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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to provide feedback to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) in relation to the draft electoral proposals for Fenland
2. The key aim of the electoral review is to improve electoral equality. This means as far as is possible, that each Councillor elected to the District Council represents the same number of electors, thus enabling every vote cast to hold the same value. In addition the LGBCE are also keen to ensure future electoral arrangements safeguard communities of interest, whilst also enabling effective and convenient local Government. In addition the scope of an electoral review encompasses the number of Councillors required to support the business of the local authority, the names, number and boundaries of wards and the number of Councillors to be elected to each.
3. Fenland District Council devised a comprehensive future electoral proposal, which was submitted to the LGBCE in July 2012. The review of electoral arrangements for the District was led by a cross party Member Working Group, who were extremely keen to engage with all Members representing each of the current 27 district wards. The level of Member engagement was such that it was recognised by the LGBCE as an example of best practice.
4. The resulting scheme arising from Member engagement and consultation activities was robust, well considered, effectively reflected the LGBCE criteria and the needs of the Community we represent whilst also ensuring the Council can operate effectively and to the highest standards.
5. The District Council are delighted that the majority of our submission has been endorsed by the LGBCE and as such reflected within the consultation proposals. This is further testimony to the robust nature of the original submission.
6. Fenland is fairly unique as the area currently benefits from complete co-terminosity between Parish wards, District wards and County electoral divisions, therefore any changes resulting from the current electoral review has the potential to impact on the alignment of those boundaries. This became evident following publication of the LGBCE warding proposals, as the issue of the proposed new district wards crossing county electoral divisions has resulted in the creation of several new Parish wards. This issue is prevalent in each of the four district market towns, including Chatteris, March, Whittlesey and Wisbech.
7. Members of the District Council have raised significant concerns about the proposed warded parish arrangements, as all Members are keen to reduce the number of proposed parish wards and align them wherever reasonable to the proposed District wards. All Members believe aligning District and Parish wards will reduce any potential confusion for electors as co-terminosity is re-established therefore recognising communities of interest.
- 7.1 Fenland District Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the draft future district warding proposals put forward by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

This report outlines Fenland District Council's response to the draft recommendations proposed by the LGBCE.

8. The main points of the District Council submission are as follows;
The District Council fully supports the proposed warding arrangement in relation to 9 of the proposed future District wards;
The Mills ward Chatteris a single Member ward,
Wenneye Ward Chatteris a single Member ward,
Doddington and Wimblington ward option 2, a dual Member Ward,
Manea Ward a single Member ward ,
Elm and Christchurch Ward a dual Member ward,
Waterlees Village Ward a dual Member Ward,
Peckover Ward a single member ward,
Roman Bank Ward a triple Member ward
Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary Ward option 1 a dual Member ward
9. In light of the issues surrounding the proposed new District wards crossing County Electoral divisions and the resulting impact on the creation of additional parish wards, as well as further reflection on how the proposed wards impact on community identity, this has resulted in Members wishing to reconsider the following proposed District wards. Members are firmly of the conviction the revised proposals will satisfy the LGBCE criteria including achieving electoral equality, maintaining communities of interest in addition to enabling convenient and effective Local Government. There is also a consensus of opinion that wherever possible ensuring, District wards are contained within County Electoral divisions will provide clarity of identity for electors in addition to a resulting greater level of engagement in the democratic process.
10. Alternative warding arrangements or comments are therefore put forward for the remaining 16 wards in the District including;
Whittlesey North
Whittlesey Central
Whittlesey North east
Whittlesey West
Whittlesey East
Benwick Coates and Eastrea
Birch Ward Chatteris
Slade Lode Ward Chatteris
March East
March North
March West
Kirkgate Ward Wisbech
Staithe Ward Wisbech
Clarkson Ward Wisbech
Octavia Hill Ward Wisbech
Medworth ward Wisbech

2. CHATTERIS TOWN SUMMARY

The District Council recognises that the LGBCE endorsed the majority of the original proposal for future electoral arrangements resulting from the Member led review, which were submitted in July 2012. Following publication of the LGBCE proposals it has become evident that the original submission has resulted in the creation of three additional Parish Wards within Chatteris. Following further consultation with Members representing the area, both at a District and Parish level, all concerned felt the creation of the additional Parish wards did not facilitate electoral equality within the town and nor did the new parish proposals represent established communities.

As a result Members are keen to put forward a revised proposal for Birch ward and Slade Lode ward. The revision to these wards will ensure they are encompassed within Chatteris County Electoral Division and Forty Foot County Electoral Division respectively, thus effectively eliminating the requirement to create the additional Parish wards of Curlew and Cuff. The revised proposals do also effectively meet the LGBCE criteria.

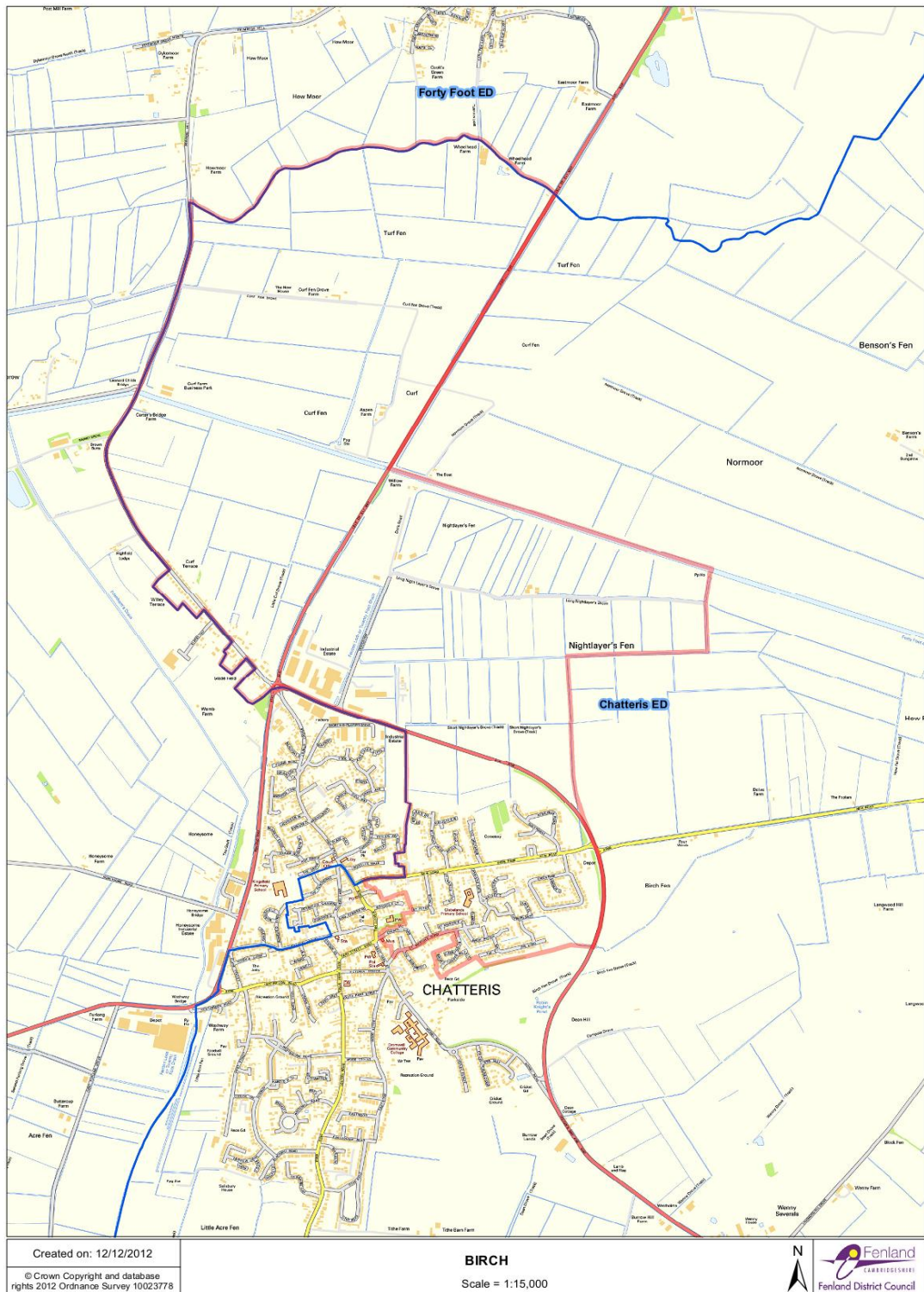
Members recognise that the proposals for Manea District ward will also impact Parish warding arrangements within Chatteris. Members accept this will result in five Parish wards in the area rather than the existing four. The consensus of opinion regarding this proposal is that rather than the new Parish Ward being named Manea Parish, it should be named How Fen Parish. The reason for this proposed change is that Members, at all levels, felt naming a parish ward Manea in the town of Chatteris would undoubtedly result in confusion locally and could potentially result in electors becoming disengaged from the democratic process.

