

Kirklees

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Proposed Adjustments to Warding Patterns

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General Proposals

In completing this analysis, the Conservative Group have worked with the 2029 electorate forecast. We have used the average ward size under this forecast of 14,930 as being the baseline for ward size and have tried where possible and appropriate to keep within a 5% variance from this figure.

Those wards which are within tolerance we have tried to keep unaltered, if possible, although this has not always been possible due to the knock-on effect of neighbouring wards.

We have tried where possible to keep communities intact, and to re-unite communities that were divided in the last boundary review. Examples are the inclusion of all Birstall into the Birstall & Birkenshaw Ward, which before had one quarter of the town in Batley West Ward; the inclusion of parts of Gomersal into the Liversedge & Gomersal Ward from the Birstall & Birkenshaw Ward; and the inclusion of parts of Heckmondwike which were in the Liversedge & Gomersal Ward into the Heckmondwike Ward.

This makes the boundary lines of some wards less identifiable, but we argue that it is more important that electors realise which ward they are in, rather than having neat boundary lines which run up roads or along rivers.

We have also tried to formulate wards which contain similar communities or communities with links.

Where possible, our aim is to keep wards co-terminus with existing Parish and Town Councils. This is achievable with Denby Dale Ward, and we are proposing an exemption for Mirfield Ward which will be slightly over tolerance but co-terminous with the Town Council (this argument was accepted in the 2003 review). Kirkburton Parish, which is currently split across three wards, we are proposing to split across two wards. Holme Valley Parish Council is split as now across two wards and Meltham Town Council is wholly retained within the Holme Valley North Ward.

A corollary of keeping Mirfield Ward so-terminus with the Town Council is that three other North Kirklees wards become slightly under the -5% tolerance but we feel this is a price worth paying for keeping communities together.

We propose that, in keeping with the towns of Dewsbury and Batley, some Huddersfield wards are renamed as Huddersfield North, Huddersfield South, Huddersfield East, Huddersfield West and Huddersfield Central. We feel this is preferable to using the names of one or two smaller communities within a ward which comprises several such communities and is more easily understood.

We would invite the Commission to support our proposals, and where necessary realign polling district boundaries slightly in order to, for example, make a better split between Batley East and Batley West.

Individual Ward Proposals

Below is a ward-by ward analysis breaking down any polling districts which we propose to be added to or removed from particular wards.

In a few cases we feel that the most sensible proposal is to split a polling district. These are also detailed below along with the justifications as to why we believe these are the most sensible proposals for each ward looking ahead to 2029.

Where changes to wards have been proposed a map of the new area has been included. **Orange** are those districts remaining in the ward, **Red** are those districts being removed from the ward and **Green** are those districts being added to the ward.

Almondbury

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Almondbury	14756
AL01 -	2720
AL02 -	1777
AL03 -	1916
AL06 -	2497
AL07 -	1741
AL08 -	802
DA06 -	3303

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- DA06

Removals

- AL04 and AL05 both move to Dalton Ward

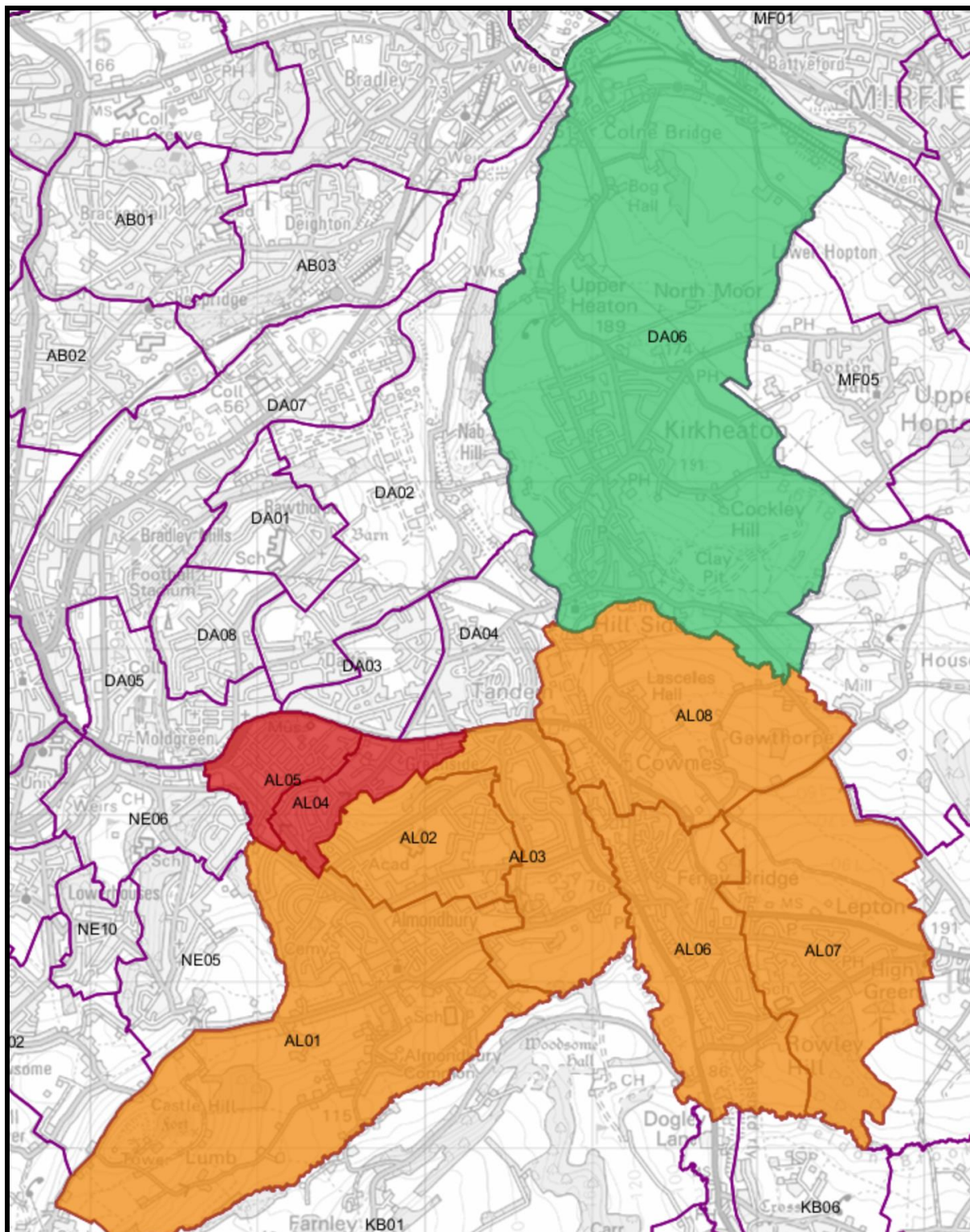
Justifications

The DA06 polling district is the village of Kirkheaton, which is part of Kirkburton Parish Council. By transferring this polling district to the Almondbury Ward we can split Kirkburton Parish area over two rather than three wards.

The rural village of Kirkheaton fits better with the similar neighbouring villages of Almondbury and Lepton rather than the urban area which makes up most of the Dalton Ward and have good transport connections.

We propose that the ward name be retained as Almondbury Ward.

Proposed Adjusted Almondbury Ward Map



Ashbrow

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Ashbrow	14465
AB01 -	3080
AB04 -	4099
AB05 -	1633
AB06 -	2503
LD04 -	3150

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- LD04

Removals

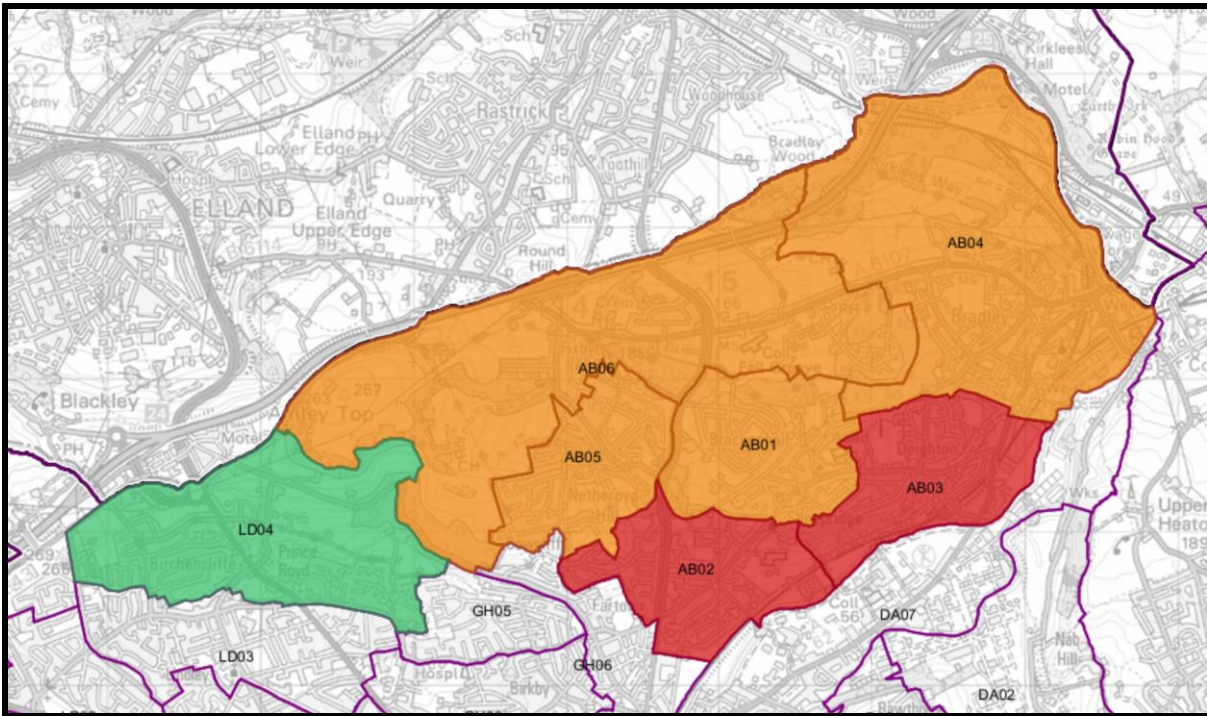
- AB02 moves to Greenhead Ward
- AB03 moves to Dalton Ward

Justifications

This ward now contains several similar neighbourhoods linked across the North of Huddersfield with good transport connections.

For simplicity we propose that the ward be renamed Huddersfield North Ward. The name Ashbrow Ward was a construct in the last review which does not reflect much of the ward itself.

Proposed Adjusted Ashbrow (Huddersfield North) Ward Map



Batley East

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Batley East	14553
BE01 -	1623
BE02 -	877
BE03 -	2712
BE04 -	1510
BE05 -	1699
BE06 -	2462
BE07 -	960
BE08 -	675
BE09 -	1288
BE10 -	747

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- None proposed.

