Sheffield City Council 2025-2028 Ward Review
Submission on Ward Boundaries

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1. Introduction

I was surprised to discover that Sheffield Council was having a ward boundary review, as it has only just recently been reviewed for the 2016 elections which rectified a handful of flaws from the 2004 review. A few years after the 2004 review it was found that the City Centre was expanding faster than anticipated. The 2016 review corrected this and everything settled down. However, on examining the data provided by the Commission I see that this has been trigged by one ward, Ecclesall, having a variance over the 10% quota.

Consequently, I see that there is no justification for a wholesale review of the wards in Sheffield. With the council remaining at 84 members, I recommend the current 28 three-member ward structure remain, and the current 28 wards remain. However, over the years boundaries have become defaced as ground features have changed, so other than points where electoral imbalance has occurred all my recommendations are to clean up defaced boundaries.

In this submission I recommend these minor changes to wards, and comment on some other wards. Attached are maps of those wards showing my recommended changes.

2. Recommended ward changes

2.1 Park & Arbourthorne

This ward was called Arbourthorne & Park prior to 2016, and due to its alphabetical position was "Ward A". It is still "Ward A" in current electoral data even though its sorting order has changed. I recommend that Park & Arbourthorne ward be renamed back to Arbourthorne & Park ward, restoring its alphabetical positioning, and improved euphony.

2.2 City

This ward should be renamed City Centre. "City" is ambiguous, "City Centre" is a much clearer indication of the area it covers.

2.3 Manor Castle

This ward should be renamed Manor & Castle. Prior to 2004 there were two wards, Manor ward covering the area of Sheffield Manor, and Castle Ward covering the area east of the site of Sheffield Castle. These two were mostly amalgamated in the 2004 review and named Manor Castle.

Unfortunately, the name "Manor Castle" perpetuates a myth that there is an entity in Sheffield called the Manor Castle. There is not. The manor on Manor Road is not a castle, is not called a castle, it is Sheffield Manor. The castle whose ruins are under the old Castle Market site is not a manor, it is not called a manor, it is Sheffield Castle. The ward name should be corrected to Manor **and** Castle.

2.4 Ecclesall

The ward that appears to have triggered this review is forecast to be 11% from quota by 2032. Unfortunately, it is surrounded by wards that are also on the positive side of the quota, with only Fulwood ward to the north being under quota and an option to transfer territory from.

However, the natural geography in this area is for the Ecclesall ward to gain territory, not to lose it. It is difficult to see a satisfactory initial recommendation in this area. Consequently, in this area I shall reserve comments until other respondents have made recommendations.

2.5 Hillsborough vs Walkley south of Hillsborough Barracks
The current Hillsborough ward extends a long way south towards the city centre. This was done in the 2016 review as Hillsborough was undersized on the data used then. Most of the area there was previously part of the Walkley ward since the 1960s.

Hillsborough is now approaching 10% over quota and likely to be drifting further. I recommend that the area south of Hillsborough Barracks be transferred back to the Walkley ward. All of this area was in Walkley Ward between 2004 and 2016, and the area south of Hillsborough Barracks was in Walkley from the 1960s to 2004. While it would be nice to use the River Loxley as the complete boundary, transferring the Rudyard Road area would transfer too many electors and result in an imbalance the other way to the current situation.

Consequently, I recommend the boundary returns to the pre-2004 boundary along the rear of the north side of Capel Street and along the lower reaches of the River Loxley. This would result in the following electorate changes.

	2032 forecast unchanged		2032 forecast updated	
Hillsborough	16,265	+9.6%	15,744	+6.1%
Walkley	15,538	+4.7%	16,059	+8.2%

I lived in Hillsborough for more than 20 years, and have lived in Walkley for over 30 years. I was a city council member for Walkley for 11 years and have campaigned for election in Hillsborough and Walkley. I know the two areas intimately both from personal experience and from community and political activity. This would be a more logical grouping of areas of local community identity, and be an improvement of administration of local government.

Summary of recommended boundary:
- from current boundary along centre of Langsett Road at Swamp Walk,
- ‘Face of Wall’ of Hillborough Barracks along north side of Swamp Walk and Capel Street,
- ‘Face of Wall’ of the MacDonald’s site within Hillborough Barracks to Penistone Road,
- centre of Penistone Road, centre of access to StreetForce depot,
- centre of River Loxley to its confluence with River Don,
- centre of River Don to a property boundary on Club Mill Road,
- follow this property boundary across Club Mill Road to the railway line.

2.6 Woodhouse
Woodhouse is forecast to be 10% under quota, so needs to gain some territory to avoid drifting further out of quota. However, being on the edge of the city, Woodhouse is bounded by hard boundaries on three sides, the only soft boundary is with Richmond on the west where Richmond overflowed into Woodhouse to avoid being undersized itself.

Richmond is 3% under quota, so there is leeway to drop it slightly, say another 2 or 3 percentage points, to raise Woodhouse. The logical area to look to to transfer to Woodhouse is the area immediately to the west of Handsworth Road, the Parsley Hay roads.

2.7 Beauchief & Greenhill vs Graves Park at Archer Road
Since the 2016 review there has been changes to boundary features on Archer Road resulting in the ward boundary being defaced. I recommend the boundary here be adjusted to run along current features to remove the defacement.

2.8 Beauchief & Greenhill vs Dore & Totley at Fox Lane
This appears to be mapping error. Maps show 12 Fox Lane as "snipped off" the end of Fox Lane and in Beauchief & Greenhill. However, the intention of the 2016 review was that the centre of Fox Lane should be the ward boundary here. However, the electoral register lists the occupants of 12 Fox Lane as already being in Dore & Totley. There is additional confusion in that 12 Fox Lane has been built since the 2016 review on an open plot of land that is shown on mapping on the Beauchief & Greenhill side of the ward boundary.

