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ELECTORAL REVIEW OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER:

WARDING ARRANGEMENTS - RESPONSE TO LGBCE'S DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

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Section 1 : Introduction

This submission is made in response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's (LGBCE) publication of draft recommendations for Ward patterns for Gloucester City published on 20th January 2015. The publication of the Commission's draft recommendations forms part of that body's Electoral Review of the City.

This is the third phase of the review process. The earlier phases of the review concerned overall Council size. The review began with the preliminary review phase where Council size was considered. The submission made by the Council concerning Council Size and the submissions to the second phase of the review process on Ward patterns are available on the LGBCE website at <u>www.lgbce.org.uk</u>

The 'Background' section of this submission sets out in more detail the particular stages of the review and the role the Council has taken in it. The Appendix section to this document provides a comparison of the LGBCE draft recommendations with the Council's original Ward proposals as agreed by the Council in 2014.

Following this submission the Commission will examine again its draft recommendations and taking account of all the submissions made, it will determine what the future Ward patterns will be for the City. These Ward patterns will be implemented for the Council elections scheduled for May 2016.

In making this submission the City Council has acknowledged that its original submission and the LGBCE 's draft recommendations for the most part follow a very similar pattern for Warding arrangements. The City Council has reconsidered its earlier submission and considered that some arguments made at that stage are still relevant now. As such, this submission seeks to build upon those arguments and to refine certain of the detailed Warding arrangements outlined in the LGBCE's draft recommendations.

Section 2: Background

This submission is being made to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE). The LGBCE is the national body that is responsible for reviewing local authority electoral arrangements.

The Electoral Review of Gloucester City commenced on 20th January 2014. The first phase of the Review was in relation to the total number of City Councillors there should be. The City Council approved its submission on Council size on 9th June 2014 and argued that the number of City Councillors should be increased from 36 to 39. The LGBCE indicated that it was minded to accept a Council size of 39 on 22nd July 2014.

The next phase of the review invited submissions on Warding arrangements for the City between 22nd July 2014 and 30th September 2014. In making its submission the City Council sought to follow LGBCE guidance and develop a pattern of Wards that achieved good electoral equality, reflected community identity and interests and provided for effective and convenient local government. Where possible, the Warding arrangements submitted were intended to use strong, easily identifiable boundaries.

The City Council submitted proposals at the time and these were approved by full Council. Details of this earlier submission are available on the Boundary Commission's website at <u>www.lgbce.org.uk</u>

The LGBCE published its draft recommendations on 20th January 2015. A table showing the LGBCE's elector figures is included in the Appendix to this report.

Section 3: The Development of the Council's Response to the LGBCE's Draft Recommendations on Warding Arrangements.

The LGBCE's draft recommendations were considered by the City Council's Boundary Review Working Group who, in turn made proposals for consideration by full Council.

The City Council's Boundary Review Working Group had been established in March 2014 to oversee the development of the Council's initial submission on Council size and Warding arrangements for the City. The Working Group is multi-party and the representation was designed to provide equality between the different political groups.

On 20th January 2015 the LGBCE published its draft recommendations which propose that Gloucester City Council should have 39 councillors in the future, three more than the current arrangements. The recommendations also outline how those councillors should represent two single-member wards, eight two-member wards and seven three-member wards across the City.

With the publication of the draft recommendations of the LGBCE on 20th January 2015, the Working Group recommenced its work. In all, the Working Group met on two occasions in this most recent phase. It examined various aspects of the draft recommendations and several scenarios to address what Members considered were matters worthy of further evaluation.

In the local consultation section of this submission are details of the work undertaken by the Council to receive views about the draft recommendations and what approach the Council should have before finalising this submission.

Section 4: Local Consultation

To support the LGBCE's publicity for the Electoral Review, the Council;

- Supplied a copy of the full draft recommendations and maps to all the members of the Boundary Review Working Group.
- Supplied a copy of the full draft recommendations and maps to all the Gloucester City Cabinet members.
- Supplied a copy of the full draft recommendations and maps to each Library in the City.
- Contacted Quedgeley Parish Council drawing their attention to the specific proposals in the draft recommendations. The City Council Electoral Review Project Officer also attended a meeting of Quedgeley Parish Council on 16th February 2015 to explain the LGBCE recommendations and the City Council's likely response.
- Erected a display with maps, full draft recommendations and a comment book in Gloucester City Council Reception Area.
- Contacted City stakeholders about the consultation period and utilised social media via Facebook and Twitter.
- Placed posters on public notice boards in various places around the City.

Posters Displayed

Quedgeley Library	28.01.2015	+ Information Pack
Quedgeley Community Centre	28.01.2015	
Quedgeley Tesco	28.01.2015	
Matson Library	28.01.2015	+ Information Pack
Hucclecote Library	28.01.2015	+ Information Pack
Hucclecote Community Centre	28.01.2015	
Longlevens Library	28.01.2015	+Information Pack
G.C.C Herbert Warehouse	28.01.2015	+ Information Pack
Sainsburys (Central)	30.01.2015	
GCH	30.01.2015	
САВ	30.01.2015	
Law Centre	30.01.2015	+ Information Pack
Central Library	30.01.2015	+ Information Pack
Guinness Housing Association	30.01.2015	
Tourist Information Centre	30.01.2015	
County Council Offices	30.01.2015	
Tuffley Library	05.02.2015	+ Information Pack
Quedgeley Parish Council	05.02.2015	+ Information Pack
Asda Quedgeley	10.02.2015	
Abbey Community Centre	10.02.2015	+ Information Pack
Morrisons Abbey	10.02.2015	
Morrisons Railway Triangle	10.02.2015	
Asda Barton Street	10.02.2015	
Sainsburys Quays	10.02.2015	

Section 5: Conclusion

The City Council considered in detail a range of factors around electoral equality, community identity and efficient local government in developing its original submission on Warding arrangements for the City of Gloucester. This has been reviewed upon production of the LGBCE's draft recommendations and, generally, the appropriateness of the arrangements in the Council's original submission are still considered relevant and appropriate now.

On the basis of the above, the Council welcomes the broad direction of the LGBCE's draft recommendations and urges it not to depart significantly from those draft recommendations. The Council's submission aims to identify further enhancements to the LGBCE's draft recommendations where, for electoral equality, community identity, and the development of enduring Ward boundaries, such enhancements would be appropriate.

It is therefore the Council's sincere hope that the LGBCE will consider the proposals in this submission and concur with them as the way forward for the future Warding arrangements in the City.

Summary of Response to LGBCE's Draft Recommendations

	2014	2020
Electorate of Gloucester	94,484	100,783
City		
Number of Councillors	36	39
Average number of	2625	2584
electors per Councillor		

Ward Changes Agreed by the Boundary Review Working Group

Name of Ward	Number of Councillors	Electorate 2014	Electorate 2020	Variance 2020
Abbeydale	2	5,402	5,664	7%
Abbeymead	2	4,887	4,739	-5%
Barnwood	2	5,164	5,184	0%
Barton & Tredworth	3	7,697	7,928	2%
Coney Hill	1	2,758	2,758	7%
Elmbridge	2	4,998	5,094	-1%
Grange	2	5,313	5,385	4%
Hucclecote	2	5,197	5,293	2%
Kingsholm & Wotton	2	5,155	5,265	
Kingsway	2	3841	5018	-3%
Longlevens	3	7,689	7,806	2%
Matson & Robinswood	3	6,880	7,608	-2%
Moreland	3	7,465	7,586	-2%
Podsmead	1	2,263	2,547	-1%
Quedgeley Fieldcourt	2	5318	5424	5%
Quedgeley Severnvale	2	4831	4920	-5%
Tuffley	2	4,707	4,720	-9%

Agreed Changes to Westgate Ward, without Cross-party Agreement

Current Westgate Ward boundary as LGBCE's Draft Recommendations and to have 3 Councillors, but no agreement on whether to be split into more than 1 Ward.

