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To: All Members of the Council

Dear Sir / Madam

You are hereby summoned to attend an Extraordinary meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, the Council House, South Street, Atherstone, on Wednesday, 15 January 2025 at 6.30pm.

The following business will be transacted:

- 1 Evacuation Procedure.
- 2 Apologies for absence / Members away on official Council business.
- 3 Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest.
- 4 **Electoral Review - Stage 2 Consultation** – Report of the Chief Executive

Summary

This report asks Council to approve a response to the Local Government Boundary Commission's review of ward boundaries in North Warwickshire.

The Contact Officer for this report is Martyn Harris (719222).

- 5 **Verbal Update from the Leader of the Council on the Devolution White Paper**

- 6 To authorise the Chief Executive, in accordance with Article 11.05 of the Articles of the Constitution, to Sign and Seal, on behalf of the Council, any Orders, Deeds and Documents necessary to give effect to any resolution of the Council, including any passed during part of the meeting which is held in private.

Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive

Agenda Item No 4

Council

15 January 2025

Report of the Chief Executive

**Electoral Review – Stage 2
Consultation**

1 Summary

- 1.1 This report asks Council to approve a response to the Local Government Boundary Commission’s review of ward boundaries in North Warwickshire.

Council Resolves:

- a That the consultation response appended to the report be approved for Submission;**
- b That the Council’s views be taken into consideration with any suggested changes to the proposed scheme of wards; and**
- c That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the Political Groups be given delegated authority, following feedback from full Council to make minor amendments to the proposed scheme before submission.**

2 Report

- 2.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBCE) has now commenced stage 2 of the electoral review for North Warwickshire. Following stage 1 of the review, the Commission has taken the “minded-to” decision that the Council should continue to have 35 elected members.
- 2.2 Whilst the Commission has made the decision on the number of members, they have stated that should it be necessary to facilitate an appropriate pattern of wards, the number of members could be increased to 36 or 37, to ensure appropriate ward sizes/boundaries. In order to facilitate an appropriate pattern of wards and to meet the statutory criteria, it is proposed to increase the number of Councillors to 37 – as outlined at paragraph 2.8.1.
- 2.3 Stage 2 of the review now asks for submissions on a new pattern of wards for the Borough. Submissions can include wards with 1,2- or 3-members representation, based on an ideal number of electors per Councillor (1535, +/- 10%).

- 2.4 Officers have undertaken some informal consultation with members and hosted a number of workshops to feed into a whole-council submission, scheduled to be submitted before the deadline of 27 January 2025.
- 2.5 Council is now asked to approve the attached consultation response at Appendix A to this report. A ward-by-ward breakdown of the proposals is set out at Appendix B, and a map showing a proposed minor change to the Boundary between Coleshill North and Coleshill South is attached at Appendix C.
- 2.6 In formulating a response to the consultation, officers have consulted with members from a range of wards and taken feedback from parish councils on what a new pattern of wards for the Borough should consist of.
- 2.7 It became apparent, in order to meet the LGBCE's criteria of ensuring electoral equality, whilst maintaining community links and ensuring effective and convenient local government, that for the most part existing ward boundaries should be retained as at present.
- 2.8 There are a small number of exceptions to this, however. It is proposed:
- 2.8.1 Arley and Whitacre should continue to have 3 Councillors representing this ward, and in addition, due to considerable changes in electorate forecast, Baddesley and Grendon and Newton Regis and Warton should also be represented by 3 Councillors as well.
- 2.8.2 The town of Coleshill should continue to be split into Coleshill North and Coleshill South wards, however, to ensure equality of representation, small changes to the division between the 2 wards are necessary, as set out in Appendix B and Appendix C to this report.
- 2.8.3 The proposed Dordon Ward electorate is lower than the 10% +/- of the ideal ward size. This is considered prudent, given that at the forecasting stage, the large H4 development to the North of Dordon was not included in the forecast electorate. It is likely that there will be significant development within Dordon Ward in the foreseeable future, for it is prudent to propose a smaller ward, to future-proof these proposals.

3 Report Implications

- 3.1 There are no specific implications. The Council is a consultee in this process, with final decision being taken at a later stage by LGBCE.

The Contact Officer for this report is Martyn Harris (719222).