I recommend that the mapping be corrected to reflect the intention that even numbers up to 12 Fox Lane should be in Dore & Totley.

2.9 Gleadless Valley vs Graves Park at Woodbank Crescent, etc.
Since the 2016 review land at the very southern end of Woodbank Crescent, Meersbrook Avenue, and Newsham Road has been developed, crossing the ward boundary. These properties appear not to be occupied yet, but when they are they will be in the "wrong" ward compared to the rest of the roads they are on.

I recommend the defaced boundary here is redrawn slightly to the south along the edge of the former quarry, to ensure properties on Woodbank Crescent, Meersbrook Avenue and Newsham Road are all in Gleadless Valley.

2.10 Nether Edge & Sharrow vs Broomhill & Sharrow Vale at Psalter Lane
This appears to be another mapping error. Maps show 125 Psalter Lane and 151 Psalter Lane as being in Nether Edge & Sharrow. The intention of the 2016 review was that all of both sides of Psalter Lane here should be in Broomhill & Sharrow Vale. However, the electoral register shows that these properties are already listed in Broomhill & Sharrow Vale.

I recommend that the mapping be corrected to reflect the intention that all of the odd numbers of Psalter Lane here should be in Broomhill & Sharrow Vale.

2.11 Broomhill & Sharrow Vale vs City at Wilkinson Lane
A small patch of land on the inside of the Inner Ring Road at Wilkinson Lane is included in Broomhill & Sharrow Vale despite it being "snipped off" by the inner ring road. The intention in the 2004 and 2016 reviews was that, as far as possible, the Inner Ring Road should be used as a ward boundary. While there is justification for Springfield to the south to be included across the Inner Ring Road, there is nothing to justify the small patch at Wilkinson Lane.

I recommend that the boundary along Glossop Road and Wilkinson Lane be moved to the Inner Ring Road, transferring 13 electors to City.

2.12 Manor Castle vs Richmond at Hangthwaite Close
Since the ward boundary between Manor Castle and Richmond was drawn there has been redevelopment on Hangthwaite Close and Queen Mary Road. This has resulted in the boundary being defaced with it now slicing through properties on Hangthwaite Road and through Prince Edward School. I recommend that the boundary here be redrawn along the footpath through the open space between Hangthwaite Close and Kilvington Crescent.

2.13 East Ecclesfield
While I recommend no changes to the East Ecclesfield ward, I wish to again put in writing that Ecclesfield Parish Council and Sheffield City Council need to perform a Local Governance Review and tidy up the parish boundary along Ecclesfield High Street that currently cuts through properties at Dearden Court and St. Michael's Road. This is outside the remit of a LGBCE review, but I state it here to record it.

