



COUNCIL

**Meeting: Thursday, 25th September 2014 at 19.00 hours
in Civic Suite, North Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2EP**

ADDENDUM 2

The following items although provided for on the agenda front sheet were not available at the time of dispatch:

8.	HOUSING FUTURES - OUTCOME OF TENANT BALLOT ON HOUSING TRANSFER (PAGES 5 - 10) To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure concerning the outcome of the tenant ballot on the housing transfer.
12.	BOUNDARY REVIEW - PROPOSED WARDING PATTERNS (PAGES 11 - 36) Revised Appendix 2.

Yours sincerely

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Martin Shields
Corporate Director of Services and Neighbourhoods

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Gloucester City Council

Meeting:	Council	Date:	25 September 2014
Subject:	Housing Futures – Outcome of Tenant Ballot on Housing Transfer		
Report Of:	Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure		
Wards Affected:	All		
Key Decision:	No	Budget/Policy Framework:	Yes
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Appendices:	A. Table of Stock Transfer Results		

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FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform Members of the outcome of the ballot of all Council tenants in accordance with Stage 2 of the formal consultation.
- 1.2 To agree to the immediate steps necessary to progress with transfer, including the seeking of all relevant consents and finalisation of terms of the transfer agreement to be put in place between the Council and Gloucester City Homes. The transfer agreement will set out the detailed contractual terms agreed with Gloucester City Homes between now and completion of the transfer.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Council is asked to **RESOLVE** that:

- (1) The positive result of the tenants' ballot in respect of the proposed transfer to Gloucester City Homes be noted and a Stage 3 statutory notice be served on tenants informing them of the result and explaining their right to make representations to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.
- (2) Negotiation on the detailed terms of the proposed transfer to Gloucester City Homes should proceed. The Council's final approval of the terms of the transfer will be sought before the transfer takes place.

- (3) An application be made to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for all necessary statutory consents in respect of the proposed transfer at the appropriate time. Completion of the transfer will be subject to the required consents being received.
- (4) Officers be authorised to take any steps necessary on behalf of the Council to enable Gloucester City Homes to be converted as soon as possible to a Community Benefit Society (previously known as an Industrial & provident Society) and support its registration as a registered provider of social housing with charitable objects.
- (5) Authority be given to the Council's Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Housing, Health & Leisure to consider and resolve all matters on behalf of the Council in relation to the proposed transfer to Gloucester City Homes subject to the Council's final approval of the terms of the transfer.

3. MAIN TEXT INCLUDING ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED/ CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 3.1 Following on from the formal consultation (Stage 1) with the Council's tenants, leaseholders and shared-owners the Council on the 14th August 2014 resolved that:
 - (1) No changes should be made to the Council's 'offer' as contained within the 'Offer Document' dated 7 July 2014 and that no further clarification is required.
 - (2) The Council proceed to Stage 2 of the formal consultation (the tenants' ballot) and to issue a formal Stage 2 letter to the Council's secure and introductory tenants.
 - (3) The Council also proceeds to a good practice stage 2: test of opinion of leaseholders and shared-owners that requests they formally express their opinion in favour or against the proposal to transfer their homes to Gloucester City Homes.
 - (4) If the recommendations within this report are accepted, note that the results of the ballot and test of opinion will be separately reported to the next meeting of the Council that follows the closing date of the ballot and test of opinion and include recommendations about future actions and statutory notices.

Facts Supporting the Proposed Decision

- 3.2 Gloucester City Council has consulted with its secure and introductory tenants on a proposal to transfer its housing stock and associated assets to Gloucester City Homes, an independent, not-for-profit, social landlord which will be registered with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).
- 3.3 After the outcome of the formal Stage 1 consultation on the Offer Document was reported to Council on 14th August 2014, a Stage 2 letter was issued, and a ballot of secure and introductory tenants has been independently undertaken by Electoral Reform Society on behalf of the Council. In addition, to demonstrate good practice, leaseholders and shared-owners have been formally asked to give their opinion on the proposed transfer.

- 3.4 Tenants were balloted as to whether they supported the transfer proposal and it is a requirement by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, to evidence the level of support from the City's tenants for transfer.

The Ballot

- 3.5 The ballot of the Council's secure and introductory tenants commenced on the 28th August 2014 and ended on 24th September 2014, with 63.7% of tenants (3,357) voting and, after discounting 23 blank or spoilt papers, 89.1% (2,969) of votes cast were in favour of transfer (See Appendix A).
- 3.6 This equates to 56.3% of the overall number of tenants eligible to vote being in favour of transfer. Even if all of those who did not use their vote had voted against transfer, the overall outcome would still have been in favour of transfer.
- 3.7 In view of this strong ratio (8 to 1) in favour of the proposal from the Council's tenants, it is recommended that the Council proceeds with the stock transfer proposal.
- 3.8 For information, the test of opinion of the leaseholders and shared-owners also showed that the majority (79%) of those voting, support the transfer of the leases to GCH (see Appendix A).

Alternatives considered

- 3.9 Alternatives to stock transfer were explained in previous reports to Council.

Consultation proposed/undertaken

- 3.10 This report identifies the outcome of a formal consultation exercise with all secure and introductory Council tenants.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The financial implications of this proposal have been fully set out in the previous reports to Cabinet and Council.

(Financial Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report)

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 The transfer process to date has been subject to scrutiny and evaluation by the Council's and GCH's jointly appointed legal advisors – Trowers & Hamblins LLP. During the post ballot period the Council will be represented by Anthony Collins Solicitors who have already provided independent scrutiny for the Council during the pre-ballot phase.
- 5.2 The formal consultation and ballot process, as stipulated by the Government in the Housing Transfer Manual 2013 and the statutory requirements contained in the Housing Act 1985 Schedule 3A – have been thoroughly observed.

(Legal Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report)

6.0 Risk and Opportunity Management Implications

- 6.1 If the Council does not agree to transfer the housing stock to GCH, the housing stock will remain within the local authority housing finance system.
- 6.2 The impact and risks associated with remaining with the Council have been explored in detail in the Offer Document and summarised in **Paragraph 6.3** below.
- 6.3 The following could occur if the Council continues to manage and maintain the housing stock under the self-financing system:
- Potential increase in tenant dissatisfaction;
 - Undermining the investment made over the last eight years to achieve the Decent Homes Standard;
 - Potential loss of availability for rent of up to a third of the Council's housing stock as properties fall into disrepair
 - Likely increase in response repair costs due to lack of necessary resources;
 - Potential increase in health related problems for tenants;
 - Increasing difficulty in keeping the Housing Revenue Account in balance, with likely consequential reductions in staff;
 - Little or no investment possible in the local environment on estates;
 - Possible future reductions in service standards; and
 - Very little possibility of building new homes in the near future.

7.0 People Impact Assessment

- 7.1 A people impact assessment has been fully set out in the previous reports to Cabinet and Council.
- 7.2 The promises, as set out in the 'Offer Document', which will be embodied in the Transfer Agreement between the Council and GCH, seek to ensure that there is a common standard for all tenants - so that all will benefit equally.
- 7.3 In addition, there are provisions aimed at maintaining or improving the quality of life for:
- those who have some form of disability;
 - those who are elderly;
 - those who are young;
 - families
 - those who are in poverty; and
 - those who live in those parts of the City which are more deprived.