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Ward Boundary Review Consultation Response

North Warwickshire Borough Council

1.0 About North Warwickshire Borough Council

- 1.1 North Warwickshire Borough Council is making this consultation response further to its submission on Council size to ensure that the future warding arrangements for the Borough Council provide convenient and effective local government, provide wards of reasonable and equal size and most importantly, reflect the communities and local links that exist in the Borough.
- 1.2 This report has been considered by a full Council meeting on 15th January 2025.

2.0 Our approach to the consultation

- 2.1 The Council has reviewed the agreed forecasts and agreed council size and notes that elections will be “all-out” elections, every four years, with these new boundaries taking affect at elections in May 2027. Officers have met with a range of different Councillors to discuss these draft proposals, based on the Commission’s criteria and agreed electorate forecasts.
- 2.2 We have based our projected ward sizes then on 1,535 electors per Councillor, with a pattern of 2 member wards, apart from Arley and Whitacre, Baddesley and Grendon and Newton Regis and Warton, which we have proposed should have 3 councillors. Based on the commission guidance, wards can vary in size roughly 10% around the average:

	Electorate per councillor
Lower Size Limit	1382
Ideal Ward size	1535
Upper Size Limit	1689

- 2.3 Officers used the existing Polling District scheme as “building blocks” for the proposed warding, with reference to the LGBCE’s criteria:
- The need to secure equality of representation – New wards should leave each Councillor representing roughly the same number of voters as other Councillors in the authority
 - The need to reflect the identities and interests of local communities – New wards should, as far as possible, reflect community interests and identities, and boundaries should be identifiable. Consider transport links, community groups and facilities, natural or physical boundaries and shared interests
 - The need to secure effective and convenient local government – New wards should promote effective and convenient local government. Consider the number of councillors for the geographic size or and links between parts of the ward.

3.0 Proposed Warding Arrangements

3.1 A summary of proposed warding arrangements is set out below. The proposed warding pattern ensures all wards are within the 10% from ideal size, apart from Dordon. A full explanation of the case of Dordon is attached at Appendix B to the report.

Number	Ward Name	Electorate per Councillor	Total Electorate	Variance
1	Arley and Whitacre (3 Councillors)	1572	4715	8%
2	Atherstone Central	1519	3037	5%
3	Atherstone North	1575	3149	8%
4	Atherstone South & Mancetter	1525	3050	5%
5	Baddesley Ensor & Grendon (3 Councillors)	1344	4032	-7%
6	Coleshill North	1430	2860	-2%
7	Coleshill South	1364	2728	-6%
8	Curdworth	1402	2804	-3%
9	Dordon	1262	2524	-13%
10	Fillongley	1410	2820	-3%
11	Hartshill	1471	2942	1%
12	Hurley & Wood End	1568	3135	8%
13	Kingsbury	1471	2942	1%
14	Newton Regis & Warton (3 Councillors)	1450	4350	0%
15	Polesworth East	1599	3199	+10%
16	Polesworth West	1315	2630	-9%
17	Water Orton	1404	2807	-3%

3.2 A full breakdown is attached below, with a rationale for each ward set out. In the case of Coleshill North and Coleshill South, a map with the suggested new ward boundaries is set out at Appendix C to this report

Appendix B – new proposed wards

Ward 1			
Ward Name	Arley and Whitacre (Proposed to retain 3 Councillors as at present)		
Projected Electorate (2030)	4715	Projected Variance (2030)	+8%
Polling Districts that comprise new ward:	AA, AB, AC, AD, AE and AF Comprising of the entirety of the Parishes of Arley, Ansley and Over Whitacre		
Summary of Changes Proposed	No changes proposed to existing ward boundaries		
Rationale/Evidence	<p>We propose to retain the current 3-member ward of Arley and Whitacre, comprising the parishes of Ansley, Arley and Over Whitacre. These parishes have a similar identity; sharing rural characteristics and they are geographically well connected by road. With a projected electorate of 4715 in 2030, this proposed ward is an appropriate size in terms of ensuring equality of representation.</p> <p>We considered previous feedback that Over Whitacre and Nether Whitacre should be in the same Borough Ward, particularly as they are both in the Kingsbury County Division. However, although the parishes are adjacent to each other, it could be considered that Over Whitacre “faces” more towards the Atherstone/Arley/Fillongley side of the Borough, with Nether Whitacre residents “facing” more towards Coleshill for local links/amenities.</p> <p>In terms of effective and convenient local government – it is considered very beneficial for this existing ward boundary to remain co-terminous with the Nuneaton Parliamentary Constituency Boundary</p>		
Name Rationale	N/A – existing ward		

