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Dear Councillor

## **NOTICE OF DELEGATED DECISION – (DD30 17) SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND**

Please find attached details of a decision taken by Nadeem Aziz, the Chief Executive, in relation to the submission of a document to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England with proposals relating to the future ward pattern for a new council size of 32 members.

As a Non-Key Officer Decision, call-in does not apply (paragraph 18(a) of Part 4 (Rules of Procedure) of the Constitution).

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Yours sincerely

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## Decision Notice

## Delegated Decision

<b>Decision No:</b>	<b>DD30</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION</b>
<b>Notification Date:</b>	<b>10 April 2018</b>
<b>Implementation Date:</b>	<b>6 April 2018</b>
<b>Decision taken by:</b>	<b>Nadeem Aziz, Chief Executive</b>
<b>Delegated Authority:</b>	<b>Authority delegated by Council at its meeting held on 28 March 2018 (Minute No. 91) to: 'make the submission on ward patterns on behalf of the Council to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.'</b>
<b>Decision Type:</b>	<b>Non-Executive Decision</b>
<b>Call-In to Apply?</b>	<b>No (<i>Call-in does not apply to Non-Key Officer Decisions</i>)</b>
<b>Classification:</b>	<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>
<b>Reason for the Decision:</b>	As part of the on-going review of the Council's electoral arrangements the Council was invited to make a submission by no later than Monday 9 April 2018 for a proposed pattern of wards for a council size of 32 councillors to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.
<b>Decision:</b>	To make a submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England for a proposed ward pattern for a council size of 32 District Councillors.

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 At the meeting of Council held on 17 May 2017, the full Council agreed to submit a request asking for a review of the number of elected members by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE). This request was accepted by the LGBCE and the Council has been included within the programme of electoral reviews with a view to the new electoral arrangements being in force with effect for the May 2019 full council election.
- 1.2 As part of the first stage of the review process, the Council was invited to make a submission on ward patterns for a council size of 32 members by 9 April 2018. The Council authorised the Chief Executive to make the submission on its behalf in accordance with the proposed ward pattern agreed at the full Council meeting held on 28 March 2018.
- 1.3 The attached document constitutes the Council's submission to the LGBCE.

## 2. Consideration and Alternatives (*if applicable*)

- 2.1 The Council, at its meeting held on 28 March 2018, considered an alternative proposal for a ward pattern based on proposals considered by the Electoral Matters Committee meeting held on 1 March 2018. This was rejected on being put to the vote of the full Council.

3. **Any Conflicts of Interest Declared?**
- 3.1 None.
4. **Supporting Information (*as applicable*)**
- 4.1 See the attached submission document.



**Dover District Council  
Submission on Ward Patterns**

**6 April 2018**

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# Foreword

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**Nadeem Aziz**  
**Chief Executive**

This document represents the formal response of Dover District Council to the invitation from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) to submit ward pattern proposals to accommodate a future council size of 32 councillors. I was authorised to make this submission based on the proposed ward pattern agreed at the meeting of the Council held on 28 March 2018.

In developing these proposals the Council recognises that the LGBCE will weigh all submissions equally based on the evidence provided and acknowledges that there are a number of potentially valid ward pattern models that could be proposed. In developing its proposals the Council has sought to be consistent with the statutory criteria that inform the review process and the non-statutory guidance issued by the LGBCE. This submission has also, wherever practicable, used the parishes as the building blocks for rural wards and polling districts as the building blocks for urban wards.

I hope that the LGBCE will find the proposed ward pattern contained within this submission document to be useful in developing its draft recommendations and I look forward to the start of the next stage in the process on 5 June 2018.



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# Part 1 - Summary of Proposals

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This submission represents Dover District Council's preferred pattern of wards for a council size of 32 councillors (a reduction of 13 from the current 45 councillors) that would be implemented with effect from the whole council elections to be held in May 2019.

The proposals contained within this submission are for a ward pattern of 16 wards (a reduction of 5 from the current 21) represented by 1, 2 or 3 members. The proposed pattern of wards is set out in detail in Part 3 of this document.

The table below summarises the proposals. The proposed ward pattern results in an electoral variance within +/-10% of the target average number of electors per councillor by 2023.

*Table 1: Proposed Ward Pattern Summary*

Ward No.	Ward Name	Number of Cllrs	Electorate 2017	Electorate 2023
1	Little Stour and Ashstone	2	5,544	6,060
2	Sandwich	2	4,795	5,737
3	Aylesham Rural	2	4,914	5,745
4	Eastry Rural	2	5,074	5,609
5	Coldred	2	5,017	5,408
6	Whitfield Rural	2	5,310	6,036
7	St Margaret's-at-Cliffe	1	2,708	2,842
8	Capel, Hougham and Alkham	1	2,694	2,925
9	River	1	3,128	3,042
10	Walmer and Kingsdown	3	8,650	8,804
11	North Deal and Sholden	3	8,618	8,743
12	South Deal and Castle	3	8,249	8,081
13	Pier and Priory	1	2,584	2,921
14	Maxton, Elms Vale and Tower Hamlets	2	6,065	6,150
15	Dover Central	2	5,943	6,256
16	St Radigund's and Buckland	3	7,837	8,520
Total:		32	87,130	92,879

# Part 2 – Development of Proposals

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## **Introduction**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is currently undertaking an Electoral Review of the Dover District with a view to the new electoral arrangements being in place for the May 2019 full council elections. The review consists of 2 stages – council size and ward patterns.

The Council submitted its proposals for a council size of 32 councillors, a reduction of 13 councillors, following the extraordinary meeting of the full Council held on 6 December 2017. On 30 January 2018 the LGBCE announced that it was minded to recommend a council size of 32 councillors and launched the second stage of the review process with a public consultation inviting proposals for new warding arrangements for Dover District Council. The consultation runs from 30 January 2018 to 9 April 2018 and this document is Dover District Council's submission to the consultation.

In making this submission consideration has been given to the statutory criteria that apply to warding arrangements as well as future housing development and population growth. It also provides evidence of how the proposed warding arrangements reflect community identities by highlighting local linkages and any natural or man-made physical barriers that may mark the boundary between different communities.

## **Statutory Criteria for Ward Patterns**

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 that accordingly are consistent with these criteria. In summary, the criteria are as follows:

- (a) **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 an average target electorate of 2,902 per councillor.*

- (b) **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, community identities (including where communities have or will spread across existing boundaries as a result of current or forecast housing growth) and community cohesion.*

- (c) **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 areas 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.*

In developing these proposals the Council has also been mindful of ensuring that appropriate levels of electoral equality are achieved not just for the 2023 electorate but also for the 2017 electorate in order to ensure that there are no significant electoral imbalances for 2019 full Council elections.

This submission has attempted to address each of these concerns on a ward-by-ward basis later in this document.

## **Electoral Forecasting**

### ***What happens if no change is made to ward patterns?***

On the basis of a council size of 45 members with the current pattern of wards, the forecast electorate growth for the next six years would result in significant electoral imbalances of +/- 20% or greater in the wards of Aylesham(+21%), Ringwould(-23%) and Whitfield(+20%). Additionally, 7 other wards would have electoral imbalances of (+/-) 10-19% by 2023.

The case for a council size of 32 members was made by the Council in its previous submission on the future size of Dover District Council. If a council size of 32 members was applied to the existing ward patterns it would result in 18 wards with electoral imbalances of +/-20% and 3 wards with electoral imbalances between (+/-) 10-19%. As a consequence, in order to meet the requirement for 'Delivering Electoral Equality for Local Voters' it is necessary to draw a new pattern of wards.

### ***Summary of Factors Considered***

As part of the electoral review process the LGBCE required that the Council provide the electorate figures for December 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'<sup>1</sup> 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,

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<sup>1</sup> Local Government Boundary Commission for England, October 2011, [http://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/25552/Electorate-Forecasts-Guidance.pdf](http://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/25552/Electorate-Forecasts-Guidance.pdf)

household occupancy levels and the degree to which these changes in population are reflected in local electorate levels.

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.

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 the electorate for some areas is forecast to remain static or slightly decline over the next six years 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.

Since 2012, the district has seen significant housing growth in the Aylesham, Middle Deal & Sholden and Whitfield wards. The main areas of forecast housing growth over the next six years are Aylesham and Whitfield as the housing developments underway in each of these areas continue to be delivered. In addition to this housing growth as a driver for electorate growth is also forecast for Ash, Deal, Dover and Sandwich.

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. This also provides for a solid foundation from which to work in the event that there is any delay in the phasing of forecast housing growth.

The target average electorate per councillor for 2017 and 2023 is based on the published current and forecast electorate. This is calculated by dividing the district electorates for 2017 and forecast for 2023 by the number of proposed councillors as follows:

**Table 2: Average Number of Electors per Councillor**

	2017	2023
Electorate for Dover District	87,130	92,879
Number of Councillors	32	32
Average Number of Electors per Councillor	2,723	2,902

This is then multiplied by two or three to achieve the target average number of electors per councillor for two or three member wards respectively.

**Table 3: Target Average Number of Electors per Councillor**

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

While every effort has been made to achieve an electoral equality for each ward as close to the above figures as possible, in practical terms this is not often possible due to the requirements to preserve the interests and identities of local communities and provide for effective and convenient local government. However, all the proposed wards are within +/- 10% by 2023.

**Table 4: Electoral Variance for Multi-Member Wards**

	2017			2023		
	1 Cllr	2 Cllr	3 Cllr	1 Cllr	2 Cllr	3 Cllr
10% Fewer Electors	2,451	4,901	7,352	2,612	5,224	7,837
Perfect Electoral Equality	2,723	5,446	8,168	2,902	5,805	8,707
10% More Electors	2,995	5,990	8,985	3,193	6,385	9,578

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.<sup>2</sup>

### **Windfall Developments**

In addition, during the preparation of this submission the Council has watched for any potential 'windfall' developments. A 'windfall development' is unforeseen by the Local Plan and for which no planning application had been approved at the time that the electoral forecast for 2023 was calculated. No applications for windfall developments have been approved during the period February/March 2018 that affect the Council's six year dwelling forecast figures.

### **Conclusion**

In summary, 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. The use of the existing polling districts as the basic building blocks for the new ward pattern has been adopted wherever possible, as they are small enough to allow for the design of new wards while large enough to allow for greater accuracy in forecasting the electorate for 2023.

<sup>2</sup> LGBCE Website Dover Review - <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-east/kent/dover>

## **Warding Pattern and Local Communities**

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 16 wards, a reduction from the current 21 wards. While this decrease has required significant changes to the pattern of wards, one ward (Little Stour and Ashstone) has remained unchanged in terms of its geographical area although the number of councillors it returns has been reduced by one (from 3 to 2 councillors).

## **Coterminosity**

In developing these proposals we have been mindful of the impact that changing ward patterns may have on coterminosity between district and county boundaries. While this is not one of the three statutory requirements in itself it does have a bearing on the requirement to promote effective and convenient local government.

There are five Kent County Council Divisions and in the Council's proposed ward pattern there will be 4 of the 16 wards that are not coterminous with the existing county divisions.

**Table 5: Coterminosity of Proposed Ward Pattern with County Divisions**

KCC Division	Proposed DDC Wards
Deal and Walmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walmer and Kingsdown*</li> <li>• North Deal and Sholden</li> <li>• South Deal and Castle</li> </ul>
Dover North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aylesham Rural*</li> <li>• Eastry Rural*</li> <li>• St Margaret's-at-Cliffe</li> <li>• Walmer and Kingsdown*</li> <li>• Whitfield Rural*</li> </ul>
Dover Town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• River</li> <li>• Pier and Priory</li> <li>• Maxton, Elms Vale and Tower Hamlets</li> <li>• Dover Central</li> <li>• St Radigund's and Buckland</li> </ul>
Dover West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aylesham Rural*</li> <li>• Capel, Hougham and Alkham</li> <li>• Coldred</li> <li>• Whitfield Rural*</li> </ul>
Sandwich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastry Rural*</li> <li>• Little Stour and Ashstone</li> <li>• Sandwich</li> </ul>

(\*) indicates that this proposed ward is not coterminous with the county division.



The 4 proposed non-coterminus wards are in summary as follows:

**Table 6: Coterminosity with Parish Councils**

<b>Proposed District Ward</b>	<b>County Division</b>	<b>Parish Council (Polling District)</b>
Aylesham Rural	Dover North	Aylesham (PAY) Nonington (PNN)
	Dover West	Proposed Parish Ward of Elvington (PEX3)
Eastry Rural	Sandwich	Eastry (PEA) Woodnesborough (TWN)
	Dover North	Great Mongeham (PGM) Northbourne (PNR) Tilmanstone (PTI) Sutton (PSU)
Walmer & Kingsdown	Deal & Walmer	Walmer (AA1-AA3) Mill Hill, North (AC2)
	Dover North	Kingsdown (PRK)
Whitfield Rural	Dover North	Langdon (PLG) Ringwould (PRG) Ripple (PRP)
	Dover West	Whitfield (PWH/PWT)

As demonstrated in the table above, in each of the four proposed wards the area that is outside the 'main' county division for the ward is geographically contained within the area of a parish council or in the case of the proposals for Aylesham, a parish ward. This should provide clarity for the district member as to who is the appropriate county member for the respective parts of their wards by ensuring that coterminosity is maintained along clearly identifiable electoral lines (i.e. parish boundary or polling district boundary) even if those lines are not in all places the district ward boundary.

