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Agenda

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To be said by the Reverend Chris Rankin

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| 23. | <p>MINUTES (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2014 be agreed as a correct record.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24. | <p>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>The Mayor advised that, at the launch of her charity appeal, Michael Sobell Hospice had been presented with a cheque for £600 to buy a new lawn mower and a sundial for the garden. Since the launch, the Mayor had held a quiz night where a further cheque for £2,000 had been given to the Hospice for a motorised reclining chair and ten side tables for use in the day centre. She thanked everyone that had contributed toward or attended her charity events.</p> <p>It was with great sadness that the Mayor announced that she and the Mayoress had attended the funeral of Mrs Freda Beasley who had been the Mayoress of Hillingdon in 1977/1978. A donation had been made to Parkinson's in her memory.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25. | <p>REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>Members considered the filming, recording and reporting of meetings and it was suggested that thought be given to the Council making its own recordings of all meetings, particularly Licensing and Planning.</p> <p>Councillor Puddifoot moved the recommendations as set out on the Order of Business. Following debate (Councillors Allen, Duncan and Morse), the motion was seconded by Councillor Simmonds and it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the Urgency decisions detailed in the report be noted. 2. the Procurement and Contract Standing Orders be amended in relation to property licences and leases, as set out below: <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1301 1426 1783"> <tr> <td rowspan="5" style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">Property Licenses and Leases (ADD: including any surrenders, alterations or variations)†</td> <td style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">Under 7 years and under £10K</td> <td style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">DCE & Corporate Director of Residents Services</td> <td style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">In writing</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">Under 7 years and £10k - £100k</td> <td style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services</td> <td style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">Report</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">Under 7 years and above £100k</td> <td style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">Cabinet</td> <td style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">Report</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">7-25 years and any value up to £250k</td> <td style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services</td> <td style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">Report</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">Over 25 years and any value</td> <td style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">Cabinet</td> <td style="background-color: #e0e0e0;">Report</td> </tr> </table> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. with regard to the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) authority be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to implement the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 in respect of non-executive decision making. b) in respect of the filming, recording and reporting of meetings, | Property Licenses and Leases (ADD: including any surrenders, alterations or variations)† | Under 7 years and under £10K | DCE & Corporate Director of Residents Services | In writing | Under 7 years and £10k - £100k | Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services | Report | Under 7 years and above £100k | Cabinet | Report | 7-25 years and any value up to £250k | Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services | Report | Over 25 years and any value | Cabinet | Report |
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Paragraph 22 of Part 4D of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

22. FILMING, RECORDING & REPORTING OF MEETINGS

22.01 Members of the public are entitled to report on meetings of Council, Committees and Cabinet, except in circumstances where the public have been excluded as permitted by law.

Reporting means:

- **filming, photographing or making an audio recording of the proceedings of the meeting;**
- **using any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later; or**
- **reporting or providing commentary on proceedings at a meeting, orally or in writing, so that the report or commentary is available as the meeting takes place or later if the person is not present.**

22.02 Anyone present at a meeting as it takes place, is not permitted to carry out an oral commentary or report and must remain seated throughout the meeting. This is to prevent the business of the meeting being disrupted.

22.03 Anyone attending a meeting is asked to advise the Head of Democratic Services that they wish to report on the meeting and how they wish to do so. This is to enable Democratic Services staff to guide anyone choosing to report on proceedings to an appropriate place from which to be able to report effectively.

22.04 Any person present to film the proceedings of a meeting must respect the wishes of members of the public who do not wish to have their image recorded.

22.05 For meetings held at the Civic Centre, members of the public are welcome to use the Council's public Wi-Fi facilities. Occasionally, meetings take place in venues not run by the Council and in such circumstances members of the public are advised to check with the venue whether Wi-Fi is available.

4. the changes to the membership of Committees as shown below be approved:

- a) Executive Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Sweeting to replace Councillor Eginton**
- b) Audit Committee - Councillor Davis to replace Councillor Crowe as a nominated substitute.**
- c) Health and Wellbeing Board Membership - as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.**
- d) Children, Young People and Learning Policy Overview Committee - Councillor Eginton to replace Councillor Dheer.**

26. **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** (*Agenda Item 6*)

6.1 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR EAST TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH & HOUSING – COUNCILLOR CORTHORNE

"How will the Better Care Fund transform integrated care in Hillingdon?"

Councillor Corthorne advised that work to integrate care had started before the introduction of the Better Care Fund (BCF) and had been developed over the last two years. It was anticipated that BCF would enable greater joined up working between partner organisations.

It was expected that the BCF plan for Hillingdon would result in residents being able to plan their own care; with professionals working together to understand their needs and those of their carer(s). This would enable residents to have control over services and help to ensure that these services delivered what was important to them.

Councillor Corthorne noted that there would be a shift to planning for anticipated care needs rather than crisis management. The services would be delivered in a way that was integrated and seamless from a patient's point of view, in their usual place of residence.

The changes would include:

- A focus on improving health outcomes for older frail residents with one or more health conditions or care needs;
- Better coordination of services that were configured around Hillingdon's older residents, including a much stronger focus on case management and prevention;
- Involving residents and carers in the planning of their care;
- Reducing the need for older people to go to hospital – and reducing the lengths of stay where they were admitted; and
- Bringing greater coherence to services enabling older people to be treated at (or close to) their home wherever possible.

Although it would have been preferable to the Council to apply the principles of the Hillingdon Improvement Programme, partners had found it more difficult to follow these principles as they were guided by the NHS ways of working. Work on the integration of health and social care would continue and that the Hillingdon Health and Wellbeing Board would receive an update on BCF at its next meeting on 23 September 2014.

Councillor East, by way of a supplementary question, asked how the BCF would generate local structures to support new community working relationships.

Councillor Corthorne advised that he would provide Councillor East with a written response in due course.

NB: The written response was subsequently provided and is included below:

"The Better Care Fund is one of a number of approaches which are seeking to provide a significant expansion of services in the community, which also

include the Shaping a Healthier Future hospital reconfiguration across North West London. Structurally this moves services out of hospital into Out of Hospital Hubs in the new GP Provider Networks in the community. These hubs will provide direct services and also through methods developed as a part of the Integrated Care Programme provide a preventative service by case managing those who would otherwise have been more likely to have hospital admissions.

These new community health structures are being supported by realigned services in the Council and local voluntary sector providers, five of whom have formed a consortium called Hillingdon 4 All which will work with agencies and more importantly with communities to develop the resilience required to better support the more vulnerable residents in Hillingdon."

6.2 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR EGINTON TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY, COMMERCE AND REGENERATION - COUNCILLOR D.MILLS

"In recent years, the Council has claimed to be supporting the idea of apprenticeships as a way of encouraging young people to gain work based skills and experience at the same time as gaining a qualification. In the past two years, only five apprenticeships have been offered by Hillingdon Council; none at all in the last fiscal year and all this year in Green Spaces.

"Can the Cabinet Member tell me, as so few apprenticeships have been offered, how the Council has sought to encourage contractors working for the Council and businesses supplying services to the Council to provide apprenticeships?"

Councillor D Mills advised that Hillingdon had a good record of growing its own, including the Hillingdon Academy and programmes to support vocational training. Great success had been achieved by working with developers of sites in the Borough to secure job opportunities for local people, both through longer term employment in the businesses being developed and during the construction phases. For example, using section 106 planning obligations over the last year, the Council had secured construction apprenticeships and general trainee posts in relation to the development phases at major sites such as St Andrews Park and the Old Vinyl Factory. Developers had also advised that, as sites were rolled out and occupied, more apprenticeships would become available.

In addition, the Council had, over many years, worked with Job Centre Plus and Heathrow to ensure that residents had access to apprenticeship opportunities that existed at the airport. During 2014, the Heathrow Academy had recruited, trained and employed 85 young Hillingdon residents as apprentices in retail, construction and logistics positions.

There were apprenticeship opportunities all over Hillingdon with the National Apprenticeship Service website showing over 1,700 opportunities in Hillingdon and a further 1,700 at Heathrow.

The Cabinet Member praised the work undertaken by Uxbridge College to develop a dedicated plumbing workshop which had been equipped with the help of s106 funding. It was anticipated that plumbing apprenticeships would

be offered in due course.

The opportunities being offered in Hillingdon provided great value for money and demonstrated an understanding of the local economy, the needs of residents and excellent partnership working.

Councillor Eginton, by way of a supplementary question, asked why appointments had not yet been made to the five Green Spaces apprenticeships advertised in 2013.

Councillor D Mills advised that the apprenticeships had not yet been appointed to as suitable candidates had not been identified. However, he advised that the positions would remain open until suitable candidates were found.

6.3 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR ALLEN TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, PROPERTY AND BUSINESS SERVICES – COUNCILLOR BIANCO

"St. Mary's the Virgin Parish Graveyard was handed over to the Council a number of years ago, trusting that it would receive equal care and attention as other Council owned graveyards. Sadly, anyone passing or visiting the area cannot fail to notice the poor state it is in. The grass, when cut, is done haphazardly, hedges seldom trimmed and the worse sight of all is that of tree saplings growing out of graves.

"Could the Cabinet Member please inform Members if he plans to bring this graveyard up to the same standard as others within his remit?"

Councillor Bianco advised that, under the Open Spaces Act 1906 (amended by the Local Government Act 1972), responsibility for the maintenance of closed cemeteries had fallen to the relevant local Council. In this case, the Council's Green Spaces Team had started to implement a programme of improvements for the church yard and, in September 2013, Blue Sky Development (a social enterprise that helped ex offenders into work through training and employment) had been employed to undertake a full schedule of pruning and cutting back. This was then followed by monthly grass cutting in line with the schedule implemented in other closed cemeteries. The privet hedges had been cut twice with a further cut scheduled for late summer. This September, Blue Sky Development had been scheduled to undertake further pruning and selective clearance work, which would include the self seeded trees and the banks of brambles. Officers would be happy to meet with Councillor Allen onsite to discuss their plans for maintenance of the church yard.

Councillor Allen, by way of a supplementary question, asked if Councillor Bianco would take the opportunity to visit the site with her to look at the work that had been undertaken by Blue Sky.

Councillor Bianco advised that Councillor Allen was welcome to invite him any time.

6.4 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR SWEETING TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT

"Does the Leader of the Council agree with Councillor Yarrow's reference at

the last meeting to poor Councillors in the south of the borough having lack of vision and being responsible for poorer facilities, which suggested that only Labour Councillors served these wards and which omitted to mention that 12 Conservative Councillors did indeed represent southern wards for four years in the last administration?"

Councillor Puddifoot advised that this question revolved around the north/south debate held during the last meeting and he noted that Councillor Yarrow had stated that what separated the administration from the opposition was 'vision' - something that the Labour Group lacked.

The Leader gave a definition of the word 'vision' and advised that this was something that the Conservatives had demonstrated by continuing to put residents first. He noted that this vision had led, inter alia, to: the refurbishment of all libraries in the Borough; a £50m investment in sport and leisure facilities; the introduction of the Hillingdon First card; the brown badge scheme; free allotments for those over 65; £150m investment to ensure the provision of primary school places for every child in the Borough; and 28 Green Flags.

In addition to all of this work, the Council had frozen Council Tax year on year, had used the Business Transformation Programme to improve services and had built up the authority's financial reserves.

The Leader noted that all of the Councillors in the north of the Borough were Conservative so, by definition, any reference made to Labour Councillors would be a reference to those in the south of the Borough. Councillor Yarrow had not been ambiguous in his statement as he was unable to see a comparable Labour vision. For the avoidance of doubt, Councillor Puddifoot stated that he agreed with Councillor Yarrow that the Labour Group had no vision.

Councillor Sweeting, by way of a supplementary question, asked if the nine Conservative Councillors in the south of the Borough could identify issues that they would like to deliver over the next four years to show that the north/south divide did not exist.

Councillor Puddifoot advised that there were a range of developments being undertaken in the south of the Borough which included a new theatre and a new health centre in Yiewsley. The Leader advised that, as they had the vision that the Labour Group lacked, it was important that the Conservative Group remained in power.

6.5 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR NELSON TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND RECYCLING - COUNCILLOR BURROWS

Councillor Dheer asked the following question on behalf of Councillor Nelson:

"According to the statistics below, received from the Council, between 2010 - 2014 the road resurfacing programs carried out within the borough have shown that the Wards in the North of the borough which include Harefield, Ickenham, Northwood, West Ruislip, Northwood Hills, Eastcote & East Ruislip, Cavendish, Manor, South Ruislip, Hillingdon East and Uxbridge North have had a far greater number of roads resurfaced than the South of the borough which

include Heathrow Villages, Uxbridge South, Brunel, Pinkwell, West Drayton, Yiewsley, Botwell, Townfield, Barnhill, Yeading and Charville. It is evident that the Council has blatantly ignored the South of the borough. This Council claims that it puts its residents first yet is obvious that there is a division, favouring residents in the North.

Can the Cabinet Member please explain these statistics, why there is an obvious division?"

| | 2010 - 2011 | 2011 - 2012 | 2012 - 2013 | 2013 - 2014 | Total over this period |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| North | 56% | 68% | 73% | 56% | 66% |
| South | 44% | 32% | 27% | 44% | 36% |

Councillor Burrows advised that simply considering the number of roads resurfaced in the north against those resurfaced in the south of the Borough was misleading as roads could be of different lengths. A proper analysis of the road programme, in terms of the actual number of miles of road resurfaced, provided a somewhat different picture.

Between 2010 and 2014 (including the current programme), the length of roads resurfaced in the north of the Borough was 56.6 miles compared with 52.1 miles in the south, a difference of only 4.5 miles.

Given the practical considerations involved, Councillor Burrows advised that this showed that the Council had managed to achieve close to an even split between north and south over the last four years, with 52% of the total programme in the north and 48% in the south. This was a difference of just 4% rather than the 30% suggested in the figures put forward by the Labour Group.

Councillor Dheer (on behalf of Councillor Nelson), by way of a supplementary question, asked how funding for the new road resurfacing programme would be split given that it had previously been a 66/36 split between the north and south of the Borough.

Councillor Burrows repeated that, the split was actually 52/48 and not 66/36 - a 4% difference rather than a 30% difference. He noted that consideration also needed to be given to the level of work associated with the construction of the roads as some were concrete with a gravel base.