The newly devised parish warding arrangement will result in each parish ward having at least two parish councillors to represent them (except the newly formed How Fen Parish Ward, which is proposed would be represented by one Town Councillor due to the number of electors contained within it), with the breakdown being Wenneye (3 Members), Birch (2 Members), Slade Lode (3 Members), The Mills (3 Members), How Fen (1 Member). This proposal would ensure the responsibilities are shared and councillors will be better able to meet the needs of their residents.

INDIVIDUAL WARD PROFILES

3.1 BIRCH WARD – CHATTERIS – SINGLE MEMBER WARD

2018 FORECAST ELECTORATE FIGURE 2096 – VARIANCE + 1.8%



ROADS IN THE PROPOSED BIRCH WARD

Anvil Close	New Road
Augustus Way	Newlands Road
Birch Avenue	Old School Drive
Birch Close	Palmers Walk
Briar Close	Queensway
Bridle Close	Saddlers Way
Chantry Close	St Francis Drive
Church Lane	St Martins Close
Church Walk	St Martins Road
Curf Fen Drove	St Pauls Drive
Curf Terrace	St Peters Drive
Delve Terrace	St Stephens Drive
Doddington Road	The Elms
Elder Place	The Orchards
Farriers Gate	The Pastures
Glebe Close	The Shrubbery
Green Park	Turf Fen Lane
Hazel Close	
Hunters Close	
Juniper Drive	

EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

Following further extensive consultation with locally elected representatives, involving both District and Parish Councillors, all concerned were keen to re-establish coterminosity between the District and parish wards wherever reasonable. As a result the revised proposal for Birch Ward suggests the eastern boundary is formed in part by the town bypass, the A142, until it joins the drain network up to Nightlayers Fen and onto the Forty Foot Drain, which the boundary follows until it meets the A142. The roadway then forms the boundary until it connects with the Chatteris electoral division boundary to the west. The internal town boundary adjoins the boundary for Wenneye ward and Slade Lode wards respectively. Members noted that the LGBCE suggested that The Shrubbery should transfer from Birch ward into Wenneye Ward, Members are strongly of the opinion that electors in the Shrubbery have strong connections with other roads already located within Birch Ward and as a result suggest this remains within the curtilage of the revised Birch ward area.

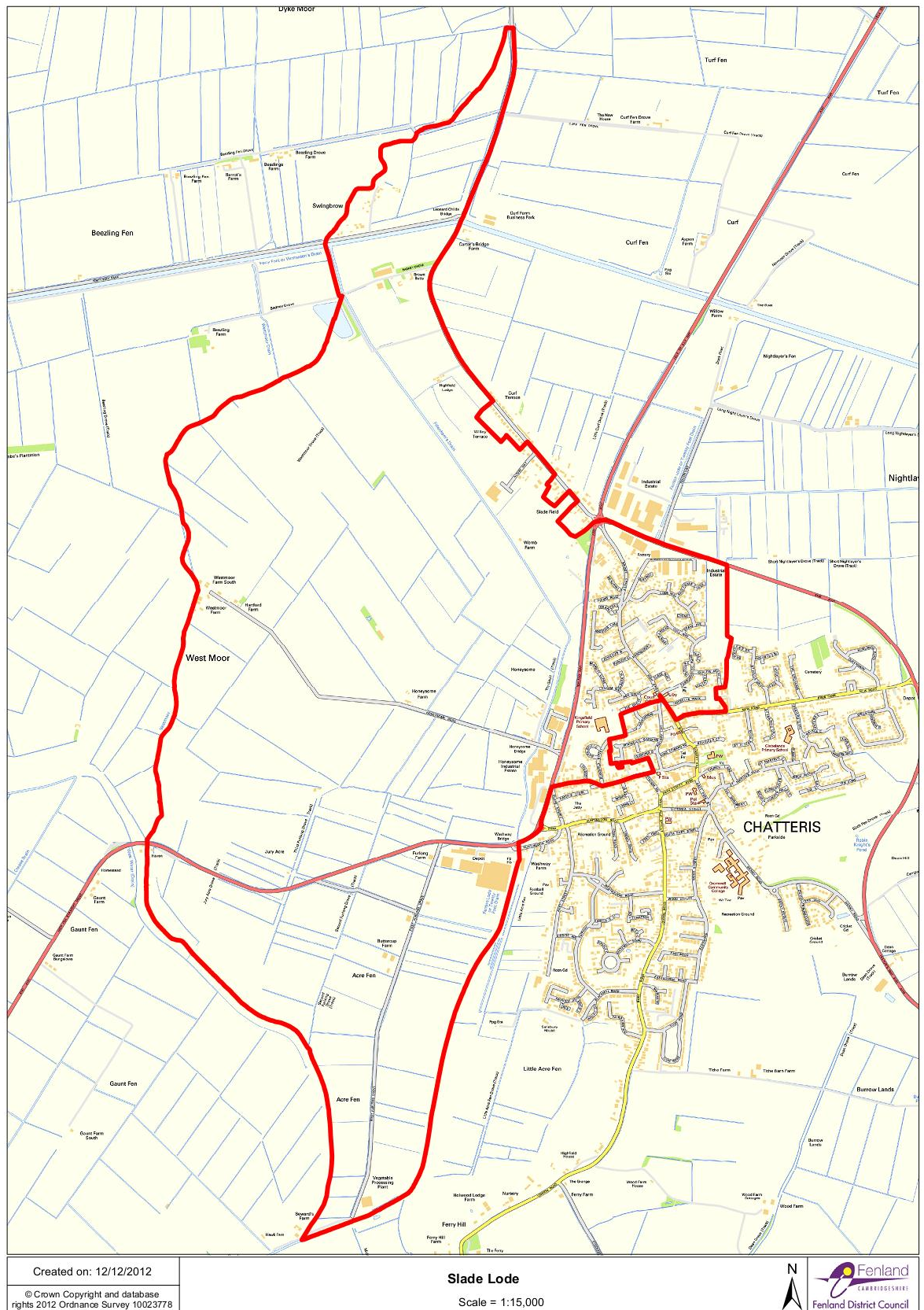
The District Council recommends that electors from the proposed Curlew Parish ward move from Birch ward into Slade Lode ward. Conversely it is proposed that electors from the LGBCE recommended Cuff parish ward should move from Slade Lode and back into the new Birch ward. This would result in the revised Birch ward being contained entirely within the Chatteris Electoral division, which renders the LGBCE proposal for the creation of the additional parish wards of Cuff and Curlew redundant. It is worthy of note that both the

District Council and Chatteris Town Council support the reduction of parish wards from the LGBCE suggestion of 7 down to 5.

The proposed Birch ward is made up primarily of suburban housing estates, to the south, the majority of which are subsidiary roads from the B1098. All of the housing estates contained within the proposed ward are connected by a series of footpaths facilitating links within the community. The northern aspect of the proposed ward is more rural in its nature encompassing aspects of the north- west approach road into the town Doddington Road and surrounding Curf fen. Residents in Curf and Willey Terrace have strong family connections and social links with the town regardless of the fact that they have to cross the A141 to access the town. The local school children attend Glebelands Primary School located centrally within the proposed ward. It is recommended Birch remains a single member ward.

3.2 SLADE LODGE WARD - CHATTERIS - SINGLE MEMBER WARD

2018 FORECAST ELECTORATE FIGURE 2260 – VARIANCE +9.8%



ROADS IN THE PROPOSED SLADE LODE WARD

Albert Way	Furrowfields Road	Pecks Yard
Angoods Lane	George Way	Plover Close
Ash Grove	Gipson Close	Pound Road
Badney Drove	Grenadiers Drive	Quaker Way
Beaufort Drive	Gull Way	Quayside
Beckett Way	Harbour Court	Railway Lane
Black Horse Lane	Heronshaw	Ravenscroft
Bridge Street	High Street	Second Drove
Burnsfield Estate	Honeysome Road	Slade Way
Burnsfield Street	Huntingdon Road	Station Street
Chapel Lane	Johnson Way	Teal Close
Coxs Lane	Kempston Court	Tern Gardens
Curlew Avenue	King William Court	The Grove
Cygnets Drive	Kingfisher Close	Treeway
Dobbs Yard	Larham Way	Westmoor Drove
Dock Road	Lindsells Walk	Whaleys Yard
Doddington Road	Lode Way	Windmill Mews
Drake Avenue	Mallard Close	
Fenland Way	Marritt Close	
First Drove	New Road	
First Furlong Drove	Old Station Place	
Forty Foot Bank	Parkers Close	

EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

The north and western boundaries are determined by the existing Chatteris parish boundary, therefore building on well-established communities of interest. The north eastern boundary adjoins the newly proposed Birch ward whilst also being determined by the existing Chatteris electoral division boundary. And to the south east it adjoins Wenneye ward. The revised north east boundary has moved which is further east than the original proposal submission, as electors from the LGBCE proposed Curlew Parish Ward should be transferred into Slade Lode Ward. This new proposal encapsulates the new ward of Slade Lode within the Forty Foot County electoral division; as a result the LGBCE proposal for the creation of additional Parish wards Cuff and Curlew are no longer necessary. Both District and Town Council colleagues have worked together to devise this proposal therefore both support this revised approach.