8.0 Other Corporate Implications

Community Safety

- 8.1 Refurbishment of existing homes, regeneration of estates and the provision of new build housing will also contribute positively to enhanced levels of community safety as existing and new homes will incorporate more “Secure by Design” measures as recommended by the Association of Chief Police Officers.

Environmental

- 8.2 Refurbishment of existing homes, regeneration of estates and the provision of new build housing will also contribute positively to enhanced levels of sustainability as existing and new homes will incorporate more environmental sustainability measures as recommended by the Government and adopted as best practice by the social housing sector.

Staffing / Trade Union

- 8.3 None directly arising from this aspect of the transfer process but as has been set out in previous reports, there will be a small number of employees of the Council who may be subject to a Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) Regulations (TUPE) transfer of staff at the time of the actual transfer of homes.
- 8.4 In due course there are likely to be further implications, which would involve staff transferring under TUPE at the end of any Service Level Agreement entered into on transfer coming to an end. The scope of this exercise is currently being explored as the project develops and this will be subject to a further report to Council before the transfer takes place.

Background Documents:

There are no background documents.

Gloucester City Council Stock Transfer Ballot

Voting closed noon 24 September 2014

Result Announcement 25 September 2014

Official Tenant Ballot Result

	Number	Percentage %
Total electorate tenants eligible	5,273	
Total votes cast (Turnout)	3,357	63.7%
Less spoiled/invalid votes	23	
Total valid votes cast	3,334	100%
Voting NO	365	10.9%
Voting YES	2,969	89.1%
Votes cast other than by post	533	15.9%

Yes/No ratio of votes - 8 to 1

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Leaseholder and Shared-Owners Test of Opinion

	Number	Percentage %
Total electorate leaseholders / shared-owners eligible	395	
Total votes cast (Turnout)	141	35.7%
Less spoiled/invalid votes	3	
Total valid votes cast	138	100
Voting NO	29	21.0%
Voting YES	109	79.0%

Ward Changes Agreed by the Boundary Review Working Group

Name of Ward	Number of Cllrs per Ward	Electorate 2014	Variance 2014	Electorate 2020	Variance 2020
Barton and Tredworth	3	7,697	5.91%	7,928	2.27%
Kingsholm and Wotton	2	5,156	6.41%	5265	1.81%
Kingsway (new Ward)	2	3841	-20.8%	5,018	-3%
Quedgeley Field Court	2	4535	-5.8%	5424	4.95%
Longlevens	3	7,689	-0.9%	7806	0.69%
Tuffley	2	4,707	-3%	4,720	-9.4%
Elmbridge	2	4,998	3.1%	5,094	-1.5%
Quedgeley Severnvale	2	4,831	-0.3%	4,912	-4.96%

Agreed Changes to Wards Without Cross-Party Agreement to

- a) Current Westgate Ward boundary remaining unchanged and to have 3 Councillors, but no agreement on whether it could be split into more than 1 ward.
- b) Polling District M1A from Quedgeley Severnvale Ward to the Ward currently known as Grange Ward, but no agreement on other boundaries for Grange.

Wards Without Cross-Party Agreement

- Westgate
- Abbey
- Barnwood
- Grange
- Hucclecote
- Matson and Robinswood
- Moreland
- Podsmead

Gloucester Boundary Review

Existing Ward Name : Barton and Tredworth

Proposed Ward Name : Barton and Tredworth

Electorate at 2014 : 7697

Electorate at 2020 : 7928

Proposed Representation: Three Councillors

Variance from the Average: 2.27%

(Figures based on 39 Councillors, 2020 projection)

Detail

The proposed Ward will be coterminous with the Existing Ward.

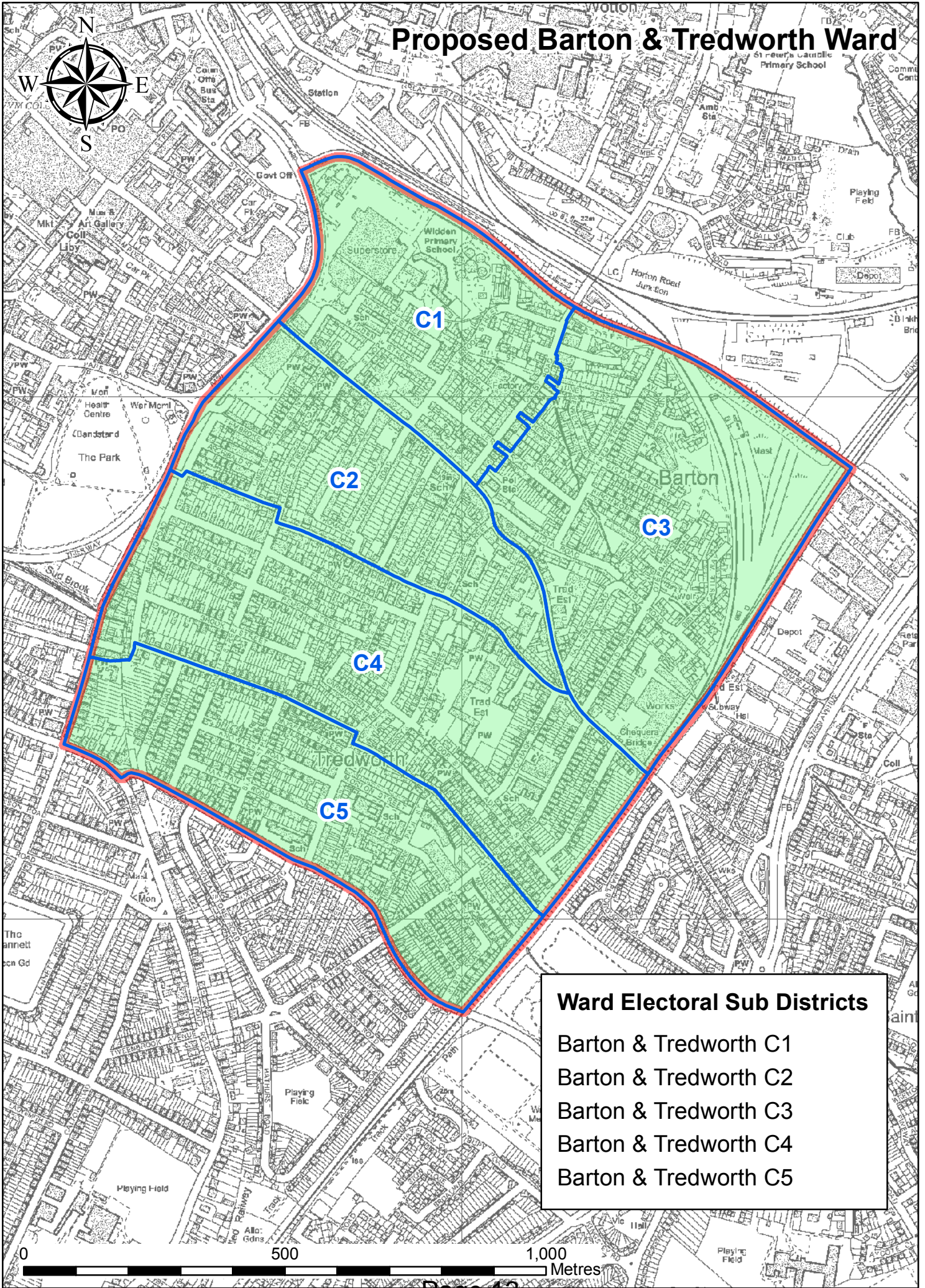
Barton and Tredworth is a well established Ward with three Councillors. It is in a central position in Gloucester near the bus and train station. It is a Ward with 45 different communities with an estimated 50 different languages spoken.