6.6 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR MONEY TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HOUSING - COUNCILLOR CORTHORNE

"Under the Homelessness Suitability of Accommodation (England Order 2003), it is illegal to place families with children or pregnant women in B&B accommodation for more than 6 weeks in any circumstances. According to data published by the Department for Communities and Local Government, 51 families in Hillingdon have been in B&B for more than 6 weeks at the end of March this year. Can the Cabinet Member please assure us that this will not occur again in Hillingdon?"

Councillor Corthorne advised that considerable effort was being made to reduce the number of people in bed and breakfast accommodation but that this was a constant challenge. However, progress was being made through the application of new criteria and by taking preventative action. This had resulted in a decrease of 50% between 31 March 2014 and 10 September 2014.

The number of people in bed and breakfast accommodation fluctuated and each case needed to be looked at in detail to ensure that only genuine cases were progressed. Furthermore, as the current housing market was proving challenging, the Council had been working with landlords to identify properties and was offering finder's fees. However, as all councils were aware, it was still hard to locate suitable properties as landlords wanted to maximise their income so would rent properties for the best price that they could achieve.

As part of the planning process, the Council was negotiating with developers to include affordable housing in their developments. The Council would use its best endeavours to prevent residents from being on the street and only used bed and breakfast accommodation as a last resort. To this end, the Cabinet Member thanked officers for their efforts in these difficult circumstances.

Councillor Money, by way of a supplementary question, asked whether or not the Council had been putting aside money to cover compensation payments and whether or not this would affect the Council's budget plans.

Councillor Corthorne advised that the Council would deal with any issues as they arose and noted that he would rather talk about the work that was being undertaken by the Council to address the issues.

27. **MOTIONS** (*Agenda Item 7*)

7.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR EGINTON

Councillor Eginton moved the following motion:

"That Hillingdon Council agrees with the need to comply fully with the Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity, issued on 31 March 2011.

"This includes the maximum frequency of publications, the need to be even-handed (including presenting the different views where there are matters of political controversy) and the requirement to freely provide publicity to anyone who wishes to receive it."

The motion was seconded by Councillor Morse and, following debate (Councillors Corthorne, Puddifoot and Sansarpuri), the motion was put to the vote and lost.

7.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR DUNCAN

Councillor Duncan requested that her motion be withdrawn on the basis that she had received an assurance from the Leader of the Council that, with regard to war memorials in the Borough, any names that were not yet included and could be verified, would be included. Councillor Puddifoot confirmed that any names that were thought to have been missed off war memorials should be put

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| | forward and, subject to verification, would be included in accordance with Council policy RESOLVED: That the motion be withdrawn. |
| | The meeting, which commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 8.35 pm. |

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Lloyd White, Head of Democratic Services on 01895 556743. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Reporting Officer: Head of Democratic Services

(i) URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS

RECOMMENDATION: That the Urgency decisions detailed below be noted.

Information

1. The Constitution allows a Cabinet or Cabinet Member decision to be implemented before the expiry of the 5 day call-in provided there is agreement from the Chief Executive and the Chairman of the Executive Scrutiny Committee to waive this. All such decisions are to be reported for information only to the next full Council meeting.
2. Recently the following decisions have been made using the urgency procedures:

| Date of Decision | Nature of Decision | Decision-Maker |
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| 12/09/2014 | Tender - Maintenance and repair of fire alarm systems, fire fighting equipment and emergency lighting in housing and corporate properties. | Leader of the Council. Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services (Special Urgency) |
| 12/09/2014 | Capital Release - HRA Works to Stock Programme 2014/15 - Careline Maintenance. | Leader of the Council. Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services (Special Urgency) |
| 25/09/2014 | Capital Release - Primary Schools Capital Programme Phase 1 - further monies to progress projects at school sites. | Leader of the Council. Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services (Special Urgency) |
| 25/09/2014 | Capital Release - HRA Works to Stock Repair and Maintenance of Fire Alarm systems, fire fighting equipment and emergency lighting. | Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services (Special Urgency) |
| 25/09/2014 | Hillingdon's response to the High Speed 2 Property Consultation 2014. | Cabinet (Urgency) |
| 25/09/2014 | Purchase of energy supplies for a number of corporate sites and the Council's CCTV, social housing and street lighting services. | Cabinet (Urgency) |
| 25/09/2014 | New Clubhouses for Cowley and Bessingby & Deane Park Bowls Clubs. | Cabinet (Urgency) |
| 26/09/2014 | Tender - Consultancy support for the West London Waste Plan: Submission, Examination and | Leader of the Council. Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation & Recycling |

| Date of Decision | Nature of Decision | Decision-Maker |
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| | Adoption stages. | (Special Urgency) |
| 06/10/2014 | Tender & Capital Release - Secondary School Capital Programme - Northwood Secondary School - Professional Services. | Leader of the Council. Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services (Special Urgency) |
| 08/10/2014 | Capital Release (no. 6) Highways Programme 2014/15 - various roads across the Borough. | Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services (Special Urgency) |
| 16/10/2014 | Capital Release - Private Sector Renewal Grant (no. 6) for two properties in West Drayton to secure additional nomination rights for homeless families. | Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services (Special Urgency) |
| 22/10/2014 | Single Action Tender - Refurbishment of Kings College Running Track & Infield Drainage Works. | Leader of the Council. Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services (Special Urgency) |
| 24/10/2014 | Tender and Capital Release - Primary School Expansion Programme - Cherry Lane School, library relocation & decanting of a modular unit from the Newport Road Depot, award of professional services contract & capital release. | Leader of the Council. Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services (Special Urgency) |

BACKGROUND PAPERS: Decision Notices

(ii) MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2014/2015

RECOMMENDATIONS: That

- a) **Mr Rajiv P Vyas be appointed as independent Chairman of the Audit Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year.**
- b) **The current Licensing Sub-Committees (North and South) be abolished and replaced with a single Licensing Sub-Committee consisting of three Members (2 Con' and 1 Lab') selected on a rota basis from the membership of the Licensing Committee. The meetings of the Sub-Committee to be chaired by either the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Committee.**
- c) **The SRA for the Chairman of Licensing Sub-Committee be replaced with a SRA of £6,000 for the Vice - Chairman of the Licensing Committee.**
- d) **Substitute members of the three Planning Committees be drawn from the members of the Planning Committees *and* those Members who have undertaken formal Planning Committee training provided by the Council.**

e) **That, upon the recommendation of the Conservative Group the following changes be made to Committee Memberships 2014/15:**

- **Hillingdon Domestic Violence Forum - Councillor Haggar to replace Councillor Barnes (with Councillor Barnes becoming a nominated substitute)**
- **Social Services, Housing and Public Health Policy Overview Committee - Councillor Davis to replace Councillor J.Cooper.** (N.B this will require the Members of the Committee to stand and elect a new Chairman - proposed nomination to be Councillor Bridges with Councillor Barnes as proposed Vice-Chairman)
- **Central and South Planning Committee - Councillor Yarrow to replace Councillor Hensley.** (N.B this will require the Members of the Committee to stand and elect a new Chairman - proposed nomination to be Councillor Edwards with Councillor Yarrow as proposed Vice-Chairman)
- **North Planning Committee - Councillor Duducu to replace Councillor Yarrow and Councillor Melvin to replace Councillor Higgins.**
- **Major Applications Planning Committee - Councillor Yarrow to replace Councillor Hensley and Councillor Melvin to replace Councillor Higgins.** (N.B this will require the Members of the Committee to stand and elect a new Vice-Chairman - proposed nomination to be Councillor Edwards)
- **Audit Committee - In addition to the appointment of a new Independent Chairman as recommended in a) above, it is proposed that Councillor Lewis replace Councillor G.Cooper as Vice Chairman.** (N.B this will require the Members of the Committee to stand and formally elect Councillor Lewis as Vice-Chairman)

f) **That, upon the recommendation of the Labour Group the following changes be made to Committee Memberships 2014/15:**

- **Social Services, Housing and Public Health Policy Overview Committee - Councillor Khatra to fill one vacancy.**
- **Licensing Committee - Councillor Dhillon to fill one vacancy.**

Background Information - Audit Committee

1. Following the resignation of the former independent Chairman of the Audit Committee w.e.f the AGM in June 2014, Council is asked to consider the recommendation of the Audit Committee for the appointment of a new Chairman.
2. In accordance with government guidance such a person should only be considered for the position if he or she;
 - has not been a Member or an officer of the local authority / public body within five years before the date of the appointment
 - is not a Member or an officer of that or any other relevant authority
 - is not a relative or a close friend of a Member or an officer of the body / authority
 - has been approved by a majority of the Members of the Council

- has responded to an advert for the position which has been advertised in the local area
3. The Audit Committee has carried out a shortlisting and Interview process of applicants and is recommending the appointment of Mr Rajiv P Vyas of Pinner, Middlesex.
 4. The Panel were very impressed with Mr Vyas' experience, his understanding of and enthusiasm for the position of Independent Chairman. Having worked in a wide range of finance related placements, The Panel felt that his skill sets would contribute to making him an asset in the role of Chairman.
 5. Mr Vyas is a resident of the Borough and married with two children. He expressed a desire to put some of the skills gained in industry to use in a more socially responsible context and to be more actively involved in the Community at large.
 6. Mr Vyas' previous experience includes being a:
 - Member of the All-Party Parliamentary Corporate Governance Group (2011 to present)
 - Member of the City Compliance Officers' Discussion Panel (2003 to present)
 - Fellow of The Compliance Institute (FCoI)
 - Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragements of Arts Manufacturers and Commerce (FRSA)
 - Member of the Investment Management Association General Regulations Panel (2008-2010)
 7. Mr Vyas is currently employed in the role of Head of Risk and Regulatory Compliance at Old Mutual plc.
 8. The position of independent Chairman currently attracts a Special Responsibility Allowance of £2,845.07p.a.

iii) ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOCAL PENSION BOARD FOR LONDON BOROUGH OF HILLINGDON PENSION FUND

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to establish a Hillingdon Local Pension Board by 1 April 2015, in accordance with the following:

- a) **The membership of the Board to comprise of:**
 - **3 elected Members (2 Con' & 1 Lab')**
 - **3 employee/scheme member representatives - scheme members to be asked for expressions of interest and then selected at interview by the Chairman and one other Member of the Pensions Committee and a Senior Officer, on the basis of capacity and/or experience.**
- b) **The Pensions Committee be reduced to 5 Members (3 Con' and 2 Lab')**
- c) **The Investment Strategy Sub Committee be abolished and the powers**

transferred to the full Pensions Committee which will continue to meet four times per year. To enable any urgent decisions to be taken, authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Finance, aligned with the powers already delegated to him in relation to Treasury Management. Any exercise of those powers would then be reported back to Pensions Committee.

- d) Reports to the Local Pensions Board would either reflect decisions taken by Pensions Committee or be reports for noting already seen by Pensions Committee.**
- e) Subject to guidance to be issued by the DCLG, the Pensions Board to meet quarterly in the month following Pensions Committee.**

Background Information

1. Under the draft Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Governance) Regulations 2014, the London Borough of Hillingdon, as administering authority of the Hillingdon Fund of the Local Government Pension Scheme, is required to establish a local pension board with effect from 1 April 2015. The regulation will be made under the powers conferred by the Public Sector Pensions Act 2013.
2. The draft regulations are currently subject to consultation but the expectation is that final regulations will be laid with minimal change.
3. The role of the local Pension Board as defined by sections 5 (1) and (2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 is:
 - To assist London Borough of Hillingdon Administering Authority as Scheme Manager: to secure compliance with the LGPS regulations and any other legislation relating to the governance and administration of the LGPS;
 - To secure compliance with requirements imposed in relation to the LGPS by the Pensions Regulator; and in such other matters as the LGPS regulations may specify.
 - To secure the effective and efficient governance and administration of the LGPS for the London Borough of Hillingdon Pension Fund.
 - To provide the Scheme Manager with such information as it requires to ensure that any member of the Pension Board or person to be appointed to the Pension Board does not have a conflict of interest.
4. The Pension Board will ensure it effectively and efficiently complies with the code of practice on the governance and administration of public service pension schemes issued by the Pension Regulator. Additionally the Pension Board will help ensure that the London Borough of Hillingdon Pension Fund is managed and administered effectively and efficiently and complies with the code of practice on the governance and administration of public service pension schemes issued by the Pension Regulator. The Pension Board should meet sufficiently regularly to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.
5. The Pensions Board is not a decision making body, rather it has a compliance and scrutiny role.

6. The draft regulations allow for the Pension Board to be combined with the Pensions Committee, subject to Secretary of State approval, however this approach is not recommended as it is neither appropriate nor does it meet the full intentions of the regulations.
7. It is for the administering authority to determine the membership of the local pension board but it must have an equal number of employer and scheme member representatives with relevant experience and the capacity to represent, with a total of at least 4, and must together form the majority of the membership.
8. An elected Member of a local authority may be appointed as an employer or scheme member representative.
9. Members of local pension boards must not have a conflict of interest. The administering authority must satisfy themselves of this and a member of the local pension board must provide information reasonably requested to enable this. Therefore Members on Pensions Committee cannot also be on the Pension Board and officers working on the Fund would similarly be barred from sitting on the Board. Being a member of the LGPS is not seen as a conflict of interests.
10. Currently the Pension Fund is governed by the Pensions Committee (PC) and the Investment Sub Committee (ISC). PC has 8 elected Members and 2 (non-voting) scheme member representatives. The ISC has 3 members who are also members of the main PC.
11. The work of the Board cannot be subsumed into Pensions Committee and likewise the Pension Board cannot take on the role of Committee due to the constraints on membership. However, much of the current work of Pensions Committee is by its nature in relation to governance, so there is an option to potentially rationalise the current arrangements.

POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW 2014

Reporting Officers: Head of Democratic Services and Electoral Services Manager

SUMMARY

1. Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, as amended by the Electoral Administration Act 2013, the Council has a statutory duty to conduct a regular review of its polling districts and polling places. The current review must be completed by 31 January 2015. The last such review was completed in 2011.
2. The aim of the review is to seek to ensure that:
 - (a) all the electors in the borough have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances; and
 - (b) so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places are accessible to all electors, including those with disabilities.

RECOMMENDATION: That, with the aim of ensuring a consistent level of provision of 3 Polling Places per ward wherever possible, the proposed polling arrangements within the Borough, be approved.