In respect of parish and district ward coterminosity, the proposals set out in this document provide for coterminosity with three exceptions as follows:

- Elvington (the creation of a third parish ward for Eythorne Parish Council which is currently warded as (a) Eythorne and (b) Barfrestone)
- Kingsdown (the parish of Kingsdown with Ringwould is currently divided into two polling districts and this would be used as the dividing line)
- Walmer (the parish of Walmer is currently not wholly contained within the Walmer Ward and this would remain the case under the proposed ward pattern)

It is assumed that the changes to the ward patterns for Dover and the area within the parish of Deal would be adjusted where possible to be coterminous with the new district wards. This would reflect the current coterminosity in warding arrangements for Dover and Deal.

### ***Detached and ‘Doughnut’ Wards***

The proposed ward pattern does not include any ‘doughnut’ wards (wards wholly enclosed within the area of a second ward) or detached wards (wards made up of two or more geographically separate areas).

### ***Rurality***

In drawing up these ward pattern proposals, and recognising the lack of any legislative provision for differing electoral arrangements between rural and urban areas, the three statutory criteria have been applied equally to urban and rural areas.

The proposed ward pattern arrangements have three predominantly urban wards where the electoral variance in 2017 is greater than +/-10% of the target average number of electors per councillor. However, in all three cases (Maxton, Elms Vale and Tower Hamlets, River and Sandwich) this is forecast to correct by 2023.

### ***Single Member Wards v Multi-Member Wards***

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 solutions for community identity and electoral equality.

**Table 7: Case for Single Member and Multi-Member Ward**

	<b>Single Member Wards</b>	<b>Multi-Member Wards</b>
<b>Advantages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offers direct accountability to constituents with a single point of contact</li> <li>• A ward pattern entirely composed of single member wards would provide for greater consistency in electoral equality.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater resilience in the case of a member being unavailable</li> <li>• Able to share workloads with other ward members</li> <li>• Allow members to support and mentor new members in the ward</li> </ul>
<b>Disadvantages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little resilience in the circumstances of a member being unavailable (i.e. through absence or conflict of interest)</li> <li>• Unable to share workload with other ward members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-Member Wards can generate larger caseloads for individual members if not spread equally.</li> </ul>

The proposed ward pattern would create 12 multi-member wards and 4 single member wards. Of the 4 single member wards, 2 are rural wards (Capel, Hougham and Alkham; and St Margaret's-at-Cliffe) and 2 are urban (River; and Pier and Priory).

**Table 8: Number of Councillors per Ward**

<b>Number of Councillors per ward</b>	<b>Current Ward Pattern</b>	<b>Proposed Ward Pattern</b>
One	5	4
Two	8	8
Three	8	4
Total	21	16

### **Ward Names**

In developing proposals for the names of the wards in the new ward pattern the Council has been mindful of the guidance provided by the LGBCE that “when wards or divisions remain largely unchanged, the existing name should usually be retained.”<sup>3</sup>

To that end, four of the proposed wards (Little Stour and Ashstone, River, Sandwich and St Margaret's-at-Cliffe) remain unchanged and three of the proposed wards (Aylesham Rural, Eastry Rural and Whitfield Rural) have had the suffix 'rural' added to the existing ward name in recognition of the enlarged rural area that has now been included within the ward.

As part of the proposed ward pattern set out in Part 3 of this document, the rationale for the name of each ward is included with the details of the new ward.

## **How did the Council Develop its Proposed Ward Pattern?**

### **(a) Initial Proposals**

An officer project group led by the Director of Governance was formed to develop an initial set of proposals for a new ward pattern that were submitted to a meeting of the Electoral Matters Committee held on 1 March 2018.<sup>4</sup>

These proposals were developed using the current ward patterns as the basic template and in a way that was felt to be consistent with the three statutory criteria.

The resultant proposals were for a ward pattern based on 17 wards, a reduction from the current 21, using a pattern of 1 and 2 member wards with a single 3 member ward for part of urban Dover. The proposals would require changes to the warding arrangements for Eythorne Parish Council (through the creation of a third parish

<sup>3</sup> LGBCE, 'Electoral Reviews – Technical Guidance', April 2014, [http://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/10410/technical-guidance-2014.pdf](http://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/10410/technical-guidance-2014.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> Electoral Matters Committee, 1 March 2018, Dover District Council, <http://moderngov.dover.gov.uk/ielistdocuments.aspx?Cid=174&Mid=2901>

ward) and also changes to Deal Town Council and Dover Town Council to deliver coterminous parish wards with the district ward boundaries.

In summary, the ward pattern proposals (version 1) were as follows:

*Table 9: Initial Ward Pattern Proposals*

Ward No.	Ward Name	No. of Cllrs	Electorate 2017	Electorate 2018
1	Little Stour and Ashstone	2	5,544	6,060
2	Sandwich	2	4,795	5,737
3	Aylesham Rural	2	4,914	5,745
4	Eastry Rural	2	5,383	5,767
5	Ewell and Sibertswold	2	5,017	5,408
6	Whitfield Rural	2	5,333	6,116
7	Kingsdown Rural	1	2,567	2,608
8	Capel-le-Ferne and River	2	5,822	5,967
9	St Margaret's-at-Cliffe	1	2,708	2,842
10	Walmer	2	5,843	6,023
11	Deal Coastal	2	5,761	5,568
12	Middle Deal	2	5,291	5,529
13	Mill Hill	2	5,723	5,662
14	St Radigund's	3	8,038	8,970
15	Town and Castle	2	5,879	6,354
16	Maxton and Elms Vale	1	2,983	2,986
17	Buckland	2	5,529	5,537
		32	87,130	92,879

#### **(b) Electoral Matters Committee**

The Council's five member Electoral Matters Committee met on 1 March 2018 to consider the proposed ward pattern that had been developed by officers.

At that meeting, officers were asked to develop revised proposals (consistent with the three statutory criteria) that amended the proposals for Dover and Deal with some consequential impact on the surrounding rural wards for Deal based on the following:

- Creation of a North Deal and Sholden Ward (this delinked Sholden from the proposed Eastry Rural Ward) that contained the northern polling districts in Deal (AB1 Middle Deal, Manor; AB3 Middle Deal, Upper; AD1 North Deal, Sandown; and AD2 North Deal, St Andrew's)
- Creation of a Walmer and Kingsdown Ward (this delinked Kingsdown from the proposed Kingsdown Rural Ward) and included the polling district AC3 (Mill Hill, West) which bordered Walmer railway station.
- The merger of the remains of the Kingsdown Rural Ward with the Eastry Rural Ward (polling districts PEA, TWN, PGM, PNR, PTI, PRG and PRP).
- The creation of a new ward covering the central part of Dover based on polling district BD (Castle Ward); the polling district BH2 (Tower Hamlets, East); part of the polling district BF (Priory); and part of the polling district BC2 (Buckland, South).

- The creation of a new Dover ward containing the entirety of the existing St Radigund's Ward (polling districts BG1 and BG2) with the remaining parts of the existing Buckland Ward (polling district BC1 and part of polling district BC2).
- The creation of a new Dover ward based on polling district BE (Maxton and Elms Vale); polling district BH1 (Tower Hamlets, West); and part of polling district BF (Priory).
- The creation of a new Dover ward based on the entirety of the existing Town and Pier Ward (polling districts BJ1 and BJ2) with a part of polling district BF(Priory).
- The separation of the proposed 2 member Capel and River Ward (polling districts PRV, PCF, PHM and PAK) into two single member wards as follows – River (polling district PRV) and Capel, Hougham and Alkham (PCF, PHM and PAK).

Alternative proposals were moved by members of the Labour Group on the committee but were not adopted.

### ***(c) Revised Proposals***

Following the Electoral Matters Committee, officers sought to design a new ward pattern (version 2) based on the requested changes whilst still being consistent with the three statutory criteria.

#### *Eastry Rural Ward*

As a result of this work, a change was made to the revised Eastry Rural Ward and the originally proposed Whitfield Ward to tackle the potential issues around community identity and connectivity resulting from the inverted 'Y' shape of the Eastry Rural Ward caused by the parish of Sutton (polling district PSU) which was part of the proposed Whitfield Rural Ward occupying the open part of the 'Y' shape.

**Table 10: Eastry Rural Proposals**

<b>Proposed Ward</b>	<b>Electoral Matters Committee</b>	<b>Version 2 Proposal</b>
	<b>Polling Districts</b>	<b>Polling Districts</b>
Eastry Rural	PEA, TWN, PGM, PNR, PTI, PRG, PRP	PEA, TWN, PGM, PNR, PTI, PSU
Whitfield Rural	PWH, PWT, PLG, PSU	PWH, PWT, PLG, PRP, PRP

#### *Deal*

The inclusion of Kingsdown and Sholden with urban Deal Wards was made using the existing polling districts as building blocks subject to the amendment to polling district AA4 (Walmer, St Saviour's) contained within the original officer proposals.

## *Dover*

The changes to the proposed Dover Wards required amendments to polling districts BF (Priory), BH1 (Tower Hamlets, West) and BC2 (Buckland, South). These changes were made taking into consideration topographical, community and electoral equality considerations. The other changes were made using the remaining polling districts as building blocks.

### **(d) Council – 28 March 2018**

The revised proposals submitted to the full Council on 28 March 2018 were ultimately adopted as the submission of the full Council subject to a number of changes to ward names as set out below.

*Table 11: Changes arising from Council*

<b>Proposed Ward Name</b>	<b>Ward Name Agreed by Council</b>
Ewell and Sibertswold	Coldred
Dover Town	Dover Central
Walmer with Kingsdown	Walmer and Kingsdown
North Deal with Sholden	North Deal and Sholden
Middle Deal	South Deal and Castle

In summary, the reason for these changes was as follows:

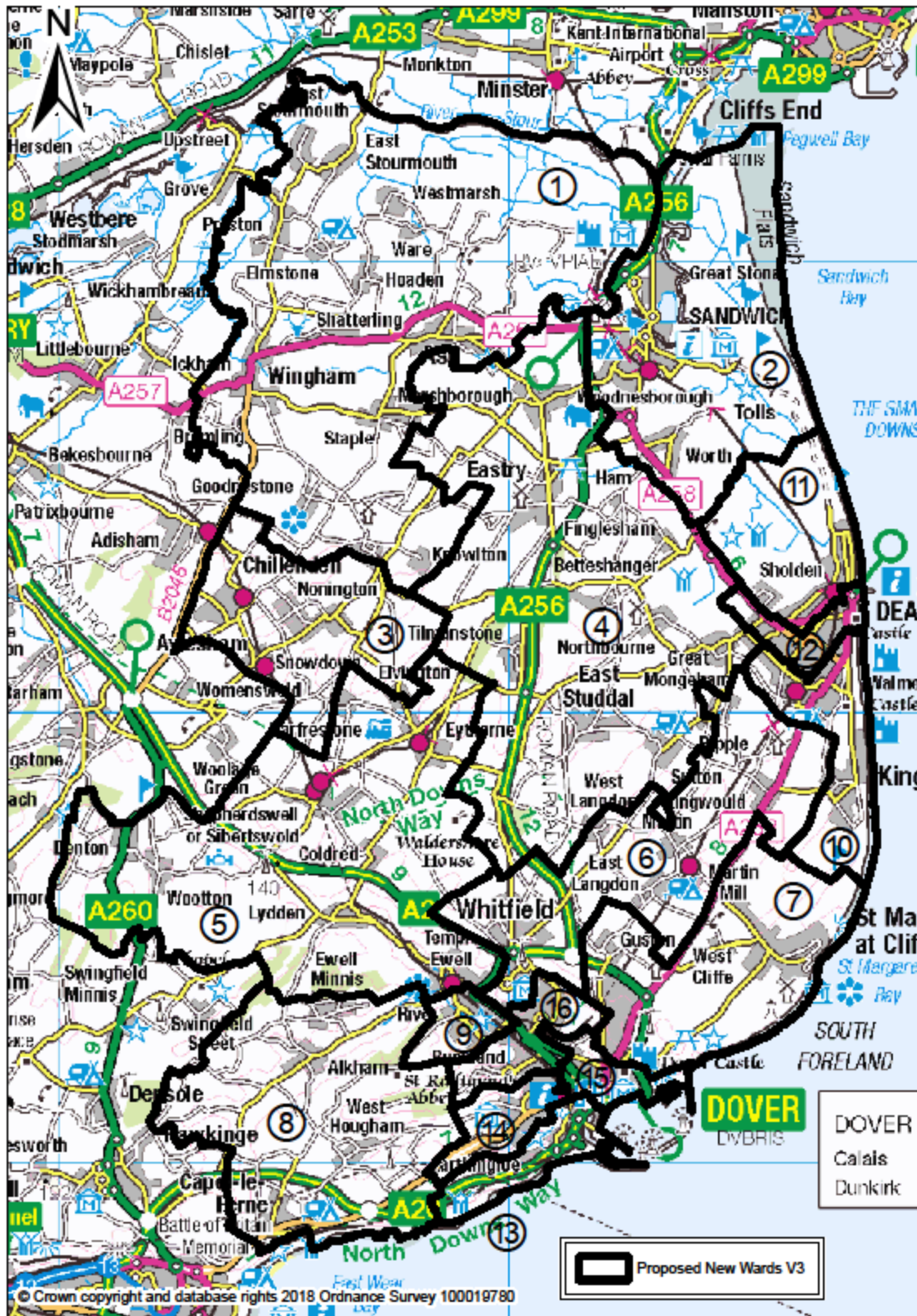
- The 'Dover Town' name was changed to 'Dover Central' to avoid confusion with the name of the County Division of Dover Town.
- The name 'Coldred' was chosen over 'Ewell and Sibertswold' as it is the name of a small community in the centre of the area of the proposed ward.
- The change of the name 'Middle Deal' to 'South Deal and Castle' reflects the changes to the configuration of the wards covering the area of the town of Deal.
- The replacement of 'with' by 'and' to indicate equal status for the named areas.