The Ward has distinct Boundaries formed by major roads on three sides and the main railway line on the other.

The community facilities consist of several community centres for the community, a junior school and a primary school, doctors' surgery, police station, and various places of worship for the multi-faith community. The Ward also has a superstore, various shops, cafes and restaurants.

The electoral equality of the proposed Ward is satisfactory and follows LGBCE guidelines.

Proposed Barton & Tredworth Ward



Ward Electoral Sub Districts

- Barton & Tredworth C1
- Barton & Tredworth C2
- Barton & Tredworth C3
- Barton & Tredworth C4
- Barton & Tredworth C5

Gloucester Boundary Review

Existing Ward Name : Elmbridge

Proposed Ward Name : Elmbridge

Electorate at 2014 : 4,998

Electorate at 2020 : 5094

Proposed Representation: 2 Councillors

Variance from the Average: -1.5%

(Figures based on 39 Councillors, 2020 projected figures)

Detail

Elmbridge Ward is located north of the City. It shares a boundary with the Wards of Barnwood, Kingsholm and Wotton, Longlevens and farmland beyond the City boundary. The Ward is a well established Ward with a mature residential area which has the associated facilities such as schools and playing fields.

The proposed Ward will be coterminous with the existing ward, apart from where a boundary change along the road boundary of Horton Road and Cheltenham Road rather than the boundary of Wotton Brook which will bring approx 411 electors from Kingsholm and Wotton Ward to Elmbridge Ward. This will also improve electoral equality in Elmbridge Ward. The proposed Ward will continue to have 2 Councillors.

The Ward has two doctors' surgeries and one dentists surgery.

The Ward has two churches; Lonsdale Road Methodist Church and Brethren's Meeting Room.

Elmbridge Ward has a very good level of community facilities with five facilities identified in the recent Communities Facilities Audit. All of which are available to all members of the community, these are; Elmbridge Junior School, Sir Thomas Rich's School, Lonsdale Methodist Church, Brethren's Meeting Room

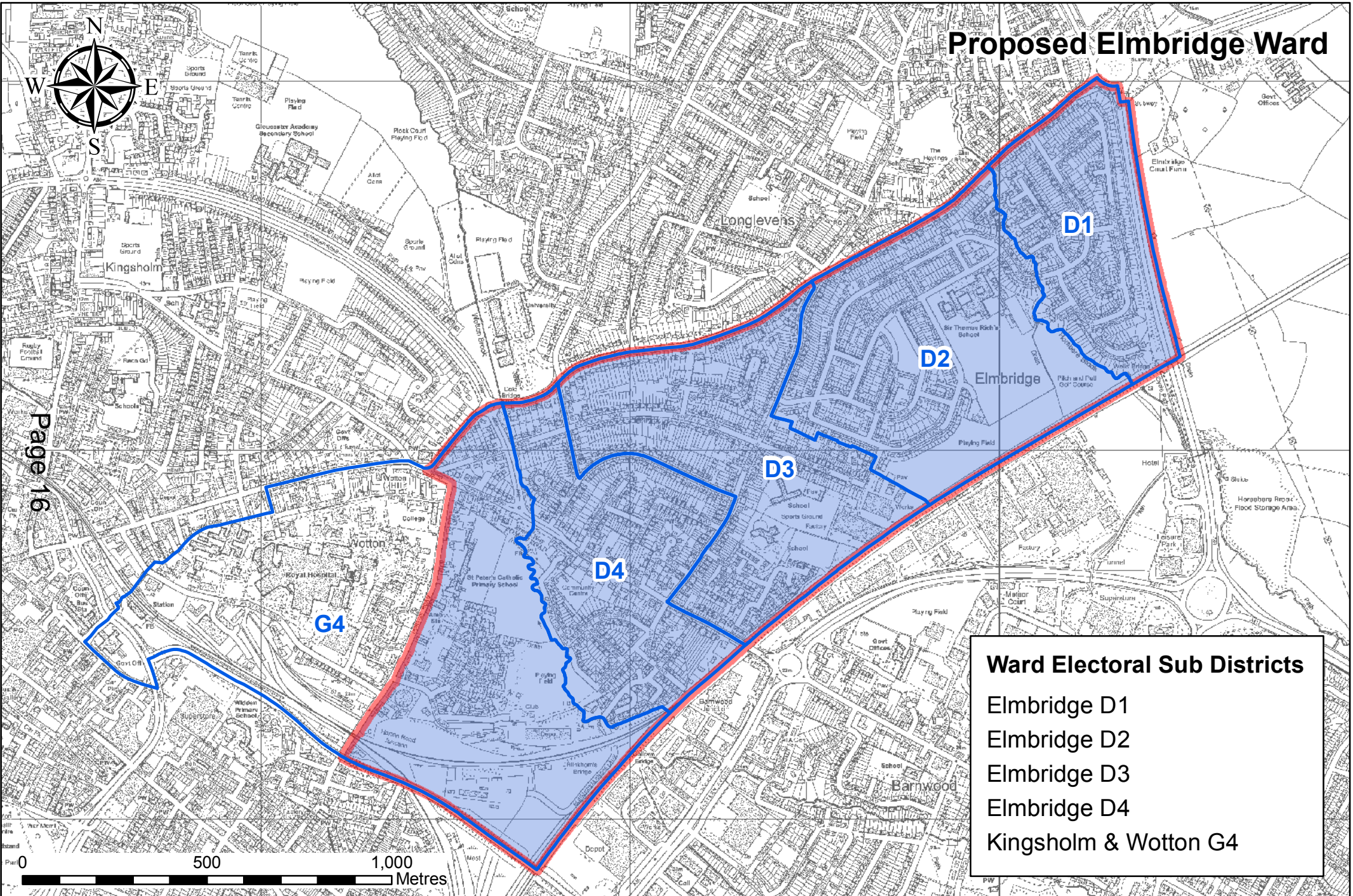
and Elmscroft Community Centre. There are leisure facilities available at Sir Thomas Rich Sports Centre, Elmscroft Community Centre and Old Richians' Sports and Social Club.

By moving the Ward boundary St Peters Primary School will be placed in the Ward , this will increase the education facilities to four schools in the Ward.

The electoral equality of the proposed Ward is Satisfactory. The Ward follows the LGBCE guidelines.

