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Good Afternoon

Please see attached consultation response from Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council to this stage of the LGBC review.

Attached are:

- Council report approved on 19<sup>th</sup> October confirming this is the official response of NBBC
- Appendix document setting out our approach to responding to the consultation
- 19 x ward maps and rationale documents, setting out the reasons behind each of our proposed wards
- Large PDF map of these wards
- GeoJSON files exported from our mapping system detailing these proposals.

I'm happy to confirm that each of our proposed wards meets the 3 statutory criteria and each ward is within 10% of the average projected 2028 ward size.

If you have any questions please let us know.

Regards

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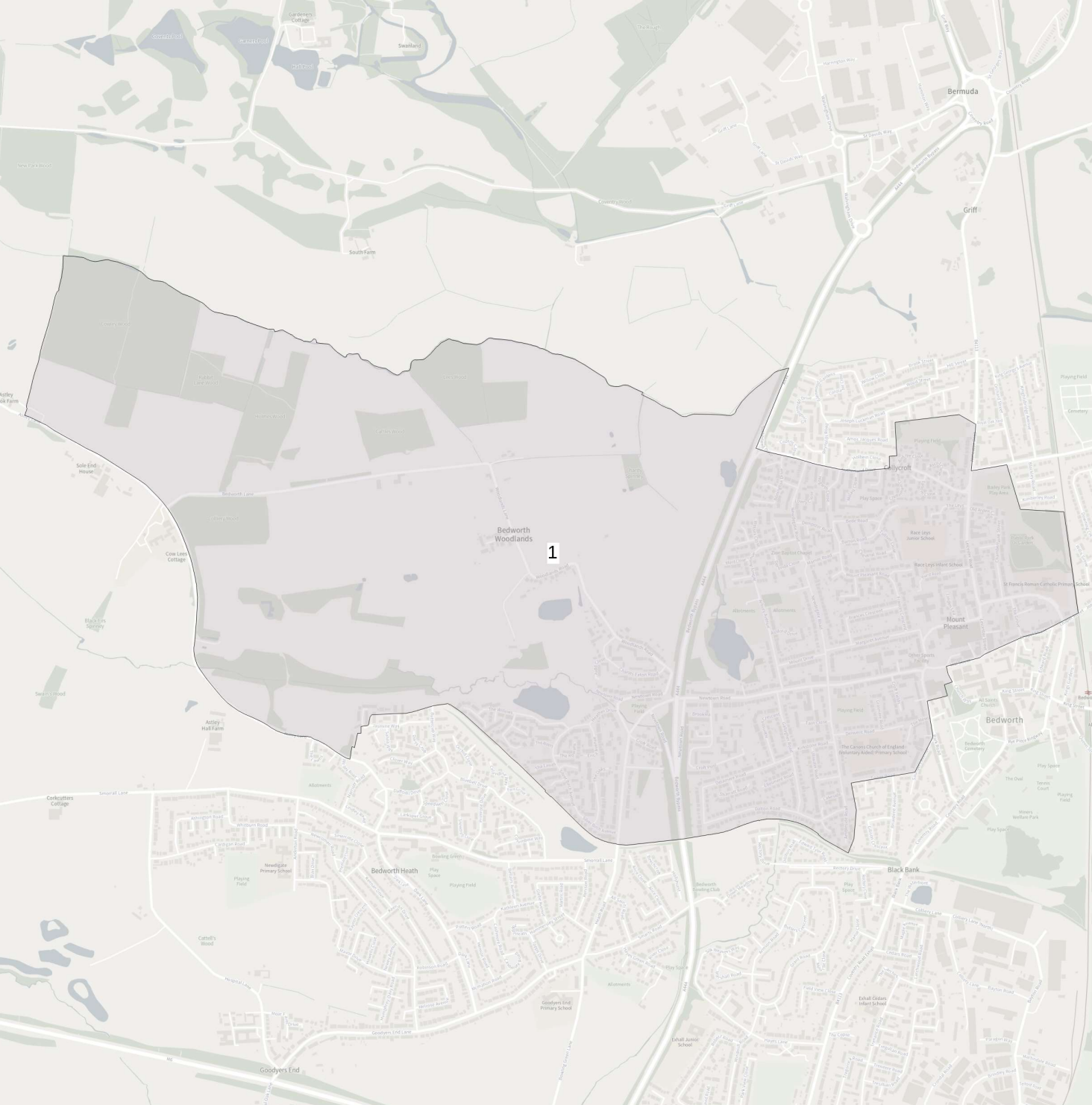
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<b>Ward 1</b>			
<b>Ward Name</b>	Woodlands and Mount Pleasant		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	6502	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	6.4%
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	BEB, BEE, BEF, BEG, SLC, SLD (1,2), SLE, SLF, SLG (1,2), SLH		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	This ward takes most of the former Bede Ward the majority of Slough, apart from SLA, SLB, SLE		
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>This re-drawn ward takes into the West Bedworth communities of Bedworth Woodlands and Mount Pleasant. Both communities are served by Newtown Road and the number 56 bus route that serves these communities provides links in to Bedworth Town Centre.</p> <p>These communities also share a number of local amenities, including the Slough local recreation ground, GP surgeries and children from both areas will reciprocally attend The Canons and Race Leys Junior schools.</p> <p>Whilst the A444 Bedworth Bypass does travel through this ward, Newtown Road provides the main link between Woodlands, Mount Pleasant and Bedworth Town Centre.</p>		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	Reflects the commonly used names of the two linked halves of this Ward.		

# Woodlands and Mount Pleasant

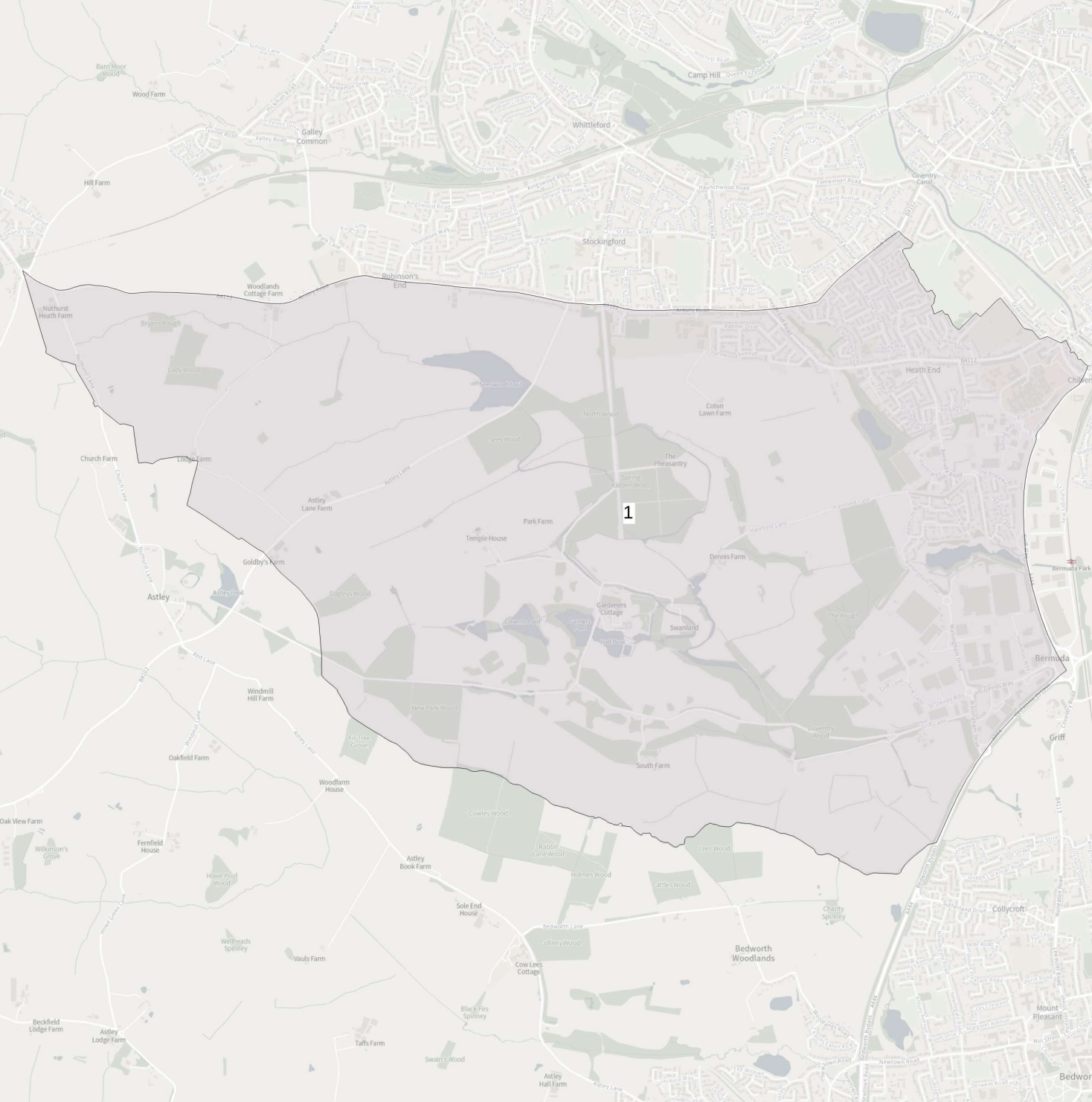
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Property count:	<b>3671</b>
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Cllr electorate:	<b>3251</b>
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<b>Ward 2</b>			
<b>Ward Name</b>	Arbury		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	5604	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	-8.3%
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	ARA, ARB, ARC, ARD, ARE, ARF, ARG, ARH		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	None to existing Arbury boundary		
<b>Rationale</b>	The existing communities in Arbury, including those surrounding the Arbury Estate reflect an existing and future community that is considered appropriate going forward. This ward boundary also encompasses a number of speculative housing sites that will naturally become part of the same community as the existing Arbury properties – thus naturally leading to growth in this ward towards the ideal ward size in future years.		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	No change – Historical name reflects existing community.		