Removals

- None proposed.

Justifications

The Group believes that the size and make-up of this ward work under the 2029 forecast without adjustments being required.

Batley West

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Batley West	14266
BW01 -	1791
BW03 -	2921
BW04 -	2467
BW05 -	2960
BW06 -	2394
BB04 - (Split 2 of 5%)	159
HE01 - (Split 2 - 14%)	349
HE02 - (Split 2 - 1.5%)	37
HE03 - (Split 2 - 4%)	148
DW04 - (Split 1 of 53%)	1040

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- BB04 – Gains 5% split of this district.
- HE01 – Gains 14% split of this district.
- HE02 – Gains 1.5% split of this district.
- HE03 – Gains 4% split of this district.
- DW04 – Gains 53% split of this district.

Removals

- BW02 moves into the Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward.

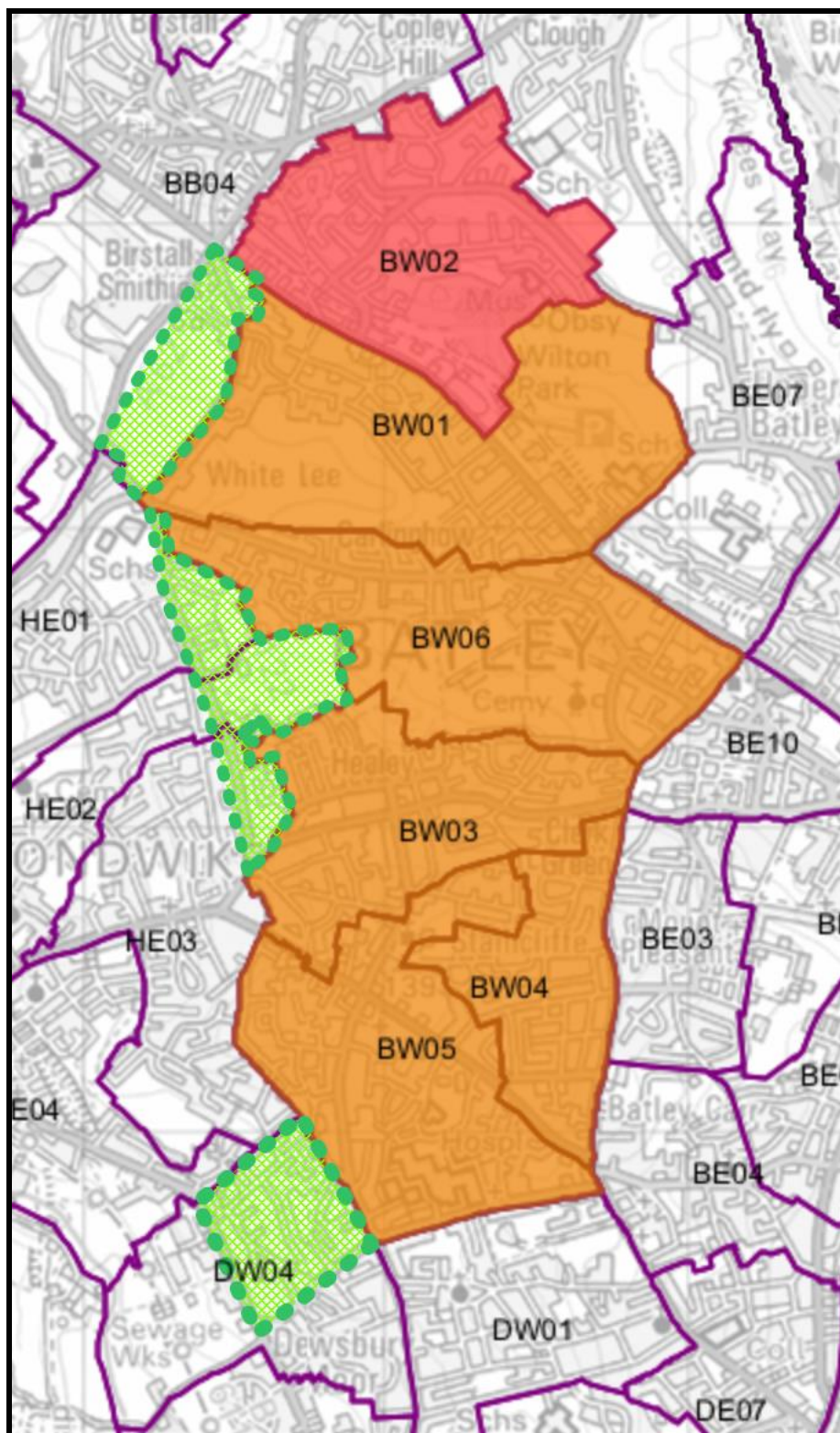
Justifications

By moving BW02 into Birstall & Birkenshaw Ward, Batley West Ward becomes under tolerance. We have addressed this by moving some historic parts of Batley back into Batley West from Heckmondwike, and by adding a part of DW04 which was part of the Batley West Ward until the 2003 review.

The new ward connects similar communities and has good transport links.

We propose the name Batley West Ward be retained.

Proposed Adjusted Batley West Ward Map



Birstall & Birkenshaw

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Birstall & Birkenshaw	15033
BB02 -	1888
BB03 -	1297
BB05 -	1728
BB06 -	2119
BB07 -	2377
BW02 -	2072
BB04 - (Split 1 of 95%)	3028
BB01 - (Split 1 of 41%)	524

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- BW02

Removals

- BB01 – loses 59% split to Liversedge and Gomersal Ward.
- BB04 – loses 5% split to Batley West Ward.

Justifications

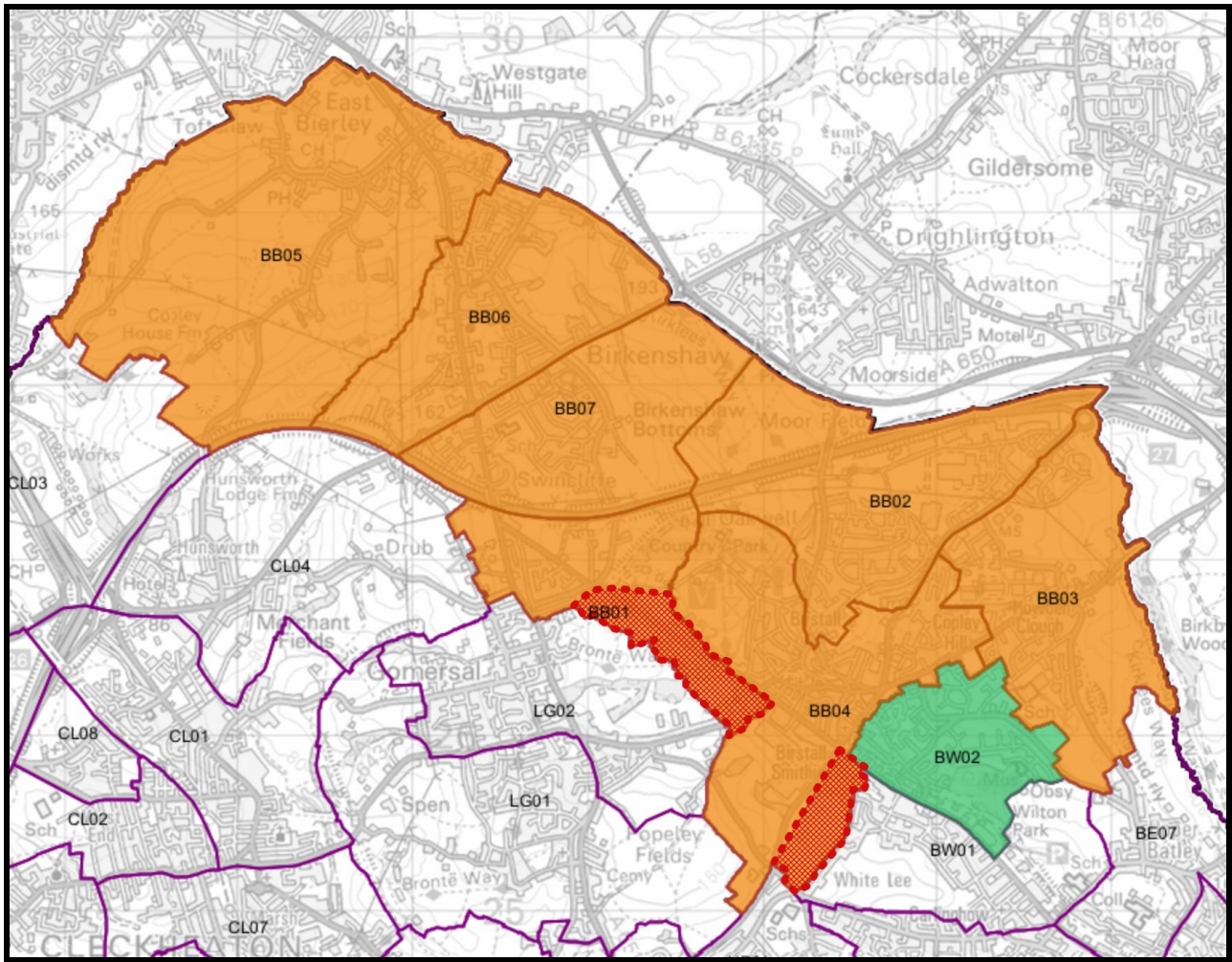
The addition of the majority of BW02 re-unites the town of Birstall wholly within the ward, instead of this part of the town being in Batley West Ward, thus keeping a community together.

The transfer of parts of Gomersal from BB01 into the Liversedge & Gomersal Ward re-unites the village of Gomersal wholly within that ward, thus keeping a community together.

There is a small transfer from BB04 into Batley West Ward which aligns the boundary between Birstall & Birkenshaw Ward and Batley West Ward along Huddersfield Road and Bradford Road. This we feel gives a better boundary.

We propose the name Birstall & Birkenshaw Ward is retained.

Proposed Adjusted Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward Map



Cleckheaton

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Cleckheaton	14963
CL01 -	2440
CL02 -	1958
CL03 -	556
CL04 -	1450
CL05 -	2195
CL06 -	1493
CL07 -	2617
CL08 -	974
CL09 -	736
CL10 -	544

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- None proposed.

Removals

- None proposed.

Justifications

The Group believes that the size and make-up of this ward work under the 2029 forecast without adjustments being required.

Colne Valley

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Colne Valley	14870
CV01 -	1564
CV02 -	1979
CV03 -	835
CV04 -	606
CV05 -	2584
CV06 -	2813
CV07 -	938
CV08 -	735
CV09 -	2816

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- None proposed.

Removals

- None proposed.