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Proposed Elmbridge Ward



- Ward Electoral Sub Districts**
- Elmbridge D1
 - Elmbridge D2
 - Elmbridge D3
 - Elmbridge D4
 - Kingsholm & Wotton G4

Gloucester Boundary Review

Existing Ward Name : Kingsholm and Wotton

Proposed Ward Name : Kingsholm and Wotton

Electorate at 2014 : 5,156 Electors

Electorate at 2020 : 5,265 Electors

Proposed Representation: 2 Councillors

Variance from the Average: 1.81%

(Figures based on 39 Councillors, 2020 projected figures)

Detail

The proposed Ward is coterminous with the existing Ward except an area along Horton Road and Cheltenham Road, which is proposed to merge with Elmbridge Ward.

Kingsholm and Wotton Ward derives from the Roman Period and was later reconstructed by Aethelflaed the Daughter of Alfred The Great who lay out the core street plan for Gloucester City Centre which is still in use today. She ruled the kingdom of Mercia from the lost Palace of Kingsholm and was buried at St Oswald's Priory.

Currently, Kingsholm and Wotton wraps around the northern side of the City centre. It share boundaries with Westgate, Longlevens, Elmbridge and Barton and Tredworth. The Ward is bound by the southern side of Escourt Road to the North, it follows Escourt Road around to the East and then continues along the A38 to the point it meets the brook which it follows to the railway triangle. The boundary then follows Metz Way, where it takes in Twyver House and the Railway Station. The boundary continues north east along the railway line.

The Kingsholm and Wotton Ward boundary will change in the proposed Ward. Electors on the east of Horton Road and Cheltenham Road will be transferred to Elmbridge Ward.

The character of Kingsholm and Wotton Ward is very diverse in character, it has a variety of housing from Edwardian to modern, with a good mix of housing tenures. Is the third most ethnically diverse Ward in the City. Gloucestershire Royal Hospital (GRH) is in the Ward as is the rugby stadium, the Railway Station and Clapham Court, which is the City's only high rise residential block. This block is managed by Gloucester City Homes (GCH) and consists of 80 one bedroom sheltered flats, with communal facilities and staff on site.

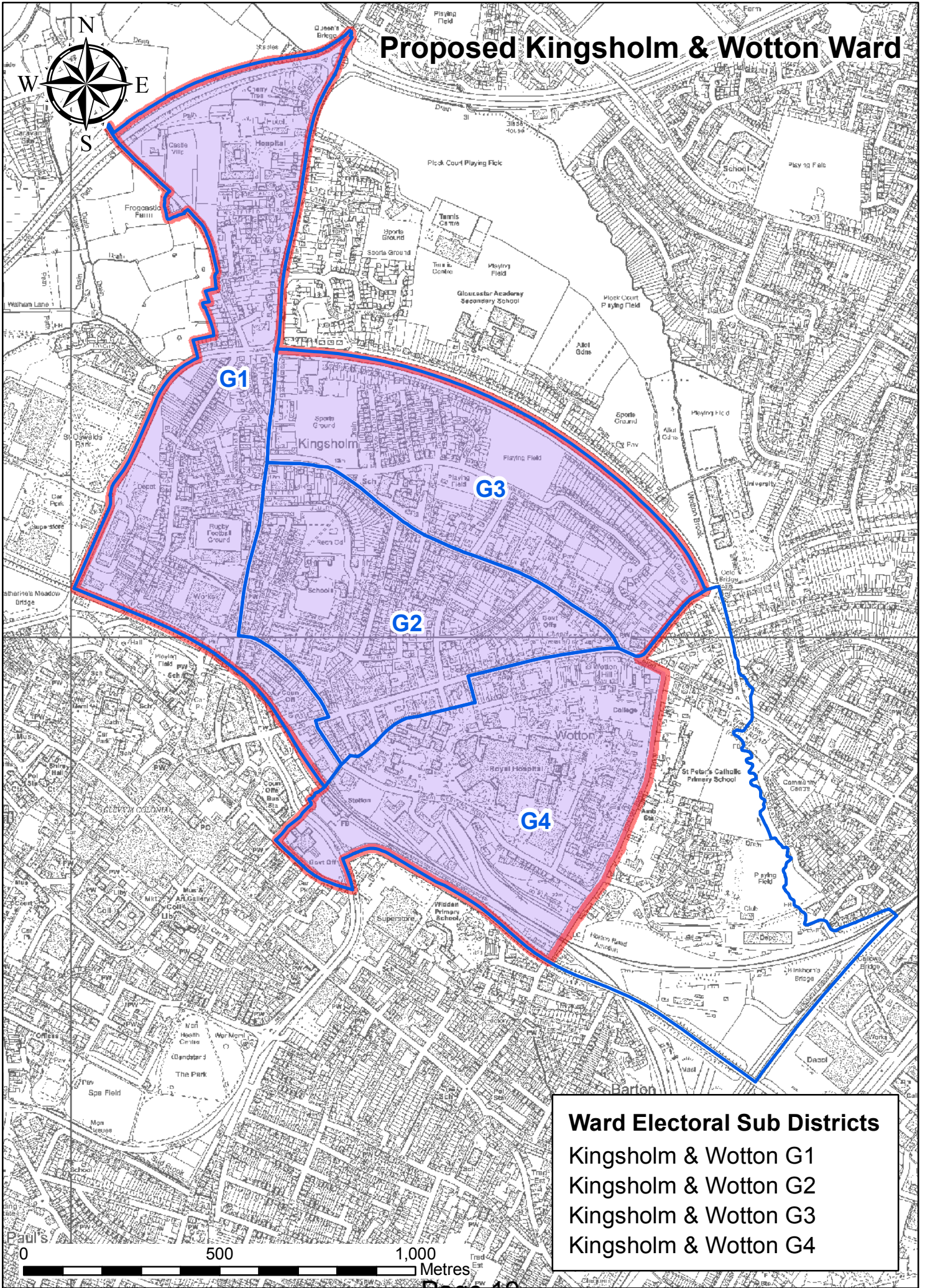
The Ward has two doctors' surgeries as well as the hospital, two dentists, a reference library and four churches. Two schools will be in the proposed ward, with St Peters Primary School moving to Elmbridge Ward. The Ward will retain six community facilities as well as The Lawn Tennis Club.

This well established Ward has three community Groups; Kingsholm and Wotton Neighbourhood Partnership, Friends of Hillfield Gardens and Twyver Triangle Residents Association.

The proposal to transfer the 411 electors east of Horton Road and Cheltenham Road to Elmbridge Ward means the Ward boundary will be strengthened and both Kingsholm and Wotton Ward and the neighbouring Elmbridge Ward will be better balanced for community facilities.

The electoral equality of the proposed Ward is Satisfactory. The Ward follows the LGBCE guidelines.

Proposed Kingsholm & Wotton Ward



Ward Electoral Sub Districts
Kingsholm & Wotton G1
Kingsholm & Wotton G2
Kingsholm & Wotton G3
Kingsholm & Wotton G4

Gloucester Boundary Review

Existing Ward Name : NA

Proposed Ward Name : Kingsway

Electorate at 2014 : 3841 (L2 Polling District)

Electorate at 2020 : 5018 Electors

Proposed Representation: 2 Councillors

Variance from the Average: -3%

(Figures based on 39 Councillors, 2020 projected figures)

Detail

Gloucester Boundary Review Working Group has proposed a new Ward to be created in Gloucester City. This Ward will consist of part of the existing Quedgeley Fieldcourt Ward Polling District of L2 on the former RAF Quedgeley site to the Eastern side of the A38, to create the new Ward, Kingsway.