Slade Lode ward is rural in its nature to the West and is more urban in nature to the east. This mix effectively represents local interest as those more rural electors visit the town regularly to undertake shopping, attend the local GP surgery whilst children attend the local

primary schools Burnsfield Infants and Kind Edwards Junior school both of which are located with the proposed ward. It is proposed that Slade Lode is a single Member ward.

3.3 CHATTERIS PARISH WARD – HOW FEN

The District Council fully supports the recommendation put forward by the LGBCE in relation to the Manea District ward proposals. The Council recognises that this warding arrangement will facilitate the creation of an additional Parish ward within Chatteris. The LGBCE propose for this additional Parish Ward is to be named the Manea Parish Ward of Chatteris Town Council. District Councillors and Parish Council colleagues all agree the proposed name for this area will result in confusion for electors. As a result the revised proposal is to name this Parish Ward, How Fen which reflects the name of the location it encompasses and is recognised by local residents as such. It is recommended that How Fen Parish ward is represented by one Parish Councillor.

3.4 MARCH TOWN SUMMARY

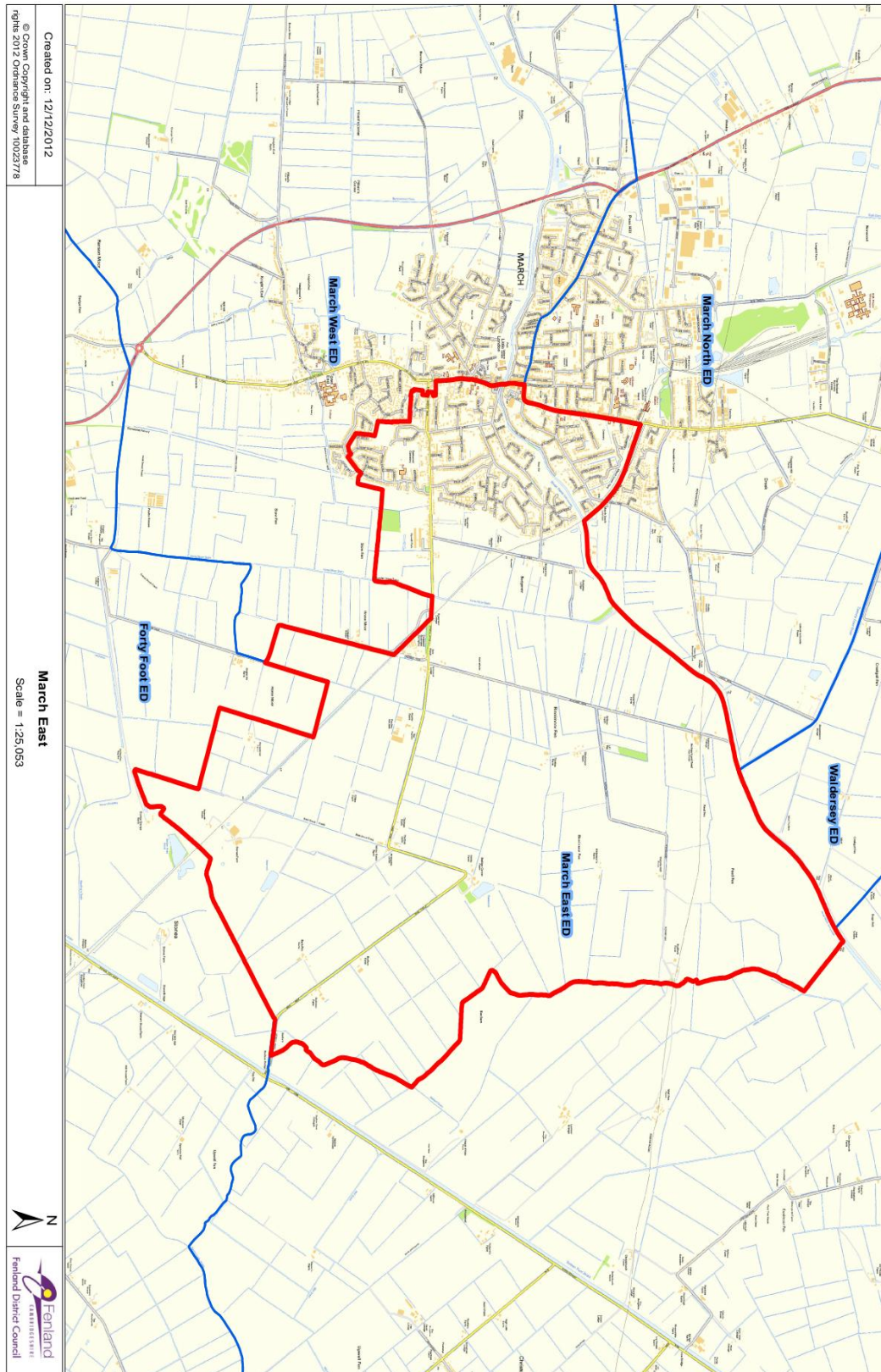
The District Council recognises the fact the LGBCE endorsed the original District submission for March town without amendment; however the original proposals have resulted in the creation of 3 additional Parish Wards within March. This would result in March having six parish wards in total. Both District and Town Council Members feel strongly that District and Parish ward boundaries should be co-terminous as they reflect local communities. Achieving boundary alignment between wards and parishes will also reduce the potential for elector confusion when taking part in the democratic process.

As a result the District Council has worked to put forward a warding scheme which reflects all three of the LGBCE criteria, whilst also achieving co-terminosity between Parish wards, District wards and County Electoral Divisions and therefore removing the requirement for the proposed six parish wards in the town back to the current three. This proposal will return the number of parish councillors representing each of the parish wards to four per parish ward, which also facilitates electoral equality within the parish warding arrangement. Each of the three Parish wards would also reflect the naming convention of the proposed District wards providing further transparency and clarity to electors.

The District Council continues to support a warding arrangement of three, three Member wards for March, as this arrangement best reflects the established communities within the town. This has been a long established governance arrangement within March and due to the relative density of population, it is felt that three Member warding arrangements provide electors ease of accessibility to their elected representatives.

3.5 MARCH EAST WARD - THREE MEMBER WARD

2018 FORECAST ELECTORATE FIGURE 6044 – NUMBER OF ELECTORS PER COUNCILLOR 2015
VARIANCE -2%



ROADS IN THE PROPOSED MARCH EAST WARD

Abbeygate Court	Grounds Avenue	Rodham Road
Alberts Drive	Harebell Close	Rosedene Drive
Ashbeach Road	Haslehurst Close	Roses Close
Asplin Avenue	Heathcote Close	Scargells Lane
Badgeney End	Henry Orbell Close	Scargells Yard
Belmont Road	Heron Walk	Shaftesbury Avenue
Bevills Place	High Street	Shaftesbury Court
Binnimoor Road	Horsemoor Road	Sheppersons Grove
Bittern Way	Hunters Chase	Silt Road
Blue Ridge Gardens	Hurst Avenue	Smiths Drive
Breton Avenue	Jordans Close	South Drive
Britannia View	Kingfisher Close	St Johns Chase
Broad Street	Mallard Way	St Johns Road
Cavalry Drive	Mallett Close	St Peters Road
Cedar Close	Market Place	Station Road
Chandlers Way	Meadow Drive	Stonecross Way
Cleveland Bay	Mill View	Strawberry Way
Clydesdale Close	Mills Gardens	Suffolk Way
Collingwood Avenue	Milner Close	Swallow Way
Cotswold Close	Morton Avenue	Swift Close
Cowslip Place	Nene Parade	The Greys
Creek Road	New Park	The Parks
Deerfield Road	Norico Bay	The Shires
East Drive	North Drive	The Walnuts
Gimbert Square	Orchard Close	Thornton Road
Green Street	Orchard Road South	Upwell Park
Grounds Avenue	Papworth Road	Upwell Road
Harebell Close	Percheron Drive	Waterside Gardens
Haslehurst Close	Plover Drive	West Drive
Heathcote Close	Primrose Crescent	Wherry Close
Henry Orbell Close	River Drive	White Lion Close
Gimbert Square	Riverdown	Wigstones Road
Green Street	Robshaw Close	Wilkinson Close
		Willowherb Close

EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

It is proposed that March East ward is unchanged from the current operational warding structure. This proposal will meet all the LGBCE criteria and in addition will ensure that the Parish, Ward and County divisions are all entirely co-terminous. As mentioned previously

this will reduce the requirement for parish wards from the six currently proposed by the LGBCE, back down to the existing three.