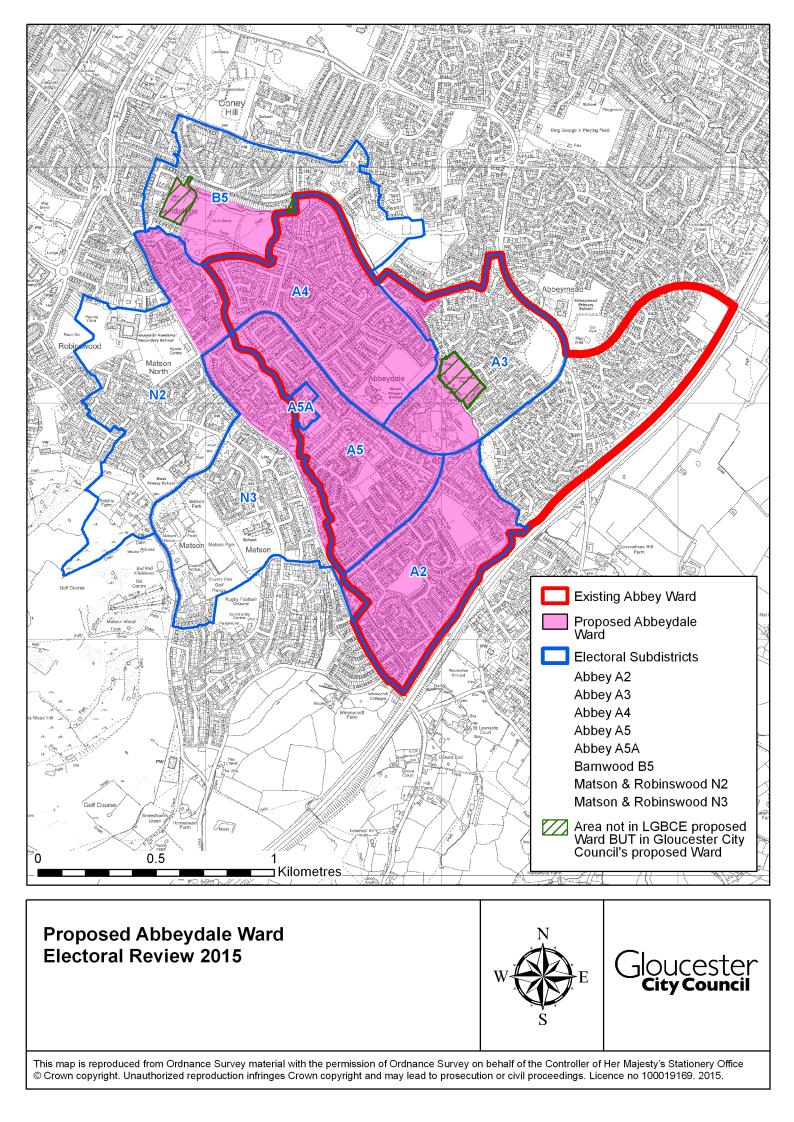
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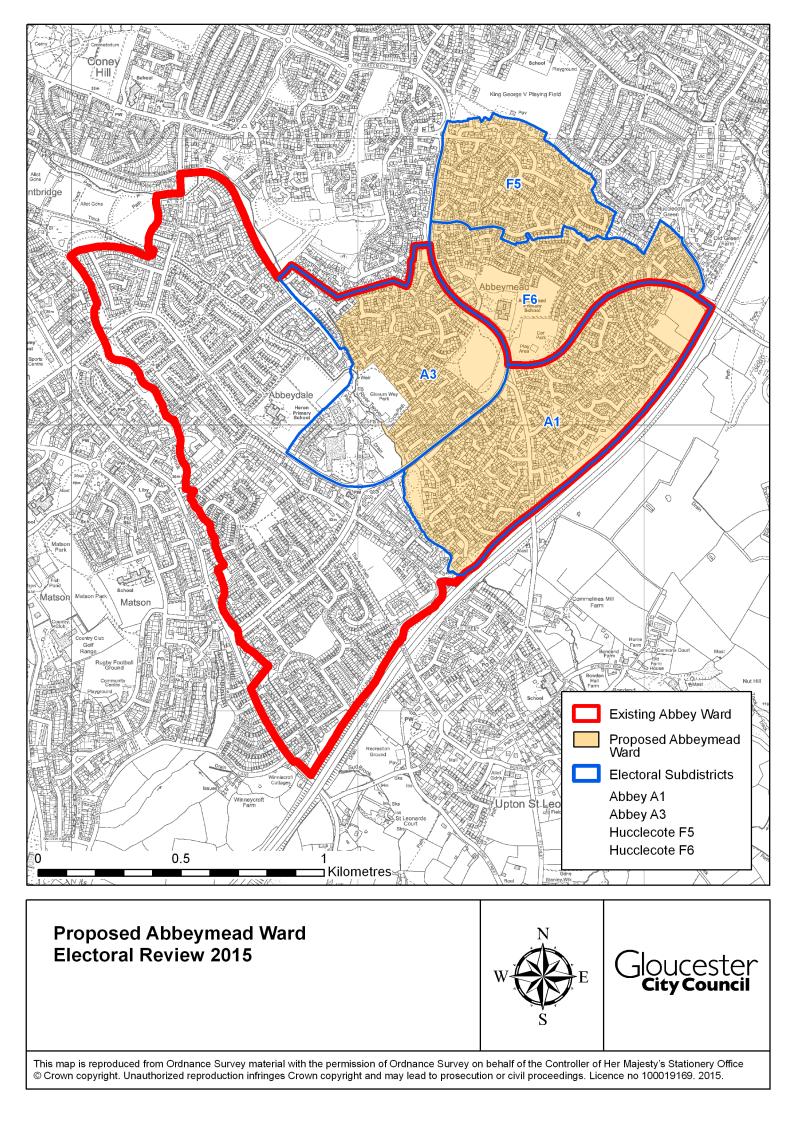
LGBCE's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Abbeydale	5516	2	7%	This ward comprises part of the residential area to the south-east of the town centre, east of Painswick Road.	This ward is based on two of the proposals put forward by the political groups. We propose minor modifications to the north-west boundary of this ward to reflect evidence received regarding our Coney Hill ward. Painswick Road forms a clear boundary to the west and the River Twyver to the east of our Abbeydale ward.
Gloucester City Council's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance	Description	Detail
Abbeydale	5516	2	7%	This ward comprises part of the residential area to the south-east of the town centre, east of Painswick Road.	The City Council seeks to amend the LGBCE's draft recommendations in the proposed areas. Due to difficult access and residents wishes The Chase, The Malverns and part of Bittern Avenue area in the proposed Abbeymead Ward containing 148 electors to go to Abbeydale Ward. Currently in Abbeydale Ward is Glevum Way Park which has a close relationship with the Abbeydale Community Centre and several adjoining open spaces. The local football team use pitches on Glevum Way and Heron Park and use the changing, meeting and training facilities in the Community Centre. However, the

	recommendations split these spaces down the middle and locate Glevum Way Park within Abbeymead Ward. The Council would prefer to see it within Abbeydale Ward along with the other adjacent open spaces and the community building. Also, the Council would wish to see Saintbridge Balancing Pond and Saintbridge Allotments located in one ward which should be
	Abbeydale Ward.



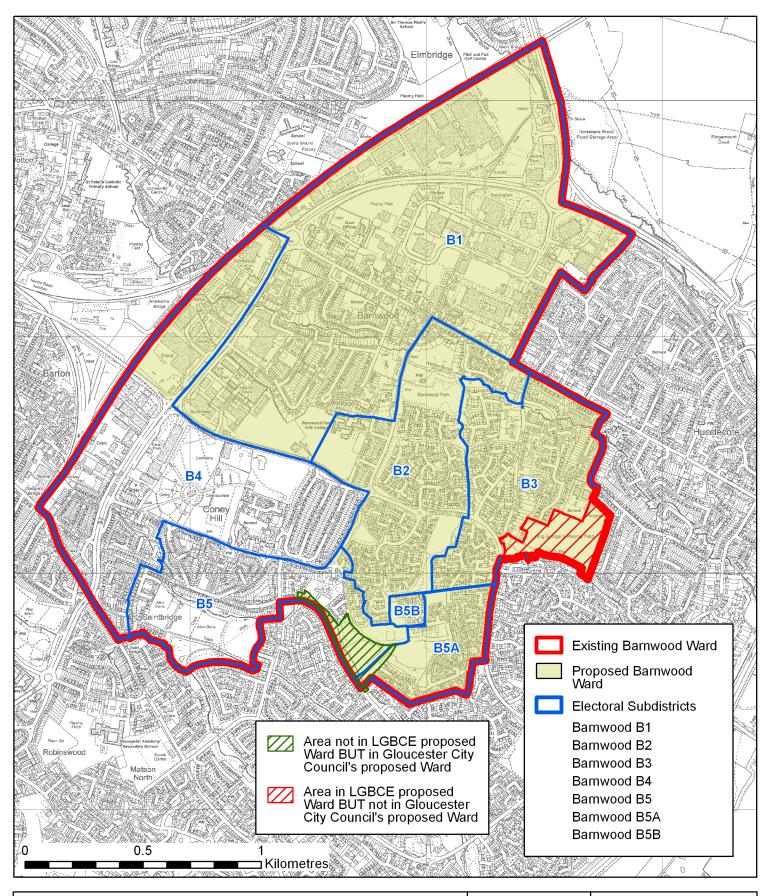
LGBCE's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Abbeymead	4887	2	-5%	This Ward comprises part of the residential area to the east of the town centre and to the east of the River Twyver. This ward includes the Abbeymead area and the Hucclecote Green Area.	This ward is based on two of the proposals put forward by the political groups in response to the consultation. We consider this ward provides for good electoral equality and reflects community identity received.
Gloucester City Council's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Varience 2020	Description	Detail

Abbeymead	4887	2	-5%	This Ward	The Council is in agreement with the LGBCE's
-				comprises	proposed Ward. Apart from the proposed changes
				part of the	as mentioned regarding Glevum Way Park
				residential	Community Centre and adjoining open spaces to
				area to the	be set within Abbeydale Ward. Plus, The Chase,
				east of the	northern part of Bittern Ave and The Malverns
				City centre	area (148 electors) to Abbeydale Ward. This is
				and to the	due to resident's wishes and road layout.
				east of the	
				river Twyver,	
				This Ward	
				includes the	
				Abbeymead	
				area and the	
				Hucclecote	
				Green area.	



LGBCE's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Barnwood	5164	2	0%	A mixed industrial and residential ward to the east of the city centre.	This ward is based on two of the proposals put forward by the political groups. We propose a minor modification to the southern boundary to reflect evidence received in regards to our new Coney Hill ward. Our Barnwood ward provides for good electoral equality and has a clear northern boundary of the railway line.
Gloucester City Council's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Barnwood	5164	2	0%	A mixed industrial and residential ward to the east of the City centre.	The City Council's view is to broadly accept the Draft Recommendation. Except for the Clock Tower Park which should be located within one Ward. The Draft Recommendations propose splitting the park across two Wards; the new Coney Hill Ward and Barnwood Ward whereas currently the whole park fits into Barnwood Ward which is where the Council proposes it stays. The play area off Duncroft Road which serves mostly residents in Hucclecote Ward is currently in Barnwood Ward. The Council would like to see the boundary revised here, so the park is situated within Hucclecote Ward. Hucclecote Ward is very poorly served with open
					Hucclecote Ward is very poorly served with open space and re-locating this area would help

		resolve this.