Kingsway's boundaries with the Quedgeley Fieldcourt Ward will be Rudloe Drive , Wendling Road, Boulmer Avenue, Goose Bay Drive and the disused railway line . This replaces the existing Polling District boundary. It also has a boundary line along the A38 dual carriageway with the Quedgeley Severnvale Ward to Nass Lane.

The proposed new Ward has elector figures of 5018 for 2020. As a two Councillor Ward it would have 2509 electors per Councillor slightly below the average for Gloucester City.

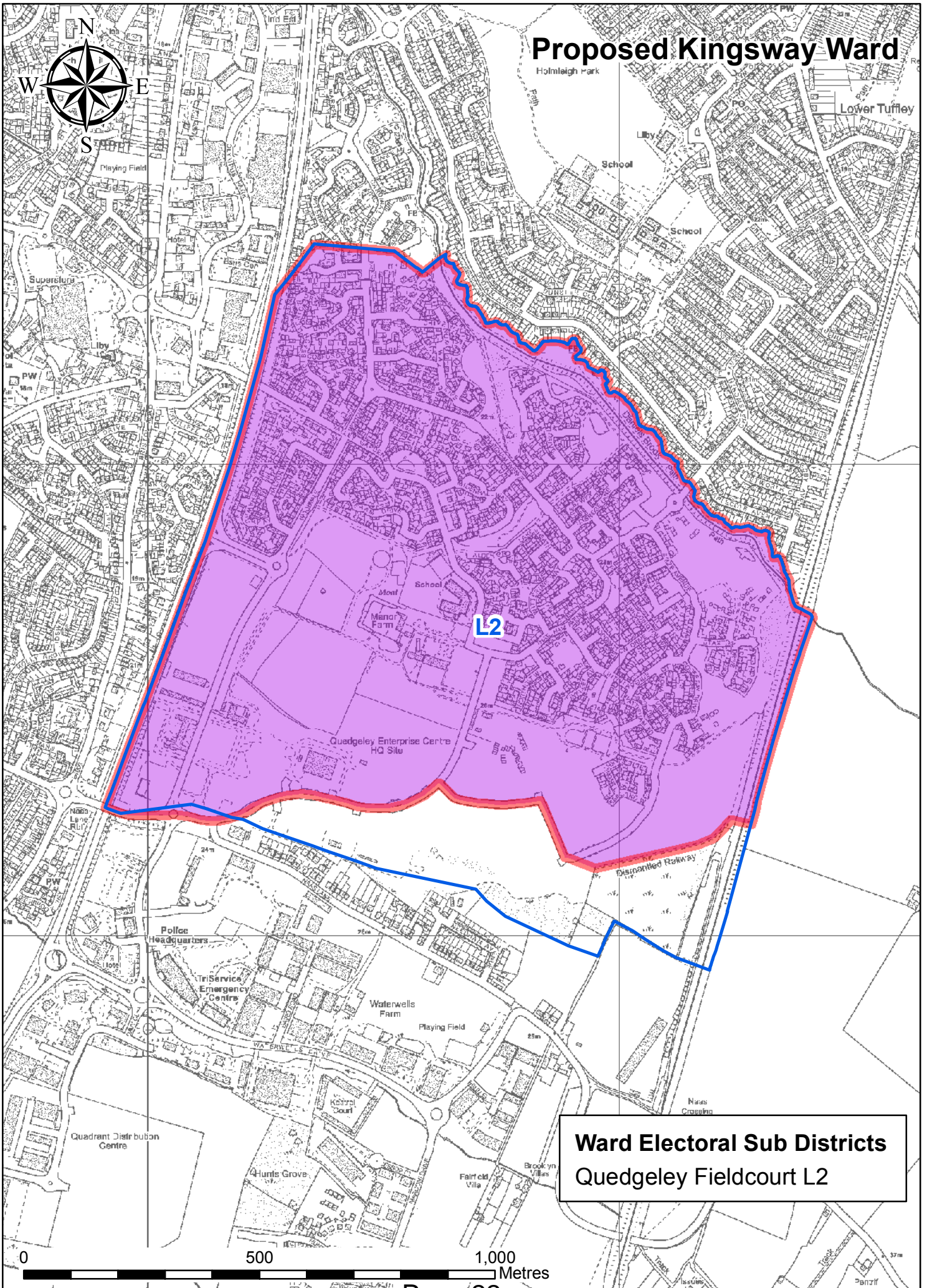
As a Ward Kingsway will be a community in its own right. It has recently gained new shops (Goose Bay Drive), The Barn Owl Public House, two schools, a new permanent community centre to replace the temporary one and Kingsway sport Pavilion. This fast growing community is a mix of tenures and house types and has been planned with large areas of open space, off road strategic footpaths and cycle ways exist throughout the new proposed Ward of

Kingsway. This enables the area to have access to the main shopping district and larger stores in Quedgeley.

The electoral equality of the proposed Ward is Satisfactory. The Ward follows the LGBCE guidelines.

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Proposed Kingsway Ward



Ward Electoral Sub Districts
Quedgeley Fieldcourt L2

Gloucester Boundary Review

Existing Ward Name : Longlevens

Proposed Ward Name : Longlevens

Electorate at 2014 : 7689

Electorate at 2020 : 7806

Proposed Representation: 3 Councillors

Variance from the Average: 0.69%

(Figures based on 39 Councillors, 2020 projection)

Detail

The proposed Ward will be coterminous with the existing Ward.

The 2014 electorate of the existing Longlevens Ward is 7689 this is projected to grow to 7806 by 2020. This give a variance of 0 .69% from the average ratio with a Council of 39 Councillors.

Longlevens is a community well catered for in terms of local shops and facilities. On Cheltenham Road there is a modern Co-Op supermarket. Close by is a small parade of shops featuring ; a chemist, estate agent, hairdresser, Cantonese take-away and funeral directors. A short distance away is an Indian restaurant and a BP petrol station. Close by are two GP surgeries, a branch library, a pub and the Parish Church.

There are three Churches in Longlevens; the Baptist Church, Holy Trinity Parish Church and Methadist Church. The community has a popular village hall in Church Road which is utilised for local events. A rugby football club (Longlevens Rugby Football Club) and a Association Football Club (Longlevens AFC) which have junior and senior teams who play regular fixtures.