INFORMATION

3. The aim of the exercise is to make voting convenient to electors, providing places that are well located within communities, avoiding road safety hazards and using any existing boundaries (i.e. open space land, railway lines etc) but with an eye to economising where possible – particularly in view of the number of electors who now choose to vote by post.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

4. To ensure clarity in discussing issues arising from the review the following definitions are used:
 - **polling district**; a geographical sub-division of an electoral area i.e. a UK parliamentary constituency, a European parliamentary electoral region, a ward or an electoral division.
 - **polling place**; a geographical area in which a polling station is located. However, as there is no legal definition of what a polling place is, the geographical area could be defined as tightly as a particular building or as widely as the entire polling district.
 - **polling station**; the actual area where the process of voting takes place, and must be located within the polling place designated for the particular polling district.

REVIEW PROCESS

5. Public Notice of the review was published at the Council Offices, in Hillingdon People, on the council website, and sent to all Councillors, the three local MP's, various residents associations, community groups and libraries. Views were

invited from residents, local political parties and councillors as well as such persons as the Council thinks have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability. Documentation provided included ward maps showing polling station locations as well as polling boundaries and also the electorate served by each polling area. The notice indicated that the consultation would run for 3 months concluding on 30 September 2014.

6. There is no requirement to change existing arrangements if it is felt that these are suitable, but consultation must take place so that the process is seen to be open and fair and any decision to make no change must be clearly supported by a reason, such as that the current arrangements are considered satisfactory.
7. The Returning Officer must comment on all existing polling stations and any proposed or possible new ones. His comments were included in the consultation documents issued.
8. The final stage of the review is for Council to consider all the proposals and comments received, approve and then publish the results of the review. The completion of this review does not preclude reviewing polling places further should circumstances change e.g. a better venue becomes available or an existing polling place is no longer available.
9. The responses received are all listed in the appendices by Ward and one general response is included at Appendix A.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The costs of the public consultation were met from existing budgets. The net effect of the proposals would produce a reduction of approximately £2,500 on polling location hire and staffing costs. It is only local elections where this cost is met by the authority.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

11. The Representation of the People Act 1983, as amended by the Electoral Administration Act 2013, places a duty on all local authorities to review all polling districts and polling places every five years. This report seeks to give effect to this duty.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

12. The aim of the exercise is to make voting convenient to electors, providing places that are well located within communities, avoiding road safety hazards and using any existing boundaries.
13. The review is based on the number of electors on the current register of electors. The borough currently has 74 polling districts. Each polling district should serve approximately equal numbers of electors and polling locations should be 'logical' i.e. electors should not have to travel past another polling place to get to their own and none should be shared by different wards.

14. This exercise does not allow the movement of ward boundaries. Any issues relating to this would be dealt with as a different exercise. This is merely to determine whether the electors in each ward are best served by the current polling arrangements.
15. The Wards where the consultation has produced proposals for change, or are exceptions to the principal of having three Polling Places per ward, are summarised below. The detail of all wards is attached as an appendix. Maps showing all the proposed polling stations are available as a background document, in the Group offices and on the Council website.

| Ward | Recommendation |
|----------------|---|
| Botwell | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB2, Albert Hall, Albert Road - combine with HB1, Botwell House RC School. • HB4/HB5 - combine at Wood End Park School, Judge Heath Lane. |
| Brunel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UA3 - relocate to Bishopsholt School instead of St John's Church. • UA4 - remove Salem Baptist Church Hall, Uxbridge Road, and redistribute electors in the following roads to UA2, Walter Pomeroy Hall Royal Lane: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cherry Grove, Morello Avenue, Stella Close, West Drayton Road, White Heart Avenue, Barncroft Close, Barwick Drive, Glasshouse Close, Harlington Road, Hooper Drive and Little London Close, with the balance to UA3, Bishopsholt School, Royal Lane. • Move electors in the following roads from UA3 to UA2, Walter Pomeroy Hall, Royal Lane: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amberley Way, Concorde Close, Cornfield Close, Hillingdon Road, Ivybridge Close, Kingston Lane, Merryfields, Orchard Waye, Park Road East, The Greenway, Turnpike Lane and Whitehall Road. |

| Ward | Recommendation |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Charville | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HC2 Hewens College, Hewens Road - relocate to Hayes End Library |
| Eastcote and East Ruislip | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the electorate size and high voting turnout, there are grounds for retaining 4 polling districts in this ward |
| Harefield | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking into account the electoral size - reduce the number of Polling Places to two, as follows: RB2 - Remove RB2, Park Lane Village Centre, Park Lane, and redistribute the electors between the two remaining polling areas. All roads north of this to relocate to RB1, Harefield United Football Club and all roads south to relocate to RB3, Harefield Community Centre, Priory Avenue. With the exception of Breakspear Road North and Pond Close to relocate to RB1. |
| Heathrow Villages | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HD2/3 Cherry Lane School, Sipson Road - combine into single station • HD4 Sipson Christian Fellowship, Sipson Lane - close and combine with HD2 |
| Northwood Hills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE4, Northwood Library, Potter Street, - remove and redistribute the electors between RE1, Hillside School, Northwood Way and RE3, Harlyn Primary Nursery School, Tolcarne Drive, using Pinner Road as the natural boundary (Pinner Road electors going to RE3 along with those roads south of Pinner Road, all roads north of Pinner Road relocating to RE1). |
| South Ruislip | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UE1 South Ruislip Christian Fellowship - electors in the following roads to be relocated to UE2: Bourne Avenue, Cedar Avenue, Great Central Avenue, Manor Gardens, Primrose Gardens, Priors Gardens and South Park Way • UE2 South Ruislip Youth Centre - relocate to South Ruislip Library • UE3 Ruislip Gardens Primary School, Stafford Road - in keeping with the principle of having three Polling Places per Ward, close and relocate to UE1. |
| Uxbridge North | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of the former RAF site would suggest the need to retain 4 polling areas at this stage. • UF1, Hermitage Primary School, Belmont Road - relocate to Christ Church, Redford Way. |

| Ward | Recommendation |
|-----------------------|--|
| Uxbridge South | UG1, Uxbridge Centre, The Greenway - remove and redistribute the electors between UG2, Whitehall Infants School, Cowley Road and UG4, Cowley Meeting Hall, using the boundary of High Street and Cowley Road in UG1 to move either south to UG4 or north to UG2. |
| West Drayton | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The size of the electorate and the development at the former RAF site suggest that four polling stations should be retained for this Ward. • HG1, 2nd West Drayton Scout Hall, Rowan Road - relocate to the Meadows Community Centre, Wise Lane. • HG1 and HG2 - relocate the electors in the following roads from HG1 to HG2, St Catherine's Church Hall, Money Lane: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avenue Close Brooklyn Way Catherines Close Church Close Church Rd Copse Close Frays Close Mill Close Mill Rd Money Lane Pippins close St Martin's Rd St Martin's Close The Common The Green Wren Drive • HG1 and HG2 - relocate the electors in the following roads from HG2 to HG1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rowlheys Place Stainby Close |
| West Ruislip | Officers to explore the possibility of an alternative location for RF3 at the Air Training Corps HQ, Ickenham Road. If agreed then electors in the following roads would move from RF2, Ruislip Methodist Church Hall, Ickenham Road to RF3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barnwood Close, Beaufort Road, Blenheim Crescent, Cordingley Road, Harwell Close, Ickenham Close, Ickenham Road (part) and Lysander Close |

| Ward | Recommendation |
|------------------------|---|
| <p>Yiewsley</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UH2 Yiewsley Baptist Church Hall, Colham Avenue - relocate to Yiewsley Library, High Street. • UH3 Colham Manor Primary School, Violet Avenue - to ensure a more even distribution of voters relocate electors in the following roads to UH1 6th Hillingdon Scout Group, Daleham Drive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashwood Avenue, Beechwood Avenue, Chapel Lane, Evelyns Close, Farrier Close, Horseshoe Drive, Park View Road, Pinewood Avenue |

BACKGROUND PAPERS: Various written responses to public notice; maps of all polling locations

**General submission from Hayes and Harlington Constituency Labour Party
London Borough of Hillingdon Labour Group**

Hayes and Harlington CLP and Hillingdon Council Labour Group welcome the opportunity to participate in the review of electoral wards Polling Districts. However, we are somewhat concerned that the proposals circulated by the Returning Officer appear, on paper at least, to be part of yet another cost saving exercise by the local authority rather than a meaningful review of the current arrangements. We believe that the proposed arrangements will not lead to any meaningful savings but WILL make voting for a large number of electors more difficult and certainly less convenient.

Whilst we will, in the main, concentrate on the proposed arrangements for the Hayes and Harlington Constituency it is important to consider the arrangements as a whole.

Note: The grid below assumes that PDs sharing a single polling place counts as a single PD

| Ward | Current No. PDs | Council Proposed No. PDs | Results Summary |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Barnhill | 3 | 3 | No Change |
| Botwell | 4 | 3 | Minus 1 |
| Brunel | 4 | 3 | Minus 1 |
| Cavendish | 3 | 3 | No Change |
| Charville | 3 | 3 | No Change |
| Eastcote & East Ruislip | 4 | 4 | No Change |
| Harefield | 3 | 2 | Minus 1 |
| Heathrow Villages | 4 | 3 | Minus 1 |
| Hillingdon East | 3 | 3 | No Change |
| Ickenham | 3 | 3 | No Change |
| Manor | 3 | 3 | No Change |
| Northwood | 3 | 3 | No Change |
| Northwood Hills | 4 | 3 | Minus 1 |
| Pinkwell | 2 | 2 | No Change |
| South Ruislip | 4 | 3 | Minus 1 |
| Townfield | 3 | 3 | No Change |
| Uxbridge North | 4 | 4 | No Change |
| Uxbridge South | 4 | 3 | Minus 1 |
| West Drayton | 4 | 4 | No Change |
| West Ruislip | 3 | 3 | No Change |
| Yeading | 3 | 3 | No Change |
| Yiewsley | 3 | 2 | Minus 1 |
| Total Number of PDs | 74 | 66 | Minus 8 |

From the figures shown above it can be assumed that there is an aim to limit wards to 3 or less polling districts, that only 3 wards will have 4 polling districts and despite the large number of new homes built across the borough NO proposals have been made to increase the number of polling districts within a single ward.

Whilst we do not see it as our responsibility to comment on polling arrangements for wards outside of our constituency we are amazed that it is proposed to remove the polling district for Ruislip Gardens in the South Ruislip Ward and also to the removal of UA4 in the Brunel ward. These changes will dramatically affect the electors in these areas and we wish to assure the current ward Councillors for these wards that all of our Labour Councillors will support them if they seek to make amendments to the proposals for these wards.

The Returning Officer states in his letter that the aim is 'locate all of our Polling Places a convenient distance from the majority of electors homes, easy to find, and easily accessible to all'. This is not demonstrated when, for example, the proposal suggests the removal of Polling District HB2 (Botwell Ward) when the accessibility to the new proposed polling place is anything but convenient to any of the electors living within the current HB2 Polling District.

Generally it is clearly believed, and demonstrated, that convenient polling places near to where the majority of electors live voting turnout figures are likely to be higher.

We, as a Constituency Labour Party, along with the Labour Group, have carefully considered the proposals and have also consulted with electors. We believe that our detailed proposals, detailed below, are fair and are clearly justified. We endorse the proposal to merge polling districts that share a suitable and convenient, to all, single polling place and have, therefore, only made proposals to amend the council's proposals where there are valid and supportable reasons to do so.

We propose the following

| Ward | Current No. PDs | Labour Proposed No. Pds | Results Summary |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|
| Botwell | 4 | 4 | Retain HB2 |
| Heathrow Villages | 4 | 5 | Retain HD4 and create new PD for Cranford Cross |
| Pinkwell | 2 | 3 | Create 1new PD |
| Townfield | 3 | 4 | Create 1new PD |

We are convinced that the proposals, we are submitting, are fair and equitable and will help the electors involved in being able to vote in a convenient polling place near to where they live .

This submission is supported by the councillors for the four named wards and fully supported by the Labour Group.

NB: - further, detailed responses are contained in the following appendices relating to Botwell, Heathrow Villages, Pinkwell and Townfield Wards.

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|-------------|-----------------|
| Ward | Barnhill |
| Electorate | 8954 |
| Postals | 876 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
|-----|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| HA1 | 2220 | Barnhill Community Centre Ayles Road | | 2220 |
| HA2 | 3505 | Grange Park Primary Lansbury Drive | | 3505 |
| HA3 | 3229 | Sheltered Accommodation Hall Langworth Drive | | 3229 |

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed to the current arrangements.

Responses Received

- Mrs Ashton (resident) - I use Grange Park Primary School which is easily accessible from home, either by car or by walking and, as such, is ideal.

Proposal

No change - current arrangements are considered satisfactory.

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|-------------|----------------|
| Ward | Botwell |
| Electorate | 10783 |
| Postals | 1138 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Potential Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
|-----|--------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| HB1 | 2569 | Botwell House RC School | | 3555 |
| HB2 | 986 | Albert Hall, Albert Road | | 0 |
| HB3 | 3733 | Rosedale College, Wood End Green Road | | 3733 |
| HB4 | 3045 | Wood End Park School, Judge Heath Lane | To become HB2 | 3495 |
| HB5 | 450 | Wood End Park School, Judge Heath Lane | | 0 |

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

HB2, Albert Hall, Albert Road - whilst acknowledging the natural boundary created by the railway line, the small number of electors allocated to this polling district would suggest some logic to removing this polling district and combining with HB1, Botwell House RC School as shown above.

Polling districts of HB4/HB5 currently share a location (Wood End Park School, Judge Heath Lane) and should be combined together.

Responses Received

- Mrs K Malkin (resident) - During the last election an amount of elderly people knocked on my door asking why 9th Hayes Scout Headquarters wasn't being used as a polling station. Many decided that going to Rosedale Collage was too far to walk and would be grateful to see it reinstated as a polling station.
- Councillor Gardner (Ward Councillor) - Are you really suggesting that someone who lives at the end of North Hyde Road on the boundary with LB Ealing, makes their way to the RC Church in Hayes Town. It's an idiotic idea, did anyone consider the disabled and elderly who live in the current area? Obviously not! Well we have and there are a great many. The railway line has always been the dividing line regarding the polling area. The RC church already has the addition of all the flats at High Point Village, are we to presume that all the new dwellings to be built in Blyth Rd and surrounds will also be required to use the RC school, next thing is you will be using the church. Can you please

reconsider this proposal, and here's an idea - 'put the residents first' - do what works for them, not what works for the 'council'.