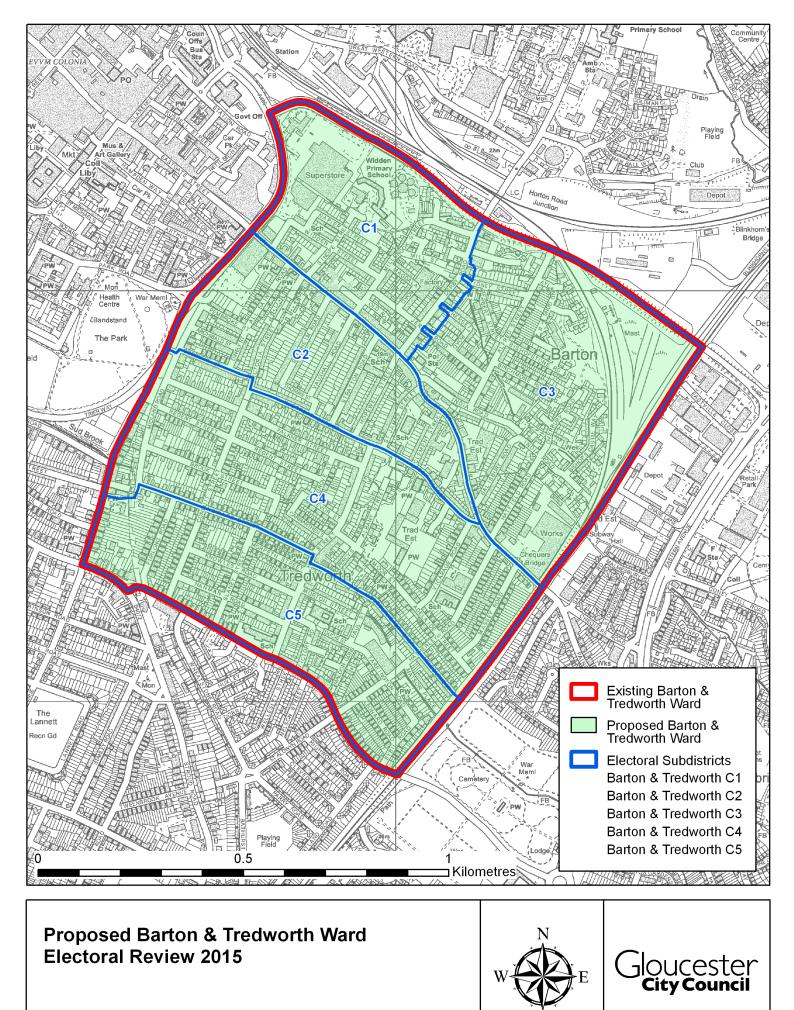


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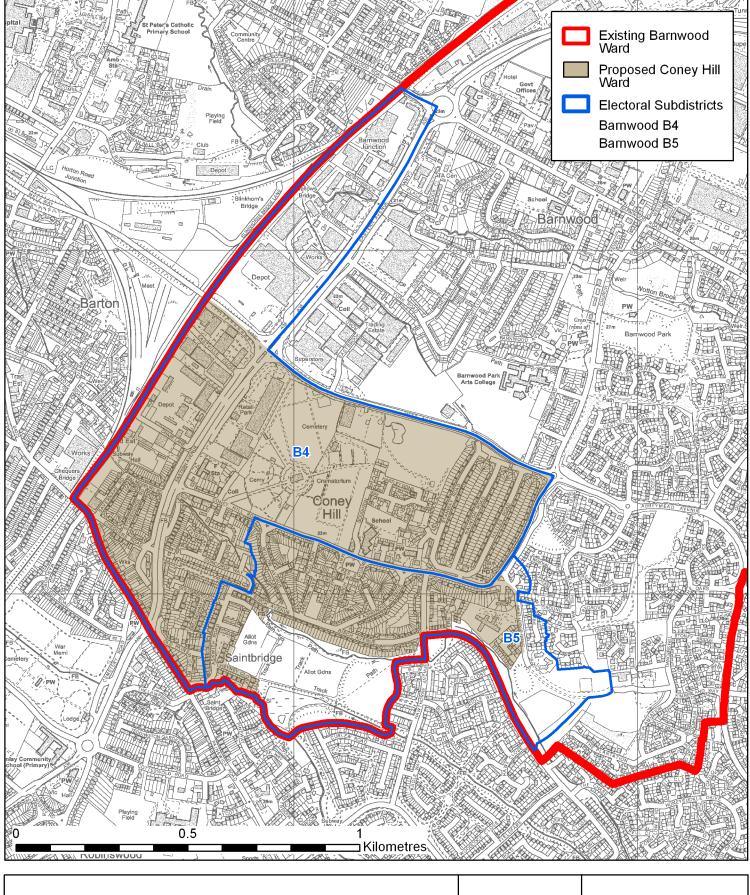
LGBCE's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Barton & Tredworth	7928	3	2%	A densely urbanised area immediately east of the City centre.	The Council proposed a Barton & Tredworth Ward which was similar to the existing Ward covering this area. This proposal was supported by all of the City-wide submissions. We consider that the Barton & Tredworth Ward reflects community identities and provides for a reasonable level of electoral equality.
Gloucester City Council's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail of Council's Original Submission and Response to LGBCE's Draft Recommendations.
Barton & Tredworth	7928	3	2%	A densely urbanised area immediately east of the City centre.	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 Council is in agreement with the LGBCE's proposed Ward.



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LGBCE's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Coney Hill	2758	1	7%	A small residential area to the east of the City, between Painswick Road and Metz Way.	The creation of a ward in the Coney Hill area was proposed by two of the political groups, city-wide proposals. Councillor McLellan also put forward a proposal supporting its creation. On inspection of the area we observed that the pattern suggested by Councillor McLellan best reflected the community identity in the area. We propose a minor modification to the southern boundary of this ward in order to provide for a good electoral equality.
Gloucester City Council's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Coney Hill	2758	1	7%	A small residential area to the east of the City, between Painswick Road and Metz Way.	The City Council is in agreement with the LGBCE's proposed new Ward. Apart from a small amendment where Clock Tower Park should remain entirely in the neighbouring Barnwood Ward.



Proposed Coney Hill Ward Electoral Review 2015

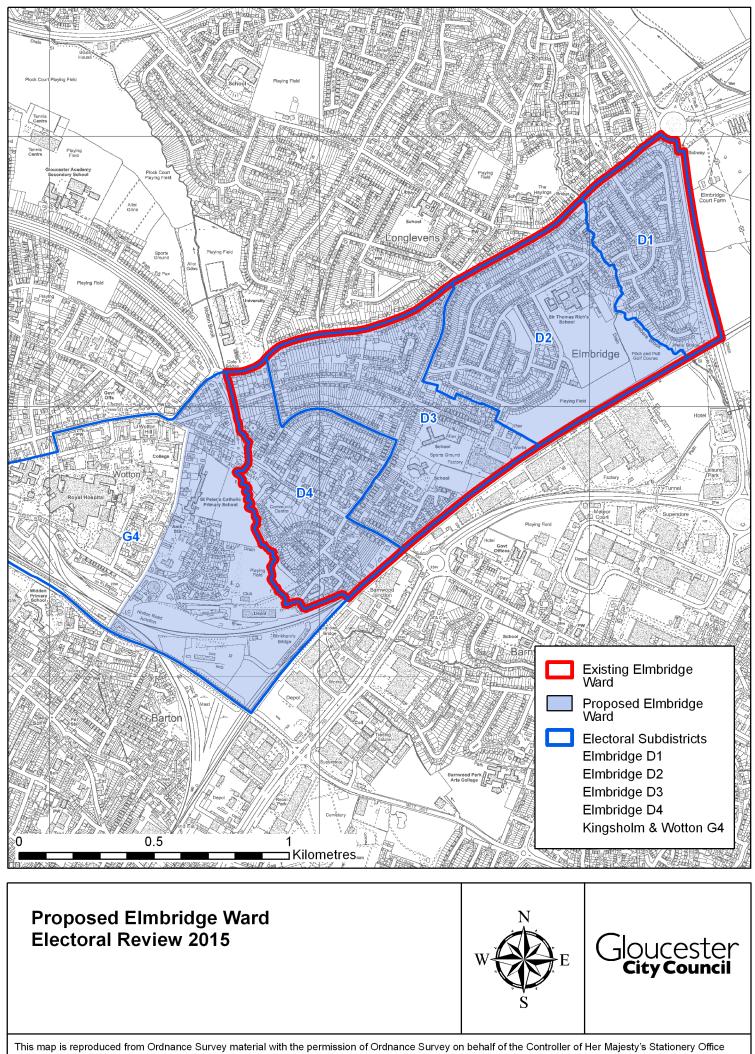


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LGBCE's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Elmbridge	5093	2	-1%	A residential area to the north-east of the City	This ward was proposed by the Council and was supported by all the City-wide submissions. We consider this ward provides for good electoral equality and has clear boundaries of the railway line to the south and Cheltenham Road (B4063) to the north.
Gloucester City Council's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of CIIrs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail of Council's Original Submission and Response to LGBCE's Draft Recommendations.
Elmbridge	5093	2	1%	A residential area to the north-east of the City	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