Longlevens is served by two infant schools and two junior schools and Milestones a special state school for boys and girls aged 2-16. Gloucestershire

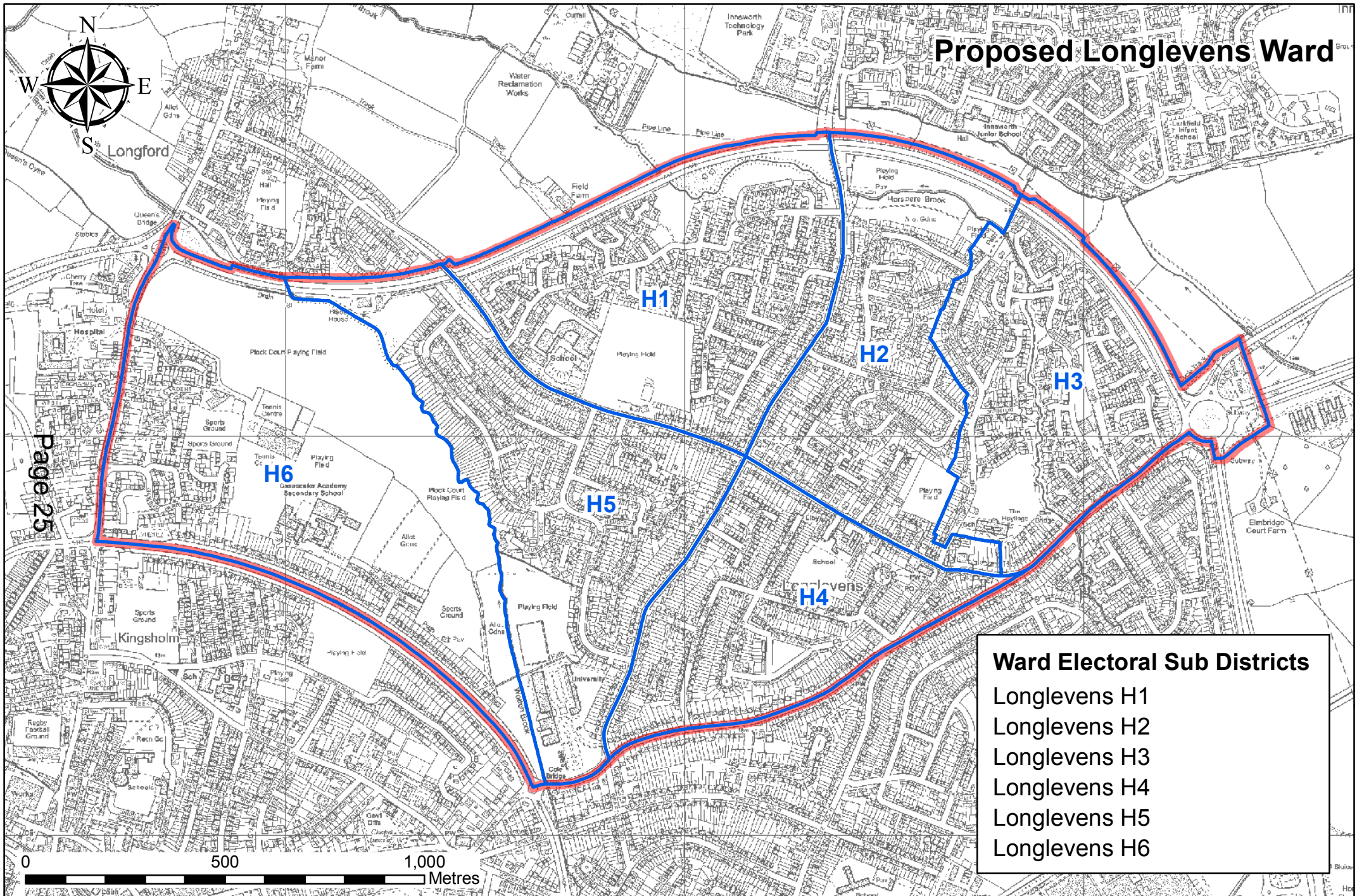
University also has a campus in Longlevens Ward with residential accommodation.

The Longlevens community is served by a frequent bus service to Gloucester town centre and to Cheltenham (approx 6 miles away) most of the day which runs at 10 minute intervals.

Longlevens Neighbourhood Partnership which is run from Kendal Road Baptist Church does a lot of good work in the community and in 2009 their Youth Action Group won an award from Gloucester City Council for their work with young people.

The electoral equality of this proposed Ward is satisfactory. The Ward follows LGBCE guidelines.

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Gloucester Boundary Review

Current Ward

Existing Ward Name : Quedgeley Fieldcourt

Proposed Ward Name : Quedgeley Fieldcourt

Electorate at 2014 : 8376

Electorate at 2020 : 10442

Proposed Representation: 2 Councillors

Variance from the Average: 50.50%

Proposed Ward

Quedgeley Fieldcourt Amended Ward Electorate at 2014: 5318

Quedgeley Fieldcourt Amended Ward Electorate at 2020: 5424

Proposed Representation: 2 Councillors

Variance from the Average: 4.95%

(Figures based on 39 Councillors, 2020 projection)

The existing Ward of Quedgeley Fieldcourt lies to the Southwest of the City and is bounded to the east by the mainline Birmingham to Bristol railway with Stroud District beyond. To the North of the Ward lie Grange and Quedgeley Severnvale Wards and to the South by Hardwick Ward which lies within Stroud District. Quedgeley Fieldcourt is a large Ward which includes the Kingsway development.

The whole Ward lies within Quedgeley Parish Council which is Gloucester's only Parish Council.

The Ward is characterised by residential development with the shops, services and community facilities that such a development requires.

Gloucester Boundary Review Group propose to split Quedgeley Fieldcourt Ward by making the majority of L2 (Kingsway) a Ward in its own right. The main reasons for this are:

- With no changes the Ward variances would be unacceptably high.
- Kingsway is currently a growing community in its own right with a school, shops and community facilities.
- There is a natural boundary between the Kingsway development and Quedgeley Fieldcourt (A38).
- The Electoral Forecast predicts numbers suitable for two Wards with two Councillors each. This would provide two Wards with electoral equality.

Quedgeley Fieldcourt would encompass most of the original Polling Districts (L1, L2A, and L3) the boundary between L2 and L3 would be moved to the road boundary and disused railway line (see map). This is to accommodate the new dwellings and provide electoral equality. South of the new boundary line there is a later stage development of 435 dwellings (783 electors) by 2020 in Polling District L3 which will bring the elector figures within allowed variances.

Quedgeley District Centre lies to the West of the Ward and comprises a large superstore , other retail warehouses and smaller shops. Quedgeley Fieldcourt Ward has a doctors surgery (St James) which is located to the rear of the superstore, this practice has been extended recently. There is also a dental practice located in the same vicinity.