Justifications

The Group believes that the size and make-up of this ward work under the 2029 forecast without adjustments being required.

Crosland Moor & Netherton

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Crosland Moor & Netherton	14903
CN01 -	1996
CN02 -	2850
CN04 -	1895
CN06 -	1182
CN07 -	2333
GH01 -	2972
GH04 -	1675

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- GH01
- GH04

Removals

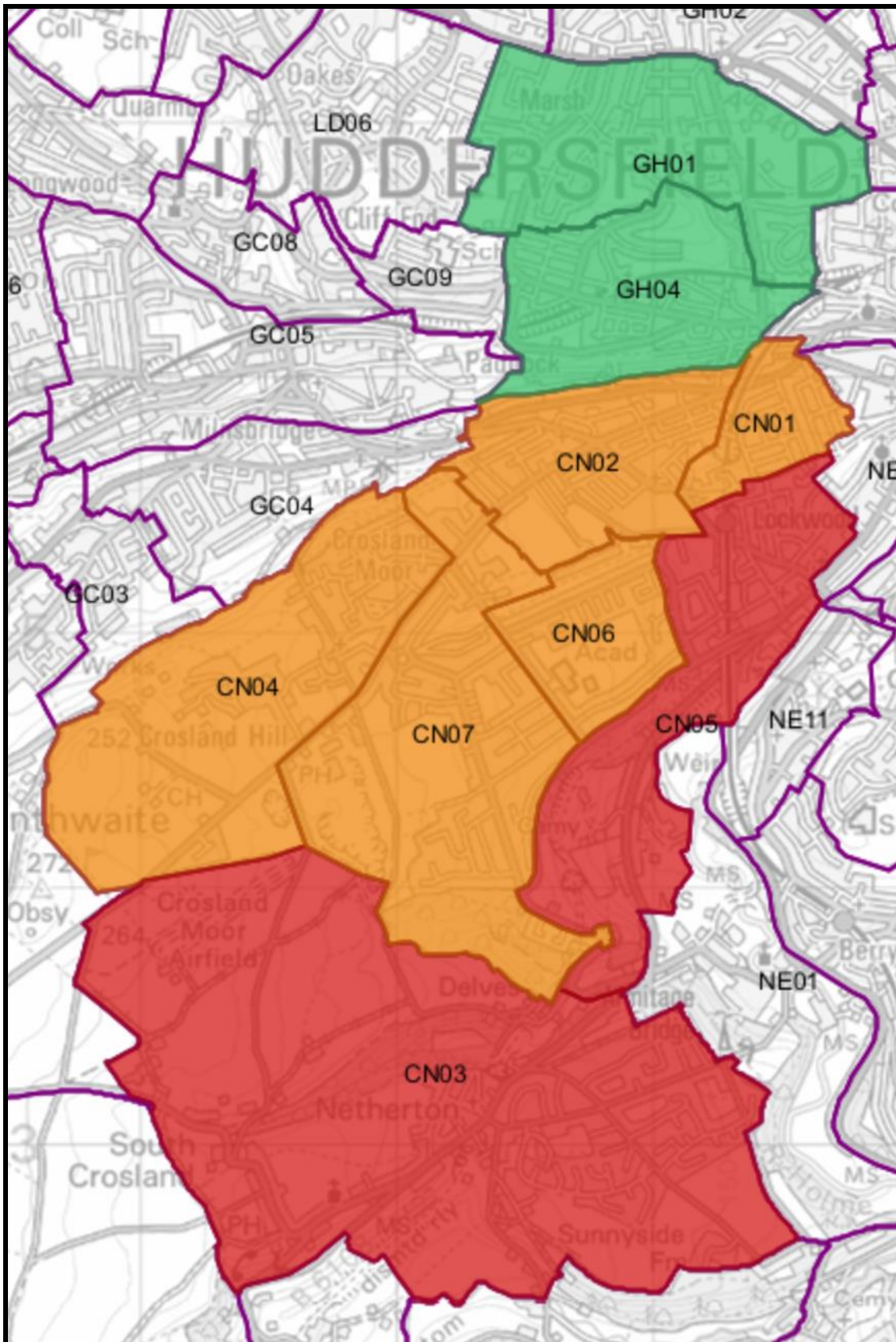
- CN03 – Moves into the Newsome Ward.
- CN05 – Moves into the Newsome Ward.

Justifications

The amendments to this ward are as a result of transfers elsewhere but leave a coherent and compact ward of similar urban areas in the west of the town of Huddersfield with good transport links.

We propose to rename this ward Huddersfield West.

Proposed Adjusted Crosland Moor & Netherton (Huddersfield West) Ward Map



Dalton

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Dalton	14618
AB03 -	1789
AL04 -	1358
AL05 -	1403
DA01 -	1062
DA02 -	1945
DA03 -	1596
DA04 -	1690
DA05 -	985
DA07 -	1155
DA08 -	1635

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- AB03
- AL04
- AL05

Removals

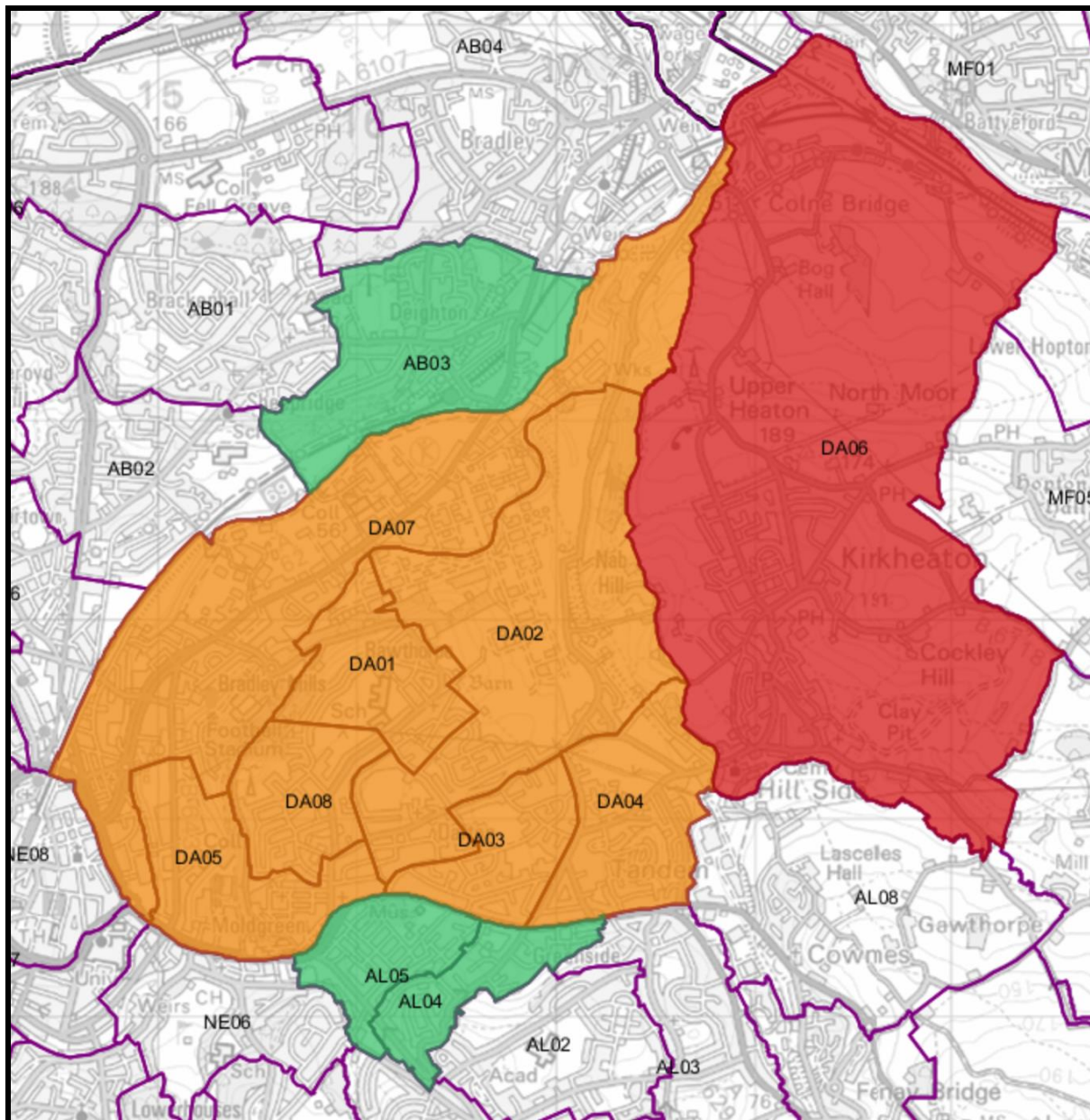
- DA06 moves to the Almondbury Ward.

Justifications

The removal of DA06 leaves this ward under tolerance, and so we propose adding neighbouring polling districts from the present Ashbrow and Almondbury Wards to form a compact ward of similar urban areas in the west of Huddersfield with good transport links.

We propose this ward is renamed Huddersfield East.

Proposed Adjusted Dalton (Huddersfield East) Ward Map



Denby Dale

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Denby Dale	14744
DD01 -	2614
DD02 -	612
DD03 -	462
DD04 -	548
DD05 -	2840
DD06 -	322
DD07 -	1378
DD08 -	235
DD09 -	1579
DD10 -	2313
DD11 -	1841

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- None proposed.

Removals

- None proposed.

Justifications

The Group believe that the size and make-up of this ward work under the 2029 forecast without adjustments being required. We support the idea that this ward remains co-terminus with Denby Dale Parish Council.

Dewsbury East

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Dewsbury East	14353
DE01 -	2611
DE02 -	2177
DE03 -	3110
DE04 -	2737
DE05 -	2294
DE06 -	1424

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- None proposed.

Removals

- DE07 moved to Dewsbury West Ward.