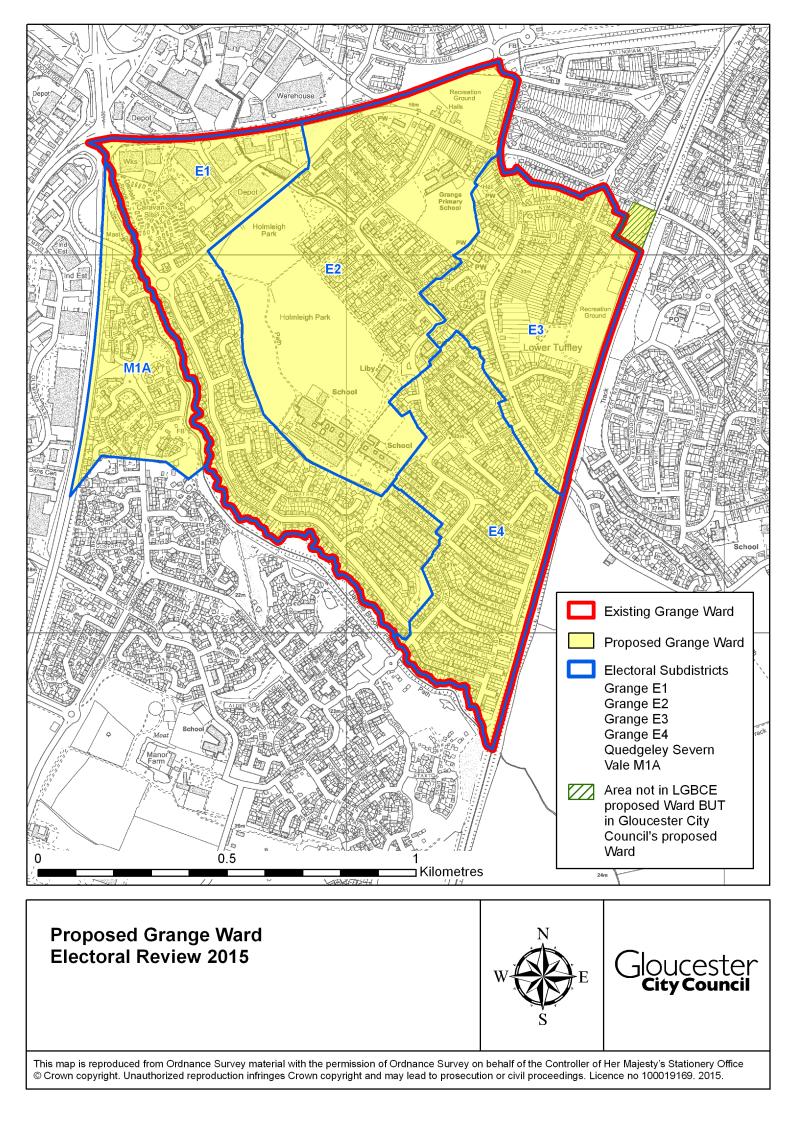
	 change along the road boundary of Horton Road and Cheltenham Road rather than the boundary of Wotton Brook which will bring approx 411 electors from Kingsholm and Wotton Ward to Elmbridge Ward. This will also improve electoral equality in Elmbridge Ward. The proposed Ward will continue to have 2 Councillors. The Ward has two doctors' surgeries and one dentists surgery. The Ward has two churches; Lonsdale Road Methodist Church and Brethren's Meeting Room. And one Junior and one Infant School. 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.
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		The proposed Ward will be coterminous with the existing Ward, apart from where a boundary change along the boundary of Wotton Brook which will bring approx 411 electors from Kingsholm & Wotton Ward to Elmbridge Ward.
		The City Council is in agreement with Commission's recommendations with this Ward.



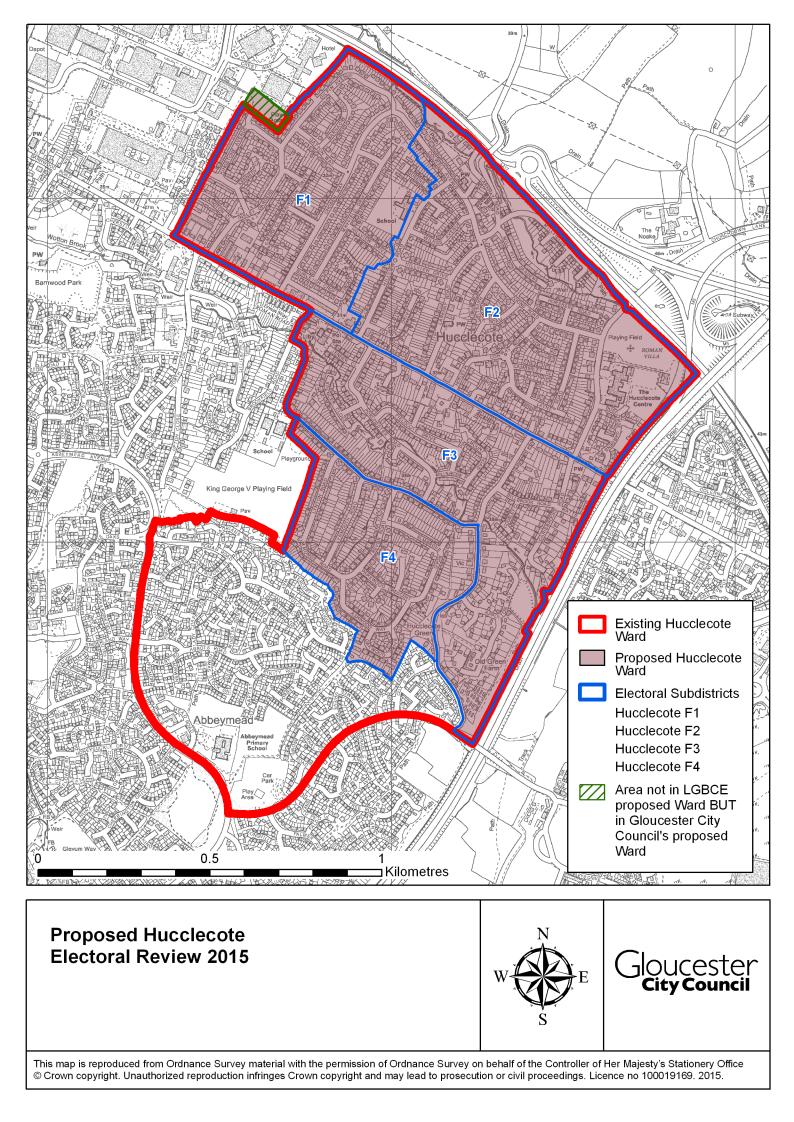
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LGBCE's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Grange	5385	2	4%	A residential area in the south of the City	This ward is based on the proposals put forward in two of the political groups' submissions. We have included in this ward the Streamside/Watermint Drive areas from Quedgeley. On inspection, it was observed that the access into this area is easier from the Grange ward than Quedgeley due to traffic restriction measures. We also observed that the houses are not easily accessible from the Kingsway ward other than on foot. We consider that Cole Avenue (A38) forms an identifiable northern boundary and that electoral equality for the ward is good
Gloucester City Council's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Grange	5385	2	4%	A residential area in the south of the City	The only matter the Council seeks to persuade the LGBCE to amend its draft recommendations for Grange Ward is in regards Randwick Park. This open space serves residents mainly from Grange and Tuffley Wards. The current ward boundary locates the majority of the park in Grange Ward, but splits the top section of the park into Tuffley Ward. The Council would support the boundary being revised here, so that the whole of the park is situated within Grange Ward.



LGBCE's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Hucclecote	5293	2	2%	A residential area in the east of the city	This ward is largely based on two of the political groups' city-wide submissions. We consider this ward provides for good electoral equality and has clear boundaries. Hucclecote Road provides the spine road in the ward.
Gloucester City Council's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Hucclecote	5293	2	2%	A residential area in the east of the city	Gloucester City Council is in agreement with the LGBCE's draft recommendations, apart from the playing area off Kingstone Avenue, shown in the LGBCE proposals as being in Barnwood Ward. It is proposed that this should be incorporated into the Hucclecote Ward as this area is used mainly by Hucclecote residents and the entrance is also in Hucclecote Ward. Also, the King George V Playing Field which serves residents in Hucclecote and Barnwood Ward but is generally perceived by residents as a Hucclecote facility. The Hucclecote RFC and Hucclecote Youth FC use the sports pitches in the park. No Barnwood

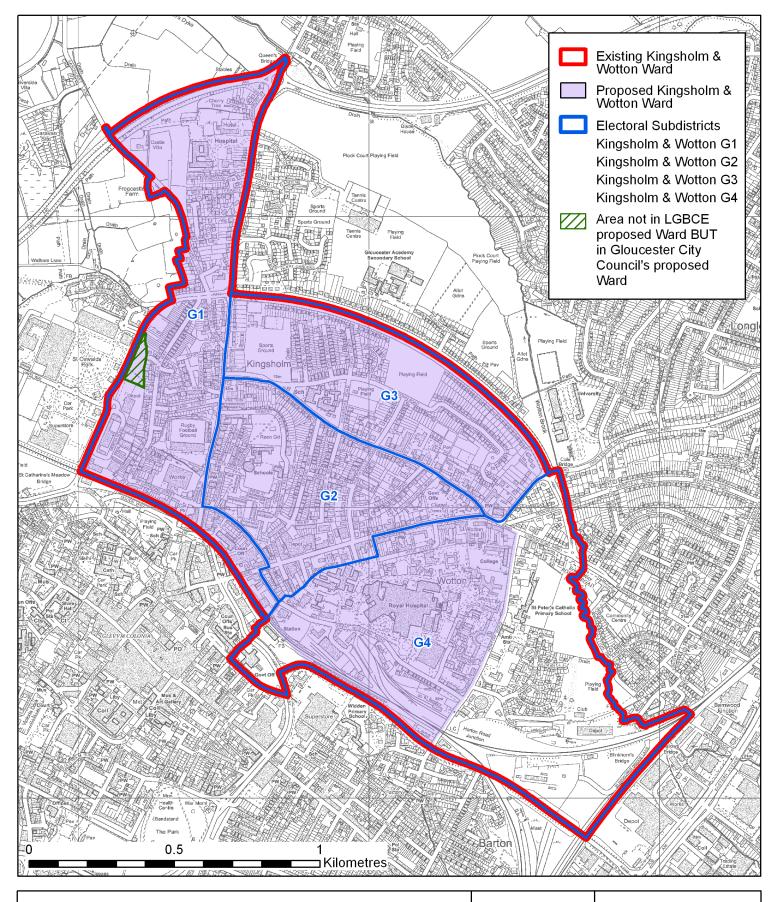
		based clubs use the facilities. Hucclecote is poorly served in respect of open space and the Council would like to see the boundary revised here, so the park is situated in Hucclecote Ward. (This proposal is subject to agreement from the Barnwood Councillors.) This change would not affect elector numbers.



