

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 24th January, 2022
at 6.30 pm

Guildhall, Southampton

This meeting is open to the public

Members of the Council

The Mayor – Chair

The Sheriff – Vice-chair

Leader of the Council

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WARD	COUNCILLOR	WARD	COUNCILLOR
Bargate	Bogle Noon Dr Paffey	Millbrook	G Galton S Galton Moulton
Bassett	Hannides B Harris L Harris	Peartree	Houghton Bell J Payne
Bevois	Rayment Denness Kataria	Portswood	Cooper Mitchell Savage
Bitterne	Magee Prior Streets	Redbridge	Guest McEwing Spicer
Bitterne Park	Fuller Harwood White	Shirley	Chaloner Coombs Kaur
Coxford	D Galton Professor Margetts Renyard	Sholing	J Baillie Guthrie Vaughan
Freemantle	Leggett Shields Windle	Swaythling	Bunday Fielker Vassiliou
Harefield	P Baillie Fitzhenry Laurent	Woolston	Hammond W Payne Stead

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Role of the Council

The Council comprises all 48 Councillors. The Council normally meets six times a year including the annual meeting, at which the Mayor and the Council Leader are elected and committees and sub-committees are appointed, and the budget meeting, at which the Council Tax is set for the following year.

The Council approves the policy framework, which is a series of plans and strategies recommended by the Executive, which set out the key policies and programmes for the main services provided by the Council. It receives a summary report of decisions made by the Executive, and reports on specific issues raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee. The Council also considers questions and motions submitted by Council Members on matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which affect the City.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Questions:- People who live or work in the City may ask questions of the Mayor, Chairs of Committees and Members of the Executive. (See the Council's Constitution ref Part 4 Council Procedure Rules 10.8)

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Representations:- At the discretion of the Mayor, members of the public may address the Council on any report included on the agenda in which they have a relevant interest. Any member of the public wishing to address the meeting should advise the Democratic Support Officer (DSO) whose contact details are on the front sheet of the agenda.

Deputations:- A deputation of up to three people can apply to address the Council. A deputation may include the presentation of a petition. (See the Council's Constitution ref Part 4 Council Procedure Rules 10.7)

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- Communities, culture & homes - Celebrating the diversity of cultures within Southampton; enhancing our cultural and historical offer and using these to help transform our communities.
- Green City - Providing a sustainable, clean, healthy and safe environment for everyone. Nurturing green spaces and embracing our waterfront.
- Place shaping - Delivering a city for future generations. Using data, insight and vision to meet the current and future needs of the city.
- Wellbeing - Start well, live well, age well, die well; working with other partners and other services to make sure that customers get the right help at the right time

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Proposed dates of meetings	
2021	2022
21 July	23 February (Budget)
15 September	16 March
17 November	18 May (AGM)

CONDUCT OF MEETING

FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

The functions of the Council are set out in Article 4 of Part 2 of the Constitution

RULES OF PROCEDURE

The meeting is governed by the Council Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

Only those items listed on the attached agenda may be considered at this meeting.

QUORUM

The minimum number of appointed Members required to be in attendance to hold the meeting is 16.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members are required to disclose, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, **both** the existence **and** nature of any "Disclosable Pecuniary Interest" or "Other Interest" they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this Agenda.

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

A Member must regard himself or herself as having a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter that they or their spouse, partner, a person they are living with as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were a civil partner in relation to:

- (i) Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
- (ii) Sponsorship: Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from Southampton City Council) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expense incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
- (iii) Any contract which is made between you / your spouse etc (or a body in which the you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest) and Southampton City Council under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed, and which has not been fully discharged.
- (iv) Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of Southampton.
- (v) Any license (held alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of Southampton for a month or longer.
- (vi) Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) the landlord is Southampton City Council and the tenant is a body in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interests.
- (vii) Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of Southampton, and either:
 - a) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body, or
 - b) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest that exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Other Interests

A Member must regard himself or herself as having an, 'Other Interest' in any membership of, or occupation of a position of general control or management in:

Any body to which they have been appointed or nominated by Southampton City Council

Any public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature

Any body directed to charitable purposes

Any body whose principal purpose includes the influence of public opinion or policy

Principles of Decision Making

All decisions of the Council will be made in accordance with the following principles:-

- proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);
- due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;
- respect for human rights;
- a presumption in favour of openness, accountability and transparency;
- setting out what options have been considered;
- setting out reasons for the decision; and
- clarity of aims and desired outcomes.

In exercising discretion, the decision maker must:

- understand the law that regulates the decision making power and gives effect to it. The decision-maker must direct itself properly in law;
- take into account all relevant matters (those matters which the law requires the authority as a matter of legal obligation to take into account);
- leave out of account irrelevant considerations;
- act for a proper purpose, exercising its powers for the public good;
- not reach a decision which no authority acting reasonably could reach, (also known as the "rationality" or "taking leave of your senses" principle);
- comply with the rule that local government finance is to be conducted on an annual basis. Save to the extent authorised by Parliament, 'live now, pay later' and forward funding are unlawful; and
- act with procedural propriety in accordance with the rules of fairness.

Richard Ivory
Service Director, Legal and Business Operations
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Friday, 14 January 2022

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the COUNCIL to be held on MONDAY, 24TH JANUARY, 2022 in the GUILDHALL, SOUTHAMPTON at 6:30pm when the following business is proposed to be transacted:-

1 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

Matters especially brought forward by the Mayor and the Leader.

3 PROPOSED WARDING PATTERNS SUBMISSION TO BOUNDARY COMMISSION - SOUTHAMPTON ELECTORAL REVIEW (Pages 1 - 24)

Report proposing new warding arrangements for Southampton as part of the Council's Electoral Review.



Richard Ivory
Service Director – Legal and Business Operations

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL
SUBJECT:	PROPOSED WARDING PATTERNS SUBMISSION TO BOUNDARY COMMISSION – SOUTHAMPTON ELECTORAL REVIEW
DATE OF DECISION:	24 TH JANUARY 2022
REPORT OF:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Not applicable

BRIEF SUMMARY

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) informed the council in February 2021 of its intention to carry out an Electoral Review of Southampton City Council focusing on the council’s size (number of elected councillors required to run the council and the number of wards) and its ward boundaries. This report sets out the council’s preferred future pattern of wards to be submitted as part of public consultation on phase two of its Electoral Review. The proposed warding patterns within this submission adhere to the statutory criteria governing electoral reviews as set out by the LGBCE:

- There should be equality of electorate across all wards (meaning councillors in each ward should represent approximately the same number of voters)
- Ward patterns should, as far as possible, reflect community interests and identities and boundaries should be identifiable
- Electoral arrangements should promote effective and convenient local government

The recommendations in this report also reflect the outcome of phase one of Southampton’s Electoral Review (conducted May – October 2021) following which the LGBCE recommended that the council should increase its council size from 48 councillors to 51 with an additional ward (increase of 16 to 17 wards). As the authority elects by thirds, the LGBCE also agreed a continuation of a pattern of three councillors per ward.

RECOMMENDATIONS:	
	(i) That an additional ward be incorporated into the centre of the city catering for existing and forecast electorate and housing development growth as detailed in appendix A and B, taking the city's total number of wards from 16 to 17.
	(ii) That other modifications to ward boundaries across the city, which adhere to the statutory criteria as defined in the summary section of this report, and outlined in detail in Appendix A&B are approved as the council's consultation response.
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	
1.	To comply with the statutory requirement to carry out an electoral review, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has a legal requirement to review all local authorities from time to time. An electoral review is an examination of a council's electoral arrangements and Southampton was last reviewed 20 years ago.
2.	The warding arrangements proposed in this report adhere to the statutory criteria governing electoral reviews as set out by the LGBCE.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
3	Proposals to changes in ward boundaries put forward in this report have been achieved following the co-operation of the cross-party Task and Finish Group comprising Labour and Conservative members, and where possible reflects the views of local community groups. Some areas of the city remain subject to further consideration and further revisions to appendices may need to be published before consideration at Full Council, after discussion with both political groups.
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
4	<p>Southampton City Council's Electoral Review will run from May 2021 until May 2023. The LGBCE conducts an electoral review of a council for two reasons: At the request of the local authority; or if the local authority meets the Commission's intervention criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a) If one ward has an electorate of +/-30% from the average electorate for the authority • b) If 30% of all wards have an electorate of +/-10% from the average electorate for the authority. <p>Southampton meets the Commission's criteria for electoral inequality with 3 of 16 (18.5%) wards with variance outside 10%. One ward (Bargate) has a variance outside 30%. The largest variances are Bargate ward (32%) and Swaythling ward (-15%). The review is not, however, limited to those outlier wards but is city wide.</p>
5	Phase one of the review (May – October 2021) included the council developing detailed recommendations (supported by evidence) on proposed council size (i.e the number of elected councillors) together with the assembly of five-year forecast electorate data.

6	Under stage 2 of the Electoral Review the council is required to provide recommendations on its proposed pattern of wards to the LGBCE. These recommendations have been led by a cross party Task and Finish Group consisting of Conservative and Labour councillors. The recommendation for Southampton's proposed ward boundaries is provided in Appendix A&B.
7	The LGBCE will consider the council's recommendations for proposed ward boundaries, and any other submissions made, before publishing their recommendations (followed by a period of public consultation which will take place between 10th May and 18th July 2022).

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

8	The resource implications of Phase 2 of the review (recommendations around warding arrangements) includes the cost of purchasing specialist ward boundary mapping software and associated licences (approx £6,000) which has been funded from the Elections budget.
9	Following the LGBCE's recommendation to increase the council's size by an additional ward and 3x additional councillors, the cost of this will include payment of members' basic annual allowance, as well as any additional expenses incurred (these are minor and rarely claimed or incurred). The basic allowance rate (£13,344) including National Insurance contributions is approx. £15,185 per councillor per annum. This would mean an additional annual cost of £45,555 pa plus expenses, increased by the living wage each year.

Property/Other

10	There are no property considerations as part of the Local Government Boundary Commission Electoral Review.
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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

11	Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (Sec 56) provides that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England must from time to time conduct a review of electoral arrangements of each principal council in England.
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Other Legal Implications:

12	None
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RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

13	None
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POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

14	None
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KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	As detailed in the appendices. Not all wards are to be revised.
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION	

Appendices	
1.	Proposed warding patterns for the city effective from 2023 (A&B)
Documents In Members' Rooms	
1.	None.
2.	
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.	
	No
Data Protection Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.	
	No
Other Background Documents	
Other Background documents available for inspection at:	
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
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2.	

Summary of proposal

Introduction and Principles

Southampton City Council set up a cross-party working group to consider proposals for future warding patterns with support from officers. The working group were mindful from the start that when determining proposals they should have regard to the following statutory criteria:

- delivering electoral equality for local voters',
- reflecting the interests and identities of local communities,
- promoting effective and convenient local government.

The group recognised that changes were required in order to achieve improved electoral equality across the city. Whilst some of the current wards are already outside the permitted electoral variance (+/- 10%), there were other wards that would be by 2027, taking into account expected developments and population growth.

The working group also established a number of principles:

- that 51 councillors is the optimum number of councillors for the efficient and effective representation and governance of the council;
- that the city is divided into 17 city wards, and that each is represented by three councillors;
- that by and large the warding pattern established in the eastern part of the city remains fit for purpose with regard to both representation and governance of the council, and therefore our proposals should seek to preserve this warding pattern where practicable;
- where possible, ward boundaries would be 'tidied' if this did not adversely impact electoral equality or community identity.