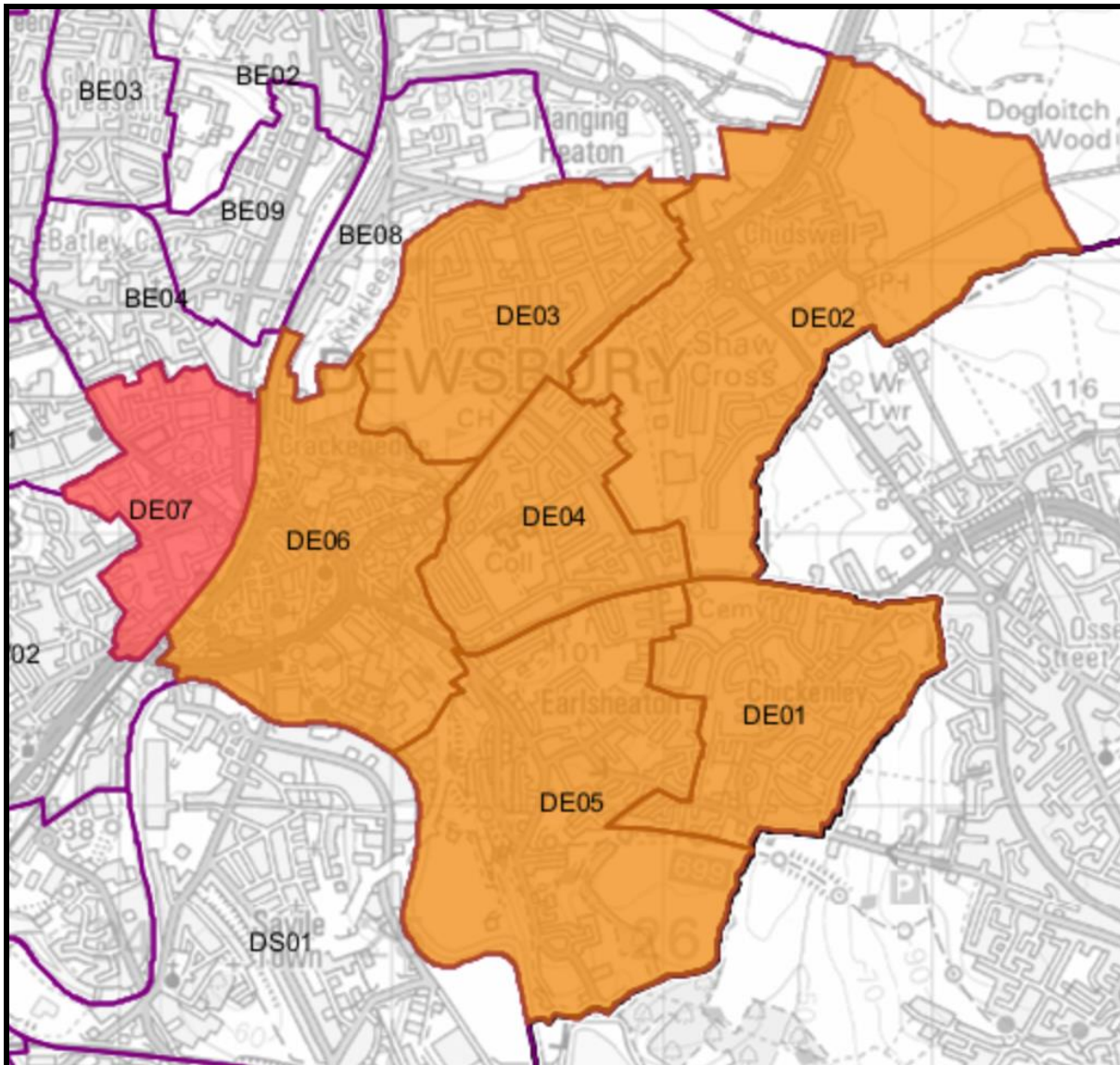
Justifications

The Dewsbury East Ward would have been over tolerance as it stood, and the removal of one polling district in the west of the ward leaves the ward just under the -5% tolerance level. We believe this is justified given the simplicity of the transfer and the resulting identifiable boundary.

It is worth noting that there are plans for thousands more dwellings in the ward at Chidswell under the Kirklees Local Plan, so slightly under tolerance we would suggest is acceptable in this case.

We propose the ward name be retained.

Proposed Adjusted Dewsbury East Ward Map



Dewsbury South

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Dewsbury South	15895
DS02 -	2376
DS03 -	3377
DS04 -	2030
DS05 -	1425
DS06 -	1822
DW06 -	3148
DW07 -	1717

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- DW06
- DW07

Removals

- DS01 moves to Dewsbury West Ward.
- DS07 moves to the Kirkburton Ward.

Justifications

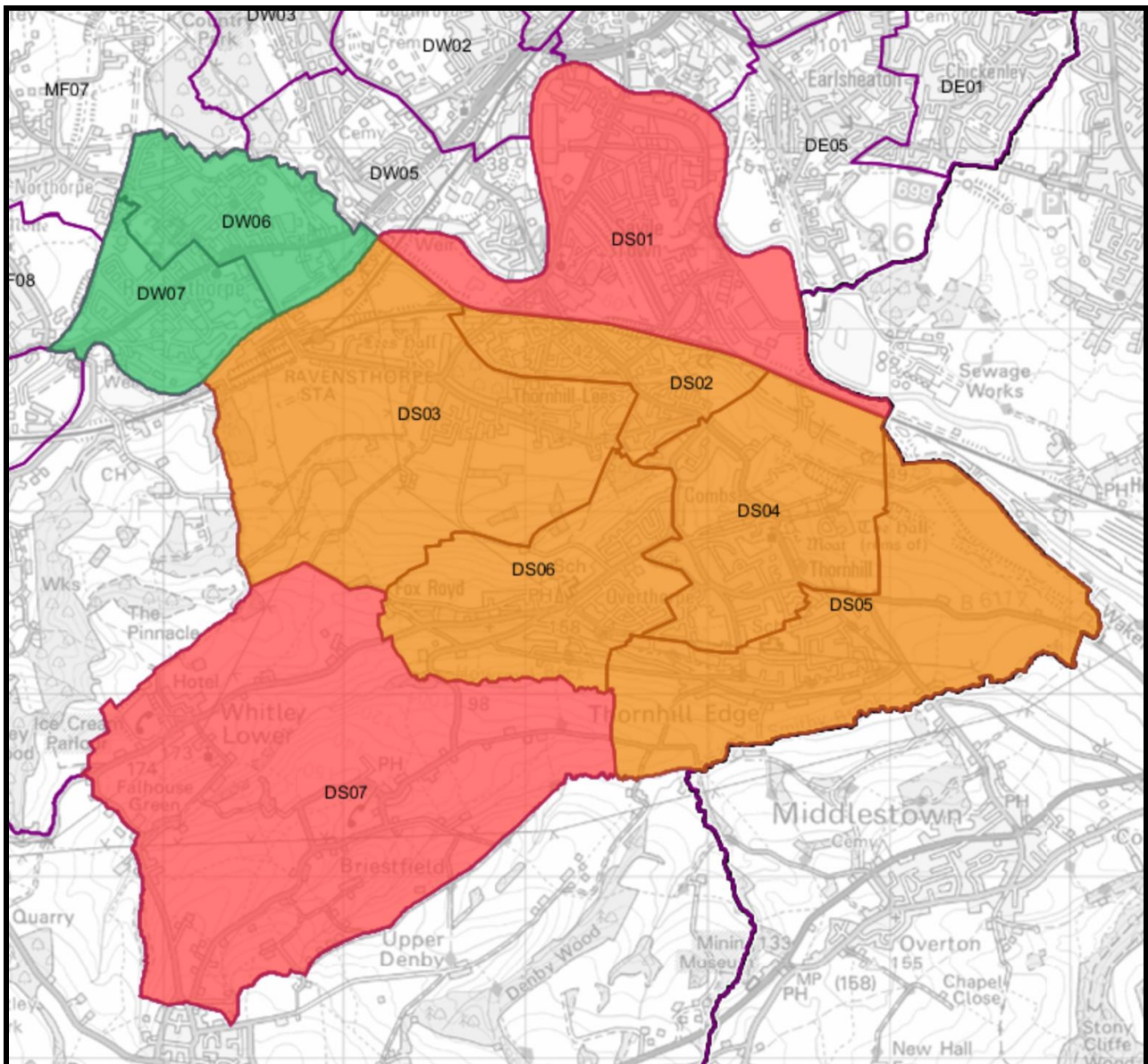
The removal of DS07 to Kirkburton Ward necessitates a revision in this ward.

The Savile Town part (DS01) we propose to transfer to form a new compact Dewsbury West Ward.

The area of Ravensthorpe (DW06 and DW07) is then transferred into Dewsbury South Ward. This has connections along Calder Road and unites similar urban areas of Dewsbury.

We propose no change to the name of the ward.

Proposed Adjusted Dewsbury South Ward Map



Dewsbury West

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Dewsbury West	14508
DE07 -	1606
DS01 -	3556
DW01 -	1947
DW02 -	2133
DW03 -	1824
DW05 -	2519
DW04 - (Split 1 of 47%)	923

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- DE07
- DS01

Removals

- DW04 - 53% split of DW04 moves to Batley West Ward.
- DW06 – moves to the Dewsbury South Ward.
- DW07 – moved to the Dewsbury South Ward.