LGBCE's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Kingsholm & Wotton	5265	2	2%	A residential area immediately north of the City centre.	This Ward was proposed by the Council, and was supported by the city-wide proposals. We consider this ward provides for good electoral equality. We propose a minor modification to the boundary along St Oswalds Road. We propose moving the boundary from the centre of the road to the backs of houses to the east in order that the retail sites on either side of the road are included in the same ward.
Gloucester City Council's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail of Council's Original Submission and Response to LGBCE's Draft Recommendations.
Kingsholm & Wotton	5265	2	2%	A residential area immediately north of the City centre.	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.

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
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	strengthened and both Kingsholm and Wotton
	Ward and the neighbouring Elmbridge Ward will be
	better balanced for community facilities.
	The LGBCE is urged to amend its
	proposals by including the Kingsholm & Wotton
	boundary to St Oswalds Road to where it joins
	the railway line which is a natural boundary. This
	would incorporate the trading estate up to St
	Oswalds Road into the Kingsholm & Wotton
	Ward this is a business park in its own right.
	The open space Deans Way Meadow would also
	be included which is primarily used by Kingsholm
	and Wotton residents.
	In addition to the above aboves the Merking
	In addition to the above change the Working
	Group proposed that the area by the railway line
	that contains the Government Offices should be
	included in the Westgate Ward rather than
	Kingsholm and Wotton. The boundary line should
	continue along the railway line and not cross
	Black Dog Way as the Commission propose.
	The Boundary Boyiow Marking Crown believes
	The Boundary Review Working Group believes
	that both these changes will improve the clarity of
	the Ward boundaries and enhance the Ward.
	There are no electors that would be affected by
	this change.



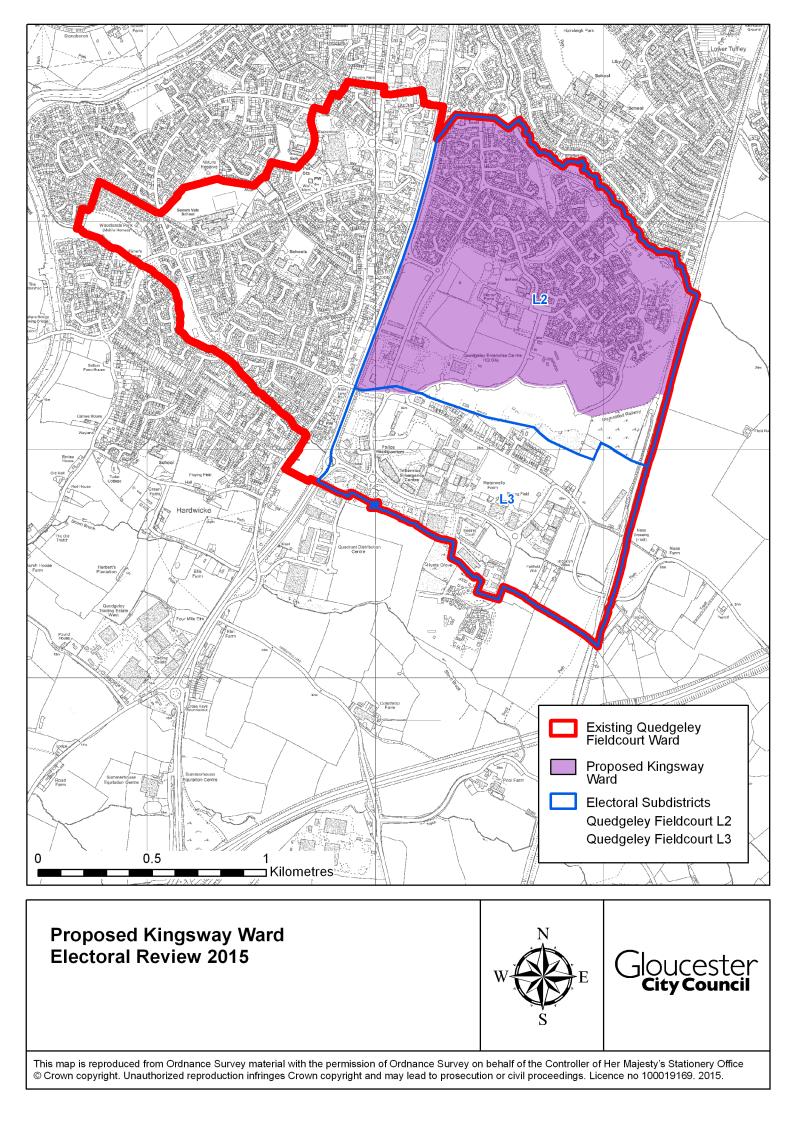
Proposed Kingsholm & Wotton Ward Electoral Review 2015



LGBCE's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Kingsway	7035	3	-9%	This ward to the southern extent of Gloucester City comprises a soon to be dense residential area mixed with light industry and sports facilities.	This is a large ward undergoing significant and dense development over the next five years. The proposals put forward by the Council and political parties proposed a two-member ward which divided the new development. On inspection of the area we considered that the respondents' proposed north/south split of the site was not clear and did not reflect the pattern of development visible on the ground which would open up access points between new and existing residential areas. Our draft recommendations are for an east/west split using Bristol Road as a dividing boundary. Our proposed Kingsway Ward provides for a reasonable level of electoral equality. Additionally, we consider that a three-member Ward covering this area would be able to accommodate further development and continue to provide for reasonable levels of electoral equality.
Gloucester City Council's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail

Kingsway	5018	2	-3%	The Council is asking again for the LGBCE to re- consider its draft recommendations for the Kingsway Ward.
				The Council, based on the Gloucester Boundary Review Working Group recommendations, proposes that a new Ward 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 a new Ward named '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 Naas Lane.
				The proposed new Ward has projected 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. There

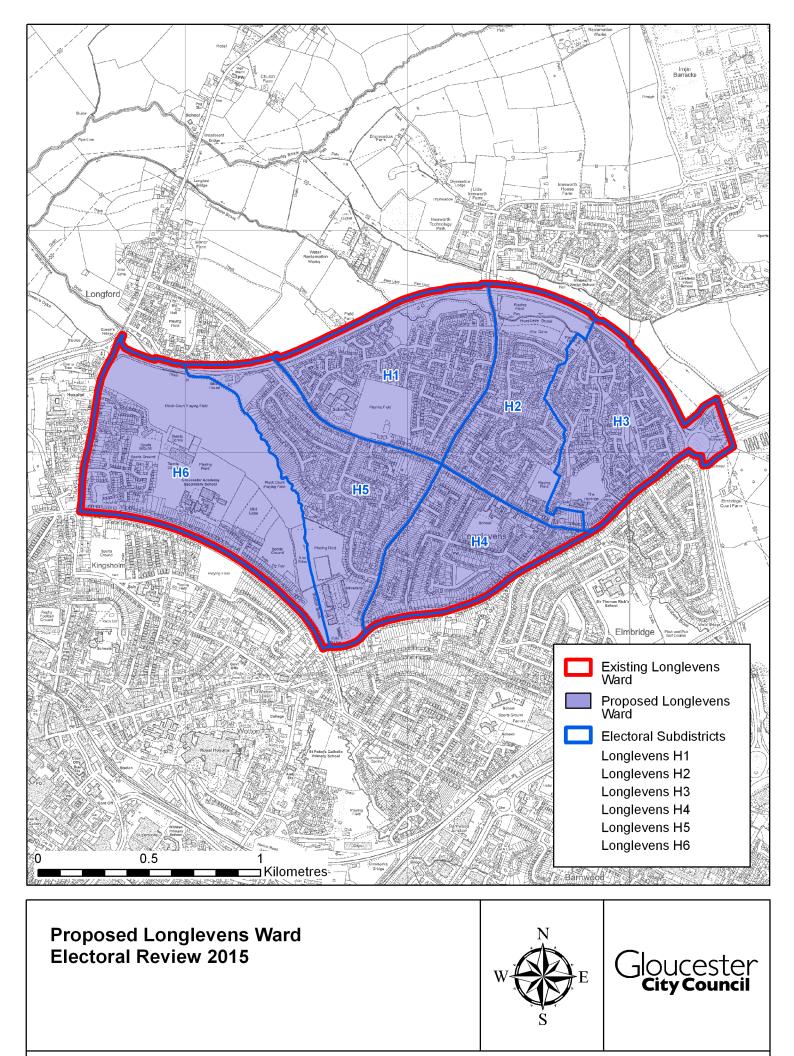
		is a scout group that meets at Kingsway Primary School and an active residents association. This fast growing community has a mix of tenures and house types and has been planned with large areas of open space, off road strategic footpaths and cycle ways exist throughout the new proposed Ward of Kingsway. 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.



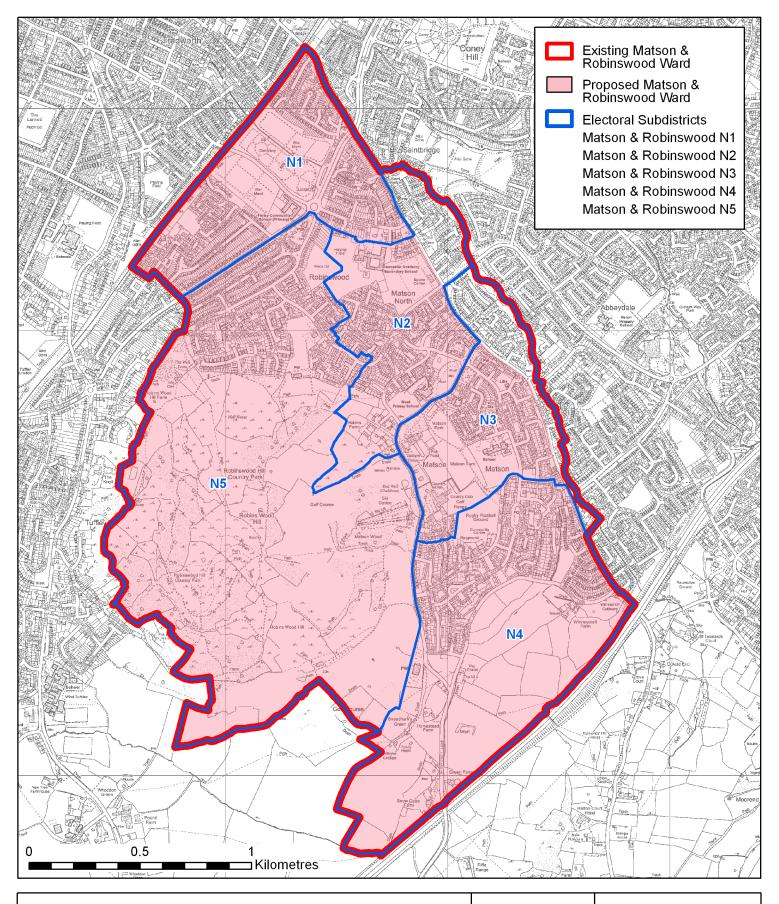
LGBCE's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail.
Longlevens	7020	3	1%	The Ward comprises the dense urban area to the north of the City.	This Ward was proposed by the Council, and was supported by the city-wide proposals. It provides for good electoral equality and has identifiable boundaries.
Gloucester City Council's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail of Council's Original Submission and Response to LGBCE's Draft Recommendations.
Longlevens	7020	3	1%	The Ward comprises the dense urban area to the north of the City.	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 self-contained Ward with good boundaries, with a good electoral equality. Also, as