Taking into account the projected electorate for the city in 2027, there is a small deficit of electors in the east of the city when compared to the west. However, feedback from members during the early stages of the review confirmed that both the Conservative and Labour party groups were strongly in favour of retaining the natural boundary provided by the River Itchen, which effectively divides the city in two.

With that in mind, our proposals for the future pattern of wards across the city are based on this premise.

Eastern area

Although the Woolston ward is currently within the permitted level of electoral variance, by 2027 it is expected to exceed this (+14%). By contrast, the remaining wards in the east of the city are projected to remain within the permitted level of electoral variance up to and beyond 2027. Appendix A sets out the proposed warding pattern for the eastern area of the City of Southampton.

Western area

The western part of the city has seen significant population growth since the last electoral review and is projected to grow still further by 2027. As such, the Bargate and Bevois wards currently exceed the permitted electoral variance and this is expected to grow still further in both wards by 2027 (+44% for Bargate and +12% for Bevois). At the other extreme, the Swaythling ward is currently significantly below the permitted level of variance, and this is expected to worsen by 2027 (-24%).

In order to address this, our proposal includes the creation of an additional ward in this part of the city, with consequential changes to some of the other ward boundaries in order to achieve better electoral equality. Appendix B sets out the proposed warding pattern for the western area of the City of Southampton.

Methodology

The working group considered both the 2021 electorate figures and the 2027 forecasts per ward, which included new developments and population growth forecasts. From this information we were able to determine both the existing and projecting levels of variance.

The 2021 electorate figures, with the addition of new development data, was used as the basis for changing ward boundaries. In the case of new build properties, a multiplier of 1.9 was used to determine the number of projected electors by 2027.

The average number of electors per councillor for 2027 was calculated as being 3,603, with the average number of electors in each of the three-member wards being 10,809.

In terms of changes, we have aimed for a preferred variance of +/- 7%, with a maximum tolerance in line with the Boundary Commission's guidance of +/- 10%.

Electorate Projections

Ward name	Appendix A/B	Electors per Councillor	Electors per ward	% variance
Bargate North	B	3,441	10,323	-4.5
Bargate South	B	3,597	10,791	-0.2
Bassett	B	3,348 (3,448)*	10,044 (10,344)*	-7.1 (-4.3)*
Bevois	B	3,705	11,115	+2.8
Bitterne	A	3,508	10,524	-2.6
Bitterne Park	A	3,697	11,091	+2.6
Coxford	B	3,509	10,527	-2.6
Freemantle	B	3,610 (3,511)*	10,830 (10,533)*	+0.2 (-2.6)*
Harefield	A	3,657	10,971	+1.5
Millbrook	B	3,346 (3,360)*	10,038 (10,080)*	-7.1 (-6.7)*
Peartree	A	3,763	11,289	+4.4
Portswood	B	3,836	11,508	+6.5
Redbridge	B	3,530 (3,614)*	10,590 (10,842)*	-2.0 (+0.3)*
Shirley	B	3,701	11,103	+2.7
Sholing	A	3,693	11,079	+2.5
Swaythling	B	3,497 (3,398)*	10,491 (10,194)*	-2.9 (-5.7)*
Woolston	A	3,835	11,505	+6.4

* elector figures and variances included in the original report

Detailed Proposals

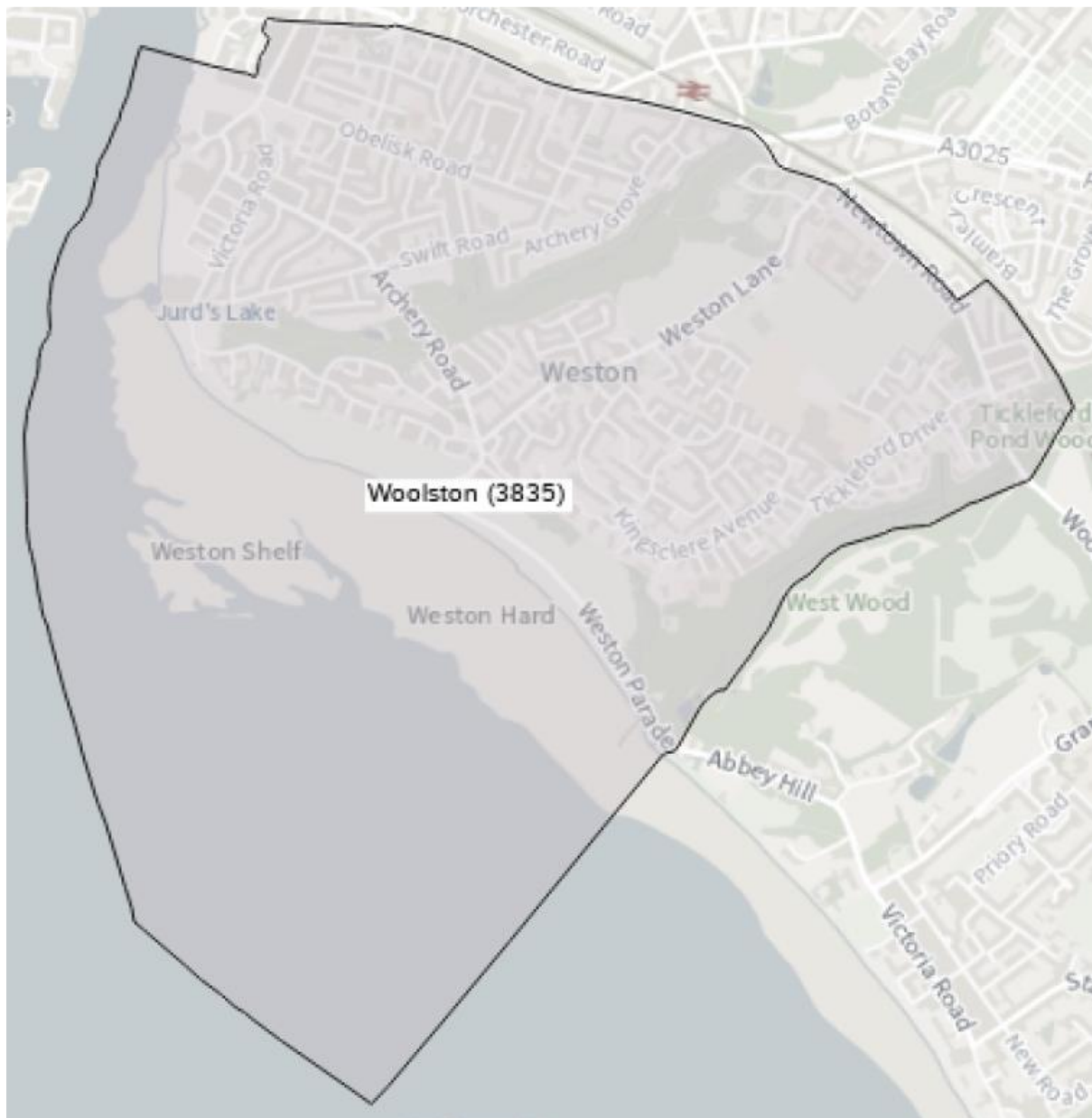
Maps for each ward have been prepared and are set out at Appendices A and B. The rationale behind the proposed changes, together with a brief description of each ward, are set out below.

Woolston ward

Whilst this ward has seen some growth in recent years, the projected development at Centenary Quay in the far north west is expected to result in 1,000+ additional electors. However, with the natural boundaries of the River Itchen to the west, the Solent estuary to the south and the city boundary itself to the east, options for making changes are limited.

With the area to the north being the only realistic option, the representatives of both political parties on the working group considered that the new development at Centenary Quay had strong links with the Woolston suburb and should remain in this ward. Similarly, the working group felt that the area around Wharf Road and Woodley Road had more synergy with the Peartree area of the city.

With a primary focus on the Woolston and Weston areas of the city, the revised northern ward boundary follows Keswick Road, Woodley Road, and the principal roads of the A3025 (Portsmouth Road), Wrights Hill and Newtown Road before following the north-western boundary of Dyerth Close to the railway line. From there, the boundary continues along the railway line to the city boundary.



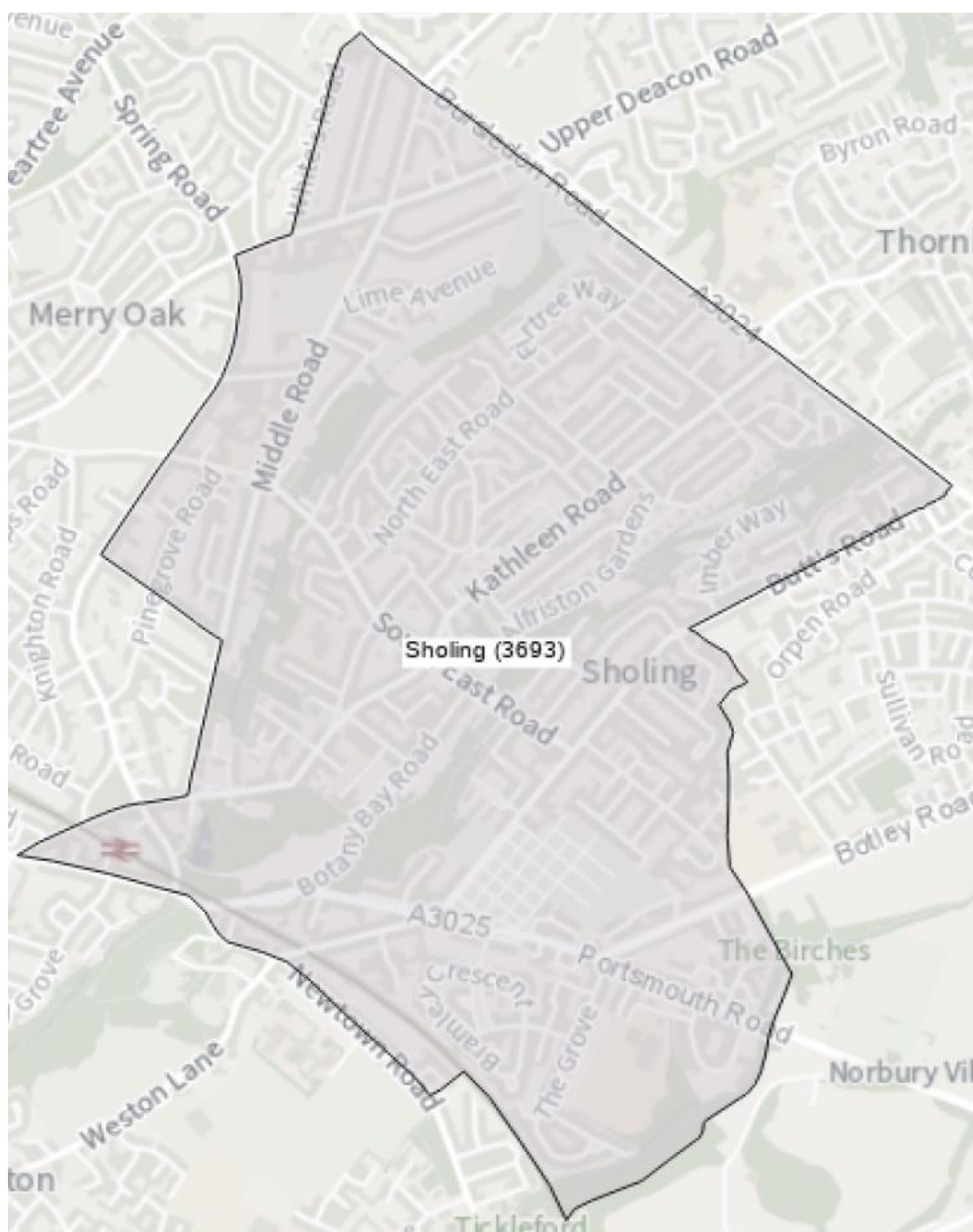
Sholing ward

As with a number of other wards in the eastern part of the city, this ward has proved to be effective as an area of local government, with a projected electorate in 2027 that is within the permitted level of variance. As such we are proposing only two minor changes to the current ward boundary.