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Ward 2			
Ward Name	Atherstone Central		
Projected Electorate (2030)	3037	Projected Variance (2030)	5%
Polling Districts that comprise new ward:	BA, BB Comprising of part of Atherstone Town Council – co terminous with existing Town Council boundaries		
Summary of Changes Proposed	No changes proposed to existing ward boundaries		
Rationale/Evidence	<p>We propose to retain the current 2-member ward of Atherstone Central. With a projected electorate of 3037 in 2030, this proposed ward is an appropriate size in terms of ensuring equality of representation. The Town of Atherstone, divided electorally as currently works well – the Town has a distinct separation, caused in part by the A5 to the North and rural areas to the South, along the Coleshill Road.</p> <p>Long Street, at the Centre of this proposed ward forms part of the Old Watling Street, which is a central focus for the Town and is the retail and administrative centre of the Town. The Current division between Atherstone Central and Atherstone North, and Atherstone South and Mancetter works – with the proposed boundaries – in particular this ward boundary being in part formed of the A5 in the North.</p> <p>It was considered whether to balance the electorates between Atherstone North and Atherstone Central to extend this ward to cover the roads off Sheepy Road to the North, so that the A5 formed the northern boundary of the entirety of this ward. However, the only driver for this would be slightly better electoral equality and with no benefit to residents. This would also then likely necessitate a change in the Town Council ward boundary, and potential disconnect between these 2 sets of boundaries, so was disregarded.</p>		
Name Rationale	N/A – existing ward		

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Ward 3			
Ward Name	Atherstone North		
Projected Electorate (2030)	3149	Projected Variance (2030)	8%
Polling Districts that comprise new ward:	CA, comprising of the Town Council Ward of Atherstone North		
Summary of Changes Proposed	No changes proposed to existing ward boundaries		
Rationale/Evidence	<p>We propose to retain the current 2-member ward of Atherstone North. With a projected electorate of 3149 in 2030, this proposed ward is an appropriate size in terms of ensuring equality of representation.</p> <p>In terms of the southern boundary of this ward, see above regarding the division between Atherstone North and Atherstone Central.</p> <p>Atherstone North, the majority of which sits between the A5 to the south and NWBC boundary to the North, has a separate, more suburban character than Atherstone Central. Racemeadow Primary School serves this part of Atherstone, with other Outwoods Primary School serving the Central and Southern areas.</p> <p>It was considered whether, in order to reduce electoral inequality in the adjacent Grendon area that the Western boundary of this ward should be moved to encompass developments along the A5 towards Grendon. However, given the distinct market town boundaries of Atherstone, as the largest town in the Borough, this was not pursued.</p>		
Name Rationale	N/A – existing ward		

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Ward 4			
Ward Name	Atherstone South & Mancetter		
Projected Electorate (2030)	3050	Projected Variance (2030)	5%
Polling Districts that comprise new ward:	DA, DB and DC, comprising Atherstone South ward on Atherstone Town Council and the entirety of Mancetter Parish.		
Summary of Changes Proposed	No changes proposed to existing ward boundaries		
Rationale/Evidence	<p>We propose to retain the current 2-member ward of Atherstone South and Mancetter. With a projected electorate of 3149 in 2030, this proposed ward is an appropriate size in terms of ensuring equality of representation.</p> <p>Since the last boundary review, the existing close links between the South of Atherstone and Mancetter have strengthened, with there being many from Mancetter attending St. Benedict's Catholic School, Outwoods Primary School or The Queen Elizabeth Academy, all situated in the South of Atherstone, so there are significant links between the 2 communities.</p> <p>This ward currently also includes the satellite community of Ridge Lane, to the south of the ward beyond Mancetter Quarry. This small community is distinct from Atherstone and Mancetter (though is part of Mancetter parish). It is geographically remote from adjacent villages but remain best served by being part of this ward, given its coverage by Mancetter Parish Council.</p>		
Name Rationale	It is proposed to re-name this ward to Atherstone South, Ridge Lane and Mancetter to better reflect the 3 communities that form this ward.		