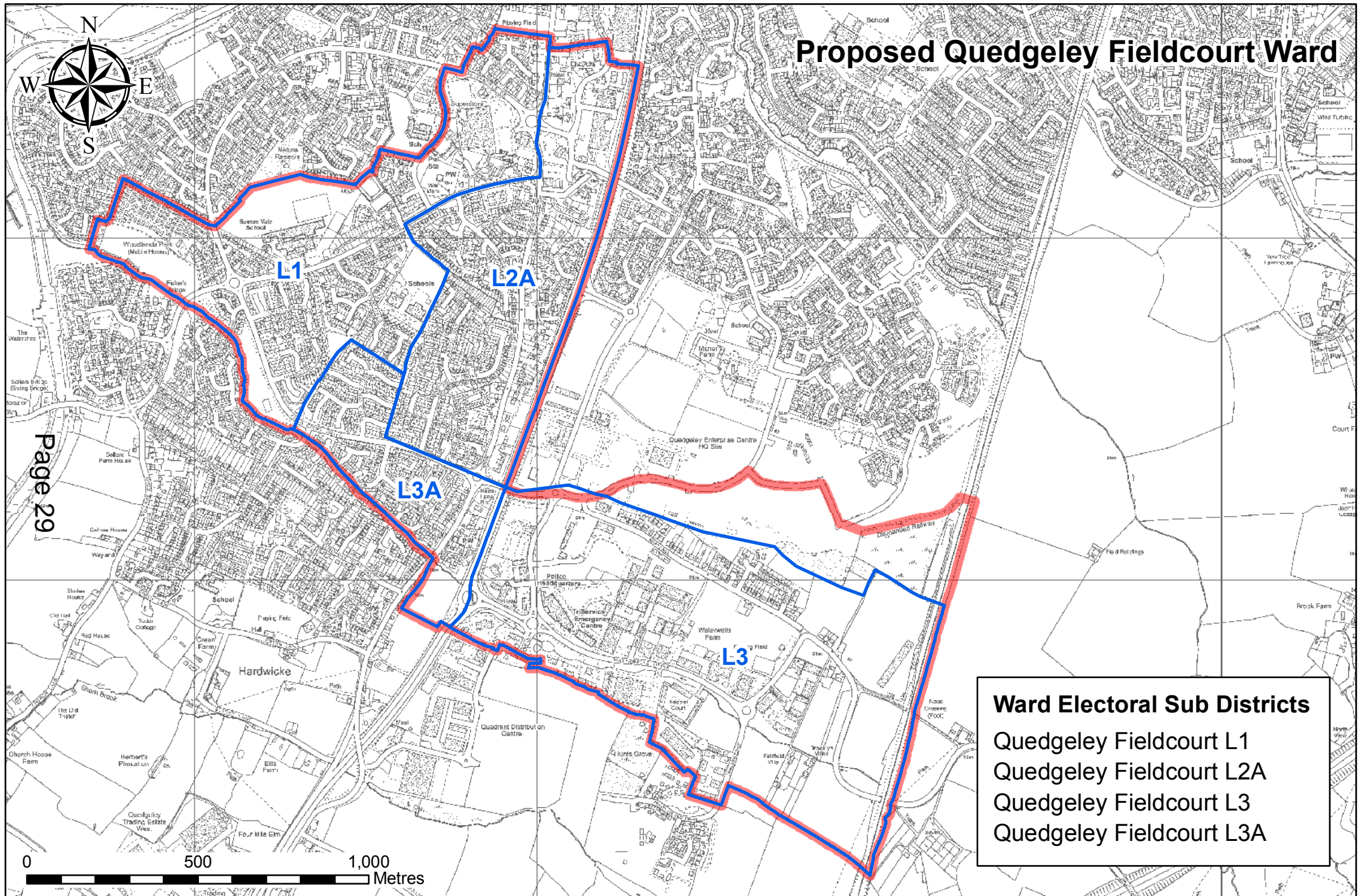
There is a library located near to the District Centre. This is a well used community facility and is close to the shops, the police station, Village Hall and Community Centre.

The Village Hall is used during the day and evenings by various groups offering a wide range of community activities. Quedgeley Baptist Church also meet at the village Hall as does the local scout group. The Community Centre is run by the Parish Council this has two large halls and is also well used by the local community, providing the location for the Luncheon Club and evening community activities, including Quedgeley Social Club which is run by local residents.

It is worth noting that most of the Quedgeley Fieldcourt Ward's community facilities are on the West of the A38. This strengthens the case for Kingsway in its own right.

The electoral equality of this proposed Ward is satisfactory. The Ward follows LGBCE guidelines.

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Gloucester Boundary Review

Existing Ward Name : Quedgeley Severnvale

Proposed Ward Name : Quedgeley Severnvale

Electorate at 2014 : 4,831

Electorate at 2020 : 4,912

Proposed Representation: 2 Councillors

Variance from the Average: -4.96

(Figures based on 39 Councillors, 2020 projected figures)

Detail

The Current Ward of Quedgeley Severnvale lies to the South west of the City and is the northern most Ward in the Quedgeley Parish, which includes Quedgeley Fieldcourt Ward.

The Ward is bounded by the West by the River Severn and is bisected by the Gloucester to Sharpness Canal, which runs north east to south west through the Ward.

The Boundary Review Working Group propose to move the Polling District M1A out of Quedgeley Severnvale Ward. This area will be transferred to the current Grange Ward. This area is a small development on Streamside, between the A38 and Daniels Brook. Its only connection by road is to the current Grange Ward.

Quedgeley Severnvale as a community mainly uses the nearby shopping district at Quedgeley Fieldcourt as well as Fieldcourt's community facilities. The area is linked to Gloucester Docks via the canal path and has various open areas.

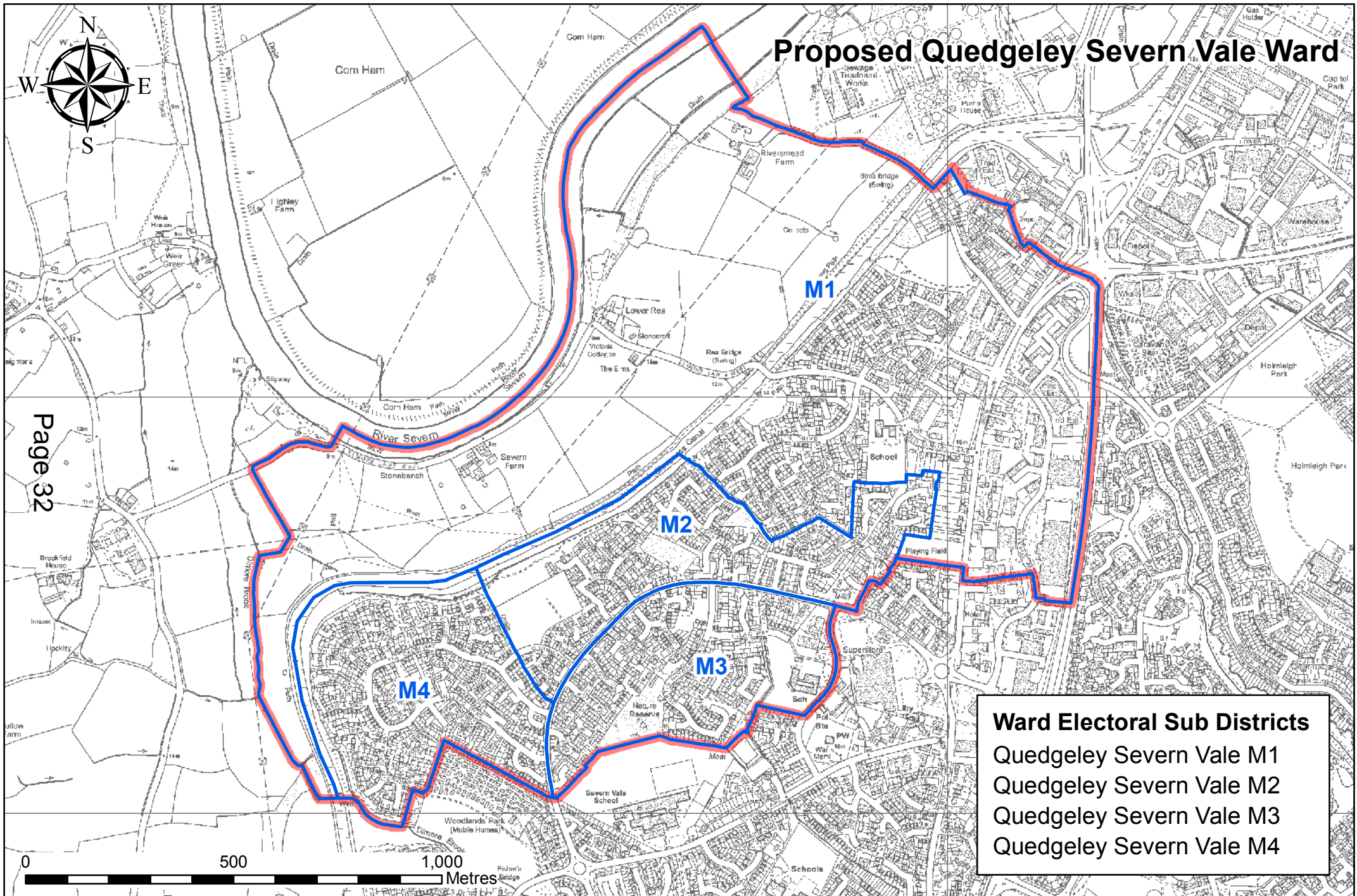
There are two schools in the Ward; Meadowside Primary School which is located in Elmore Lane and Beech Green Primary School. There is a community