The revised southern ward boundary follows the principal roads of the A3025 (Portsmouth Road), Wrights Hill and Newtown Road, before continuing along the north-western boundary of Dyserth Close to the railway line. From there, the revised boundary continues along the railway line to the city boundary. The remainder of the southern boundary follows the city boundary.

The eastern boundary in the north of the ward follows the principal roads of Butts Road and Bursledon Road, and is unchanged. In order to improve community identity in the area, we are proposing a minor realignment of the boundary around Orpen Road and Valentine Avenue. From Butts Road the revised boundary follows the rear boundary of Landseer Road before continuing along the western boundary of Orpen Road, Valentine Avenue, Finzi Close, Valentine Infant School, and the eastern boundary to the rear of Lowry Gardens to the city boundary.

To the west the principal roads of Station Road, Middle Road, Rosoman Road, Spring Road Deacon Road, and Whites Road continue to form the ward boundary.

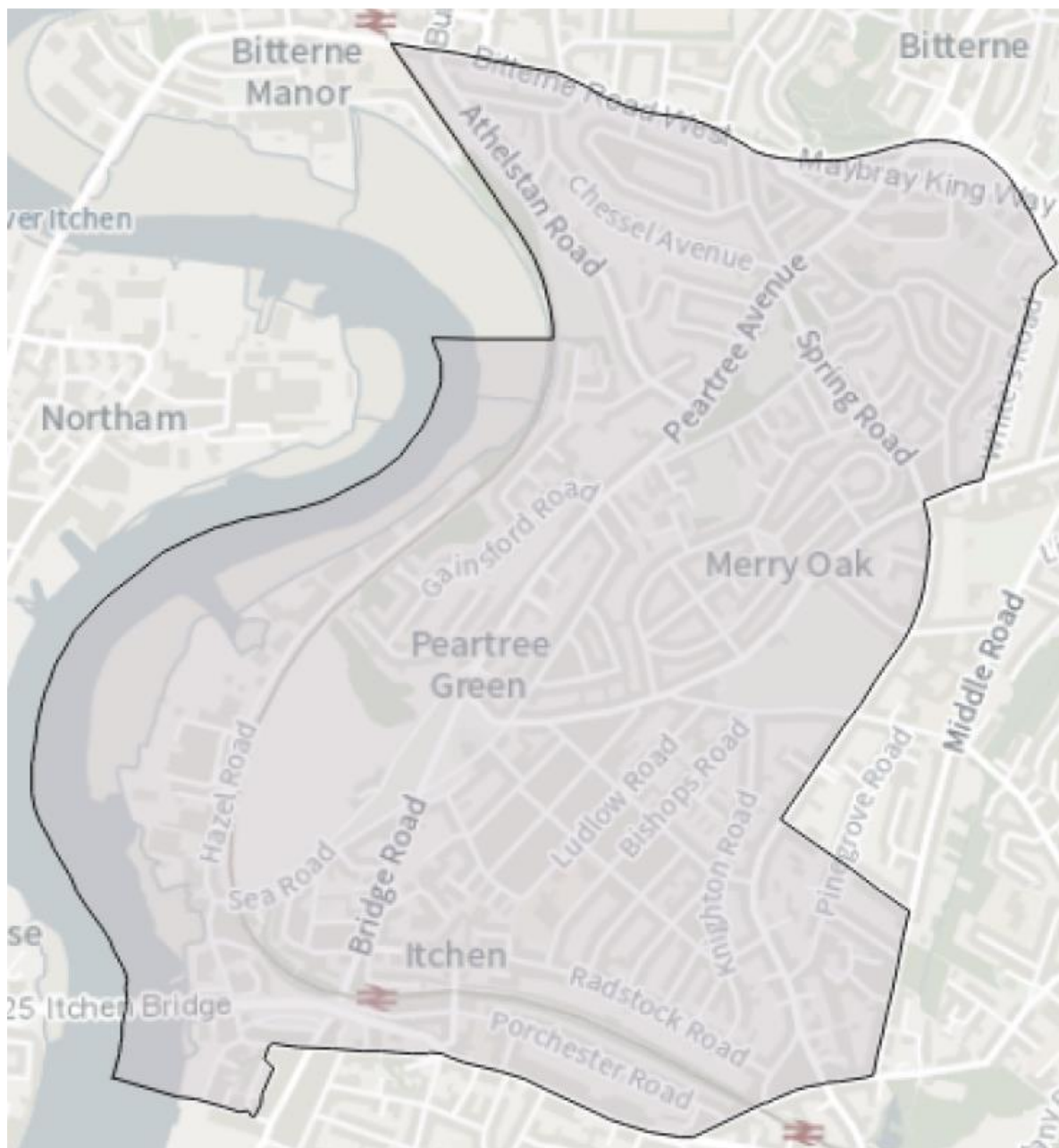


Peartree ward

As with the Sholing ward above, this ward has also proved to be effective as an area of local government with a projected electorate in 2027 that is well within the permitted level of variance. As such we are only proposing one minor change to the current ward boundary.

To facilitate changes to the Woolston ward as detailed above, to the south we have used Keswick Road, Woodley Road and the A3025 (Portsmouth Road) as the revised boundary.

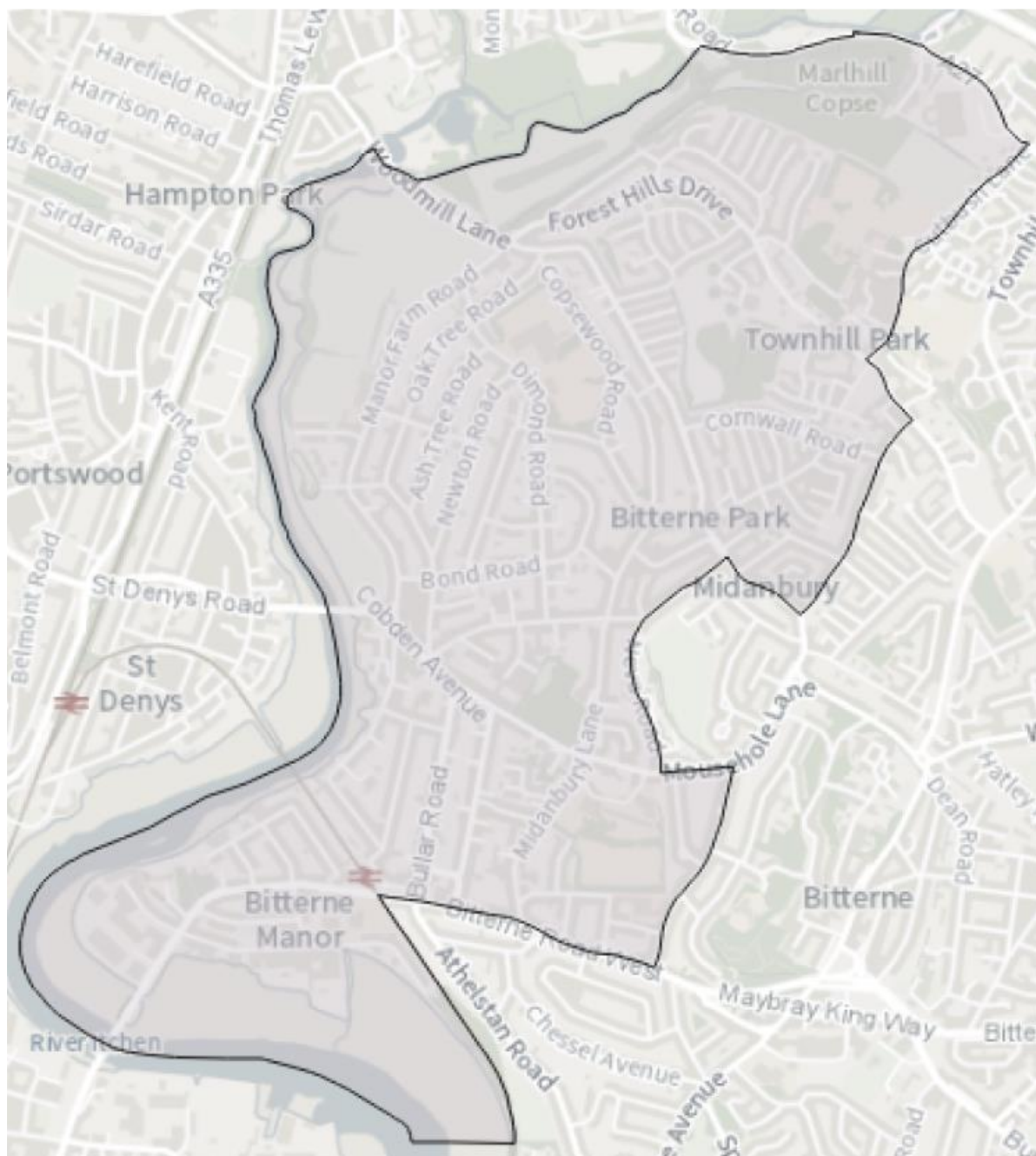
The River Itchen and existing natural buffers form the boundary to the west of the ward, which is unchanged. The northern boundary is also unchanged and follows the principal roads of Bitterne Road West, Maybray King Way. The western boundary continues to follow the principal roads of Whites Road, Deacon Road, Spring Road, Rosoman Road, Middle Road and Station Road.



Bitterne Park ward

As an effective area of local government, with a projected electorate in 2027 that is well within the permitted level of variance, we are not proposing any changes to this ward, which follows the natural boundary of the River Itchen to the west and north.