- Petition; "We, the residents of Albert Road, Black Rod Close, Dallas Crescent, Gordon Crescent, Harold Avenue, Keith Road, Nestles Avenue, North Hyde Gardens, Old Station Road, Sandow Crescent, Sutherland Avenue *strongly oppose* the merging of polling districts HB1 and HB2 which would result in an inaccessible Polling place for all HB2 electors." - containing 138 signatures (representing 13.3% of electors in the roads listed.)
- Hayes and Harlington Constituency Labour Party, London Borough of Hillingdon Labour Group - The Botwell Ward has a total electorate of 10,783 and is currently divided into 5 Polling Districts. The proposals are to combine polling districts HB4 and HB5 into a single polling district as they share the same polling place and to combine polling district HB2 with HB1 resulting in there being only 3 polling districts in the future. As HB4 and HB5 share the same polling place and the polling place is suitably placed for both districts we support this proposal. However, we are totally opposed to combining HB2 with HB1. Whilst on paper it might appear that the two districts are close and adjacent to each other they are, in fact, quite separate. On the northern edge of HB2 is the railway line and on one side or other of the railway line a substantial belt of industry and commerce. There only two routes electors could take to get to the proposed polling place at Botwell House RC School:
 1. by crossing the railway bridge, in Station Road, and either walking through the town centre, or, if travelling by car, driving round the one way street system; or
 2. by walking/driving along the West Drayton Road and then either travelling to Printing House Road to Botwell Lane or by using Botwell Common Road to Botwell Lane.

Either journey would be extremely inconvenient and troublesome. The distance, for many would be too far to walk and would either result in more cars unnecessarily being forced on narrow residential streets or the need for people to travel by bus. We should be using Polling District reviews to look at ways to making voting easier and convenient not more difficult or more costly for the individual. It is also important to remember that there are a large number of elderly people living in this Polling District. The removal of a close and convenient polling place, for this area, would very adversely affect voting turnout. Further, there appears to be no recognition of the fact that the Polling District HB1 is already due to an increase in the number of electors because of the number of residential units currently being built in Blyth, Clayton and Station Roads:

| Development | Number of Units |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Old Vinyl | 810 |
| Paradigm | 87 |
| Enterprise | 96 |
| Union House | 46 |
| Avis Building | 98 |
| Total | 1,137 |

We very strongly propose that on the grounds of equal and reasonable

access, to vote, for all that HB2 be left alone and that the Polling Place be at the Hayes and Harlington Community Centre or at the Elim Church close by.

- John McDonnell MP - I am writing in response to the council's polling station review. I regret that the council has not adequately advertised or publicised this review. I have not met many constituents who had been notified of this review and were aware it was taking place until I informed them. Inevitably if local residents are not made aware of the review there will be a low rate of participation in the consultation exercise and the decisions eventually taken by the council will be based upon inadequate local knowledge and information. However I have now consulted a number of my constituents and they share my strong concerns about a number of the proposals set out in the review. In four areas in my constituency the proposals will seriously undermine the ability of my constituents to access a polling station and exercise their democratic right to vote. This will impact upon overall turnout at elections which has significantly fallen over the last 30 years. In Botwell Ward the proposal to combine HB2 and HB1 polling districts will result in presenting a large number of my constituents with a lengthy journey on foot to be able to vote or a car journey through a heavily congested area. This will act a severe deterrent to voting and flies in the face of the objective of Government and council of encouraging more people to participate in the democratic process. Overall I do not believe that any reasonable person could judge that the proposals set out in the review document are rational or sensible in achieving the objective of facilitating the opportunity of my constituents to vote. Indeed I consider that the opposite is the case. The proposals in these four wards serve as an active deterrent to voting. It appears that they are driven by other factors, possibly to reduce expenditure, than sound judgement aimed at maximising democratic participation. I urge that in these four wards the council now brings forward proposals to address effectively this democratic deficit.

Proposal

Due to the location of the Scout Hut it was combined with Rosedale College in 2011. No feedback has been received since then and no change is proposed.

- HB2, Albert Hall, Albert Road - combine with HB1, Botwell House RC School.
- HB4/HB5 - combine at Wood End Park School, Judge Heath Lane.

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|-------------|---------------|
| Ward | Brunel |
| Electorate | 9498 |
| Postals | 1117 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
|-----|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| UA1 | 2245 | Alec Rose Scout Hut, Moorfield Road | | 2245 |
| UA2 | 1856 | Walter Pomeroy Hall, Royal Lane | | 2893 |
| UA3 | 3154 | St John's Church Hall, Royal Lane | Bishopsholt School Royal Lane | 4360 |
| UA4 | 2243 | Salem Baptist Church Hall, Uxbridge Road | | 0 |

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

UA3 - the unavailability of St John's Church/Church Hall required the use of Bishopsholt School in 2014. This worked well and would be better suited to accommodating larger numbers of electors. It is therefore proposed that this change be made permanent

In addition it suggested that consideration be given to removing UA4, Salem Baptist Church Hall, Uxbridge Road, and redistribute electors in Cherry Grove, Morello Avenue, Stella Close, West Drayton Road, White Heart Avenue, Barncroft Close, Barwick Drive, Glasshouse Close, Harlington Road, Hooper Drive and Little London Close to UA2, Walter Pomeroy Hall Royal Lane, with the balance to UA3, Bishopsholt School, Royal Lane.

In addition move electors in the following roads: Amberley Way, Concorde Close, Cornfield Close, Hillingdon Road, Ivybridge Close, Kingston Lane, Merryfields, Orchard Way, Park Road East, The Greenway, Turnpike Lane and Whitehall Road from UA3 to UA2.

Responses Received

- Kerri Prince, Brunel Student - Due to Hillingdon Council funding a member of staff at the Union of Brunel Students, Community Engagement Coordinator, may I suggest that the creation of two polling stations on campus will enhance the aims of this position which is to engage Brunel students in the local community and to encourage them to participate in local democracy. In the 2014 local elections, one side of campus

(Cleveland Road to Cowley Road - Uxbridge South ward) would travel to the Greenway to vote (which I now hear is being removed - thus making any travelling to a polling station longer). The other side of campus (Cleveland Road to Kingston Lane - Brunel ward) would have to walk several miles uphill to Bishopshalt School. Elections normally fall within the same period as exams at Brunel, and polling stations that are far away can be a strong deterrent as students may find themselves choosing between revision or voting. As the Council is putting such a great emphasis on engaging students in the community, a polling station on both sides of campus would put across a stronger message to students that Hillingdon Council does value them as residents. The Brunel campus has plenty of buildings that can be used, and they are also accessible to members of the public. This is a fantastic opportunity for Hillingdon Council to engage a generation of Brunel students. I hope you will consider this proposal and strengthen the democratic mandate of Hillingdon Council, but aiming to increase turnout in the Brunel and Uxbridge South wards.

- Councillor Richard Mills (Ward Councillor, submitted on behalf of Brunel Ward Councillors) - We support the proposals to amend Polling Districts within Brunel Ward. Salem Baptist Church is difficult to access and we support the removal of this and subsequent distribution of these voters between UA2 and UA3 as suggested. In the 2014 elections the UA3 polling station at Bishopsholt School worked well, and whilst the number of electors within this polling district is high, this contains a number of 'Student Halls' from which turnout is extremely low.
- Union of Brunel Students: - Polling station proposal for implementing polling stations on both sides of the Brunel University campus.

Context - In 2010 only 44% of 18-24 year olds voted in the General Election – the lowest out of any other age group. With the General Election scheduled for May 2015, this is a great opportunity to make a conscious effort to engage Brunel University students in the civic process. The Union of Brunel Students and Brunel University propose to create two polling stations on campus for the General Election. The campus is split into two wards through Cleveland Road, one falling into Uxbridge South and the other being in Brunel ward. The Students' Union will be running a voter registration campaign to accompany polling stations on campus in order to engage our students in the electoral and civic process. The date of the General Election is scheduled for May 7th, which falls into the Brunel University exam period. The proposed polling stations for both Uxbridge South and Brunel are a mile away from the campus, and we feel that students may not take that time out of their key revision period to vote. We would like to ensure that our students know that their vote and engagement is valued, and by bringing the polling stations to them during one of the busiest periods in their academic life, Hillingdon Borough Council would be promoting their commitment to engaging students.

Polling Station Locations - Due to the campus being split into two, there is a need for one polling station on each side. Whilst considering the requirements for a polling station, the University has identified the following locations to be used as polling station:

- Isambard Complex Social Amenities Building, accessible from

Station Road.

- Sports Pavillion, Kingston Lane.

Operations - The Union of Brunel Students has been liaising with the operational team at the University, who have identified the two locations above as polling stations as they meet requirements for accessibility, size, and safety. Both polling stations are and would be accessible to the public, and both locations are secure. With the General Election count being on the Brunel campus in the Indoor Athletics Centre (IAC), it would only be a short trip for security services to transport the ballot boxes to the IAC.

Proposal

The introduction of Individual Elector Registration (IER) has, in pilot areas, seen the amount of persons registered drop quite considerably. This has been particularly noticeable amongst student populations and it is not, therefore recommended that additional polling stations be introduced in this ward at this stage until the full effect of IER is known.

- UA3 - relocate to Bishopsholt School instead of St John's Church.
- UA4 - remove Salem Baptist Church Hall, Uxbridge Road, and redistribute electors in the following roads to UA2, Walter Pomeroy Hall Royal Lane:
 - Cherry Grove,
 - Morello Avenue,
 - Stella Close,
 - West Drayton Road,
 - White Heart Avenue,
 - Barncroft Close,
 - Barwick Drive,
 - Glasshouse Close,
 - Harlington Road,
 - Hooper Drive and
 - Little London Close,
- with the balance to UA3, Bishopsholt School, Royal Lane.
- Move electors in the following roads from UA3 to UA2, Walter Pomeroy Hall, Royal Lane:
 - Amberley Way,
 - Concorde Close,
 - Cornfield Close,
 - Hillingdon Road,
 - Ivybridge Close,
 - Kingston Lane,
 - Merryfields,
 - Orchard Waye,
 - Park Road East,
 - The Greenway,
 - Turnpike Lane and
 - Whitehall Road.

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| Ward | Cavendish |
| Electorate | 8844 |
| Postals | 1216 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
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| UB1 | 2656 | Eastcote Community Centre Southbourne Gardens | | 2656 |
| UB2 | 2930 | Cavendish Pavilion Field End Road | | 2930 |
| UB3 | 3258 | St Swithun Wells RC School Hunters Hill | | 3258 |

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed to the current arrangements.

Responses Received

- Councillor Lavery (Ward Councillor) - would be content to see no change

Proposal

No change - current arrangements are considered satisfactory

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| Ward | Charville |
| Electorate | 8970 |
| Postals | 950 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
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| HC1 | 3739 | Charville Community Centre, Bury Avenue | | 3739 |
| HC2 | 1110 | Hewens College, Hewens Road | Hayes End Library | 1110 |
| HC3 | 4121 | Hayes Park School, Raynton Drive | | 4121 |

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

HC2 - The refurbishment of Hayes End Library is now complete and it is recommended that the polling place be relocated back to this location to reduce the disruption caused by using the college.

Whilst there is currently an imbalance in the electorate at the three polling places there are natural geographical issues causing this.

Responses Received

- Councillor Fyfe (Ward Councillor) - I agree with the changes especially back to the Hayes End Library as per the last local elections. Grange Park Infant school is located in Charville Ward but is used for voters from Barnhill Ward.

Proposal

- HC2 - relocate to Hayes End Library

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| Ward | Eastcote & East Ruislip |
| Electorate | 10044 |
| Postals | 1460 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
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| RA1 | 2716 | The Great Barn Bury Street | | 2716 |
| RA2 | 2518 | Coteford Infants School Fore Street | | 2518 |
| RA3 | 1520 | Eastcote Methodist Church Hall Pamela Gardens | | 1520 |
| RA4 | 3290 | St Lawrence Church Hall Bridle Road | | 3290 |

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed at present although the impact of the development on the RAF site need to be borne in mind for the future.

With the electorate size and high voting turnout, there are grounds for retaining 4 polling districts in this ward

Responses Received

None

Proposal

No change - current arrangements are considered satisfactory

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| Ward | Harefield |
| Electorate | 5711 |
| Postals | 767 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
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| RB1 | 1890 | Harefield United Football Club | | 3359 |
| RB2 | 2351 | Park Lane Village Centre, Park Lane | To become RB2 | 0 |
| RB3 | 1470 | Harefield Community Centre, Priory Avenue | | 2352 |

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

The geographical nature of the Ward has resulted in having 3 polling places close together. Comments are welcomed on a proposal to remove RB2, Park Lane Village Centre, Park Lane, and redistributing the electors between the two remaining polling areas.

RB2 covers the centre of the village and Park Lane is a natural boundary within RB2. All roads north of this would relocate to RB1, Harefield United Football Club, and all roads south would relocate to RB3, Harefield Community Centre, Priory Avenue. The two exceptions to this would be Breakspear Road North and Pond Close which would relocate to RB1.

Responses Received

None

Proposal

- RB2 - relocate as described above

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| Ward | Heathrow Villages |
| Electorate | 7362 |
| Postals | 874 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
|-----|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| HD1 | 1339 | Harmondsworth Church Hall, High Street | | 1339 |
| HD2 | 269 | Cherry Lane School, Sipson Road | | 2405 |
| HD3 | 1235 | Cherry Lane School, Sipson Road | | 0 |
| HD4 | 901 | Sipson Christian Fellowship, Sipson Lane | | 0 |
| HD5 | 3618 | The Barn 1 st Harlington Scout Group, High Street | To become HD3 | 3618 |

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

Polling stations HD2/3, Cherry Lane School, Sipson Road and HD4, Sipson Christian Fellowship, Sipson Lane are located quite close together and it is suggested that consideration be given to removing polling area HD4 which is small and relocating to HD2/3

The polling districts of HD2/HD3 currently share a location and should be combined together.

Responses Received

- Mr Tomlinson (resident) - It is important to protect our democracy by opening more polling stations instead of closures. Sipson polling station must be kept open and Cranford Cross polling station must be re-opened. Short term cost savings will lead to long term decline and abuse of our democracy.
- Miss Obot (resident) - As a resident in Sipson village I would like to agree with the letter received from the Heathrow Villages Labour Councillors and raise my concerns further regarding plans to move our local polling station. If this can be avoided at any cost I would appreciate this greatly as moving it to Cherry lane would be of great inconvenience. On behalf of myself and

my father and as a proud local of Sipson village, I would be against moving the polling station to Cherry Lane school due to ease of access for most residents and the inconvenience it would cause for the majority of Sipson village residents.