The eastern and southern boundaries of the revised ward proposal are provided by the existing March (town) parish boundary, thus utilising existing parish structures, reflective of established communities, to create the new ward. The north and west boundaries are determined by the March East electoral division boundary. The ward is self sufficient encompassing shops, health care provision in addition to local places of worship. The ward also contains local primary school education facilities in the form of Cavalry Primary school. It is proposed to retain March East as a three Member ward.

3.6 MARCH NORTH WARD - THREE MEMBER WARD

2018 FORECAST ELECTORATE FIGURE 5846 – NUMBER OF ELECTORS PER COUNCILLOR 1949
VARIANCE -5%



ROADS IN THE PROPOSED MARCH NORH WARD

Acacia Grove	Norwood Crescent
Alder Close	Norwood Road
Alexander Gardens	Nursery Drive
Alfruda Close	Pacific Close
All Saints Close	Peterhouse Crescent
Alpha Street	Peyton Avenue
Ash Grove	Poplar Close
Atlantic Close	Princes Walk
Beech Grove	Prospect Road
Berryfield	Queen Street Close
Bramble Walk	Queens Street
Bronze Street	Regent Avenue
Burberry Close	Robingoodfellows Lane
Burn Street	Roman Way
Burnet Gardens	Russell Avenue
Campbell Way	Silver Street
Cawood Close	Smiths Chase
College Gardens	Southwell Close
County Road	St Marys Drive
Creek Fen	Station Road
Creek Road	Stephenson Close
Cromwell Road	Stevens Way
Dagless Way	Swan Court
Kingsley Street	Swanton Close
Laburnum Grove	The Green
Landau Way	The Hollies
Lime Grove	The Junction
Locomotive Drive	The Laurels
Longhill Road	Wake Road
Maple Grove	West Close
Marsh Close	Westwood Avenue
Mayors Close	Wheel Centre
Meadowlands	Whitemoor Road
Middle Road	Whittlesey Road
Nightall Drive	Wisbech Road
North Street	Woodville Drive
Norwalde Street	
Norwood Avenue	

EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

The northern boundary is provided by the existing March (town) parish boundary along Twenty Foot River. The eastern and southern boundary is informed by the existing March North electoral division. The new proposal will ensure complete co-terminosity between the March North Parish ward, District ward and March North electoral division therefore achieving significant levels of voter connection and identity with the proposals.

Due to the nature of the ward, it is self sufficient containing shops, schools including Westwood Junior school, Maple Grove Infants school and All Saints inter-church Primary school, all of which are a hub for local community activities. In addition the ward contains one of the largest employers in the town, Whitemoor prison therefore transport links within the area are well established. In addition the Prison social club also provides a focus for local social events. It is proposed that March North remains a three Member ward.

3.7 MARCH WEST WARD – THREE MEMBER WARD

2018 FORECAST ELECTORATE FIGURE 6540 – NUMBER OF ELECTORS PER COUNCILLOR 2180
VARIANCE +6%



ROADS IN THE PROPOSED MARCH WEST WARD

Almond Drive	Cousins Close	Oxbow Crescent
Anglers Close	Cricketers Close	Park View East
Apple Grove	Cross Road	Park View West
Apple Tree Close	Crown Close	Peas Hill Road
Aspenwood Grove	Dahlia Close	Pentland Way
Babble Close	Daisy Avenue	Phillips Chase
Barkers Lane	Dartford Road	Pierson Court
Beck Close	Deben Close	Plowright Close
Birchwood Avenue	Deptford Close	Poppy Lane
Blossom Terrace	Gas Road	Princess Avenue
Bluebell Way	Gaul Road	Ravenhill Drive
Bosworth Way	Grange Road	Rectory Drive
Boundary Drive	Grays Lane	Richards Close
Bradshaw Court	Hakes Drove	Richmond Avenue
Brewin Avenue	Harvester Close	Riverbank Close
Broad Street	Heritage Way	Swale Close
Brook Close	High Street	Swanley Gardens
Brooks Road	Hook Drove	Sycamore Close
Burrowmoor Road	Hussars Court	The Avenue
Butt Avenue	Ingoldsby Close	The Birches
Buttercup Close	Ireton Way	The Bramleys
Camargue Drive	Jobs Lane	The Causeway
Causeway Close	Jones Close	The Chase
Causeway Gardens	Kelsey Way	The Windsors
Cavalry Drive	Kent Way	Town End Pits Lane
Cavalry Park	Kingswood Road	Truman Avenue
Chapel Street	Kirk Ogden Close	Turnbull Road
Cherryholt Avenue	Knights End Road	Waveney Drive
Cherrywood Avenue	Lewis Close	West End
Cherrywood Green	Linwood Lane	West Fen Drove
Chestnut Crescent	Maiden Stile Close	White Horse Gardens
Church Close	Marina Drive	Whitemoor Road
Church Street	Marram Court	Whittlesey Road
City Road	Marylebone Road	Willow Drive
Clover Close	Middle Road	Wimblington Road
Coalville Close	Mill Hill Lane	Windsor Drive
Coleseed Road	Millfield Close	Wisbech Road
Coneywood Road	Monte Long Close	Woodlands Avenue
Conway Close	Monument View	Worsley Chase
Corn Mill	Oak Tree Close	Yardy Close
Coronation Close	Olivers Way	Yarrow Close
	Orwell Drive	

EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

The proposed March West Ward covers the whole of the western section of the town, hence electors will easily identify with the ward name. The south and western boundaries are provided by the existing March (town) Parish boundary with the north and eastern boundaries being informed by the existing March West Electoral Division. This proposal will ensure all boundaries for the March West Parish ward, District ward and March West electoral division are completely aligned. This proposal eradicates the need for any additional wards within March Parish.

The new proposal for this ward is that similar to the other March wards, March West retains the current status quo and therefore it remains unchanged from the current operating ward structure. Strong local feedback is also supportive of this view as the current warding structure reflects local communities. The ward like others within the town is self sufficient containing effective transport links, shops and school facilities. It is proposed March West is a three Member Ward.

3.8 WISBECH SUMMARY

A further consultation exercise was undertaken with all Members following publication of the draft LGBCE electoral proposals. As a result of this further consultation exercise, a consensus of opinion was reached regarding the LGBCE proposal to create Market Parish ward. The main issues this proposal highlighted is the fact that the proposed Market Parish ward contains less than 150 electors within its boundary, which all Members agreed does not represent a recognised community within the town nor does the proposal reflect electoral equality.