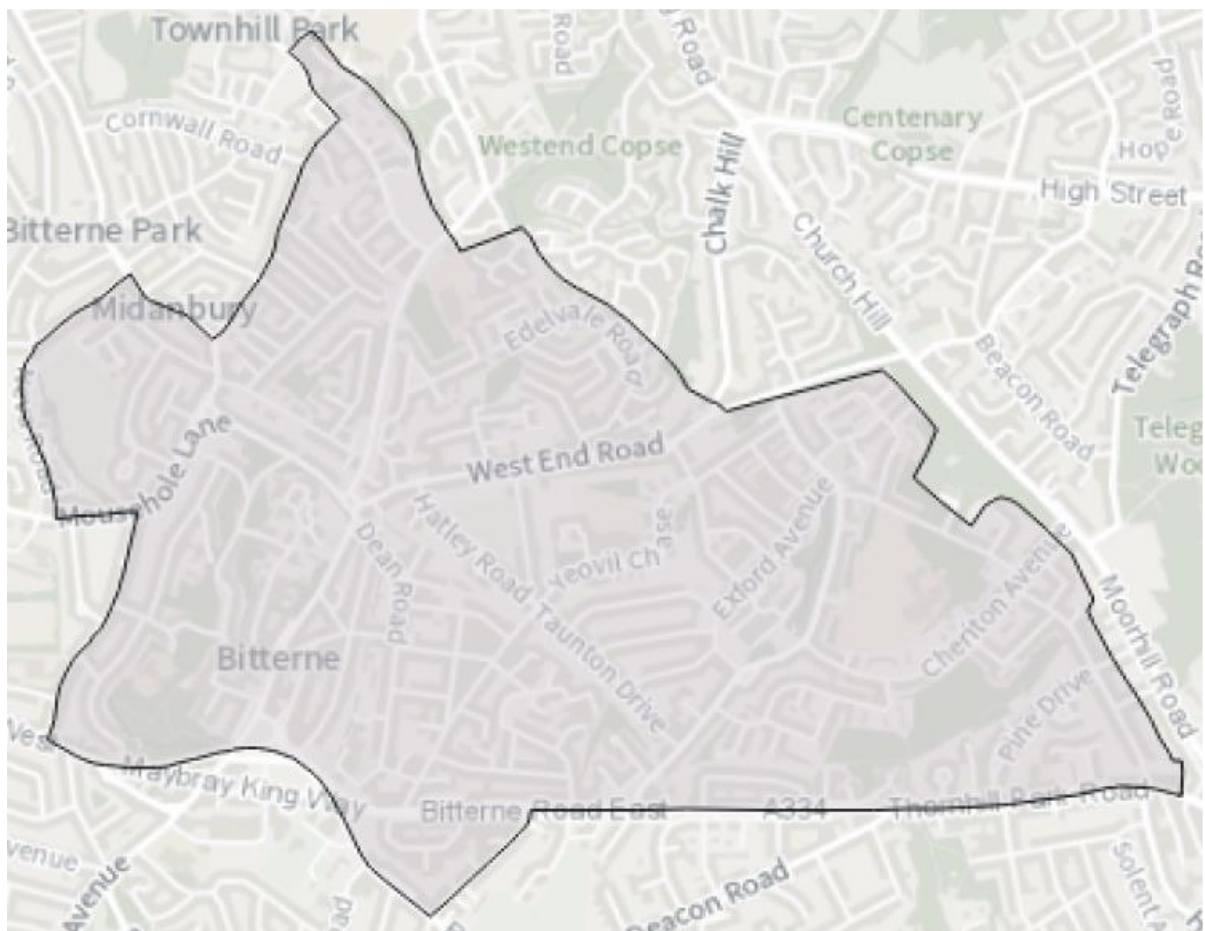
On the eastern side it follows the city boundary, together with the principal roads of Cutbush Lane, Meggeson Avenue, Wakefield Road, Witts Hill, Avon Road, Neva Road, Mousehole Lane, and Glenfield Avenue. To the south it follows Bitterne Road East and existing natural buffers to the south of Bitterne Manor.



Harefield ward

As with other wards in the eastern part of the city, this ward has proved to be effective as an area of local government, with a projected electorate in 2027 that is well within the permitted level of variance. As such, we are not proposing any changes to this ward, which to the north and east follow the city boundary.

On the southern side the boundary follows the principal roads of Thornhill Park Road, Bitterne Road East, Bath Road, Bursledon Road, and Maybray King Way. The western boundary follows the principal roads of Cutbush Lane, Meggeson Avenue, Wakefield Road, Witts Hill, Avon Road, Neva Road, Mousehole Lane, and Glenfield Avenue.

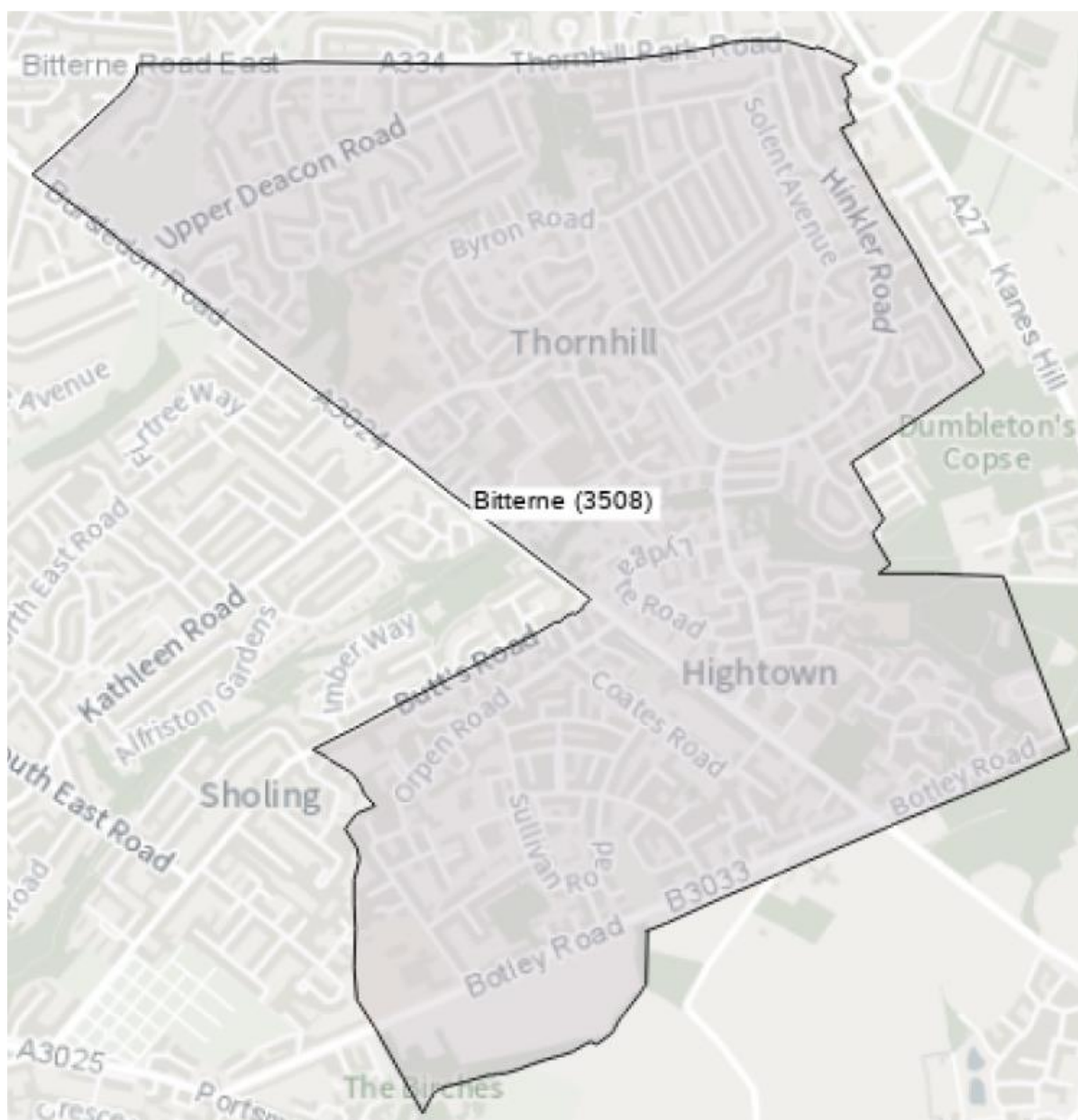


Bitterne ward

This ward has also proved to be effective as an area of local government, with a projected electorate in 2027 that is well within the permitted level of variance. As such, we are proposing only a minor change to the western boundary.

In the north of the ward the western boundary follows the principal roads of Butts Road and Bursledon Road, and is unchanged. In order to improve community identity in the area, we are proposing a minor realignment of the boundary around Orpen Road and Valentine Avenue. From Butts Road the revised boundary follows the rear boundary of Landseer Road before continuing along the western boundary of Orpen Road, Valentine Avenue, Finzi Close, Valentine Infant School, and the eastern boundary to the rear of Lowry Gardens to the city boundary.

To the north the ward boundary follows the principal roads of Bitterne Road East and Thornhill Park Road, whilst to the east and south it follows the city boundary.



Swathling ward

With significant electoral inequality compared to other wards in the city, the Swaythling ward was one of the ‘triggers’ for the current electoral review, with a projected variance of -24% by 2027.

In the south of the ward our proposal seeks to include the area to the south of Kitchener Road, thereby providing a greater focus for the Hampton Park area of the city. In addition, in the west our proposal also seeks to re-join in Swaythling an area of the city that has been divided across different wards for a number of years – principally, the community around Honeysuckle and Bluebell Roads. Feedback from local residents has been positive to such a move.

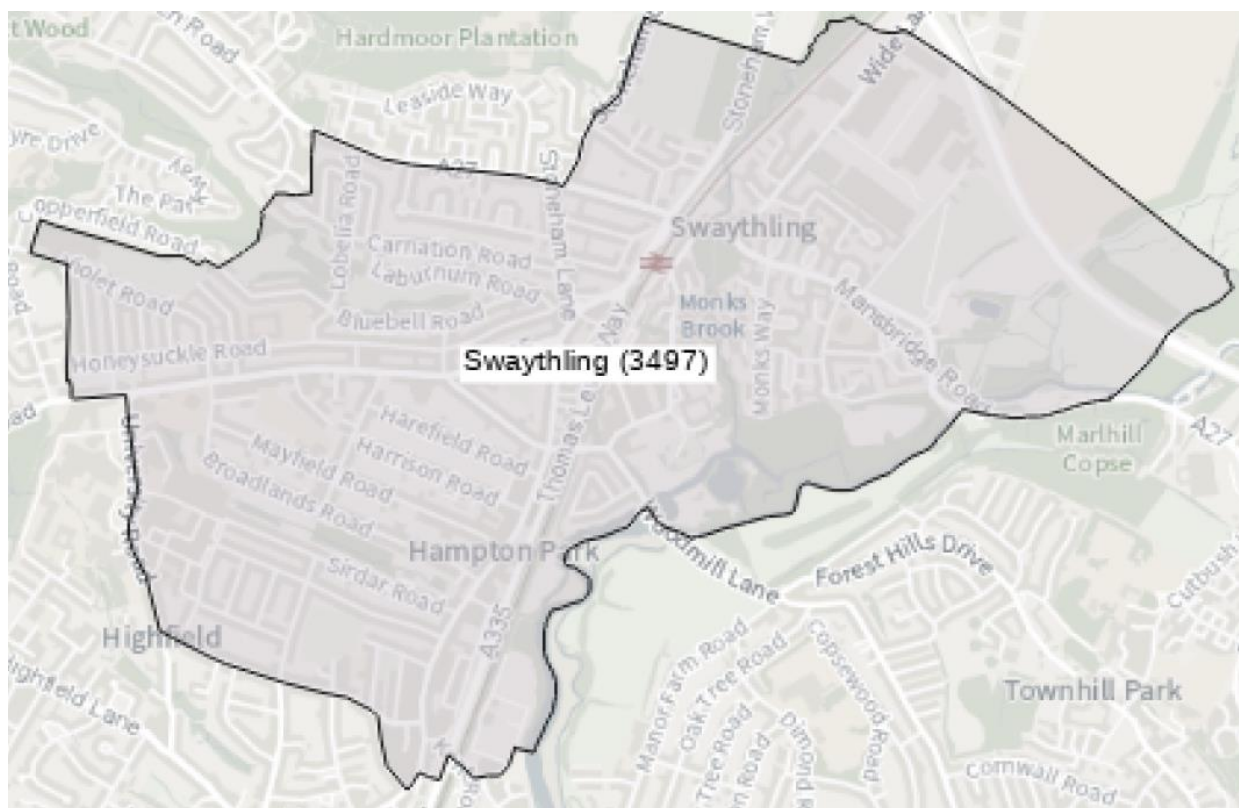
With the River Itchen forming a natural boundary to the east and much of the south, and with the city boundary to the north, the revised boundary in the south follows the principal roads of Kent Road, Thomas Lewis Way, Portswood Road, Arnold Road, Welbeck Avenue, and University Road.