- Jane Taylor (Chair of Harmondsworth and Sipson Residents' Association) - It is of great concern to the residents of Sipson that there are proposals for our village to lose its Polling Station which is located at HD4 Sipson Baptist Church. The Council anticipate Sipson residents will be happy and able to access the Polling Station at Cherry Lane School. Hillingdon Council are fully aware that the Heathrow Villages are constantly fighting to retain services as well as gain others which are automatically offered in other parts of the borough. It is important for Sipson to remain a viable community so we are not seen as an easy target by Heathrow Airports Ltd to be built on for airport expansion. Sipson residents find it incomprehensible that you wish to remove our democratic right to vote at an accessible Polling Station. At the moment, Sipson residents have the same two options to vote as other people living in the borough of Hillingdon – postal or walking to the ballot box. By removing the Polling Station in the north of the village the only realistic option for most residents will be to organise a postal vote because Cherry Lane will require a car or bus journey which for many people in the village is not practicable. I see from your website that these proposals have come from the Returning Officer who views Sipson and Cherry Lane to be close to one another; this would not be the perception of a voter living in the south of the village.
- Councillors Khatra, Money and Nelson (Ward Councillors) - The returning officer commented that Polling stations HD2/3, Cherry Lane School, Sipson Road and HD4, Sipson Christian Fellowship, Sipson Lane are located close together and the officer is suggesting that consideration be given to removing polling station HD4 which is small and should be relocated to HD2/3. The officer proposes that Polling districts of HD2/HD3 currently share a location and should be combined together. We, the three Ward Councillors of Heathrow Villages along with the residents the HD4 polling district (see attached petition) strongly disagree with this statement by the returning officer. On paper the two polling stations are 1.4 miles apart when driving, however in practise residents living in the area for e.g. on Blunts Ave will be 2.3 miles from the proposed Polling Station, this distance is absolutely absurd as it means that the polling station will now no longer be walking distance. Residents are concerned that their only option will be to drive to the newly proposed polling station. Public transport from Blunts Ave will include the following steps; First there will be a 1.2 mile walk to the Sipson Way bus stop, the resident will then have to wait for the 222 bus which can be anything up to 8 minutes, the journey will take 18 minutes to Maxwell Road and then a further 10 minute walk to the polling station - this whole journey will then have to be repeated on the way to back to their home - therefore in practise the removal of the HD4 polling station will not assist the residents in any way. Currently 901 residents are registered to vote in the HD4 polling station. Not all persons will obviously be using public transport to travel to the new polling station, nevertheless residents who are elderly and those with disabilities may not be able to use public transport without any assistance. Heathrow villages

is also a unique place because the majority of the residents work in or around the airport, as such most residents in Sipson are shift workers with the majority of persons doing early, late or night shifts. This is also a reason why it is absolutely crucial that the Sipson Christian Fellowship polling station is saved, casting your vote should be a very simple and easy task - not an activity that is time consuming or made costly by public transport. Whilst some persons are happy to go for a postal vote there are many residents who want to vote for themselves, this obviously includes the elderly and those with disabilities etc. In Heathrow Villages there was a 32.2% voter turnout which is a relatively average number when compared with other wards throughout the borough and even the country. There has overall been a low turnout in the local elections and moving the polling stations further away can only contribute to this. There is no positive reason for this polling station to be moved further away. Residents should be encouraged to vote and this can only deter them.

- Councillors Khatra, Money and Nelson (Ward Councillors) - Reinstatement of Polling station on Oxford Avenue. We, the three Ward Councillors of Heathrow Villages along with the residents of the Cranford Cross Catchment area (see attached petition) would also recommend that the temporary Polling station that was historically erected on Oxford Avenue be reinstated as a matter of urgency. The persons living in Cranford Cross catchment area used to walk a very short distance to vote and now they have to travel by either car or public transport to the HD5 polling station in Harlington. This journey is completely unnecessary and there was no reason to take the polling station away. Again, this makes the journey time consuming, not very user-friendly and costly - casting your vote should be a simple and straight-forward process, this certainly is not the case at the moment. The number of polling place electorates in the HD5 station is 3618, this is a very large number of potential voters. Although HD5, Scouts Hut is a suitable polling station for Harlington and its local residents who can vote by walking, it is not suitable for this high number as it is a small station with very limited parking. Many residents on the day were complaining on the lack of car parking space and the fact that it was so busy. There is approximately 8 car park spaces with the surrounding areas having controlled residents parking. This increased traffic creates problems for walkers and the local residents residing in the flats and houses next to the HD5 Harlington Scouts Hut Polling station. If the polling station on Oxford Avenue is reinstated it will distribute the voters. Residents in Cranford Cross were also complaining that their right to vote was taken away when the temporary Polling station was taken away. Many residents stated to us that if the Polling Station was walking distance than they would have voted - reinstating the Polling station on Cranford Cross will simply encourage more residents to vote and this can only be a benefit. Heathrow Villages also has a large population of persons who work shifts in the airport doing either early, late or night shifts. As such walking to the polling stations in the Heathrow Villages is an absolute necessity.
- Petition; "We, the residents of HD4 *strongly oppose* the merging of polling districts HD4 which would result in an inaccessible Polling place for all HD4 electors" - containing 135 signatures (representing 11.3% of electors

in HD4.)

- Petition; "We the residents of Acorn Grove, Bath Road, Craneswater, Cranford Lane, Eton Road, Langley Crescent, Malvern Road, Oxford Avenue, Pendell Avenue, Saunton Avenue, Strathearn Avenue, Winchester Road and Windsor Park Road *strongly demand that there should be the **reinstatement of the Cranford Cross polling station** that has historically been placed on Oxford Avenue. This will give us ease of access to vote. With a very low voter turnout, this can only encourage more residents to vote.*" - containing 52 signatures (representing 4.1% of the voters in the roads listed.)
- Hayes and Harlington Constituency Labour Party, London Borough of Hillingdon Labour Group - Heathrow Villages Ward has a total electorate of 9,362 and is currently divided into five polling districts. The proposals are to combine polling districts HD2 and HD3 into a single polling district as they share a single polling place and to also combine polling district HD4 with HD2 and HD3 the result being that there will be three polling districts for the future. On the grounds that HD2 and HD3 share a single polling place we concur with the proposal to combine these two polling districts but are strongly opposed to the proposal to add HD4. Whilst HD4 is, compared to most, a small polling district we recognise that, due to its geography, the polling district is very separate from any of the adjoining polling districts and, if combined, would cause considerable difficulty and hardship to the electors living there. Electors on the extreme southern edge of the present HD4 would be nearly 2.5 miles from the proposed new polling place and would be only able to access the polling place by car or public transport whereas they currently have relatively easy access within walking distance. Any elector, without a car, would have to use public transport which would result in an 18 minute journey in addition to a considerable 18 – 25 minute walk only to be repeated once the vote has been cast. Such a proposal is completely unreasonable and not convenient. We very strongly propose that on the grounds of equal and reasonable access, to vote, for all that HD4 be left alone and that the Polling Place for this Polling District continue to be at the Sipson Christian Fellowship, Sipson Lane. Additionally, we believe that an additional polling district and polling place be re-instated for the Cranford Cross area of Polling District HD5. Just by looking at the polling district map it can be seen how isolated this area is from the polling place at The Barn, 1st Harlington Scout Group, High Street, Harlington. Cranford Cross used to have its own polling place in previous years and we strongly propose that it be re-instated. At the elections in May 2014 many electors, from the Cranford Cross area, found it difficult and inconvenient to get to the polling place at the scout hut and either had to travel by bus or by car only to find it difficult to park their car. It should be our aim to endeavour to place polling places near to the electorate that can be accessed with ease without the need to involve either a car or public transport and the re-instatement of this polling district would achieve that. The electorate of Cranford Cross strongly support our proposal that the following roads be removed from polling district HDS and that a new

polling district be created:

Acorn Grove
 Bath Road
 Craneswater
 Cranford Lane (part)
 Eton Road
 Langley Crescent
 Malvern Road
 Oxford Road
 Pendell Avenue
 Saunton Avenue
 Strathearn Avenue
 Winchester Road
 Windsor Park Road

Total 1227 electors

Ward Structure

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| HD1 | 1339 |
| HD2 | 2405 |
| HD4 | 901 |
| HD5 | 2391 |
| HD6 | 1227 |

We recognise that unfortunately there is not any suitable community building within this area and therefore recommend the use of a mobile polling station sited in the usual location in Oxford Avenue.

- John McDonnell MP - I am writing in response to the council's polling station review. I regret that the council has not adequately advertised or publicised this review. I have not met many constituents who had been notified of this review and were aware it was taking place until I informed them. Inevitably if local residents are not made aware of the review there will be a low rate of participation in the consultation exercise and the decisions eventually taken by the council will be based upon inadequate local knowledge and information. However I have now consulted a number of my constituents and they share my strong concerns about a number of the proposals set out in the review. In four areas in my constituency the proposals will seriously undermine the ability of my constituents to access a polling station and exercise their democratic right to vote. This will impact upon overall turnout at elections which has significantly fallen over the last 30 years. In the Heathrow Villages the failure to have a polling station at Cranford Cross significantly disadvantages my constituents living on this relatively isolated estate. This has caused considerable concern from my constituents who live in this area and who have real difficulties in travelling the distance to Harlington village to vote. Similarly adding HD4 to HD2 and HD3 fails to recognise the distance this area has from the proposed polling station and the impact this would have on deterring people from voting. Overall I do not believe that any reasonable person could judge that the proposals set out in the review document are rational or sensible in achieving the objective of facilitating the opportunity

of my constituents to vote. Indeed I consider that the opposite is the case. The proposals in these four wards serve as an active deterrent to voting. It appears that they are driven by other factors, possibly to reduce expenditure, than sound judgement aimed at maximising democratic participation. I urge that in these four wards the council now brings forward proposals to address effectively this democratic deficit.

Proposal

- HD2/3 Cherry Lane School, Sipson Road - combine into single station
- HD4 Sipson Christian Fellowship, Sipson Lane - close and combine with HD2

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| Ward | Hillingdon East |
| Electorate | 9076 |
| Postals | 1129 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Eelectorate |
|-----|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| UC1 | 2930 | Royal British Legion Uxbridge Road | | 2930 |
| UC2 | 2216 | Ryefield Nursery School Ryefield Avenue | | 2216 |
| UC3 | 3930 | Oak Farm School Nursery Unit Windsor Avenue | | 3930 |

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed to the current arrangements.

Responses Received

- Councillor Bridges (Ward Councillor) - concerned that residents living in roads such as Heath Road, De Sails and Paget are walking a long way to vote at UC1, Royal British Legion. Suggest consideration be given to allowing residents in these areas to vote at Hayes End Library (located in Charville ward)
- Mrs Evans, Oak Farm Residents' Association - residents in the area are satisfied with the places allocated for them to cast their votes.
- Councillor Jackson (Ward Councillor) - Whilst polling in Hillingdon East ran smoothly and was well managed, I have concerns that some voters were not near enough to a convenient polling station to bother to go out to vote. Roads and areas like Pole Hill Rd (the bungalow end) Mellow Lane west, Hewens Rd, De Salis and Paget were a long way from the British Legion, if this was their allotted station. Hewens Academy or Hayes End library would be more convenient polling station.

Proposal

Where possible seek to avoid polling places located outside of the Ward. Therefore, no changes - the current arrangements are considered satisfactory.

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| Ward | Ickenham |
| Electorate | 8165 |
| Postals | 1141 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
|-----|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| RC1 | 2828 | United Reform Church Hall Swakeleys Road | | 2828 |
| RC2 | 3703 | Ickenham Village Hall Swakeleys Road | | 3703 |
| RC3 | 1634 | Ickenham Guide Hut Community Close | | 1634 |

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed to the current arrangements

Responses Received

- Cllr Hensley (Ward Councillor) - would endorse the Returning Officer's comments

Proposal

No changes - the current arrangements are considered satisfactory.

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| Ward | Manor |
| Electorate | 8674 |
| Postals | 1078 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
|-----|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| UD1 | 2650 | Sacred Heart School Herlwyn Avenue | | 2650 |
| UD2 | 3066 | Ruislip Manor Library Victoria Road | | 3066 |
| UD3 | 2958 | St Pauls Church Hall Tiverton Road | | 2958 |

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed to the current arrangements.

Responses Received

None

Proposal

No changes - the current arrangements are considered satisfactory.

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|-------------|------------------------|
| Ward | Northwood Hills |
| Electorate | 8861 |
| Postals | 1477 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
|-----|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| RE1 | 2509 | Hillside School, Northwood Way | | 3414 |
| RE2 | 2908 | Haydon School, Wiltshire Lane | | 2908 |
| RE3 | 1819 | Harlyn Primary Nursery School, Tolcarne Drive | | 2539 |
| RE4 | 1615 | Northwood Library, Potter Street | | 0 |

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

Consideration be given to removing RE4, Northwood Library, Potter Street, and redistributing these electors between RE1, Hillside School, Northwood Way and RE3, Harlyn Primary Nursery School, Tolcarne Drive, using Pinner Road as the natural boundary (Pinner Road electors going to RE3 along with those roads south of Pinner Road, all roads north of Pinner Road relocating to RE1)

Responses Received

None

Proposal

- Relocate RE4 as described above.

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| Ward | Northwood |
| Electorate | 8286 |
| Postals | 1408 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
|-----|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| RD1 | 3136 | Holy Trinity Church Hall Gateway Close | | 3136 |
| RD2 | 1984 | Northwood Methodists Church Hall Oaklands Gate | | 1984 |
| RD3 | 3166 | St Matthews RC Church Hall Hallowell Road | | 3166 |

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed to the current arrangements.

Responses Received

None

Proposal

No changes - the current arrangements are considered satisfactory

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| Ward | Pinkwell |
| Electorate | 9728 |
| Postals | 1107 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
|-----|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| HE1 | 5067 | Cranford Park Academy, Phelps Way | | 5067 |
| HE2 | 4661 | Harlington Community School, Pinkwell Lane | | 4661 |

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed to the current arrangements.