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Ward 5 (Option 1 – alternative set out in Appendix B)			
Ward Name	Baddesley & Grendon (Proposed to have 3 Councillors in future)		
Projected Electorate (2030)	4032	Projected Variance (2030)	-7%
Polling Districts that comprise new ward:	EA, EB, EC, ED and EE, comprising of the parishes of Baddesley Ensor, Baxterley, Bentley & Merevale and Grendon		
Summary of Changes Proposed	The existing ward of Baddesley and Grendon is retained, with an additional Councillor, given the major growth in this area.		
Rationale/Evidence	<p>We propose to retain the current ward boundary of Baddesley & Grendon, though with an additional Councillor in office. With a projected electorate of 4032 in 2030, this proposed ward is an appropriate size in terms of ensuring equality of representation – for a 3-member ward. This proposed ward is formed of the large villages of Baddesley Ensor and Grendon, along with the smaller Baxterley village and small settlements of Bentley and Merevale.</p> <p>The village of Grendon, the largest part of this area is growing rapidly, with an increase of 500 electors proposed between 2024-2030. The 2 main areas of Baddesley Ensor and Grendon, although being crossed by the A5 at Grendon do retain a joint identity, with the A5 being a focus for both areas, rather than a dividing line.</p> <p>The growth of Grendon is in particular the reason why the existing Baddesley and Grendon Ward is too large for a 2-member ward in future. The existing ward has a strong identity, with the villages of Baddesley Ensor and Baxterley having a strong joint mining heritage, with Grendon in effect being built to serve the Baddesley Colliery in the 1950s.</p>		
Name Rationale	N/A – existing ward		

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Ward 6			
Ward Name	Coleshill North		
Projected Electorate (2030)	2860	Projected Variance (2030)	-2%
Polling Districts that comprise new ward:	FA, comprising of the Coleshill North Ward on Coleshill Town Council		
Summary of Changes Proposed	To redress balance between Coleshill North and Coleshill South, 5 roads are proposed to move from Coleshill South to Coleshill North, totalling 277 electors		
Rationale/Evidence	<p>We propose to retain the current 2-member ward of Coleshill North, with a small change between Coleshill North and Coleshill South, to ensure better electoral equality within the Town.</p> <p>With a now projected electorate of 2860 in 2030, this proposed ward is an appropriate size in terms of ensuring equality of representation.</p> <p>This proposed ward retains the existing Coleshill North Ward, with the addition of the following streets from Coleshill South:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bramble Close (21 electors) • Chestnut Grove (114 electors) • High Street (1a – (57 only) (24 electors) • Prossers Walk (55 electors) • St. Pauls Crescent (63 electors) <p>This would mean that the boundary would run behind the properties on Blythe Road, and Blythe Road would remain in Coleshill South.</p>		
Name Rationale	N/A – existing ward with small changes		

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Ward 7			
Ward Name	Coleshill South		
Projected Electorate (2030)	2728	Projected Variance (2030)	-6%
Polling Districts that comprise new ward:	GA, comprising of the Coleshill South Ward of Coleshill Town Council		
Summary of Changes Proposed	To redress balance between Coleshill North and Coleshill South, 5 roads are proposed to move from Coleshill South to Coleshill North, totalling 277 electors		
Rationale/Evidence	See rationale and explanation above for Coleshill North		
Name Rationale	N/A – existing ward with small changes		