	 Longlevens Ward is in a separate constituency for the Parliamentary elections it should remain with the current boundaries. 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 agents, hairdressers, Cantonese take-away and funeral directors. A short distance away is an Indian restaurant and a BP petrol station. Close by is a GP surgery, a branch library, a pub and the Parish Church, there are two other pubs in Longlevens. There are two Churches in Longlevens; the Baptist Church and a Holy Trinity Parish Church. The community has a popular village hall in Church Road and a Community Centre 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 one infant schools and one junior school and Milestones a special state school for boys and girls aged 2-16. Gloucestershire University also has a campus in Longlevens.
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	 The Longlevens community is served by a frequent bus service to Gloucester City centre and to Cheltenham (approx 6 miles away) most of the day which runs at 10 minute intervals. Longlevens Neighbourhood Partnership is run from the Community Centre and does a lot of good work in the community, in 2009 their Youth Action Group won an award from Gloucester City Council for their work with young people.
	The Council is in agreement with the LGBCE's proposed Ward.



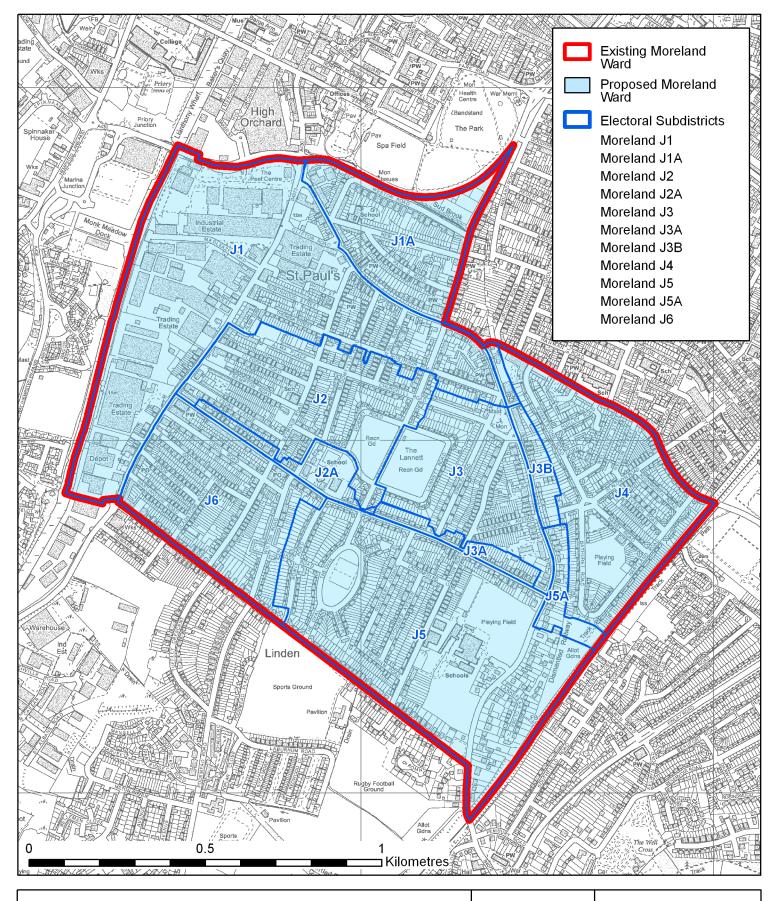
LGBCE's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Matson & Robinswood	7608	3	-2%	A mixed rural and residential area to the south-east of the City, comprises the Robinswood Hill Country Park.	This ward is based on the proposals put forward by two of the city-wide proposals. Submissions were also received from local organisations representing White City and Matson & Robinswood community groups that supported the creation of a Matson & Robinswood ward. We consider that Painswick Road forms a good boundary to the north-east of the ward. Evidence received indicated that residents to the north of the road do not have an affinity with the Matson and Robinswood community to the south.
Gloucester City Council's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Matson & Robinswood	7608	3	-2%	A mixed rural and residential area to the south-east of the City, comprises the Robinswood Hill Country Park.	The Council is in agreement with the LGBCE's proposed Ward.



Proposed Matson & Robinswood Ward Electoral Review 2015



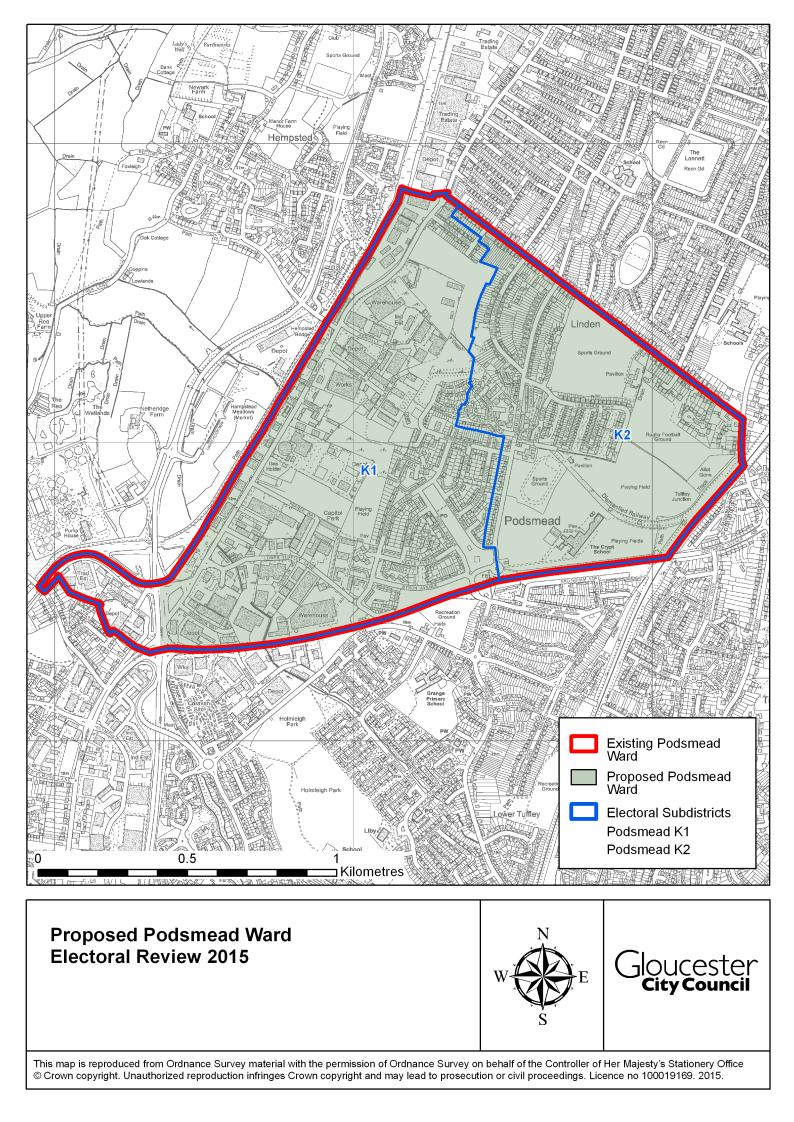
LGBCE's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Moreland	7586	3	-2%	A residential area immediately south of the City centre.	This ward is largely based on two of the political group's city-wide submissions. We consider that Tuffley Avenue provides for a good southern boundary to the ward, and the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal a clear western boundary. One of the political groups proposed the ward be named Linden Moreland. This ward name was not supported by other respondents and the evidence provided for it was persuasive. Therefore, we propose the ward be named Moreland.
Gloucester City Council's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Moreland	7586	3	-2%	A residential area immediately south of the City centre.	The Council is in agreement with the LGBCE's proposed Ward.



Proposed Moreland Ward Electoral Review 2015



LGBCE's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Podsmead	2547	1	-1%	A residential area immediately south of the City centre.	This ward is based on the proposals put forward by one of the city-wide submissions. Cole Avenue (A38) provides for an identifiable southern boundary and on our tour of the area we considered that Tuffley Avenue provided a clearer northern boundary than Linden Road. The ward has a good level of electoral equality and has clear boundaries.
Gloucester City Council's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Podsmead	2547	1	-1%	A residential area immediately south of the City centre.	The Council is in agreement with the LGBCE's proposed Ward.