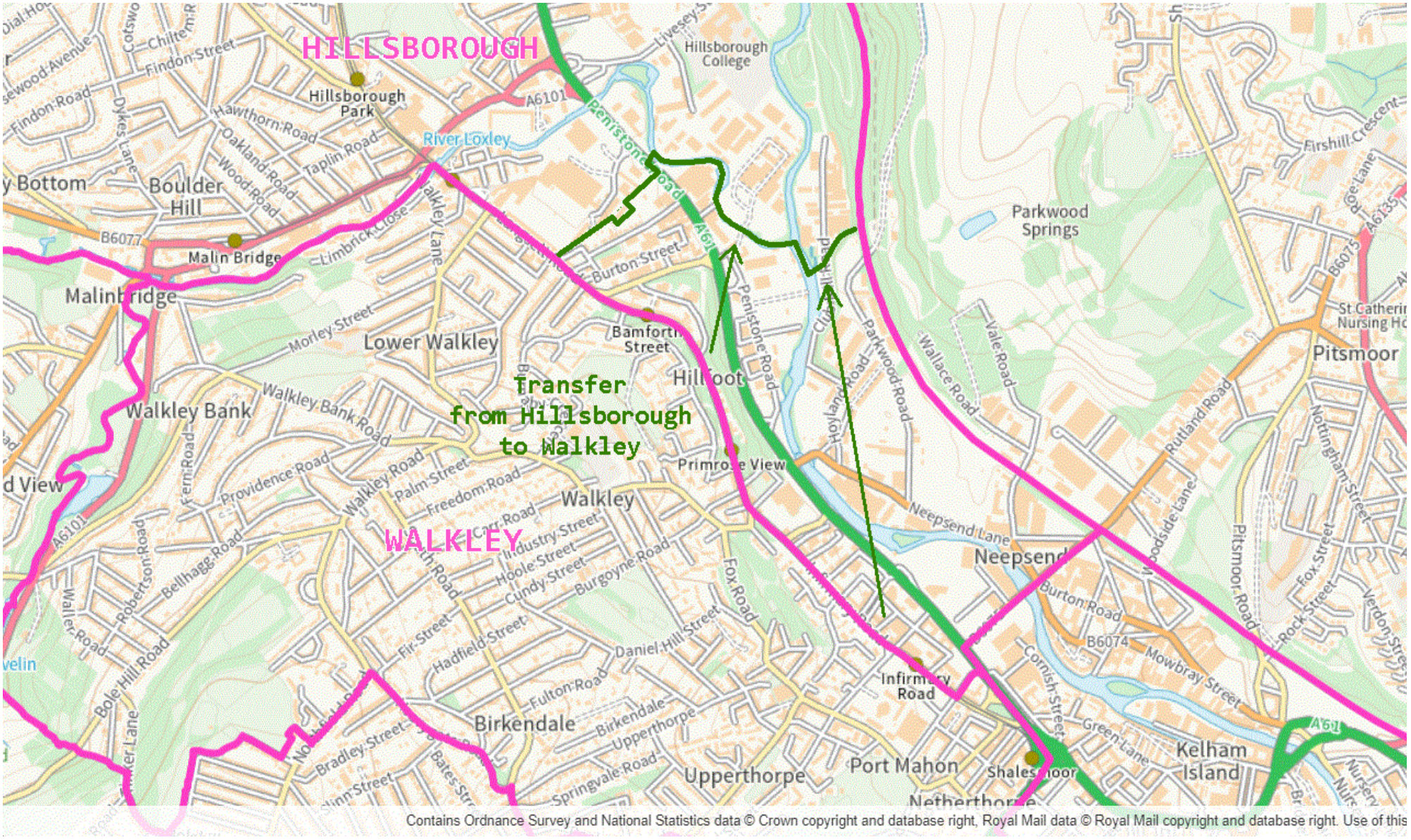
3. Ward summary

	Current ward	Recommended changes	Electorate	Variance
A	Park & Arbourthorne	Change name to: Arbourthorne & Park.	13,932	-6.1%
B	Beauchief & Greenhill	Adjust boundary at Archer Road. Adjust boundary at Fox Lane.	14,415	-2.9%
C	Beighton	No change.	13,909	-6.3%
D	Birley	No change.	13,629	-8.1%
E	Broomhill & Sharrow Vale	Transfer 125 Psalter Lane and 151 Psalter Lane from Nether Edge & Sharrow. Transfer Wilkinson Lane to City.	15,707	+5.9%
F	Burngreave	No change	15,275	+2.9%
G	City	Change name to: City Centre. Transfer Wilkinson Lane from Broomhill & Sharrow Vale.	16,049	+8.2%
H	Crookes & Crosspool	No comment at this stage.	13,452	-9.3%
I	Darnall	No change.	15,468	+4.2%
J	Dore & Totley	Adjust boundary at Fox Lane.	15,434	+4.0%
K	East Ecclesfield	Note that a Parish Boundary Review is required.	14,553	-1.9%
L	Ecclesall	No comment at this stage.	16,466	+11.0%
M	Firth Park	No change.	14,964	+0.8%
N	Fulwood	No comment at this stage.	13,888	-6.8%
O	Gleadless Valley	Adjust boundary at Woodbank Crescent.	14,046	-5.3%
P	Graves Park	Adjust boundary at Woodbank Crescent. Adjust boundary at Archer Road.	14,019	-5.5%
Q	Hillsborough	Transfer area south of Hillsborough Barracks to Walkley.	15,744	+6.1%
R	Manor Castle	Change name to: Manor & Castle. Adjust boundary at Hangthwaite Close.	16,075	+8.3%
S	Mosborough	No change.	14,106	-4.9%
T	Nether Edge & Sharrow	Transfer 125 Psalter Lane and 151 Psalter Lane to Broomhill & Sharrow Vale.	16,006	+7.9%
U	Richmond	Adjust boundary at Hangthwaite Close. Consider transferring part to Woodhouse.	14,422	-2.8%
V	Shiregreen & Brightside	No change.	14,222	-4.2%
W	Southey	No change.	14,565	-1.8%
X	Stannington	No change.	15,617	+5.3%
Y	Stocksbridge & Upper Don	No change.	15,774	6.3%
Z	Walkley	Transfer area south of Hillborough Barracks from Hillsborough.	16,059	+8.2%
2	West Ecclesfield	No change.	14,264	-3.9%
3	Woodhouse	Consider transferring part from Richmond.	13,403	-9.7%

4. About the author

I was a Sheffield City Councillor from [redacted] From personal study and council work I have a knowledge of the geography, history and community groupings across Sheffield and from living in Sheffield and from friends, family, campaigning, leafleting and other contacts have built up a grass-roots knowledge of large areas of Sheffield on foot on the ground.