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Ward 8			
Ward Name	Curdworth		
Projected Electorate (2030)	2804	Projected Variance (2030)	-3%
Polling Districts that comprise new ward:	HA, HB, HC, HD, HE and HF – comprising the parishes of Curdworth, Wishaw, Middleton, Bodymoor Heath, Lea Marston and Nether Whitacre		
Summary of Changes Proposed	No changes proposed to existing ward boundaries		
Rationale/Evidence	<p>We propose to retain the current 2-member ward of Curdworth. With a projected electorate of 2804 in 2030, this proposed ward is an appropriate size in terms of ensuring equality of representation. This proposed ward is comprised of the smaller villages to the West of the Borough that are geographically separate from the larger settlements of Kingsbury, Water Orton and Coleshill.</p> <p>Whilst there are some significant geographical features that separate these villages, in particular Curdworth to the West of the M6 Toll Road, these villages share schools and employment sites around the Ham Hall industrial park. Whilst these villages may look to the adjacent Water Orton or Coleshill in terms of retail, the villages share a similar character and so it is considered appropriate from a representation point of view.</p> <p>It was considered whether the inclusion of Bodymoor Heath into Kingsbury Ward would be appropriate, given Kingsbury Water Park, a main attraction of the West of the Borough is actually accessed through Bodymoor Heath. However, it is not considered appropriate given the impact on electoral equality.</p>		
Name Rationale	N/A – existing ward		

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Ward 9			
Ward Name	Dordon		
Projected Electorate (2030)	2524	Projected Variance (2030)	-13%
Polling Districts that comprise new ward:	IA – comprising Dordon Parish Council		
Summary of Changes Proposed	No changes proposed to existing ward boundaries		
Rationale/Evidence	<p>We propose to retain the current 2-member ward of Dordon. With a projected electorate of 2524 in 2030, this proposed ward is, based on current electorate forecasts, more than 10% smaller than the ideal ward size.</p> <p>However, based on local factors, including the distinct, separate village of Dordon and the “strategic gap”, identified within the Council’s local development plan that is designed to ensure a distinct, separate character to Dordon in future – it is considered appropriate to retain Dordon co-terminous with the current Dordon parish Council area, the village and its surrounds.</p> <p>Identified as a strategic housing site in future (though without full planning permission granted at present) the key strategic site identified as H4 (see development plan map) will lead to significant development in Dordon in future. Our proposal for a smaller ward at present future-proofs this ward, given the significant potential for development in the near future.</p>		
Name Rationale	N/A – existing ward		

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Ward 10			
Ward Name	Fillongley		
Projected Electorate (2030)	2820	Projected Variance (2030)	-6%
Polling Districts that comprise new ward:	KA, KB, KC, KD, KE, KF, KG, comprising of the parishes of Astley, Corley, Fillongley, Maxstoke, Shustoke, Great Packington and Little Packington		
Summary of Changes Proposed	No changes proposed to existing ward boundaries		
Rationale/Evidence	<p>We propose to retain the current 2-member ward of Fillongley. With a projected electorate of 2820 in 2030, this proposed ward is an appropriate size in terms of ensuring equality of representation.</p> <p>Fillongley ward is a large rural ward comprising much of the Southern part of the borough. The larger villages of Corley and Fillongley face towards Coventry in the South, with many commuting into Coventry for employment. The parishes of Astley, Shustoke and Maxstoke are sparsely populated, with large areas used for agriculture. In the West of the Ward, the parishes (though with no Parish Councils) of Great Packington and Little Packington border Solihull and Coleshill. These are situated between the A45 in the South and M6 in the North and form a geographically isolated rural pocket.</p> <p>Great Packington and Little Packington previously formed part of a ward in Coleshill, however it is considered appropriate due to the similar rural nature to the rest of Fillongley Ward for these to remain within Fillongley.</p> <p>Due to the rural nature of the 7 areas within Fillongley it is considered appropriate for these similar communities to remain part of Fillongley Ward.</p>		
Name Rationale	N/A – existing ward		

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Ward 11			
Ward Name	Hartshill		
Projected Electorate (2030)	2942	Projected Variance (2030)	-1%
Polling Districts that comprise new ward:	LA, LB, LC, LD, comprising of the parishes of Hartshill and Caldecote (a parish area with no parish council)		
Summary of Changes Proposed	No changes proposed to existing ward boundaries		
Rationale/Evidence	<p>We propose to retain the current 2-member ward of Hartshill. With a projected electorate of 2942 in 2030, this proposed ward is an appropriate size in terms of ensuring equality of representation.</p> <p>This proposed ward contains the Hartshill parish Council area and the parish of Caldecote, a small, distinct community located between Hartshill village and the Redgate junction of Weddington Road (A444) and the A5. Whilst Caldecote is a distinct community, given its isolated nature, it shares most in common with having historically been part of Nuneaton and looks south, along the main Weddington Road into Nuneaton. This means that Hartshill remains the most logical ward for this community.</p> <p>Hartshill and the Chapel End Community border and have significant links with neighbouring Nuneaton, being part of the same Parliamentary Constituency. In the main, residents would look to Nuneaton rather than Mancetter in the North as its nearest neighbour. The Ward as proposed has 2 logical local centres, around Hartshill Community Centre and Hartshill Academy Secondary School on Church Road and the shopping parade at the bottom of School Hill/Coleshill Road, which lead to a separate but adjacent local character to Galley Common in Nuneaton.</p> <p>In terms of effective and convenient local government – it is considered very beneficial for this existing ward boundary to remain co-terminous with the Nuneaton Parliamentary Constituency Boundary</p>		
Name Rationale	N/A – existing ward		

