

**SUBMISSION TO
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
BOUNDARY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND ON
PROPOSED WARDING
ARRANGEMENTS FOR
TEWKESBURY BOROUGH
COUNCIL
2017**

Introduction

In 2013, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) notified Tewkesbury Borough Council that an electoral review of the Borough would be undertaken to correct electoral imbalances. The review subsequently commenced in 2016 and, on 26 December, the Council was advised that the LGBCE was minded to recommend that it should have 38 Councillors in future; the same as now and in line with the wishes of the Council.

This submission, unanimously approved by Members at an Extraordinary meeting of the Council on 13 March 2017, sets out Tewkesbury Borough Council's response to the invitation from the LGBCE to put forward a case for the future warding of the Borough as part of the Commission's consultation which ran from 10 January until 20 March.

Projected Electorate

The projected electorate for the whole Borough in 2026 is 75,790 and the average number of electors per Councillor will be 1,994. The projection has been based on developments where planning consent is already in place along with the monitoring of the last four years of development which show completions averaging at 499 per year. No account has been taken of the strategic allocations in the emerging Joint Core Strategy and Local Plan. Accordingly, the projected electorate in some Wards may be subject to significant change over the next 10 years.

Development Principles

In putting together the proposal the three statutory criteria that the Commission must consider when developing its proposals have been taken into account:

- to deliver electoral equality for voters;
- to provide boundaries that reflect natural communities; and
- to provide effective and convenient local government.

The proposals for new Wards were developed in conjunction with the Boundary Review Working Group supported by the Head of Democratic Services and the Electoral Services Assistant. The Working Group consulted widely with all Members of the Council; holding drop-in sessions and specific area presentations for Members representing the Tewkesbury/Twyning, Bishop's Cleeve, Churchdown and Brockworth Wards.

The proposals seek to build on established communities within the Borough using Parish and Town Council boundaries as the building blocks to achieve electoral equality.

Summary of Proposals

- 38 Councillors.
- Electoral ratios of the proposed Wards are all within +/- 10% of the average electorate.
- Follows the current arrangements for the Borough with a mixture of one, two and three Member Wards as follows:

5 x single Member Wards;
12 x two Member Wards; and
3 x three Member Wards.
- A reduction in the current 22 Wards to 20 Wards which recognises significant growth in the Parishes of Brockworth, Bishop's Cleeve, Longford and Shurdington.
- Only the Wards of Highnam with Haw Bridge, Shurdington and Northway remain unchanged from the existing pattern of Wards.
- As far as possible the proposed pattern of Wards reflect the urban/rural mix of the Borough.

Parish Councils

No consultation has been undertaken with Parish Councils due to time constraints; however, the Council's submission will be displayed at a Parish Seminar hosted by the Council on 28 March 2017. It is recognised that the proposals for Brockworth, Bishop's Cleeve, Churchdown and Tewkesbury will impact on existing Parish Warding arrangements.

Areas shown in blue on the attached maps depict land (no electors) that it is proposed should be included in a Borough Ward to provide a more definitive natural boundary from a Parish that is not part of that Ward. It is recognised that the Parish boundaries would remain unchanged, as the alteration of Parish boundaries is outside the remit of this review, but may be considered at a later date as part of a Community Governance Review that would be undertaken by the Borough.

Appendix A – An explanation of the proposed Wards.

The table outlines:

- the proposed Wards including name;
- the number of Councillors for each proposed Ward;
- the projected electorate of the proposed Ward in 2022;
- the variance from the average of 1,994 electors per Councillors; and
- a brief description of the changes to the Ward.

Appendix B – Maps of the Borough.