## Arbury Ward

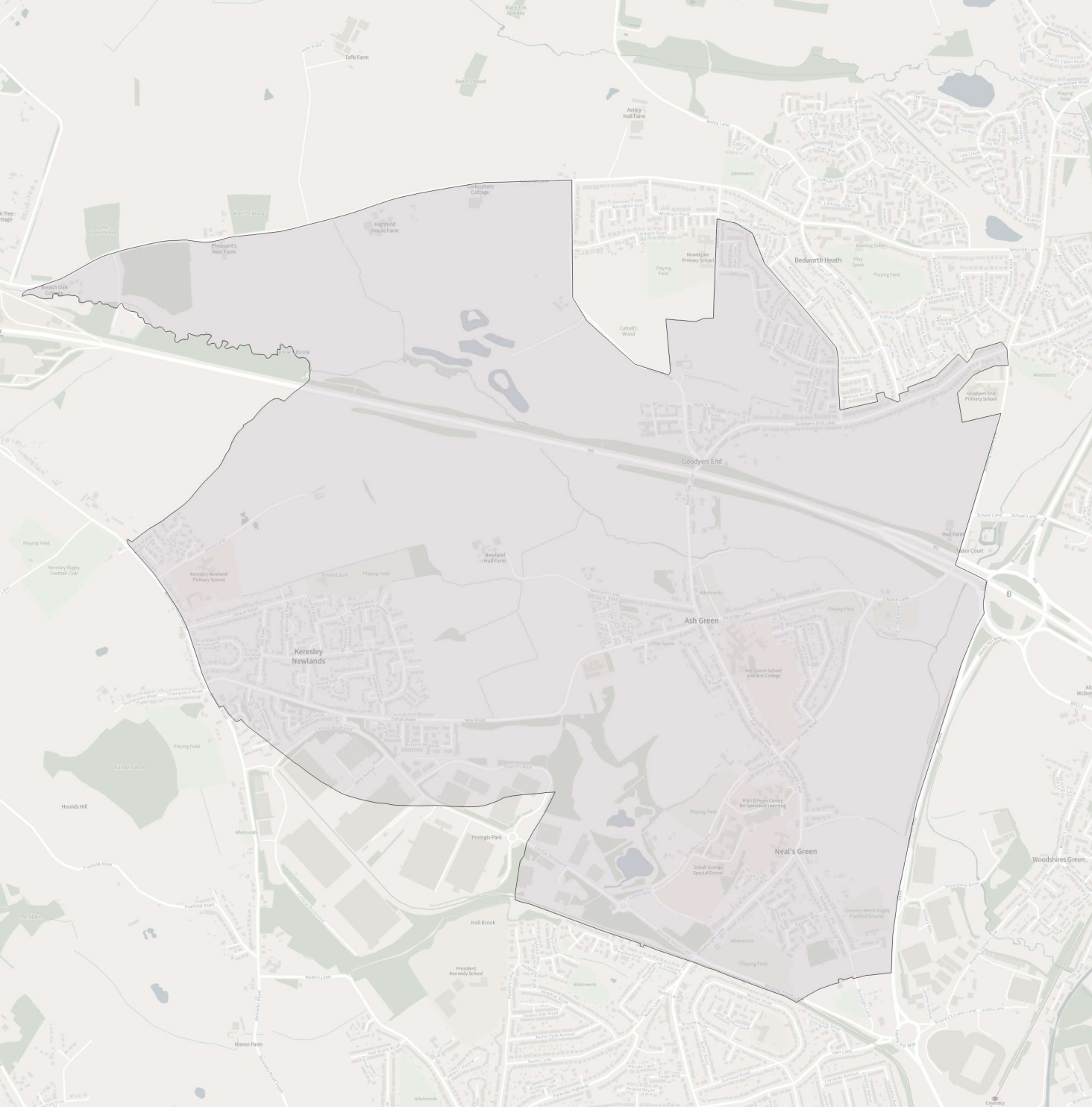
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Property count:	<b>3131</b>
Total Electorate:	<b>5604</b>
Cllr electorate:	<b>2802</b>
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<b>Ward 3</b>			
<b>Ward Name</b>	Ash Green and Keresley End		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	5630	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	-7.9%
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	EXA, EXB, EXC, EXD, and parts of: HEB, HEE(1,2), HEF(1,2),		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	This Ward is formed from the Western part of Exhall and the Southern, rural parts of the Heath ward.		
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>This re-drafted Ward takes into account the three villages in the South-West of Bedworth - Ash Green, Keresley End and Goodyers End. These areas are linked by the main Goodyers End Lane and Exhall Lane into Bedworth (including the bus routes 56 and 79) and retain a separate rural character when compared to the rest of Bedworth.</p> <p>The majority of secondary age children from Keresley End and Goodyers End will attend Ash Green Secondary School and similarly, primary age children from Keresley End and Ash Green will travel to Goodyers End Primary School.</p>		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	This name reflects two of the 3 main areas within this ward.		

## Ash Green & Keresley End

Councillors:	<b>2</b>
Property count:	<b>3016</b>
Total Electorate:	<b>5630</b>
Cllr electorate:	<b>2815</b>
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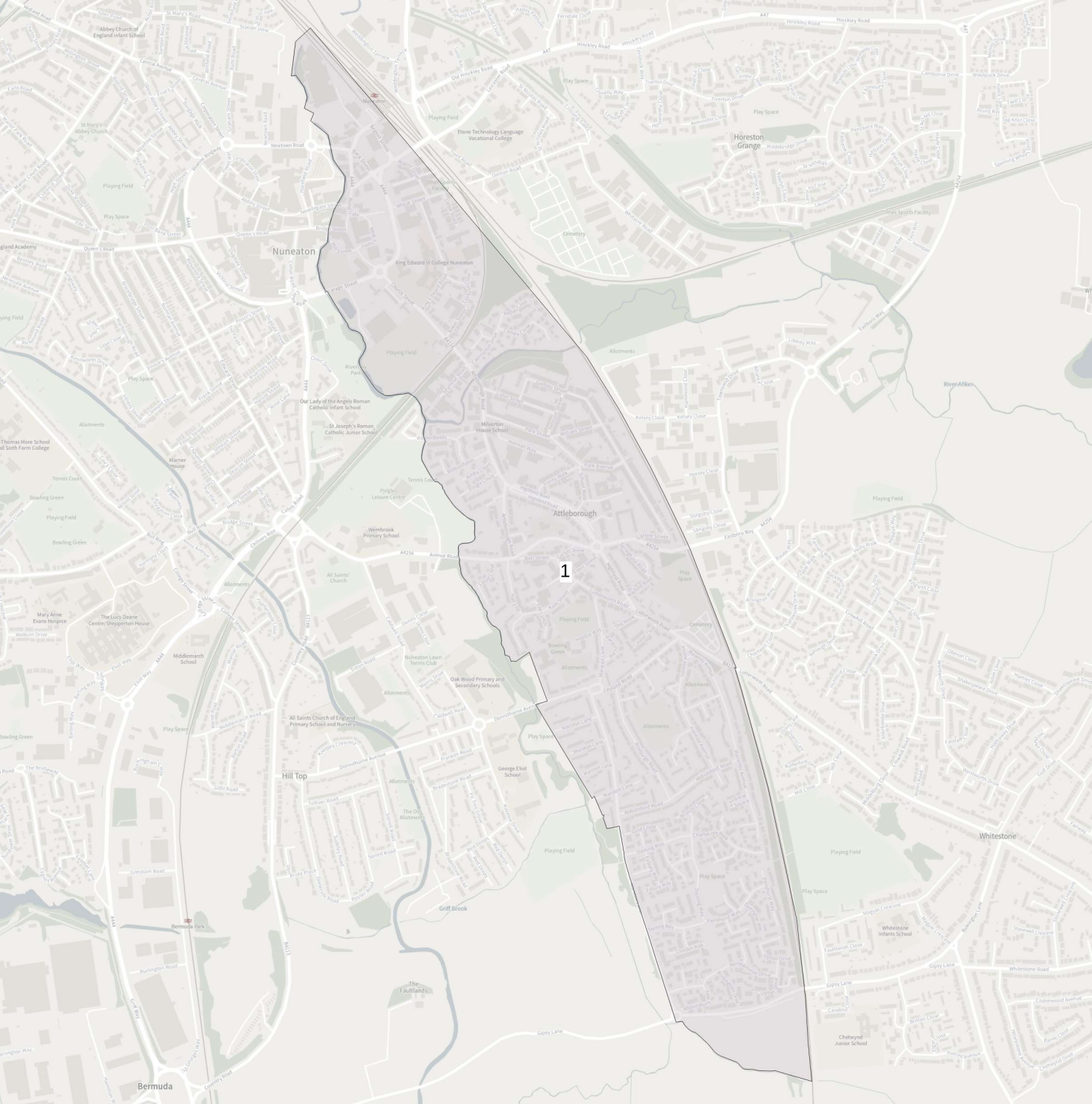




<b>Ward 4</b>			
<b>Ward Name</b>	Attleborough		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	5788	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	-5.3%
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	ATA, ATB, ATC, ATD (1,2), ATE, ABC (1,2), WBF		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	2 Polling Districts from Attleborough will move to join Whitestone Ward, whilst 2 polling districts from Abbey and 1 from Wem Brook join what is mostly the previous Attleborough Ward.		
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>This ward includes the core of the former Attleborough Ward and the section of the former Abbey Ward that is around Attleborough road and the historic Attleborough village. This ward also takes in the part of Wem Brook around Marston Lane that has permeability with the rest of Attleborough.</p> <p>These communities centre on Attleborough Green local amenity and shopping parade.</p>		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	No change is proposed as the historical name reflects existing community, including that taken in from other wards.		

# Attleborough

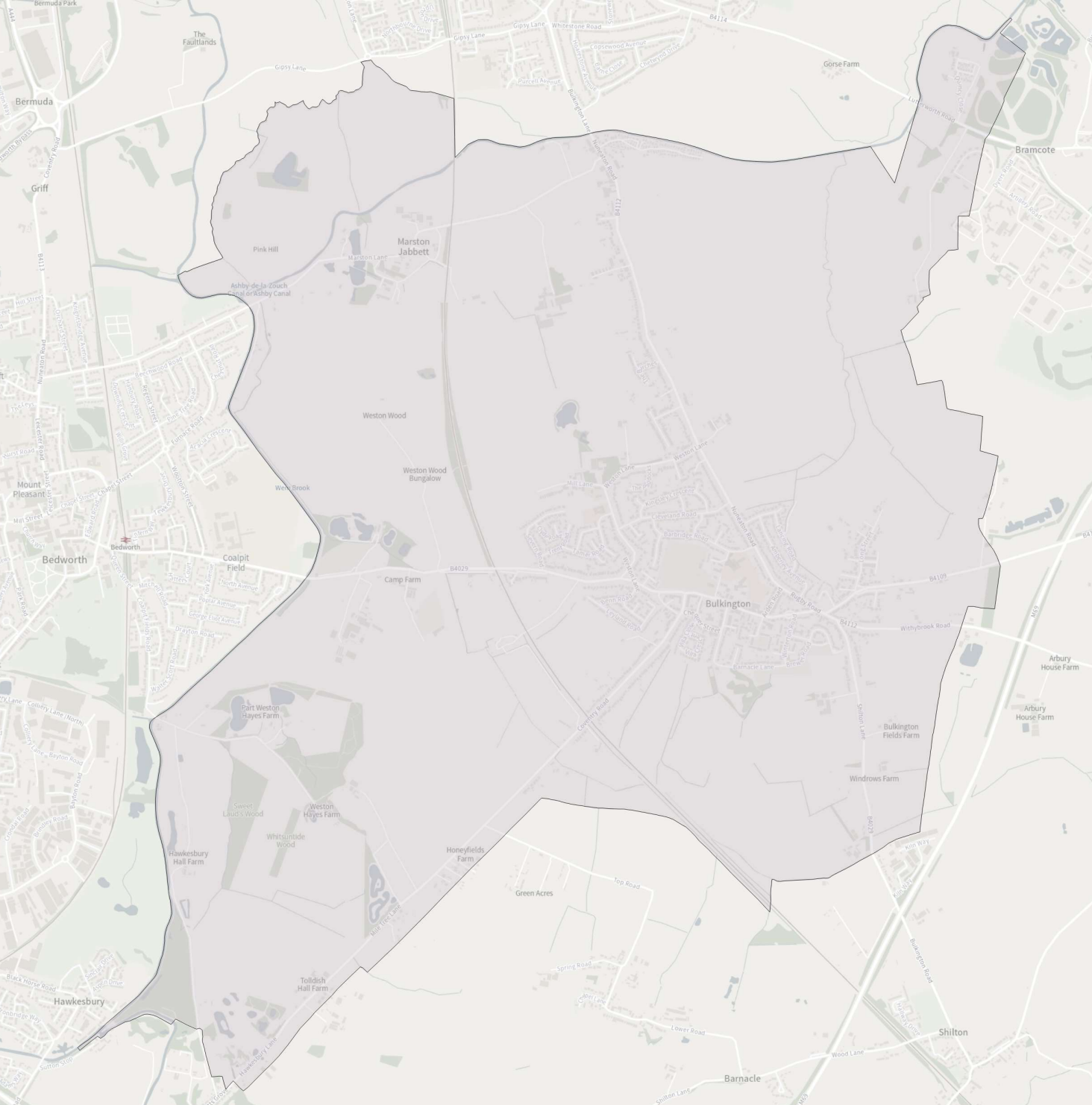
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Property count: **3646**  
Total Electorate: **5788**  
Cllr electorate: **2894**  
Electorate Status: **Balanced**  
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<b>Ward 5</b>			
<b>Ward Name</b>	Bulkington		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	5668	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	-7.3%
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	BUA, BUB, BUC, BUD, BUE, BUF		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	No changes are proposed to the existing Bulkington Ward.		
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>The current and proposed boundaries rightly reflect the distinct nature of Bulkington as a separate area from both Nuneaton and Bedworth, with the community of Bulkington looking to Bulkington village centre.</p> <p>Were a section of Bedworth or Nuneaton to be added to this ward it would not reflect a single identifiable community as currently exists. These boundaries are also co-terminus with the Rugby parliamentary constituency boundary.</p>		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	No change – Historical name reflects existing community.		