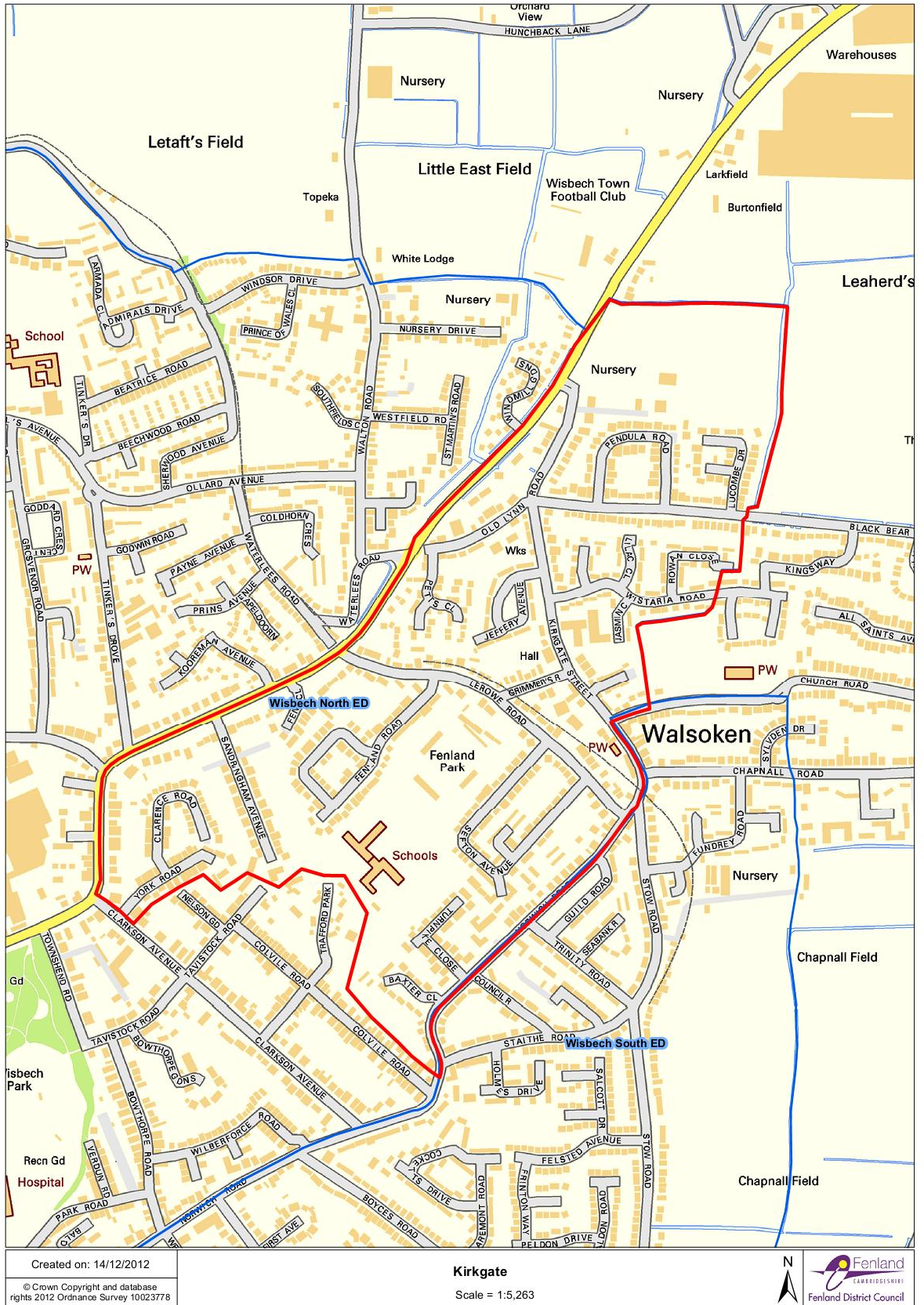
Subsequently Members are keen to absorb the proposed Market parish ward back into Medworth ward as opposed to Clarkson. This would encapsulate Clarkson ward within the curtilage of Wisbech North electoral division, therefore eliminating the requirement to create the new Market Parish Ward. Whilst this proposal resolved the issue of the additional parish ward it had a knock on impact on the warding structure within the north and south of the town. As a result Members would like to put forward a revised submission in relation to these areas.

As a result of the revised warding proposals, Wisbech Town would return to the existing seven Parish wards currently in existence, rather than the LGBCE proposed eight. The reduction in the number of Parish wards is achieved as the revised proposals ensure co-terminosity is re-established between parish wards, district wards and electoral divisions therefore this would not impact on the existing number of town councillors or the areas they currently represent.

The three wards contained within Wisbech North electoral division are Waterlees Village Ward, Kirkgate and Clarkson. A consensus of opinion has been reached with the Members representing the north of the town, all agree that Waterlees Village ward should remain in accordance with the original proposal, due to the strong sense of community established in the area. In addition all agreed that the ward boundaries for Waterlees Village ward are strong geographical boundaries arising from the external Fenland District boundary to the north, with Lynn Road providing the eastern boundary and Mount Pleasant Road representing the south western boundary. As a result the new proposal only affects Kirkgate ward and Clarkson ward to the north of the town. The wards to the south of the town contained within the Wisbech South electoral division include Medworth, Staithe and Octavia Hill wards, all wards within this electoral division are subject to a new proposal in order to ensure compliance with the LGBCE criteria of electoral equality, communities of interest and effective and convenient Local Government.

3.9 KIRKGATE WARD - WISBECH – SINGLE MEMBER WARD

2018 FORECAST ELECTORATE FIGURE 2033 – VARIANCE -1%



ROADS IN THE PROPOSED KIRKGATE WARD

Baxter Close	Norwich Road
Black Bear Lane	Oaklands Drive
Church Road	Old Lynn Road
Clarence Road	Pendula Road
Clarkson Avenue	Petts Close
Fen Close	Rectory Gardens
Fenland Road	Rowan Close
Grimmers Road	Sandringham Avenue
Jasmin Close	Sefton Avenue
Jeffery Avenue	Steeple View
Kirkgate Street	Tavistock Road
Laburnum Close	Turnpike Close
Lebanon Drive	Wistaria Road
Lerowe Road	York Gardens
Lilac Close	York Road
Lucombe Drive	
Lynn Road	

EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

The north east boundary of the proposed Kirkgate ward is represented by the external Fenland District boundary. The newly proposed boundary to the south east follows Norwich Road until it reaches the back of Colville Road, where the boundary snakes round the back of Trafford Park, Tavistock Road and Nelson Road until it joins Clarkson Avenue. The north west boundary follows the B198 Lynn Road until it joins back to the external District boundary. As a result Trafford Park is transferred from Kirkgate ward to Clarkson Ward.

The ward is characterised by its urban feel, whilst it is not the town centre, it is a busy and densely populated area. There is a strong sense of community within the area, which has been further endorsed by local feedback. Transport links throughout the ward are well established as movement tends to focus around the two schools located within the ward, namely Clarkson Infant and Nursery schools. The area also centres on Fenland Park, which is the old site for Wisbech Town Football Club. It is proposed Kirkgate ward remains a single Member ward.

3.10 CLARKSON WARD - WISBECH - SINGLE MEMBER WARD

2018 FORECAST ELECTORATE FIGURE 2072 – VARIANCE +0.7%



ROADS IN THE PROPOSED CLARKSON WARD

Albany Road	Nelson Gardens
Balding Close	Norwich Road
Blencowe Terrace	Oakroyd Crescent
Bowthorpe Hall Gardens	Opportune Road
Bowthorpe Road	Palmers Place
Chase Street	Park Avenue
Clarkson Avenue	Park Road
Clarkson Court	Park Street
Colvile Road	Silver Street
De Havilland Road	St Augustines Road
Hampden Road	Sybil Road
Hanchant Court	Tavistock Road
Henry Street	Townshend Road
Hereward Road	Trafalgar Court
Kenlan Road	Trafford Park
King Street	Trafford Road
Legion Walk	Verdun Road
Lynn Road	Wellington Terrace
Marsh Walk	Wilberforce Road
Mill Close	William Road
Mount Pleasant Road	York Terrace

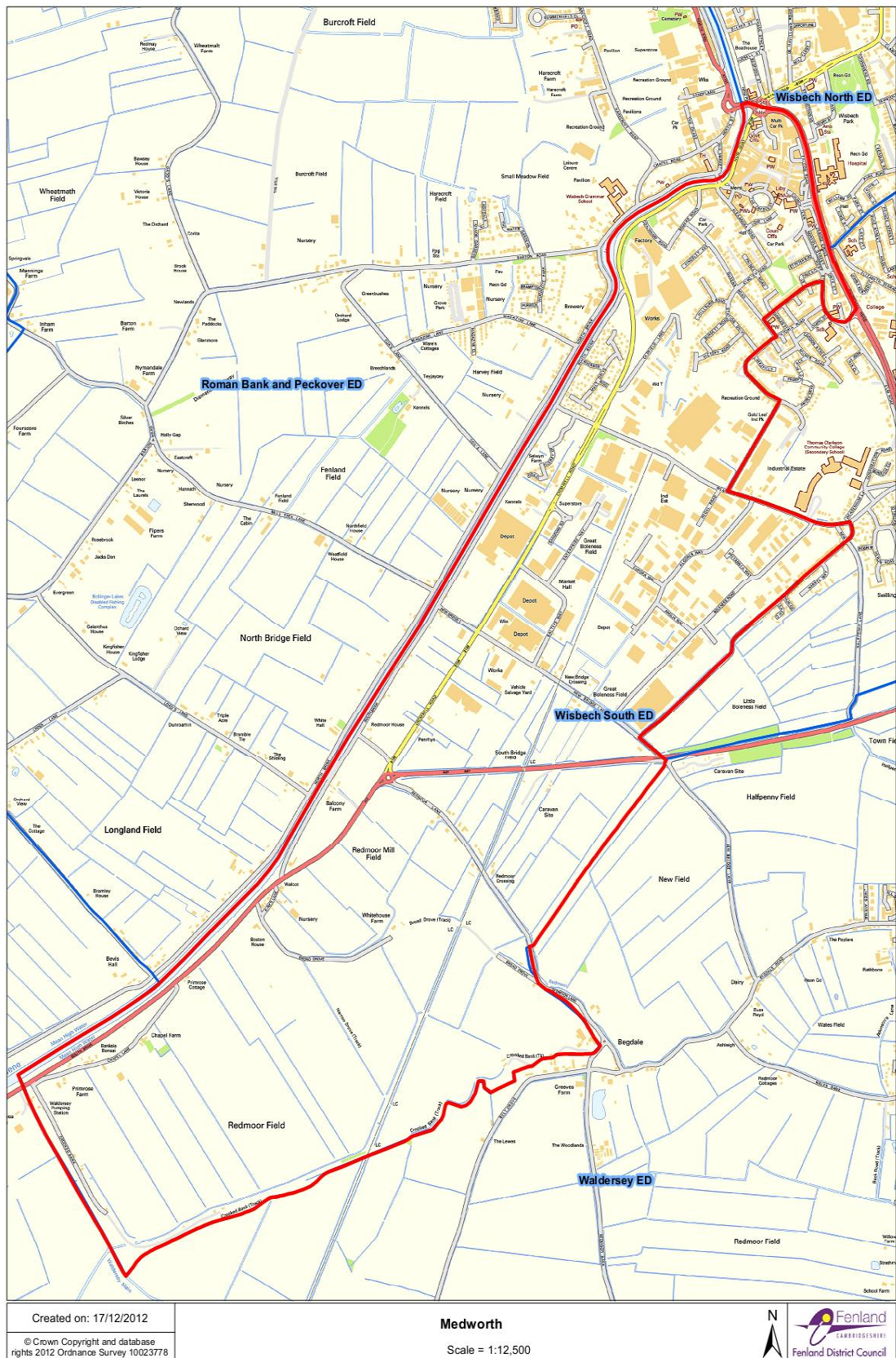
EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