The ward pattern proposals agreed by the Council are set out in detail in the next section of this document.

# Part 3 – Proposed Ward Pattern

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# PROPOSED WARD PATTERN

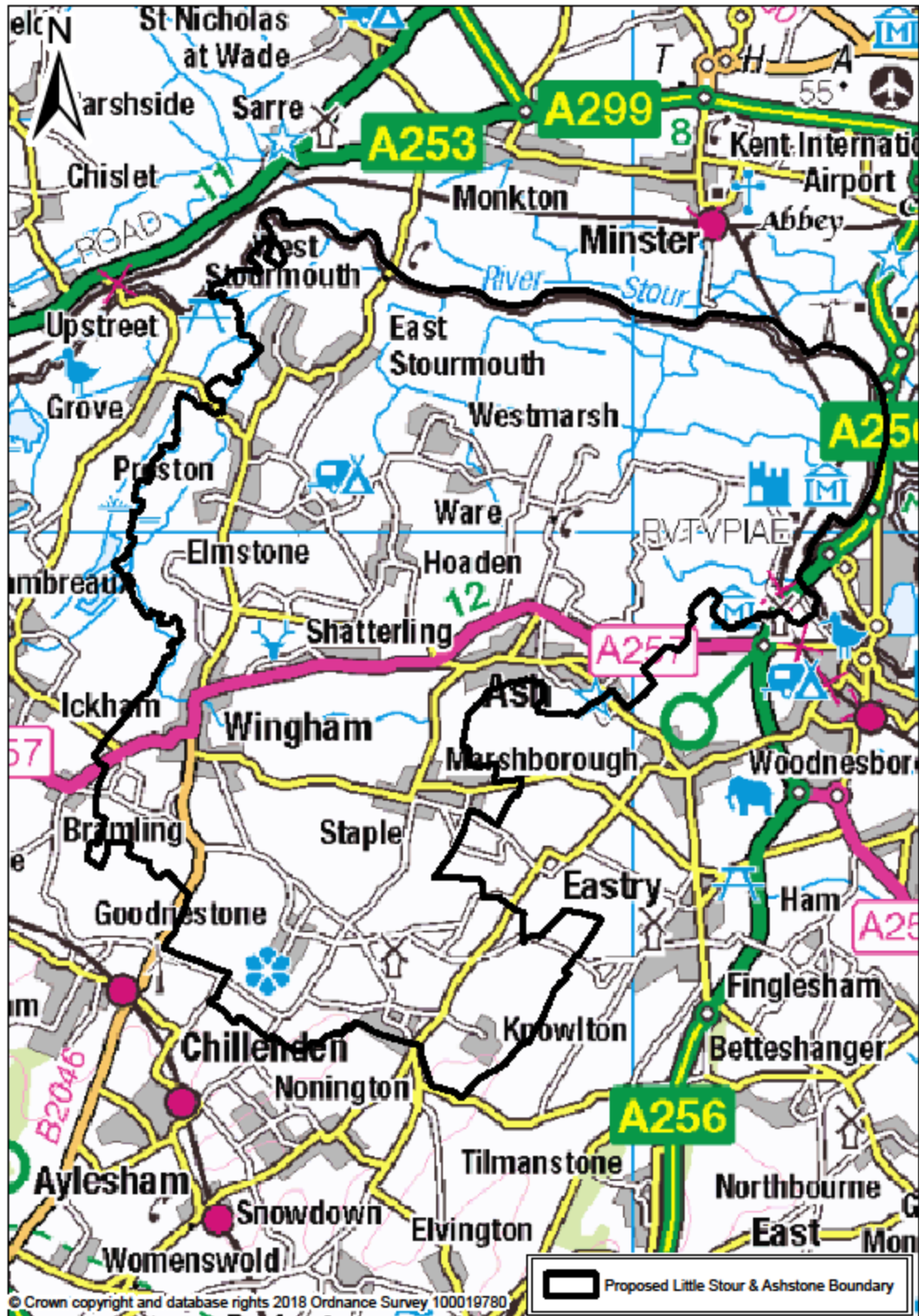




**INDEX OF PROPOSED WARDS**

<b>Ward No.</b>	<b>Ward Name</b>	<b>Number of Cllrs</b>	<b>Electorate 2017</b>	<b>Electorate 2023</b>
1	Little Stour and Ashstone	2	5,544	6,060
2	Sandwich	2	4,795	5,737
3	Aylesham Rural	2	4,914	5,745
4	Eastry Rural	2	5,074	5,609
5	Coldred	2	5,017	5,408
6	Whitfield Rural	2	5,310	6,036
7	St Margaret's-at-Cliffe	1	2,708	2,842
8	Capel, Hougham and Alkham	1	2,694	2,925
9	River	1	3,128	3,042
10	Walmer and Kingsdown	3	8,650	8,804
11	North Deal and Sholden	3	8,618	8,743
12	South Deal and Castle	3	8,249	8,081
13	Pier and Priory	1	2,584	2,921
14	Maxton, Elms Vale and Tower Hamlets	2	6,065	6,150
15	Dover Central	2	5,943	6,256
16	St Radigund's and Buckland	3	7,837	8,520
		32	87,130	92,879

WARD 1 – LITTLE STOUR AND ASHSTONE



**WARD 1 – LITTLE STOUR & ASHSTONE**

Ward Name:	Little Stour & Ashstone						
Number of Councillors:	2						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	6,060				Electoral Variance (2023):	+4.4%	
Current Electorate (2017):	5,544				Electoral Variance (2017):	+1.8%	
Polling Districts:	TAS	TGD	TPR	TSP	TST	TWG	
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ash Parish Council</li> <li>Goodnestone Parish Council</li> <li>Preston Parish Council</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staple Parish Council</li> <li>Stourmouth Parish Council</li> <li>Wingham Parish Council</li> </ul>		
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes</li> </ul>						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sandwich Division</li> </ul>						
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This preserves the current Little Stour and Ashstone Ward boundaries by reducing the number of councillors from 3 to 2.</li> <li>The Ward borders the administrative areas of Thanet District Council to the north and Canterbury City Council to the West.</li> <li>There are good road links within the ward connecting the six parish areas.</li> <li>This is one of only two wards that remain unchanged in terms of area covered.</li> </ul>						
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.						

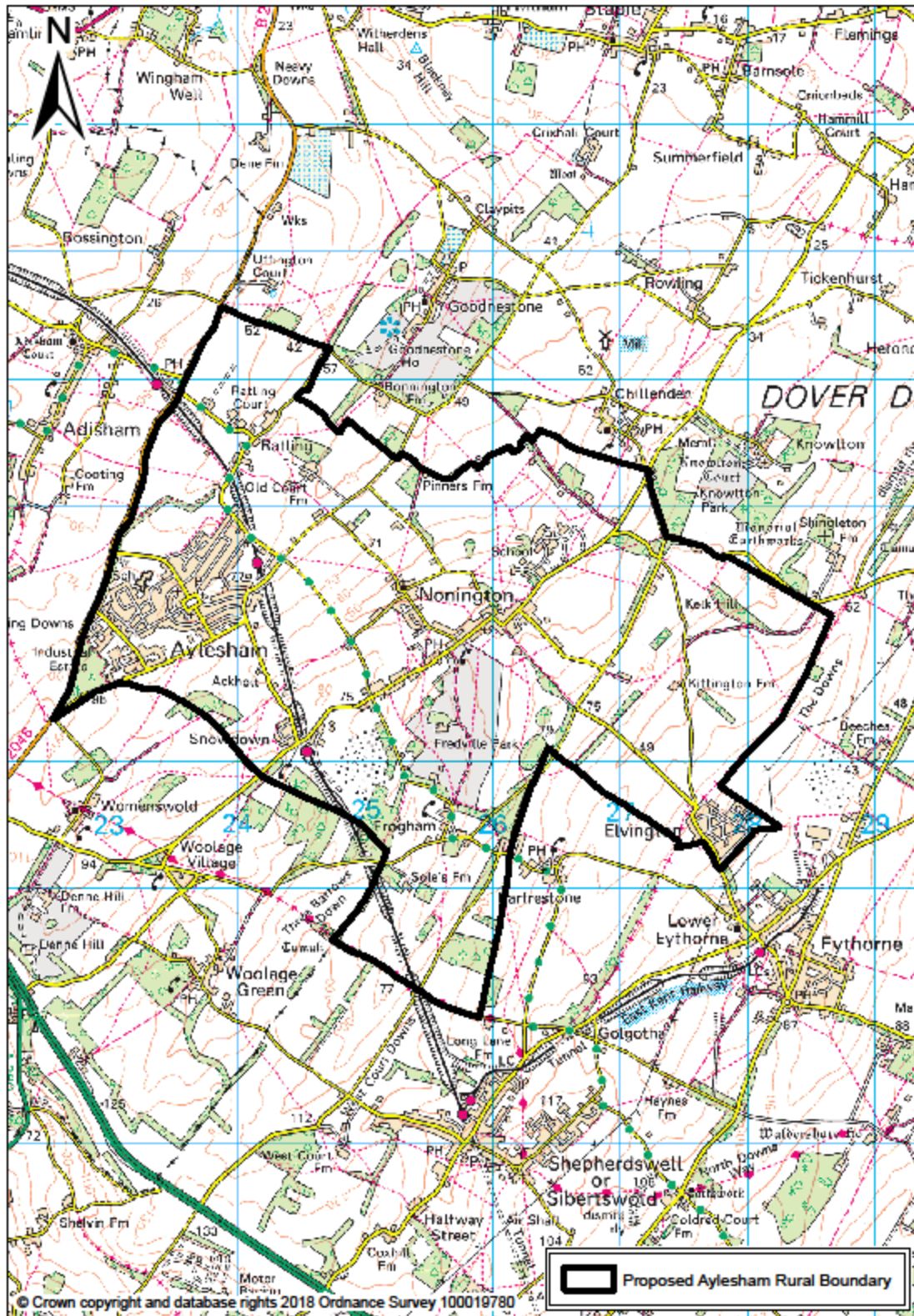
# WARD 2 – SANDWICH



**WARD 2 - SANDWICH**

Ward Name:	Sandwich						
Number of Councillors:	2						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	5,737			Electoral Variance (2023):		-1.2%	
Current Electorate (2017):	4,795			Electoral Variance (2017):		-11.9%	
Polling Districts:	TSA	TSB	TWR				
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sandwich Town Council</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worth Parish Council</li> </ul>			
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes</li> </ul>						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sandwich</li> </ul>						
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>The A258 Deal Road links the communities of Sandwich and Worth and the Guilford Road links Sandwich to the Sandwich Bay Estate.</li> </ul>						
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