## Bulkington Ward

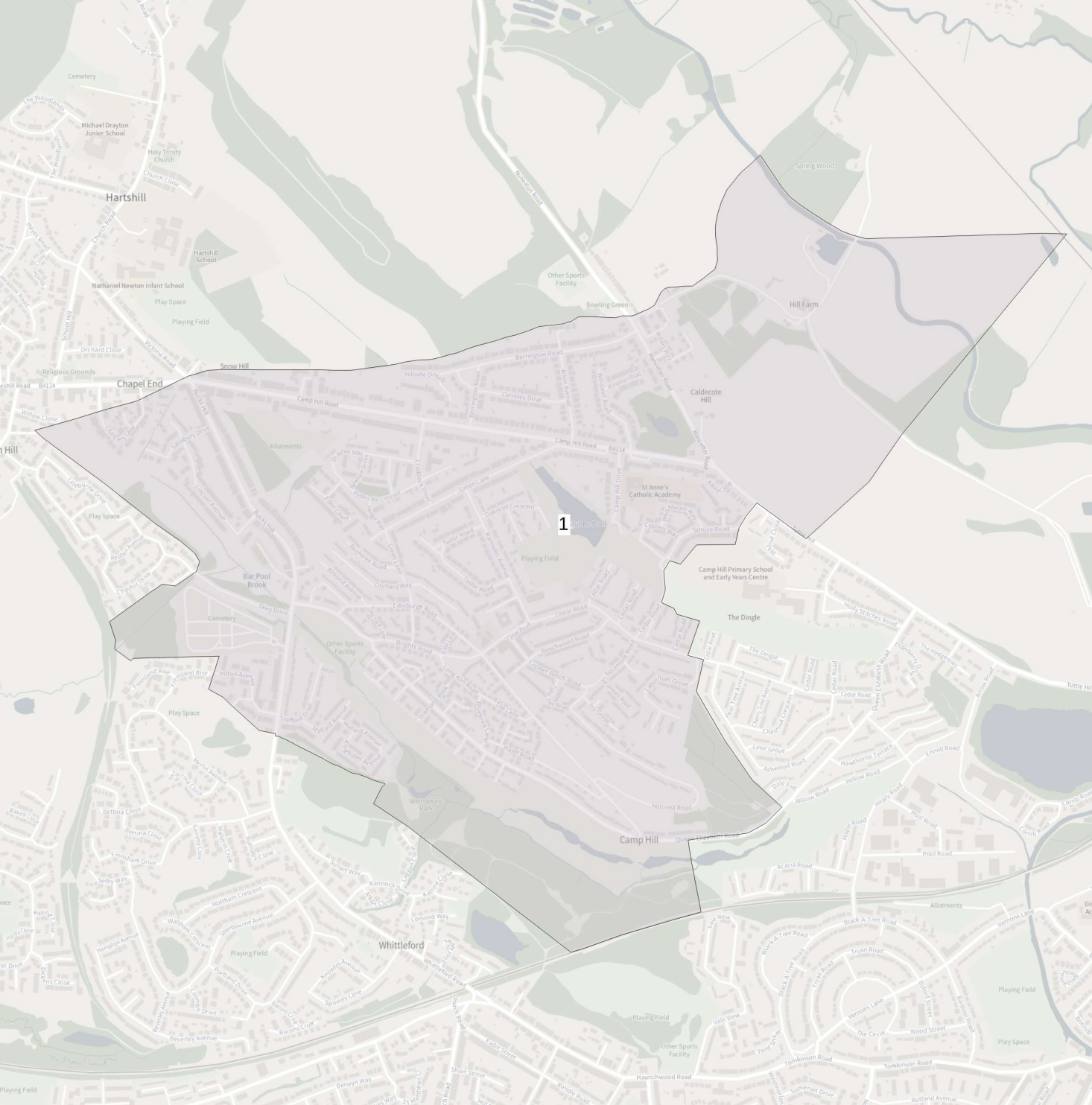
Councillors:	<b>2</b>
Property count:	<b>2937</b>
Total Electorate:	<b>5668</b>
Cllr electorate:	<b>2834</b>
Electorate Status:	<b>Balanced</b>
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<b>Ward 6</b>			
<b>Ward Name</b>	Camp Hill		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	6042	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	-1.1%
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	CHA, CHB, CHC, CHD, CHE, GCE		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	This ward proposal involves moving polling districts CHF and CHG to the newly created St. Mary's ward and taking in one neighbouring polling district from Galley Common Ward.		
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>The changes to Camp Hill and Galley Common and creation of St. Mary's Ward are necessitated by the population growth in recent areas, so both areas would be in excess of the agreed tolerance.</p> <p>The sections taken in from Galley Common naturally match with Camp Hill and reunites Bucks Hill Road down to the Queen Elizabeth Road junction into the same ward. This proposal also keeps the Camp Hill Road housing estate intact. This re-drawn ward has the shared amenity of the Cedar Road Shopping precinct which residents from all areas of this ward would use.</p>		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	No change – Historical name reflects existing community, including that taken in from other wards.		

# Camp Hill

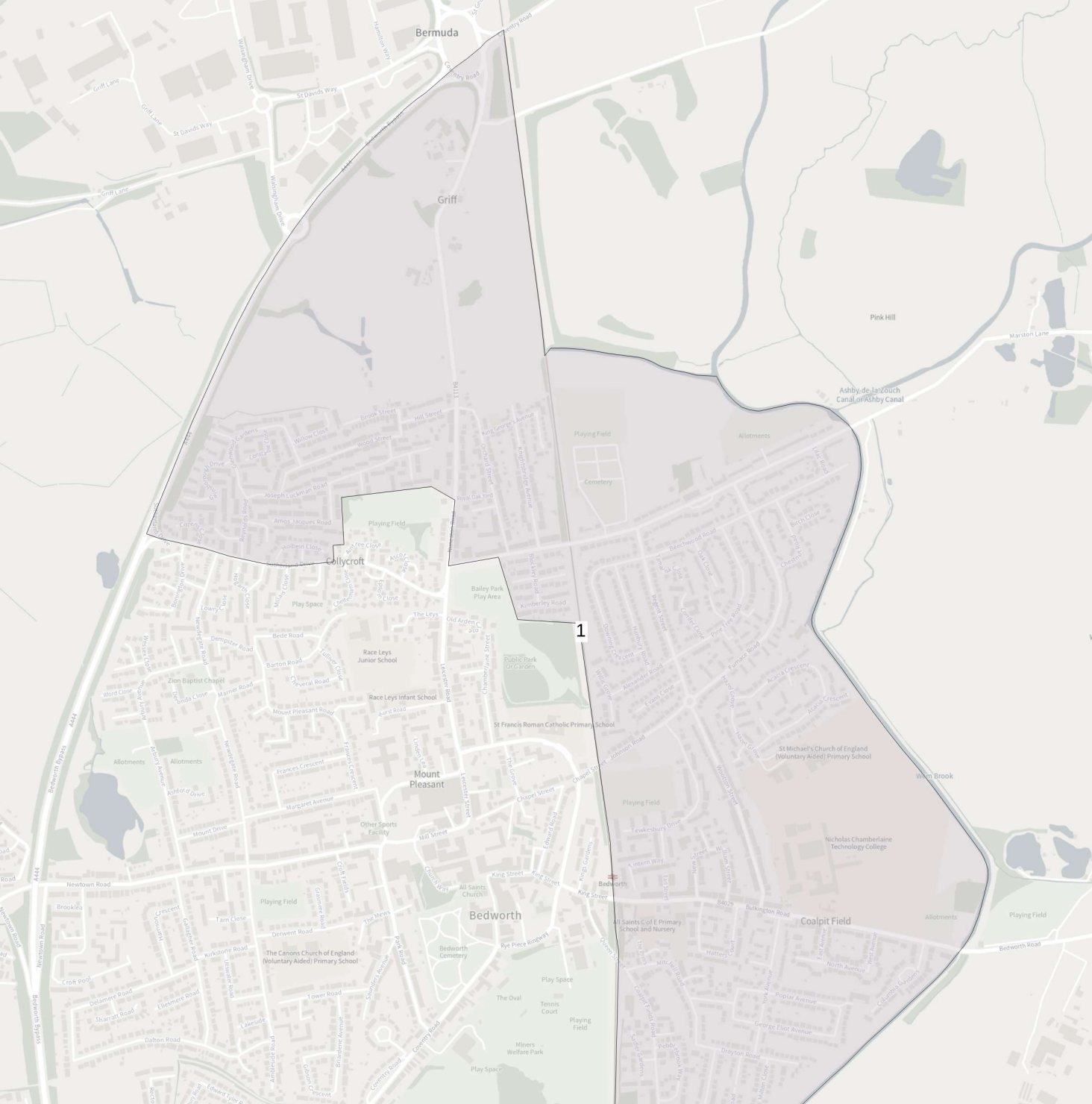
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Property count:	<b>3614</b>
Total Electorate:	<b>6042</b>
Cllr electorate:	<b>3021</b>
Electorate Status:	<b>Balanced</b>
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<b>Ward 7</b>			
<b>Ward Name</b>	Collycroft and Pine Tree		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	6588	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	7.8%
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	BEA, BEC, BED, POC, POD, SLB, POB (part), SLE (part)		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	This new ward takes in part of the North and Eastern part of Bedworth Town Centre, extending up to the south of Nuneaton and Bulkington		
<b>Rationale</b>	This ward is centred around Pine Tree shopping parade and post office, which serves the Coalpit Fields, Furnace Fields and Collycroft communities. The Coalpit Fields estate has a distinct identity as mostly former social housing. Children from all three of these communities will attend Primary School at St. Michaels Primary and secondary at Nicholas Chamberlaine School.		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	Roughly one third of this ward consists of the Coalpit Fields Housing Estate, The Pine Tree shopping parade in the centre of the Ward covers all three communities.		

# Collycroft and Pine Tree

Councillors: **2**  
Property count: **3834**  
Total Electorate: **6588**  
Cllr electorate: **3294**  
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<b>Ward 8</b>			
<b>Ward Name</b>	Eastboro		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	6460	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	5.7%
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	WHA, SNE		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	This new ward is created from 2 large polling districts from Whitestone and St. Nicolas wards. There has been significant new development in these areas.		
<b>Rationale</b>	There has been significant new development in these areas and this proposal takes in the existing built and proposed estates off Eastboro Way and the Long Shoot. These roads are a main arterial route into Nuneaton from the A5 and whilst in future developments will continue to fill in this area with new housing, which will further identify this as a community. The employment site of Attleborough Industrial Estate in WHA serves both WHA and SNE as many residents will work at the industrial estate. Both areas connected by the rail bridge on Eastboro Way.		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	Name is identifiable to residents as being the main road within this Ward		