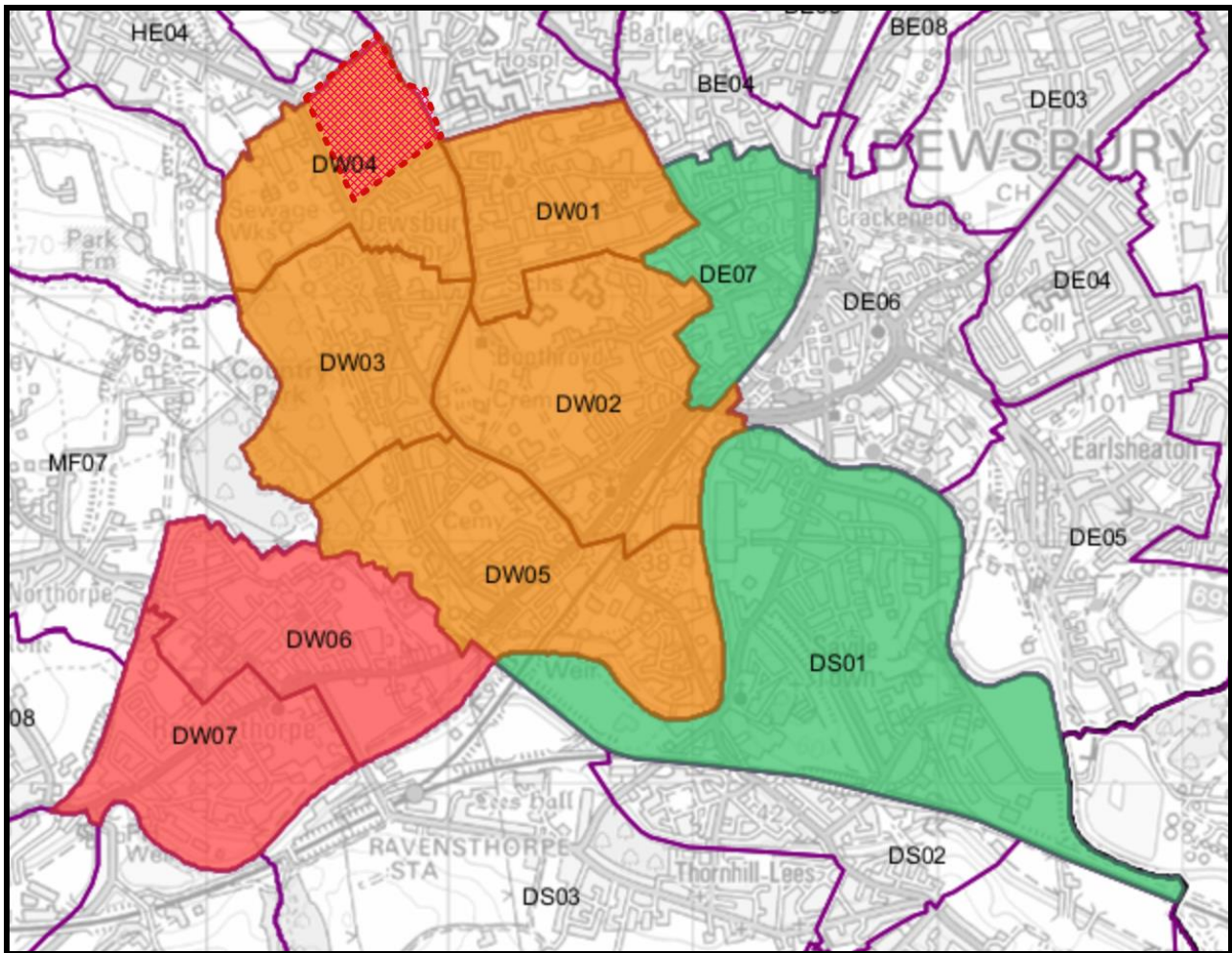
Justifications

We propose a more compact Dewsbury West Ward comprising the above polling districts which will unite similar communities of the town and allow for neighbouring wards to achieve tolerance. There are good transport links and community links between the areas comprising the new ward.

The area of DW04 transferred to Batley West was part of the Batley West Ward prior to the last boundary review.

We propose no change to the name of the ward.

Proposed Adjusted Dewsbury West Ward Map



Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Golcar	16123
GC01 -	2323
GC02 -	1825
GC03 -	861
GC04 -	1811
GC05 -	2426
GC06 -	1992
GC07 -	1004
GC08 -	832
GC09 -	908
LD06 -	2141

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- LD06

Removals

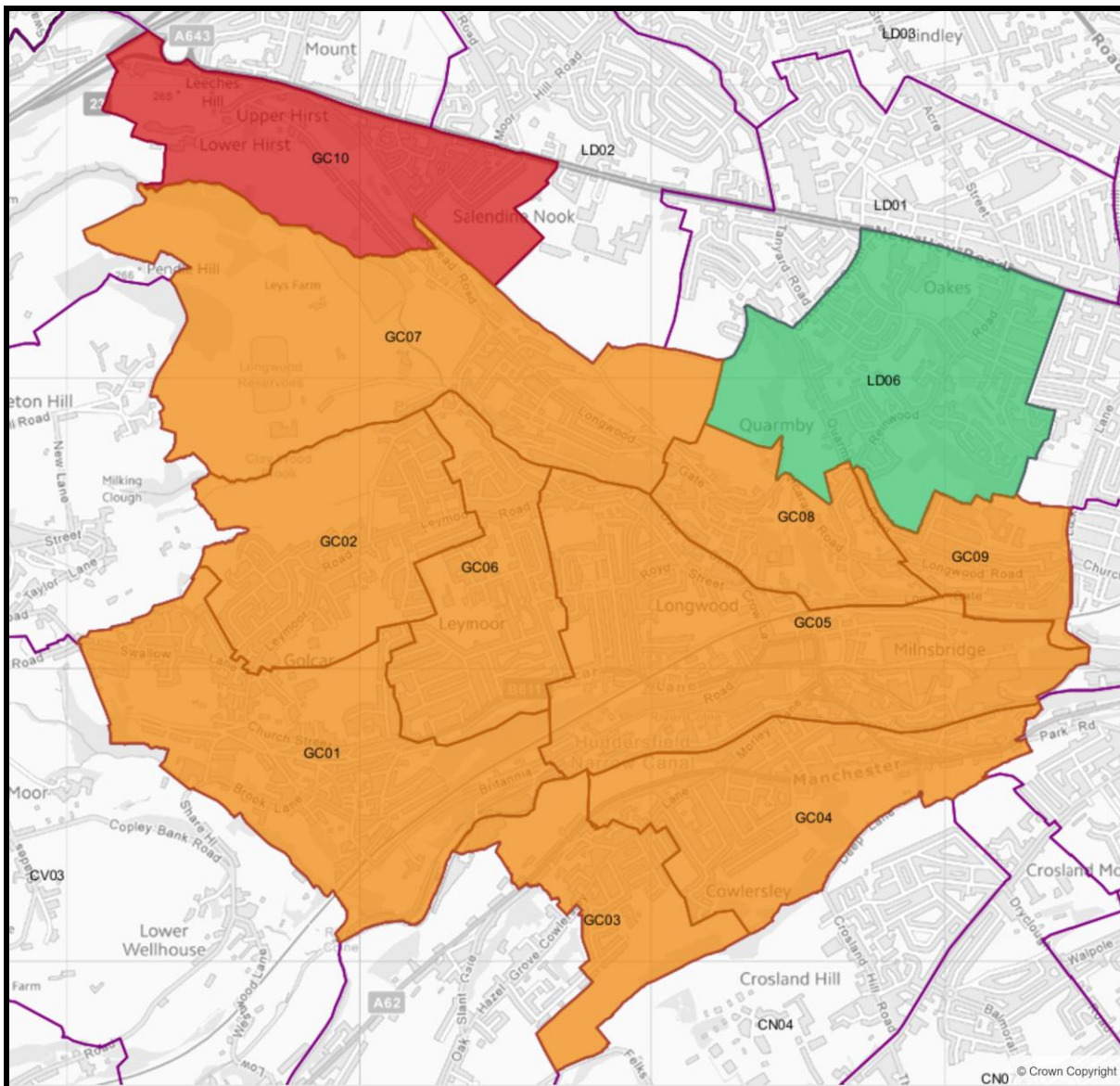
- GC10 moves to the Lindley Ward.

Justifications

The areas transferred in and out make both Lindley Ward and Golcar Ward nearer the tolerance level, although greater than the 5% aimed for. The similar communities brought together form a coherent ward with good transport links.

We propose no change to the name of the ward.

Proposed Adjusted Golcar Ward Map



Greenhead

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Greenhead	15096
AB02 -	3247
GH03 -	2663
GH05 -	2186
GH06 -	2509
NE04 -	624
NE07 -	1937
NE08 -	1930

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- AB02
- NE04
- NE07
- NE08

Removals

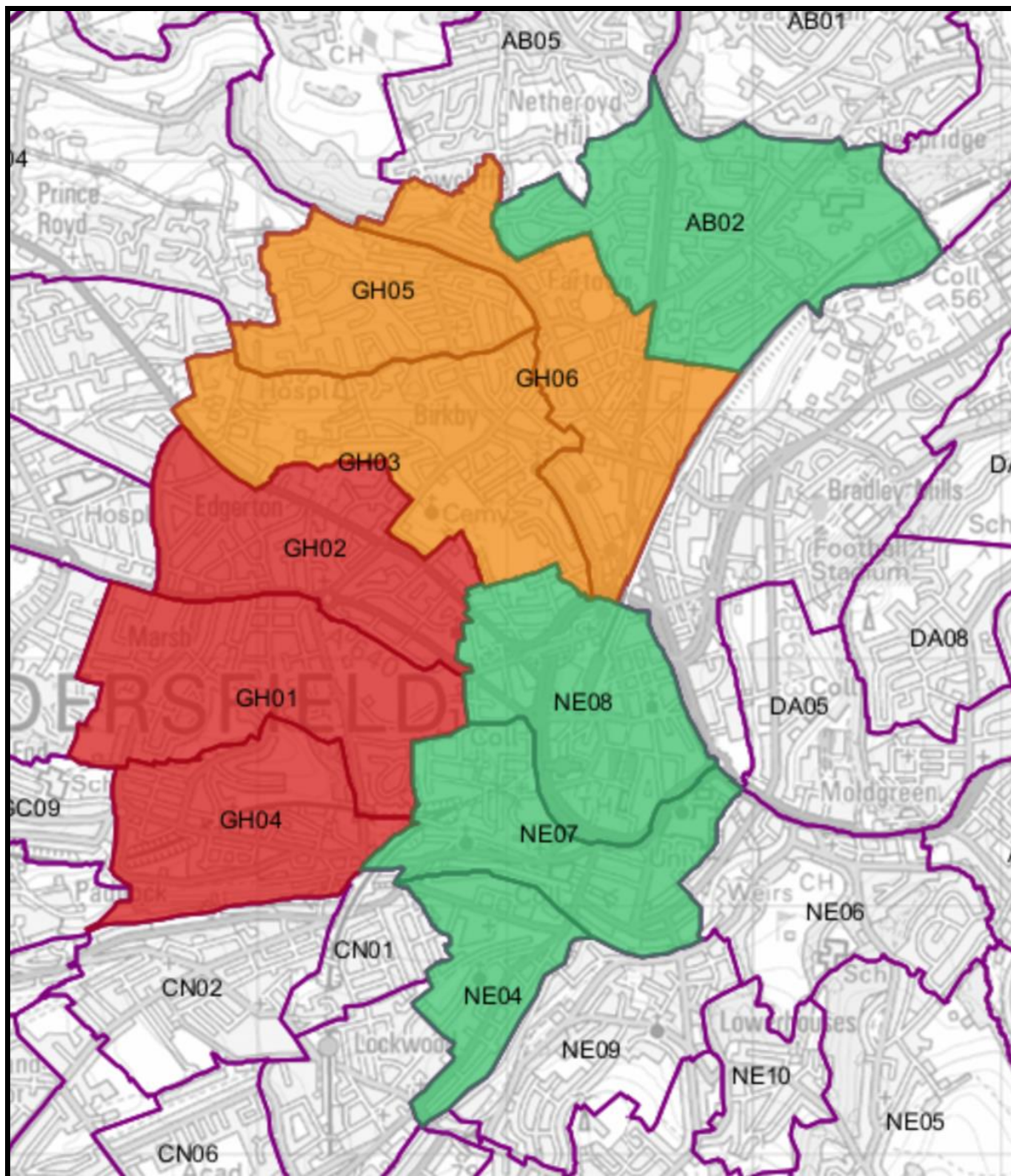
- GH01 moves to the Croslandmoor and Netherton Ward.
- GH02 moves to the Lindley Ward.
- GH04 moves to the Croslandmoor and Netherton Ward.

Justifications

We propose a ward which unites communities around the centre of the town of Huddersfield – the necessity of this is also due to the knock-on effects of surrounding wards resizing. The communities combined are similar and with good transport links.