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Ward 12			
Ward Name	Hurley and Wood End		
Projected Electorate (2030)	3135	Projected Variance (2030)	5%
Polling Districts that comprise new ward:	MA, MB, MC, MD, comprising of the Hurley, Wood End and Piccadilly/Whateley Wards on Kingsbury Parish Council		
Summary of Changes Proposed	No changes proposed to existing ward boundaries		
Rationale/Evidence	<p>We propose to retain the current 2-member ward of Hurley and Wood End. With a projected electorate of 3135 in 2030, this proposed ward is an appropriate size in terms of ensuring equality of representation.</p> <p>This proposed Ward is formed of effectively 3 distinct villages that have strong links to, but are geographically separated from Kingsbury.</p> <p>The villages of Hurley and Wood End are of similar size and character, both being former mining villages. The villages look towards Kingsbury as the nearest larger village but are geographically separated by the Derby- Birmingham Trainline, which cuts off Kingsbury to the East of the village.</p> <p>Like Hurley and Wood End, Piccadilly, the 3rd village in this proposed ward, looks towards Kingsbury in terms of retailers and the local secondary school at Kingsbury School.</p>		
Name Rationale	N/A – existing ward		

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Ward 13			
Ward Name	Kingsbury		
Projected Electorate (2030)	2942	Projected Variance (2030)	-1%
Polling Districts that comprise new ward:	NA and NB, comprising of the Kingsbury ward on Kingsbury Parish Council.		
Summary of Changes Proposed	No changes proposed to existing ward boundaries		
Rationale/Evidence	<p>We propose to retain the current 2-member ward of Kingsbury. With a projected electorate of 2942 in 2030, this proposed ward is an appropriate size in terms of ensuring equality of representation.</p> <p>Kingsbury is predominantly urban in comparison to the surrounding wards of Curdworth and Hurley and Wood. The Village is geographically unique, being separated from the surrounding area; in the East, by the Proof House Junction rail line from Birmingham to Derby, in the South and West by the 600 acres of Kingsbury Water Park, and in the North by the suburb of Dosthill in Tamworth.</p> <p>The village stands alone in the surrounding area, the 2 halves of the village joined by the A51 linking one community.</p>		
Name Rationale	N/A – existing ward		

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Ward 14			
Ward Name	Newton Regis and Warton (Proposed to have 3 Councillors in future)		
Projected Electorate (2030)	4350	Projected Variance (2030)	-3%
Polling Districts that comprise new ward:	PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PG – comprising of the parishes of Newton Regis, Seckington and No Man’s Heath (a grouped Parish Council), Shuttington, Alvecote, Austrey and the Warton Ward of Polesworth Parish Council.		
Summary of Changes Proposed	Retain existing ward boundaries – but with additional councillor based on significant, localised growth within one parish in this area.		
Rationale/Evidence	<p>The current electorate forecast for the village of Alvecote, is to grow from 127 in 2024 to 1024 in 2030. This significant growth is due housing identified within site H5, on Robey’s Lane, to the South of the main Alvecote village.</p> <p>Whilst being adjacent to Polesworth, the village of Alvecote and this new development borders Tamworth, and given the separation from Polesworth by the M42, it is not considered appropriate to include Alvecote and the new development within Polesworth West ward.</p> <p>The villages within this existing ward share a rural character, separate from the larger Polesworth village. There are strong ties between adjacent parish areas, with groupings of Parish Councils between Newton Regis, Seckington and No Man’s Heath acting as a single parish council, and Councillors for this area representing similar communities of identity.</p> <p>The village of Warton, whilst being part of Polesworth Parish Council at present, does have a separate aspect and has expressed an interest in being a stand-alone parish in future. For this reason, it would be appropriate to keep the village of Warton alongside similar villages bordering Polesworth rather than inclusion of Warton in Polesworth East Ward.</p>		
Name Rationale	N/A – existing ward		