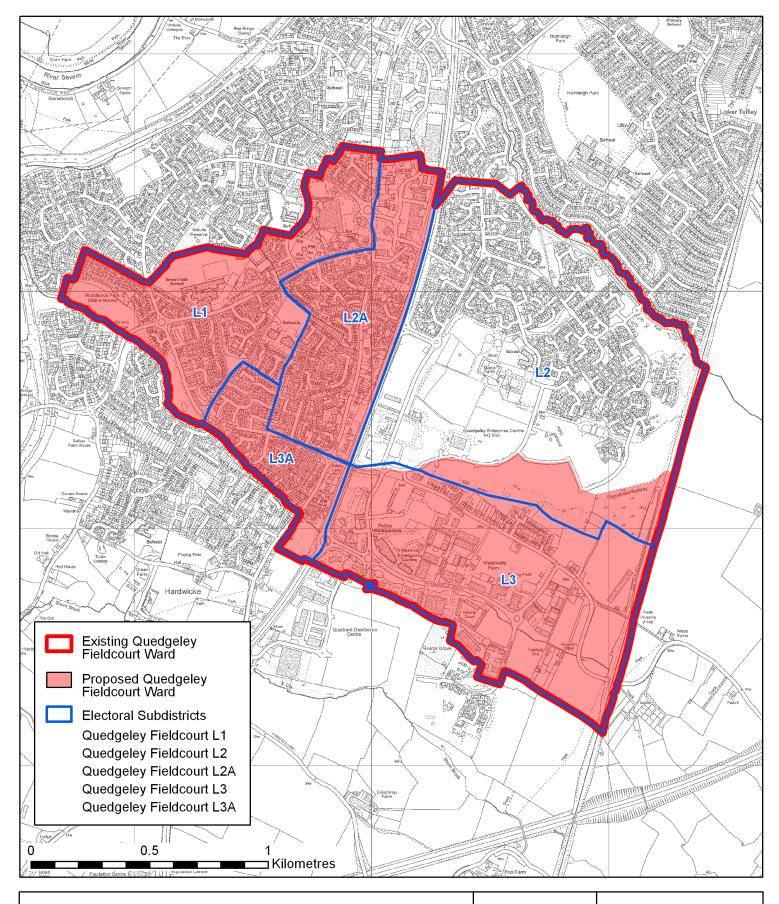


LGBCE's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Quedgeley	8327	3	7%	A densely populated residential area to the south of the City between the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal and A38.	The Council proposed a warding pattern for this area supported by the city-wide submissions. However, following our proposed ward of Kingsway we have proposed for consequential modifications to the Quedgeley ward. In creating a new arrangement in this area, Quedgeley Fieldcourt and Severn Vale have been united as a single ward, a move supported by a respondent during consultation. This larger three-member ward provides for good electoral equality.
Gloucester City Council's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail

Quedgeley Fieldcourt	5424	2	5%	The LGBCE is urged again to reconsider its draft recommendation for Quedgeley .
				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 is Hardwicke Ward which lies within Stroud District Council area. Quedgeley Fieldcourt is a large Ward which currently includes the Kingsway development.
				The whole Ward lies within the area of 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.
				The Council proposes a split of 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 medical centre 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, medical centre, 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. 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. There are active scout and guide groups in Quedgeley. 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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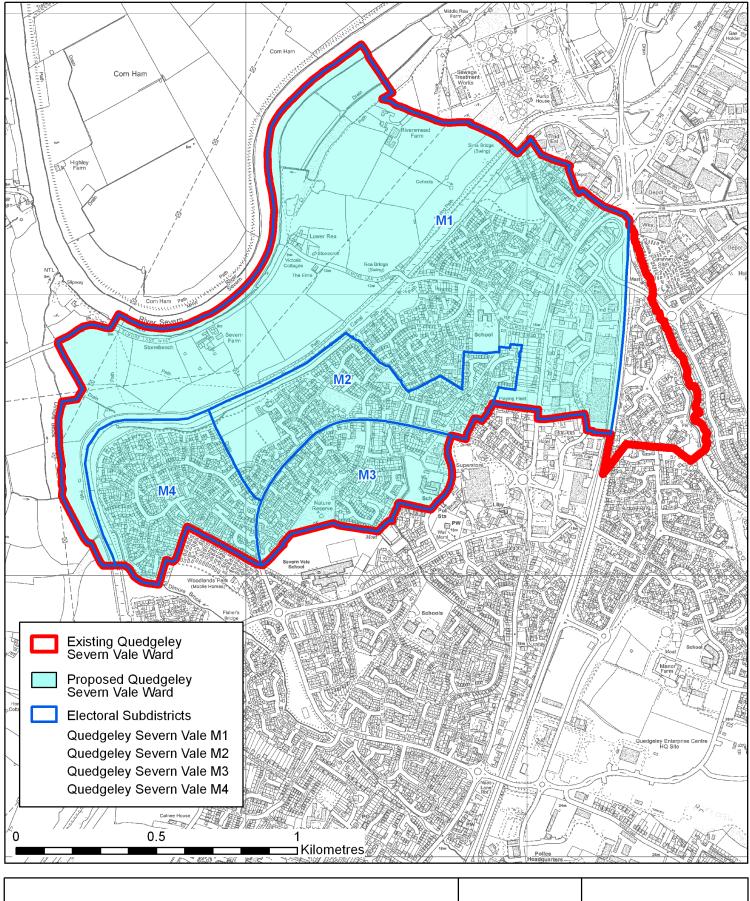


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Gloucester City Council's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Varience 2020	Description	Detail
Quedgeley Severnvale	4912	2	-5%	The current Ward of Quedgeley Severnvale lies to the South west of the City and is the northern most Ward in the Quedgeley Parish, which includes Quedgeley Fieldcourt Ward. The Ward is bounded by the river Severn and is bisected by the Gloucester to Sharpness Canal which runs north to south west through the Ward.	The Council proposes to move the Polling District M1A out of Quedgeley Sevenvale 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. Quedgeley Medical Centre is located on The Olympic Business Park Retail site in the Ward

		. This area 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.