We propose this ward is renamed Huddersfield Central.

Proposed Adjusted Greenhead (Huddersfield Central) Ward Map



Heckmondwike

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Heckmondwike	13596
HE04 -	1696
HE05 -	1850
HE06 -	1848
LG05 - (Split 2 of 18%)	352
HE01 - (Split 1 - 86%)	2145
HE02 - (Split 1 - 98.5%)	2420
HE03 - (Split 1 - 96%)	3285

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- LG05 – Gains 18% split of this district.

Removals

- HE01 – loses 14% split to Batley West Ward.
- HE02 – loses 1.5% split to Batley West Ward.
- HE03 – loses 4% split to Batley West Ward.

Justifications

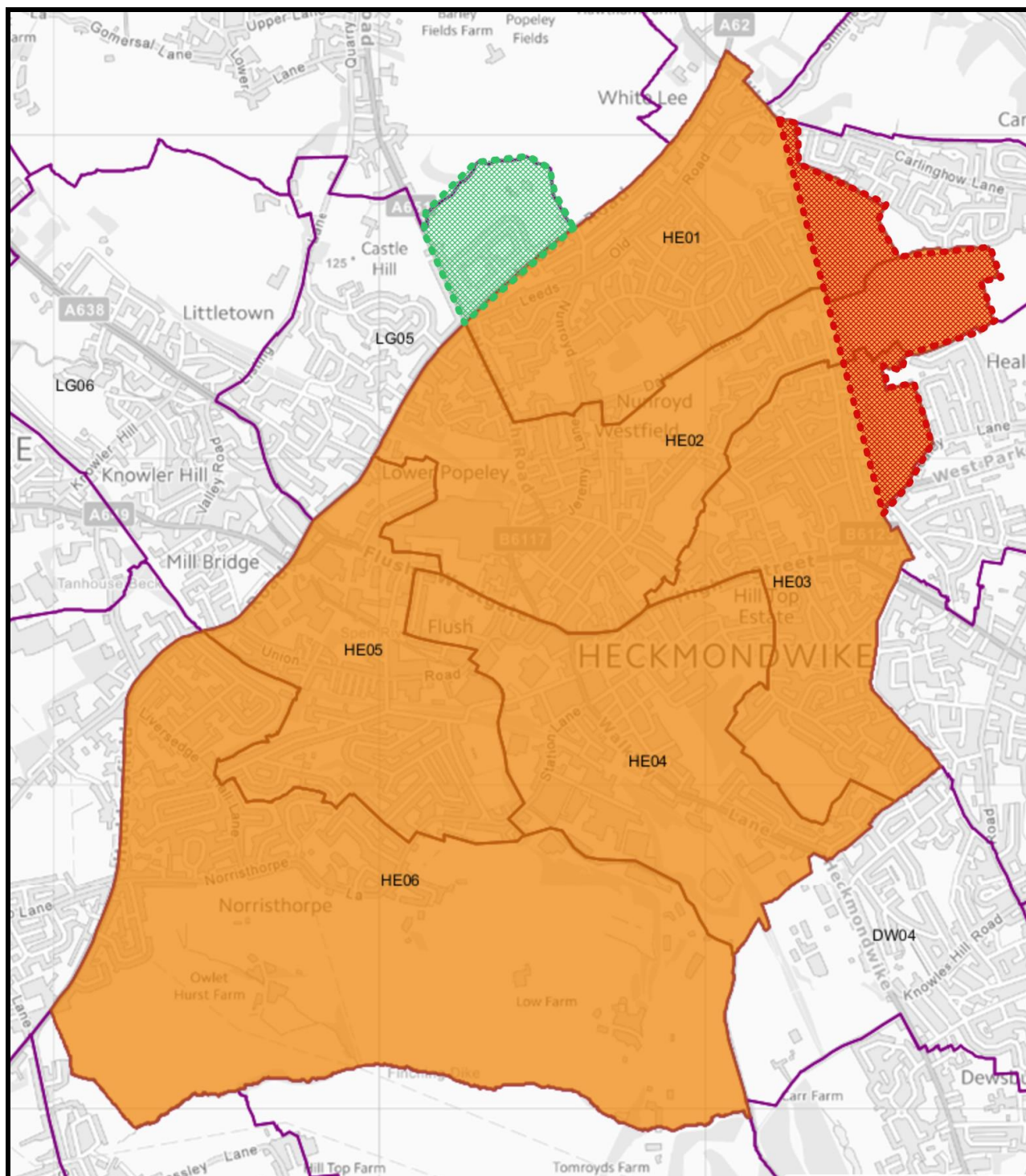
The transfer of part of LG05 from Liversedge & Gomersal Ward reunites this part of the historic town of Heckmondwike (Stubley Estate, Leeds Road and Gomersal Road) with the Heckmondwike Ward, thus forming a coherent unit.

The transfer of parts of HE01, HE02 and HE03 reunite those historic parts of Batley with the Batley West Ward.

The result is a reformed Heckmondwike Ward which more closely follows the boundary of the town.

We propose no change to the name of the ward.

Proposed Adjusted Heckmondwike Ward Map



Holme Valley North

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Holme Valley North	14999
HN01 -	1469
HN02 -	2512
HN03 -	1153
HN04 -	1672
HN05 -	2471
HN06 -	2773
HN07 -	2396
HS05 - (Split 2 of 30%)	553

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- HS05 – Gains 30% split of this district.

Removals

- None proposed.

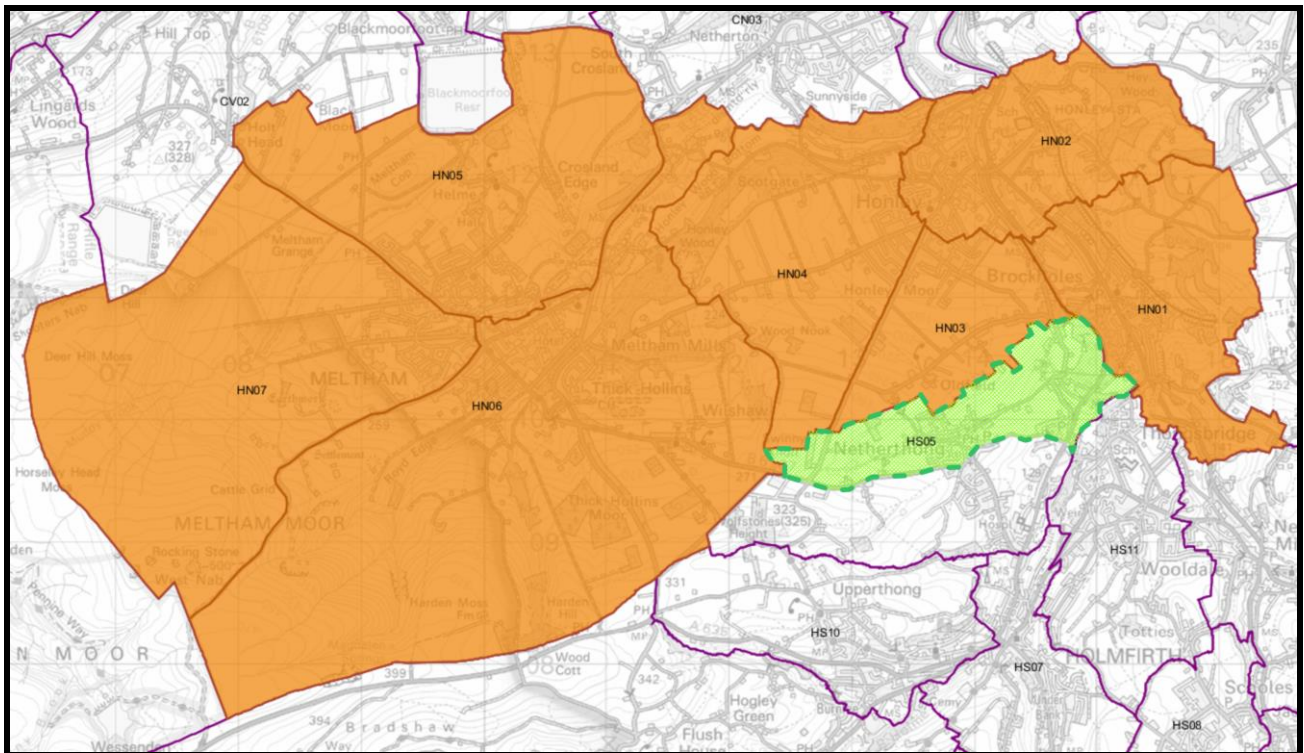
Justifications

Holme Valley South (HVS) was oversized, and Holme Valley North (HVN) was slightly undersized based on the 2029 forecast. In order to preserve the Holme Valley, split between the two wards, the only polling district which could realistically be moved from HVS to HVN is district HS05. However, this district has a high population and moving it in its entirety simply reverses the problem, making HVN too big.

We believe that a split of HS05 is therefore required. The most natural split of this district runs along Moor Lane and Thong Lane. Our proposal is that anything north on and above these streets is allocated to HVN. This appears to cover around 30% of the population of HS05 based on the last electoral role.

We propose no change to the name of the ward.

Proposed Adjusted Holme Valley North Ward Map



Holme Valley South

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Holme Valley South	15840
HS01 -	1686
HS02 -	235
HS03 -	893
HS04 -	155
HS06 -	1752
HS07 -	2033
HS08 -	1529
HS09 -	699
HS10 -	2307
HS11 -	3259
HS05 - (Split 1 of 70%)	1292

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- None proposed.

Removals

- HS05 – loses 30% split to Home Valley North Ward.