Clarkson ward features one of the central areas of Wisbech. The northern boundary is provided by Mount Pleasant Road until it meets the junction of the B198 Lynn Road. The boundary follows Lynn road until it joins Clarkson Avenue. The boundary then snakes round the back of Nelson Road, Tavistock Road and Trafford Park along the rear of Colville Road until it meets the junction of Norwich Road. The western boundary is represented by Churchill Road joining the Nene River back to Mount Pleasant Road. The key change to this proposal from the original submission is that Clarkson ward now falls entirely within the Wisbech North Electoral Division, therefore the requirement for creating the additional Market parish ward is no longer required.

The ward is a busy and thriving community, containing an industrial area to the north and a greater density of electors to the east. At the heart of the ward is the award winning Wisbech Park which is a key feature of the community utilised by all age groups. Clarkson Avenue remains within the ward under this revised proposal which is where the area derived its name, thus fostering affinity and a sense of pride in the area. It is proposed Clarkson Ward remains a single Member ward.

3.11 MEDWORTH WARD - WISBECH – SINGLE MEMBER WARD

2018 FORECAST ELECTORATE FIGURE 2183 – VARIANCE +6%



ROADS IN THE PROPOSED MEDWORTH WARD

Abraham Drive	Hill Street	Onyx Court
Albion Place	Hillburn Road	Orange Grove
Alexandra Road	Hogherds Lane	Post Office Lane
Blackfriars Road	John Thompson Road	Princes Road
Broad Drove	Kings Road	Queens Road
Burdett Road	Kings Walk	Railway Road
Cannon Street	Kingsley Avenue	Redmoor Lane
Castle Mews	Lickings Drove	Rigg Close
Chapel Lane	Little Church Street	Riverside Way
Chestnut Road	Loring Lane	Sandall Road
Church Mews	Love Lane	School Lane
Church Terrace	Malt Drive	Scrimshires Passage
Cox Close	Market Place	Somers Court
Crescent Passage	Market Street Museum Square	Somers Road
Cromwell Road	Nene Quay	South Brink
Crooked Bank	New Bell Lane	St Pauls Close
Ellerby Drive	New Bridge Lane	St Peters Road
Elm Road	New Drove	Station Drive
Ely Place	New Inn Yard	The Crescent
Falcon Road	Norfolk Street	Union Place
Fardell Road	Norwich Street	Union Street
Gordon Court	Old Convent Fields	Victoria Road
Great Eastern Road	Oldfield Lane	Weasenham Lane
High Street		West Street
		Wisbech Bypass
		York Row

EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

The revised proposal for Medworth ward broadly reflects the existing ward. It is proposed the northern boundary reverts back to the existing location running along Churchill Road as this is also the northern boundary for Wisbech South Electoral Division. The revision to this proposal encases Medworth ward within the curtilage of Wisbech South Electoral Division therefore eradicating the need to create Market Parish Ward. The remainder of the ward remains largely unchanged from the existing structure. The only change of note is the eastern boundary which skirts Onyx Court and West Street therefore removing them from Octavia Hill ward and placing them within the boundary of Medworth Ward, therefore improving electoral equality within the ward.

Medworth ward adjoins Clarkson to the north, Octavia Hill to the east and Peckover to the west. The revised proposal still encapsulates the town centre in addition to key commercial areas of Wisbech, including Cromwell Road developments, thus ensuring effective road


networks across the ward, supporting effective and convenient local Government. It is proposed that Medworth ward remains a single Member ward.

3.12 OCTAVIA HILL WARD - WISBECH – DUAL MEMBER WARD

2018 FORECAST ELECTORATE FIGURE 4321 – ELECTORS PER COUNCILLOR 2272 VARIANCE

+5%



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ROADS IN THE PROPOSED OCTAVIA HILL WARD

Albert Court	First Avenue	Prospect Place
Arles Avenue	Flanders Row	Provence Place
Artillery Street	Fourth Avenue	Quaker Lane
Awdry Drive	Golding Place	Queen Elizabeth Drive
Blenheim Way	Halfpenny Lane	Queens Road
Borough Close	Harrys Way	Railway Road
Boyces Road	Hazel Gardens	Ramnoth Road
Boyden Court	Heron Road	Raymond Street
Bruce Close	John F Kennedy Court	Redwing Drive
Camargue Place	Kestrel Drive	Rhone Place
Cannon Street	Kingfisher Drive	Robin Mews
Chapel Street	Kingswood Park	Roscoe Terrace
Churchill Road	Lake Court	Rose Fair Close
Copperfields	Larksfield	Second Avenue
Coppins Court	Leach Close	Seventh Avenue
Cordon Street	Les Baux Place	Sixth Avenue
Corporation Road	Lonsdale Terrace	Spartan Close
Discovery Walk	Mansell Road	Sunset Gardens
Duke Street	Meadowgate Lane	Third Avenue
Earl Street	Mikanda Close	Thurloe Close
Eighth Avenue	Milner Road	Trotwood Mews
Elizabeth Terrace	Money Bank	Victoria Place
Elm High Road	Mount Drive	Victoria Road
Elm Low Road	Nene Court	Weasenham Lane
Elm Road	New Drove	Wedgwood Drive
Falklands Drive	Norwich Road	West Street
Fifth Avenue	Pippin Place	Westmead Avenue
	Prince Street	Weston Road
		Wickfield Court
		Willow Way

EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

The key changes to the revised proposal for Octavia Hill ward is to the eastern boundary, rather than the boundary following Quaker Lane and Meadowgate Lane, it is proposed the boundary follows Boyces Road round to Moneybank, when it then snakes round the back of Glenfields Nursing home, to the rear of Copperfields until the point where the boundary rejoins Quaker lane. As a result Peckover Drive and Penrose Gardens transfer from Octavia Hill ward into Staithe ward, thus improving electoral equality across both areas, without having a detrimental impact on the community associations already established in the area.

The revised proposals to the ward retain the wards urban nature. It remains a busy ward benefitting from local schools including Ramnoth Junior school, The Nene County Infant and nursery schools, the College of West Anglia on Elm High Road in addition to the Thomas Clarkson Academy, all of which provide a focus for the community and support local community activities. It is recommended Octavia Hill ward remains a dual Member ward due to the density of population therefore ensuring local electors have accessibility to their locally elected representative.

3.13 STAITHE WARD - WISBECH – SINGLE MEMBER WARD

2018 FORECAST ELECTORATE FIGURE 2245 – VARIANCE +9%



ROADS IN THE PROPOSED STAITHE WARD

Ardleigh Close	Mayflower Road
Boyces Road	Meadowgate Lane
Bush Lane	Medway Close Money Bank
Chapnall Road	Musticott Place
Church Road	Norwich Close
Claremont Road	Norwich Road
Clayton Close	Oakley Close
Cocketts Drive	Octavia Close
Council Road	Orchard Drive
Felsted Avenue	Peckover Drive
Frinton Way	Peldon Drive
Fundrey Road	Penrose Gardens
Guild Road	Quaker Lane
Halstead Close	Rochford Walk
Hawkins Drive	Salcott Drive
Hermitage Close	Seabank Road
Holmes Drive	Staithe Road
Kirkgate Street	Stow Gardens
Maldon Road	

EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

The revised changes to Staithe Ward are minimal as three of the four ward boundaries are determined by the external Fenland District boundary. As a result the only proposed change affects the western boundary, where the ward adjoins Octavia Hill Ward. In summary rather than the boundary following Boyces Lane onto Moneybank and further onto Quaker Lane the revised boundary starts at Norwich Road until it joins Boyces Road which in turn joins Moneybank, the change occurs as the boundary continues along Moneybank until it joins the rear of Peckover Drive, Penrose Gardens and Mayflower Close the boundary then rejoins Quaker Lane until it terminates at the external Fenland District boundary. The effect of this change moves Peckover Drive, Penrose Gardens and Mayflower Close from Octavia Hill ward and into Staithe, therefore improving electoral equality. The revised Medworth ward, Octavia Hill ward and Staithe ward are all encompassed with the Wisbech South Electoral Division removing the need to create additional parish wards in the area.