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Ward 15			
Ward Name	Polesworth East		
Projected Electorate (2030)	3199	Projected Variance (2030)	+10%
Polling Districts that comprise new ward:	QA and QB, comprising of Polesworth East ward on Polesworth Parish Council		
Summary of Changes Proposed	No changes proposed to existing ward boundaries		
Rationale/Evidence	<p>We propose to retain the current 2-member ward of Polesworth East. With a projected electorate of 3199 in 2030, this proposed ward is an appropriate size in terms of ensuring equality of representation.</p> <p>Polesworth East is a distinct community within Polesworth. In the northern end, it is separated from the rest of the village by the Canal and River Anker, with links though to the rest of the village along Bridge Street. To the East of the ward, the new estates and social housing off the B5000/Grendon Road is distinct from the West of Polesworth and Dordon to the South.</p> <p>Children from QA and QB, on the whole attend the Nethersole Primary School to the East of Polesworth, rather than Birchwood Primary school, to the West and on the other side of the Dordon Road.</p>		
Name Rationale	N/A – existing ward		

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Ward 16			
Ward Name	Polesworth West		
Projected Electorate (2030)	2630	Projected Variance (2030)	-9%
Polling Districts that comprise new ward:	RA, RB and RC – Comprising of the Parish wards of Polesworth West and Birchmoor on Polesworth Parish Council		
Summary of Changes Proposed	No changes proposed to existing ward boundaries		
Rationale/Evidence	<p>We propose to retain the current 2-member ward of Polesworth West. With a projected electorate of 2630 in 2030, this proposed ward is an appropriate size in terms of ensuring equality of representation.</p> <p>Though development to the South of Polesworth has meant there is no distinct gap between Polesworth and Dordon to the South, Polesworth village has a different character to Dordon to the South, with Dordon’s heritage being closely tied to the former mining community. Residents from the West of Polesworth in this proposed Ward, on the whole send children to Birchwood Primary School, including those residents from Birchmoor to the West of this ward.</p> <p>Birchmoor is a small village that identifies with Polesworth, with many residents using Polesworth for local amenities. It is represented well by Borough Councillors and seats on Polesworth Parish Council. It was considered whether the inclusion of Birchmoor or the South of Polesworth Ward into Dordon would be appropriate to increase electoral equality. However it was considered better to retain the 2 wards that Polesworth has and retain the sense of place of the village, rather than take-in or give away parts of the village to the neighbouring Dordon or Newton Regis and Warton wards.</p>		
Name Rationale	N/A – existing ward		

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Ward 17			
Ward Name	Water Orton		
Projected Electorate (2030)	2807	Projected Variance (2030)	-6%
Polling Districts that comprise new ward:	SA – comprising of Water Orton Parish Council		
Summary of Changes Proposed	No changes proposed to existing ward boundaries		
Rationale/Evidence	<p>We propose to retain the current 2-member ward of Water Orton. With a projected electorate of 2807 in 2030, this proposed ward is an appropriate size in terms of ensuring equality of representation.</p> <p>Like Kingsbury to the North, Our proposed ward of Water Orton is in a geographically unique location, being separated from Coleshill to the East by the M6 toll road, to the West by the Borough Boundary and to the South (currently) by the M6 and in future, the “Delta Junction” of the HS2 line between Birmingham and London. These hard-geographical boundaries do isolate the village of Water Orton from the surrounding parts of North Warwickshire, and give the village its own identity and also lead to particular local issues that the 2 councillors for the proposed Ward will need to address. Whilst the proposed ward electorate is on the lower side, being -6% below the ideal ward size, in terms of communities of identity and the effectiveness of councillors representing this area, it is considered appropriate to maintain the current ward boundaries.</p>		
Name Rationale	N/A – existing ward		

Appendix C – proposed change to Boundary Line between Coleshill North and Coleshill South