Responses Received

- Hayes and Harlington Constituency Labour Party, London Borough of Hillingdon Labour Group - The Pinkwell Ward has a total electorate of 9,728. It is currently divided into two polling districts. HE1 has 5,067 electors and would normally be regarded as a very large polling district. In fact the Polling District is made up of a very compact residential area very conveniently surrounding the Cranford Park Academy, current polling place. We have never received any complaint about the polling place being inaccessible and the majority of electors easily walk to vote without any difficulty or inconvenience. The second polling district, HE2, has fewer electors, 4,661 but covers a much larger area and electors do not enjoy the same ease of access when going to vote. During the 2014 local elections the Labour Party campaigners received many complaints from electors living in the South West part of the ward about the Polling Place (Harlington Community School) being placed on the extreme opposite edge of the district and to it not being very accessible or convenient. In 2010 the ward had an additional Polling District much closer to them and no complaints were received. We support the electors in their request for a more convenient polling place to be provided and propose that the following roads be deleted from Polling District HE2 to create a new Polling District HE3:
 Bourne Avenue
 Burnham Gardens
 Carnarvon Drive
 Conway Drive

Clevedon Gardens
 Denbigh Drive
 Glamis Crescent
 Guinness Close
 Marlow Gardens
 Nine Acres Close
 Pembroke Way
 Pinkwell Lane (end part from Carnarvon Drive)
 Skipton Drive
 Snowden Crescent
 Stormount Drive

Ward structure

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| HE1 | 5047 |
| HE2 | 2779 |
| HE3 | 1882 |

We also propose that the Polling Place be situated in the Sandgate Football Club building which is very convenient for all electors within the new proposed Polling District. Additionally it should be noted that the Football Club has substantial off road car parking available.

- Petition; "We, the residents of Bourne Avenue, Burnham Gardens, Carnarvon Drive, Conway Drive, Clevedon Gardens, Denbigh Drive, Glamis Crescent, Guinness Close, Marlow Gardens, Nine Acres Close, Pembroke Way, Pinkwell Lane (end part from Carnarvon Drive), Skipton Drive, Snowden Crescent and Stormount Drive, strongly ask that we have a more convenient polling place and therefore a new polling district consisting of the roads above as in the past." - containing 50 signatures (representing 2.2% of electors in the roads listed.)
- John McDonnell MP - I am writing in response to the council's polling station review. I regret that the council has not adequately advertised or publicised this review. I have not met many constituents who had been notified of this review and were aware it was taking place until I informed them. Inevitably if local residents are not made aware of the review there will be a low rate of participation in the consultation exercise and the decisions eventually taken by the council will be based upon inadequate local knowledge and information. However I have now consulted a number of my constituents and they share my strong concerns about a number of the proposals set out in the review. In four areas in my constituency the proposals will seriously undermine the ability of my constituents to access a polling station and exercise their democratic right to vote. This will impact upon overall turnout at elections which has significantly fallen over the last 30 years. In Pinkwell Ward I have received expressions of concern from constituents living in the Westerly part of the Bourne Avenue estate at the lack of a polling station in their area. This causes considerable inconvenience and is not conducive to encouraging voter participation. Overall I do not believe that any reasonable person could judge that the proposals set out in the review document are rational or sensible in

achieving the objective of facilitating the opportunity of my constituents to vote. Indeed I consider that the opposite is the case. The proposals in these four wards serve as an active deterrent to voting. It appears that they are driven by other factors, possibly to reduce expenditure, than sound judgement aimed at maximising democratic participation. I urge that in these four wards the council now brings forward proposals to address effectively this democratic deficit.

Proposal

No changes - the current arrangements are considered satisfactory. The Sandgate FC HQ has been considered and is unsuitable for a polling station.

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| Ward | South Ruislip |
| Electorate | 8670 |
| Postals | 1144 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
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| UE1 | 2524 | South Ruislip Christian Fellowship | | 3699 |
| UE2 | 1960 | South Ruislip Youth Centre | South Ruislip Library | 2486 |
| UE3 | 1701 | Ruislip Gardens Primary School, Stafford Road | | 0 |
| UE4 | 2485 | Deane Park Hall, Long Drive | To become UE3 | 2485 |

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

UE2 - In 2014 the South Ruislip Library was successfully used as a replacement for South Ruislip Youth Centre. It is recommended that this change be made permanent.

Consideration be given to relocating electors from UE3, Ruislip Gardens Primary School to UE1, South Ruislip Christian Fellowship.

Consideration should then be given to relocating some existing electors from UE1, South Ruislip Christian Fellowship to UE2 South Ruislip Library to better balance the number of electors in each location. This would involve electors in the following roads: Bourne Avenue, Cedar Avenue, Field Way, Great Central Avenue, Manor Gardens, Primrose Gardens, Priors Gardens and South Park Way.

Responses Received

- Councillor Kelly (Ward Councillor) - agree with proposal concerning UE2. Oppose proposal to discontinue use of UE3, Ruislip Gardens School. There is already a low turnout and, if people have to travel along the very congested West End Rd, negotiate two sets of traffic lights etc. to place their votes, a lot more people won't bother to vote. The next nearest venue is some considerable way off and would mean voters having to travel along the very congested West End Road for the next nearest one. That is a car drive away - not in walking distance. This would put many voters off bothering to turn out. If polling stations must be reduced it would make

more sense geographically to close the one at Deane Park Community Centre and use just the library for the whole of that area.

- Councillor Kauffman (Ward Councillor) - concur with comments of Councillor Kelly. I feel to take Ruislip Gardens School out of the frame would be detrimental to the voting population of Ruislip Gardens, Charmichael Close and West End Road.
- Councillor Duducu (Ward Councillor) - concur with comments of Councillor Kelly. Cutting out Ruislip Gardens pretty much guarantees that these thousand+ residents will have to travel by car to a polling station (if they can be bothered or have access to a vehicle). With the result that the residents will feel marginalised. The other polling station will need adequate parking for a greater number of cars. Or it stays open and all these problems go away. The need to travel by car will physically reduce the amount of people who can vote during rush hour too. If numbers were low for the local elections at the polling station, it was due to building work going on at the school and the regular entrance was closed.
- Mrs Sweeney (resident) - On behalf of the members of Ruislip Residents Association I would like to petition against your intention to withdraw Ruislip Gardens School as our local polling station. There are many elderly residents that will be unable to travel to the proposed new polling station in South Ruislip. We feel that there would also be a decline in numbers of residents voting if they had further to travel to vote. Please reconsider your view to closing our local polling station venue.
- Mrs Edwards (resident) - I have heard that you are proposing to stop using Ruislip Gardens Primary School as a polling station. I think this is a good idea as it seems silly to shut a whole school just to use one room. It is inconvenient for working parents and disruptive to learning. However, I think that Dean Close is too far unless you are considering providing transport for elderly and disabled residents and suggest that you use the scout hut at New Pond Parade, shops.
- Mrs Lindores (resident) - I am astounded at the suggestion that you want to change the site of the polling station at Ruislip Gardens to Dean Ave. There are a lot of old people on this estate and will not or cannot go that far. What is wrong with Ruislip Gardens school? It has been used for years for voting and works well. So why change it for changing sake. You need a polling station here for everyone not place it in South Ruislip. This is Ruislip Gardens and we should have our own. Please think about it and realise it is a stupid, unfair to the elderly and disabled and you will get people who won't go all that way to vote. Voting figures are down anyway and this will make the matter worse. So reconsider and realise it is a stupid idea. I would like to know who comes up with these barmy ideas. Whoever it was should realise they are not thinking straight or thinking fairly.
- James Rawlinson (resident) - As a member of the Ruislip Gardens Residents Association I was dismayed to hear that consideration is being given to closing the polling station at Ruislip Gardens Primary School and moving it to the other side of the ward at Deane Avenue. I would like to lodge my most sincere objections to this suggestion. Deane Avenue is not within walking distance of Ruislip Gardens. In order to get there most will have to drive and many simply won't bother to go that far out of their way

to exercise their right to vote. Those driving will have to sit in the lengthy traffic queues to the A40 and find when they get there that it's a residents parking permit zone so will have to run the risk of getting a ticket. The HS2 plans include the likely closing of West End Rd near Ruislip Gardens tube station so traffic in the immediate area and especially around Station Approach (which Deane Avenue is off) is likely to be severely congested for a number of years while this project is undertaken. Moving the polling station into the roads most likely to take the brunt of any diverted traffic means it is even less likely residents in this area will go out of their way to vote. I take my voting very seriously and do make effort to walk to the local school. However, as a shift worker I may well find that I simply do not have the time to sit in long queues of traffic to do this. This suggestion seems likely to undermine local democracy and deter residents in this area of the ward from making their vote. It is important that we keep this polling station in Ruislip Gardens where voters of all ages can easily make their vote and I strongly encourage you to reconsider this suggestion. Moving the polling station to an area which sees traffic jams and which is in a residents' parking area which we are outside of, means very few will see this as a progressive step and it will discourage voting. Please keep the polling station at the Primary School!

- Bryan Skipp (resident) - I thoroughly object to the proposed closure of the Ruislip Gardens voting station, as I and a lot of voters I suspect, will probably not bother to vote.
- Jeremy Wasden (Honorary Secretary South Ruislip Residents Association) - We would like to register an objection to the proposed cessation of Ruislip Gardens Primary School as a polling office. Whilst we are keen to minimise any disruption to education we believe polling stations need to be within walking distance of the electorate to maximise electoral participation, where possible. The movement of the polling station is a movement of 1.3 miles which Google calculates will take the average walker 25 minutes (fifty minutes round trip). Due to heavy traffic the very busy West End Road is far from the most pleasant road in our borough to walk along. Sure, many can drive but where possible obstacles to voting should be minimised, especially for the elderly. Whilst we are a non political organisation we are keen that residents have every opportunity and encouragement to engage in the democratic process. We are concerned that this proposed closure is a barrier to local residents voting in future.
- Mrs D O'Neill (resident) - As a long term resident on the Ruislip Garden estate, and member of the local Residents Association, I have heard that there are plans to move the Polling Station from Ruislip Gardens Primary School. I would like to make my objection known. The School provides a convenient location for the local residents and is accessible for all ages. A change in location would mean a great deal of disruption and hardship to access the proposed new venue. Indeed it would mean great inconvenience and transportation for a large number of residents and would put an increase on the local traffic. I, for one, working within walking distance of the school would not want to come home and get in a car to access a different location and would make me question the whole idea of voting which is currently not the intended outcome. I would urge you to

reconsider and take local residents viewpoint into account.

Proposals

- UE1 South Ruislip Christian Fellowship - electors in the following roads to be relocated to UE2, South Ruislip Youth Centre:
 - Bourne Avenue,
 - Cedar Avenue,
 - Great Central Avenue,
 - Manor Gardens,
 - Primrose Gardens,
 - Priors Gardens and
 - South Park Way
- UE2 South Ruislip Youth Centre - relocate to South Ruislip Library
- UE3 Ruislip Gardens Primary School, Stafford Road - in keeping with the principle of having three Polling Places per Ward, close and relocate to UE1.

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| Ward | Townfield |
| Electorate | 9820 |
| Postals | 1088 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
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| HF1 | 2875 | Hayes Town Chapel, St Marys Road | | 2875 |
| HF2 | 3981 | Minet School, Avondale Drive | | 3981 |
| HF3 | 2964 | Townfield Community Centre, Townfield Square | | 2964 |

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed to the current arrangements.

Responses Received

- Councillor Allen (Ward Councillor) - I do not feel the number of Polling stations in Townfield are either adequate or in appropriate places to serve the needs of the residents. At the last election many residents complained that they had to walk some distance to vote and were perplexed as to why they could not visit one closer to their homes. Whilst some are happy to go for a Postal vote there are many who want the opportunity to go and vote for themselves including the elderly and those with disabilities etc. The distance now is much greater than it ever was. For many years those living in Austin Road voted at the Catholic Hall in Botwell Lane a short distance away which suited them. They now have to walk to Minet School. Those living on the Village Garden Estate voted at either the Brotherhood Hall (now flats) or the Salvation Army Hall or the other Church on Coldharbour Lane which again was close but now not used. They all now have to go to Minet School. Parking at the last offerings have not been good which has created problems for walkers, car drivers and the residents living in the area yet none of this appears to have been taken into consideration. It is hardly any wonder that turn out is getting lower.

My suggestion would be to allow those living in Austin Road and other roads in that area Little Road, Chalfont Road etc to again vote at the Catholic Hall as they did previously. Those on the Village Garden Estate to again vote at Salvation Army Hall which is closer to them. Alternatively the other Church on Coldharbour lane top of Avondale Drive which again is closer. This would enable more to walk to polling Station and put less cars

on the road. The roads on the village garden estate are not all open roads leading to Minet School and unless residents walk through footpaths which some are loath to do they have to make their way up to Coldharbour Lane and take a longer journey making the distance further which in turn brings about more car usage on roads that are already heavily congested.

- Hayes and Harlington Constituency Labour Party, London Borough of Hillingdon Labour Group - The Townfield Ward has a total electorate of 8,920 divided into 3 polling districts. It is proposed that no changes should be made. Whilst we accept that in the main HF2 and HF3 are adequately served within the current arrangements we are concerned that the electors living in the roads to the extreme south of polling district HF3 are remote and are disconnected to the rest of the polling district. Additionally, but equally important access to the polling place from this area is not easy and somewhat inconvenient. Additionally, within HF2, electors living in those roads within the recognised village garden estate are extremely disconnected from the rest of the polling district and access to the polling place at Minet Infant School is not easy and is also some distance away. Accepting that the Minet Infant School is almost certainly the best location for a polling place, in this polling district, it does have severe limitations especially regarding adequate car parking. Minet Infant School does not have any car parking on site as this is provided within the grounds of the Minet Junior School and as that school is open for education purposes car parking cannot be made available due to safeguarding reasons. There is very little on-street car parking available in this area and as this is the largest polling district in the ward the restrictions do create some difficulties and complaints. We believe that in the interests of providing a manageable series of polling places within the Townfield Ward an additional polling district should be created to include the roads at the extreme southern edge of HF3 and those roads within the village garden estate of HF2. We strongly propose that the following roads be deleted from polling district HF3:

Austin Road
Chalfont Road
Little Road
Silverdale Road
Station Road

Total 577 electors

and that the following roads be deleted from HF2:

Coldharbour Lane (from Broadway Parade – 130)
Crossway
East Walk
Fairdale Gardens
Hunters Grove
Minet Drive (evens)
Mount Road
Silverdale Gardens

West Walk

Total 1332 electors

Combined total 1909 electors

And that both sets of deleted roads be joined to form a new polling district HF4

Ward structure

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| HF1 | 2875 |
| HF2 | 2072 |
| HF3 | 2388 |
| HF4 | 1909 |

We also propose that the Polling Place be situated in the Salvation Army Church, Coldharbour Lane which is very convenient for all electors within the new proposed Polling District. Due to the nearness of the proposed polling place to all electors within the new proposed polling district we believe that most electors would choose to walk to vote.