<b>WARD 3 – AYLESHAM RURAL</b>			
Ward Name:	Aylesham Rural		
Number of Councillors:	2		
Forecast Electorate (2023):	5,745	Electoral Variance (2023):	-1.0%
Current Electorate (2017):	4,914	Electoral Variance (2017):	-9.8%
Polling Districts:	PAY	PNN	PEX3 *NEW*
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aylesham Parish Council</li> <li>Eythorne Parish Council (Partial - PEX3 only)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nonington Parish Council</li> </ul>
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes - Aylesham and Nonington</li> <li>No – Elvington (the proposal requires the creation of a new parish ward)</li> </ul>		
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dover North</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dover West (PEX3 area)</li> </ul>
Street Changes:	<p><b>AMENDMENT:</b> 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adelaide Road (no’s 1-51 consecutive &amp; 52-92 evens)) - 75 dwellings total</li> <li>Ash Grove</li> <li>Beech Drive</li> <li>Cherry Grove</li> <li>Chaucer Road</li> <li>Fairview Road</li> <li>Cypress Grove</li> <li>Milner Close</li> <li>Milner Road</li> <li>Oak Grove</li> <li>Poplar Drive</li> <li>Larch Road</li> <li>Roman Way</li> <li>St John’s Road</li> <li>Sweetbriar Lane</li> <li>Terrace Road</li> </ul>		
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>		
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

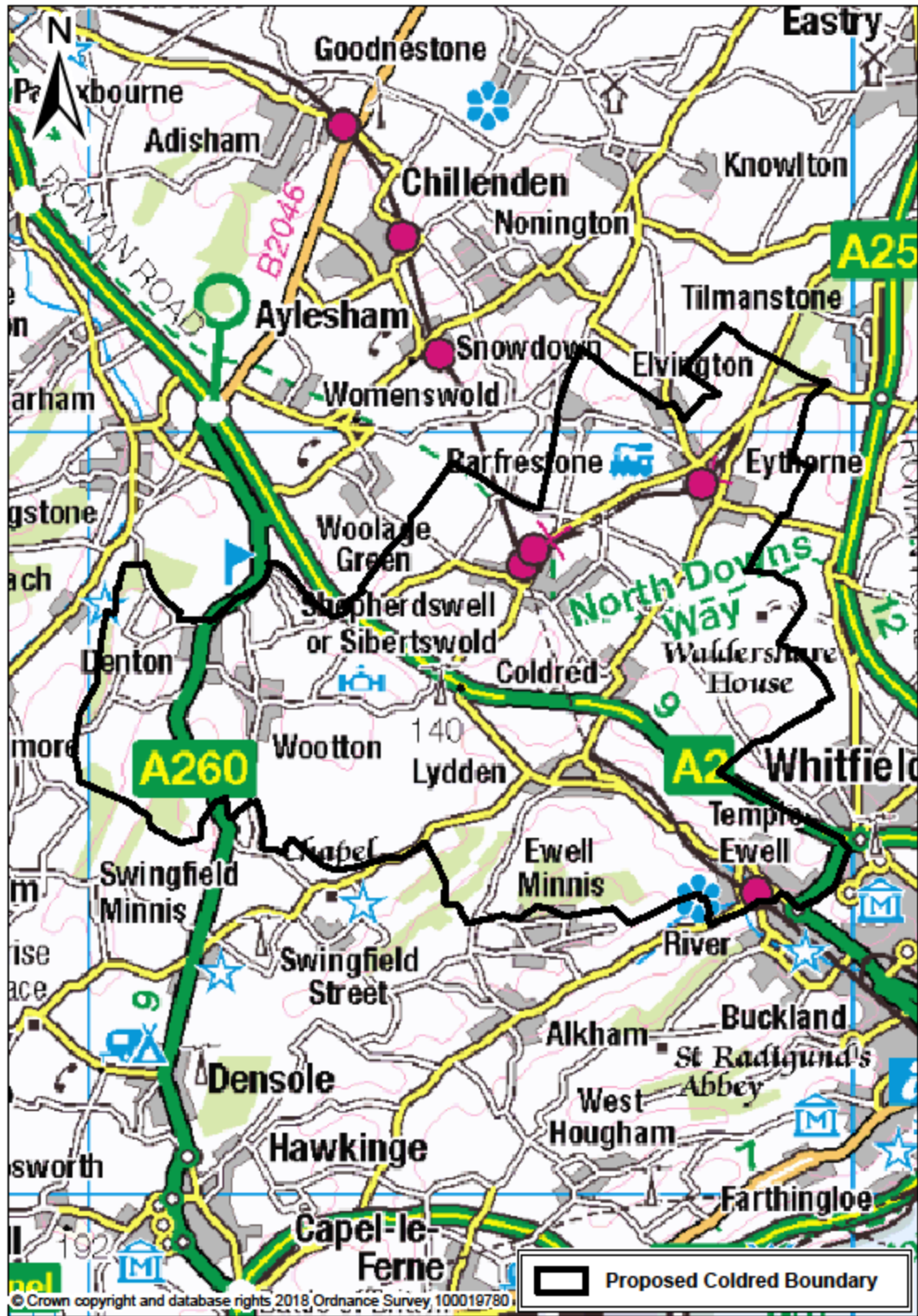




### WARD 4 – EASTRY RURAL

Ward Name:	Eastry Rural						
Number of Councillors:	2						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	5,609			Electoral Variance (2023):		-3.4%	
Current Electorate (2017):	5,074			Electoral Variance (2017):		-6.8%	
Polling Districts:	PEA	TWN	PGM	PNR	PTI	PSU	
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastry Parish Council</li> <li>• Great Mongeham Parish Council</li> <li>• Northbourne Parish Council</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sutton Parish Council</li> <li>• Tilmanstone Parish Council</li> <li>• Woodnesborough Parish Council</li> </ul>		
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dover North (PGM, PNR, PTI &amp; PSU)</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandwich (PEA &amp; TWN)</li> </ul>		
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Eastry Rural Ward is made up of a number of rural parishes that are linked in part by the A256 and a series of country lanes. The hub of the ward is the village of Eastry with a population of nearly 2,000 electors surrounded by a number of smaller rural wards with populations ranging from nearly 1,000 to just over 300.</li> </ul>						
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.						

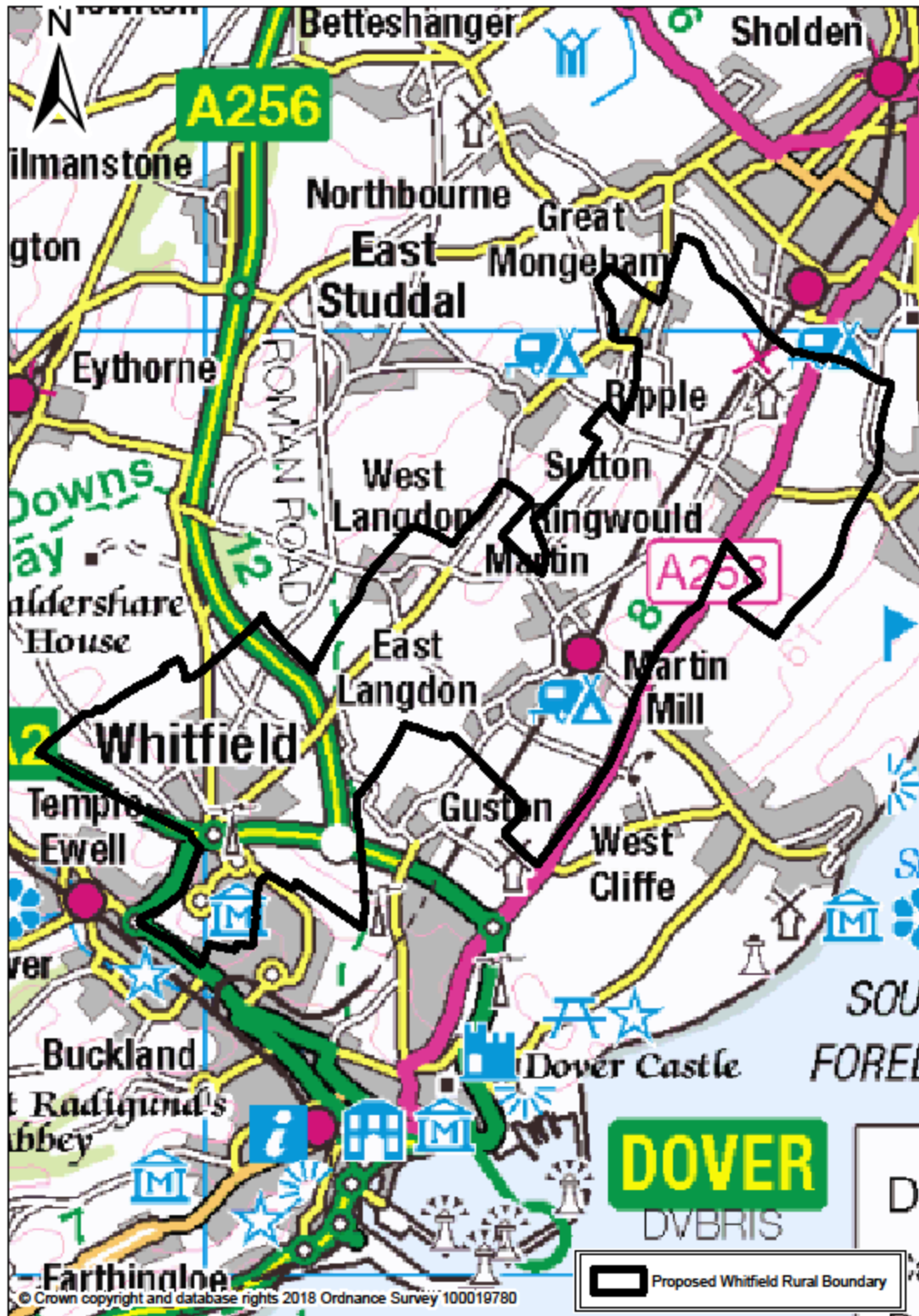
WARD 5 – COLDRED



**WARD 5 – COLDRED**

Ward Name:	Coldred										
Number of Councillors:	2										
Forecast Electorate (2023):	5,408				Electoral Variance (2023):		-6.8%				
Current Electorate (2017):	5,017				Electoral Variance (2017):		-7.9%				
Polling Districts:	PDD	PDW	PEX1*	PEX2	PLN	PSL1	PSL2	PTE			
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Denton-with-Wootton Parish Council</li> <li>Eythorne Parish Council (Partial – excludes Elvington)</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lydden Parish Council</li> <li>Shepherdswell-with-Coldred Parish Council</li> <li>Temple Ewell Parish Council</li> </ul>						
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes</li> </ul>										
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dover West</li> </ul>										
Street Changes:	<p><b>(*) AMENDMENT:</b> 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 Aylesham Ward:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adelaide Road (no’s 1-51 consecutive &amp; 52-92 evens)) - 75 dwellings total</li> <li>Ash Grove</li> <li>Beech Drive</li> <li>Cherry Grove</li> </ul> </td> <td style="width: 33%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chaucer Road</li> <li>Cypress Grove</li> <li>Larch Road</li> <li>Fairview Road</li> <li>Milner Close</li> <li>Milner Road</li> </ul> </td> <td style="width: 33%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oak Grove</li> <li>Poplar Drive</li> <li>Roman Way</li> <li>St John’s Road</li> <li>Sweetbriar Lane</li> <li>Terrace Road</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adelaide Road (no’s 1-51 consecutive &amp; 52-92 evens)) - 75 dwellings total</li> <li>Ash Grove</li> <li>Beech Drive</li> <li>Cherry Grove</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chaucer Road</li> <li>Cypress Grove</li> <li>Larch Road</li> <li>Fairview Road</li> <li>Milner Close</li> <li>Milner Road</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oak Grove</li> <li>Poplar Drive</li> <li>Roman Way</li> <li>St John’s Road</li> <li>Sweetbriar Lane</li> <li>Terrace Road</li> </ul>
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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:	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. The Council at its meeting held on 28 March 2018 rejected the original proposal to name the ward ‘Ewell and Sibertswold’ (Ewell is derived from the Old English word for river source or spring – in this case the River Dour) in favour of the name Coldred, which is the name of a small community in the centre of the ward and is the site of the medieval motte and bailey Coldred Castle. Other ward names considered and rejected include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ewell and Shepherdswell;</li> <li>Temple Ewell and Shepherdswell;</li> <li>Eythorne and Temple Ewell;</li> <li>Ewell and Eythorne (reflecting the two largest population centres in the ward); and</li> <li>Dour Valley</li> </ul>										

WARD 6 – WHITFIELD RURAL



### WARD 6 – WHITFIELD RURAL

Ward Name:	Whitfield Rural						
Number of Councillors:	2						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	6,036			Electoral Variance (2023):		+4.0%	
Current Electorate (2017):	5,310			Electoral Variance (2017):		-2.1%	
Polling Districts:	PWH	PWT	PLG	PRG	PRP		
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Langdon Parish Council</li> <li>Ringwould-with-Kingsdown Parish Council (Partial)</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ripple Parish Council</li> <li>Whitfield Parish Council</li> </ul>		
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Whitfield, Langdon, Ripple</li> <li>No – Ringwould-with-Kingsdown (Partial)</li> </ul>						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dover North (PLG, PRG &amp; PRP)</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dover West (PWH &amp; PWT)</li> </ul>		
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The rural part of the ward is on the North Downs and is characterised by rolling countryside linked by a network of country lanes, bridleways and footpaths providing strong links between the rural wards.</li> <li>The parish of Ringwould-with-Kingsdown has been split with the polling district PRG (Ringwould) forming part of the Whitfield Rural Ward and polling district PRK (Kingsdown) forming part of the Walmer with Kingsdown Ward. This will necessitate the warding of the current Ringwould-with-Kingsdown Parish Council.</li> </ul>						
Name Rationale:	The name reflects the largest population centre which is forecast to grow further and provide stronger links to the rural parts of the ward.						