Appendix A

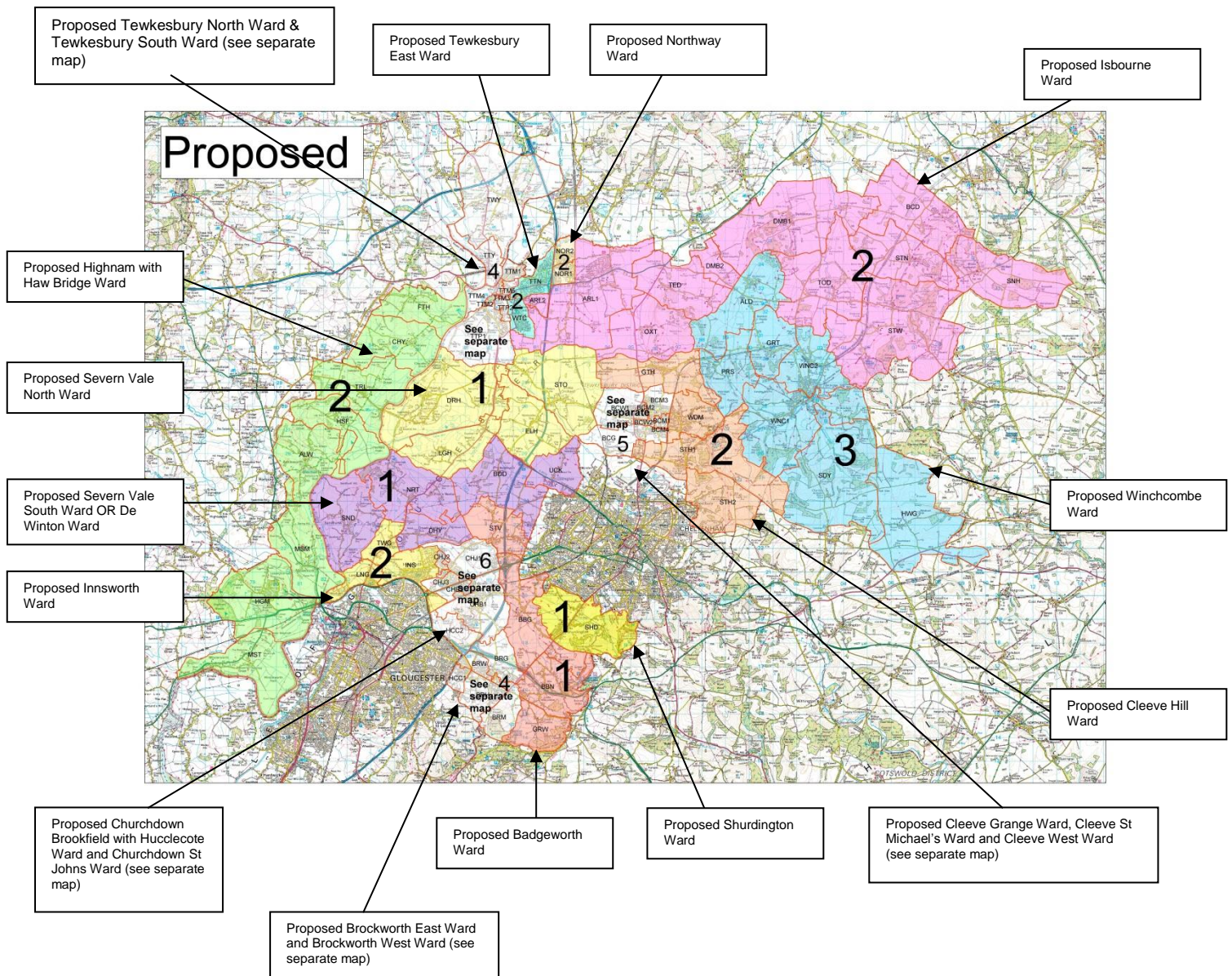
Name of electoral ward	Number of Cllrs per ward	Electorate 2022	Variance 2022	Explanation of proposals
Isbourne	2	3655	-8%	The Parish of Ashchurch Rural (ARL1 & ARL2) has been joined to the existing Parishes in the Isbourne Ward together with Oxenton from the Oxenton Hill Ward, which will no longer exist under the revised Warding proposals, and Stanway from the Winchcombe Ward, to create a 2 Member Isbourne Ward covering the rural Parishes to the north of the Borough.
Winchcombe	3	5682	-5%	There is little change to this Ward with the Parish of Prescott being added from the existing Cleeve Hill Ward and the Parish of Stanway being included in the new 2 Member Isbourne Ward. The Winchcombe Ward would remain a 3 Member Ward representing the Town of Winchcombe and surrounding areas.
Cleeve Hill	2	4039	1%	It is proposed that Gotherington would join the existing Cleeve Hill Ward from the Oxenton Hill Ward, which would no longer exist under the new Warding proposals. The Parish of Prescott returns to the Winchcombe Ward (see above).
Tewkesbury East	2	4236	6%	The new Tewkesbury East Ward consists of the more urban areas of Newtown and the Parish of Wheatpieces; both of which fall within the Tewkesbury East County Division.
Northway	2	3830	-4%	This Ward remains unchanged defined by its boundaries of the M5 to the west and the railway line to the east. An existing two Member Ward which falls within the +/-10% tolerance.

Badgeworth	1	2138	7%	The Parish of Boddington is moved to the proposed Ward of Severn Vale South or De Winton, as the existing Ward of Badgeworth currently has an electoral equality variance of +26%, projected as +19% in 2022. Other than this change to achieve electoral equality, the proposed Ward is unchanged with the rural Parishes of Great Witcombe, Badgeworth and Staverton, represented by 1 Member.
Shurdington	1	2182	9%	This Ward remains unchanged and, although currently outside the tolerance level, future development will resolve this. The location of this Ward, which only adjoins the rural Parish of Badgeworth in the Badgeworth Ward, is ideally suited to remaining a single Member, single Parish ward.
Severn Vale North	1	2023	1%	This is a new Ward taking in the rural Parishes of Elmstone Hardwicke, Deerhurst and the Leigh from the Coombe Hill Ward, which will no longer exist under the revised Warding arrangements, and the Parish of Stoke Orchard from the Oxenton Hill Ward, which will also no longer exist.
Severn Vale South OR De Winton	1	1945	-2%	The Parishes of Uckington, Norton and Sandhurst from the previous Coombe Hill Ward, the Parish of Boddington from the Badgeworth Ward and the Parish of Down Hatherley from the Innsworth and Down Hatherley Ward, make up this new rural Ward, to be named either Severn Vale South or De Winton. Both names were approved for submission by the Council.
Innsworth	2	3885	-3%	The current Ward of Innsworth is joined with the rural Parish of Down Hatherley which, under the revised proposals, will move to the new Severn Vale South/De Winton Ward. The new Innsworth Ward is proposed to be a 2 Member Ward comprising the Parishes of Innsworth and Longford along with Twigworth from the previous Coombe Hill Ward.