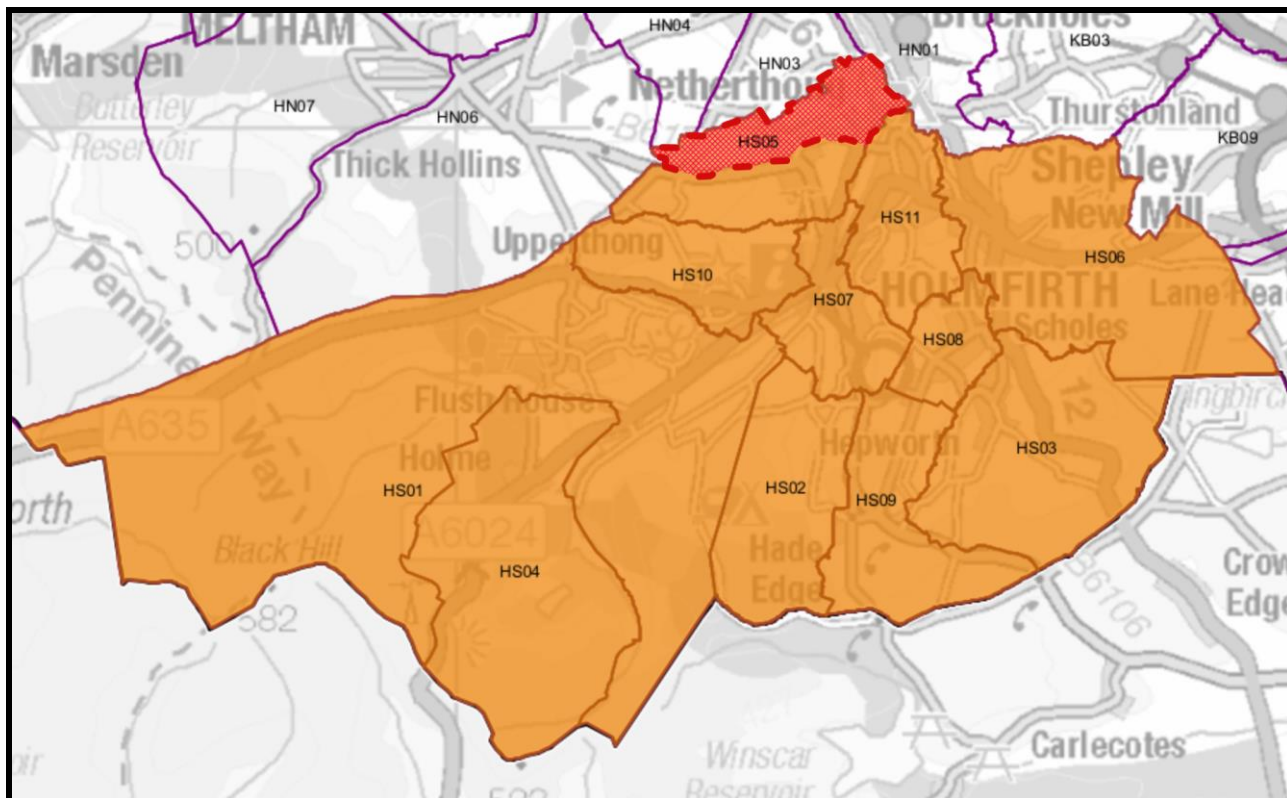
Justifications

See Holme Valley North above.

While Holme Valley South would remain a relatively large ward based on the 2029 forecast, we feel any larger split of HS05 between HVN and HVS would be unnatural and would not consider the sense of place. We are therefore comfortable that this ward remains on the high side albeit significantly closer to the average ward size.

We propose no change to the name of the ward.

Proposed Adjusted Holme Valley South Ward Map



Kirkburton

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Kirkburton	14314
DS07 -	403
KB01 -	421
KB02 -	833
KB03A -	751
KB03B -	55
KB04 -	1709
KB05 -	2080
KB06 -	1632
KB07A -	1164
KB07B -	39
KB08 -	2359
KB09 -	2275
KB10 -	593

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- DS07

Removals

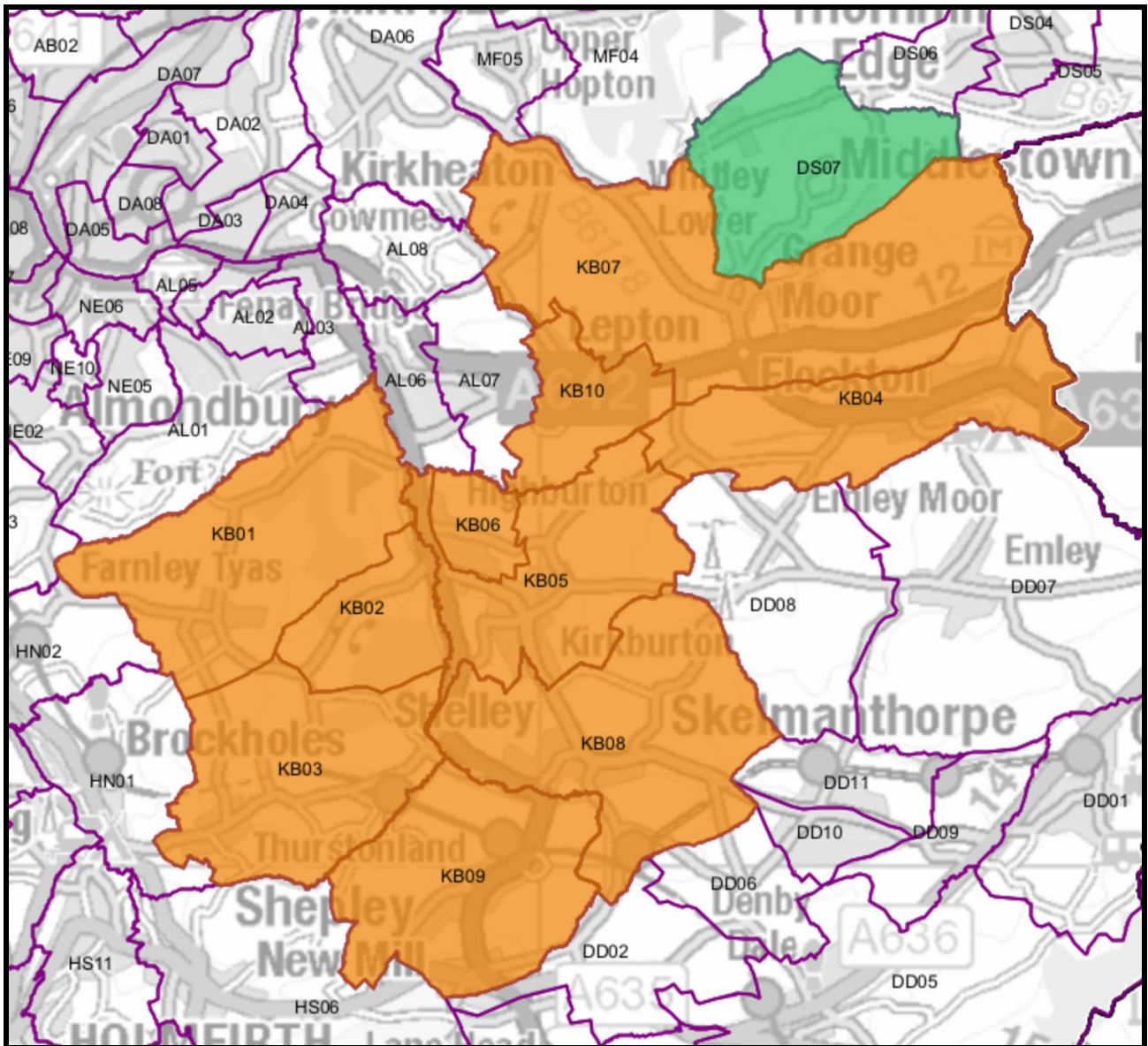
- None proposed.

Justifications

In order to bring the significantly undersized Kirkburton Ward up to tolerance we propose the simple addition of the polling district DS07. This comprises the rural villages of Briestfield and Whitley which, although historically part of the old Dewsbury Borough, are very much akin to the villages which make up the rest of the Kirkburton Ward.

We propose to retain the name of the ward.

Proposed Adjusted Kirkburton Ward Map



Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Lindley	14713
GC10 -	782
GH02 -	2532
LD01 -	3158
LD02 -	2650
LD03 -	3603
LD05 -	1988

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- GC10
- GH02

Removals

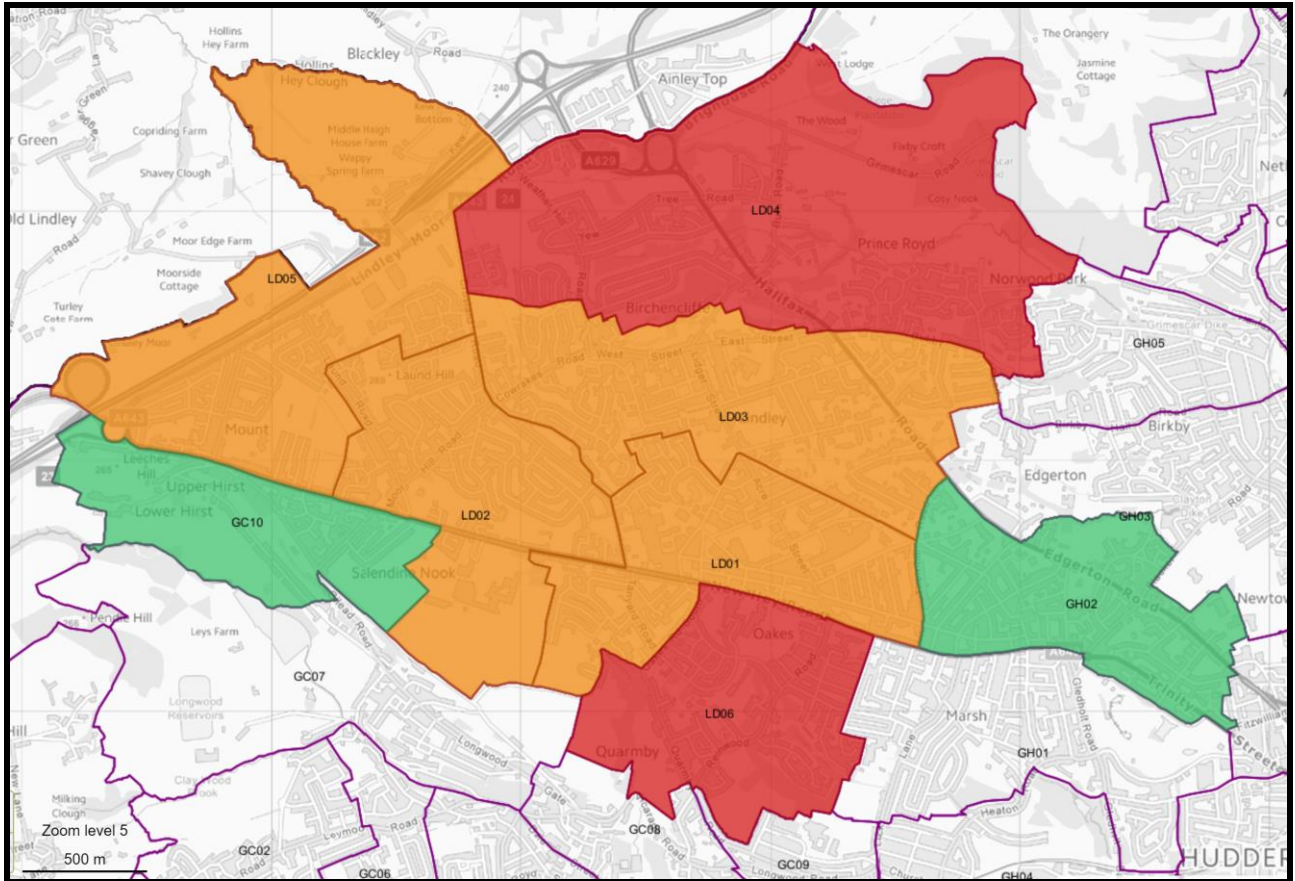
- LD04 moves to the Ashbrow Ward.
- LD06 moves to the Golcar Ward.