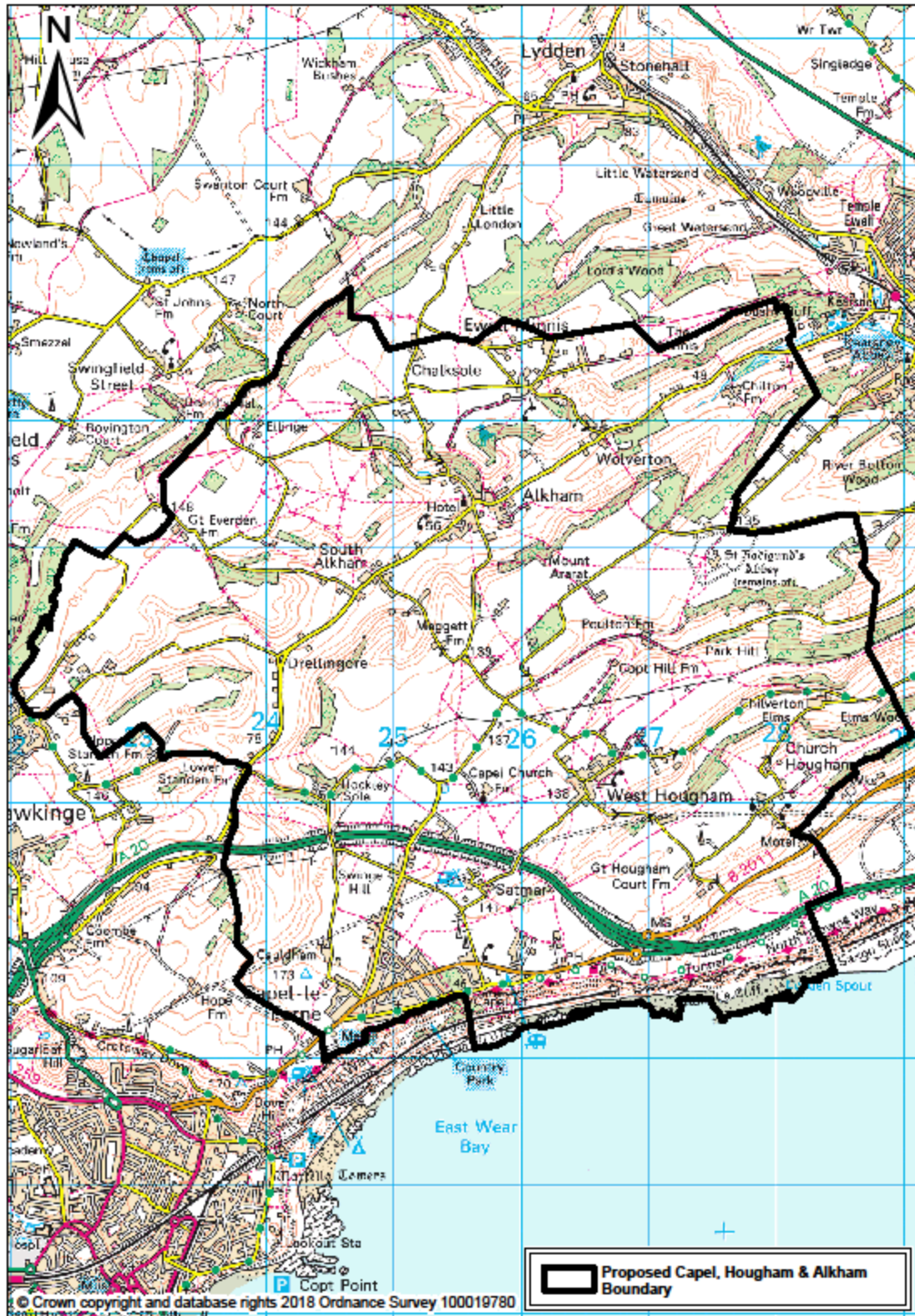
**WARD 7 – ST MARGARET’S-AT-CLIFFE**



**WARD 7 – ST MARGARET’S-AT-CLIFFE**

Ward Name:	St Margaret’s-at-Cliffe		
Number of Councillors:	1		
Forecast Electorate (2023):	2,842	Electoral Variance (2023):	-2.1%
Current Electorate (2017):	2,708	Electoral Variance (2017):	-0.5%
Polling Districts:	PSM	PGS	
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St Margaret’s-at-Cliffe Parish Council</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guston Parish Council</li> </ul>
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes</li> </ul>		
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dover North</li> </ul>		
Rationale:	<p>St Margaret’s-at-Cliffe is a major settlement on the White Cliffs which dominates this coastal ward running along the coastline from east of Dover to west of Kingsdown. This proposed ward preserves the existing coastal ward boundary, whilst moving the small inland villages of East and West Langdon and Ripple to the Whitfield Rural proposed ward.</p>		
Name Rationale:	<p>St Margaret’s-at-Cliffe is the largest community within the proposed ward and it maintains the existing ward name.</p>		

WARD 8 – CAPEL, HOUGHAM AND ALKHAM

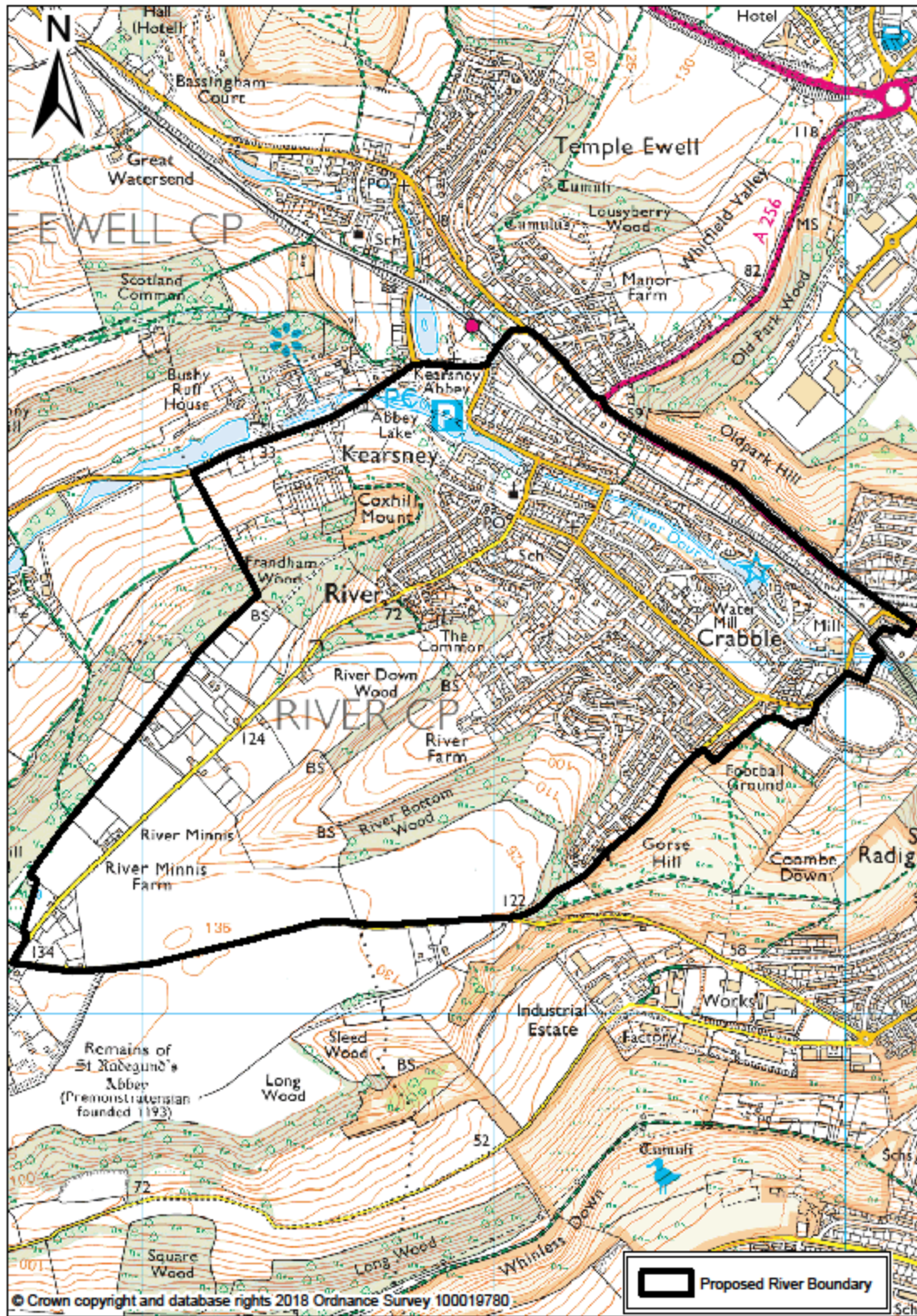




**WARD 8 – CAPEL, HOUGHAM AND ALKHAM**

Ward Name:	Capel, Hougham and Alkham						
Number of Councillors:	1						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	2,925			Electoral Variance (2023):		+0.8%	
Current Electorate (2017):	2,694			Electoral Variance (2017):		-1.1%	
Polling Districts:	PCF	PAK	PHM				
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alkham Parish Council</li> <li>Capel-le-Ferne Parish Council</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hougham Without Parish Council</li> </ul>			
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes</li> </ul>						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dover West</li> </ul>						
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In creating this ward consideration was initially given to creating this ward as a two seat ward linked with River (PRV). This was rejected for the following reasons: (a) that River is a more urban area and is within the Dover Town Division for Kent County Council and although there are connecting roads between Alkham and River the nature of the two settlements is completely different; and (b) the three polling districts are all very rural in character and is very much a self-contained area in the south west of the district.</li> </ul>						
Name Rationale:	The name reflects the three largest communities in the area of the proposed ward.						