I submitted reports to the 2002-2004 Sheffield Ward Review, the 2013-2016 Sheffield Ward Review, the 2005-2010 Parliamentary Review, the aborted 2013-2015 Parliamentary Review, and the 2023-2024 Parliamentary Review. I have also written and published various other mapping and political geography reports and publications.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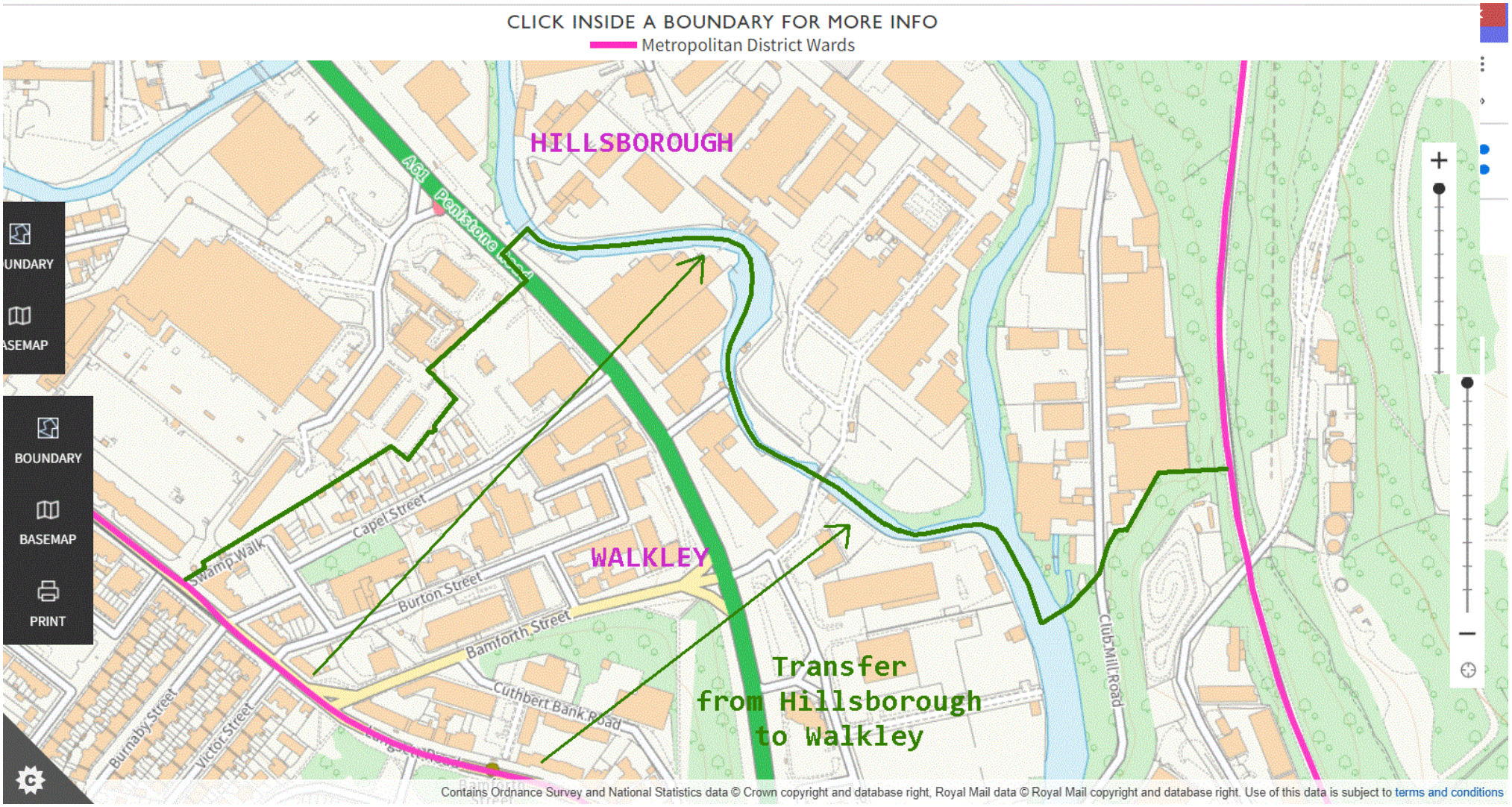
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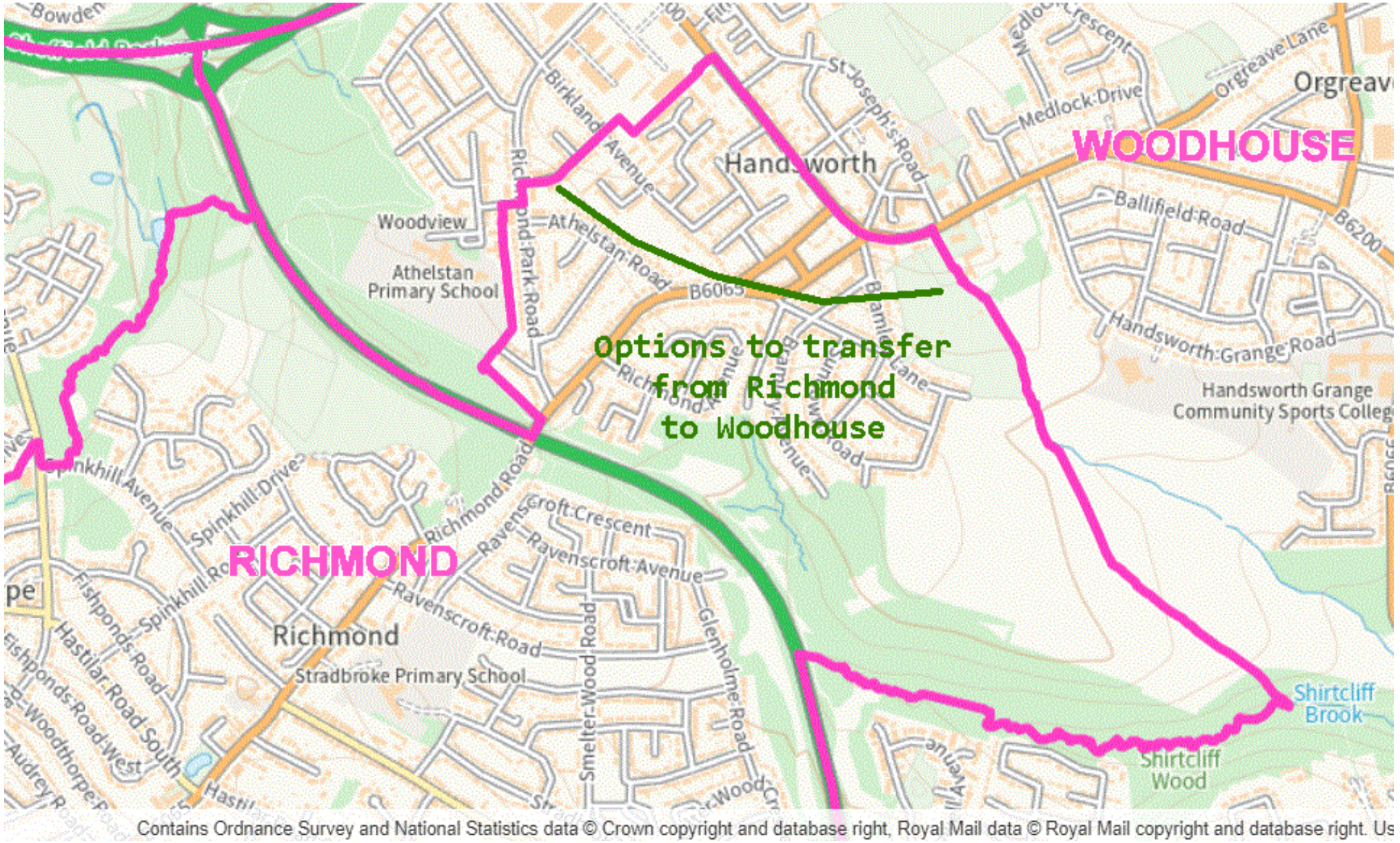