The revised western boundary follows Burgess Road, along the boundaries to the rear of Bentham Court and the western side of Primrose Road, to Violet Road. From there the revised boundary continues along the rear boundary on the southern side of Copperfield Road, the western boundary of the play area/Daisy Dip natural buffer, the rear boundaries to the west of both Carnation Road and Poppy Road, to the principal road of Bassett Green Road. From Bassett Green Road the revised boundary follows Stoneham Road to the northern city boundary.

The original report included the following background to the proposal and description of the western boundary:

In the south of the ward our proposal seeks to include the area to the south of Kitchener Road, thereby providing a greater focus for the Hampton Park area of the city.

The western boundary is unchanged and follows the principal roads of Burgess Road, Tulip Road, Honeysuckle Road, Daisy Road, Bluebell Road, before continuing along the rear boundaries on the western sides of both Carnation Road and Poppy Road to Bassett Green Road. From there it follows the western edge of the University of Southampton to the city boundary.

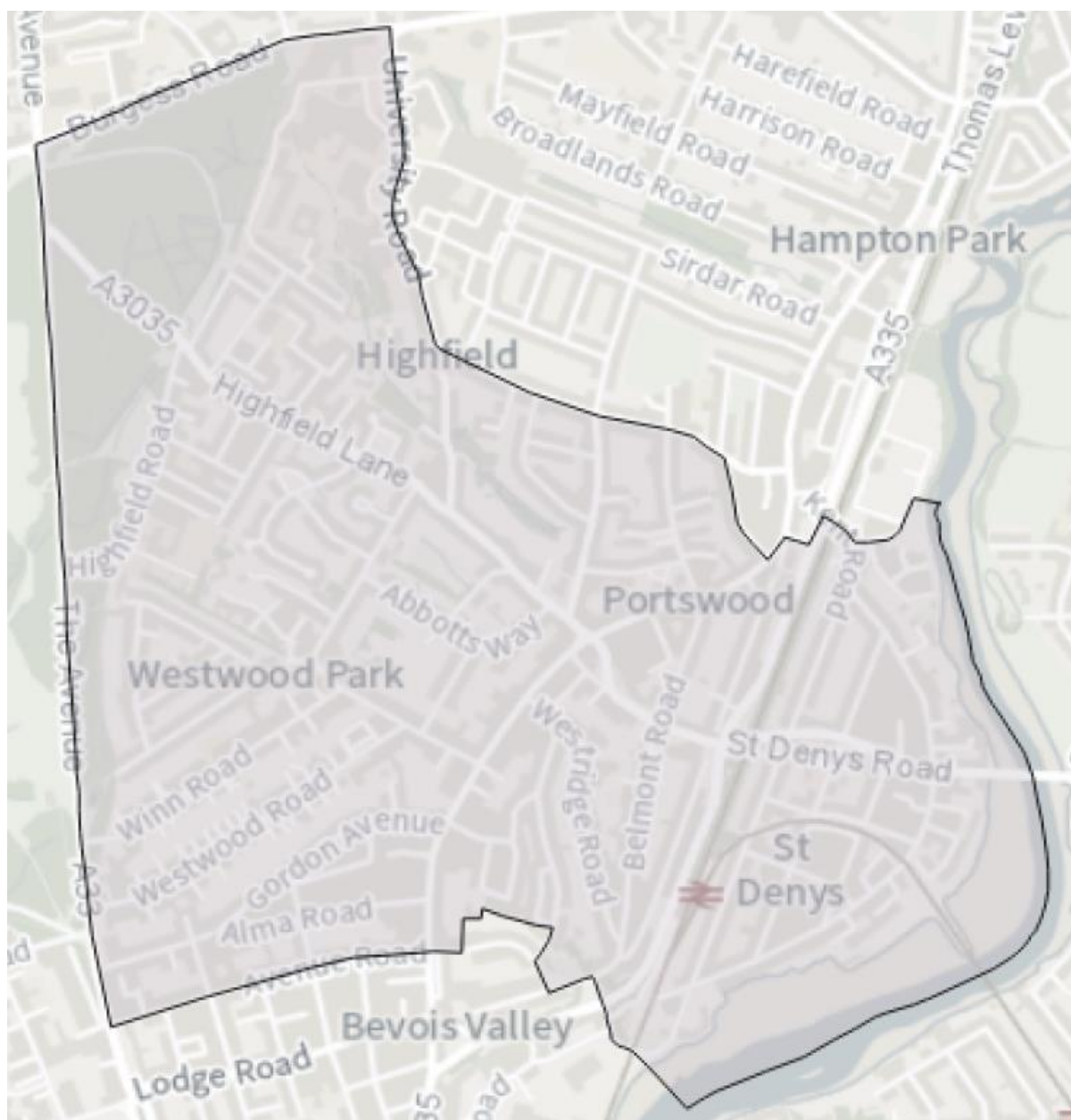


Portswood ward

As with other wards in the city, this ward has proved to be effective as an area of local government, with a projected electorate in 2027 that is well within the permitted level of variance. However, with the requirement to accommodate an additional ward in the western part of the city and to provide a primary focus on the Highfield and St Denys areas of the city, we are proposing changes to the northern and southern ward boundaries.

To the east, the River Itchen forms a natural ward boundary. In the north the revised boundary follows the principal roads of Kent Road, Thomas Lewis Way, Arnold Road, Welbeck Avenue, University Road and Burgess Road.

On the western side the boundary is unchanged and continues to follow The Avenue/A33, whilst to the south the revised boundary follows the principal roads of Avenue Road and Spring Crescent, before continuing around the boundary of 3 to 33 Portswood Park and re-joining Spring Crescent. From there it continues to follow the principal roads of Spring Crescent, Lawn Road, Dukes Road, and Horseshoe Bridge.

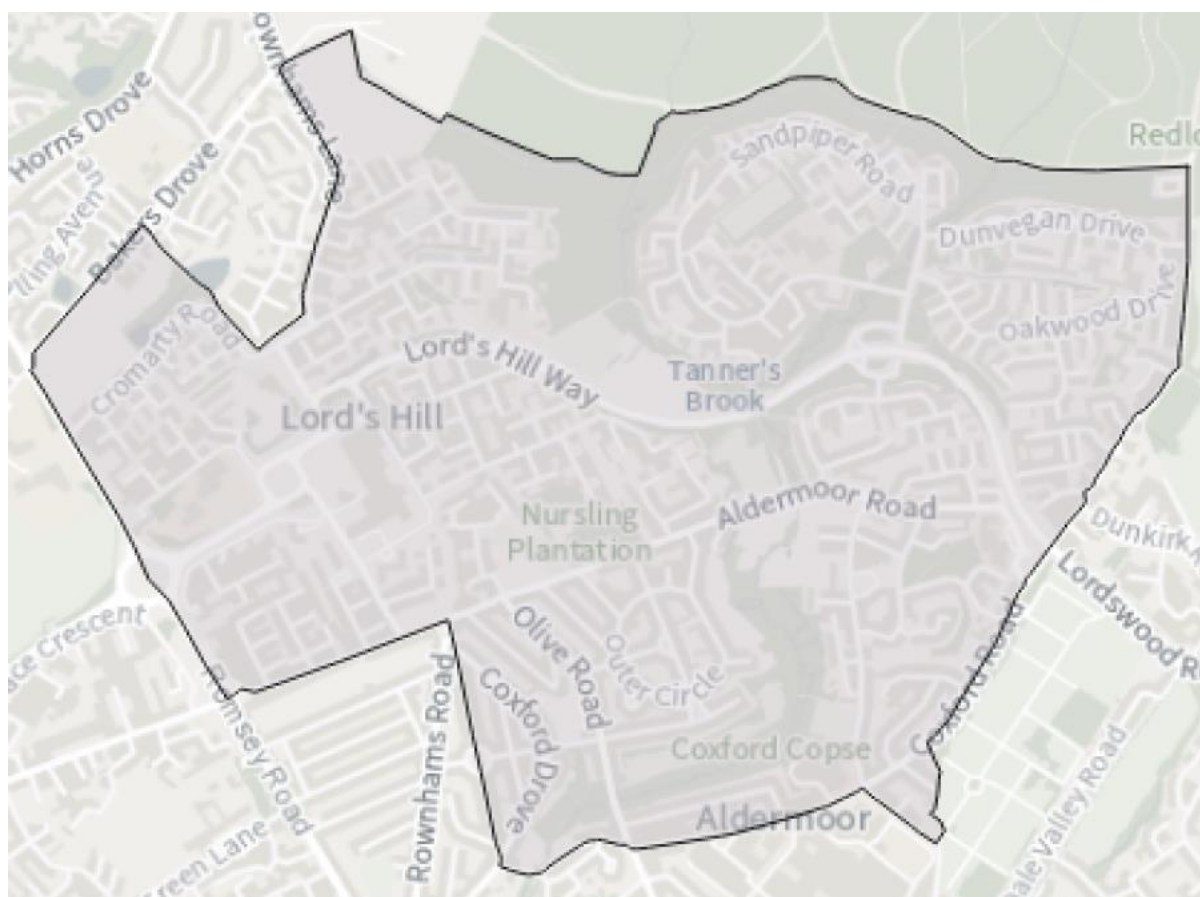


Coxford ward

As an effective area of local government with a projected electorate in 2027 that is well within the permitted level of variance, we are not proposing any changes to this ward.

The northern boundary of the ward is that of the city itself. To the west the boundary is unchanged and follows the principal roads of Romsey Road, Upper Brownhill Road, and Alder Road. The eastern boundary is also unchanged and follows the principal road of Coxford Road, before continuing along the rear boundary to the east of Arcadia Close to Tremona Road.

On the southern side the boundary continues to follow the principal roads of Tremona Road and Coxford Road.