# Eastboro

Councillors: **2**

Property count: **2171**

Total Electorate: **6460**

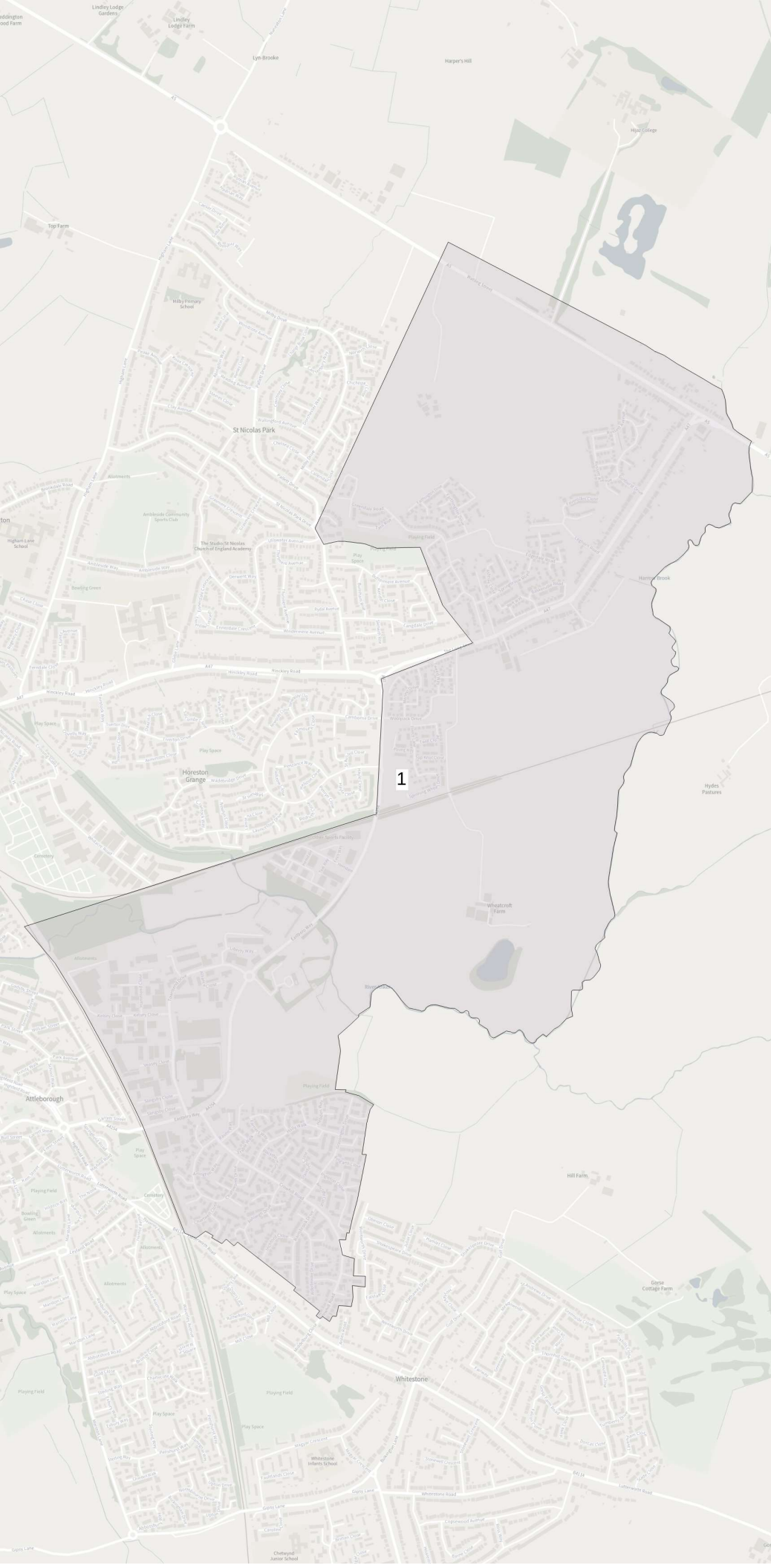
Cllr electorate: **3230**

Electorate Status: **Balanced**

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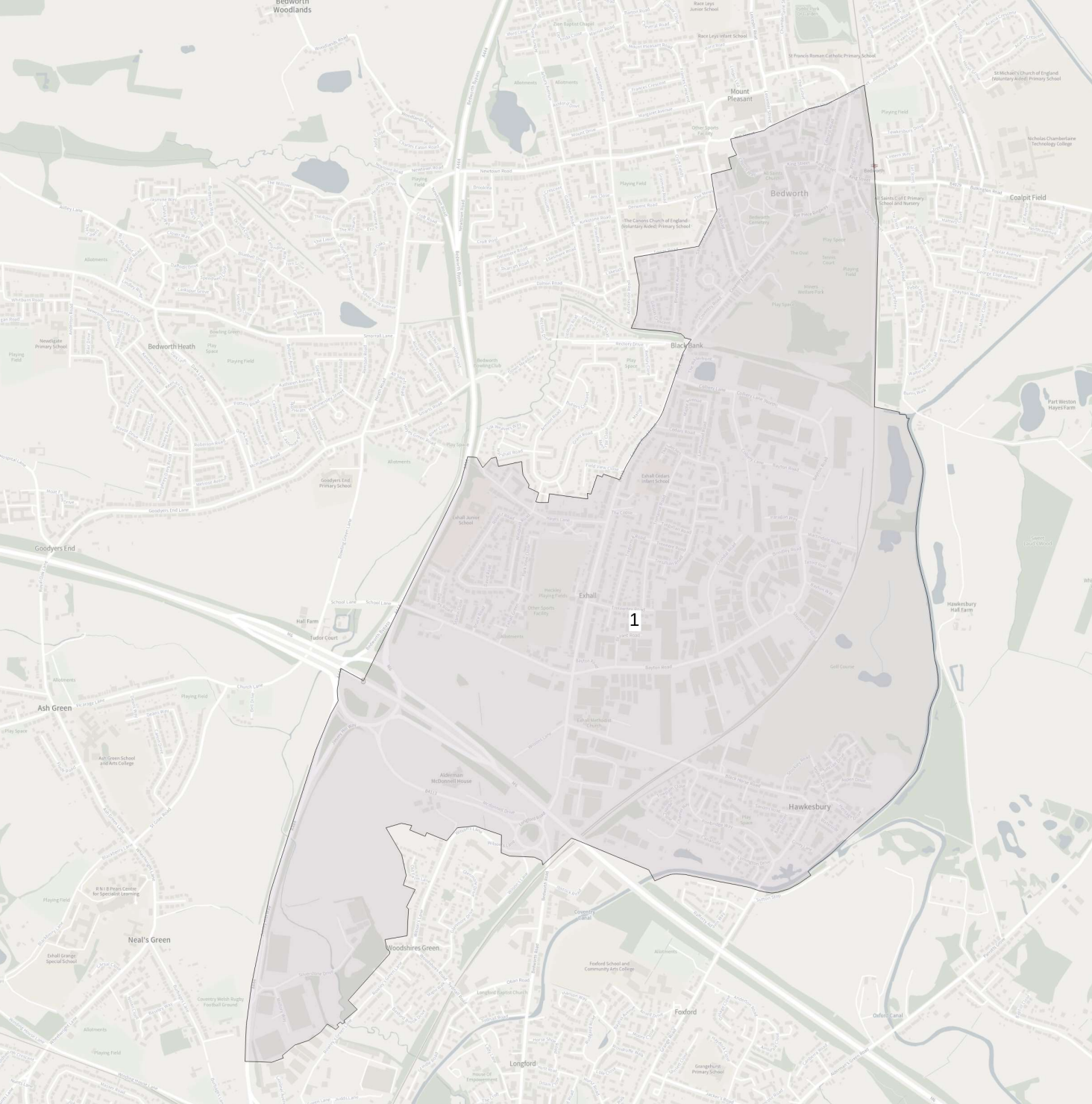
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<b>Ward 9</b>			
<b>Ward Name</b>	Exhall and Hawkesbury		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	6422	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	5.1%
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	BEH, BEI, EXE, POA, POE, POF, POG, POB (part)		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	This new ward takes in parts of Bede, Exhall and Poplar, including the South-East of Bedworth and Bedworth Town Centre.		
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>This ward comprises the whole of Bedworth Town Centre and linked communities of Exhall and Hawkesbury. A local popular Gurudwara serves both Exhall and Hawkesbury residents.</p> <p>The area forms a natural corridor with the A444 Bedworth Bypass to the West, Canal to the East and Coventry local authority boundary to the south of the Ward. In addition, primary age children in Hawkesbury will generally attend Exhall Cedars Primary School.</p>		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	Existing ward name and name local "Hawkesbury Junction" canal junction in south of new ward.		

# Exhall & Hawkesbury

Councillors:	<b>2</b>
Property count:	<b>2993</b>
Total Electorate:	<b>6422</b>
Cllr electorate:	<b>3211</b>
Electorate Status:	<b>Balanced</b>
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<b>Ward 10</b>			
<b>Ward Name</b>	Galley Common		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	6474	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	5.9%
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	GCA, GCB, GCC, GCD, GCF		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	This remains substantially the current Galley Common ward, having given away GCE to Camp Hill.		
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>There has been significant development in the current Galley Common Ward and so the proposed change reduces the ward size to within an acceptable variance. The remaining polling districts continue to reflect the historical Galley Common community.</p> <p>This ward retains the natural southern boundary of the ward as the railway line. There exists only one small road link between this area and the newly Stockingford Ward, which suggests both should be distinct communities.</p>		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	No change – Historical name reflects existing community.		

## Galley Common Ward

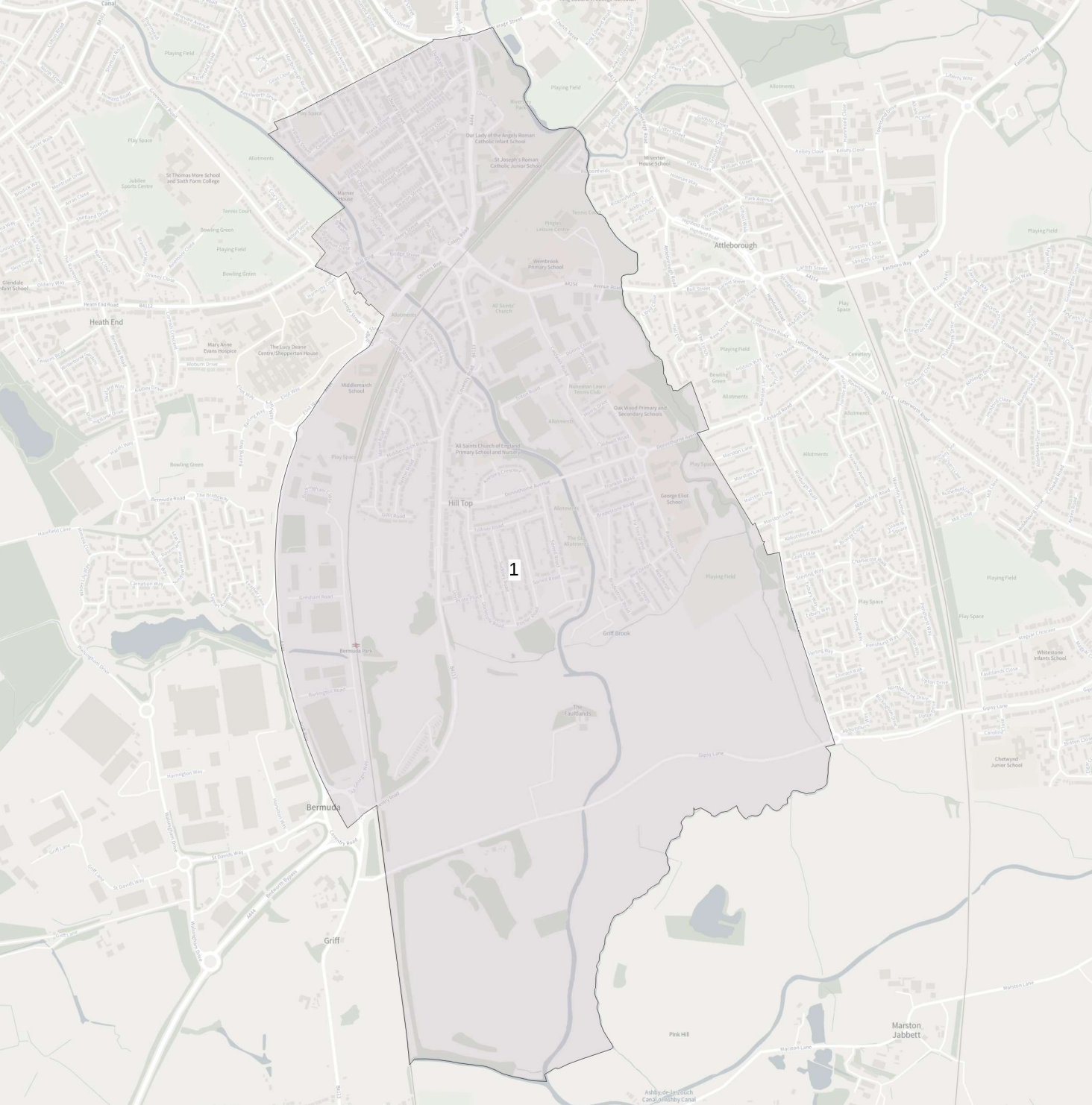
Councillors:	<b>2</b>
Property count:	<b>3325</b>
Total Electorate:	<b>6474</b>
Cllr electorate:	<b>3237</b>
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<b>Ward 11</b>			
<b>Ward Name</b>	Griff & Coton		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	6150	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	0.6%
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	WBA, WBB, WBC, WBD, WBE, WBG, BAH		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	This new ward is substantially the former Wem Brook ward, apart from WBF which is given away to Attleborough and takes BAH from the former Barpool Ward.		
<b>Rationale</b>	This amended ward retains much of the former Wem Brook ward. The BAH neighbourhood including the Bull Ring, Navigation Close has better connectivity with the WBB and WBC areas heading into Nuneaton Town Centre, than with the former Barpool Ward to the West.		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	The name reflects this area being covered by the historic Chilvers Coton Parish Area and the commonly known Griff Hollows area at the Hill Top end of the proposed ward. The Chilvers Coton Church is within the ward which follows on to Coton Arches and then Coton Road towards the Town Hall. The name is therefore more in keeping with local identity for residents.		

## Griff & Coton

Councillors:	<b>2</b>
Property count:	<b>3141</b>
Total Electorate:	<b>6150</b>
Cllr electorate:	<b>3075</b>
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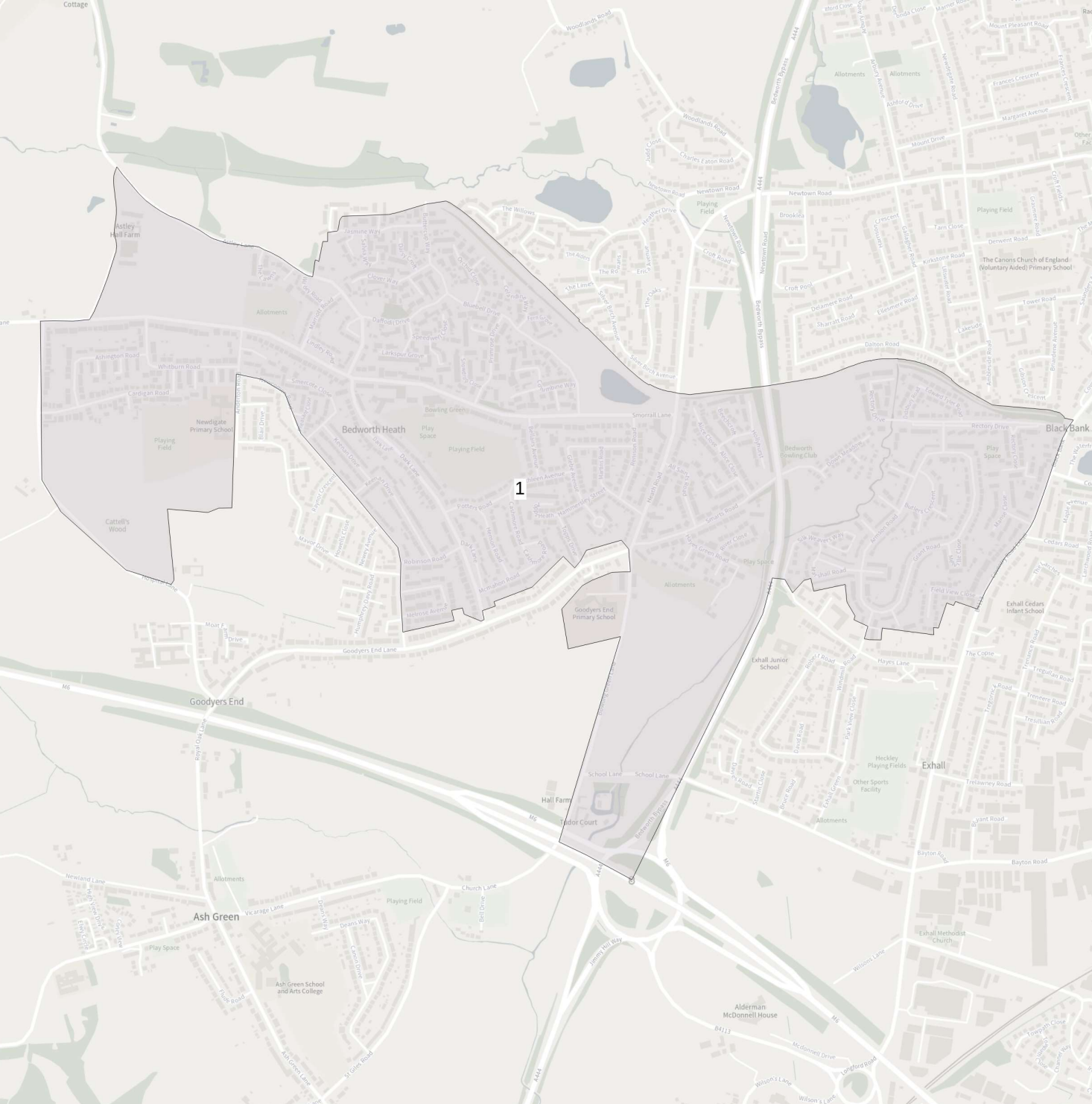




<b>Ward 12</b>			
<b>Ward Name</b>	Heath and Black Bank		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	6050	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	-1.0%
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	EXF, HEA, HEB, HEC, HED(1,2), HEE (1), HEF (1,2)		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	This ward is effectively the previous Heath ward, but with EXF taken in from Exhall and HEE(2) moving to the new Ash Green and Keresley End Ward.		
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>This amended ward takes in neighbourhoods from the former Exhall Ward, including new developments that must be accessed through Heath ward. Though the A444 goes through the centre of this amended ward, the popular footbridge on Hayes Green Road and Hayes Lane provides permeability between different parts of the ward.</p> <p>This is evidenced by a large number of children living in Heath using these links to attend Exhall Junior School.</p>		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	Heath – retains name from substantive part of the ward. Black Bank – named after the mineral line through Bedworth Heath to the local Black Bank Pub.		

# Heath & Black Bank

Councillors: **2**  
Property count: **3209**  
Total Electorate: **6050**  
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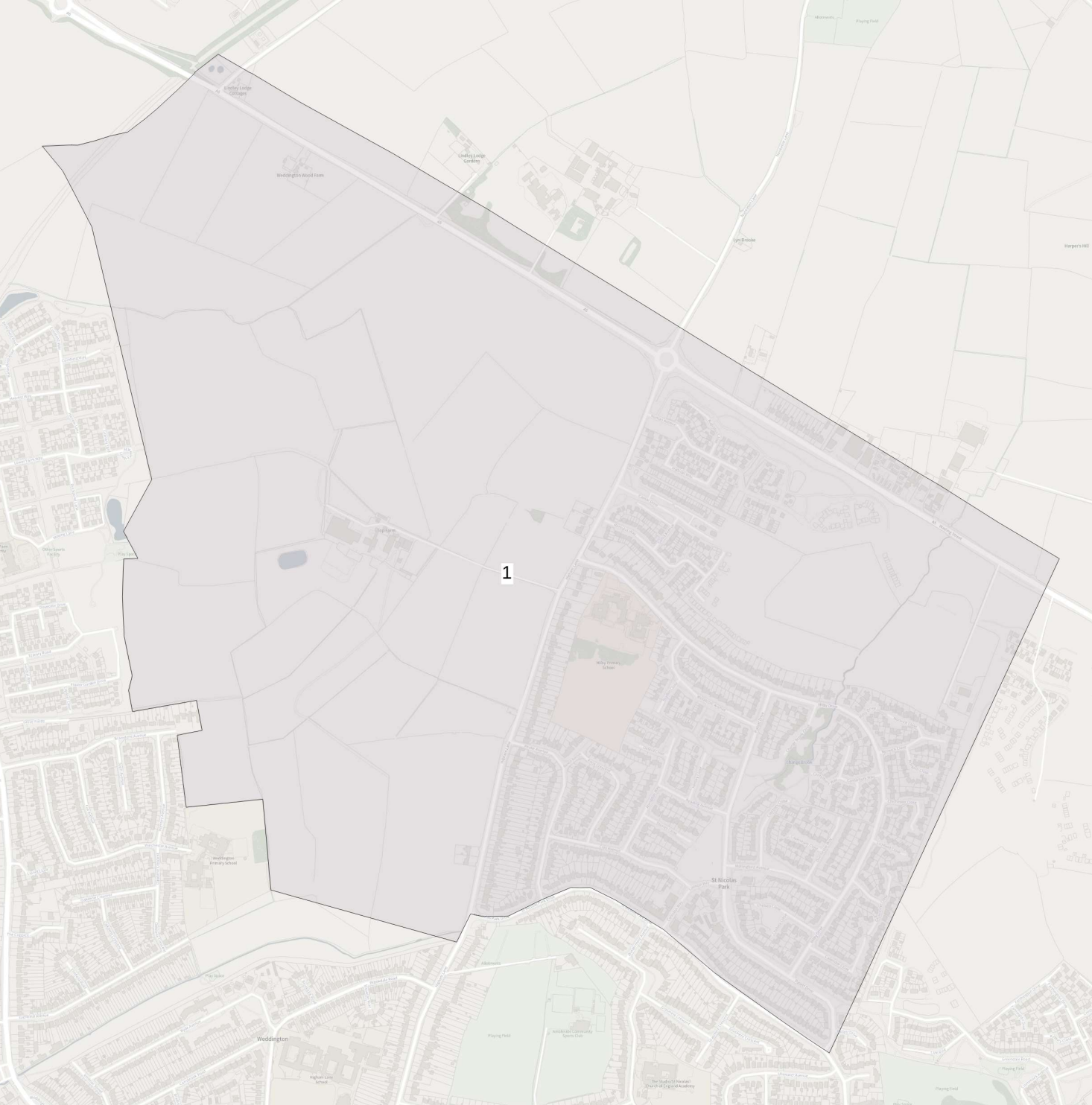
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<b>Ward Name</b>	Manor		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	5908	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	-3.3%
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	BAB, BAC, BAF, BAG, BAI, ABE(2)		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	This new ward comprises of most of the former Barpool Ward and one small polling district from the former Abbey Ward.		
<b>Rationale</b>	This ward is substantially the former Barpool Ward, including the natural extension of the ward, which adjoins Abbey in the Beaumont road area in ABE(2). The area bordered by Beaumont Road, Vernon's Lane and Manor Court Road forms a cohesive neighbourhood with connectivity with the rest of this area Residents from both these areas use shared supermarket facilities on Manor Court Road.		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	This area is known local for the now closed Manor Park School, Manor Park Road which will partly be included in the new ward and Manor Park Stadium, former home of Nuneaton Borough Football Club. It is also a previous name of a ward covering this area.		



<b>Ward 14</b>			
<b>Ward Name</b>	Milby		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	6330	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	3.6%
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	WEA (part), WEC		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	This new ward takes in most of the growing polling district of WEA, which has been the focus of much of the new development in the former Weddington Ward and the more established WEC polling district		
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>This new ward integrates the existing Milby Drive estate and areas which will be subject to significant new development in future years. The Milby Drive area and new estates share the same common access off Higham Lane, which is a spinal road from Nuneaton town centre to the A5.</p> <p>A proposed northern relief road will further create links between existing housing in the new Milby ward and new developments in the WEA areas. The “Top Farm” development will also provide community facilities to both these communities.</p>		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	Ward named for Milby Drive estate and Milby Primary School in the area.		

# Milby

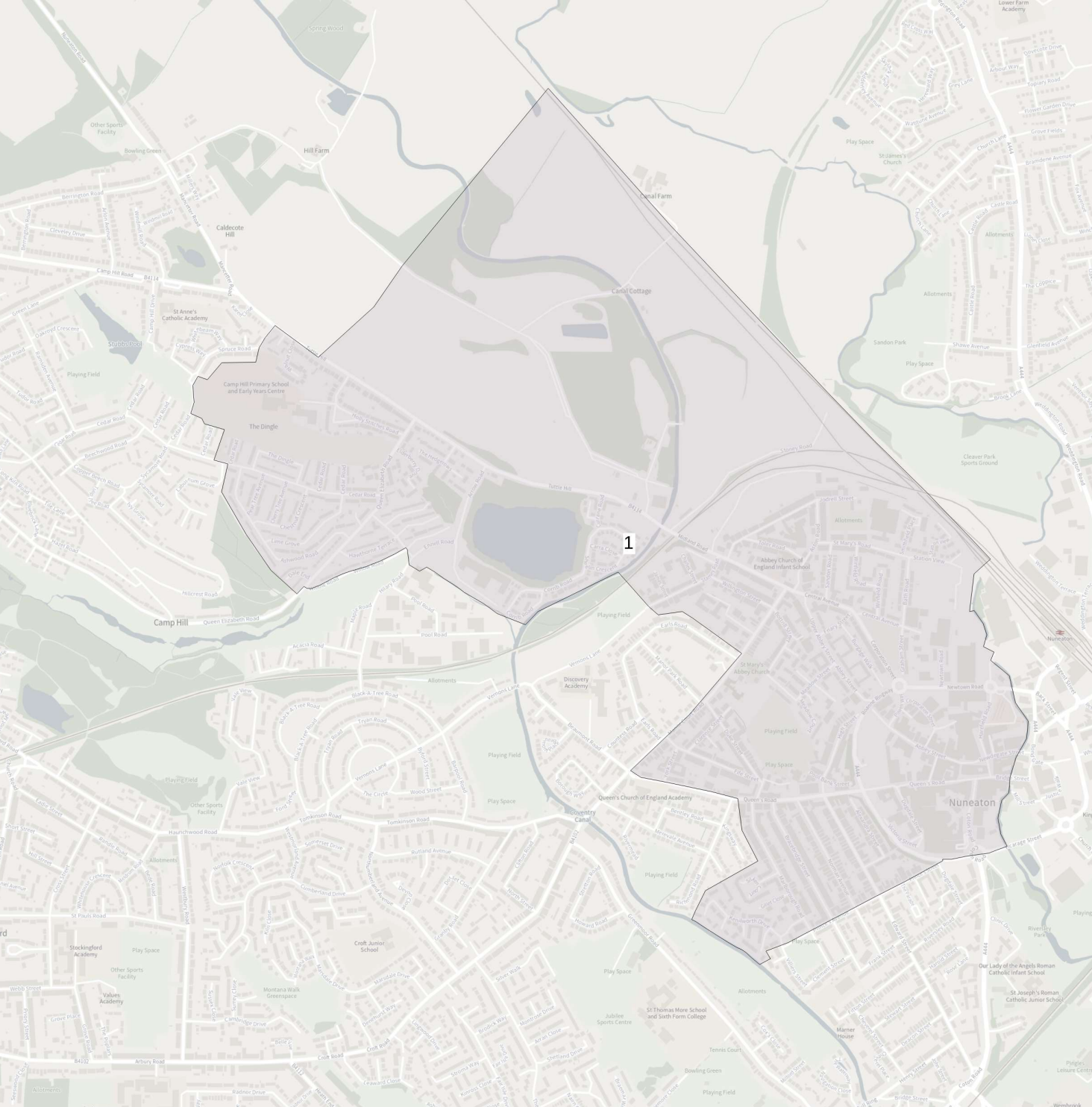
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<b>Ward 15</b>			
<b>Ward Name</b>	St. Mary's		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	6352	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	3.9%
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	ABA, ABB, ABD, ABF(1), CHF, CHG		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	This new ward comprises of most of the former Abbey Ward and those parts of Camp Hill nearest Nuneaton Town Centre. The rest of the former Abbey Ward is split between Attleborough (ABC 1,2) and Manor (ABE 2)		
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>This ward retains most of the former Abbey Ward which remains a coherent community and parts of Camp Hill which form a natural corridor from Corporation Street along Midland Road through the ward to Tuttle Hill.</p> <p>These two communities are adjacent along the arterial road. The North end of the proposed ward forms a natural boundary with the railway line.</p>		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	This name is linked to St. Mary's Church, a historic landmark in the area going back to the Domesday book and was a previous name for this ward.		

# St Mary's

Councillors:	<b>2</b>
Property count:	<b>4094</b>
Total Electorate:	<b>6352</b>
Cllr electorate:	<b>3176</b>
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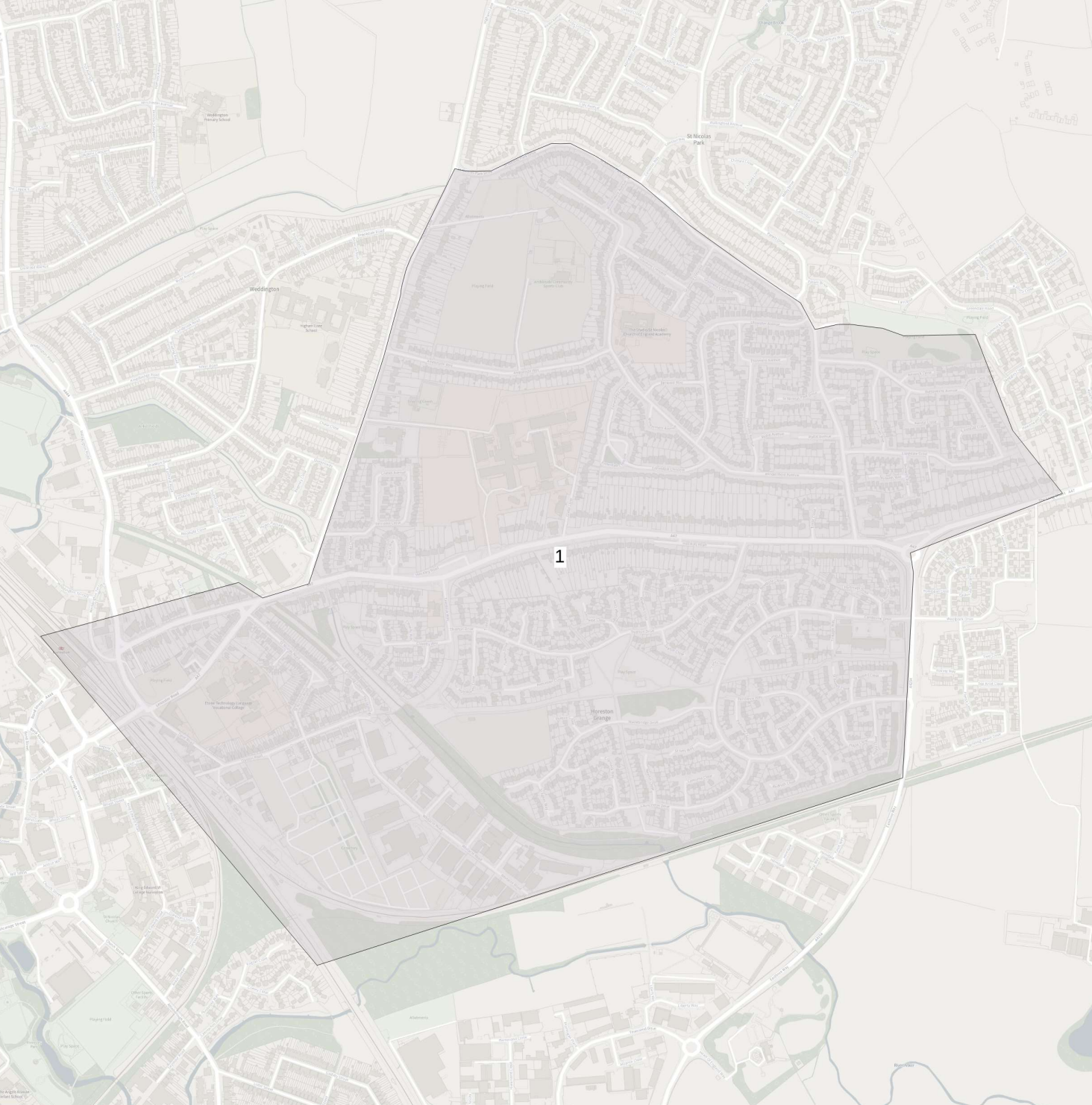




<b>Ward 16</b>			
<b>Ward Name</b>	St. Nicolas		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	6098	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	-0.2
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	SNA, SNB (1,2) SNC, SND, SNF, SNG		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	This remains substantially the former St. Nicolas Ward, with SNE moving to the new Eastboro Ward.		
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>This continues to reflect the existing communities within St. Nicolas, apart from SNE moving to a new additional Eastboro Ward with WHA. Residents in this area centre around Hinckley Road as the main thoroughfare from Nuneaton Town Centre to north of the Borough.</p> <p>This includes the well-defined neighbourhoods of Horeston Grange and Higham Lane, including access road to Higham Lane school, which serves this community.</p>		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	No change – Historical name reflects existing community.		

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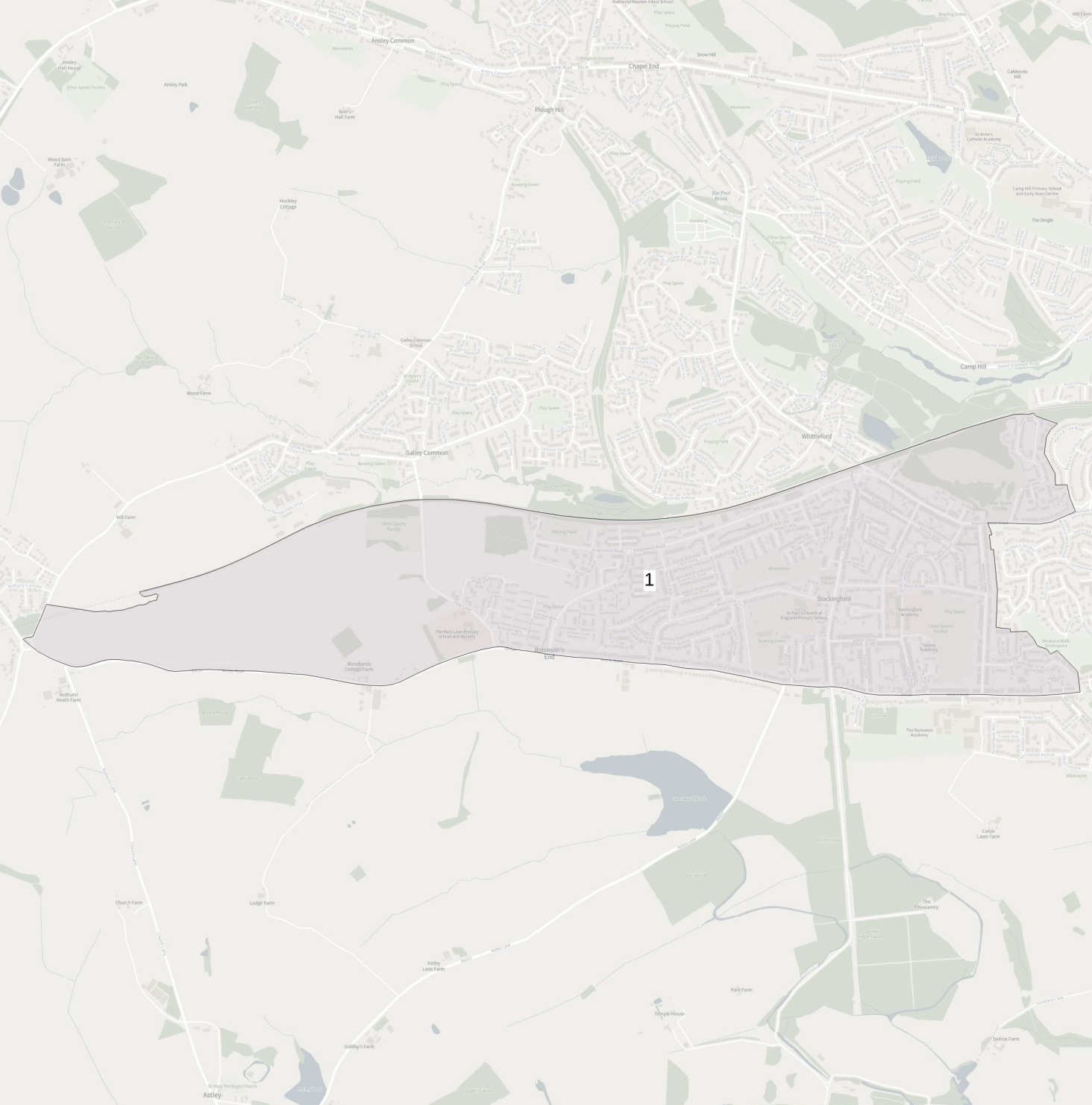
Councillors: **2**  
Property count: **2556**  
Total Electorate: **6098**  
Cllr electorate: **3049**  
Electorate Status: **Balanced**  
Electorate Target: **2750 - 3362**  
Date/Time Submitted: **24/09/2022 13:46**



<b>Ward 17</b>			
<b>Ward Name</b>	Stockingford		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	6308	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	-0.2
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	KIA, KIB, KIC, KID, KIE, KIF, BAA, BAD, BAE		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	This new ward takes in the entirety of the former Kingswood Ward and small sections of the former Barpool Ward		
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>Whilst Kingswood remains a distinct community, the former ward remained too small in terms of acceptable size. The addition of part of the Barpool ward means this area reflects the wider description of Stockingford, which was a ward historically and reflects a larger description of the area.</p> <p>The proposed ward shows a natural extension of Kingswood ward with neighbouring areas, with the railway line in the North and Astley Lane in the South.</p>		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	The addition of part of the Barpool ward means this area reflects the wider description of Stockingford, which was a ward historically and reflects a larger description of the area.		