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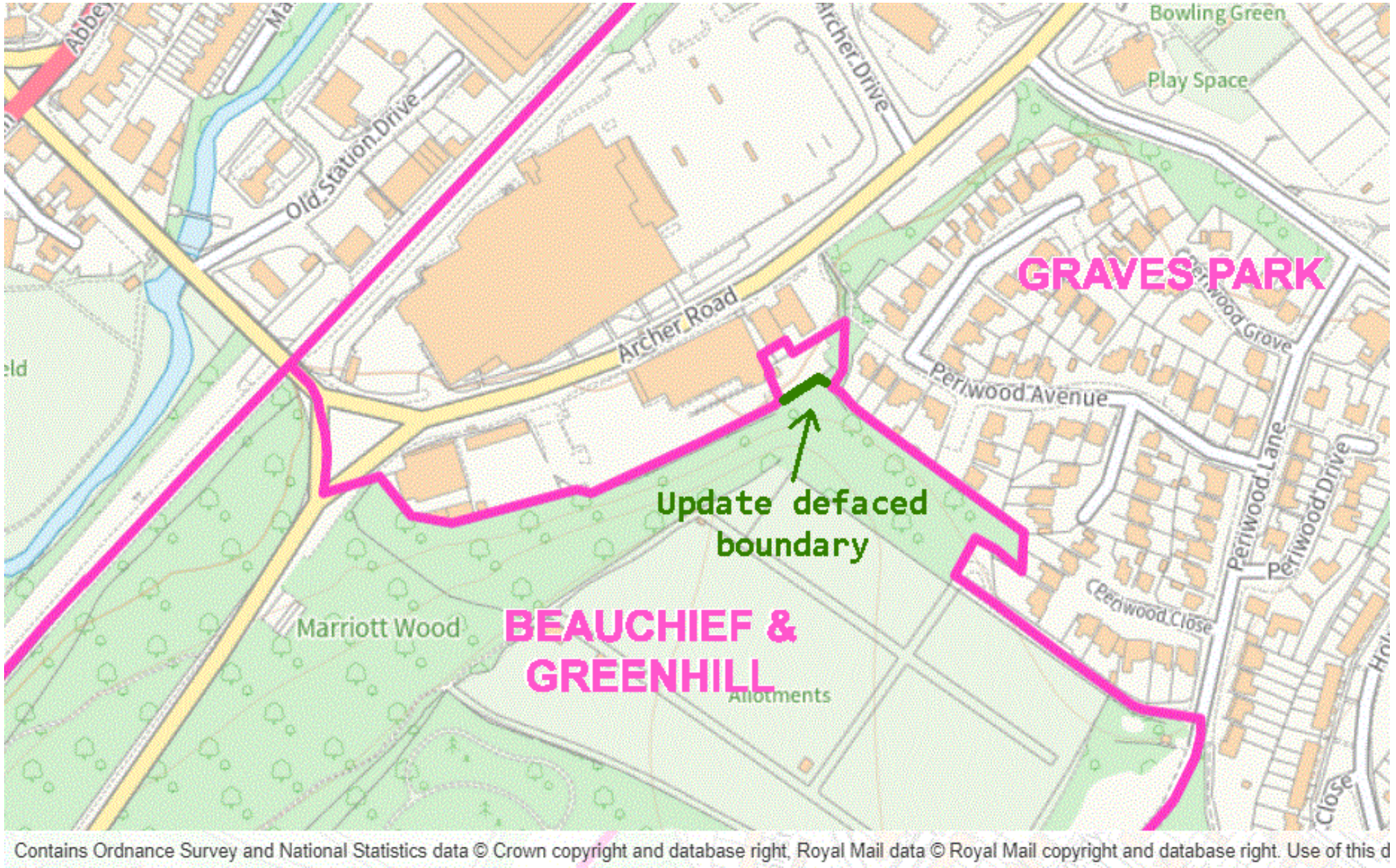

