillor), which would balance out the proposed loss of electors from the ward as currently constituted.

The remaining polling districts of **Westbury on Trym and Henleaze** have a projected total of 14,428 electors (4,809 electors per councillor). This brings together two distinct communities that are long established.