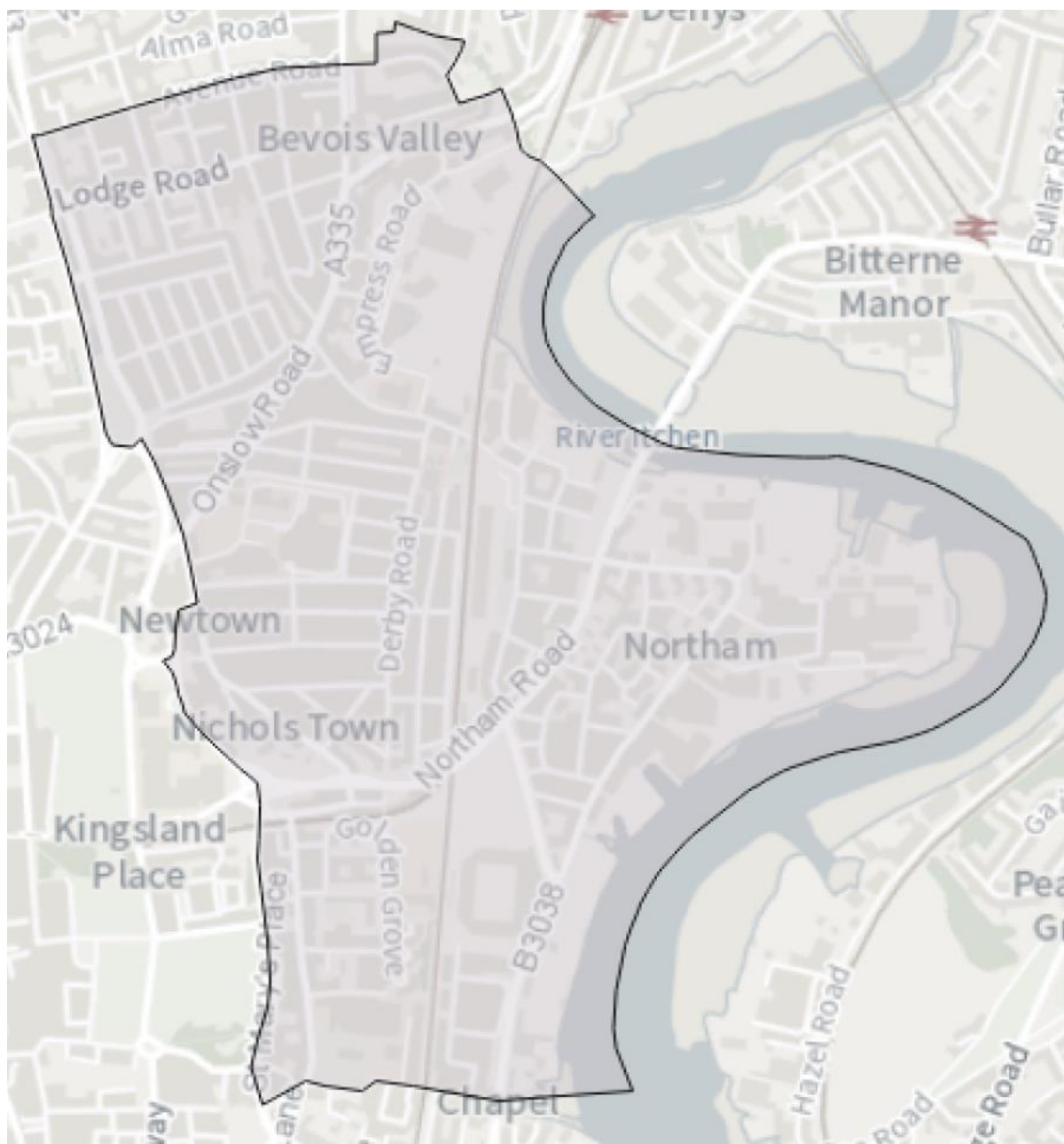


Bevois ward

This ward has seen some significant growth in recent years, with further development projected by 2027 that would result in an electorate that is significantly above the permitted level of variance (+12%). Focusing primarily on communities in the Bevois Valley, Northam and Nichols Town area of the city, we are proposing some significant changes for this ward.

Whilst the River Itchen forms a natural boundary to the east, the revised northern boundary follows the principal roads of Horseshoe Bridge, Dukes Road, Spring Crescent, and Avenue Road.

On the western side the revised ward boundary follows The Avenue, Bellevue Terrace, St Marys Road, St Andrews Road, Kingsway, and St Marys Place. In the south the revised boundary follows the principal roads of St Marys Street and Chapel Road, before continuing along the northern boundary of American Wharf in Marine Parade.



Bassett ward

As with the Coxford ward above, this ward has also proved to be effective as an area of local government with a projected electorate in 2027 that is well within the permitted level of variance.

In the east of the ward our proposal seeks to provide a focus for the Bassett Green area of the city. This community has been divided across different wards for a number of years.

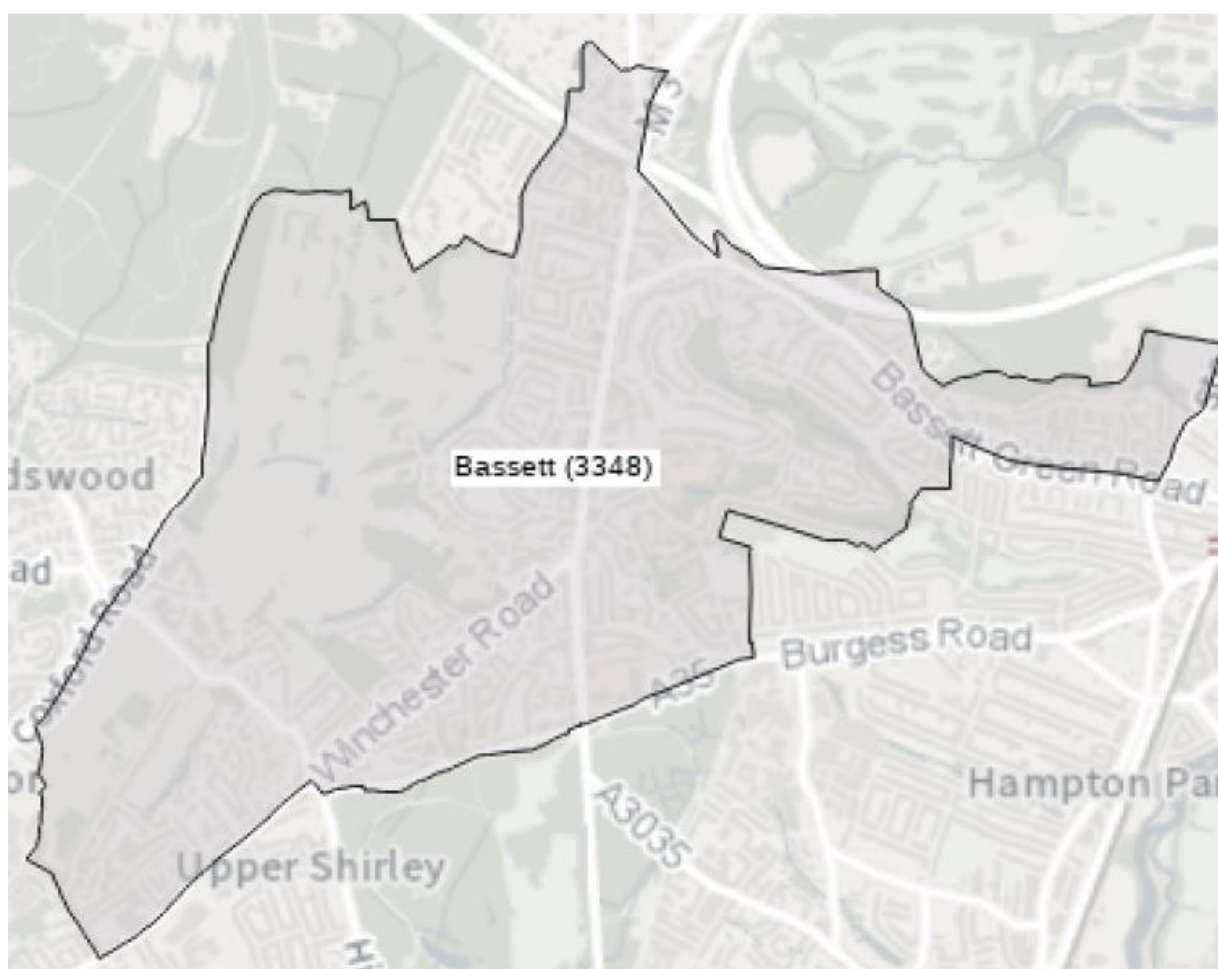
The northern boundary of the ward is also the city boundary. To the west the boundary is unchanged and follows the principal road of Coxford Road, before continuing along the rear boundary to the east of Arcadia Close to Tremona Road. The southern boundary is also unchanged and continues to follow the principal roads of Tremona Road, Dale Road, Winchester Road, and Burgess Road.

From Burgess Road, the revised eastern ward boundary follows the boundaries to the rear of Bentham Court and the western side of Primrose Road, to Violet Road. From there the revised western boundary continues along the rear boundary to the southern side of Copperfield Road, the western boundary of the play area/Daisy Dip natural buffer, the rear boundaries to the west of both Carnation Road and Poppy Road, to the principal road of Bassett Green Road. From Bassett Green Road the revised boundary follows Stoneham Road to the northern city boundary.

The original report included the following background to the proposal and description of the eastern boundary:

As such we are not proposing any changes to this ward.

In the east the boundary is unchanged and follows Tulip Road, Honeysuckle Road, Daisy Road, Bluebell Road, before continuing along the rear boundaries on the western sides of both Carnation Road and Poppy Road to Bassett Green Road. From there it follows the western edge of the University of Southampton to the city boundary.



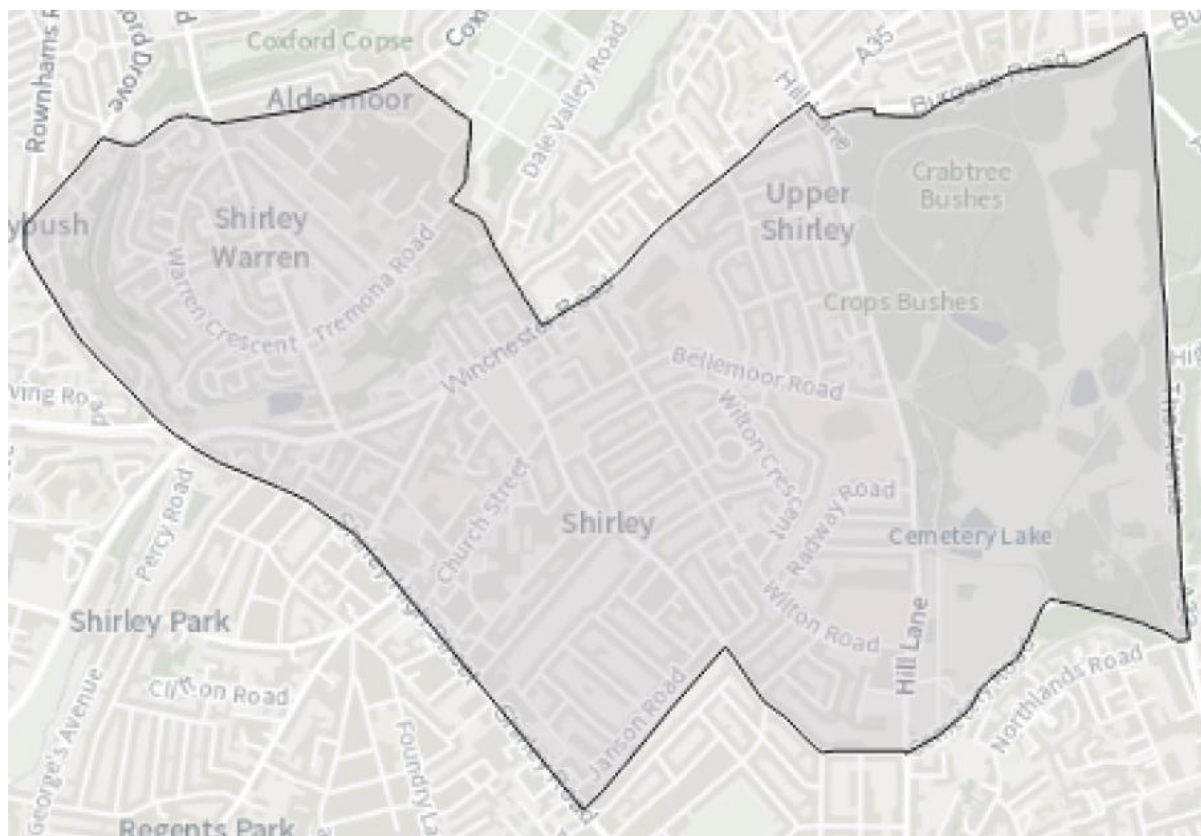
Shirley ward

As with a number of other wards in the western part of the city, this ward has proved to be effective as an area of local government, with a projected electorate in 2027 that is within the permitted level of variance. As such we are not proposing any changes to this ward.