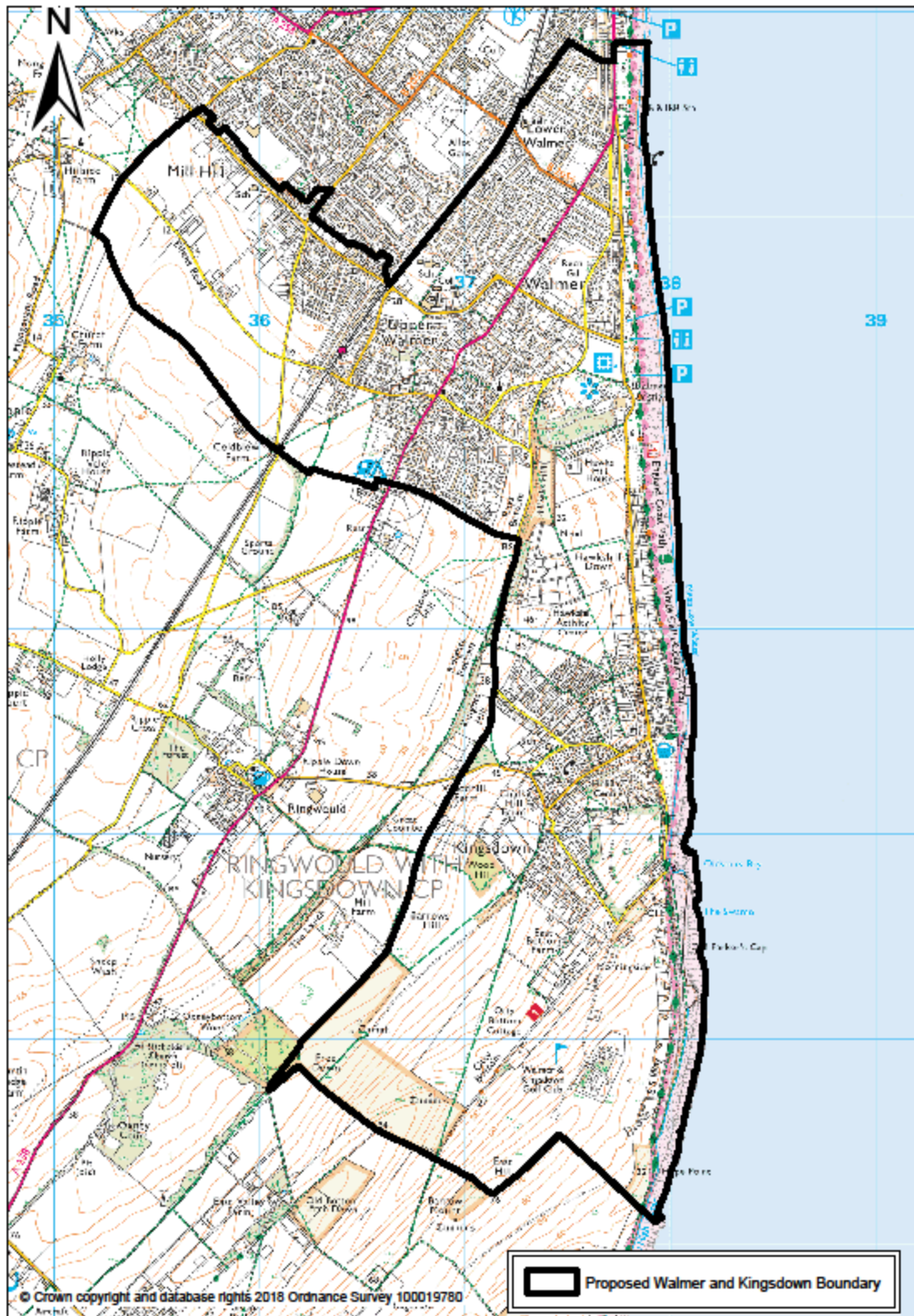
# WARD 9 – RIVER



### WARD 9 – RIVER

Ward Name:	River						
Number of Councillors:	1						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	3,042				Electoral Variance (2023):		+4.8%
Current Electorate (2017):	3,128				Electoral Variance (2017):		+14.9%
Polling Districts:	PRV						
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>River Parish Council</li> </ul>						
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes</li> </ul>						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dover Town</li> </ul>						
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In creating this ward consideration was initially given to creating this ward as a two seat ward linked with Capel-le-Ferne (PCF), Alkham (PAK) and Hougham Without (PHM). This was rejected because River is a more urban area as demonstrated by its inclusion within the Dover Town Division for Kent County Council and although there are connecting roads between Alkham and River the nature of the two settlements is completely different. There is no major road network linking through to Capel-le-Ferne and Hougham Without from River.</li> <li>The small reduction in the electorate for 2023 compared to 2017 reflects the forecast polling district level electorates available on the LGBCE website. These forecasts take into account expected housing growth over the next six years and the historical changes in electorate and housing numbers over the previous six years.</li> </ul>						
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.						

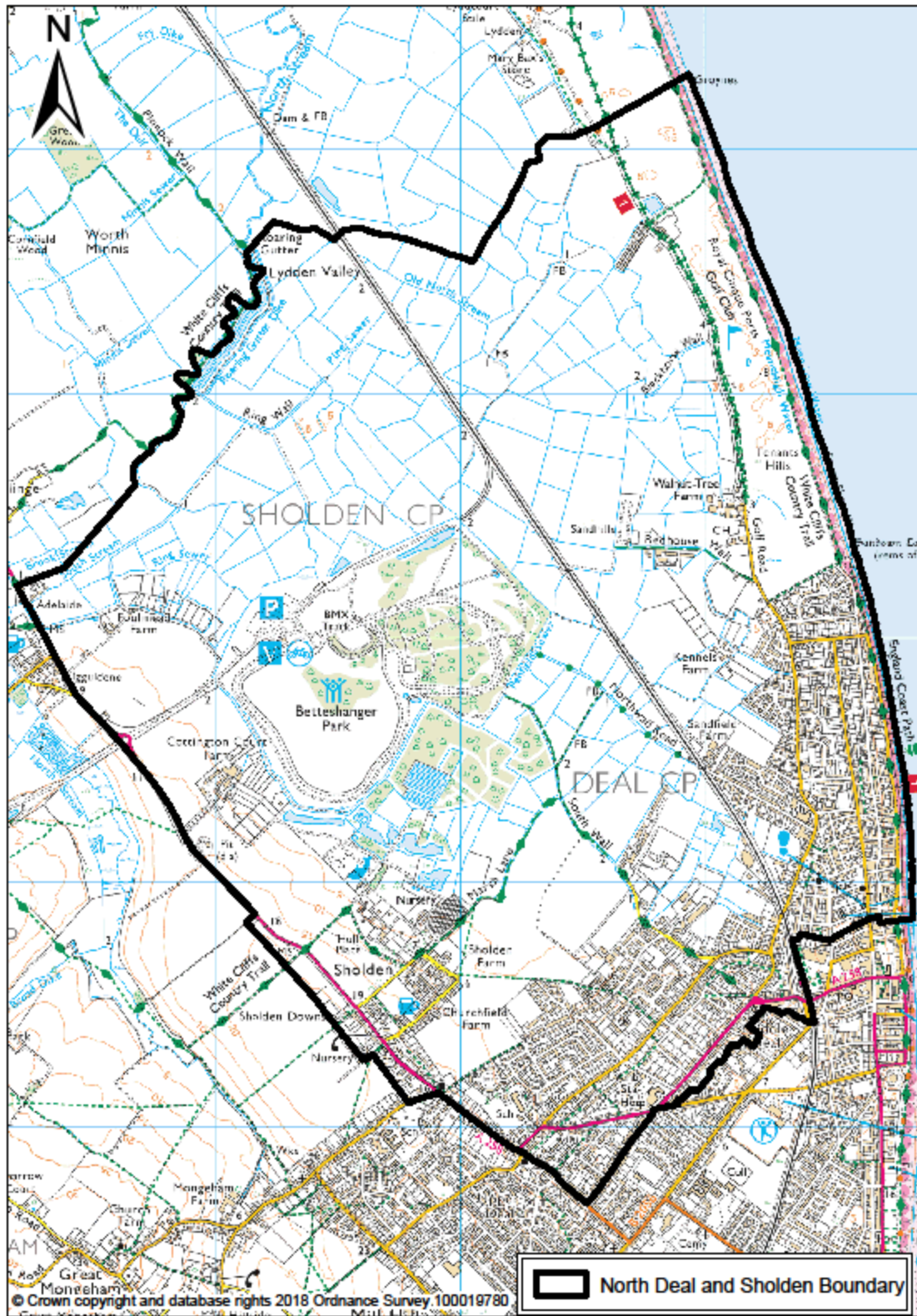
# WARD 10 – WALMER AND KINGSDOWN



**WARD 10 – WALMER AND KINGSDOWN**

Ward Name:	Walmer and Kingsdown						
Number of Councillors:	3						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	8,804	Electoral Variance (2023):		+1.1%			
Current Electorate (2017):	8,650	Electoral Variance (2017):		+5.9%			
Polling Districts:	AA1	AA2	AA3*AMENDED*	AC2	PRK		
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walmer Parish Council</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ringwould-with-Kingsdown Parish Council (Partial)</li> </ul>				
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes</li> </ul>						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dover North (PRK)</li> </ul>		Deal and Walmer (AA1-3, AC2)				
Street Changes:	<p><b>*AMENDMENT TO POLLING DISTRICT AA3*</b></p> <p>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 new South Deal and Castle Ward as follows:</p> <table border="0" style="width:100%"> <tr> <td style="width:50%"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Barrack Road</li> <li>51-68 The Strand including Admiralty Mews &amp; Beachlands Court</li> <li>59-105 Gladstone Road</li> <li>Cheriton Place</li> </ul> </td> <td style="width:50%"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheriton Road</li> <li>York Road (68-70 consecutive and a cottage)</li> <li>2-24 Marine Road and including The Coach House &amp; Clanwilliam House</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Barrack Road</li> <li>51-68 The Strand including Admiralty Mews &amp; Beachlands Court</li> <li>59-105 Gladstone Road</li> <li>Cheriton Place</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheriton Road</li> <li>York Road (68-70 consecutive and a cottage)</li> <li>2-24 Marine Road and including The Coach House &amp; Clanwilliam House</li> </ul>
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Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This ward continues the coastline from Walmer through to Kingsdown at the foot of the iconic White Cliffs. There are strong road links between the two the communities and urban development has narrowed the gap between the two communities.</li> </ul>						
Name Rationale:	The name reflects the two largest communities and is often used locally such as with the Walmer and Kingsdown Golf Club.						

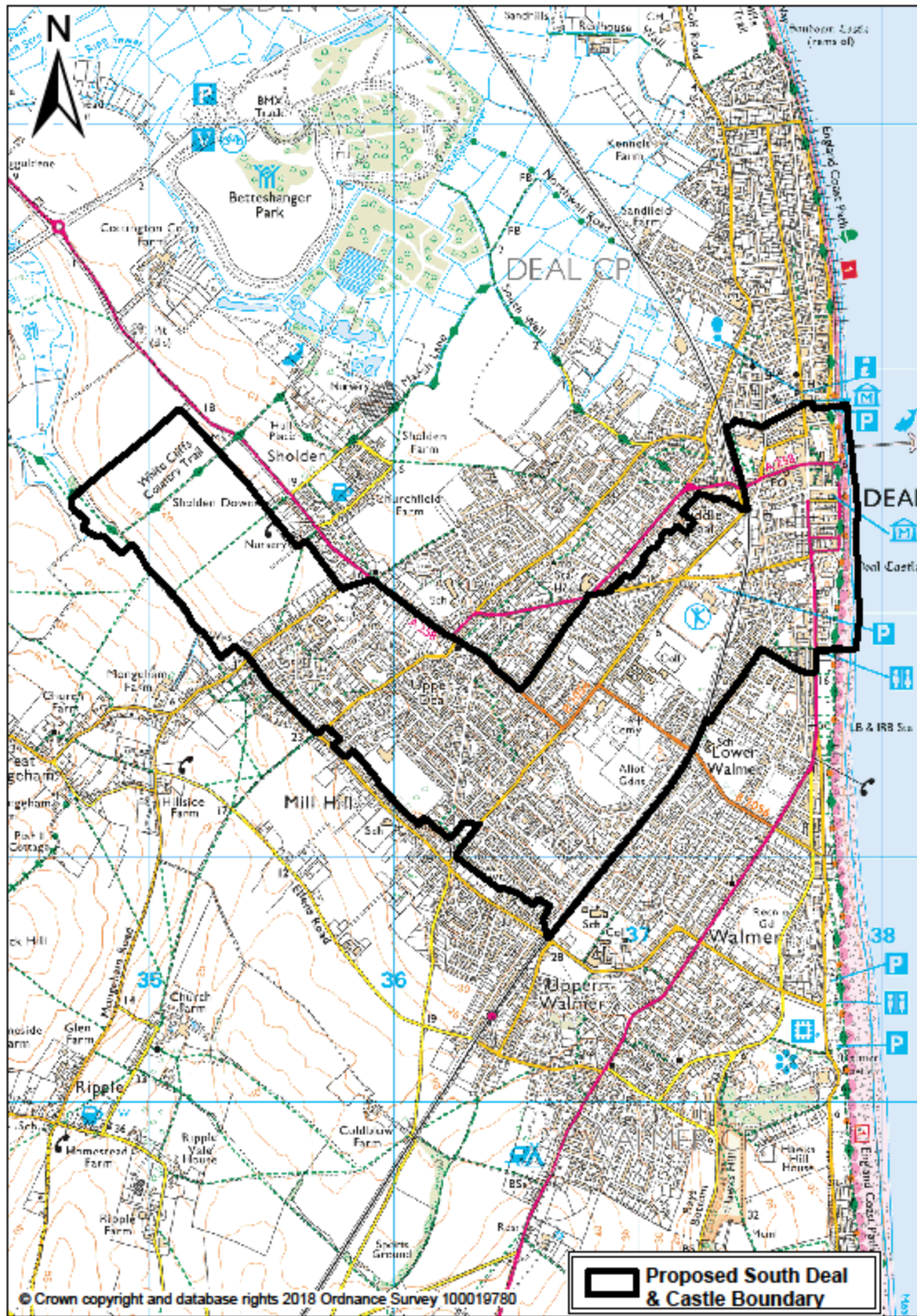
WARD 11 – NORTH DEAL AND SHOLDEN



### WARD 11 – NORTH DEAL AND SHOLDEN

Ward Name:	North Deal and Sholden						
Number of Councillors:	3						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	8,743				Electoral Variance (2023):		+0.4%
Current Electorate (2017):	8,618				Electoral Variance (2017):		+5.5%
Polling Districts:	PSH	AB1	AB3	AD1	AD2		
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deal Town Council</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sholden Parish Council</li> </ul>			
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes</li> </ul>						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deal and Walmer</li> </ul>						
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The considerable housing growth that has taken place with the potential for further housing development links the communities of Sholden and north Deal. Although Sholden Parish Council is large and mainly rural in character the urban part of the parish borders north Deal.</li> <li>It was originally proposed to include Sholden within the Eastry Rural Ward however; there is a much stronger community identity with north Deal than with the rural parishes to the west and there are stronger road links between Deal and Sholden. This proposal also allows for better connections between coastal area of Sholden Parish Council and the rest of the parish.</li> </ul>						
Name Rationale:	Although the ward does not include all of the former North Deal Ward or the Middle Deal with Sholden Ward, the proposed name reflects the geographic location of north Deal and the parish of Sholden.						