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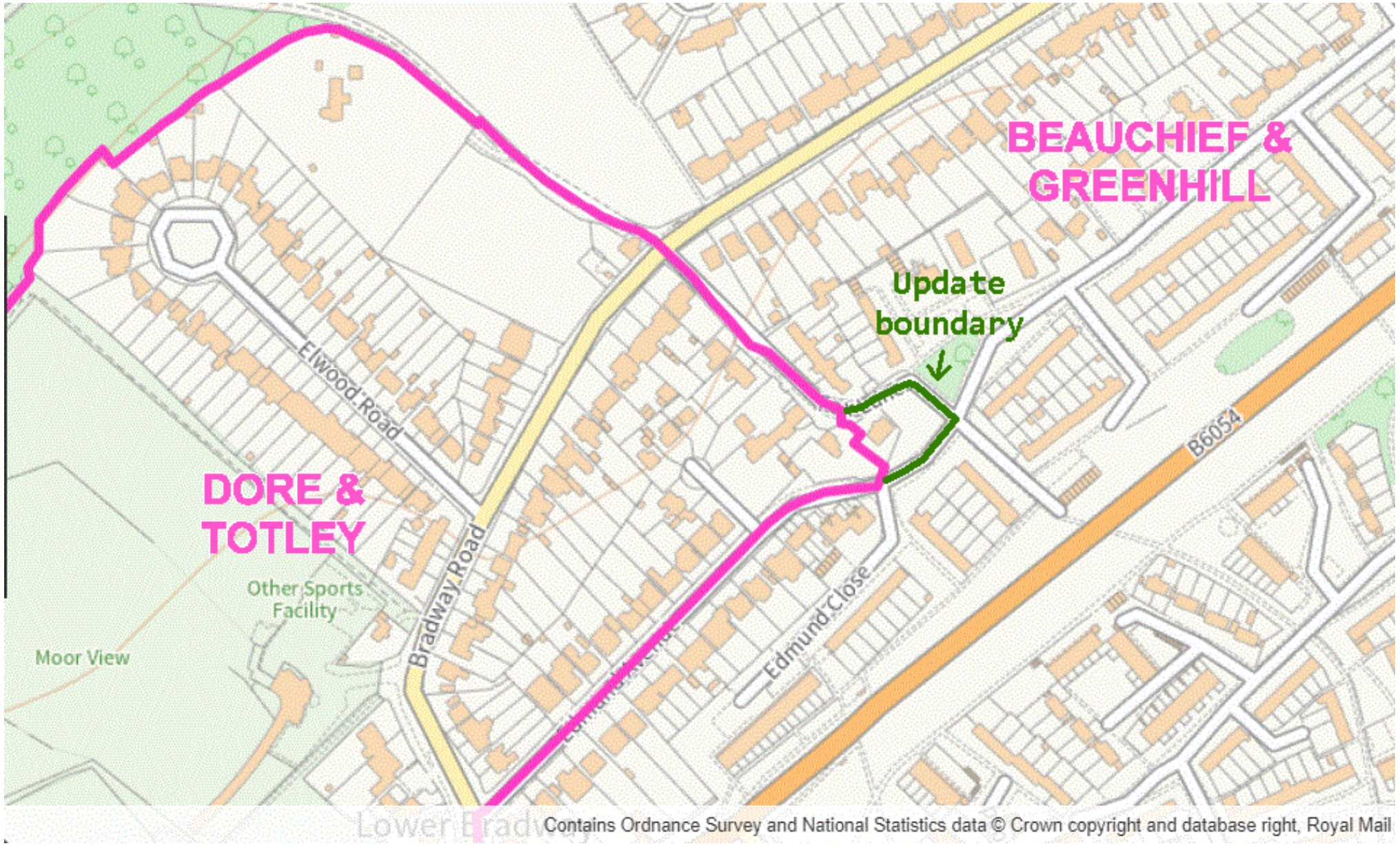
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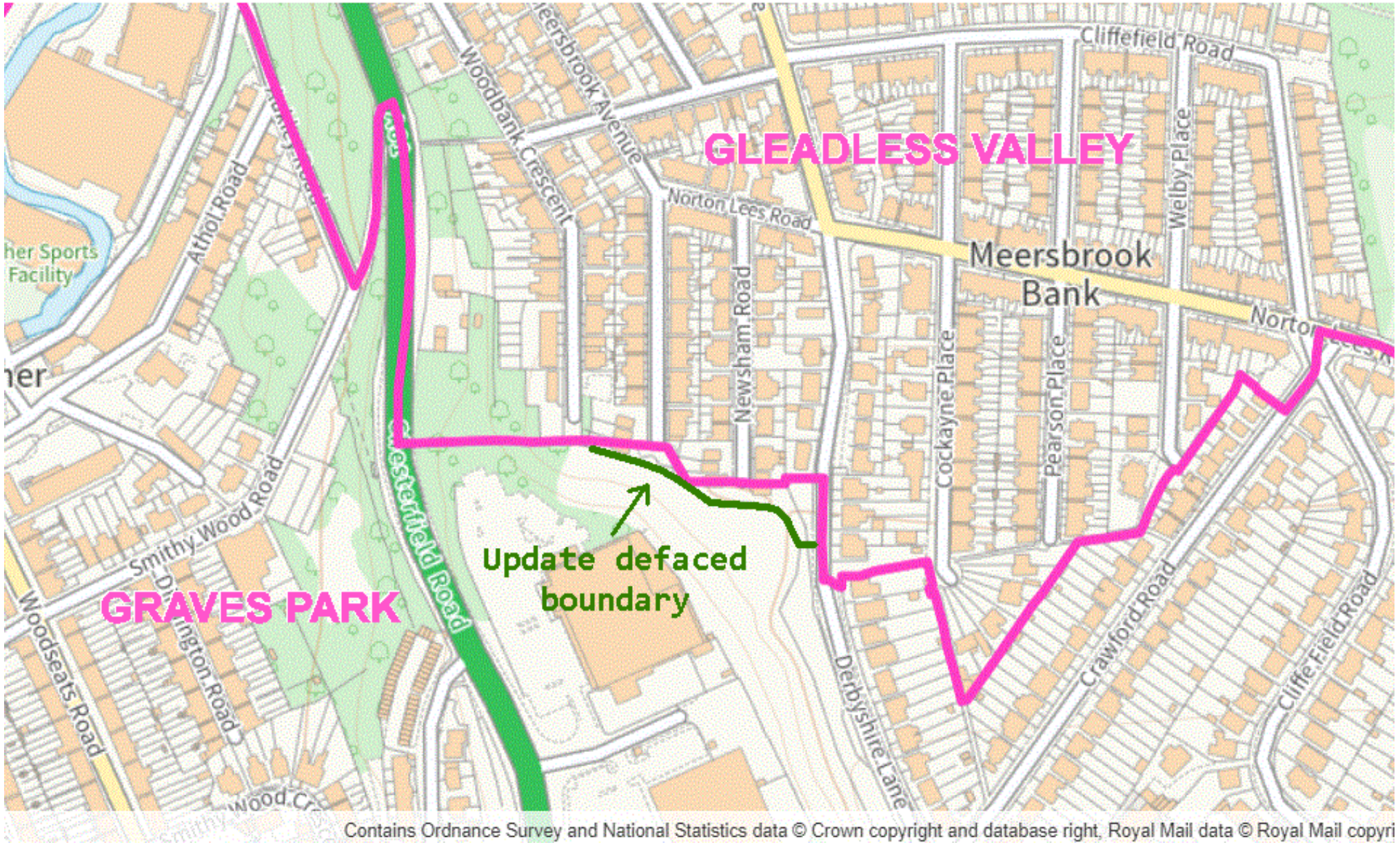