The unchanged northern boundary of the ward follows the principal roads of Burgess Road, Hill Lane, Winchester Road, Dale Road, Tremona Road, and Coxford Road.

To the west the boundary continues to follow Coxford Road, Romsey Road, Shirley High Street and Shirley Road. In the south the unchanged boundary follows the Gipsy Grove pathway between Janson Road and Newlands Avenue before joining Raymond Road. From there it continues to follow the principal roads of Raymond Road, and Cemetery Road.

The unchanged eastern boundary continues to follow the principal road of The Avenue/A33.

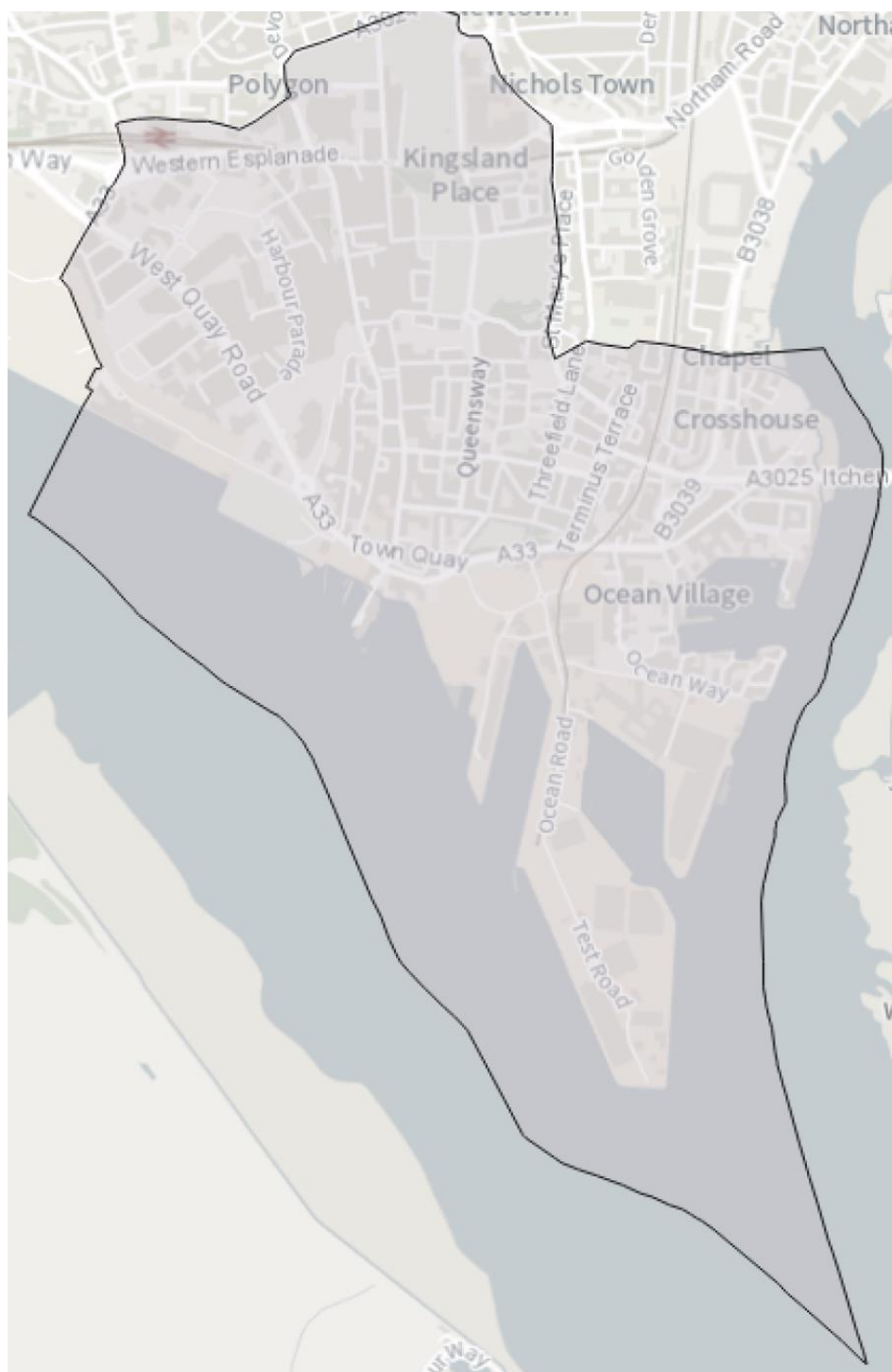


Bargate South

With significant electoral inequality compared to other wards in the city, the Bargate ward was another of the 'triggers' for the current electoral review, with a projected variance of +44% by 2027. This ward has seen major growth in recent years, with further development projected by 2027 that will result in over 3,000 additional electors. Our proposal for this part of the city includes the creation of an additional ward, with the new/revised Bargate South ward comprising the Kingsland and Ocean Village areas of the city.

To the south and east the River Test and River Itchen provide natural boundaries. The revised western boundary follows the eastern edge of the City Cruise Terminal before continuing along the principal roads of Solent Road and Southern Road/A33.

In the north, the new ward boundary follows the principal roads of Southbrook Road, West Park Road, Cumberland Place, Brunswick Place, St Andrews Road, Kingsway, St Marys Place, St Mary Street and Chapel Road, before continuing along the northern boundary of American Wharf in Marine Parade.

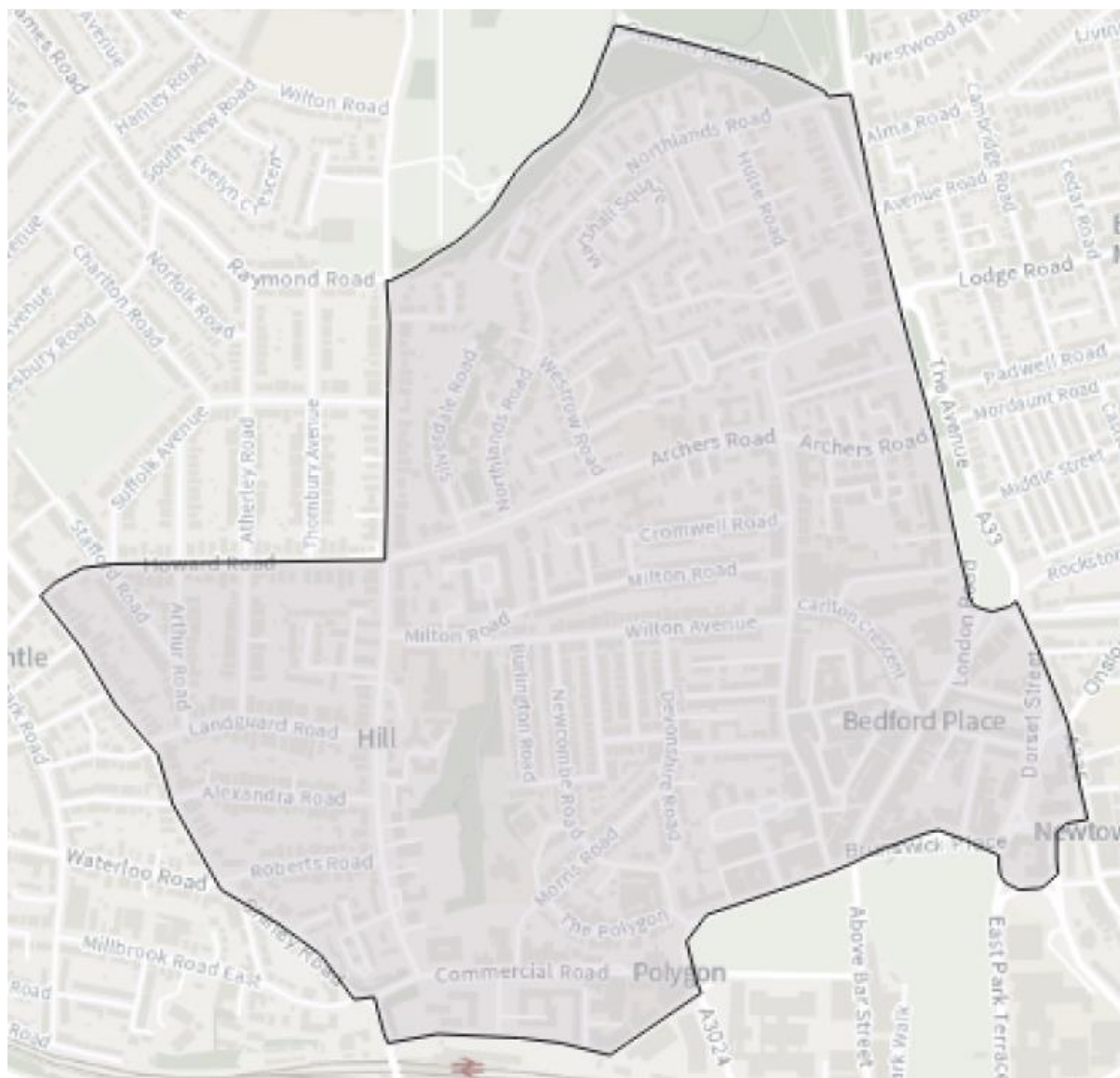


Bargate North

As indicated above, the Bargate ward has seen major growth in recent years, with further development projected by 2027. Our proposal for this area includes the creation of an additional ward, and the new Bargate North ward seeks to bring together student communities from the former Bargate, Bevois and Freemantle wards.

In the south, the new ward boundary follows the principal roads of Southbrook Road, West Park Road, Cumberland Place, and Brunswick Place. The new eastern boundary follows the principal roads of St Marys Road, and The Avenue/A33, whilst the northern boundary follows Cemetery Road.

In the west, the new ward boundary follows the principal roads of Hill Lane, Howard Road, and Shirley Road.



Freemantle ward

Whilst this ward has proved to be effective as an area of local government, by 2027 it is projected to have an electorate that is within the permitted level of variance. However, with the requirement to accommodate an additional ward in the western part of the city, we are proposing changes to the eastern and western boundaries.