Highnam with Haw Bridge	2	3745	-6%	No change is proposed to this Ward, with the boundary defined by the River Severn and all of the Parishes making up this Ward running to the west of the river.
Brockworth West	2	3942	-1%	Brockworth is currently one 3 Member Ward but the Parish has been subject to significant growth which is set to continue. Accordingly it is proposed to add an additional Member in this area accommodated by the abolition of other Wards. It was noted from the Commission's Guidance that a four Member Ward would not normally be accepted so the solution presented is to divide the Parish based on an east/west split with 2 Members representing each Ward.
Brockworth East	2	3936	-1%	
Churchdown Brookfield with Hucclecote	3	5429	-9%	Hucclecote is an area that has grown significantly and that growth is set to continue. As a Parish it has close links with Brockworth and Churchdown but, in order to achieve the required electoral equality, it is proposed to combine it with the Ward of Churchdown Brookfield (part). The current local Members for Churchdown were strongly of the view that Brookfield still had a recognised community identity in Churchdown and that the name should therefore be retained.
Churchdown St John's	3	5634	-6%	This Ward is made up of the existing Churchdown St John's Ward, taking in 185 properties from the existing Churchdown Brookfield Ward, in order to achieve the required electoral equality. Again, the existing local Members for Churchdown were strongly of the view that St John's still had a recognised community identity in Churchdown and the name should be retained.

Bishops Cleeve				
Cleeve Grange	1	2099	5%	The Parish of Bishops Cleeve has seen significant growth and this is planned to continue. The existing local Members held a firm view that the names, and broadly the areas, of Cleeve West, Cleeve St Michael's and Cleeve Grange should be retained as these areas had a strong sense of community identity. Adjustments have therefore been made to the boundaries of each of the Wards using definable landmarks, such as roads, in order to achieve the required electoral equality.
Cleeve West	2	4335	9%	
Cleeve St Michael's	2	4362	9%	
Tewkesbury North	2	4313	8%	This Ward comprises part of the Tewkesbury Town with Mitton Ward and the Parish of Twyning which is linked by development that has taken place, and will continue to take place, along the Bredon Road. The Parish of Twyning is currently included in the Tewkesbury County Division.
Tewkesbury South	2	4380	10%	This Ward comprises the Tewkesbury Prior's Park Ward and part of the Tewkesbury Town with Mitton Ward. The name of Prior's Park relates only to a small settlement within the existing Ward, whereas the proposed new Wards of Tewkesbury North, Tewkesbury South and Tewkesbury East retain the historic name of the Town and reflect the development that has taken place in the surrounding area.

Appendix B



Proposed Ward Name	Isbourne	
Proposed number of Members	2	
2022 Electorate forecast	3655	
2022 Electorate variance	-8%	
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast
Proposed Ward comprises:	Ashchurch Rural (AR1)	1397
	Walton Cardiff (ARL2)	38
	Oxenton (OXT)	182
	Teddington (TED)	330
	Dumbleton 1 (DMB1)	436
	Dumbleton 2 (DMB2)	57
	Toddington (TOD)	390
	Buckland (BCD)	205
	Snowhill (SNH)	137
	Stanton (STN)	193
	Stanway (STW)	290

Proposed Ward Name	Winchcombe	
Proposed number of Members	3	
2022 Electorate forecast	5,682	
2022 Electorate variance	-5%	
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast
Proposed Ward comprises:	Winchcombe 1 (WNC1)	1760
	Winchcombe 2 (WNC2)	2464
	Sudeley (SDY)	79
	Hawling (HWG)	127
	Gretton (GRT)	410
	Prescott (PRS)	86
	Alderton (ALD)	756

Proposed Ward Name	Cleeve Hill	
Proposed number of Members	2	
2022 Electorate forecast	4039	
2022 Electorate variance	1%	
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast
Proposed Ward comprises:	Woodmancote (WDM)	2341
	Gotherington (GTH)	845
	Southam 1 (STH1)	578
	Southam 2 (STH2)	275

Proposed Ward Name	Tewkesbury East	
Proposed number of Members	2	
2022 Electorate forecast	4236	
2022 Electorate variance	6%	
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast
Proposed Ward comprises:	Tewkesbury Newtown (TTN)	1606
	Wheatpieces (WTC)	2630

Proposed Ward Name	Northway	
Proposed number of Members	2	
2022 Electorate forecast	3830	
2022 Electorate variance	-4%	
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast
Proposed Ward comprises:	Northway 1 (NOR1)	1917
	Northway 2 (NOR2)	1913

Proposed Ward Name	Badgeworth	
Proposed number of Members	1	
2022 Electorate forecast	2138	
2022 Electorate variance	7%	
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast
Proposed Ward comprises:	Great Witcombe (GRW)	74
	Badgeworth (Bentham Ward) (BBN)	574
	Badgeworth (Badgeworth Ward) (BBG)	944
	Staverton (STV)	546

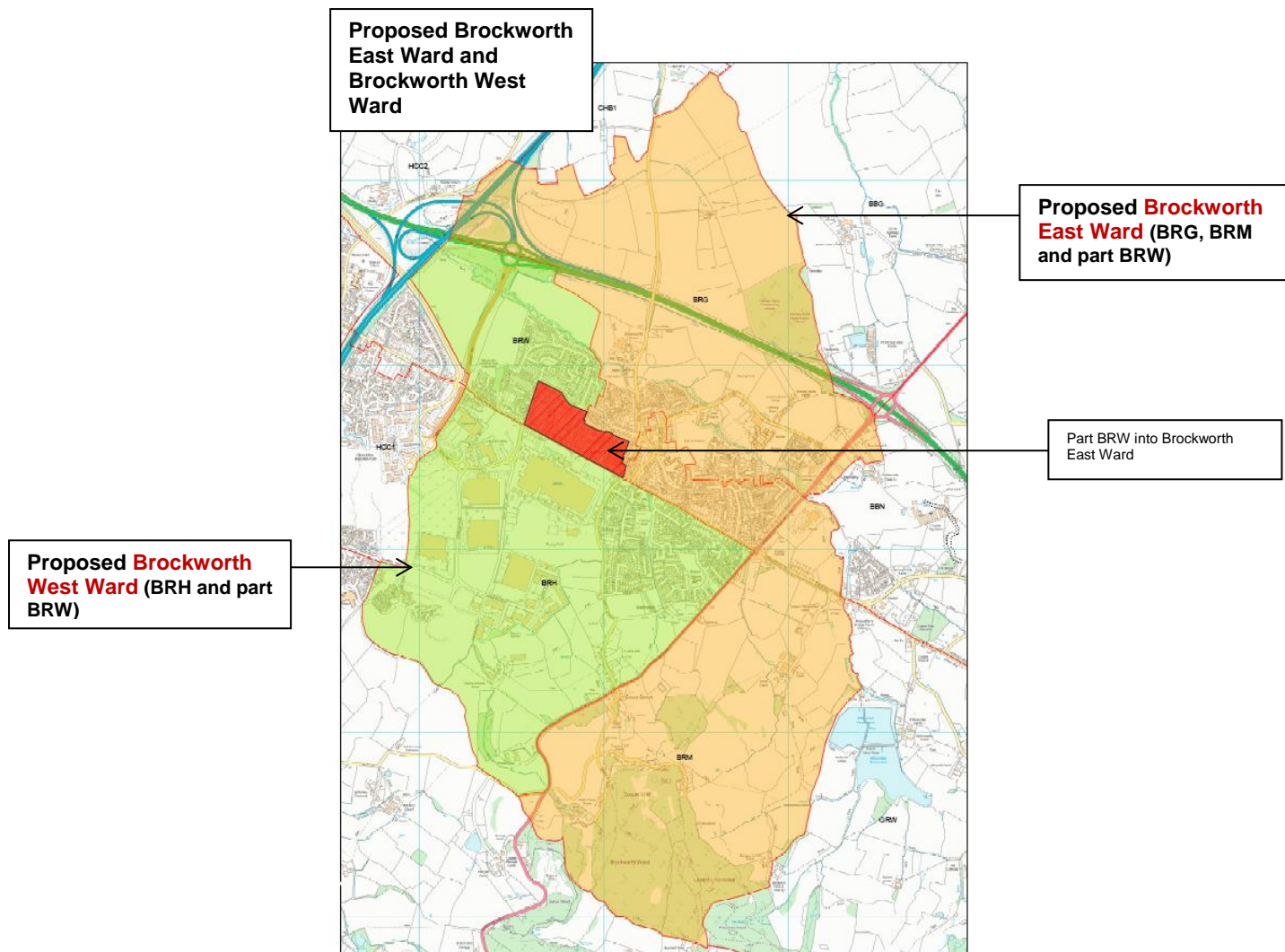
Proposed Ward Name	Shurdington	
Proposed number of Members	1	
2022 Electorate forecast	2182	
2022 Electorate variance	9%	
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast
Proposed Ward comprises:	Shurdington	2182

Proposed Ward Name	Severn Vale North	
Proposed number of Members	1	
2022 Electorate forecast	2023	
2022 Electorate variance	1%	
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast
Proposed Ward comprises:	Elmstone Hardwicke (ELH)	217
	Stoke Orchard (STO)	762
	Deerhurst (DRH)	793
	Leigh (LGH)	251

Proposed Ward Name(s)	Severn Vale South OR De Winton	
Proposed number of Members	1	
2022 Electorate forecast	1945	
2022 Electorate variance	-2%	
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast
Proposed Ward comprises:	Boddington (BDD)	231
	Uckington (UCK)	522
	Norton (NRT)	410
	Sandhurst (SND)	424
	Down Hatherley (DHY)	358

Proposed Ward Name	Innsworth	
Proposed number of Members	2	
2022 Electorate forecast	3885	
2022 Electorate variance	-3%	
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast
Proposed Ward comprises:	Longford (LNG)	1997
	Twigworth (TWG)	284
	Innsworth (INS)	1604

Proposed Ward Name	Highnam with Haw Bridge	
Proposed number of Members	2	
2022 Electorate forecast	3745	
2022 Electorate variance	-6%	
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast
Proposed Ward comprises:	Ashleworth (ALW)	501
	Chaceley (CHY)	100
	Forthampton (FTH)	123
	Highnam (HGM)	1741
	Hasfield (HSF)	107
	Maisemore (MSM)	486
	Minsterworth (MST)	344
	Tirley (TRL)	343

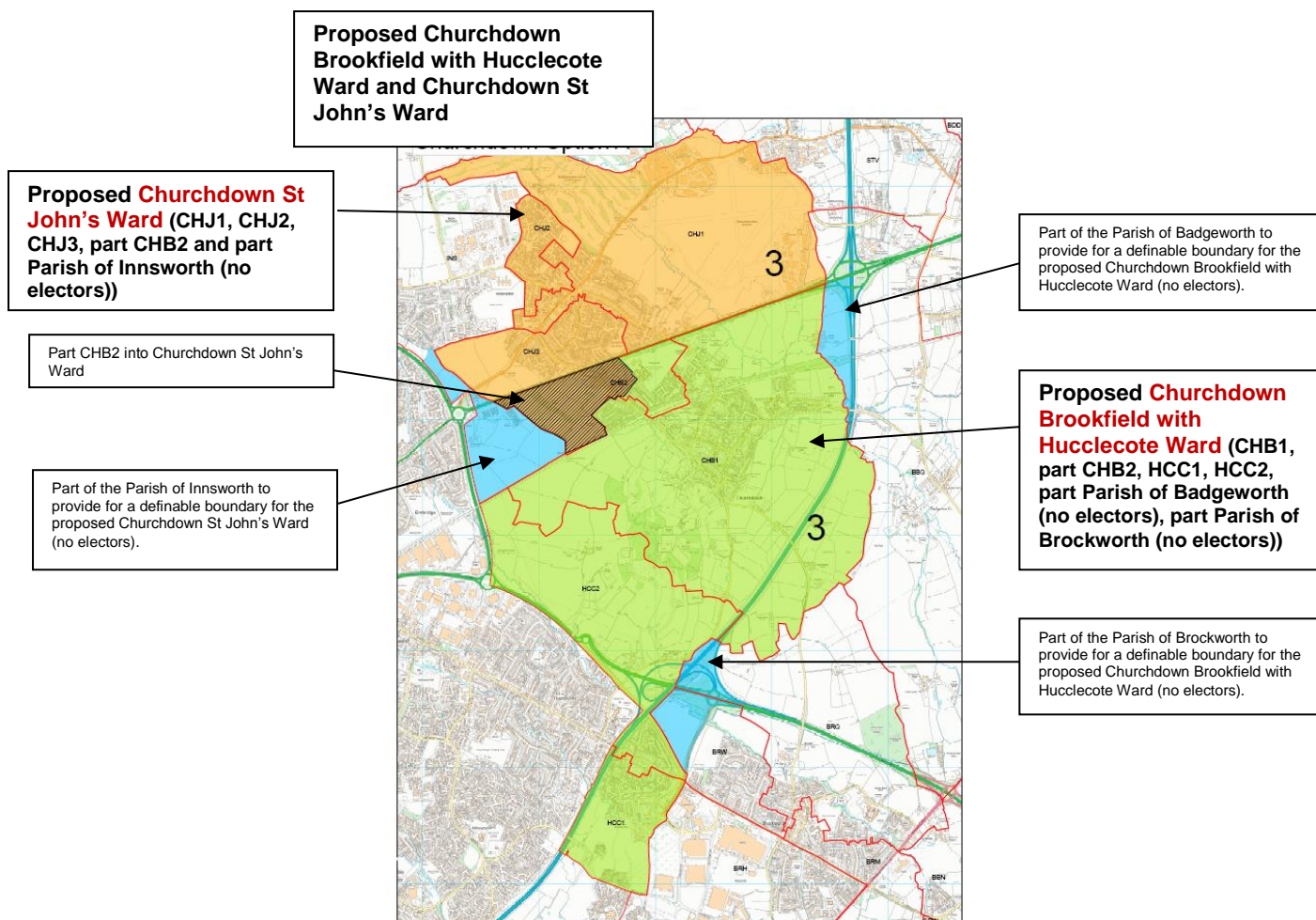


Proposed Ward Name	Brockworth West		
Proposed number of Members	2		
2022 Electorate forecast	3942		
2022 Electorate variance	-1%		
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast	Additional Information
Proposed Ward comprises:	Brockworth (Westfield Ward) (BRW) (part)	896*	*Remainder BRW following removal of 418 electors to Brockworth East (see Table 1. overleaf)
	Brockworth (Horsbere Ward) (BRH)	3046	

Proposed Ward Name	Brockworth East		
Proposed number of Members	2		
2022 Electorate forecast	3936		
2022 Electorate variance	-1%		
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast	Additional Information
Proposed Ward comprises:	Brockworth (Glebe Ward) (BRG)	2202	
	Brockworth (Moorfield Ward) (BRM)	1316	
	Brockworth (Westfield Ward) (BRW) (part)	418	See Table 1. below

Table 1.

Movement into Brockworth East from polling district BRW	Number of properties
Ridgemount Close	27
Ermin Street	35
Boverton Avenue	62
Hillview Avenue	15
Mostham Place	14
Ermin Park (part)	21
Westfield Road (part)	30
Boverton Drive (part)	19
Westfield Avenue (part)	6

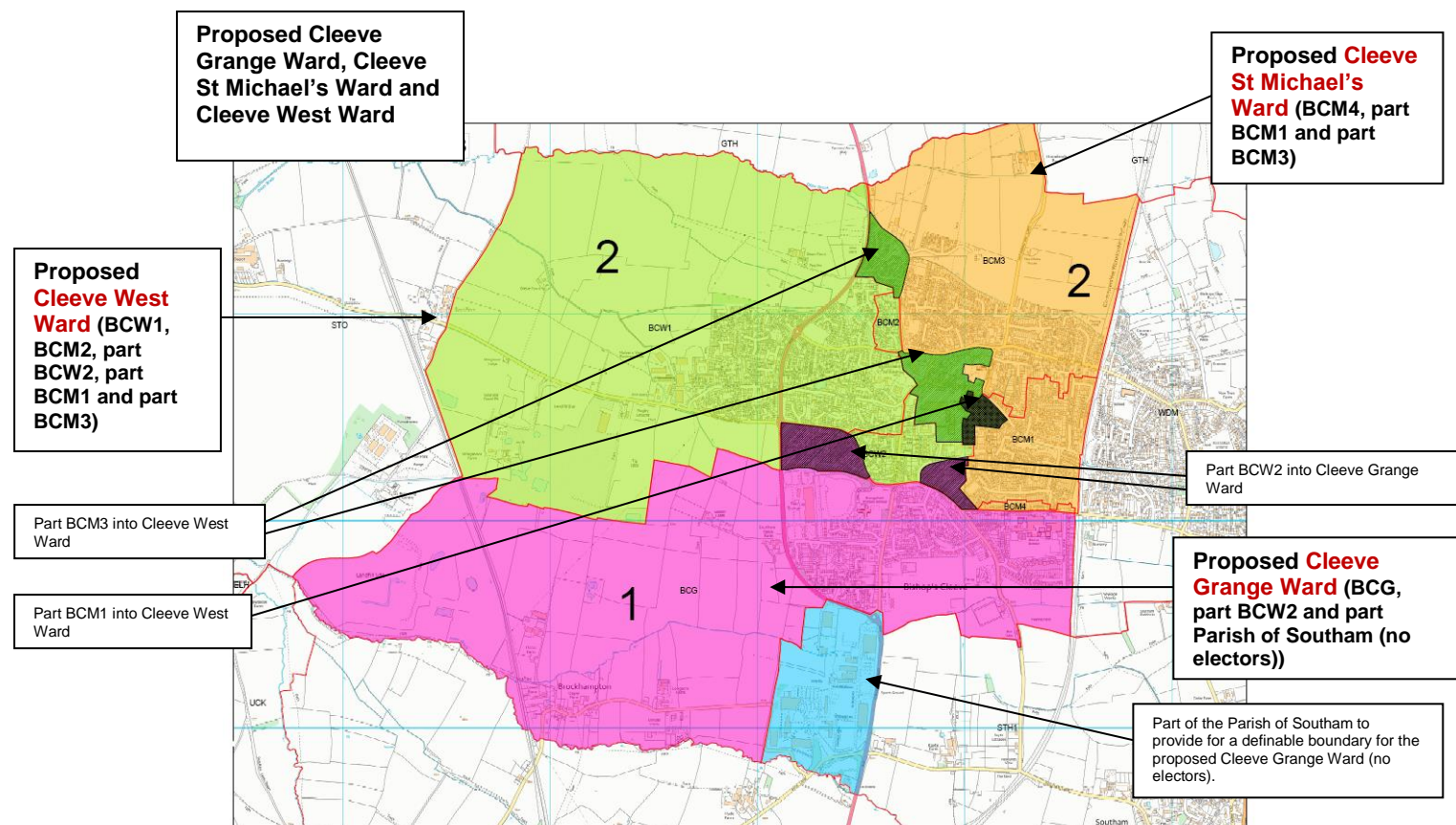


Proposed Ward Name	Churchdown Brookfield with Hucclecote		
Proposed number of Members	3		
2022 Electorate forecast	5429		
2022 Electorate variance	-9%		
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast	Additional Information
Proposed Ward comprises:	Churchdown (Brookfield 1) (CHB1)	2626	
	Churchdown (Brookfield 2) (CHB2) (part)	448*	*Remainder CHB2 following removal of 347 electors to Churchdown St John's (see Table 2. overleaf)
	Hucclecote 1 (HCC1)	1875	
	Hucclecote 2 (HCC2)	480	

Proposed Ward Name	Churchdown St John's		
Proposed number of Members	3		
2022 Electorate forecast	5634		
2022 Electorate variance	-6%		
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast	Additional Information
Proposed Ward comprises:	Churchdown (St John's 1) (CHJ1)	1907	
	Churchdown (St John's 2) (CHJ2)	1550	
	Churchdown (St John's 3) (CHJ3)	1830	
	Churchdown (Brookfield 2) (CHB2) (part)	347	See Table 2. below

Table 2.

Movement into Churchdown St Johns from polling district CHB2	Number of properties
Alms Close	10
Melville Road (part)	61
Pirton Crescent	13
Pirton Lane	17
Pirton Meadow	35
St Andrews Green	10
Tall Elms Close	11
Watermoor Court	12
Winston Road (part)	16



Proposed Ward Name	Cleeve Grange		
Proposed number of Members	1		
2022 Electorate forecast	2099		
2022 Electorate variance	5%		
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast	Additional Information
Proposed Ward comprises:	Bishops Cleeve (Cleeve Grange) (BCG)	1604	
	Bishops Cleeve (Cleeve West 2) (BCW2) (part)	495	See Table 3. overleaf

Table 3

Movement into Cleeve Grange from polling district BCW2	Number of properties
Charlecote Corner	7
Clematis Court	24
Delphinium Drive	14
Gatcombe Close	8
Kingsclere Drive	29
Lavender Mews	13
Littlecote Close	8
Marlborough Close	11
Middlehay Court	33
The Highgrove	72
Bishops Drive (part)	18
Two Hedges Road (part)	21
Cleeve Court	14
Deans Way	11
Hemming Way	16

Proposed Ward Name	Cleeve West		
Proposed number of Members	2		
2022 Electorate forecast	4335		
2022 Electorate variance	9%		
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast	Additional Information
Proposed Ward comprises:	Bishops Cleeve (Cleeve West 1) (BCW1)	3264	
	Bishops Cleeve (Cleeve West 2) (BCW2) (part)	476*	*Remainder BCW2 following removal of 495 electors to Cleeve Grange (see Table 3. above)
	Bishops Cleeve (Cleeve St Michael's 2) (BCM2)	136	
	Bishops Cleeve (Cleeve St Michael's 3) (BCM3) (part)	345	See Table 4. overleaf
	Bishops Cleeve (Cleeve St Michael's 1) (BCM1) (part)	114	See Table 5. overleaf

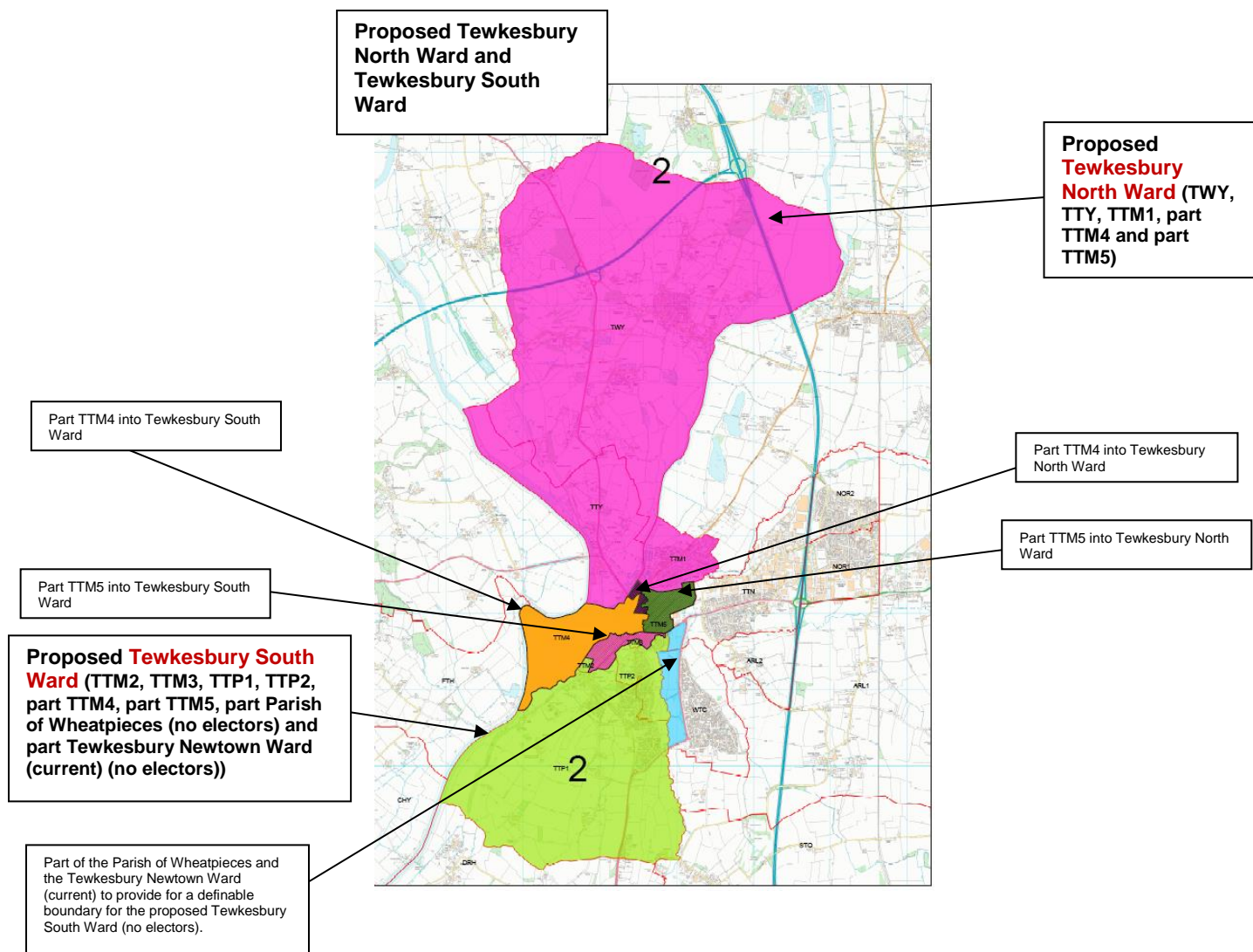
Table 4.

Movement into Cleeve West from polling district BCM3	Number of properties
Greenacre Way	78
The Lea	11
West Way	21
Butterfield Court	17
Deans Court	18
Bluebell Court	13
Gilders Paddock	18
Church Road	29
School Road (part)	3
Station Road (part)	16
Ashton Court	13

Table 5.

Movement into Cleeve West from polling district BCM1	Number of properties
Tobyfield Lane	1
Tobyfield Road (part)	23
Tobyfield Close (part)	12
Huntsmans Close	11
Pecked Lane (part)	13

Proposed Ward Name	Cleeve St Michael's		
Proposed number of Members	2		
2022 Electorate forecast	4362		
2022 Electorate variance	9%		
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast	Additional Information
Proposed Ward comprises:	Bishops Cleeve (Cleeve St Michael's 1) (BCM1) (part)	1315*	*Remainder BCM3 following removal of 114 electors to Cleeve West (see Table 5. on preceding page)
	Bishops Cleeve (Cleeve St Michael's 3) (BCM3) (part)	2969*	*Remainder BCM3 following removal of 345 electors to Cleeve West (see Table 4. on preceding page) *Includes increase of 768 electors in 2022 forecast
	Bishops Cleeve (Cleeve St Michael's 4) (BCM4)	78	



Proposed Ward Name	Tewkesbury North		
Proposed number of Members	2		
2022 Electorate forecast	4313		
2022 Electorate variance	8%		
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast	Additional Information
Proposed Ward comprises:	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton Ward 1 (TTM1)	1737	
	Tewkesbury Mythe Ward (TTY)	114	
	Twyning (TWY)	1532	
	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton Ward 4 (TTM4) (part)	287*	See Table 6. overleaf *Includes increase of 12 electors in 2022 forecast
	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton Ward 5 (TTM5) (part)	643*	See Table 7. overleaf *Includes increase of 32 electors in 2022 forecast

Table 6.

Movement into Tewkesbury North Streets from polling district TTM4	Number of properties
Twixtbears	39
Bredon Road (part)	1
Mythe Road	9
Station Street	14
Gravel Walk	42
Jeynes Buildings	10
Jeynes Row	17
Oldbury Road (part)	45
Old Hospital Lane	5

Table 7.

Movement into Tewkesbury North from polling district TTM5	Number of properties
Back of Mount Pleasant	9
Chance Street	34
Cotswold Gardens	43
Cotteswold Road	42
Oldbury House	24
Wynyards Close	69
Union Place	14
Station Lane	16
Watledge Close	11
Walkley Road	20
Hollams Road	35
Rope Walk	11
Station Road	1
Workman Close	4
Patenosters	10
Mount Pleasant Road	6
Barton Road (part)	32

Proposed Ward Name	Tewkesbury South		
Proposed number of Members	2		
2022 Electorate forecast	4380		
2022 Electorate variance	10%		
	Current Polling district	Polling district 2022 electorate forecast	Additional Information
Proposed Ward comprises:	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton Ward 4 (TTM4) (part)	677	See Table 8. below
	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton Ward 5 (TTM5) (part)	584	See Table 9. overleaf
	Tewkesbury Prior's Park Ward (TTP1)	1928	
	Tewkesbury Prior's Park Ward (TTP2)	1099	
	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton Ward (TTM2)	20	
	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton Ward (TTM3)	72	

Table 8.

Movement into Tewkesbury South from polling district TTM4	Number of properties	Continued	Continued
Back of Avon	5	Priors Court	29
Bredon Road (part)	15	Quay Street	2
Clarks Alley	4	Red Lane	11
Collins Court	5	Shakespeare	7
East Street	46	Court	19
Hanover Court	29	Spring Gardens	6
High Street	165	The Coach	53
Home Abbey House	40	House	12
Hopton Court	11	The Maltings	13
Nailors Court	12	Tolsey Lane	5
Nelson Street	14	Trinity Street	4
North East Terrace	17	Trinity Walk	11
Oldbury Road (part)	47	Upper Lode	
		Waterside	

Table 9.

Movement into Tewkesbury South from polling district TTM5	Number of properties	Continued	Continued
Abbey Precinct	9	Mill Bank	7
Barton Mews	17	Mill Street	21
Barton Road (part)	23	Post Office Lane	12
Barton Street	130	Priestley Court	14
Chapel House	17	Saffron Road	6
Church Street	123	St Marys Lane	27
Comptons Alley	4	St Marys Road	4
Elliott Court	8	Swilgate Road	11
Fletchers Alley	9	The Mews	6
Gander Lane	6		
Gloucester Road	6		