- John McDonnell MP - I am writing in response to the council's polling station review. I regret that the council has not adequately advertised or publicised this review. I have not met many constituents who had been notified of this review and were aware it was taking place until I informed them. Inevitably if local residents are not made aware of the review there will be a low rate of participation in the consultation exercise and the decisions eventually taken by the council will be based upon inadequate local knowledge and information. However I have now consulted a number of my constituents and they share my strong concerns about a number of the proposals set out in the review. In four areas in my constituency the proposals will seriously undermine the ability of my constituents to access a polling station and exercise their democratic right to vote. This will impact upon overall turnout at elections which has significantly fallen over the last 30 years. In Townfield Ward there is clearly a need for an additional polling station in closer proximity to the large centre of population on the Austin Road estate and the environs of Coldharbour Lane. In the past the former Brotherhood Hall was used effectively. The Salvation Army Hall is the obvious choice of central location for a new polling station. Overall I do not believe that any reasonable person could judge that the proposals set out in the review document are rational or sensible in achieving the objective of facilitating the opportunity of my constituents to vote. Indeed I consider that the opposite is the case. The proposals in these four wards serve as an active deterrent to voting. It appears that they are driven by other factors, possibly to reduce expenditure, than sound judgement aimed at maximising democratic participation. I urge that in these four wards the council now brings forward proposals to address effectively this democratic deficit.

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| Proposal |
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| No changes - the current arrangements are considered satisfactory and accord with the principle of having no more than three Polling Places per Ward. |
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| Ward | Uxbridge North |
| Electorate | 9640 |
| Postals | 1573 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
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| UF1 | 3499 | Hermitage Primary School, Belmont Road | Christ Church Redford Way | 3499 |
| UF2 | 2174 | Battle of Britain Club, Hillingdon Road | | 2174 |
| UF3 | 2346 | Guide Hut 118, Sweetcroft Lane | | 2346 |
| UF4 | 1621 | St Bernadette's School, Long Lane | | 1621 |

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

The development of the former RAF site would suggest the need to retain 4 polling areas at this stage.

UF1 - the Christ Church in Redford Way was used successfully in 2014 due to the unavailability of the Hermitage Primary School, and it is recommended that this change be made permanent.

Responses Received

- Councillor Graham (Ward Councillor) - happy with status quo but aware that RAF site development may require review in future.

Proposal

- UF1 - relocate to Christ Church, Redford Way.

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| Ward | Uxbridge South |
| Electorate | 9810 |
| Postals | 905 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
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| UG1 | 3284 | Uxbridge Centre, The Greenway | | 0 |
| UG2 | 2004 | Whitehall Infants School, Cowley Road | | 3340 |
| UG3 | 2044 | Waterloo Church, Waterloo Road | | 2044 |
| UG4 | 2202 | Cowley Meeting Hall | To become UG1 | 4426 |

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

It is suggested that consideration be given to removing UG1, Uxbridge Centre, The Greenway, and redistributing the electors between UG2, Whitehall Infants School, Cowley Road and UG4, Cowley Meeting Hall, using the boundary of High Street and Cowley Road in UG1 to move either south to UG4 or north to UG2.

Responses Received

- Resident response - the Uxbridge Community Centre is an ideal place and I have ever had any complaints about it. As a wheelchair user the polling station could not be better and is very good in every way.
- Resident response - the Uxbridge Community Centre is an ideal hall in every way. It is large enough for many people waiting to vote without having to queue outside. There is also a sitting area inside, not near the booths, and convenient toilet facilities. There is also a staff kitchen area and a large car park with a disabled bay available. All in all, an ideal building for use as a polling station. Large enough and central enough for a large residential area to be covered.
- Councillor Burles (Ward Councillor) - I would like to formally register my objection to the plans to not use the polling station at The Uxbridge Community Centre which covers the UG1 polling district. This is the largest district in the ward and the new distances that you are asking people to travel to their new polling stations will put many people, especially the elderly, off voting. We need to encourage people to vote, not put them off. The Community Centre is central to UG1 district and has good facilities especially for those with disabilities and other needs. It also

covers a large number of the student population and making it harder for them to vote makes no sense. We should be adding a polling station on the campus in order to encourage them to vote.

Proposal

The introduction of Individual Elector Registration (IER) has, in pilot areas, seen the amount of persons registered drop quite considerably. This has been particularly noticeable amongst student populations and it is not, therefore recommended that four polling stations be retained in this ward at this stage until the full effect of IER is known.

- UG1, Uxbridge Centre, The Greenway - remove and redistribute the electors between UG2, Whitehall Infants School, Cowley Road and UG4, Cowley Meeting Hall, using the boundary of High Street and Cowley Road in UG1 to move either south to UG4 or north to UG2.

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| Ward | West Drayton |
| Electorate | 10699 |
| Postals | 1211 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
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| HG1 | 2581 | 2 nd West Drayton Scout Hall, Rowan Road | Meadows Community Centre, Wise Lane | 1798 |
| HG2 | 2304 | St Catherine's Church Hall, Money Lane | | 3426 |
| HG3 | 2789 | West Drayton Primary School, Kingston Lane | | 2789 |
| HG4 | 2686 | Bell Farm Christian Centre | | 2686 |

Returning Officer Comments

Indications are that the electorate in West Drayton continues to grow due to new developments, so it is not proposed to amend this Ward at this stage.

Responses Received

- Mr M Taylor, resident - It would appear ludicrous that someone living in Wren Drive, West Drayton should have to walk to the Scout Hut on the Wise Lane estate when there's a Polling Station in Money Lane. You have to walk past this station and then walk another mile to get to the one you've selected us to go to. Even the people at the station in Money Lane couldn't believe it as you can see my house from the door.
- Councillor Gilham (Ward Councillor) - HG1 2nd West Drayton Scout Hall, Rowan Road - poor access, no parking facilities and the condition of the building itself means the scout hut is not suitable. West Drayton Community Centre is located some 300 metres away and has ample parking, step free wide access to its much larger hall with toilet facilities in the foyer away from those voting.
- Councillor Gilham (Ward Councillor) #2 - suggest reassigning certain roads from HG1 to HG2 St Catherine's Church Hall, Money Lane. In order to comply with the principles underpinning the review, certain roads should be reallocated to HG2 which is a larger site with off street parking and can therefore accommodate more voters at a more logical Polling Station.
- Councillor Simmonds - there have been comments from electors about the choice of polling places being rather odd around the Green area, with voters a short distance from St Catherine's church forced to go some

distance away to vote elsewhere. Whilst this does not affect the nature of the polling stations it does suggest that consideration needs to be given to the distribution of electors.

Proposals

- The size of the electorate and the development at the former RAF site suggest that four polling stations should be retained for this Ward.
- HG1, 2nd. West Drayton Scout Hall, Rowan Road - relocate to the Meadows Community Centre, Wise Lane.
- HG1 and HG2 - relocate the electors in the following roads from HG1 to HG2, St Catherine's Church Hall, Money Lane:
 - Avenue Close
 - Brooklyn Way
 - Catherines Close
 - Church Close
 - Church Rd
 - Copse Close
 - Frays Close
 - Mill Close
 - Mill Rd
 - Money Lane
 - Pippins close
 - St Martin's Rd
 - St Martin's Close
 - The Common
 - The Green
 - Wren Drive
- HG1 and HG2 - relocate the electors in the following roads from HG2 to HG1:
 - Rowlheys Place
 - Stainby Close

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| Ward | West Ruislip |
| Electorate | 8723 |
| Postals | 1131 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
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| RF1 | 3393 | Ladygate Bowls Club, Ladygate Lane | | 3393 |
| RF2 | 3663 | Ruislip Methodist Church Hall, Ickenham Road | | 3194 |
| RF3 | 1667 | St Giles Church Hall, High Road | Air Training Corps HQ, Ickenham Road | 2136 |

Returning Officer Comments

The imbalance in elector numbers is caused by the geographical nature of ward. No changes are proposed to the current arrangements.

Responses Received

- Cllr Corthorne (Ward Councillor) - concern about RF3, St Giles Hall, which is located outside the ward, which may affect turnout. Suggest exploring possible alternatives in new development at Ickenham Park.

Proposal

Officers to explore the possibility of an alternative location for RF3 at the Air Training Corps HQ, Ickenham Road. If agreed then electors in the following roads would move from RF2 to RF3 with resultant figures as shown above:

Barnwood Close,
 Beaufort Road,
 Blenheim Crescent,
 Cordingley Road,
 Harwell Close,
 Ickenham Close,
 Ickenham Road (part) and
 Lysander Close

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| Ward | Yeading |
| Electorate | 9077 |
| Postals | 1050 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
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| HH1 | 2761 | Brookside School, Perth Avenue | | 2761 |
| HH2 | 3086 | Yeading Community Centre, Ditchfield Road | | 3086 |
| HH3 | 3230 | Brookside Pavilion, Brookside Road | | 3230 |

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed to the current arrangements.

Responses Received

None

Proposal

No changes - the current arrangements are considered satisfactory

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| Ward | Yiewsley |
| Electorate | 9231 |
| Postals | 1031 |

| PD | Polling Place Electorate | Polling Place | Proposed Changes to Polling Place | Proposed Electorate |
|-----|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| UH1 | 933 | 6 th Hillingdon Scout Group, Daleham Drive | | 1719 |
| UH2 | 3984 | Yiewsley Baptist Church Hall, Colham Avenue | Yiewsley Library, High Street | 4264 |
| UH3 | 4034 | Colham Manor Primary School, Violet Avenue | | 3248 |

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

Consider the removal of UH1, 6th Hillingdon Scout Group Daleham Drive and relocating electors to UH3, Colham Manor Primary School, Violet Avenue, with a small number of roads relocated to UH2, Yiewsley Baptist Church Hall, Colham Avenue, from UH3. These would be Ash Grove, Chestnut Avenue, Elm Grove, Kingston Avenue, Lime Avenue, Willow Avenue

Responses Received

- Mr M Hanif Islam, resident - I'm a resident of Wraysbury Drive, Yiewsley and this year it was a real struggle for me and my family to vote as the polling station was twice as far as before. Previously the polling station was on the High Street which was an 11 minute walk. Now it's at the end of Fairfield Rd which is 20 minutes walk. Our estate is one of a number of new developments near the borough boundary and consideration should be given to the increasing numbers of voting residents at this end when distributing polling stations. Many of my neighbours indicated they would not be able to vote as the location was too inconvenient for their families, especially elderly people. A few chose postal votes but obtaining forms etc is not a process everyone understands or feels comfortable about. Please consider a polling station closer to me.
- Councillor Wallana (Ward Councillor) - A large part of community in Wraysbury in Yiewsley Ward would like to have the polling station moved from Yiewsley Baptist church to Yiewsley library.
- Councillor Simmonds - the busy multi-lane road at Harlington Corner which residents down the Harlington Road section of the Ward would have to cross to access the alternative polling place is a major concern. By car it is an extremely roundabout journey and by foot or public transport it is quite inaccessible, so retaining the

Daleham Drive polling station is very important for turnout.

- Councillor Edwards (Ward Councillor) - support the retention of the polling station for UH1 (Daleham Drive Scout hut) as this serves well a geographically isolated section of the ward - turnout at this location at the last election was over 40%, significantly greater than the borough average. Removal of this polling station would make it harder for those residents to vote and would be against the strategic objective of improving engagement in the democratic process.

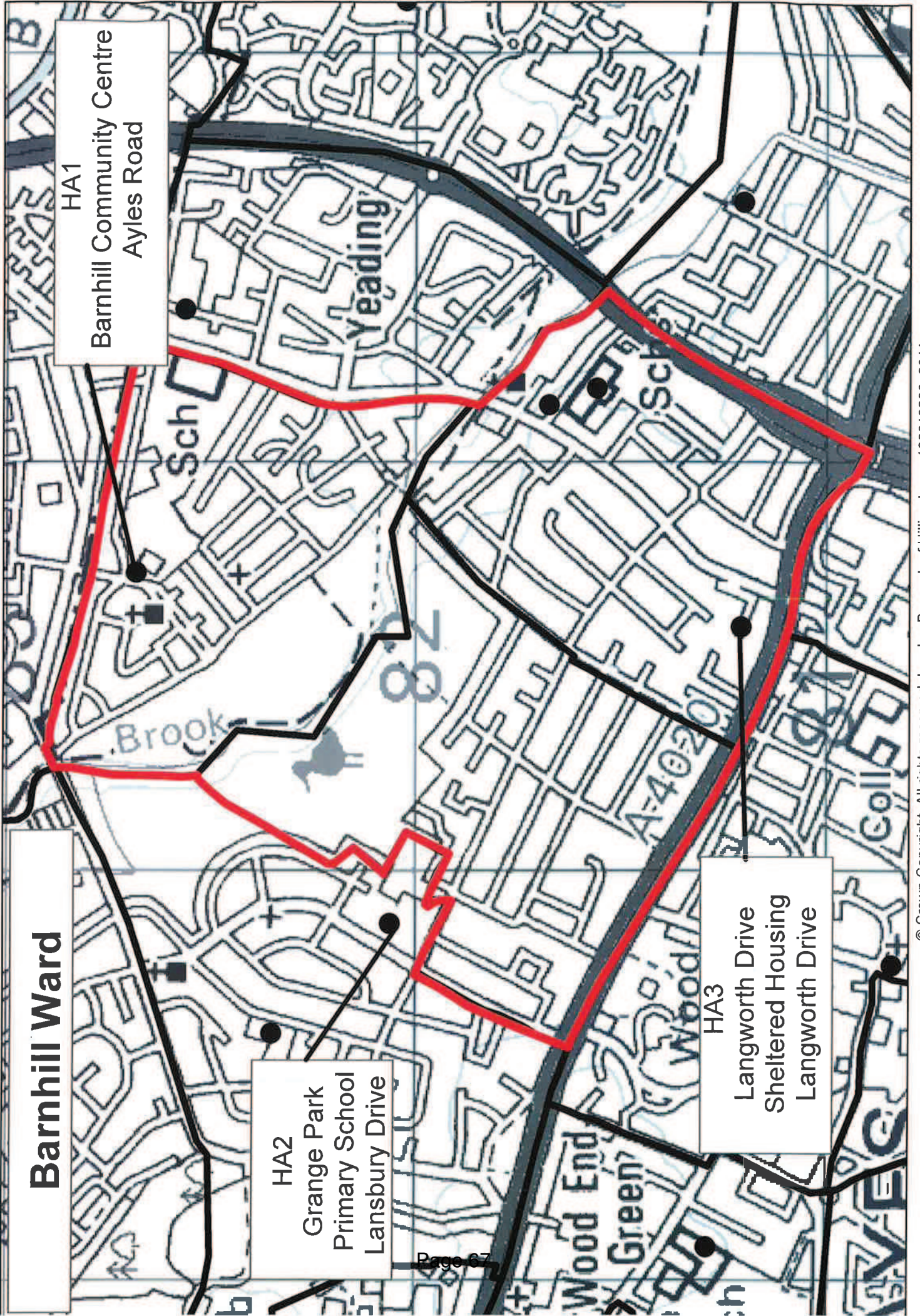
Also support the relocation of the polling station for UH2 from the Cornerstone Centre to the Library. This will make the polling station more accessible to the large number of residents at the extreme north west of the ward from where representation has been made about this issue.