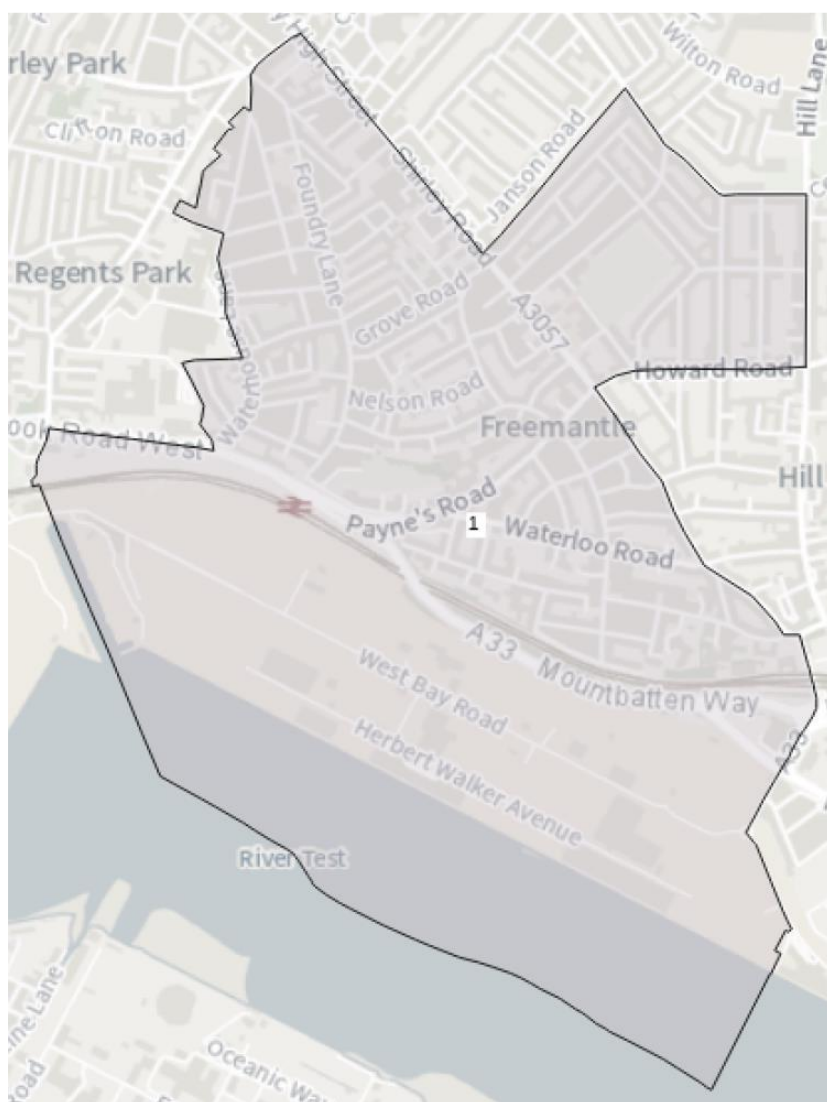
The River Test forms a natural boundary to the south, whilst the unchanged northern boundary follows the principal roads of Shirley High Street, Shirley Road, the Gipsy Grove pathway between Janson Road and Newlands Avenue, and Raymond Road.

To the east the revised ward boundary follows the principal roads of Hill Lane, Howard Road, Shirley Road, Southern Road and Solent Road, before continuing along the western boundary of City Cruise Terminal.

In the west, the revised ward boundary follows the principal roads of Park Street, Waterhouse Lane (continuing along the rear boundary of the properties located on the western side, including Endeavour Close and Latham Court), and around the boundary of numbers 1 to 8 Waterhouse Way. From there the revised ward boundary continues along Waterhouse Way, Waterhouse Lane, and continues around the northern and western boundaries of Blighmont Crescent, before joining Millbrook Road West/A33. From there, the boundary follows the principal roads of Millbrook Road West/A33 and Millbrook Point Road to the city boundary.

The original report included the following description of the western boundary:

In the west, the revised ward boundary follows the principal roads of Park Street, Waterhouse Lane, Millbrook Road West/A33 and Millbrook Point Road.



Redbridge ward

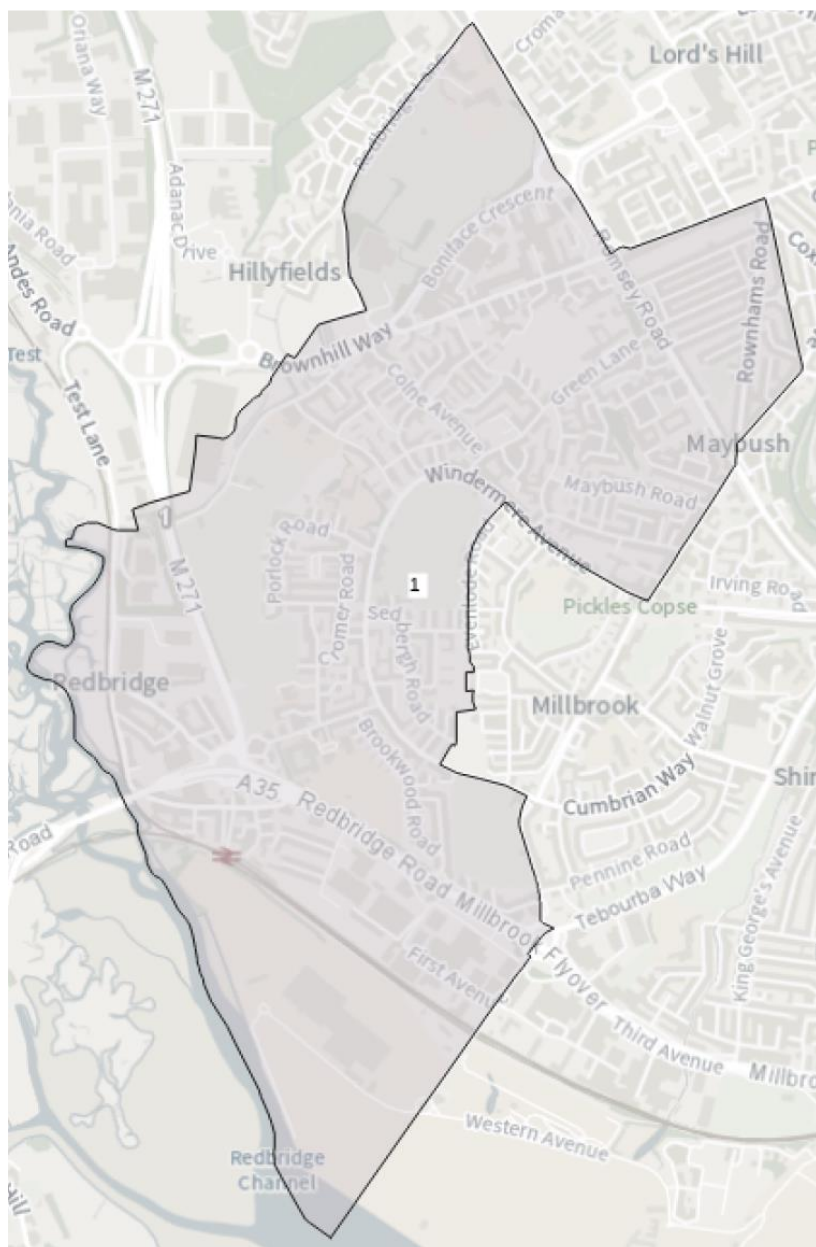
This ward has proved to be effective as an area of local government, with an electorate in 2027 that is projected to be at the higher end of the permitted level of variance. In view of this, and to facilitate the inclusion of a larger part of the Millbrook area of the city in the Millbrook ward, we are proposing to make a change to the current ward boundary in the east.

In the south the River Test forms a natural boundary, whilst to the west the ward boundary follows both the city boundary and the River Test. On the northern side the unchanged boundary follows the principal roads of Romsey Road/A3057, and Upper Brownhill Road.

To the east the revised ward boundary runs along the principal roads of Alder Road, Coxford Road, Wimpson Lane, Windemere Avenue, Evenlode Road, before following the western boundaries to the rear of Waveney Green, the northern section of Cherwell Crescent and Totland Close, to Kendal Avenue. From there the revised boundary follows the principal roads of Kendal Avenue, Wimpson Lane, and First Avenue before continuing south to the city boundary.

The original report included the following description of the eastern boundary:

To the east the revised ward boundary runs along the principal roads of Alder Road, Coxford Road, Wimpson Lane, Crabwood Road, Windemere Avenue, Ullswater Road, Windrush Road, Kendal Avenue, and Wimpson Lane, before continuing south to the city boundary.



Millbrook ward

As with the Redbridge ward above, this ward has also proved to be effective as an area of local government. However, with a projected electorate in 2027 that is just within the permitted level of variance, and to provide greater focus on the Shirley Park, Regents Park, and Millbrook area of the city, we are proposing to change the current ward boundaries in the east and west of the ward.

Whilst the River Test forms a natural boundary to the south, **the revised ward boundary to the east follows the principal roads of Park Street, Waterhouse Lane (continuing along the rear boundary of the properties located on the western side, including Endeavour Close and Latham Court), and around the boundary of numbers 1 to 8 Waterhouse Way. From there the revised ward boundary continues along Waterhouse Way, Waterhouse Lane, and continues around the northern and western boundaries of Blighmont Crescent, before joining Millbrook Road West/A33. From there, the boundary follows the principal roads of Millbrook Road West/A33 and Millbrook Point Road to the city boundary.**

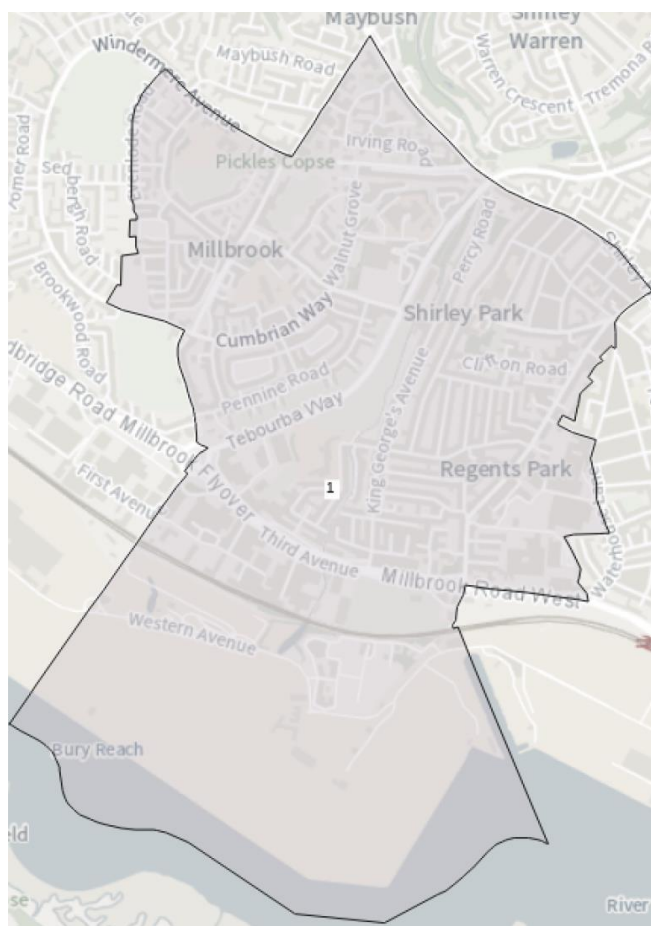
The unchanged northern boundary follows the principal roads Romsey Road/A3057.

The revised boundary to the west follows the principal roads of Coxford Road, Wimpson Lane, Windemere Avenue, Evenlode Road, before following the western boundaries to the rear of Waveney Green, the northern section of Cherwell Crescent and Totland Close, to Kendal Avenue. From there the revised boundary follows the principal roads of Kendal Avenue, Wimpson Lane, and First Avenue before continuing south to the city boundary.

The original report included the following description of the eastern and western boundary:

... the revised ward boundary to the east follows the principal roads of Park Street, Waterhouse Lane, Millbrook Road West/A33 and Millbrook Point Road.

The revised boundary to the west follows the principal roads of Wimpson Lane, Crabwood Road. From there it continues along the principal roads of Windemere Avenue, Ullswater Road, Windrush Road, Kendal Avenue, and Wimpson Lane, before continuing south to the city boundary.



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