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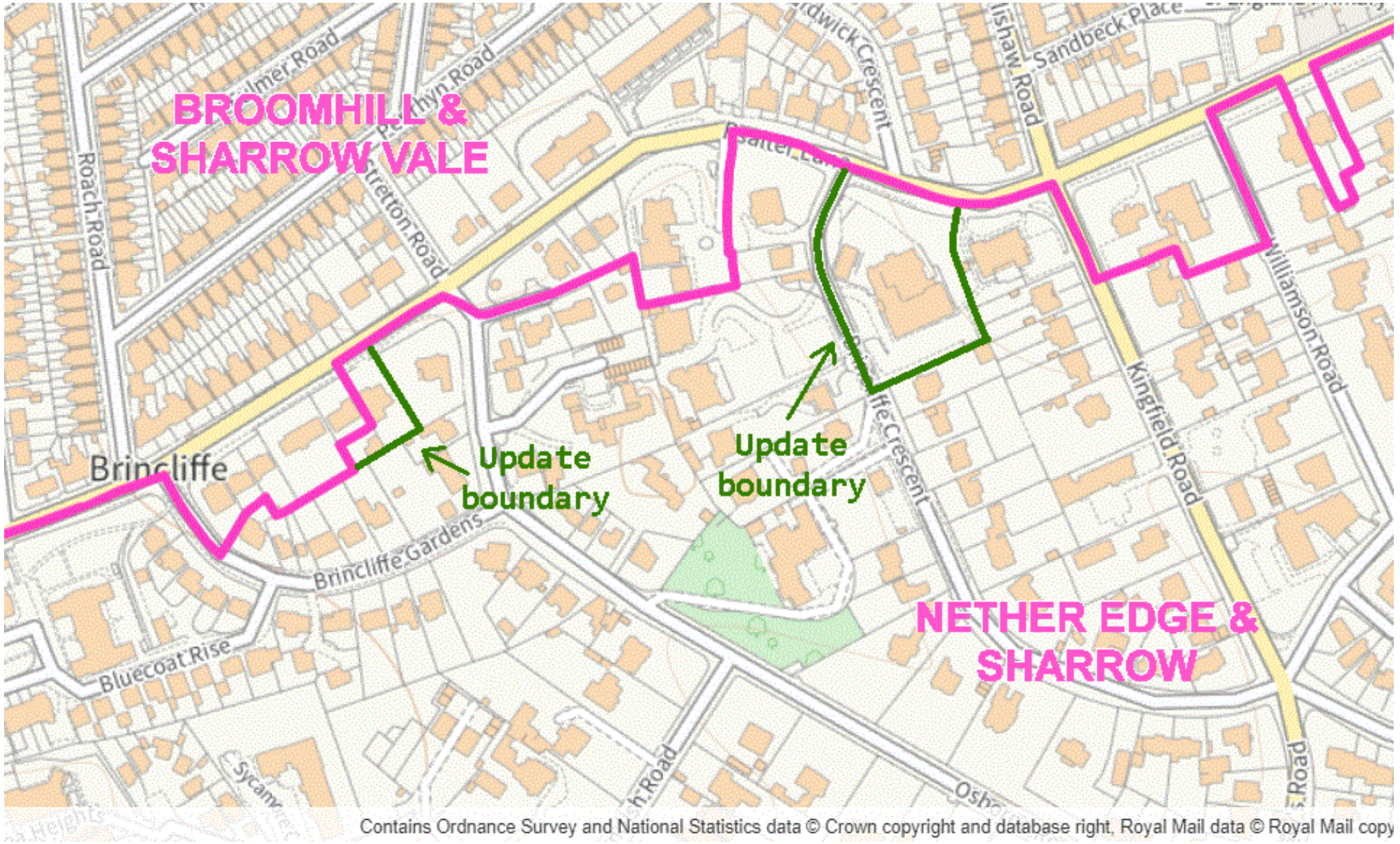
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