# Stockingford

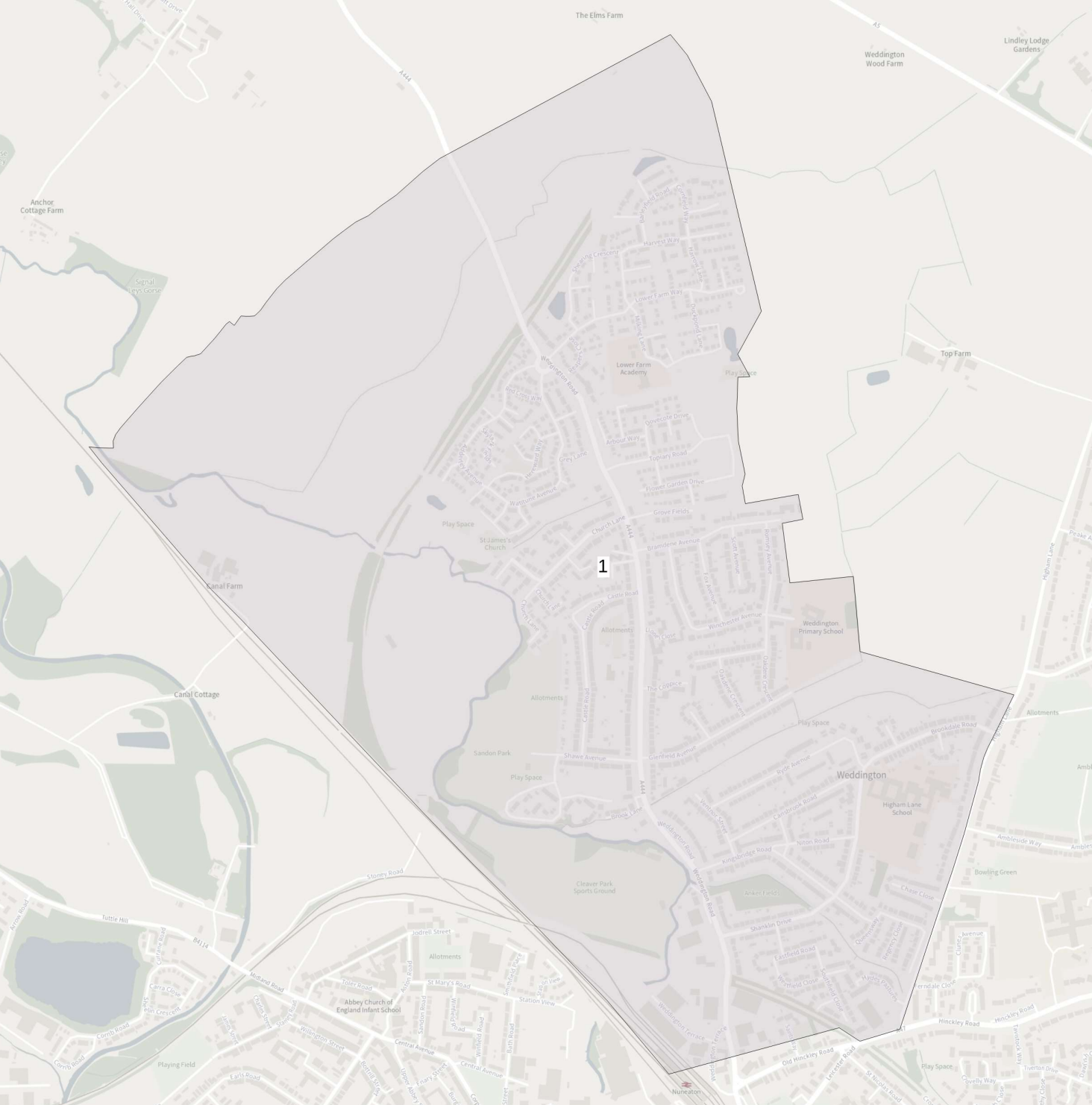
Councillors:	<b>2</b>
Property count:	<b>3732</b>
Total Electorate:	<b>6308</b>
Cllr electorate:	<b>3154</b>
Electorate Status:	<b>Balanced</b>
Electorate Target:	<b>2750 - 3362</b>
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<b>Ward 18</b>			
<b>Ward Name</b>	Weddington		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	5540	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	-9.4%
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	WEA (part), WED, WEE, WEF, WEG		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	This ward retains much of the original Weddington core area, with the larger growth areas of WEA being given over to the new Milby Ward		
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>Using current forecasts this ward is currently -9.4%, which we consider appropriate given the likely additional developments not accounted for in the Council size stage of the review. These developments will mean that it is likely that this ward grows quickly in the next few years, over and above the forecasts used by the Commission and the current boundary allows for this additional housing that may come forward.</p> <p>Weddington Lane provides a clear North-South link to communities in this ward, with shared facilities at Weddington Road shops. The area is bordered by Higham Lane in the east and railway line in the West, providing natural boundaries.</p>		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	No change – Historical name reflects existing community.		

# Weddington

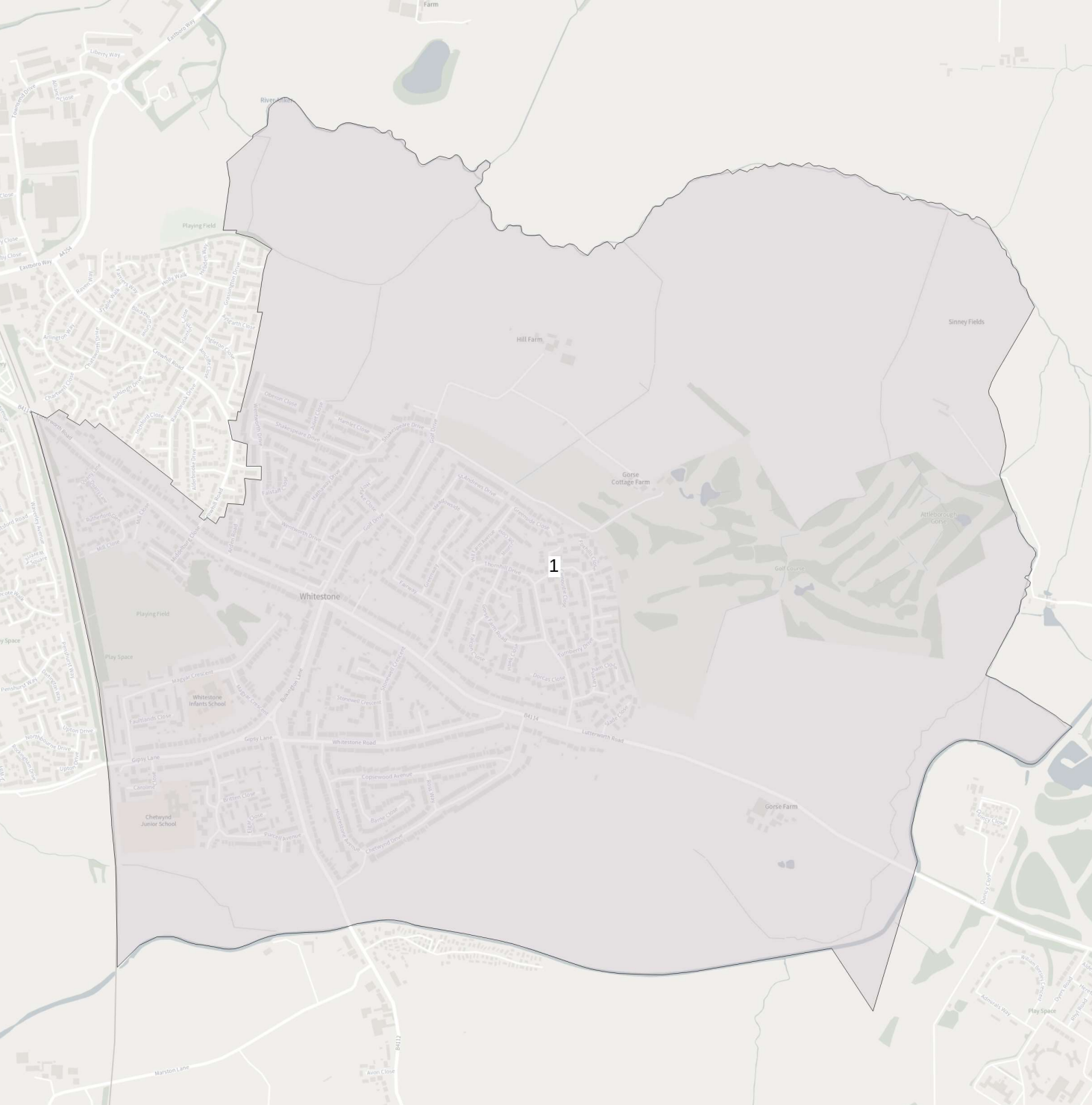
Councillors:	<b>2</b>
Property count:	<b>3011</b>
Total Electorate:	<b>5540</b>
Cllr electorate:	<b>2770</b>
Electorate Status:	<b>Balanced</b>
Electorate Target:	<b>2750 - 3362</b>
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<b>Ward 19</b>			
<b>Ward Name</b>	Whitestone		
<b>Projected Electorate (2028)</b>	6192	<b>Projected Variance (2028)</b>	1.3%
<b>Polling Districts comprised of:</b>	WHB, WHC (1,2), WHD, WHE, ATF, ATG		
<b>Summary of changes proposed</b>	This ward retains much of the original Whitestone Ward, with WHA joining part of St. Nicolas as the new Eastboro Ward. This also brings in 2 polling districts of Attleborough that look to Whitestone rather than the core of Attleborough.		
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>This ward takes in the 2 Attleborough polling districts that are separated from the rest of Attleborough Ward by the rail line from Nuneaton – Rugby which runs through the former Attleborough Ward. Residents in ATF/ATG consider themselves as Whitestone residents mainly due to permeability between ATF/ATG and Whitestone, so residents already feel part of the Whitestone community.</p> <p>The amended boundaries re-unites the split roads of Lutterworth Road and Gypsy Lane. Whitestone Community Centre and Whitestone Infant School are actually in ATF/ATG but actually serve Whitestone residents and so clear links between the areas will continue to exist in future.</p>		
<b>Name Rationale</b>	No change – Historical name reflects existing community.		