# WARD 12 – SOUTH DEAL AND CASTLE

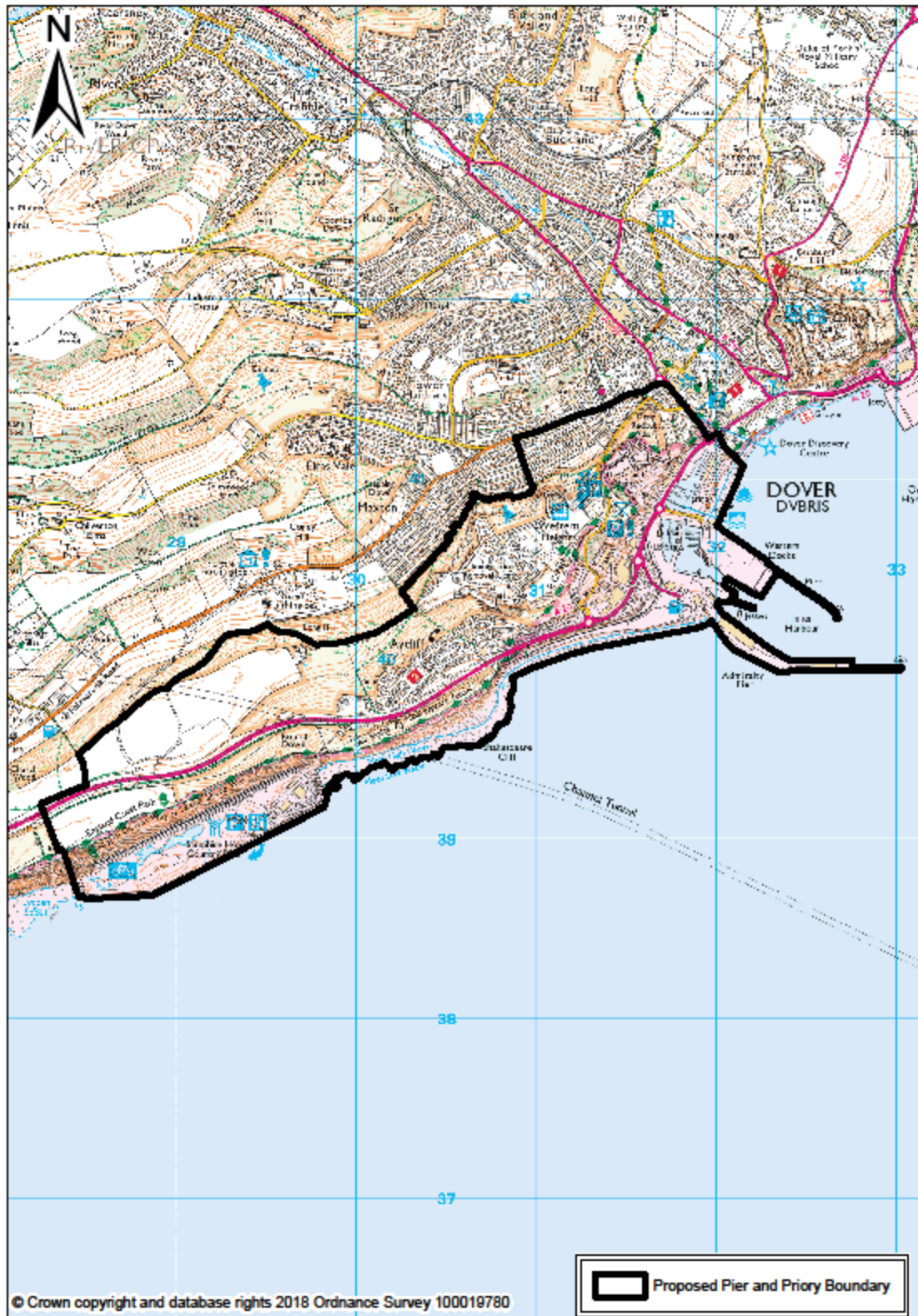




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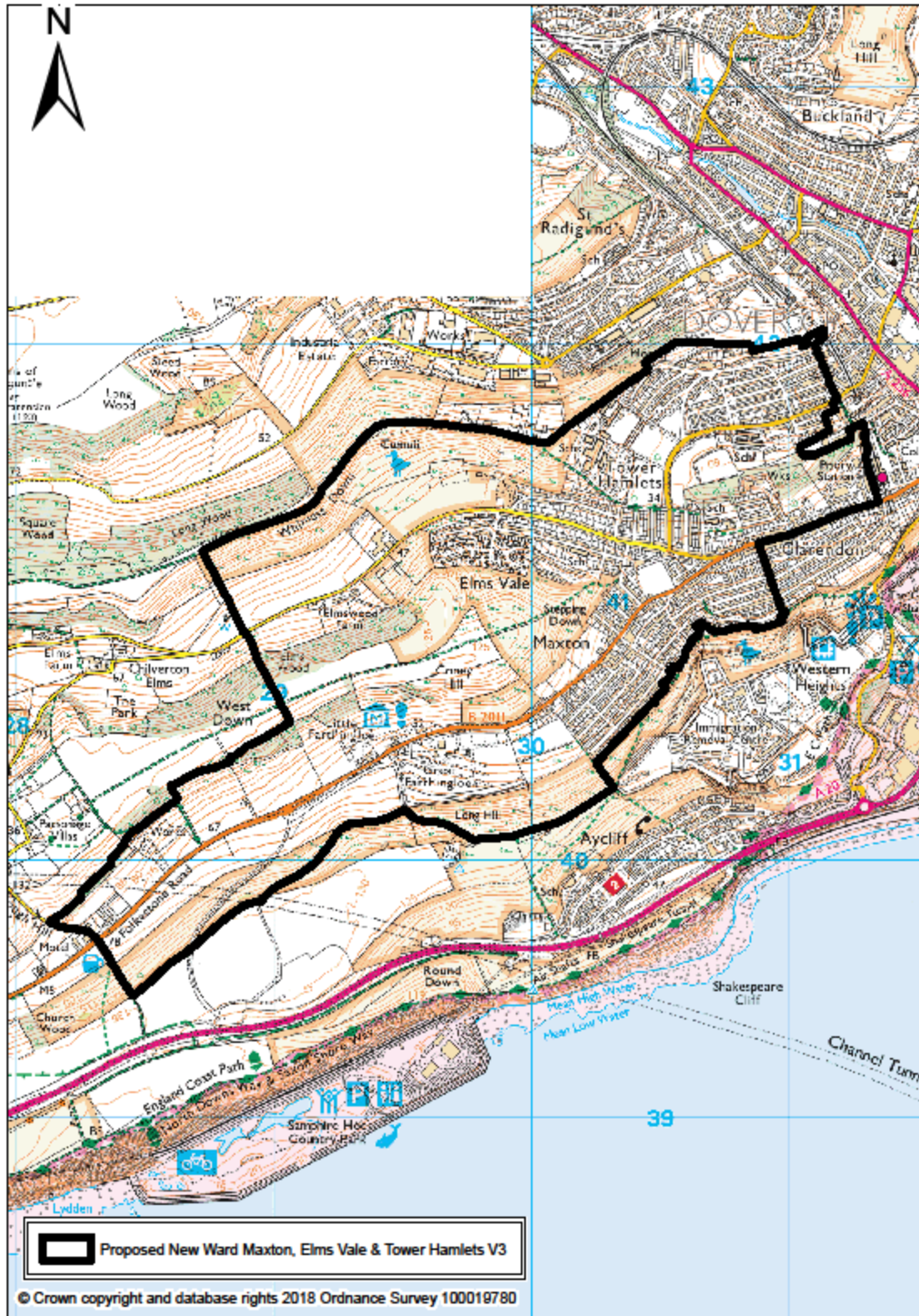
Ward Name:	South Deal and Castle						
Number of Councillors:	3						
Forecast Electorate (2023):	8,081	Electoral Variance (2023):		-7.2%			
Current Electorate (2017):	8,249	Electoral Variance (2017):		+1.0%			
Polling Districts:	AA4 * AMENDED*	AB2	AC1	AC3	AD3		
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deal Town Council (Partial)</li> </ul>		Walmer Parish Council (Partial)				
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No. However, this was also the case with the current North Deal and Walmer Wards</li> </ul>						
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deal and Walmer</li> </ul>						
Street Changes:	<p><b>*AMENDMENT TO POLLING DISTRICT AA4*</b></p> <p>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 new South Deal and Castle Ward:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Barrack Road</li> <li>51-68 The Strand including Admiralty Mews &amp; Beachlands Court</li> <li>59-105 Gladstone Road</li> <li>Cheriton Place</li> </ul> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheriton Road</li> <li>York Road (68-70 consecutive and a cottage)</li> <li>2-24 Marine Road and including The Coach House &amp; Clanwilliam House</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Barrack Road</li> <li>51-68 The Strand including Admiralty Mews &amp; Beachlands Court</li> <li>59-105 Gladstone Road</li> <li>Cheriton Place</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheriton Road</li> <li>York Road (68-70 consecutive and a cottage)</li> <li>2-24 Marine Road and including The Coach House &amp; Clanwilliam House</li> </ul>
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Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The urban centre of Deal is brought together in the proposed ward. There is good connectivity between the five polling districts and they have a similar urban identity including the main shopping area and the iconic Deal Pier.</li> <li>The small reduction in the electorate for 2023 compared to 2017 reflects the forecast polling district level electorates available on the LGBCE website. These forecasts take into account expected housing growth over the next six years and the historical changes in electorate and housing numbers over the previous six years.</li> </ul>						
Name Rationale:	<p>The name South Deal recalls a defunct but well remembered primary school which served much of the area as well as being geographically indicative of areas included. Castle embraces those streets in both Walmer and Deal which surround Deal Castle.</p> <p>Other ward names considered and rejected include 'Middle Deal' which was used on the earlier draft ward plans and was rejected by the Council in favour of 'South Deal and Castle'.</p>						

# WARD 13 – PIER AND PRIORY



WARD 13 – PIER AND PRIORY					
Ward Name:	Pier and Priory				
Number of Councillors:	1				
Forecast Electorate (2023):	2,921	Electoral Variance (2023):	+0.6%		
Current Electorate (2017):	2,584	Electoral Variance (2017):	-5.1%		
Polling Districts:	BJ1	BJ2	BF *AMENDED*		
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dover Town Council</li> </ul>				
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No</li> </ul>				
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dover Town</li> </ul>				
Street Changes:	<p><b>*AMENDMENT TO POLLING DISTRICT BF*</b></p> <p>The following streets from polling district BF (Priory) will form part of this ward:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Birchwood Rise</li> <li>Belgrave Road</li> <li>Clarendon Place</li> <li>Clarendon Road</li> <li>Clarendon Street</li> </ul> </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Folkestone Road (37-201 odds)</li> <li>Malvern Road</li> <li>North Military Road</li> <li>St John's Road</li> <li>St Martins Gardens</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Birchwood Rise</li> <li>Belgrave Road</li> <li>Clarendon Place</li> <li>Clarendon Road</li> <li>Clarendon Street</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Folkestone Road (37-201 odds)</li> <li>Malvern Road</li> <li>North Military Road</li> <li>St John's Road</li> <li>St Martins Gardens</li> </ul>
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Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Western Heights dominates this ward and the communities of Aycliffe, Western Heights and Clarendon nestle around the Heights. The current Town and Pier Ward which acts as the basis for the proposed ward already includes a small part of central Dover and this has been extended to include the Clarendon area which was part of the old (pre-2003) Priory Ward.</li> <li>The ward contains part of coastal Dover including the Western Docks and the Admiralty and Prince of Wales Piers.</li> </ul>				
Name Rationale:	The name reflects the Pier area and the heritage of the old Priory Ward.				

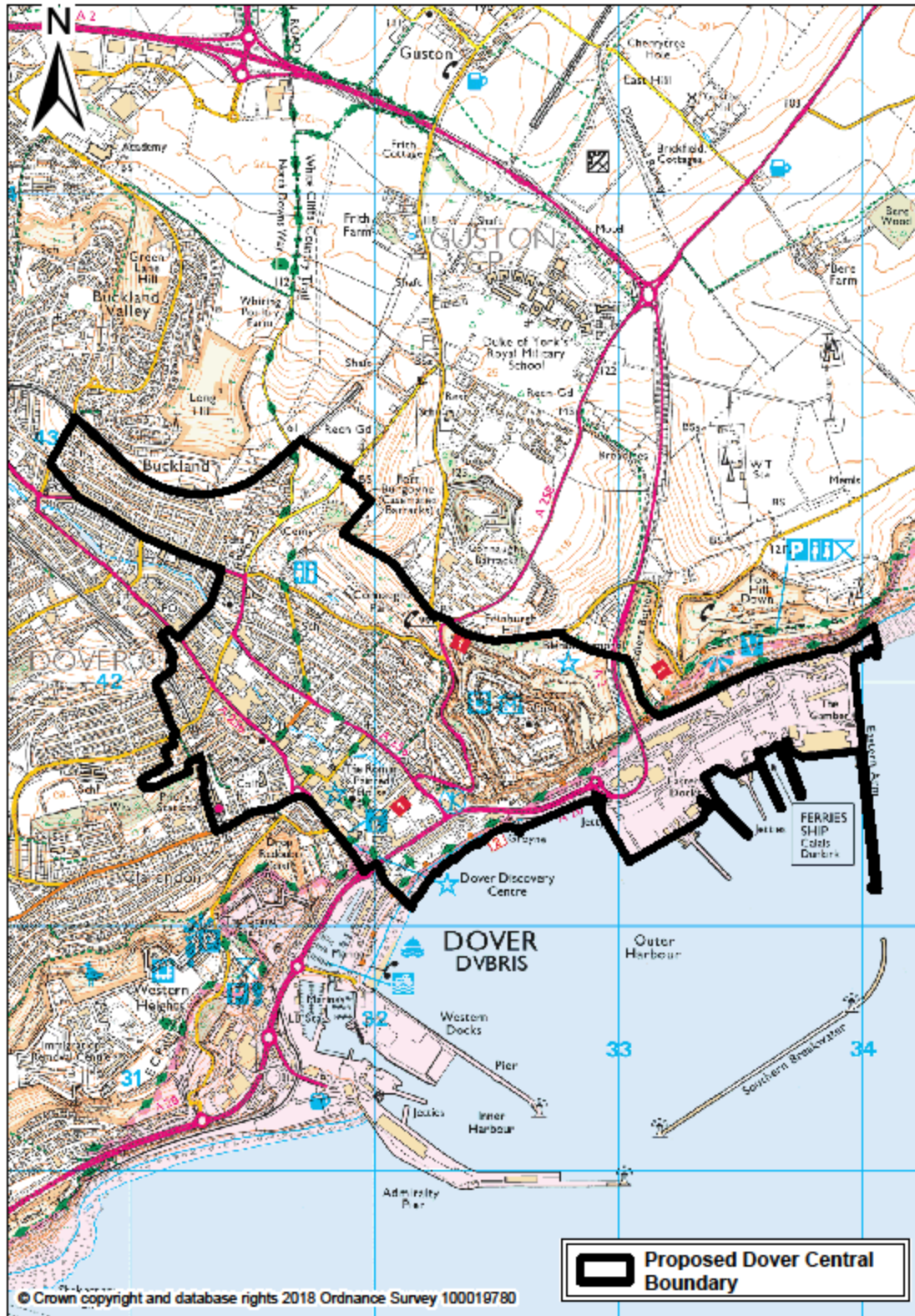
WARD 14 – MAXTON, ELMS VALE AND TOWER HAMLETS



**WARD 14 – MAXTON, ELMS VALE AND TOWER HAMLETS**

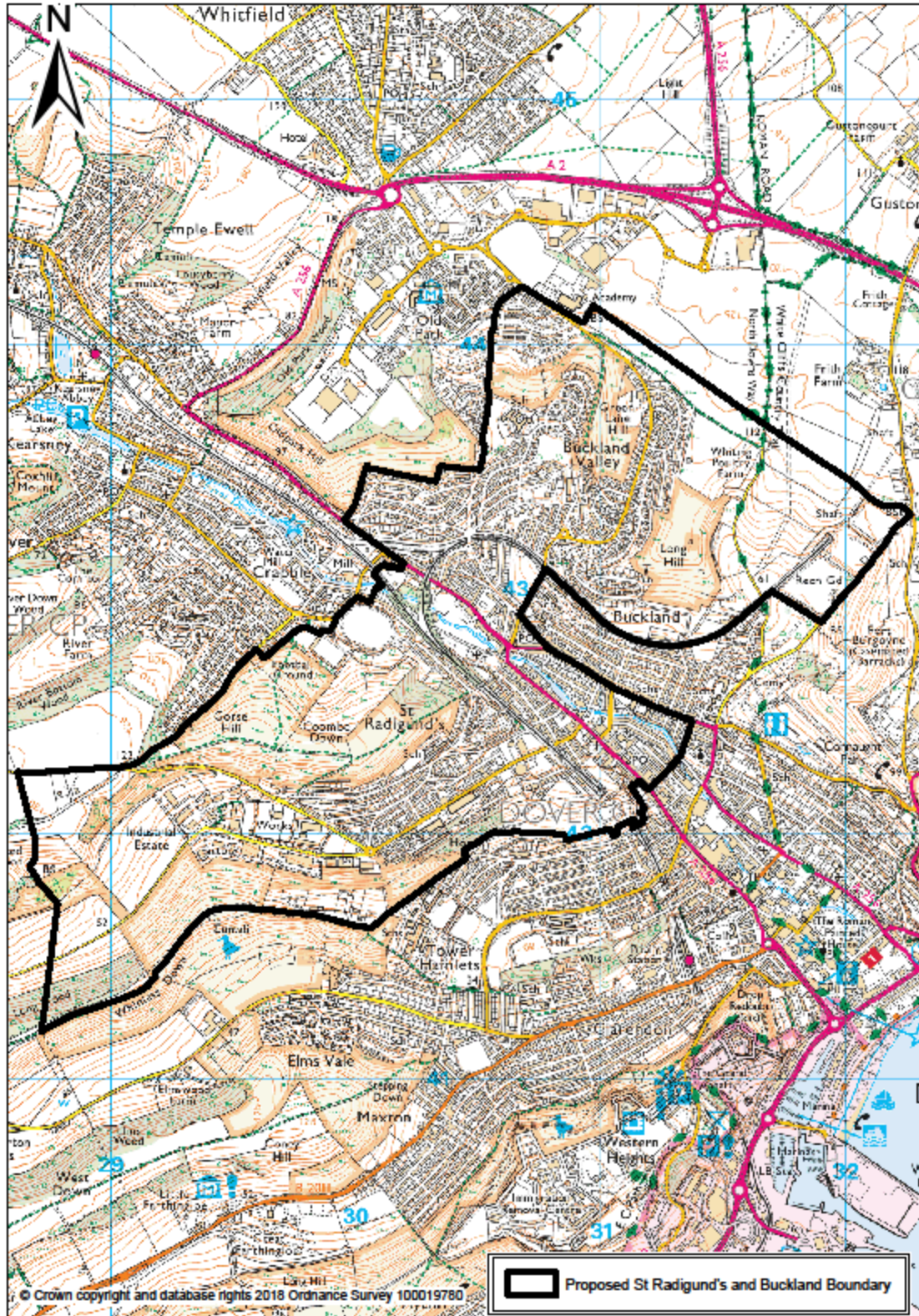
Ward Name:	Maxton, Elms Vale and Tower Hamlets				
Number of Councillors:	2				
Forecast Electorate (2023):	6,150	Electoral Variance (2023):	+5.9%		
Current Electorate (2017):	6,065	Electoral Variance (2017):	+11.4%		
Polling Districts:	BE	BH1 *AMENDED*	BF *AMENDED*		
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dover Town Council</li> </ul>				
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> </ul>				
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dover Town</li> </ul>				
Street Changes:	<p><b>*AMENDMENT TO POLLING DISTRICT BF*</b></p> <p>The following streets from polling district BF (Priory) will form part of this ward:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eaton Road</li> <li>• Elms Vale Road</li> <li>• Folkestone Road (excluding 37-201 odds)</li> <li>• Longfield Road</li> <li>• Monins Road</li> <li>• North Street</li> <li>• Percival Terrace</li> <li>• St John’s Road</li> </ul> </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underdown Road</li> <li>• Vale View Road</li> <li>• Westbury Crescent</li> <li>• Westbury Road</li> <li>• Winchelsea Road</li> <li>• Winchelsea Street</li> <li>• Winchelsea Terrace</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eaton Road</li> <li>• Elms Vale Road</li> <li>• Folkestone Road (excluding 37-201 odds)</li> <li>• Longfield Road</li> <li>• Monins Road</li> <li>• North Street</li> <li>• Percival Terrace</li> <li>• St John’s Road</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underdown Road</li> <li>• Vale View Road</li> <li>• Westbury Crescent</li> <li>• Westbury Road</li> <li>• Winchelsea Road</li> <li>• Winchelsea Street</li> <li>• Winchelsea Terrace</li> </ul>
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Street Changes:	<p><b>*AMENDMENT TO POLLING DISTRICT BH1*</b></p> <p>The following streets from polling district BH1 (Tower Hamlets West) have been deleted from this ward and placed in the new Dover Town Ward :</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East Street</li> <li>• Priory Hill</li> <li>• St Bartholomews Close</li> <li>• The Abbots</li> <li>• Tower Hamlets Road (30, 40-52 consecutive)</li> </ul> </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tower Street (1-3)</li> <li>• West Street</li> <li>• Widred Road (6-54 evens, Cedar House, Beech House, Aspen House &amp; Stevens House)</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East Street</li> <li>• Priory Hill</li> <li>• St Bartholomews Close</li> <li>• The Abbots</li> <li>• Tower Hamlets Road (30, 40-52 consecutive)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tower Street (1-3)</li> <li>• West Street</li> <li>• Widred Road (6-54 evens, Cedar House, Beech House, Aspen House &amp; Stevens House)</li> </ul>
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Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tower Hamlets and Maxton &amp; Elms Vale are directly connected by a main road and share a number of common identities as communities. The topography of Dover consists of a number of hills and valleys that separate communities within Dover. However, this proposed ward is predominantly within one valley with good connectivity.</li> <li>• This proposed ward pattern places the majority of the Folkestone Road into a single ward.</li> </ul>				
Name Rationale:	The proposed ward name reflects that the area the proposed ward covers and maintains the names of the existing polling districts/wards.				

# WARD 15 – DOVER CENTRAL



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Ward Name:	Dover Central							
Number of Councillors:	2							
Forecast Electorate (2023):	6,256	Electoral Variance (2023):		+7.8%				
Current Electorate (2017):	5,943	Electoral Variance (2017):		+9.1%				
Polling Districts:	BD	BC2 * AMENDED*	BH2	BF *AMENDED*	BH1 *AMENDED*			
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dover Town Council</li> </ul>							
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No</li> </ul>							
County Division:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dover Town</li> </ul>							
Street Changes:	<p><b>*AMENDMENT TO POLLING DISTRICT BF*</b> The following streets from polling district BF (Priory) will form part of this ward:</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biggin Street</li> <li>Effingham Crescent</li> <li>Effingham Street</li> <li>High Street</li> <li>Norman Street</li> </ul> </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pencester Road</li> <li>Priory Hill (51-53)</li> <li>Priory Place</li> <li>Priory Road</li> <li>Priory Street</li> </ul> </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saxon Street</li> <li>Priory Station Approach Road</li> <li>Priory Gate Road</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biggin Street</li> <li>Effingham Crescent</li> <li>Effingham Street</li> <li>High Street</li> <li>Norman Street</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pencester Road</li> <li>Priory Hill (51-53)</li> <li>Priory Place</li> <li>Priory Road</li> <li>Priory Street</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saxon Street</li> <li>Priory Station Approach Road</li> <li>Priory Gate Road</li> </ul>
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Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With the development of St James and the Old Town as the new town centre and the linear nature of the rest of the commercial centre of Dover there is considerable rationale in creating a single ward that represents these interests. The ward also includes Dover Priory Station with its high speed link to London.</li> <li>It also includes the conurbations that span the two major roads that access the town from the North.</li> </ul>							
Name Rationale:	The name reflects that this proposed ward represents the town centre.							

WARD 16 – ST RADIGUND'S AND BUCKLAND





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Ward Name:	St Radigund’s and Buckland				
Number of Councillors:	3				
Forecast Electorate (2023):	8,520	Electoral Variance (2023):	-2.2%		
Current Electorate (2017):	7,837	Electoral Variance (2017):	-4.1%		
Polling Districts:	BG1	BG2	BC1 BC2 * AMENDED*		
Parish Council(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dover Town Council</li> </ul>				
Based on Parish Boundary(s)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> </ul>				
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