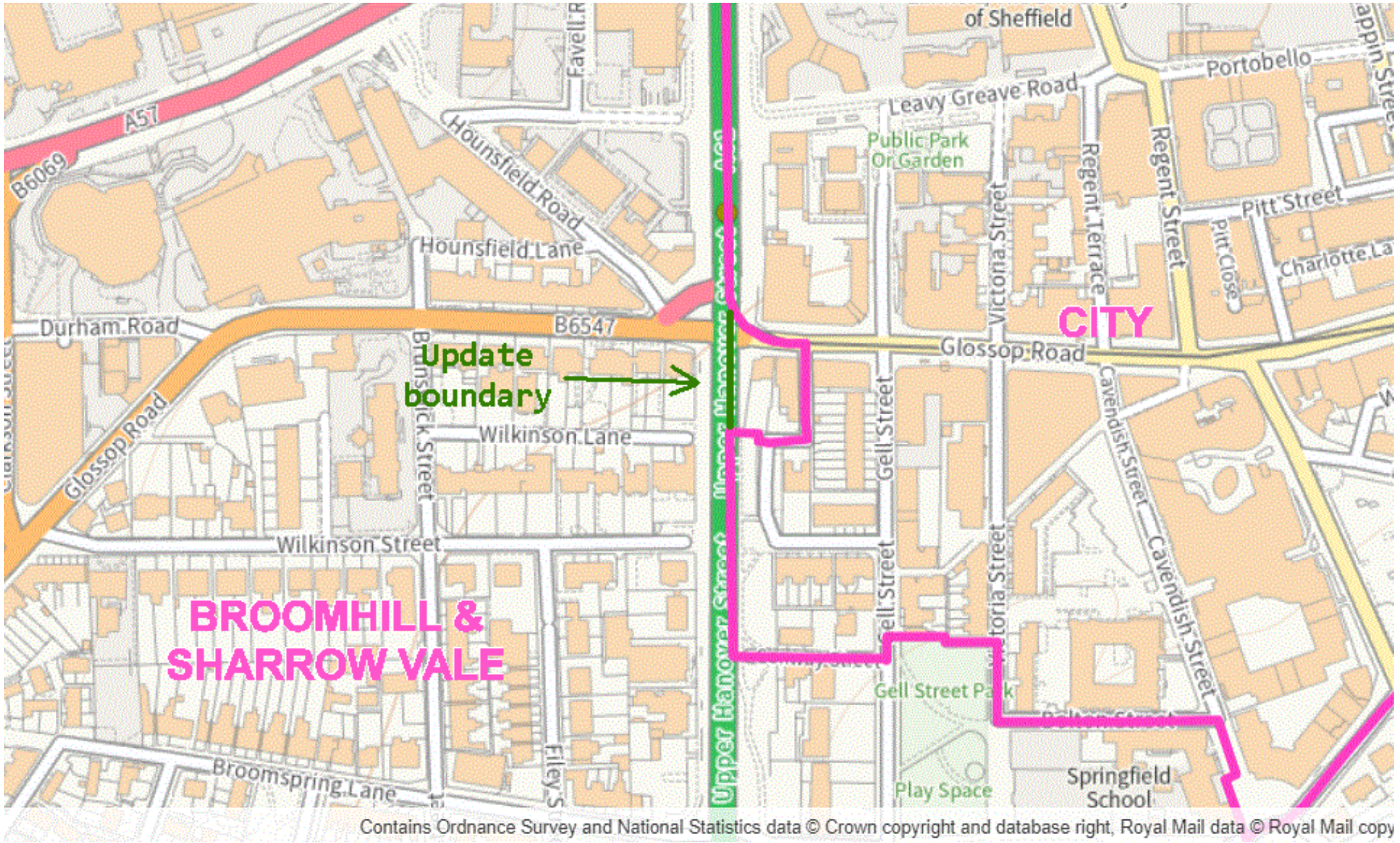
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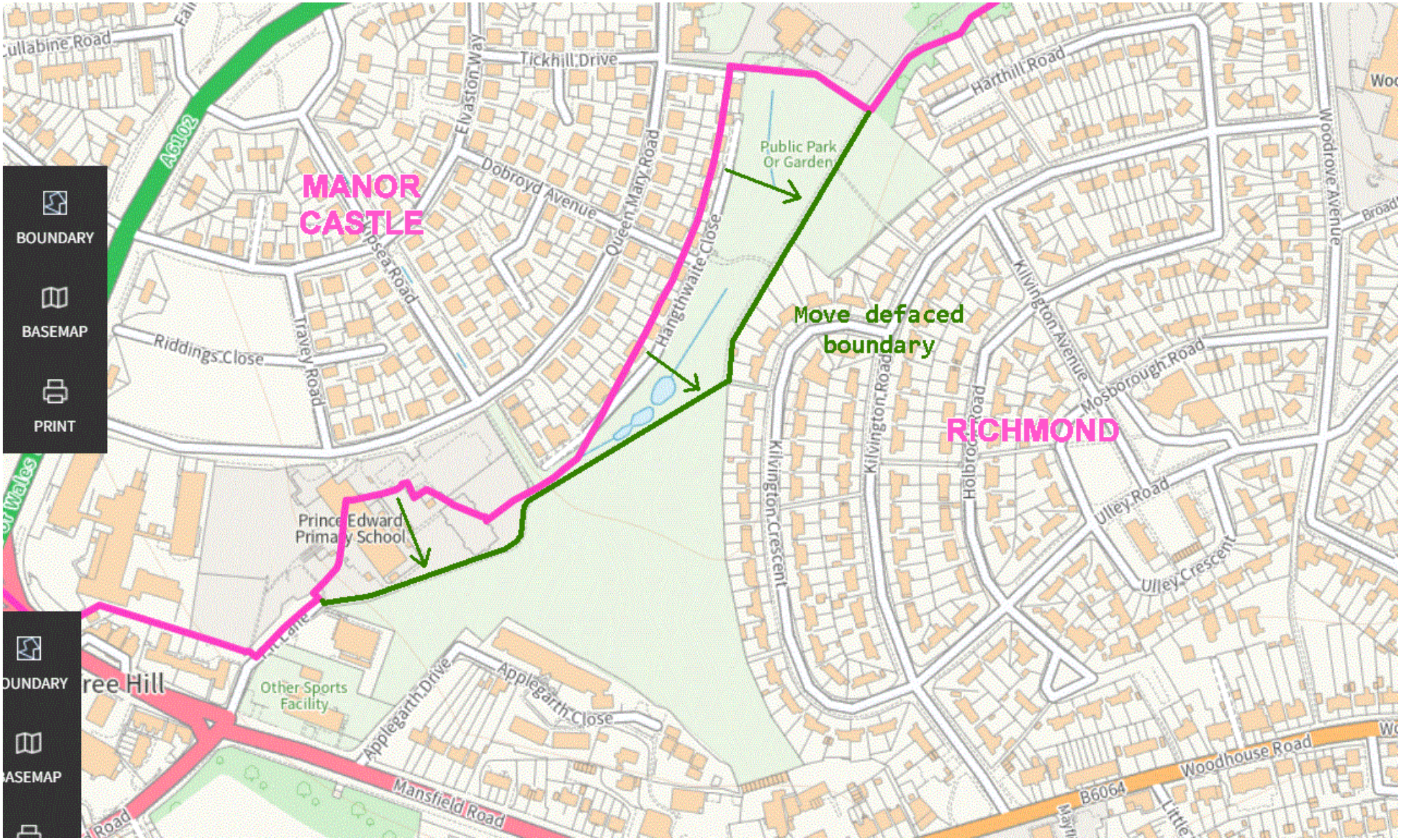
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