The revised proposal retains Staithe Road within the ward which is where the name for the ward was derived, therefore ensuring local identity with the area. The ward also retains its urban feel, which are a key feature of the area. The ward is particularly well served by effective road networks due to the College of West Anglia Isle Campus, a further education facility for students aged 16+, the campus serves a substantial geographical area hence effective transport links are well established.

3.14 WHITTLESEY SUMMARY

Whittlesey Members are not supportive of the proposed LGBCE scheme for the town. The primary reason for the lack support for the LGBCE proposals arises from the suggested creation of an additional three parish wards within Whittlesey (town) Parish. Members do not agree that the proposed new Parish wards reflect electoral equality or communities of interest. Members believe there are natural boundaries within Whittlesey; i.e. B1040, A605, Railway line and the River which if utilised to formulate the ward boundaries would be more reflective of the different communities which make up the town.

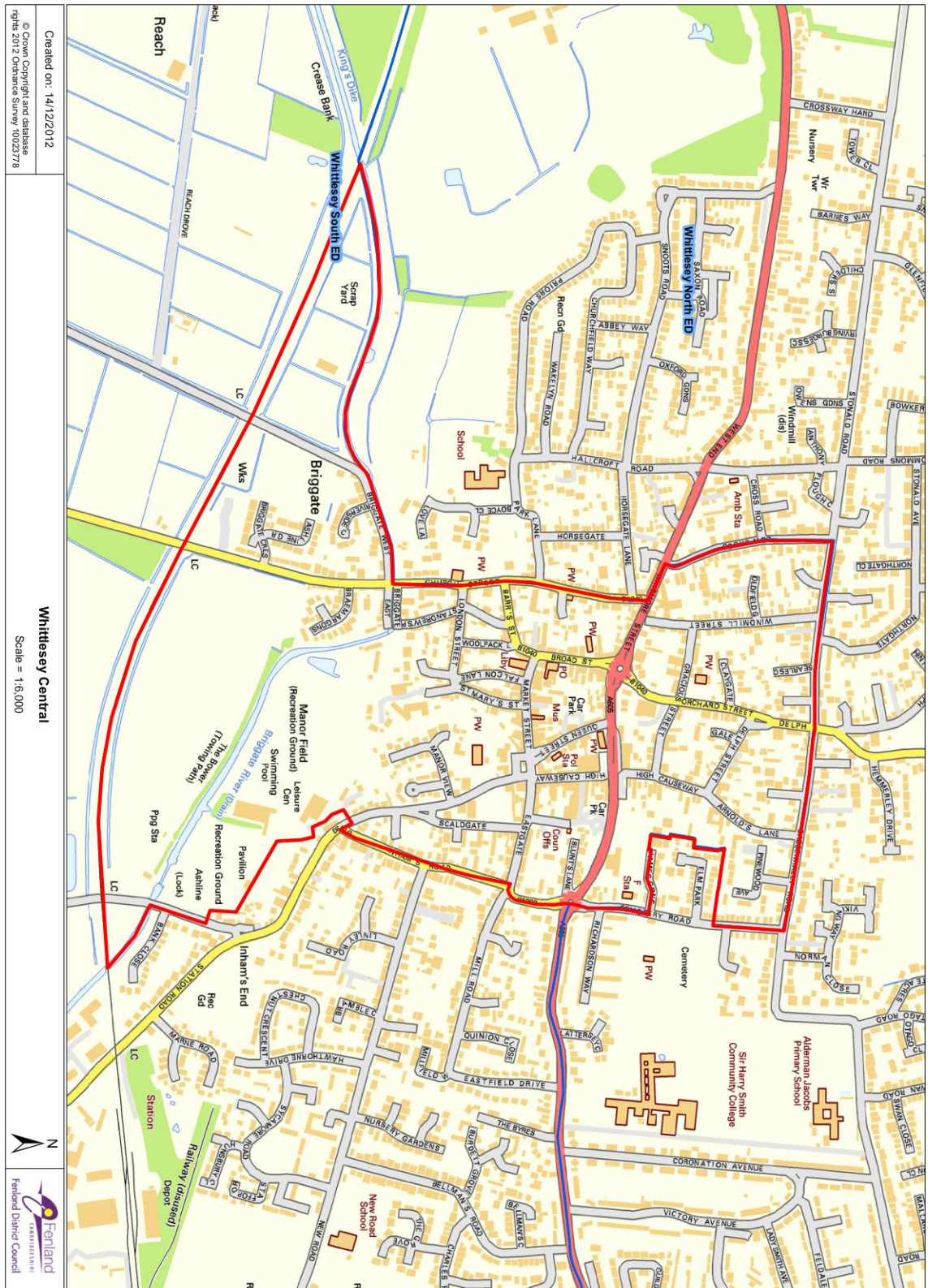
Members wish to put forward an alternative scheme for Whittlesey East and Whittlesey Central wards, which will coincide with the natural boundaries of the town, whilst also being reflective of local communities. In addition the revised proposals will ensure that both wards are situated within the Whittlesey South Electoral Division. This will eradicate the need for the creation of the additional proposed Finkle Parish Ward and Elm Parish Ward. Members accept that the proposed new Drybread Parish Ward will be required due to the new housing development which is planned for the area. As a result the revised District warding arrangements for Whittlesey East and Whittlesey Central will result in a reduction from the currently proposed ten Parish wards down to eight.

For the three remaining wards situated in the Whittlesey North Electoral Division, all Whittlesey Members feel very strongly that the new Drybread Parish Ward should be included within the curtilage of Whittlesey town rather than the Rural area, Benwick, Eastrea and Coates. Members feel very strongly the new development will be an integral part of Whittlesey town and therefore electors will associate and identify with the town far more than the rural areas, as suggested in the current proposal. The electors within this development will utilise the town's amenities for shopping, schooling and leisure activities. As well, there will be a dual access to this development; an access road from the A605 and an access road via Drybread Road. Members recognise this will create an under variance for Benwick, Coates and Eastrea, however there is strong evidence regarding community identity and effective and convenient local government as to why this should be the case.

Therefore for the three remaining wards, Whittlesey Members wish for this to reflect the natural boundaries of the town as stated above and incorporate Drybread Parish Ward from Benwick Coates and Eastrea into Whittlesey North East.

3.15 WHITTLESEY CENTRAL WARD - SINGLE MEMBER WARD

2018 FORECAST ELECTORATE FIGURE 1978 - VARIANCE -4%



ROADS IN THE PROPOSED WHITTLESEY CENTRAL WARD

Aliwal Road	Gilbert Close	Reubens Yard
Arnolds Lane	Gracious Street	River Terrace
Ashline Grove	Harpers Close	Riverside Close
Barrs Street	Harts Lane	Scaldgate
Bassenhally Court	High Causeway	Scaldgate Court
Bassenhally Road	Inhams Road	Searles Court
Bates Court	London Street	St Andrews Place
Blunts Lane	Low Cross	St Marys Street
Braemar Gardens	Manor View	Station Road
Briggate Crescent	Mansion Gardens	Syers Lane
Briggate East	Market Place	The Bower
Briggate West	Market Street	The Limes
Broad Street	Martin Court	The Old School Mews
Bruces Court	Meadow View	Turners Lane
Cemetery Road	Millers Court	Whitmore Street
Church Street	Monks Close	Windmill Street
Claygate	Old Crown Lane	Woolpack Lane
Delph	Oldfield Gardens	
Delph Street	Orchard Street	
Duddington Gardens	Paradise Lane	
Eastgate	Parkinsons Lane	
Eastgate Mews	Pinewood Avenue	
Edgars Row	Portland Place	
Garden Grove	Queen Street	
George Gardens	Ramsey Road	

EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

The north, west and southern boundaries of the revised Central ward are dictated by the boundaries of the Whittlesey South Electoral Division. The eastern boundary follows Cemetery Road to the rear of Elm Park into James Park until it rejoins Cemetery Road. The eastern boundary crosses the A605 down the B1093 Inhams Road to the junction with Station Road where it takes the rear of the Leisure Centre site via the recreation ground and terminates at the Whittlesey South Electoral division southern boundary. As the names suggests the proposed ward encapsulates the centre of the town which forms the heart of the ward. Good transport links exist within the proposed ward as electors travel to the town centre whilst also making use of the leisure centre and recreation grounds both of which

form the hub of local community activities. It is proposed Whittlesey Central remains a single Member Ward.