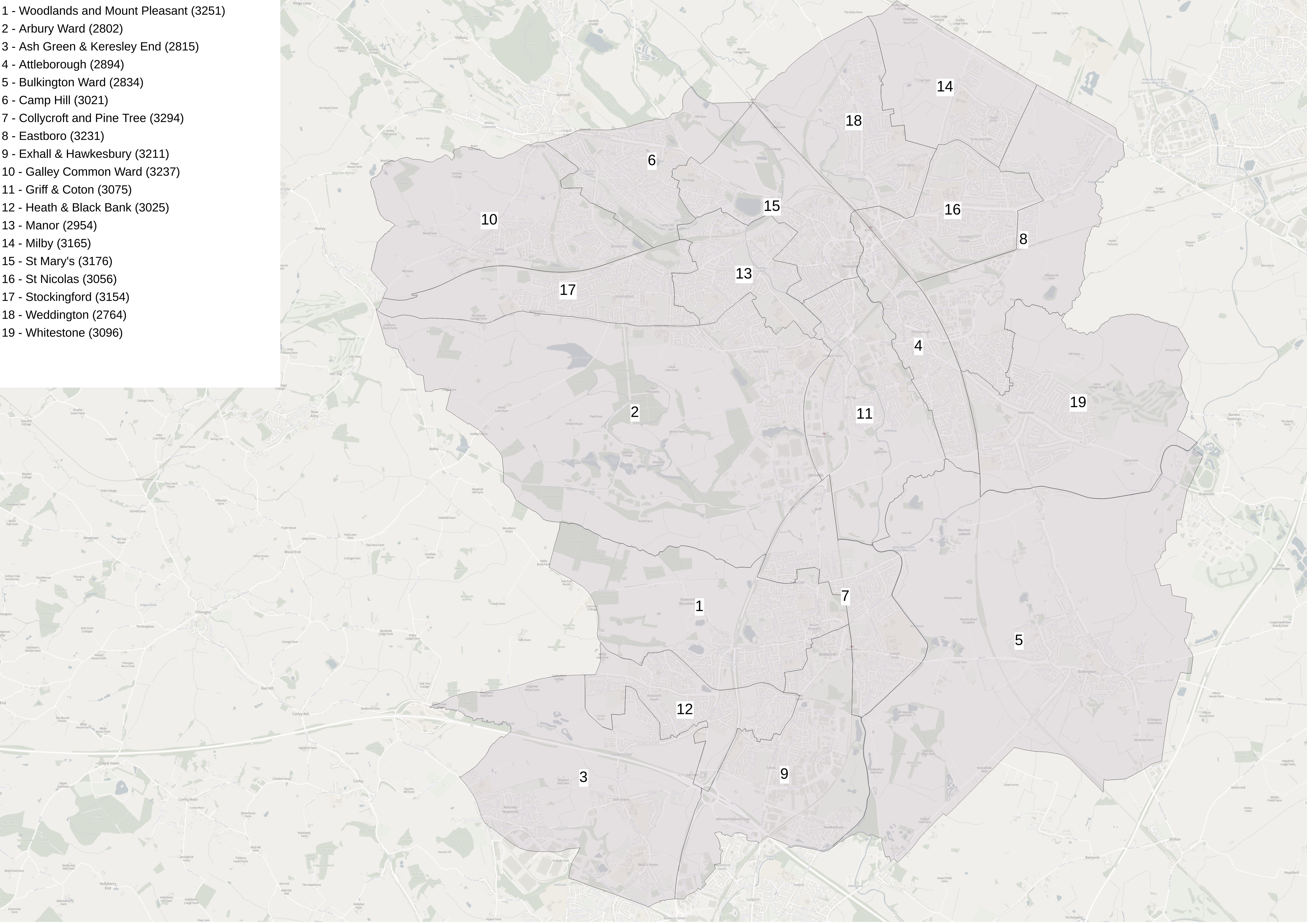
## Whitestone

Councillors:	<b>2</b>
Property count:	<b>2590</b>
Total Electorate:	<b>6192</b>
Cllr electorate:	<b>3096</b>
Electorate Status:	<b>Balanced</b>
Electorate Target:	<b>2750 - 3362</b>
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- 1 - Woodlands and Mount Pleasant (3251)
- 2 - Arbury Ward (2802)
- 3 - Ash Green & Keresley End (2815)
- 4 - Attleborough (2894)
- 5 - Bulkington Ward (2834)
- 6 - Camp Hill (3021)
- 7 - Collycroft and Pine Tree (3294)
- 8 - Eastboro (3231)
- 9 - Exhall & Hawkesbury (3211)
- 10 - Galley Common Ward (3237)
- 11 - Griff & Coton (3075)
- 12 - Heath & Black Bank (3025)
- 13 - Manor (2954)
- 14 - Milby (3165)
- 15 - St Mary's (3176)
- 16 - St Nicolas (3056)
- 17 - Stockingford (3154)
- 18 - Weddington (2764)
- 19 - Whitestone (3096)



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# Ward Boundary Review Consultation Response

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

## 1.0 About Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

- 1.1 Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council is making this consultation response further to its submission on Council size to ensure that the future warding arrangements for the Borough Council provide convenient and effective local government, provide wards of reasonable and equal size and most importantly, reflect the communities and local links that exist in the Borough.
- 1.2 This report has been considered by the Council's Cabinet on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and Council on 19<sup>th</sup> October and is submitted with full council approval.

## 2.0 Our approach to the consultation

- 2.1 The Council has reviewed the agreed forecasts and agreed council size and notes that elections will continue to be in halves, with 38 Councillors representing 19 wards and a total electorate in 2028 of 116,109. Based on these numbers, we have worked to the following numbers:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2028 forecast</b>
<b>Number of Councillors</b>	34	38
<b>Average electorate per Councillor</b>	2,926	3,056

- 2.2 We have based our projected ward sizes then on 3,056 electors per Councillor, with a pattern of wholly 2-member wards. Based on the commission guidance, wards can vary in size roughly 10% around the average:

	<b>Total electorate</b>
<b>Lower Size Limit</b>	5500
<b>Ideal Ward size</b>	6112
<b>Upper Size Limit</b>	6722

- 2.3 Members and officers then worked together using a software package to re-draw boundaries and draw up a new set of ward boundaries. Officers used the existing Polling District scheme as "building blocks" for the proposed warding, with reference to the LGBCE's criteria:
- The need to secure equality of representation – New wards should leave each Councillor representing roughly the same number of voters as other Councillors in the authority
  - The need to reflect the identities and interests of local communities – New wards should, as far as possible, reflect community interests and identities, and boundaries should be identifiable. Consider transport links, community groups and facilities, natural or physical boundaries and shared interests
  - The need to secure effective and convenient local government – New wards should promote effective and convenient local government. Consider the

number of councillors for the geographic size or and links between parts of the ward.

- 2.4 In response to these criteria, the Council notes that as an unparished area this means local communities are potentially less-well defined than in a parished Borough.
- 2.5 In addition, the relatively urban nature of Nuneaton, Bedworth and Bulkington towns, coupled with use of 2-member wards, mean that concerns in terms of geography and ability for members to represent an area are less than in more rural areas. Our proposed warding pattern therefore lends itself to effective and convenient local government in terms of representation, administration and geography.
- 2.6 Where the Borough does have some more rural areas, for example the South-West of Bedworth, Arbury Estate and Bulkington – the proposed pattern of wards recognises this and gives consideration to retaining the nature of these wards.
- 2.7 Whilst looking to the statutory criteria, the Council also believes that where possible, Ward boundaries should reflect the separate nature of the areas of Nuneaton, Bedworth and Bulkington and the separation between the three. Our proposed pattern of wards therefore reflect this, and include wards based on communities wholly within these 3 areas.
- 2.8 This also lends itself to retaining co-terminosity with existing Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries for Nuneaton, North Warwickshire and Rugby. Our proposed Bedworth wards remain wholly within North Warwickshire, and Bulkington within Rugby. We would strongly recommend to the Commission that this co-terminosity is retained in any future pattern of wards.
- 2.9 The Council also notes that the Parliamentary boundaries are not proposed to change as part of the Boundary Commission for England's 2023 review of parliamentary constituencies, further demonstrating the need for these areas to remain distinct within the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council area.

### 3.0 Proposed Warding Arrangements

3.1 A summary of proposed warding arrangements is set out below. The proposed warding pattern ensures all wards are within the 10% from ideal size.

Number	Ward Name	Electorate per Councillor	Total Electorate	Variance
1	Woodlands and Mount Pleasant	3251	6502	6.4
2	Arbury	2802	5604	-8.3
3	Ash Green and Keresley End	2815	5630	-7.9
4	Attleborough	2894	5788	-5.3
5	Bulkington	2834	5668	-7.3
6	Camp Hill	3021	6042	-1.1
7	Collycroft and Pine Tree	3294	6588	7.8
8	Eastboro	3230	6460	5.7
9	Exhall and Hawkesbury	3221	6422	5.1
10	Galley Common	3237	6474	5.9
11	Griff & Coton	3075	6150	0.6
12	Heath and Black Bank	3025	6050	-1.0
13	Manor	2954	5908	-3.3
14	Milby	3165	6330	3.6
15	St. Marys	3176	6352	3.9
16	St. Nicolas	3049	6098	-0.2
17	Stockingford	3154	6308	3.2
18	Weddington	2770	5540	-9.4
19	Whitestone	3096	6192	1.3

3.2 A full breakdown is attached below, with a ward map and rationale for each ward set out.

**Cabinet/Individual Cabinet Member Decision**

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**Report Summary Sheet**

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Subject: Response to consultation – Local Government Boundary Commission on Warding Arrangements for Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council**

**Portfolio: Business and Regeneration (Cllr K. Wilson)**

**From: Chief Executive**

**Summary:**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) have identified NBBC as requiring a review of the number of councillors and ward boundaries within the borough.

The Borough Council submitted a proposal for 19 Wards, represented by 38 Councillors, which the Commission agreed.

The second stage of the consultation is to propose what warding arrangements the Borough should have going forward, based on each ward being of equal size and other criteria set by the Commission.

The Appendix to the report forms the consultation response on behalf of the Borough Council, including maps and statistics for each of the newly proposed wards.

**Recommendations:**

That Cabinet recommend to Council that:

Council approve the response at Appendix A to this report be and approve submission to the LGBCE as the Borough Council's response to their consultation on warding arrangements.

**Options:**

N/A

**Reasons:**

In order to ensure appropriate warding arrangements for the Borough, a response to the consultation needs to be made.

**Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers/Stakeholders**

Members have been supported by officers to bring forward these proposals. The LGBCE consultation is open to the wider public to respond to separately.

**Subject to call-in:**

Yes

**Ward relevance:**

All Wards

Forward plan: Yes

**Delivering Our Future Theme:**

**Collaboration – achieving more by working together**

**Delivering Our Future Priority:**

**Partners, Businesses and Suppliers -we will work with our partners, businesses, suppliers**

**Relevant statutes or policy:**

The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 sets out how LGBCE conduct review and the process for Councils to respond to consultation

**Equalities Implications:**

**(Does this require an Equalities Impact Assessment? If so please append.)**

N/A

**Human resources implications:**

N/A

**Financial implications:**

None – the Borough Council’s work on this review will be managed within existing budgets

**Health Inequalities Implications:**

N/A

**Section 17 Crime & Disorder Implications:**

N/A

**Risk management implications:**

Failure to respond appropriately to the review risks the number of Councillors allocated to the Borough Council and/or the number, size and shape of the Borough’s Wards not being fit for purpose

**Environmental implications:**

N/A

**Legal implications:**

N/A

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## AGENDA ITEM NO. 11b

### NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Report to:** Cabinet, - 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**From:** Chief Executive

**Subject:** Response to consultation – Local Government Boundary Commission on Warding Arrangements for Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

**Portfolio:** Business and Regeneration (Cllr K. Wilson)

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#### 1. Purpose of Report

This report outlines the proposed response from the Borough Council to the Local Government Boundary Commission's consultation on the future warding arrangements for the borough..

#### 2. Recommendations

##### 1. That Cabinet recommend to Council that:

**Council approve the response at Appendix A to this report be and approve submission to the LGBCE as the Borough Council's response to their consultation on warding arrangements.**

#### 3. Background

- 3.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) are tasked by parliament to undertake periodic review of the ward boundaries of local authorities in England.
- 3.2 Council approved a response to the LGBCE in June 2022 which asked the LGBCE to approve plans for an increase in the number of wards and councillors. The Commission approved this in August 2022 and has agreed that as of May 2024, the Borough Council will be formed of 19 Wards, represented by 38 Councillors.
- 3.3 Following this, the LGBCE have launched a consultation on what the new ward boundaries should be, based on an average ward size of 6,112 electors per ward.
- 3.4 Working with staff from the elections team, members have been supported in bringing forward their proposals as responses to this consultation.. It is recommended that Cabinet recommend to Council that these proposals be submitted as the official response by the Borough Council.
- 3.5 The proposals have been drawn up to meet the LGBCE's three criteria for submitting warding patterns:

1. New wards should leave each Councillor representing roughly the same number of voters as other Councillors elsewhere in the authority.
2. New wards should – as far as possible – reflect community interests and identities, and boundaries should be identifiable
3. New wards should promote effective and convenient local government

5. Conclusion

Cabinet is asked to recommend to Council that the consultation is approved and submitted to the LGBCE.

6. Appendices

Appendix A – NBBC proposals for Warding Arrangements

7. Background Papers (if none, state none)

None