run pre-school club located adjacent to the school, and a private children's nursery located in the Green Farm employment area.

The Olympic Business Park is also located in the Ward . This building also houses The Spring Centre which provides help and support to children and young people with complex needs and profound or multiple disabilities.

The electoral equality of the proposed Ward is Satisfactory. The Ward follows the LGBCE guidelines.

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Gloucester Boundary Review

Existing Ward Name : Tuffley

Proposed Ward Name : Tuffley

Electorate at 2014 : 4707

Electorate at 2020 : 4720

Proposed Representation: 2 Councillors

Variance from the Average: -9.4%

(Figures based on 39 Councillors, 2020 projected figures)

Detail

The proposed Ward will be coterminous with the existing Ward.

The 2014 electorate of the existing Tuffley Ward is 4707 and is projected to grow to 4720 by 2020.

Tuffley Ward is located in the south of the City and is represented by two Councillors. It currently follows the natural boundaries of Tuffley Lane, Cole Avenue and Robinswood Country Park.

Tuffley has a community centre, library, sports centre and small shopping centres easily reached on foot from most of the area. There is a large open playing area which is available for public use.

There is one church in Tuffley, St Barnabas (Church of England) in Stroud Road the tower of this church is a local landmark,

There are two primary schools and a secondary school, St Peters Roman Catholic School in Tuffley Ward

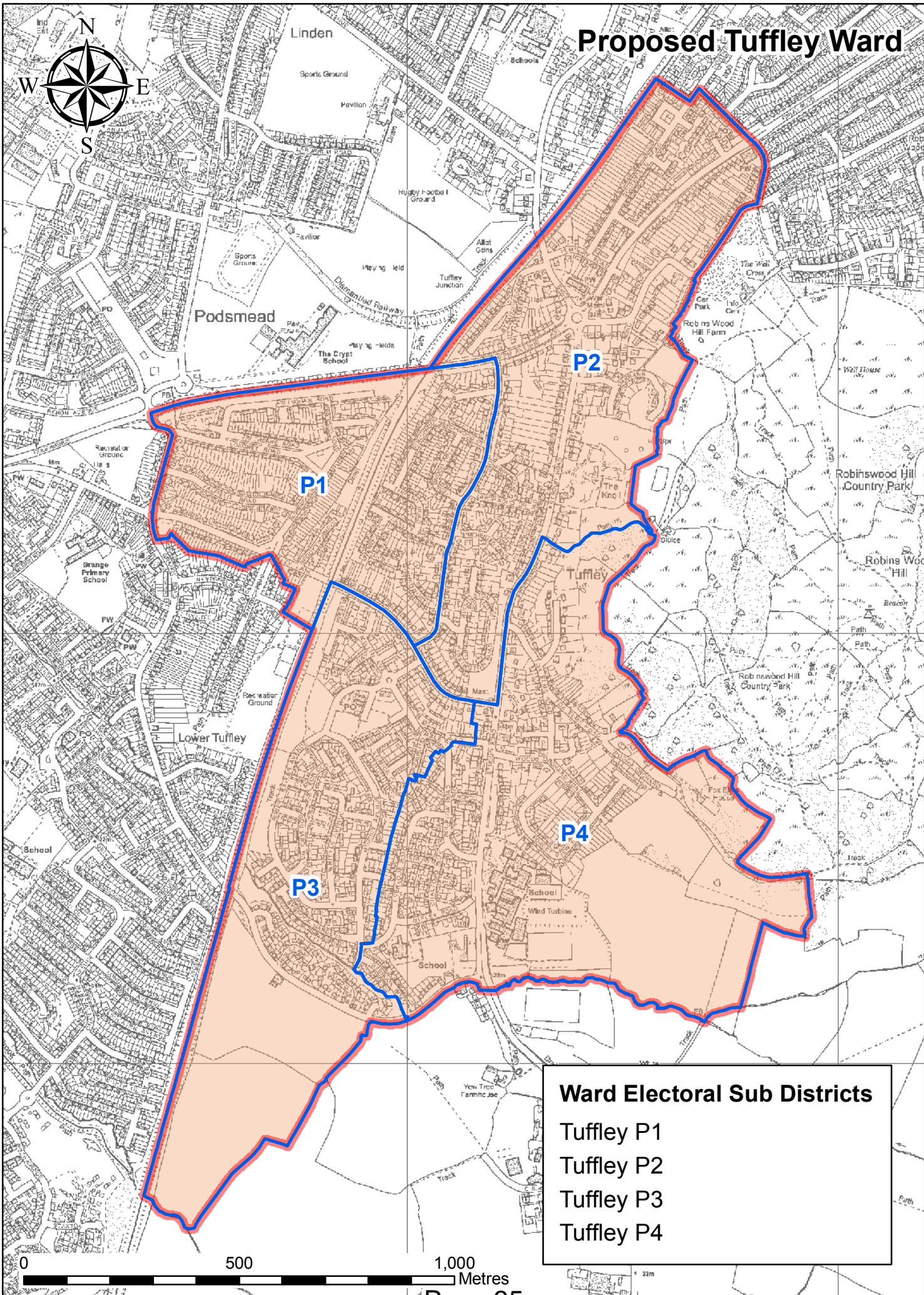
Tuffley has good transport links to Gloucester City centre. There is a circular bus service every 10 minutes, as well as other bus routes throughout lower Tuffley.

Tuffley has a football team, Tuffley Rovers F.C.

The electoral equality of the proposed Ward is Satisfactory. The Ward follows the LGBCE guidelines.

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Proposed Tuffley Ward



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