Justifications

The removal of the polling districts necessitates the addition of others, and we feel that the new Lindley Ward still represents the area well and comprises similar communities with excellent transport links.

We propose no change to the name of the ward.

Proposed Adjusted Lindley Ward Map



Liversedge & Gomersal

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Liversedge & Gomersal	14989
LG01 -	2212
LG02 -	2586
LG03 -	2267
LG04 -	1594
LG06 -	1117
LG07 -	2858
BB01 - (Split 2 of 59%)	754
LG05 - (Split 1 of 82%)	1601

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- BB01 – Gains 59% of this district.

Removals

- LG05 – Loses 18% split of this district to Heckmondwike Ward.

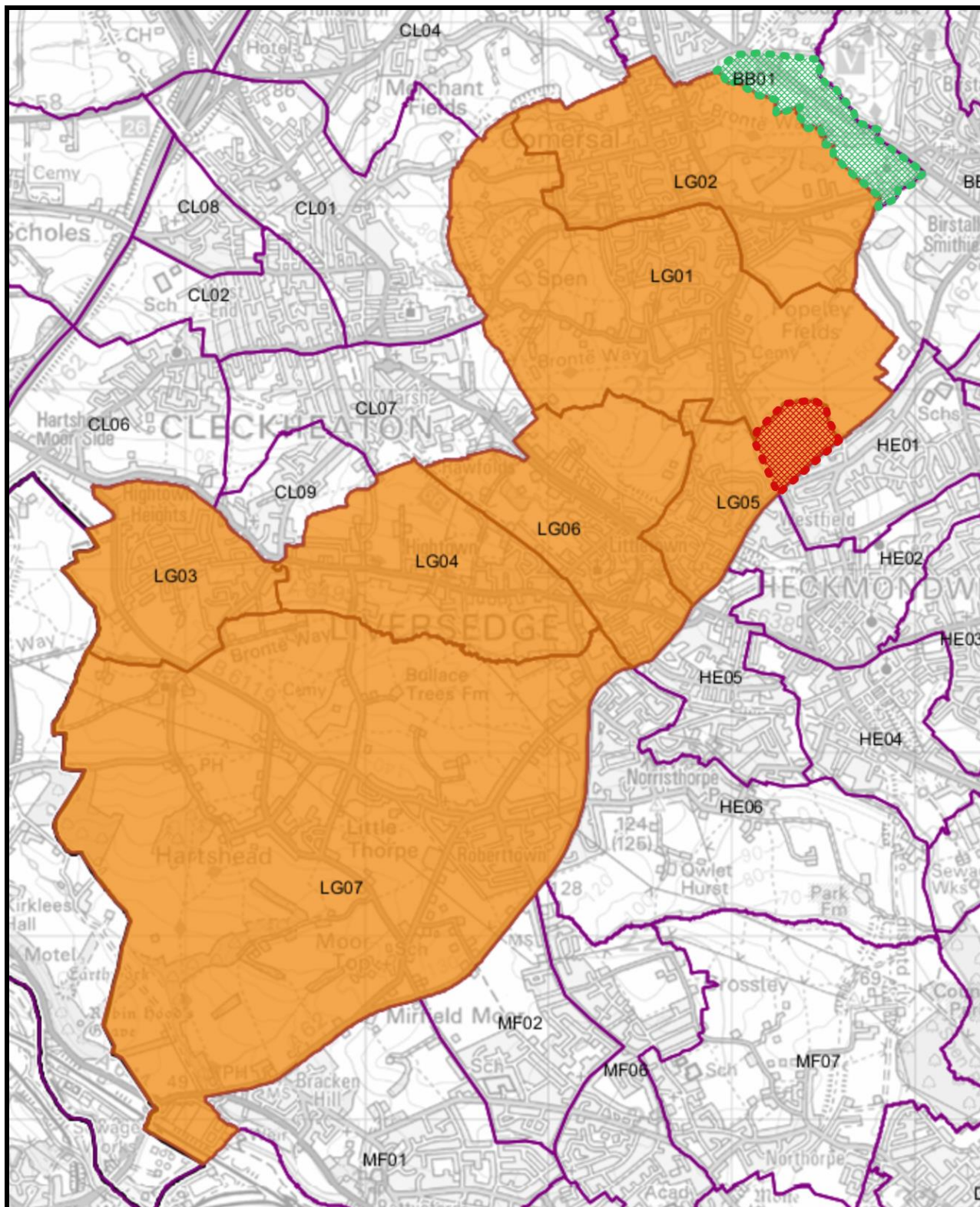
Justifications

The addition of most of polling district BB01 reunites the village of Gomersal in the Liversedge & Gomersal Ward.

The small part of LG05 which is transferred into Heckmondwike Ward comprises Heckmondwike addresses and reunites the township of Heckmondwike in the Heckmondwike Ward. Although the boundary will no longer run all the way along the A62, we feel that it is better to have a coherent community than preserve a boundary.

We propose no change to the name of the ward.

Proposed Adjusted Liversedge and Gomersal Ward Map



Mirfield

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Mirfield	16604
MF01 -	3543
MF02 -	2159
MF03 -	2751
MF04 -	2041
MF05 -	680
MF06 -	2878
MF07 -	1485
MF08 -	1067

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

None proposed.

Removals

None proposed.

Justifications

We proposed no change to the Mirfield Ward. Although the size of the ward is just outside the +10% tolerance, we feel this is justified to keep the Town Council co-terminus with the ward. This was successfully argued in the last boundary review.

The town is very much a tight-knit community with a very active and well-regarded town council and it would be unsatisfactory to prise away one polling district to achieve tolerance.

Newsome

Summary

Ward and District	Sum of Your 2029 Electorate Forecast
Newsome	15193
CN03 -	3193
CN05 -	2017
NE01 -	462
NE02 -	2933
NE03 -	1201
NE05 -	1100
NE06 -	1271
NE09 -	1773
NE10 -	571
NE11 -	672

Proposed Adjustments

Additions

- CN03
- CN05

Removals

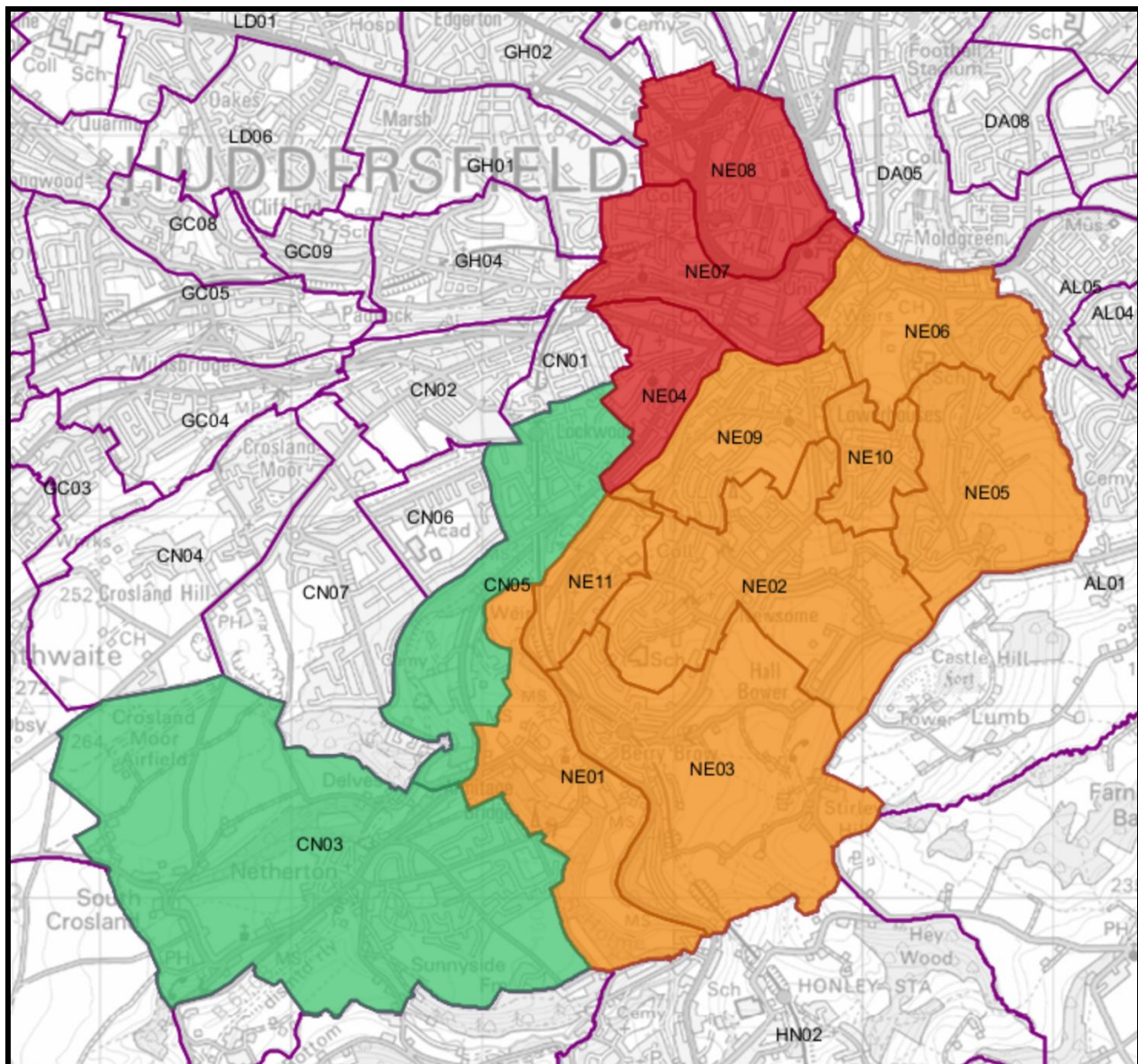
- NE04
- NE07
- NE08

Justifications

The removal of the town centre to form a Huddersfield Central Ward necessitates the addition of some polling districts from Crosland Moor & Netherton Ward. We proposed CN03 and CN05 to form a compact ward of similar communities in the south of the town with clear transport links between all parts.

We propose that the name of the ward be changes to Huddersfield South Ward.

Proposed Adjusted Newsome (Huddersfield South) Ward Map



Summary

The most significant change being proposed is around the adjustments to and renaming of the Huddersfield Wards. To summarise, the proposed adjusted Huddersfield Wards would look as follows:

