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Dear Councillor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a meeting of the **ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE** will be held in the HMS Brave Room at these Offices on Thursday 1 March 2018 at 4.30 pm when the following business will be transacted.

Members of the public who require further information are asked to contact Rebecca Brough on (01304) 872304 or by e-mail at rebecca.brough@dover.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicky", written over a horizontal line.

Chief Executive

Electoral Matters Committee Membership:

K E Morris (Chairman)
S S Chandler (Vice-Chairman)
P M Brivio
M R Eddy
F J W Scales

AGENDA

1 **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 **APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

To note appointments of Substitute Members.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Page 3)

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.

4 **MINUTES** (Pages 4 - 6)

To confirm the attached Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20 November 2017.

5 **WARD PATTERN SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND** (Pages 7 - 46)

To consider the attached report of the Chief Executive.

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Minutes of the meeting of the **ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Monday, 20 November 2017 at 3.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor K E Morris

Councillors: P M Brivio
S S Chandler
M R Eddy
F J W Scales

Also Present: Councillor S F Bannister
Councillor M J Ovenden

Officers: Chief Executive
Director of Governance
Democratic Services Manager

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no substitute members appointed.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

4 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16 May 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5 ELECTORAL REVIEW - OPTIONS FOR GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Director of Governance presented the report on the Options for Governance Arrangements for the Electoral Review on Council Size.

Members were reminded that the Council had made a submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) requesting that its electoral arrangements be reviewed with a view to reducing the number of councillors to 'around 35'. As part of the preliminary stage of the review it was for the Council to demonstrate that it could effectively manage the business of the Council with the preferred number of Members and the report sought to provide potential governance models as evidence of this. However, the determination of the number and boundaries of wards was a matter for the next stage in the review process.

The report set out potential governance arrangements that were based on maintaining a committee workload for members that was similar to the current level, despite the proposed reductions in the overall number of members. For the scrutiny function, options for a single scrutiny committee or maintaining the current two scrutiny committee model were identified. Members were advised that at this stage in the process they were not being asked to implement the proposed governance arrangements as this would be a matter for a future report to full Council.

Councillor K E Morris drew Members attention to the comparison with the sizes of Kent District and Borough Councils and the CIPFA 15 Nearest Neighbours and in particular to the similarities in the number of electors per councillor for Canterbury City Council (2,710 per councillor) and Shepway District Council (2,704 per councillor) with a council size of 32 members for Dover District Council (2,725 per councillors).

The proposed governance arrangements for 32 members resulted in a ratio of committee seats to members of 1.96 seats per member as opposed to the current ratio of 1.86 seats per member. This was within the target of 2 seats or fewer per member.

Councillor M R Eddy circulated a proposed governance model for 37 councillors as an alternative to the proposals in the report. The key features of this model were:

- the retention of two scrutiny committees of 10 members each;
- the merging of the General Purposes Committee and the Electoral Matters Committee into a single body; and
- the merging of the Joint Staff Consultative Forum and the Joint Health, Safety and Welfare forum into a single body.

The proposals resulted in a ratio of committee seats to members of 1.94 seats per member with an electorate to councillor ratio of 2,356 electors per councillor. It was stated that by retaining two scrutiny committees of 10 members it would allow for greater involvement of backbench members in the decision-making process.

Members discussed the potential workloads for larger ward sizes and the impact of areas of urban deprivation.

Councillor F J W Scales asked for an update on the issue of the Capel-le-Ferne Ward boundary with Shepway District Council. The Democratic Services Manager advised that she would raise it with the LGBCE but that the previous position was that it would require agreement between Dover District Council and Shepway District Council for any changes to the shared external boundary of the authorities. Councillor K E Morris proposed that the Council Size to recommend to the meeting of full Council on 6 December 2017 be 32 councillors.

Councillor M R Eddy proposed that the Council Size to recommend to the meeting of full Council on 6 December 2017 be 37 councillors.

On being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to Council that a submission on Council Size for 32 councillors be made to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England in respect of the Dover District Council Electoral Review.

The meeting ended at 3.28 pm.

Subject:	WARD PATTERN SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND
Meeting and Date:	Electoral Matters Committee – 1 March 2018 Extraordinary Council – 14 March 2018
Report of:	Chief Executive
Classification:	UNRESTRICTED

Purpose of the report: To propose a pattern of wards as part of the Electoral Review of Dover District Council for submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

Recommendation: Electoral Matters Committee:

(a) To consider the proposed ward patterns and make recommendations to Council.

Extraordinary Council:

(a) To authorise the Chief Executive to make a submission on ward patterns on behalf of the Council.

1. Summary

This report sets out the Council's proposed submission on ward patterns. This proposal will also inform any political groups and individual councillors who may wish to make their own submissions and considerations of possible ward pattern options.

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 The Council at its meeting held on 6 December 2017 authorised the Chief Executive to make a submission on a future council size of 32 councillors to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE). The LGBCE announced on 30 January 2018 that it was minded to make a recommendation of a future council size of 32 councillors.
- 2.2 As part of the next process of the Electoral Review, the LGBCE is now consulting on ward patterns for a council size of 32 councillors.

Ward Patterns

- 2.3 In designing a pattern of electoral wards the Council has been mindful that the Commission must balance its three statutory criteria and has tried to create wards accordingly. The three main elements of the criteria are as follows:

- **Delivering Electoral Equality for Local Voters** – Ensuring that each councillor represents roughly the same number of voters so that the value of each vote is the same regardless of where a voter within the district lives.

Based on the forecast electorate figures for 2023 published by the LGBCE, this would equate to 2,902 electors per councillor.

- **Interests and Identities of Local Communities** – Establishing electoral arrangements which, as far as possible, avoid splitting local ties and where boundaries are easily identifiable.

The Council has considered physical barriers marking the boundary between different communities such as major roads, rivers or railway lines. It has also considered the placement of public facilities where appropriate.

- **Effective and Convenient Local Government** – Ensuring that the wards can be represented effectively by their elected representative(s) and that the new electoral arrangements as a whole, including both the council size decision and the warding arrangements, allow the local authority to conduct its business effectively.

In creating the new ward patterns consideration has been given to several factors including:

- *the geographic size of each proposed ward;*
- *levels of deprivation of each proposed ward;*
- *the additional workload that each proposed ward might generate through matters such as attending parish council meetings.*

Electoral Forecasting

- 2.4 As part of the electoral review process the LGBCE requires the Council provide the current electorate for 2017 and produce a six-year forecast for the electorate to 2023. The methodology for these forecasts is set out in detail in guidance 'Electorate Forecasts – A Guide for Practitioners' produced by the LGBCE. A number of factors need to be considered when producing these forecasts, including migration in/out of and within the district, demographic change, household sizes, the location and scale of new developments, household occupancy levels and the degree to which these changes in population are reflected in local electorate levels.
- 2.5 This information was gathered from a number of sources including the Office of National Statistics (ONS) for higher level population forecasts and the Council's Regeneration Delivery team for forecasts of housing growth based on sites with planning permission and those allocated within the Local Plan. Overall, a cautious approach to forecasting development has been adopted in an attempt to avoid unrealistic forecasts that could result in significant electoral imbalances being created over time.
- 2.6 As at 1 December 2017, the electorate was 87,130 with an estimated electorate of 92,879 by 2023. This electoral growth is not forecast to be consistent across the whole district and some areas are forecast to remain static or slightly decline reflecting demographic and other factors. As part of the forecasting methodology consideration was given to the previous six years and whether changes to the electorate at a polling district level could be attributed to housing growth or demographic change. The main areas of forecast housing growth are Aylesham and Whitfield, reflecting the projected housing development in each of these areas over the next six years.
- 2.7 In designing a pattern of wards, the forecast electorate for 2023 has been used for the purposes of achieving electoral equality. However, secondary consideration has also been given to the 2017 electorate figures in order to avoid the creation of short term areas of electoral inequality wherever possible.

2.8 The target average electorate per councillor for 2023 based on the published current and forecast electorate is as follows:

Year	1 Member Ward	2 Member Ward	3 Member Ward
2023	2,902	5,805	8,707
2017	2,723	5,446	8,168

2.9 The LGBCE recognises that perfect electoral equality is unlikely to be obtained for every ward and therefore will accept variances (as a general guide usually variances of +/- 10% at most) although the larger the proposed variance the more persuasive the evidence provided to justify must be.

2.10 The electorate figures used in designing the pattern of wards that are proposed in this submission is based on the 'electorate forecast' published on the LGBCE website.

2.11 In addition, during the preparation of this submission officers have been mindful of any potential 'windfall' developments (i.e. unforeseen developments) which would need to be factored into the forecast electorate figures.

2.12 In conclusion, while electoral forecasting is, in the words of the LGBCE, an 'inexact science' every effort has been undertaken to ensure that the forecasting is as reliable as it is possible to be.

Warding Pattern and Local Communities

2.13 The warding pattern is based on a council size of 32 members with each councillor representing an average of 2,902 electors. The proposed warding pattern is for 17 new wards, a reduction from the current 21 wards, one ward has remained unchanged.

2.14 In designing a ward pattern the case for all single member wards against a mix of multi-member wards was given consideration but ultimately rejected in favour of the best numerical solution on the grounds of electoral equality.

	Single Member Wards	Multi-Member Wards
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers direct accountability to constituents with a single point of contact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater resilience in the case of a member being unavailable Able to share workloads with other ward members Allow members to support and mentor new members in the ward
Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little resilience in the circumstances of a member being unavailable (i.e. through absence or conflict of interest) Unable to share workload with other ward members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A well-known dominant member may draw workload away from other members preventing them from gaining experience at all aspects of ward work

- 2.15 In developing the proposed ward pattern officers have been able to draw on natural geographic, infrastructure and community features which have created logical boundaries.

Ward Naming

- 2.16 The guidance provided by the LGBCE¹ sets out its approach to the naming of wards. It recommends that where wards remain largely unchanged the existing name should be retained unless a good reason is provided to justify the change.
- 2.17 In designing the pattern of wards consideration has been given to ward names that reflect continuity of community identification in respect of the proposed wards as well as other factors such as parish/village names, local community landmarks and smaller area names. The Council has also given consideration to whether existing ward names are still relevant where community identities may have changed over time. The rationale for each name chosen has been set out in Appendix 1.

3. Identification of Options

- 3.1 Option 1: To authorise the Chief Executive to make the ward pattern submission attached at Appendix 1 on behalf of the Council to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England in respect of the review of the electoral arrangements for the Dover District.
- 3.2 Option 2: To authorise the Chief Executive to make a different ward pattern submission on behalf of the Council to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England in respect of the review of the electoral arrangements for the Dover District.

4. Evaluation of Options

- 4.1 In considering the proposed ward patterns it is to be noted that there are a number of alternative models that could have been proposed that were rejected on the grounds of not providing the best fit to the three statutory criteria. In particular, Deal and Dover when viewed as a blank sheet without consideration of the current wards would allow for a significant number of different configurations. The options set out in this report, where possible, have tried to remain broadly consistent with the existing polling districts.
- 4.2 The aim of this report has been to produce an evidence based ward pattern submission for the Council to submit to the LGBCE. The report will also help inform members as to possible alternative options for ward patterns that they may wish to submit as political groups or as individual members.

5. Resource Implications

- 5.1 There are no resource implications arising from this stage in the Electoral Review process.

¹ Electoral Reviews – Technical Guidance, April 2014, Local Government Boundary Commission for England

6. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Proposed Ward Patterns

Appendix 2 –

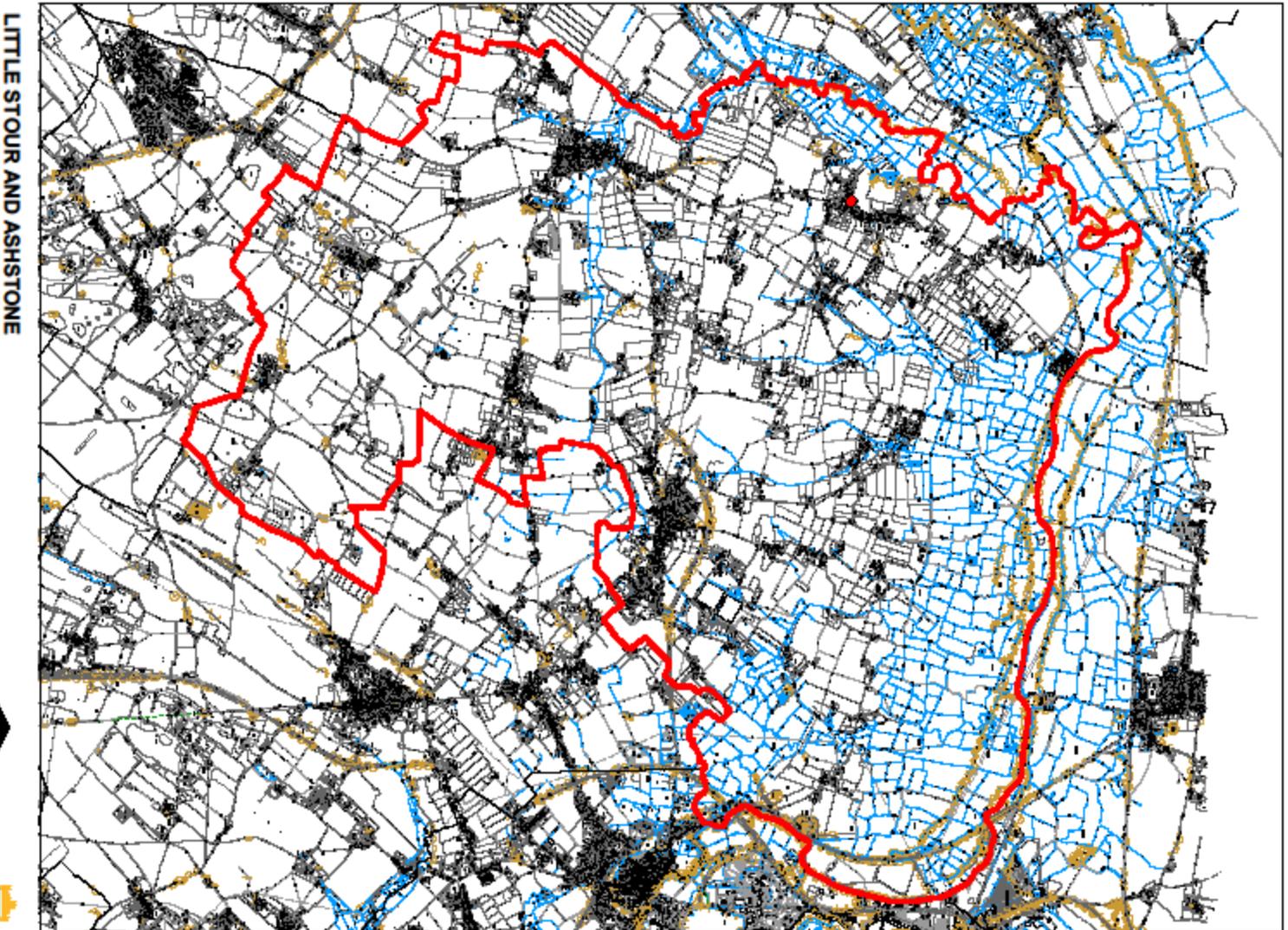
7. **Background Papers**

Dover Electoral Review Website, <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-east/kent/dover> , Local Government Boundary Commission for England

'How to propose a pattern of wards', Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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WARD 1 – LITTLE STOUR AND ASHSTONE



LITTLE STOUR AND ASHSTONE

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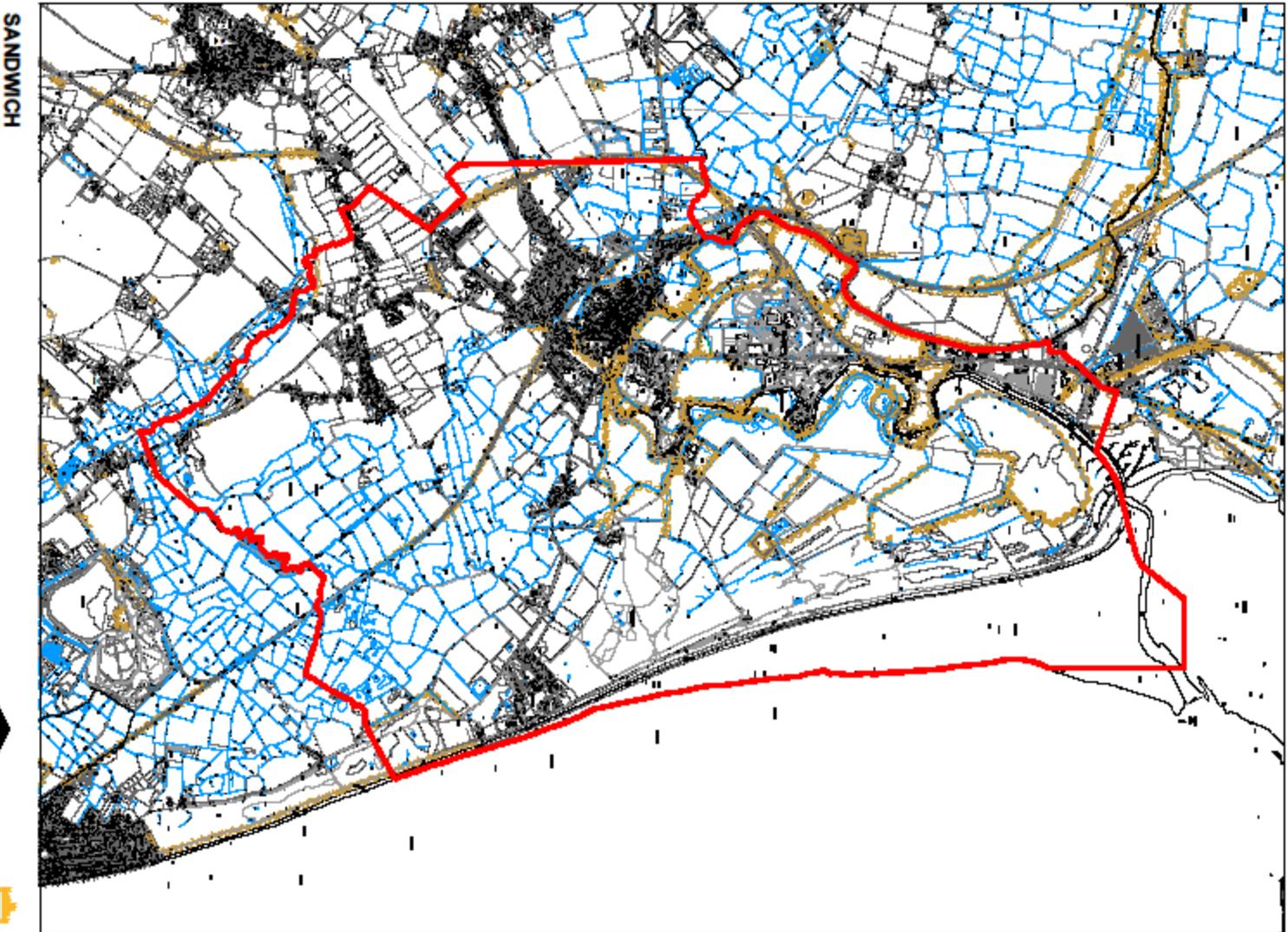
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WARD 1

Ward Name:	Little Stour & Ashstone						
Number of Councillors:	2						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	6,060				Electoral Variance (2023):	+4%	
Current Electorate (2017):	5,544				Electoral Variance (2017):	+2%	
Polling Districts:	TAS	TGD	TPR	TSP	TST	TWG	
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash Parish Council • Goodnestone Parish Council • Preston Parish Council 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staple Parish Council • Stourmouth Parish Council • Wingham Parish Council 		
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandwich Division 						
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This preserves the current Little Stour and Ashstone Ward boundaries by reducing the number of councillors from 3 to 2. • The Ward borders the administrative areas of Thanet District Council to the north and Canterbury City Council to the West. • There are good road links within the ward connecting the six parish areas. • This is one of only two wards that remain unchanged in terms of area covered. 						
Name Rationale:	In keeping with the technical guidance issued by the LGBCE where a ward remains largely unchanged the existing ward name has been retained.						

WARD 2 –SANDWICH



SANDWICH

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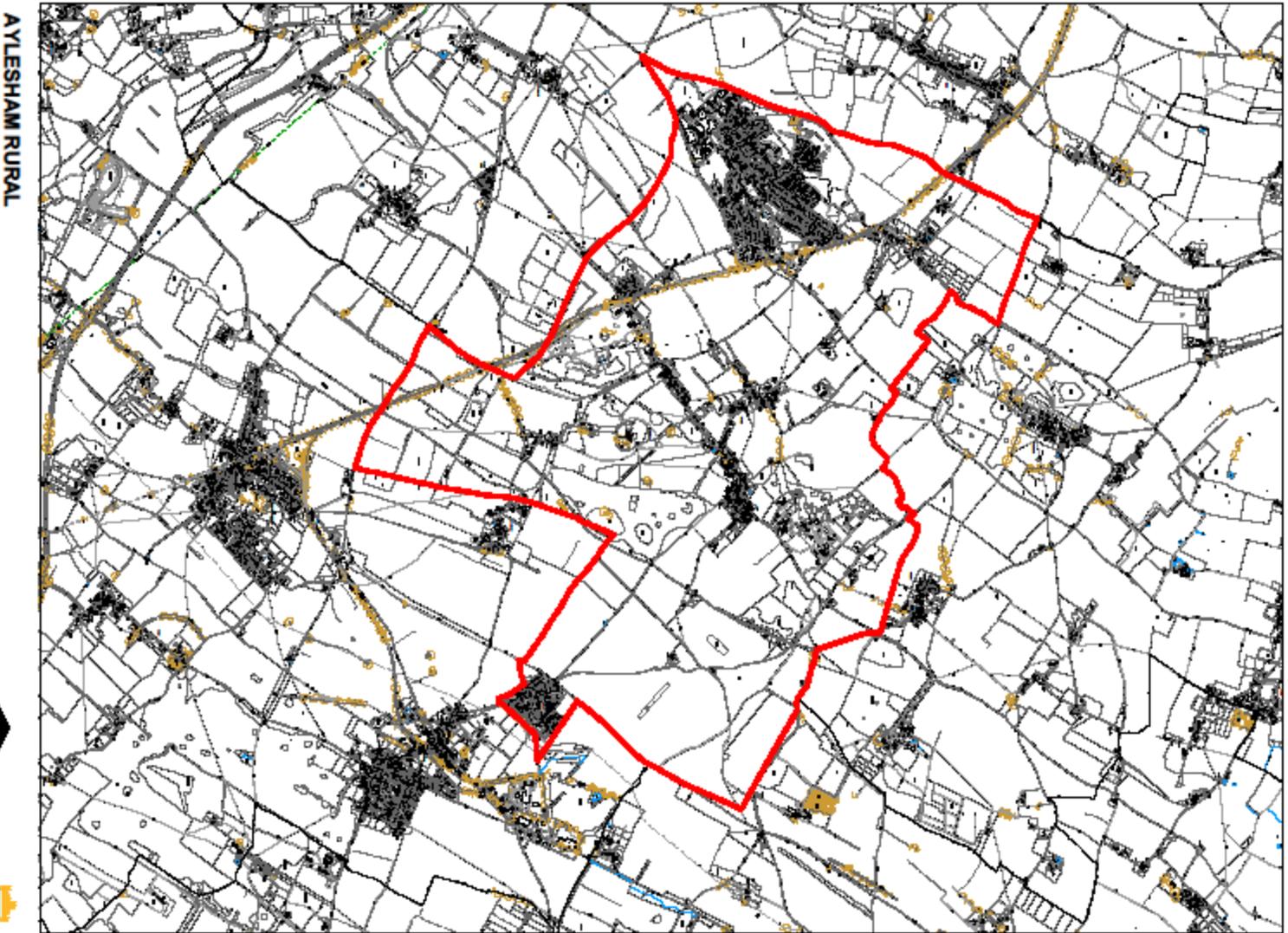
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WARD 2

Ward Name:	Sandwich						
Number of Councillors:	2						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	5,737			Electoral Variance (2023):		-1%	
Current Electorate (2017):	4,795			Electoral Variance (2017):		-12%	
Polling Districts:	TSA	TSB	TWR				
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandwich Town Council 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worth Parish Council 			
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandwich 						
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current 3 member Sandwich Ward consists of the polling districts TSA (Sandwich North), TSB (Sandwich South), TWN (Woodnesborough) and TWR (Worth). This makes the ward too large for a 2 member ward and too small for a 3 member ward on the basis of the forecast electorate. The removal of the Woodnesborough polling district, which is coterminous with the boundaries of Woodnesborough Parish Council ensures that the new Ward is within 1% of the target electorate of 5,805 for a 2 member ward. This ward is one of two wards, the other being the Aylesham Rural Ward, that have a slightly larger than target electoral variance for 2017. However, based on the forecast electorate and dwellings growth this will correct within the next 6 years. The A258 Deal Road links the communities of Sandwich and Worth and the Guilford Road links Sandwich to the Sandwich Bay Estate. 						
Name Rationale:	In keeping with the technical guidance issued by the LGBCE where a ward remains largely unchanged the existing ward name has been retained.						

WARD 3 –AYLESHAM RURAL



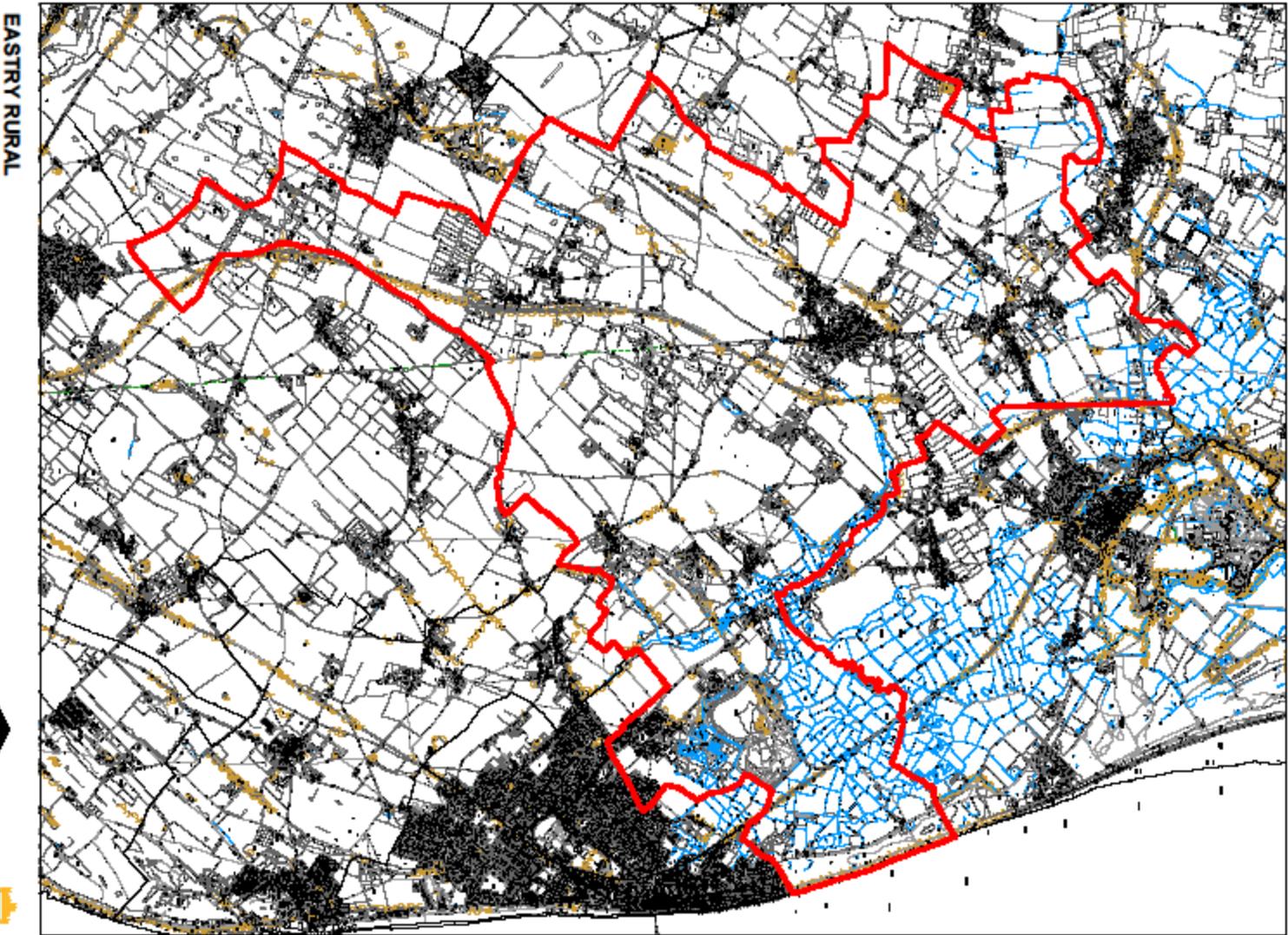
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WARD 3

Ward Name:	Aylesham Rural									
Number of Councillors:	2									
Forecast Electorate (2023):	5,555			Electoral Variance (2023):		-4%				
Current Electorate (2017):	4,753			Electoral Variance (2017):		-13%				
Polling Districts:	PAY	PNN	PEX3 *NEW*							
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aylesham Parish Council Eythorne Parish Council (Partial - PEX3 only) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nonington Parish Council 						
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes - Aylesham and Nonington No – Elvington (the proposal requires the creation of a new parish ward) 									
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dover North 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dover West (PEX3 area) 						
Street Changes:	<p>AMENDMENT: The creation of the parish ward of Elvington (referred to as ‘PEX3’ for the purposes of this document) within the Eythorne Parish Council area would incorporate the following streets into the ward:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adelaide Road (no's 1-51 consecutive & 52-92 evens)) - 75 dwellings total Ash Grove Beech Drive Cherry Grove </td> <td style="width: 33%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chaucer Road Fairview Road Cypress Grove Milner Close Milner Road Oak Grove </td> <td style="width: 33%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poplar Drive Larch Road Roman Way St John's Road Sweetbriar Lane Terrace Road </td> </tr> </table>							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adelaide Road (no's 1-51 consecutive & 52-92 evens)) - 75 dwellings total Ash Grove Beech Drive Cherry Grove 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chaucer Road Fairview Road Cypress Grove Milner Close Milner Road Oak Grove 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poplar Drive Larch Road Roman Way St John's Road Sweetbriar Lane Terrace Road
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Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Aylesham Ward as currently configured of polling districts PAY and PNN is too large for a 1 member ward and too small for a 2 member ward. The addition of the village of Elvington through the creation of a new parish ward within the parish of Eythorne will provide for electoral equality. This would fulfil the requirement that a parish ward is wholly within a single district ward. This ward is one of two wards (the other being the Sandwich Ward, that have a slightly larger than target electoral variance. However, based on the forecast electorate and dwellings growth this will correct within the next 6 years. The current Aylesham housing development provides a strong degree of confidence that this will be delivered within the next 6 years. The villages of Aylesham and Elvington share a strong affinity through their heritage as mining communities (as also was the village of Snowdown located within the polling district PAY) and are connected by road through the village of Nonington. 									
Name Rationale:	In keeping with the technical guidance issued by the LGBCE where a ward remains largely unchanged the existing ward name has been retained. However, in recognition of the villages of Nonington and Elvington the suffix ‘rural’ has been incorporated into the proposed name.									

WARD 4 – EASTRY RURAL



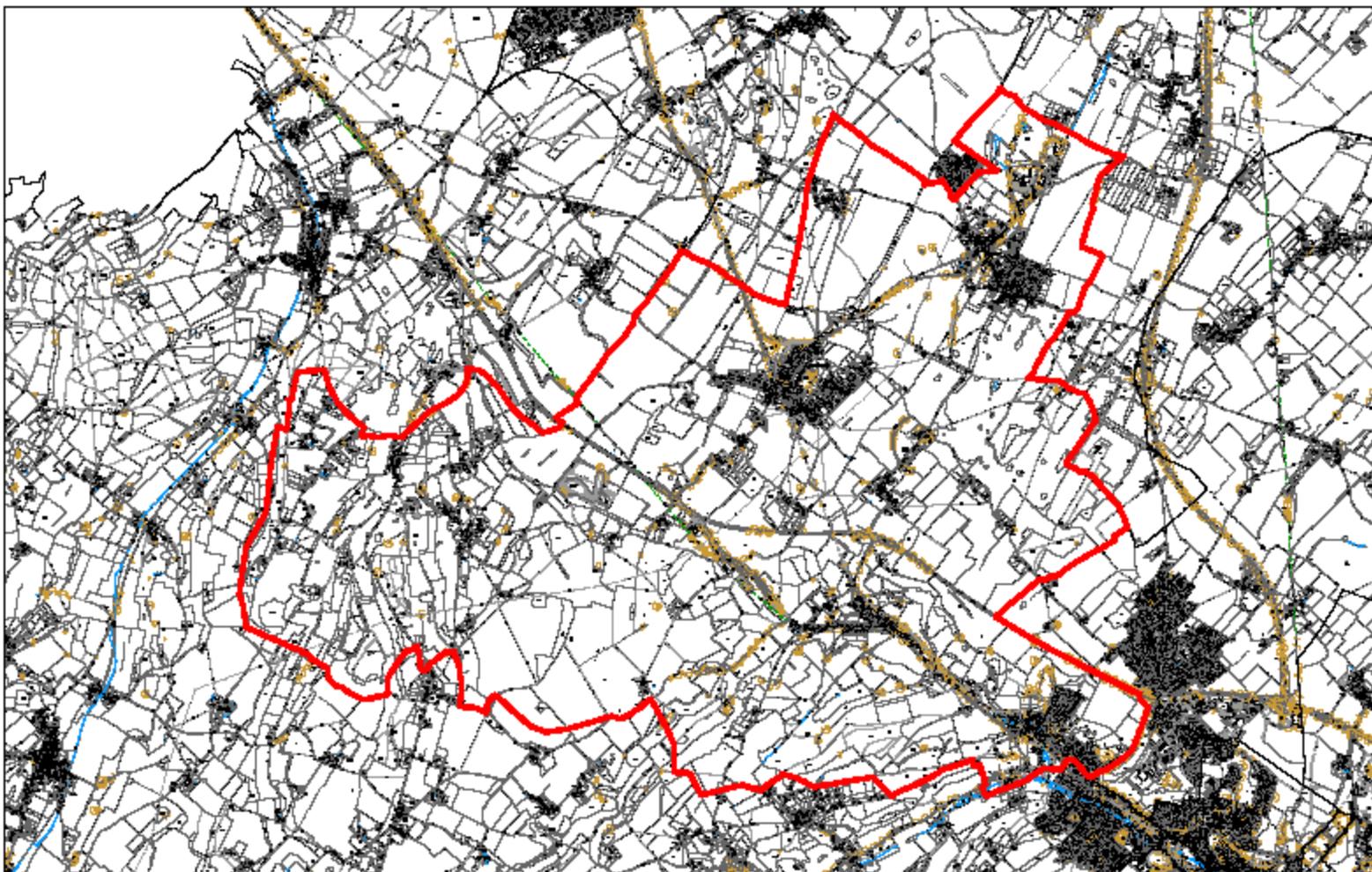
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WARD 4

Ward Name:	Eastry Rural						
Number of Councillors:	2						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	5,767				Electoral Variance (2023):	-1%	
Current Electorate (2017):	5,383				Electoral Variance (2017):	-1%	
Polling Districts:	PEA	PNR	PSH	PTI	TWN		
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastry Parish Council • Northbourne Parish Council • Sholden Parish Council 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tilmanstone Parish Council • Woodnesborough 		
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 						
County Division:	• Dover North (PNR & PTI)		• Deal & Walmer (PSH)		• Sandwich (PEA & TWN)		
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed ward provides for high degrees of electoral equality both in 2023 and 2017. • Pre-1974 these parishes formed Eastry Rural District Council and have good internal road connections between the parishes. • This change removes Sholden from the current Middle Deal & Sholden Ward. 						
Name Rationale:	The ward contains elements of several current wards. The use off the name Eastry Rural reflects the rural nature of the ward and the largest population centre. The name also reflects the historical Eastry Rural District Council (1894 – 1974) as all the parishes in the proposed new ward were part of that body.						

WARD 5 – EWELL & SIBERTSWOLD



EWELL AND SIBERTSWOLD

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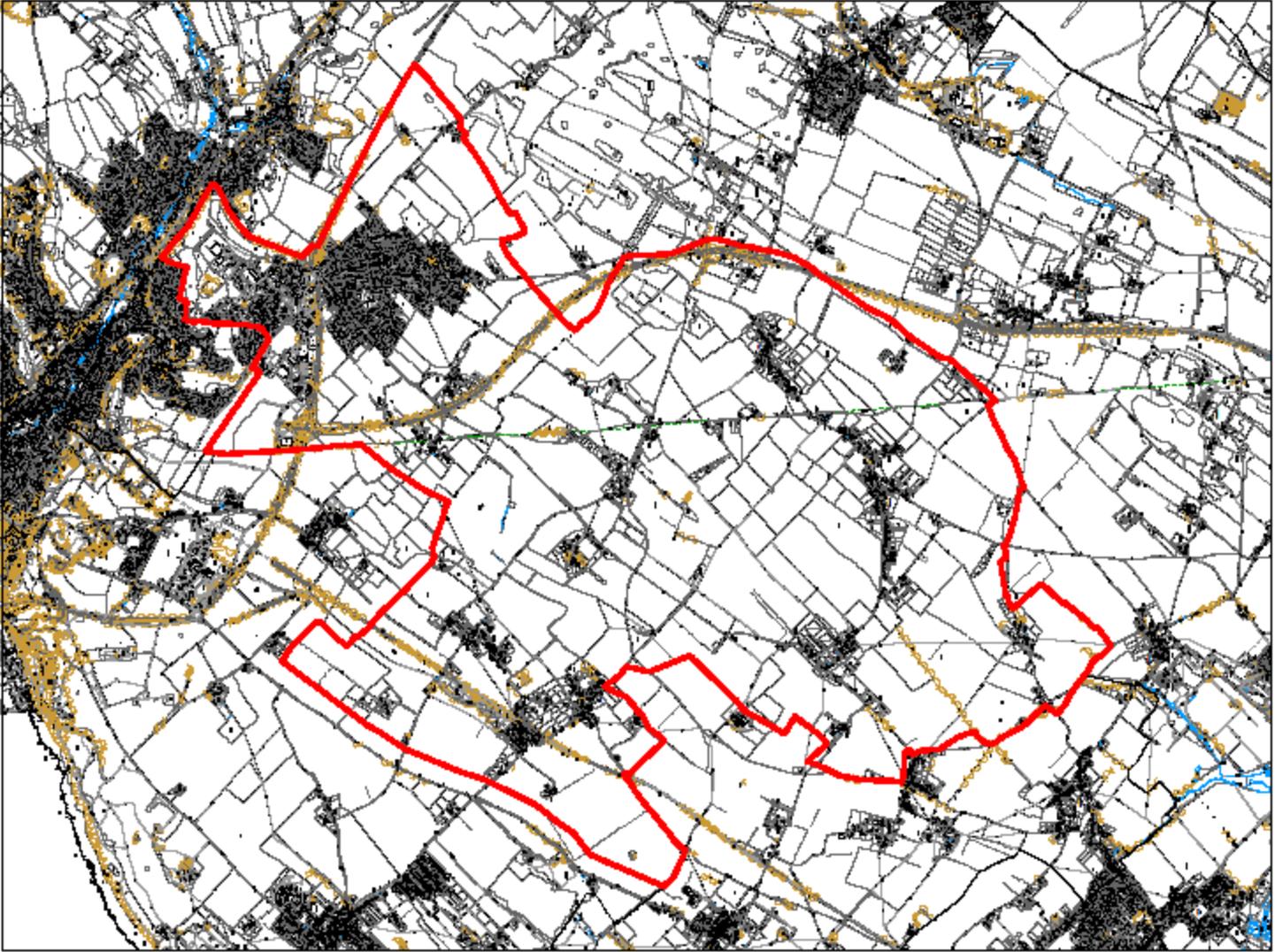
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WARD 5

Ward Name:	Ewell & Sibertswold										
Number of Councillors:	2										
Forecast Electorate (2023):	5,598				Electoral Variance (2023):			-4%			
Current Electorate (2017):	5,178				Electoral Variance (2017):			-5%			
Polling Districts:	PDD	PDW	PEX1*	PEX2	PLN	PSL1	PSL2	PTE			
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Denton-with-Wootton Parish Council Eythorne Parish Council (Partial – excludes Elvington) Lydden Parish Council 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shepherdswell-with-Coldred Parish Council Temple Ewell Parish Council 						
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 										
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dover West 										
Street Changes:	<p>(*) AMENDMENT: The creation of the parish ward of Elvington (referred to as ‘PEX3’ for the purposes of this document) within the Eythorne Parish Council area would be included within the Aylesham Rural Ward and result in the removal of the following streets from the polling district PEX1 and transferred to the new PEX3.:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adelaide Road (no’s 1-51 consecutive & 52-92 evens)) - 75 dwellings total Ash Grove Beech Drive Cherry Grove </td> <td style="width: 33%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chaucer Road Cypress Grove Larch Road Fairview Road Milner Close Milner Road </td> <td style="width: 33%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oak Grove Poplar Drive Roman Way St John’s Road Sweetbriar Lane Terrace Road </td> </tr> </table>								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adelaide Road (no’s 1-51 consecutive & 52-92 evens)) - 75 dwellings total Ash Grove Beech Drive Cherry Grove 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chaucer Road Cypress Grove Larch Road Fairview Road Milner Close Milner Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oak Grove Poplar Drive Roman Way St John’s Road Sweetbriar Lane Terrace Road
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Rationale:	The original intention had been to combine the two existing wards of Lydden & Temple Ewell and Eythorne & Shepherdswell wholly without alteration. However, the need to avert a significant electoral variance in the Aylesham Ward meant that the removal of the village of Elvington from the Eythorne and Shepherdswell Ward was necessary (see the rationale for the Aylesham Rural Ward for more detail).										
Name Rationale:	<p>This ward is composed of the existing Lydden and Temple Ewell Ward and the majority of the existing Eythorne and Shepherdswell Ward (excluding Elvington). In accordance with the LGBCE’s technical guidance on ward names, there is a preference for short names as opposed to exhaustively descriptive names attempting to reference all the parishes encompassed by the ward so combining the current two ward names is not a realistic solution to the naming of the new ward. It was therefore decided to use elements of the names of both former wards to form the new name. The following names are potential alternatives to the name selected on this basis:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ewell and Shepherdswell; Temple Ewell and Shepherdswell; Ewell and Eythorne (reflecting the two largest population centres in the ward); </td> <td style="width: 50%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eythorne and Temple Ewell; or Dour Valley </td> </tr> </table>								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ewell and Shepherdswell; Temple Ewell and Shepherdswell; Ewell and Eythorne (reflecting the two largest population centres in the ward); 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eythorne and Temple Ewell; or Dour Valley 	
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	<p>However, the name of Ewell (derived from the Old English word for river source or spring – in this case the River Dour) and Sibertswold (a historic name for Shepherdswell) was selected as it reflects the heritage of the new ward. In addition, Sibertswold is the name of the local primary school in Shepherdswell.</p>
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WARD 5 – WHITFIELD RURAL



WHITFIELD RURAL

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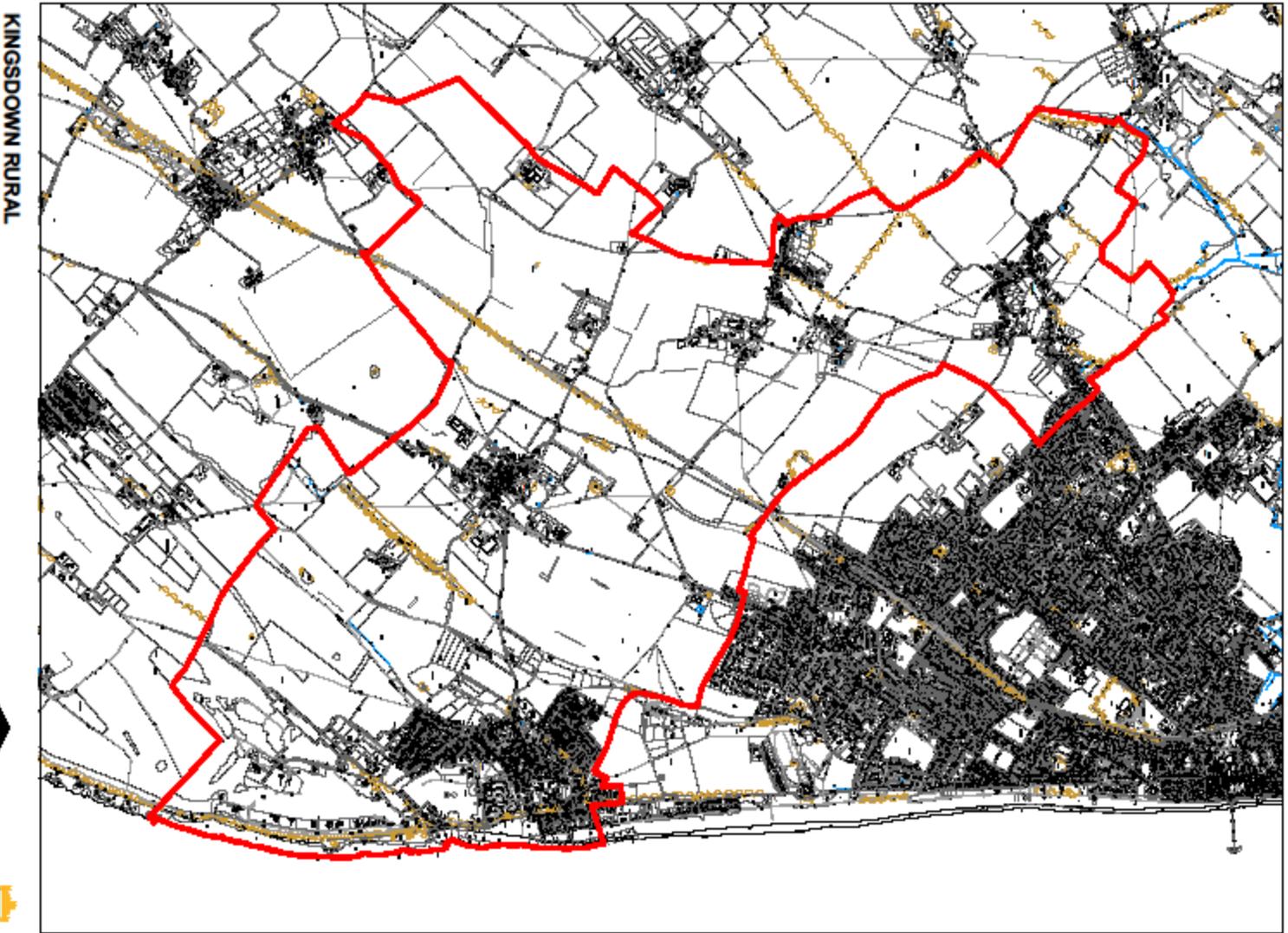
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Ward Name:	Whitfield Rural						
Number of Councillors:	2						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	6,116			Electoral Variance (2023):		+5%	
Current Electorate (2017):	5,333			Electoral Variance (2017):		-2%	
Polling Districts:	PLG	PSU	PWH	PWT			
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langdon Parish Council • Sutton-by-Dover Parish Council 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitfield Parish Council 			
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dover North 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dover West 			
Rationale:	There are strong road links between the three parishes and it provides for a strong degree of electoral equality.						
Name Rationale:	The name reflects the largest population centre.						

WARD 7 – KINGSDOWN RURAL



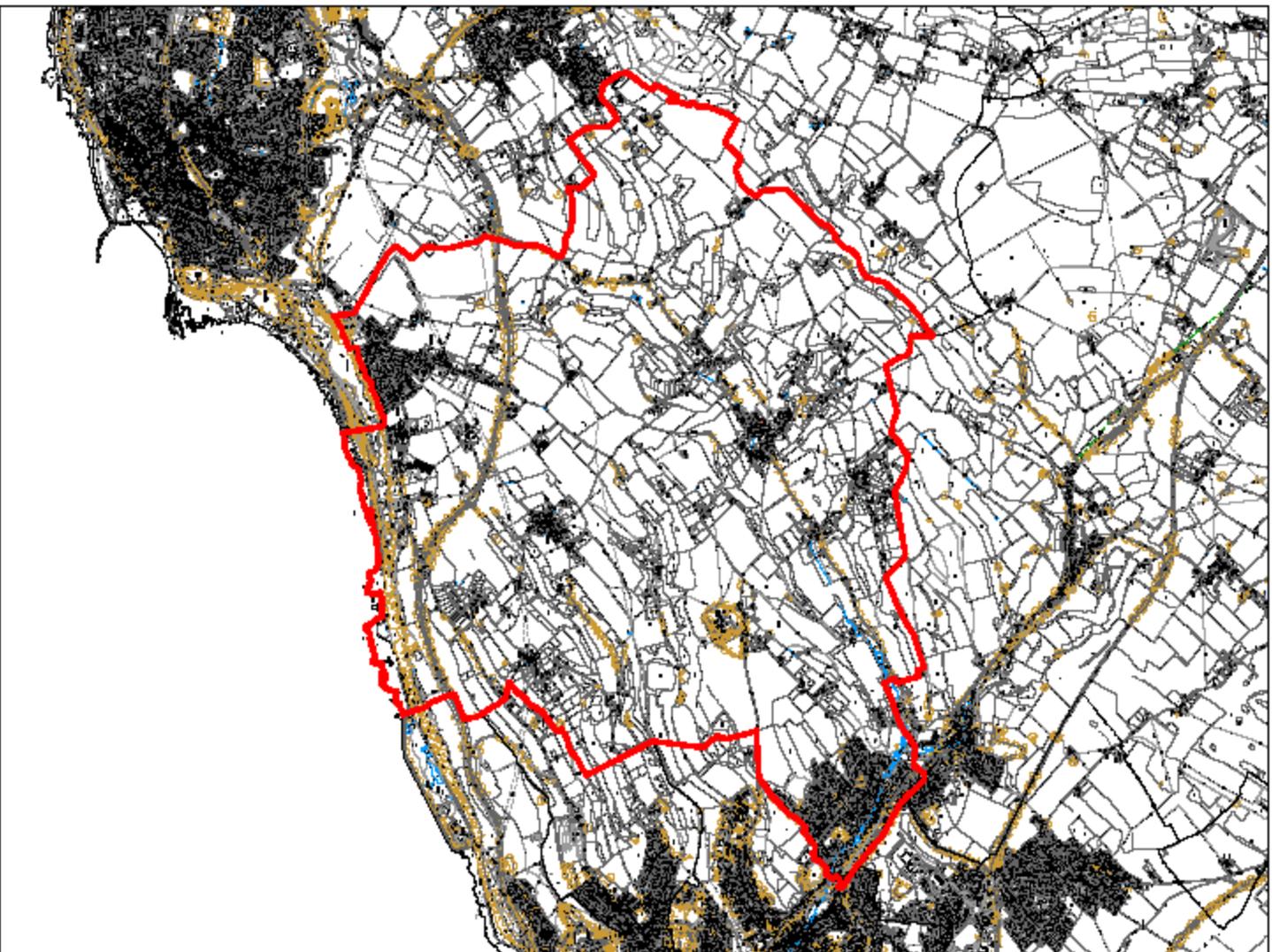
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WARD 7

Ward Name:	Kingsdown Rural						
Number of Councillors:	1						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	2,608			Electoral Variance (2023):		-4%	
Current Electorate (2017):	2,608			Electoral Variance (2017):		-10%	
Polling Districts:	PGM	PRG	PRK	PRP			
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Mongeham Parish Council • Ringwould with Kingsdown Parish Council 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ripple Parish Council 			
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dover North 						
Rationale:	This proposed ward could have been combined with either the Whitfield Rural or Kingsdown Rural wards to create either a 3 or 2 member ward respectively. However, the geographic links as parishes bordering Deal persuaded officers as to the merits of keeping this as a single member ward.						
Name Rationale:	The name reflects the largest population centre, a former limb of the cinque ports.						

WARD 8 – CAPEL-LE-FERNE AND RIVER



CAPEL AND RIVER

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WARD 8

Ward Name:	Capel-le-Ferne and River						
Number of Councillors:	2						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	5,967			Electoral Variance (2023):		+3%	
Current Electorate (2017):	5,822			Electoral Variance (2017):		+7%	
Polling Districts:	PAK	PCF	PHM	PRV			
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alkham Parish Council Capel-le-Ferne Parish Council 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hougham Without Parish Council River Parish Council 			
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dover West 						
Rationale:	<p>In creating this ward consideration was initially given to creating this ward as two single member wards – Capel Rural (PAK, PCF and PHM) and River (PRV). This was rejected for the following reasons: (a) that while there are connecting roads between Alkham and Capel/Hougham these were smaller, more rural roads while in contrast the road connecting River and Alkham is the main route in/out of Alkham; and (b) that combining the four polling districts provides for better overall electoral equality that could be attained through two single member wards.</p>						
Name Rationale:	The name is a combination of the two existing ward names of Capel-le-Ferne and River.						

WARD 9 – ST MARGARET’S-AT-CLIFFE



ST MARGARET'S AT CLIFFE

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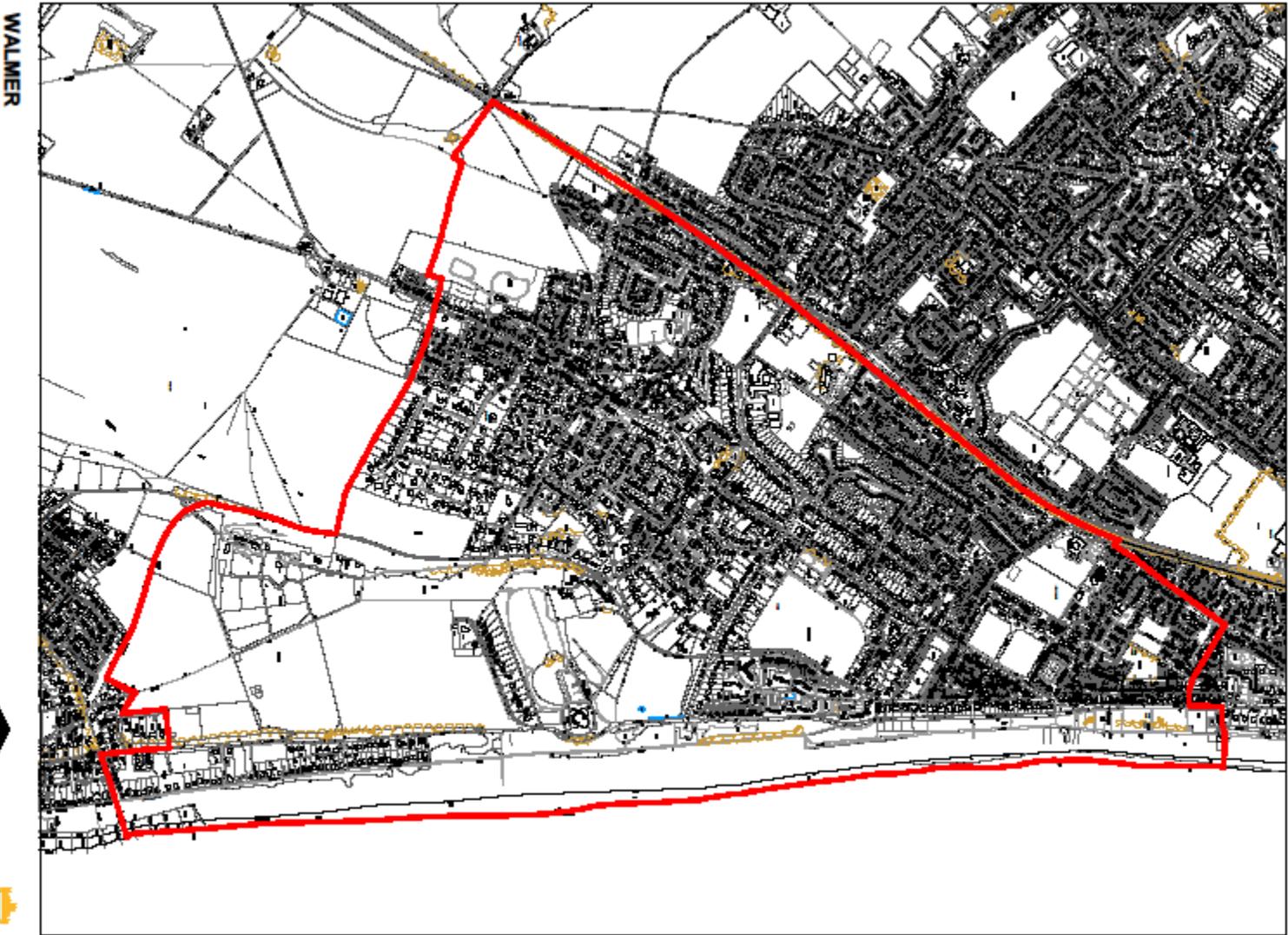
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WARD 9

Ward Name:	St Margaret's-at-Cliffe						
Number of Councillors:	1						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	2,842			Electoral Variance (2023):		-2%	
Current Electorate (2017):	2,708			Electoral Variance (2017):		-1%	
Polling Districts:	PGS	PSM					
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guston Parish Council 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Parish Council 			
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dover North 						
Rationale:	<p>This proposed ward could have been combined with either the Whitfield Rural or Kingsdown Rural wards to create either a 3 or 2 member wards respectively. However, the geographic links between Guston and St Margaret's-at-Cliffe, the expected housing development at Connaught Barracks and the level of electoral equality achieved by keeping this as a single member ward have persuaded officers as to the merits of keeping this as a single member ward.</p> <p>Although the ward retains the name St Margaret's-at-Cliffe, it no longer includes the parishes of Sutton-by-Dover, Langdon and Ripple that were part of the current St Margaret's-at-Cliffe.</p>						
Name Rationale:	<p>St Margaret's-at-Cliffe is the largest community within the new ward and maintains the name of the ward that previously contained the parishes of Guston and St Margaret's-at-Cliffe.</p>						

WARD 10 - WALMER



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WARD 10

Ward Name:	Walmer								
Number of Councillors:	2								
Forecast Electorate (2023):	6,006			Electoral Variance (2023):		+3%			
Current Electorate (2017):	5,829			Electoral Variance (2017):		+7%			
Polling Districts:	AA1	AA2	AA3*						
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walmer Parish Council (Partial – excludes AA4) 								
Based on Parish Boundary?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. This was also the case with the current Walmer Ward. 								
Street Changes:	<p>(*) AMENDMENT: The parish of Walmer is currently warded into 4 separate wards which are co-terminus with polling districts AA1, AA2, AA3 and AA4. However, the AA4 polling district is currently part of the North Deal Ward even though it is part of the Walmer Parish Council.</p> <p>It is proposed that the following streets be removed from the current Walmer Ward and transferred from polling district AA3 to polling district AA4 to form part of the proposed Deal Coastal Ward based on the old North Deal Ward:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Barrack Road 51-68 The Strand including Admiralty Mews & Beachlands Court 59-105 Gladstone Road Cheriton Place </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheriton Road York Road (68-70 consecutive and a cottage) 2-24 Marine Road and including The Coach House & Clanwilliam House </td> </tr> </table>							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Barrack Road 51-68 The Strand including Admiralty Mews & Beachlands Court 59-105 Gladstone Road Cheriton Place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheriton Road York Road (68-70 consecutive and a cottage) 2-24 Marine Road and including The Coach House & Clanwilliam House
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County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deal and Walmer 								
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Walmer Ward and Walmer Parish Council are not currently co-terminus. As part of the review the option of resolving that was considered but the resulting electorate was too large for a 2 member ward and not large enough for a 3 member ward. A 2 member ward was achievable with a reduction in the current electorates for polling districts AA1 – 3. To achieve this the current boundary for polling district AA4 was amended to include a number of properties in the current AA3 polling district. The amendments are shaped to ensure that Walmer Green, Walmer Paddling Pool and Walmer Scouts remain within the Walmer Ward. The changes to polling districts AA3 and AA4 would require alterations to the corresponding Walmer Parish Council wards (St Saviours and Gladstone). 								
Name Rationale:	In keeping with the technical guidance issued by the LGBCE where a ward remains largely unchanged the existing ward name has been retained.								

WARD 11 – DEAL COASTAL



DEAL COASTAL

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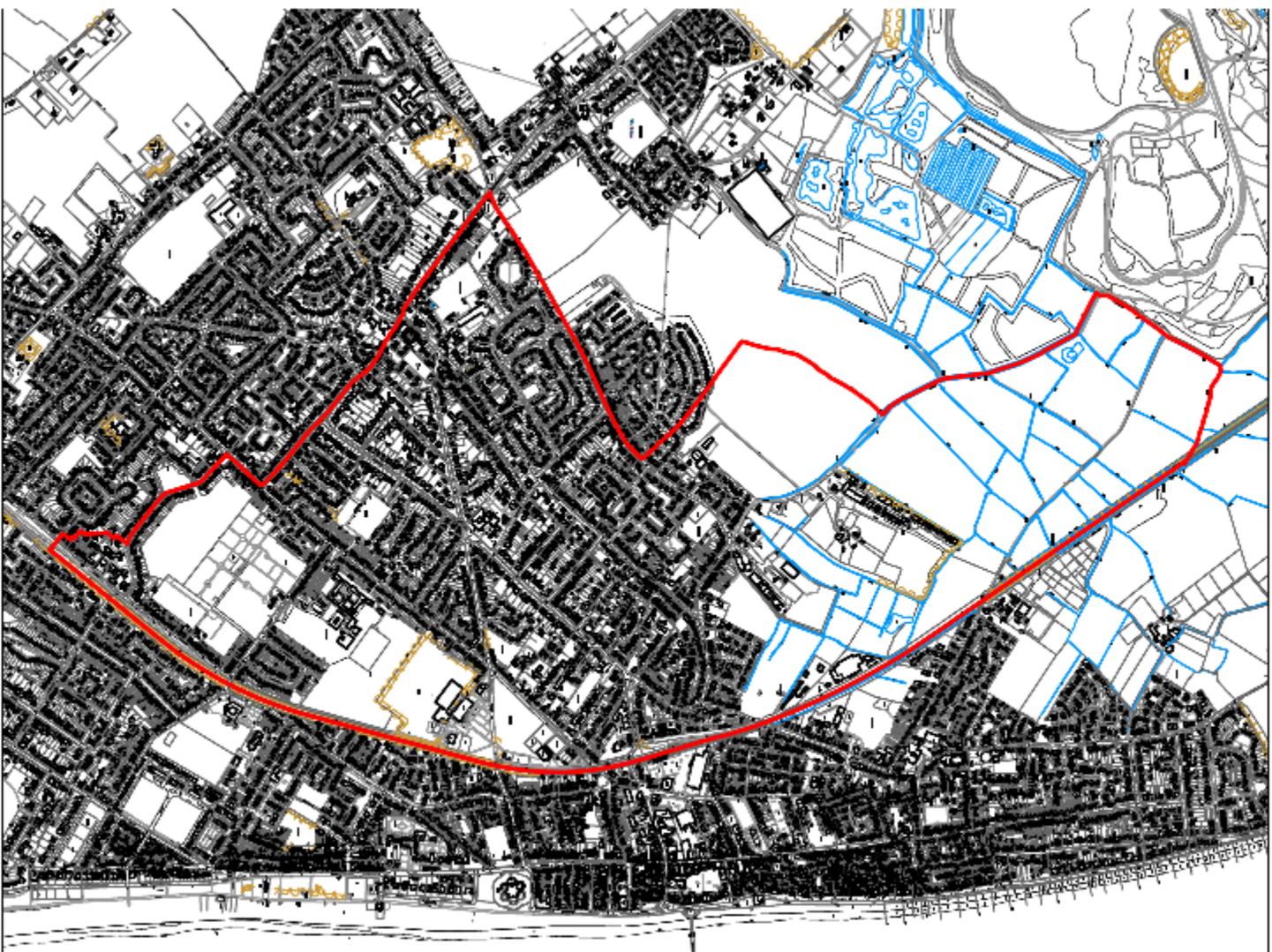
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WARD 11

Ward Name:	Deal Coastal								
Number of Councillors:	2								
Forecast Electorate (2023):	5,585			Electoral Variance (2023):		-4%			
Current Electorate (2017):	5,775			Electoral Variance (2017):		+6%			
Polling Districts:	AD1	AD2	AD3	AA4*					
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deal Town Council 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walmer Parish Council (Partial - AA4 only) 					
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 								
Street Changes:	<p>(*) AMENDMENT: The parish of Walmer is currently warded into 4 separate wards which are co-terminus with polling districts AA1, AA2, AA3 and AA4. However, the AA4 polling district is currently part of the North Deal Ward even though it is part of the Walmer Parish Council.</p> <p>It is proposed that the following streets be removed from the current Walmer Ward and transferred from polling district AA3 to polling district AA4 to form part of the proposed Deal Coastal Ward based on the old North Deal Ward:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Barrack Road 51-68 The Strand including Admiralty Mews and Beachlands Court 59-105 Gladstone Road Cheriton Place </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheriton Road York Road (68-70 cons and a cottage) 2-24 Marine Road and including The Coach House & Clanwilliam House </td> </tr> </table>							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Barrack Road 51-68 The Strand including Admiralty Mews and Beachlands Court 59-105 Gladstone Road Cheriton Place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheriton Road York Road (68-70 cons and a cottage) 2-24 Marine Road and including The Coach House & Clanwilliam House
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County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deal and Walmer 								
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The addition of the streets from polling district AA3 to polling district AA4 do not make a significant change to the current electorate for the ward but do help minimise the forecast electoral variance. In addition, the small negative electoral variance means that in the event that the overall electorate does not contract as forecast the ward would still remain comfortably within the electoral variance parameters. The proposed alteration of polling district AA4 would require corresponding changes to the Walmer Parish Council Ward of Gladstone but would not require any alterations to the Deal Town Council Ward of North Deal. 								
Name Rationale:	Although the ward has remained largely unchanged and the ward name of North Deal could be kept it is proposed that the name be changed to Deal Coastal to better reflect its geographic position.								

WARD 12 – MIDDLE DEAL



MIDDLE DEAL

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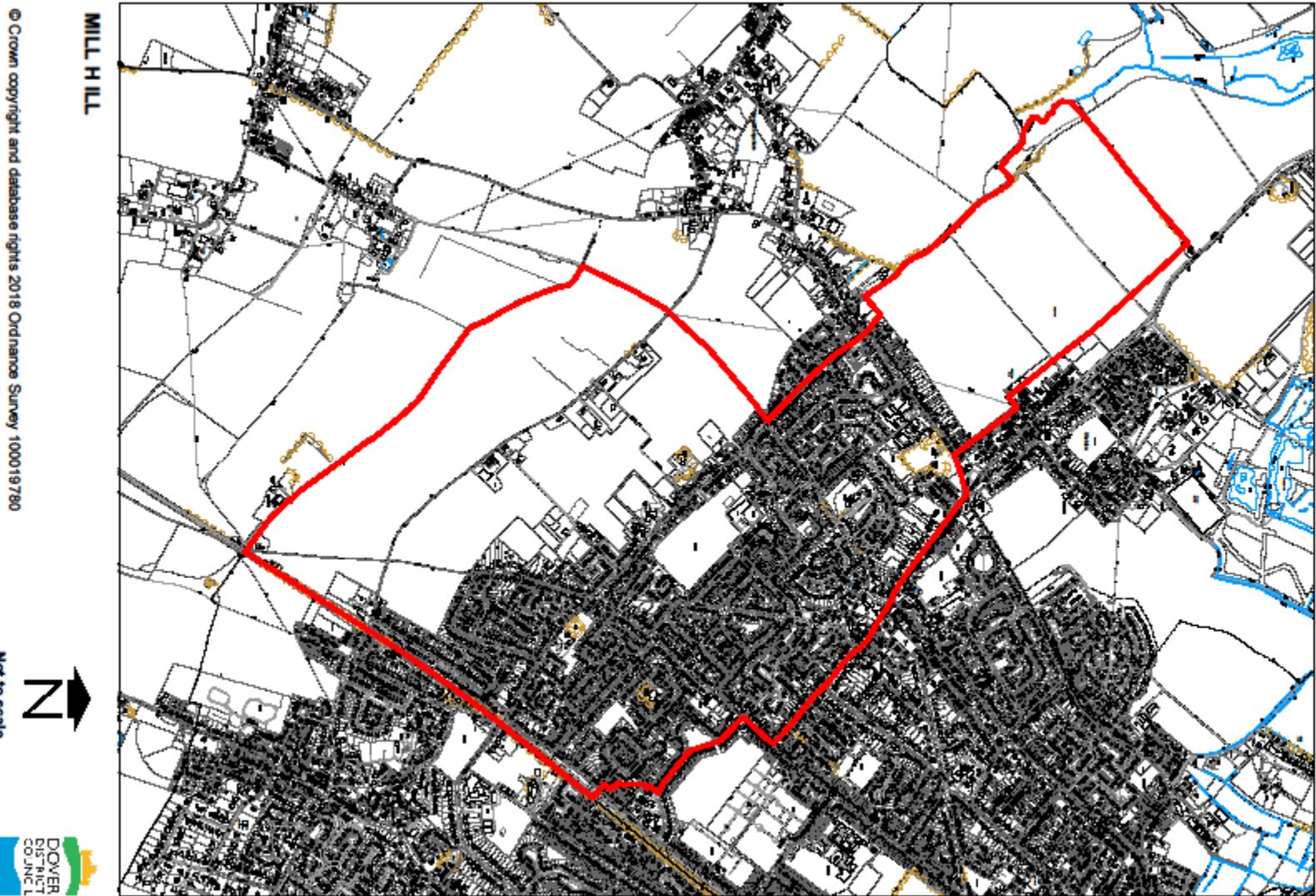
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WARD 12

Ward Name:	Middle Deal						
Number of Councillors:	2						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	5,569			Electoral Variance (2023):		-2%	
Current Electorate (2017):	5,331			Electoral Variance (2017):		-2%	
Polling Districts:	AB1	AB2*	AB3				
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deal Town Council 						
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes – it is wholly within the parish of Deal 						
Street Changes:	<p>(*) AMENDMENT: The proposed amendment moves a number of properties from Mill Hill (AC1) into Middle Deal (AB2) to ensure better electoral equality by reducing the variance in Middle Deal.</p>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1a-105 Freeman’s Way (odds) and Chapman House, Charles House, Pittock House, Brambles Courtyard and The Gables 175-201 Telegraph Road 203-209 Telegraph Road 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-95 (odds) Telegraph Road and Edgar House, Soloman House & Lambert House 1-31 Mill Hill (odds) 1-2 The Courtyard 			
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deal and Walmer 						
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current Middle Deal and Sholden Ward includes part of the Deal Town Council area and the whole of the parish of Sholden. As these proposals remove the parish of Sholden from Middle Deal it is necessary to add additional electorate into the ward, now known as Middle Deal, and this has been done from polling district AC1 Mill Hill. The new ward of Middle Deal is more compact than the original ward and by only containing area within the parish of Deal, provides for a stronger single community identity. The railway line remains as the eastern boundary of the ward. The proposed changes to polling districts AC1 and AB2 would require corresponding changes to the Deal Town Council wards of Middle Deal and Mill Hill. 						
Name Rationale:	In keeping with the technical guidance issued by the LG BCE where a ward remains largely unchanged the existing ward name has been largely retained. The removal of the parish of Sholden has seen the proposed name change from Middle Deal and Sholden to ‘Middle Deal’.						

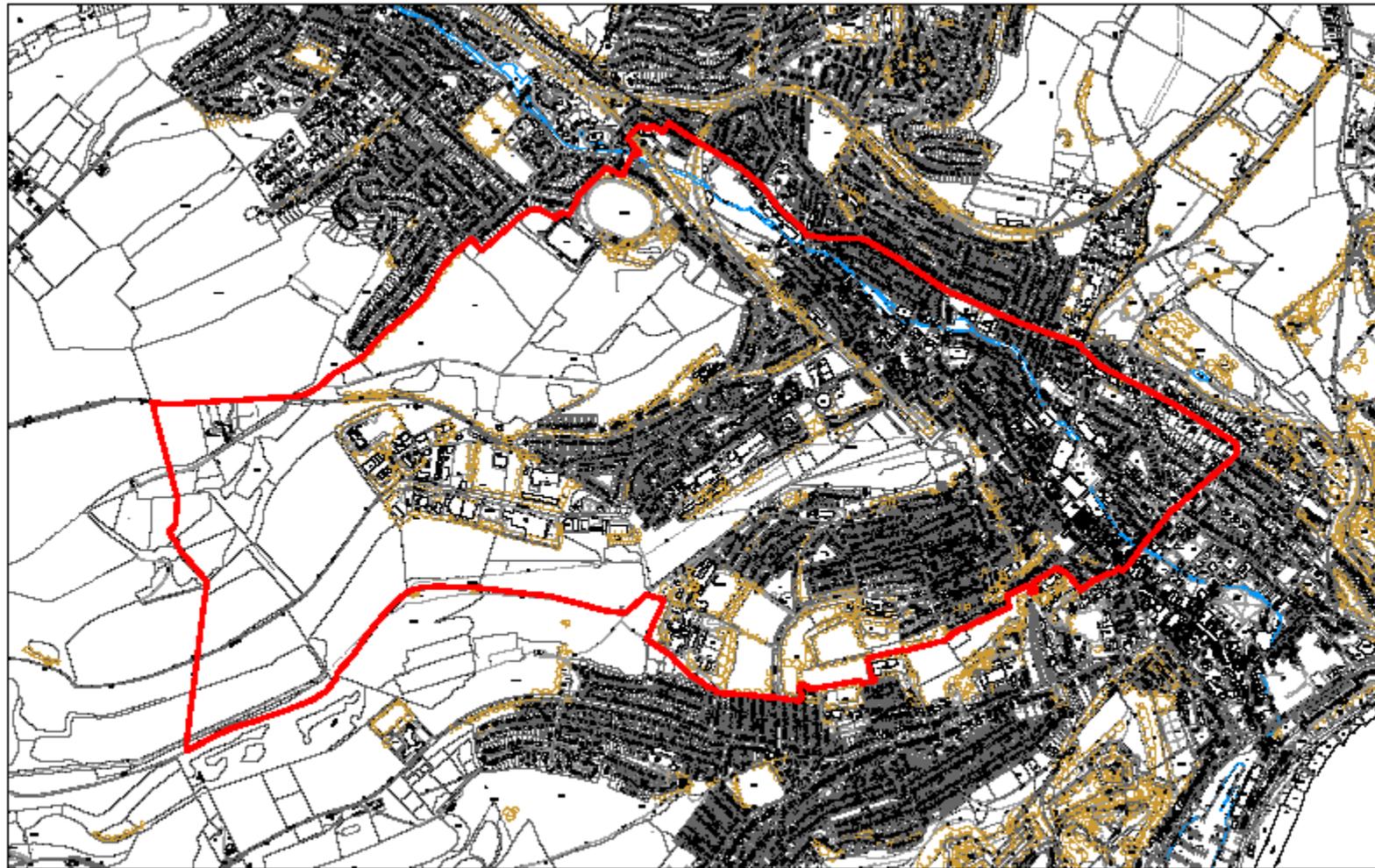
WARD 13 – MILL HILL



WARD 13

Ward Name:	Mill Hill								
Number of Councillors:	2								
Forecast Electorate (2023):	5,622			Electoral Variance (2023):		-3%			
Current Electorate (2017):	5,683			Electoral Variance (2017):		+4%			
Polling Districts:	AC1*	AC2	AC3						
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deal Town Council 								
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes – it is wholly within the parish of Deal 								
Street Changes:	<p>(*) AMENDMENT: The proposed amendment moves a number of properties from Mill Hill into Middle Deal to ensure better electoral equality by reducing the variance in Middle Deal.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1a-105 Freeman’s Way (odds) and Chapman House, Charles House, Pittock House, Brambles Courtyard and The Gables 175-201 Telegraph Road 203-209 Telegraph Road </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-95 (odds) Telegraph Road and Edgar House, Soloman House & Lambert House 1-31 Mill Hill (odds) 1-2 The Courtyard </td> </tr> </table>							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1a-105 Freeman’s Way (odds) and Chapman House, Charles House, Pittock House, Brambles Courtyard and The Gables 175-201 Telegraph Road 203-209 Telegraph Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-95 (odds) Telegraph Road and Edgar House, Soloman House & Lambert House 1-31 Mill Hill (odds) 1-2 The Courtyard
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County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deal and Walmer 								
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current 3 member ward of Mill Hill works well as a 2 member ward under these proposals. The transfer of a number of properties from polling district AC1 to AB2 does not undermine the overall electoral equality of the ward. The proposed changes to polling districts AC1 and AB2 would require corresponding changes to the Deal Town Council wards of Middle Deal and Mill Hill. 								
Name Rationale:	In keeping with the technical guidance issued by the LGBCE where a ward remains largely unchanged the existing ward name has been retained.								

WARD 14 – ST RADIGUND'S



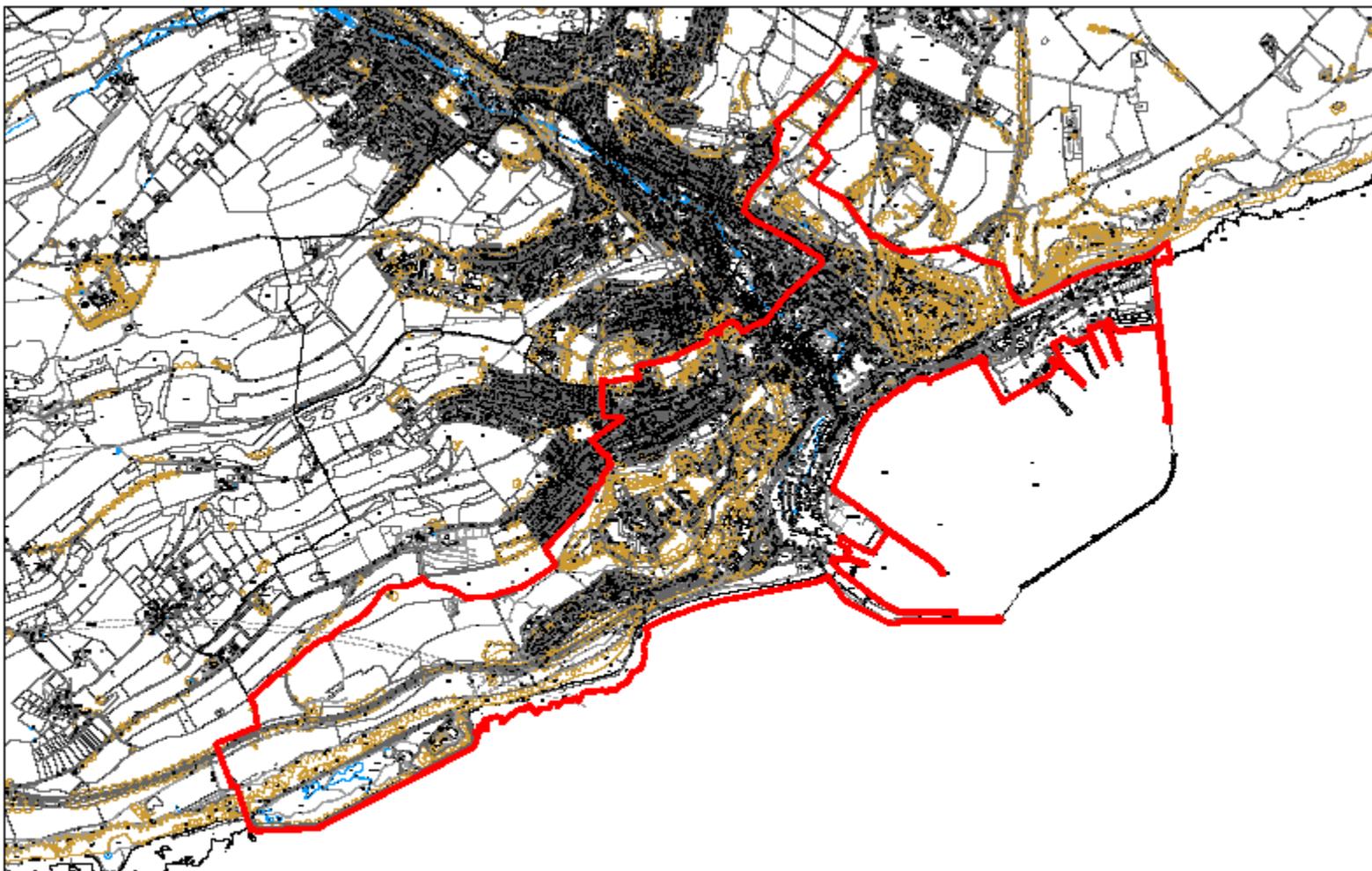
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WARD 14

Ward Name:	St Radigund's						
Number of Councillors:	3						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	8,970			Electoral Variance (2023):		+3%	
Current Electorate (2017):	8,038			Electoral Variance (2017):		-2%	
Polling Districts:	BG1	BG2	BH1	BH2*			
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dover Town Council 						
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes – wholly within the area of Dover Town Council 						
Street Changes:	<p>(*) AMENDMENT:</p> <p>(a) The first proposed amendment moves a number of properties from Tower Hamlets (BH2) to Castle (BD) to provide for a more consistent boundary. The new boundary would run down the centre of Ladywell as it currently does but then continue down the centre of park place and park street before connecting with the boundary line at the Maison Dieu Road junction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes: 1-13 Park Street (consecutively numbered) Dover Police Station <p>(b) The second proposed amendment moves two properties from Maxton and Elms Vale (BE) polling district in the Maxton, Elms Vale and Priory Ward into the polling district BH2 (Tower Hamlets East). The properties are currently only connected to the Maxton, Elms Vale and Priory Ward by a footpath on a steep hill whereas they are connected by road to the polling district BH2 which includes the other properties on Priory Hill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes: 51 and 53 Priory Hill 						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dover Town 						
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the only 3 member ward contained within the proposals for a new ward pattern. • The geography of Dover Town offers significant challenges in designing wards with its hills and valleys and the lack of east-to-west connecting roads in the southern areas of Dover. • The combination of the existing St Radigund's (BG1 and BG2) and Tower Hamlets (BH1 and BH2) wards creates a new ward with strong road connections through London Road and provides for electoral equality. 						
Name Rationale:	<p>The two areas are roughly equal in electorate terms so no clear name could be established on the basis of a larger population centre. The name of St Radigund's has been chosen</p> <p>Other names were considered for the ward including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dour Ward (after the river running through the two wards); • Charlton Ward (after several local road features and the shopping centre); and • Whinless Down Ward (after the downs that separate the two former wards) 						

WARD 15 – TOWN AND CASTLE



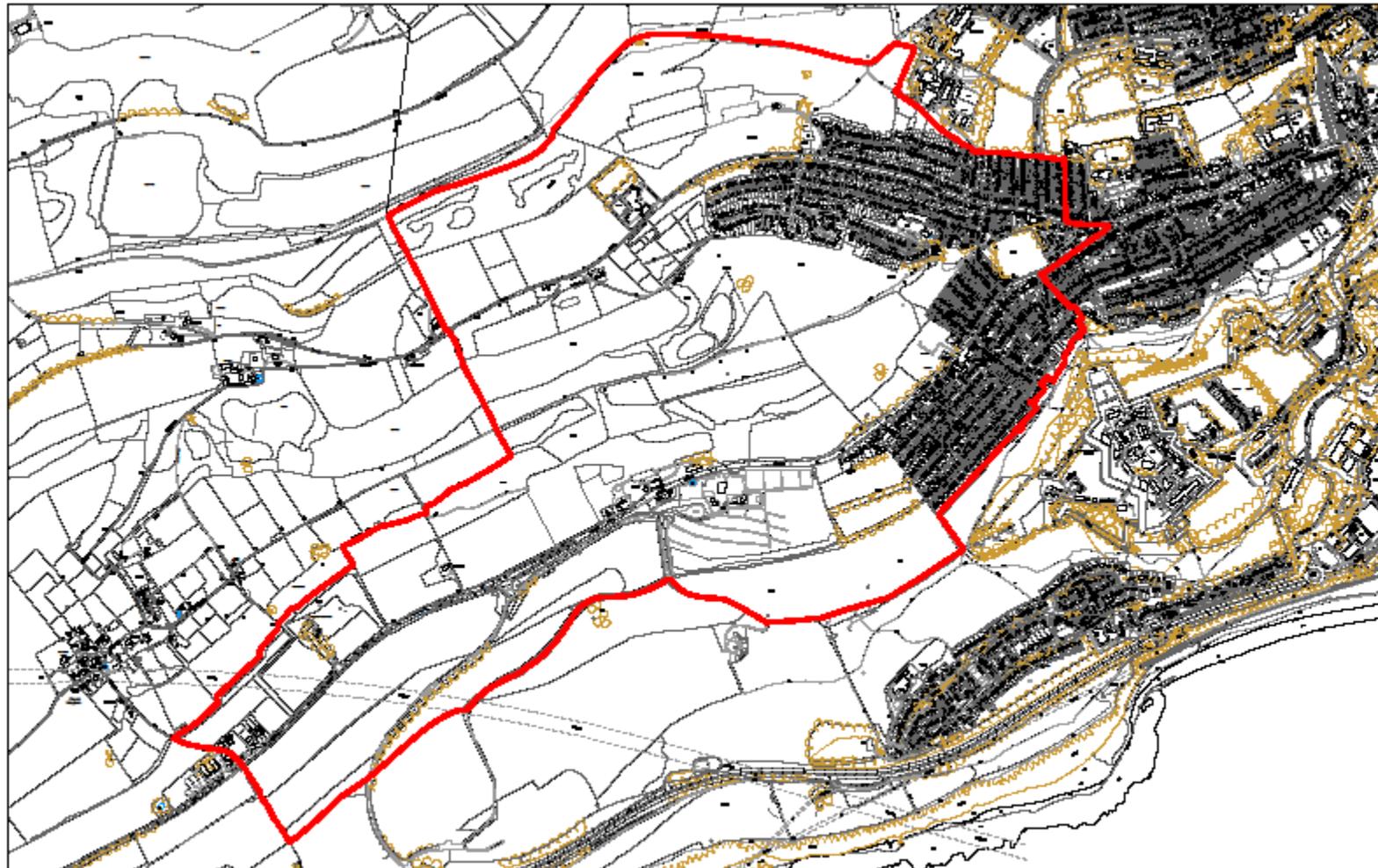
TOWN AND CASTLE

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WARD 15

Ward Name:	Town and Castle						
Number of Councillors:	2						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	6,354				Electoral Variance (2023):	+9%	
Current Electorate (2017):	5,879				Electoral Variance (2017):	+8%	
Polling Districts:	BJ1	BJ2	BD*	BF	BH2*		
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dover Town Council 						
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes – Wholly within the area of Dover Town Council 						
Street Changes:	<p>(*) AMENDMENT:</p> <p>(a) The proposed amendment moves a number of properties from Tower Hamlets (BH2) to Castle (BD) to provide for a more consistent boundary. The new boundary would run down the centre of Ladywell as it currently does but then continue down the centre of park place and park street before connecting with the boundary line at the 5-way Maison Dieu Road junction.</p> <p>Changes: 1-13 Park Street (consecutively numbered) Dover Police Station</p>						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dover Town 						
Rationale:	<p>The Town and Pier and Castle Wards currently contain the areas relating to Dover Eastern docks (Castle) and Dover Western Docks (Town and Pier) and there is merit in including the whole operation of the Port of Dover within a single ward. The new ward would also include four of Dover’s main historical landmarks - Dover Castle, Dover Town Hall, the Drop Redoubt at the Western Heights and the Dover Roman Painted House Museum.</p>						
Name Rationale:	<p>The area includes the historic Dover Castle, the area designated by the council as ‘Old Town’ and the Dover seafront area. The previous wards that made up the proposed ward were Town and Pier and Castle (along with a small element of two other wards). The name Town and Castle reflects the combination of the historical ward names.</p> <p>Other ward names considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old Town and Castle Castle and Pier Western Heights and Town Castle and Redoubt 						

WARD 16 – Maxton and Elms Vale



MAXTON AND ELMS VALE

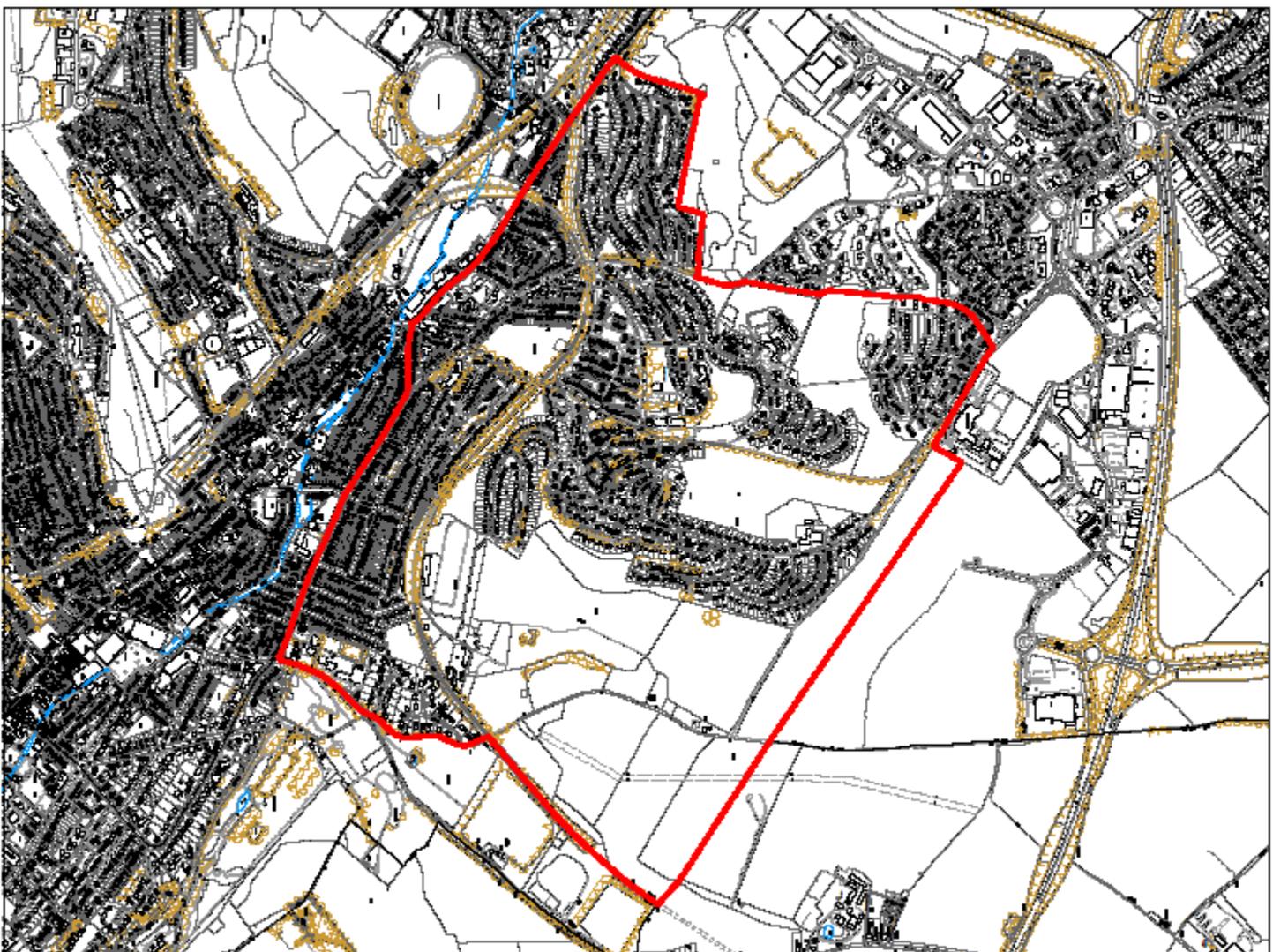
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WARD 16

Ward Name:	Maxton and Elms Vale						
Number of Councillors:	1						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	2,986			Electoral Variance (2023):		+3%	
Current Electorate (2017):	2,983			Electoral Variance (2017):		+10%	
Polling Districts:	BE	BF*					
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dover Town Council 						
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes – Wholly within the area of Dover Town Council 						
Street Changes:	<p>(*) AMENDMENT:</p> <p>(a) The first proposed amendment is to move a number of properties from polling district BF (Priory) to polling district BE (Maxton and Elms Vale) to improve electoral equality. .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-53 Eaton Road (odds) • 1-53 Monins Road (odds) • 46-66 Elms Vale Road (evens) • 178 & 180 Folkestone Road <p>b) The second proposed amendment moves two properties from Maxton and Elms Vale (BE) polling district in the Maxton, Elms Vale and Priory Ward into the polling district BH2 (Tower Hamlets East). The properties are currently only connected to the Maxton and Elms Vale by a footpath on a steep hill whereas they are connected by road to the polling district BH2 which includes the other properties on Priory Hill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes: 51 and 53 Priory Hill 						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dover Town 						
Rationale:	<p>The lack of road links to polling districts BJ1 (Town and Pier West) and the geographic barrier presented by the Western Heights separate the Maxton and Elms Vale area from its southerly neighbour. A similar lack of road links separates it from the St Radigund's Ward. The only other road connections are a single road into the Tower Hamlets Ward and the stronger connections to the Priory (BF) polling district. The retention of the existing Maxton, Elms Vale and Priory Ward was considered but as this created problems for the electoral equality in other wards and as the ward provides for a good level of electoral equality in 2023 as a single member ward it is therefore proposed that this ward would be best suited to being a single member ward. The initially higher than preferred electoral variance of 10% in 2017 will correct over time as the electorate forecast for polling district BE is static.</p>						
Name Rationale:	<p>In keeping with the technical guidance issued by the LGBCE where a ward remains largely unchanged the existing ward name has been retained. In this case as the Priory polling district (BF) has largely been removed from the Maxton, Elms Vale and Priory Ward it is proposed to name the new ward Maxton and Elms Vale.</p>						

WARD 17 – BUCKLAND



BUCKLAND

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Ward Name:	Buckland						
Number of Councillors:	2						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	5,537			Electoral Variance (2023):		-5%	
Current Electorate (2017):	5,529			Electoral Variance (2017):		+2%	
Polling Districts:	BC1	BC2					
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dover Town Council 						
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes – Wholly within the Dover Town Council Area 						
Street Changes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dover Town 						
Rationale:	The current ward of Buckland remains unchanged as it provides for a good degree of electoral equality with the reduction from a 3 to 2 member ward.						
Name Rationale:	In keeping with the technical guidance issued by the LGBCE where a ward remains largely unchanged the existing ward name has been retained.						