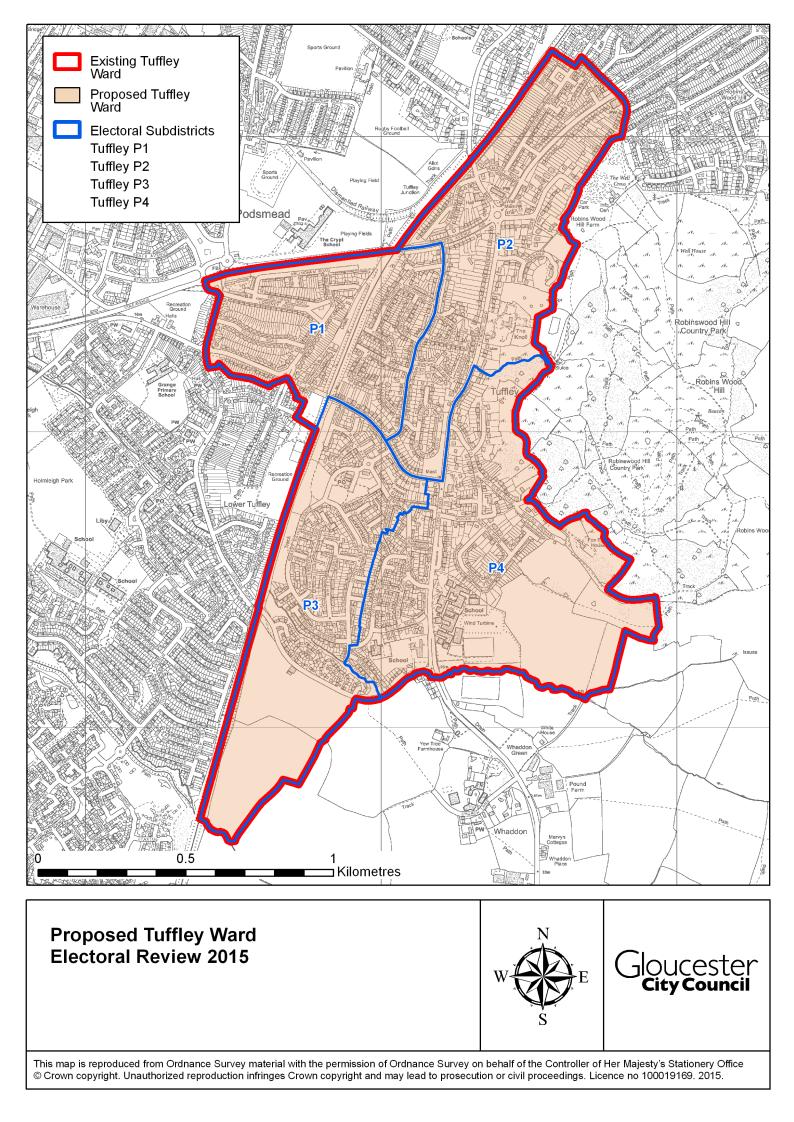


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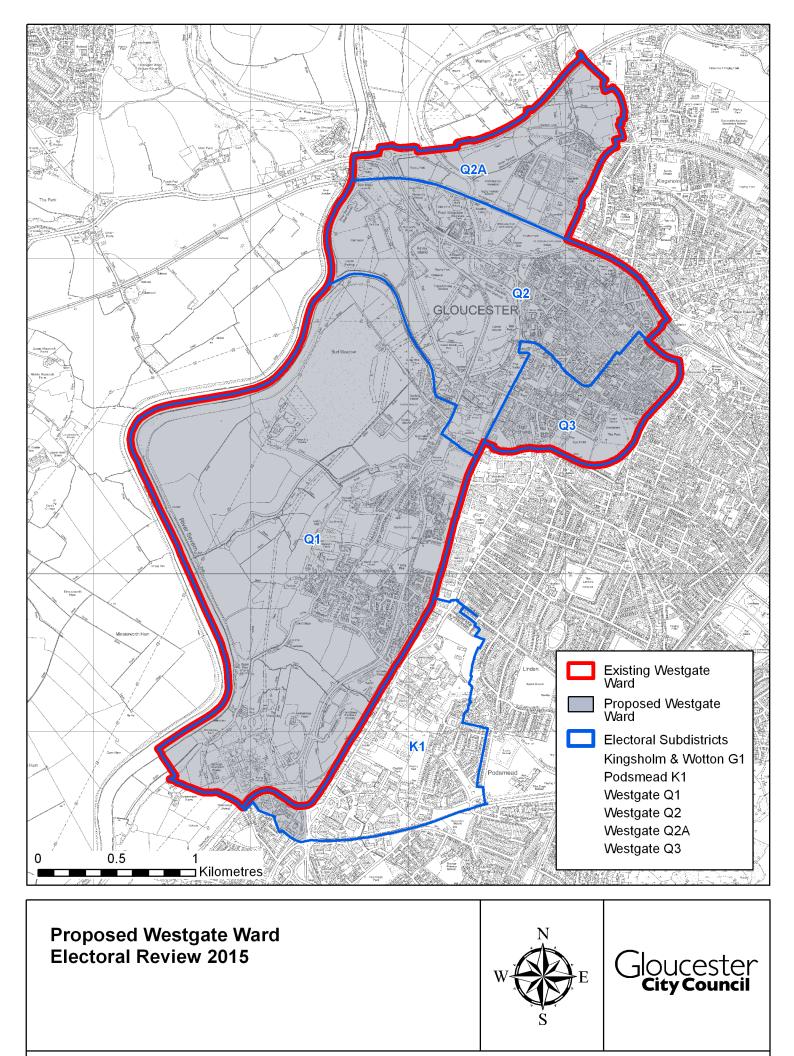
LGBCE's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Tuffley	4720	2	-9%	A dense residential area to the south east of the City crossing the railway line.	This Ward is based on that put forward by the Council and was supported by the city-wide proposals. In order to provide for good electoral equality in the area it is necessary to cross the railway line. During our tour of the area we observed the crossing point for the railway and considered that the infrastructure in the area allowed for easy access between the areas.
Gloucester City Council's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail of Council's Original Submission and Response to LGBCE's Draft Recommendations.
Tuffley	4720	2	-9%	A dense residential area to the south east of the City crossing the railway line.	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, and is nearby to small shopping centre 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 is a primary school and a secondary school, St Peters Roman Catholic School in Tuffley Ward. Tuffley also has two doctors' surgeries for the community.
	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 Council's submission for Tuffley Ward are generally the same as LGBCE's . The exception to this is in relation to Randwick Park open space. The Council would like Randwick Park to be situated in Grange Ward in its entirety not split between Grange and Tuffley as in the current Ward patterns.



Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
7844	3	1%	This area includes a mixed residential, industrial and rural area to the west of the City.	This ward is largely based on two of the city-wide proposals but with some modifications. We have included in our Westgate ward retail sites in both the north and south of the ward to reflect the road access into these sites, which was easier from the Westgate ward. It was noted on visiting the area that the canal formed a stronger boundary than the A430 for the eastern extent of the ward, except around the redeveloped wharf area where the old docks formed a focal point. A submission was received that suggested that the Westgate ward should be extended the full length of the district to encompass the whole of the rural area to the west of Gloucester. On inspection, we observed that there are a number of residencies to the south of the area which would be isolated from the rest of the Ward. It would also result in creating an unviable parish Ward (a parish Ward with less than 100 electors). We therefore do not propose the Westgate Ward be extended into Quedgeley Parish.
	2020	2020 Clirs	2020 Clirs 2020	2020Clirs2020784431%This area includes a mixed residential, industrial and rural area to the

Gloucester City Council's Proposed Ward Name	Electorate 2020	Number of Clirs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Agreement on boundary and Councillor number only.					The Gloucester City Boundary Review Working Group agreed that the ward boundary is the right one and that . There needs to be 3 Councillors for the Ward. One party in the cross-party Working Group suggested Hempsted should be a separate Ward with one Councillor, with the then smaller Westgate Ward served by two Councillors. The political parties are free to make their own submissions to the Boundary Commission on this point.

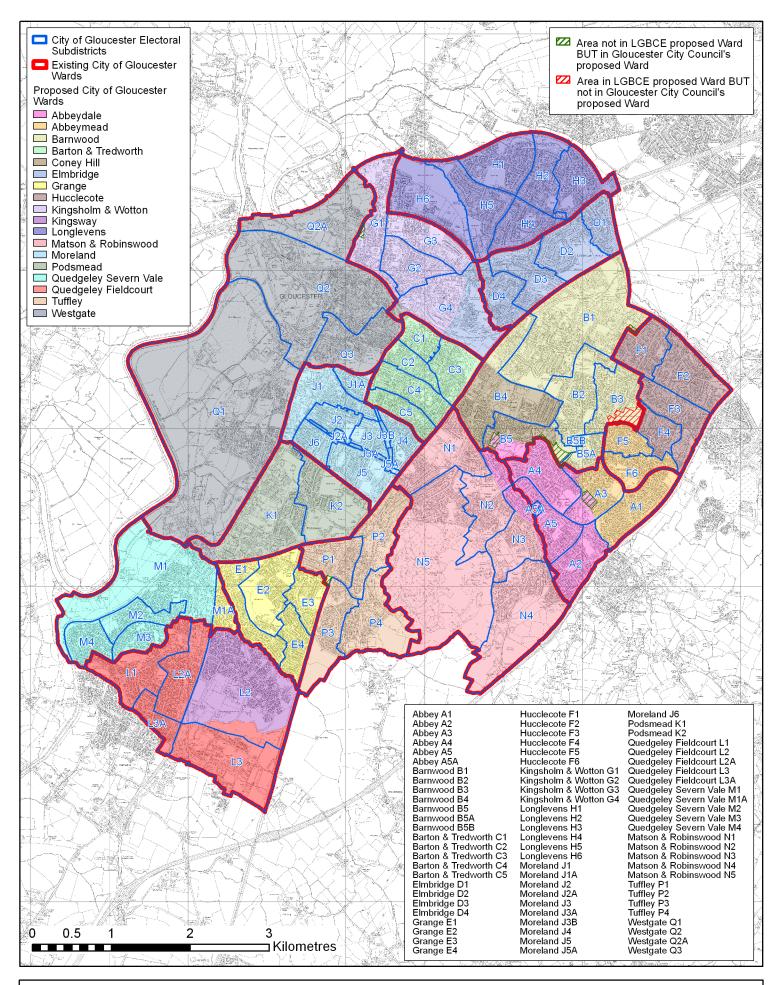


APPENDIX

Wards with Electoral numbers

A2	ABBEYDALE	1290	1380
A3*	ABBEYDALE	105	105
A4*	ABBEYDALE	1813	1961
A5	ABBEYDALE	1291	1315
A5A	ABBEYDALE	107	107
N2*	ABBEYDALE	382	382
N3*	ABBEYDALE	399	399
N4*	ABBEYDALE	15	15
A1	ABBEYMEAD	1771	1771
A3	ABBEYMEAD	1124	976
F5	ABBEYMEAD	1023	1023
F6	ABBEYMEAD	969	969
B1	BARNWOOD	1449	1469
B2	BARNWOOD	1593	1593
B3	BARNWOOD	1381	1381
B5A	BARNWOOD	643	643
B5B	BARNWOOD	98	98
C1	BARTON AND TREDWORTH	905	927
C2	BARTON AND TREDWORTH	1490	1490
C3	BARTON AND TREDWORTH	1479	1623
C4	BARTON AND TREDWORTH	2242	2242
C5	BARTON AND TREDWORTH	1581	1646
B4	CONEY HILL	1766	1766
B5	CONEY HILL	992	992
D1	ELMBRIDGE	876	876
D2	ELMBRIDGE	1219	1219
D3	ELMBRIDGE	1160	1256
D4	ELMBRIDGE	1332	1332
G4*	ELMBRIDGE	411	411
E1	GRANGE	1465	1465
E2	GRANGE	1040	1040
E3	GRANGE	951	951
E4	GRANGE	1209	1209
M1A	GRANGE	648	720
F1	HUCCLECOTE	1455	1455
F2	HUCCLECOTE	1514	1610
F3	HUCCLECOTE	1372	1372
F4	HUCCLECOTE	856	856
G1	KINGSHOLM AND WOTTON	1352	1352
G2	KINGSHOLM AND WOTTON	1917	1926
G3	KINGSHOLM AND WOTTON	1043	1144
G4	KINGSHOLM AND WOTTON	843	843
L2	KINGSWAY	3841	5018

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H1	LONGLEVENS	1700	1700
H2	LONGLEVENS	1246	1273
H3	LONGLEVENS	1382	1382
H4	LONGLEVENS	1293	1293
H5	LONGLEVENS	1372	1372
H6	LONGLEVENS	696	786
N1	MATSON AND	1813	1813
	ROBINSWOOD	1015	1015
N2	MATSON AND	1040	1040
112	ROBINSWOOD	1010	1010
N3	MATSON AND	828	933
	ROBINSWOOD		
N4		1679	2291
	ROBINSWOOD		
N5	MATSON AND ROBINSWOOD	1520	1531
J1	MORELAND	803	828
J1A	MORELAND	713	758
J2	MORELAND	1124	1153
J2 J2A	MORELAND	89	100
	MORELAND		
J3	_	767	767
J3A	MORELAND	117	117
J3B	MORELAND	82	82
J4	MORELAND	1207	1207
J5	MORELAND	1343	1343
J5A	MORELAND	58	58
J6	MORELAND	1162	1173
K1	PODSMEAD	962	1220
K2	PODSMEAD	1301	1327
L3	QUEDGELEY FIELDCOURT	219	1002
L1	QUEDGELEY FIELDCOURT	1611	1611
L2A	QUEDGELEY FIELDCOURT	1582	1600
L3A	QUEDGELEY FIELDCOURT	1123	1211
M1	QUEDGELEY SEVERNVALE	1349	1376
M2	QUEDGELEY SEVERNVALE	1142	1196
M3	QUEDGELEY SEVERNVALE	997	997
M4	QUEDGELEY SEVERNVALE	1343	1351
P1	TUFFLEY	1190	1190
P2	TUFFLEY	1307	1320
P3	TUFFLEY	1147	1147
P4	TUFFLEY	1063	1063
Q1	WESTGATE	1800	2376
Q2	WESTGATE	1664	2552
Q2A	WESTGATE	730	955
Q3	WESTGATE	1500	1961



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