3.16 WHITTLESEY EAST WARD – SINGLE MEMBER WARD

2018 FORECAST ELECTORATE FIGURE 2179 –VARIANCE +6%



ROADS IN THE PROPOSED WHITTLESEY EAST WARD

Aliwal Road	Hunsbury Close
Bank Close	Inhams Court
Bellmans Close	Inhams Road
Bellmans Grove	Kendall Croft
Bellmans Road	Leeward Gardens
Bens Close	Linley Road
Bramble Close	Marne Road
Buckles Gardens	Mill Road
Burdett Grove	Millfield Way
Cemetery Road	Mountbatten Way
Charles Road	Mulberry Close
Cherry Tree Grove	Nene Close
Chestnut Crescent	New Road
Collins Court	Nursery Gardens
Debdale Court	Oldeamere Way
Diana Close	Palmer Close
Duckworth Close	Quinion Close
Eastfield Drive	Stafford Road
Eastgate	Station Road
Eastrea Road	Sycamore Road
Florence Close	The Byres
Ford Close	The Grove
Forge Close	The Rookery
Hannington Close	Walnut Close
Hawthorne Drive	Wild Boar Close
	Windsor Place

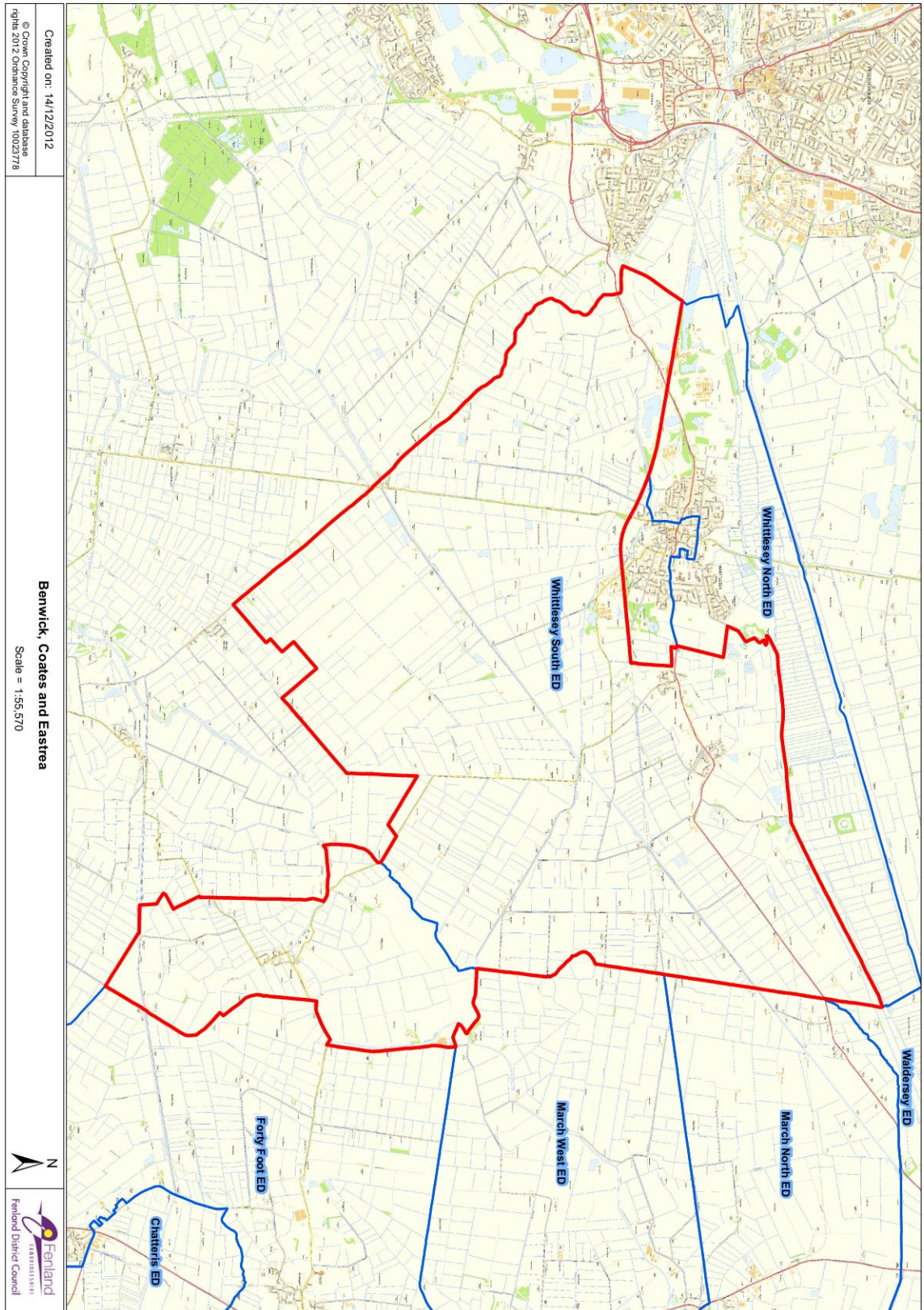
EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

The Whittlesey South Electoral Division boundary provides the newly proposed boundary to the north. The western boundary adjoins the newly proposed central ward, the southern boundary is represented by the railway line with the eastern boundary made up of the drain network up to Half Acre Drove Track and up to the Whittlesey south electoral division boundary in the north. Similar to the original proposal submitted by the District Council Whittlesey east ward encompasses Lattersey Field Nature Reserve and New Road Primary School both of which provide the basis for community activities and therefore provide the cohesion for the neighbourhood.

3.17 BENWICK, COATES AND EASTREA WARD – DUAL MEMBER WARD

2018 FORECAST ELECTORATE FIGURE 3604 – ELECTORS PER COUNCILLOR 1802 VARIANCE –

-12%



ROADS IN THE PROPOSED BENWICK, COATES AND EASTREA WARD

Aliwal Road	Jones Lane
Alpha Close	Kelful Close
Bakehouse Close	Kings Close
Barnfield Gardens	Kings Delph
Beggars Bridge	Kings Delph Drove
Benwick Road	Kings Dyke
Bevills Pasture	Lilyholt Road
Blackbush Drove	March Road
Blackthorn Court	Marriotts Drove
Bryony Close	Mayfield Road
Buntings Drove	Nene Parade
Burnthouse Road	Neneside
Burnthouse Sidings	Nobles Close
Cambers New Drove	North Green
Cambridge Row	Oilmills Road
Chapel Gardens	Old West Estate
Chapel Lane	Peakes Drive
Chaplins Close	Quakers Drove
Chase Road	Ramsey Road
Church Gardens	Reach Drove
Coates Road	Red Barn
Cock Bank	River Close
Crease Bank	School Close
Cricketers Way	Skeifs Row
Cross Drove	Slatebarn Drove
Doddington Road	South Green
Drybread Road	Springfields
Duncombes Road	Station Road
Eastrea Road	Storers Walk
Eldernell Lane	Summerfield Way
Farcet Road	Sunnyville Road
Fields View	The Drove
Fieldside	The Fold
Floods Ferry Road	The Old Orchard
Forty Foot Bank	Thornham Way
Fountain Close	Turf Drove
Glassmoor Bank	Turningtree Road
Green Lane	Underwood Close
Grounds Way	White Hart Drive
Hakes Drove	Whitecross
Hartlands	Whittlesey Road
Heron Way	Willowbrook Drive
High Street	Wisbech Road
Ibbersons Drove	Wype Road
Jones Drove	

EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

The revised proposal for the dual Member Ward Benwick, Coates and Eastrea encompass minimal changes from the original July 2012 District Council submission. The most significant changes of note are to the north western boundary. The original submission recommended the newly created Drybread Parish Ward should form part of Benwick, Coates and Eastrea District Ward, however having given the matter further consideration Members believe electors living within Drybread Parish ward will have an affinity with the town, children will attend schools within the town rather than schools within the nearby villages, therefore providing a clear distinction between those two communities. The newly proposed Benwick Coates and Eastrea Ward will fall entirely within the Whittlesey South Electoral Division, providing further evidence of long established communities in this area. Members recognise this will reduce the number of electors within the Ward however believe the protection of communities of interest outweighs the issue of an electoral variance. It is proposed that Benwick, Coates and Eastrea remains a dual Member ward.