The allocation of voters to the three polling stations should be determined by accessibility and not an administrative desire to 'balance numbers'. The polling station for UH3 (Violet Avenue) has proven to be sufficient for that electorate at the last local election and there is no evidence of lack of capacity at that location. Consequently voters should only be moved from UH3 to UH1 should that redistribution clearly enhance their ability to vote and to do otherwise would be detrimental to the democratic process. On this basis there is no grounds for reallocating residents from the roads listed to UH1 as in every case they would have further to walk/drive and at worst this would be more than three times the present distance. Therefore strongly disagree with the proposed reallocation of residents from UH3 to UH1.

Proposals

- UH1 6th Hillingdon Scout Group, Daleham Drive - retain
- UH2 Yiewsley Baptist Church Hall, Colham Avenue - relocate to Yiewsley Library, High Street.
- UH3 Colham Manor Primary School, Violet Avenue - to ensure a more even distribution of voters relocate electors in the following roads to UH1 6th Hillingdon Scout Group, Daleham Drive:
 - Ashwood Avenue
 - Beechwood Avenue
 - Chapel Lane
 - Evelyns Close
 - Farrier Close
 - Horseshoe Drive
 - Park View Road
 - Pinewood Avenue

Barnhill Ward



HA1
Barnhill Community Centre
Ayles Road

HA2
Grange Park
Primary School
Lansbury Drive

HA3
Langworth Drive
Shelters Housing
Langworth Drive

Botwell Ward

HB3

Rosedale College

Wood End Green Road

HB1

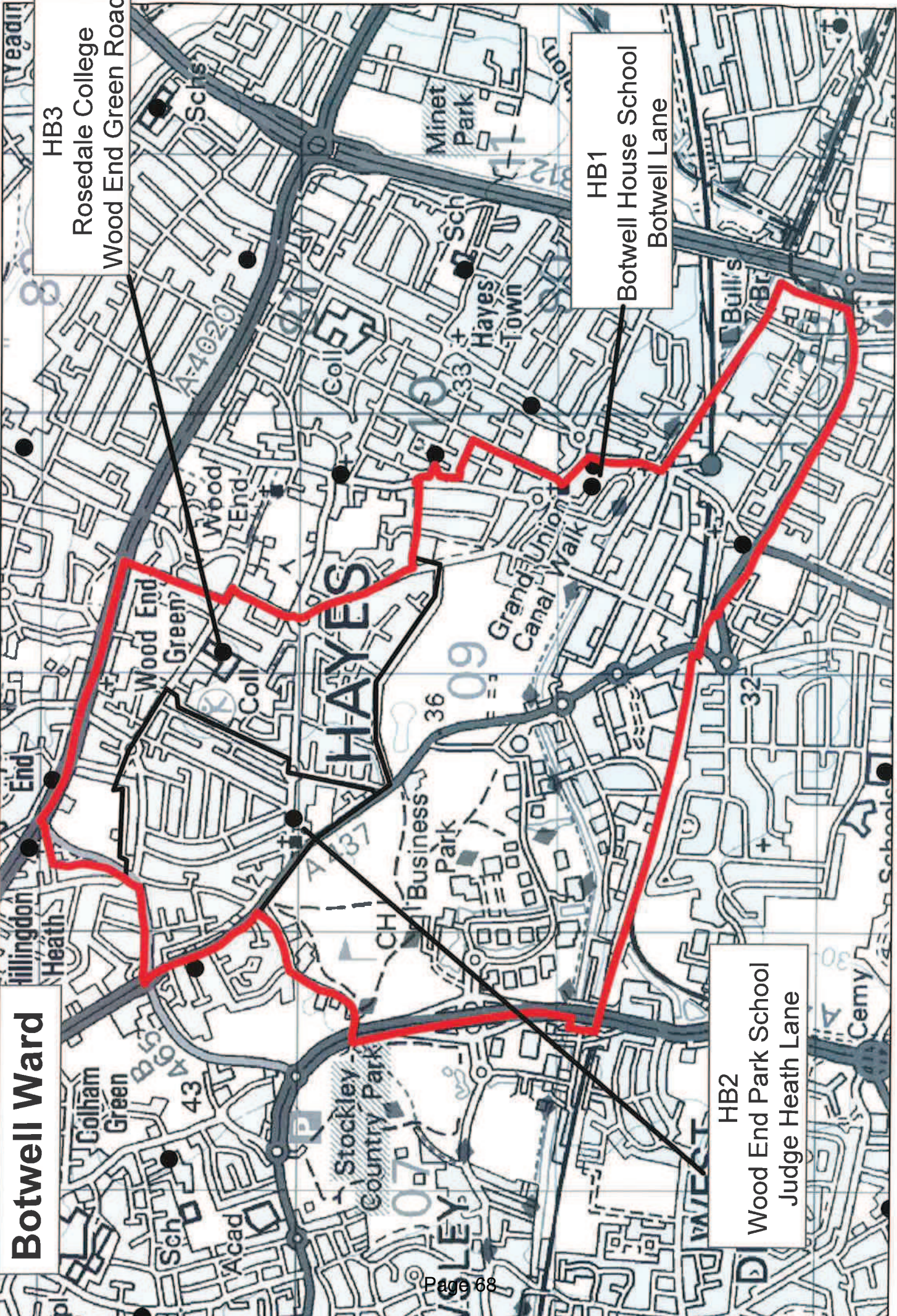
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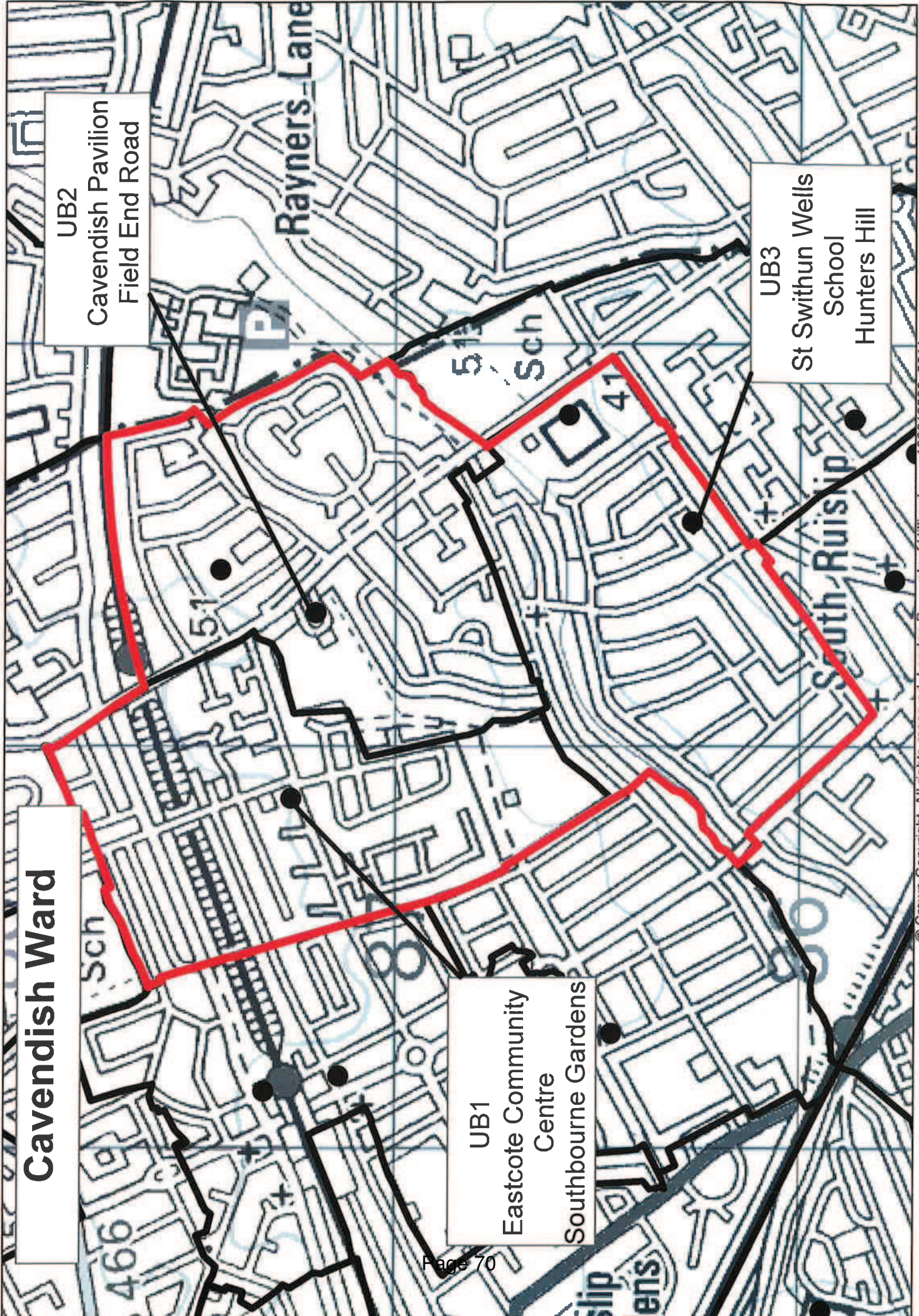
Botwell Lane

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Wood End Park School

Judge Heath Lane



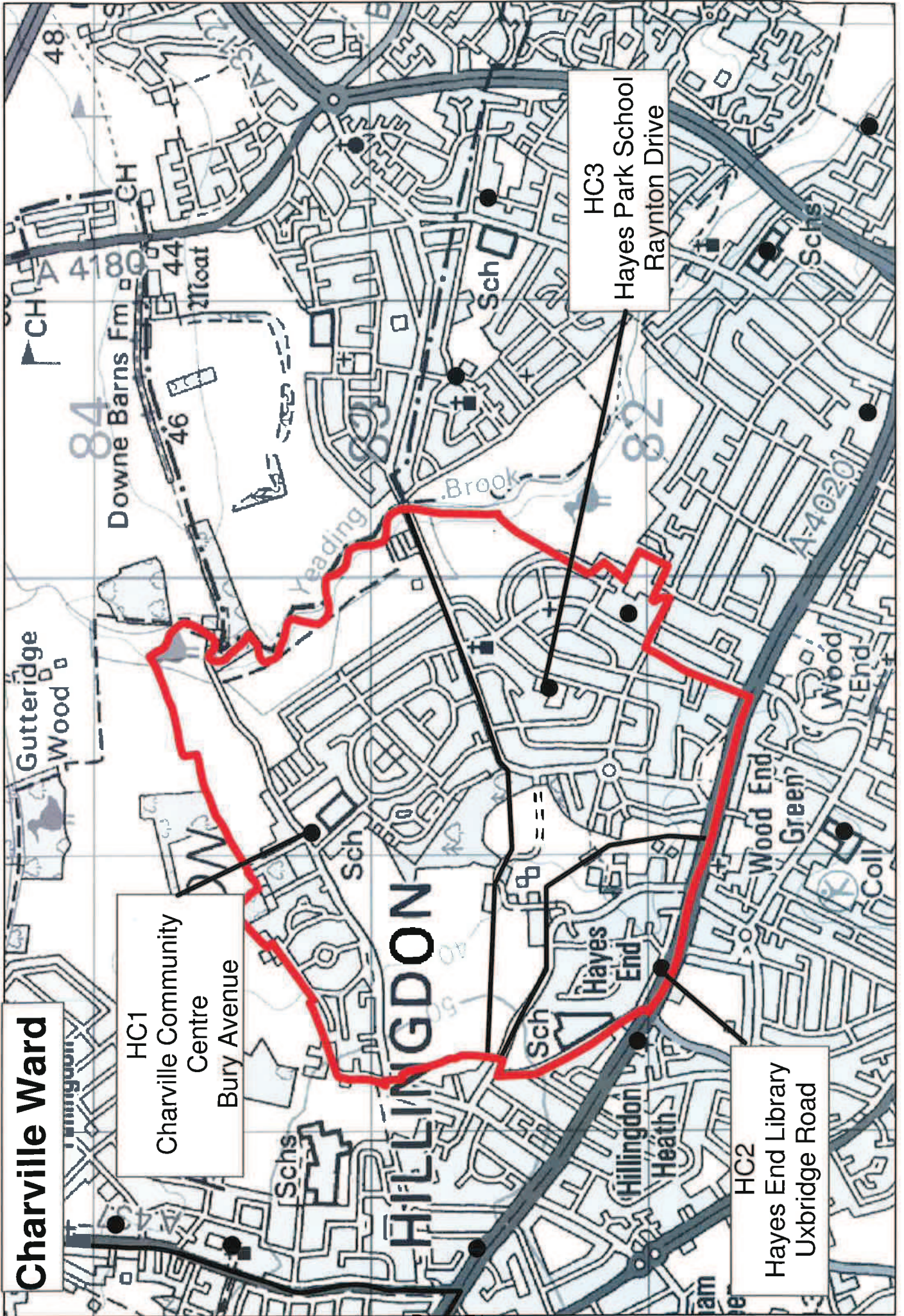


Cavendish Ward

UB2
Cavendish Pavilion
Field End Road

UB1
Eastcote Community
Centre
Southbourne Gardens

UB3
St Swithun Wells
School
Hunters Hill



Eastcote & East Ruislip Ward

RA2

Coteford Infants School
Fore Street

RA3

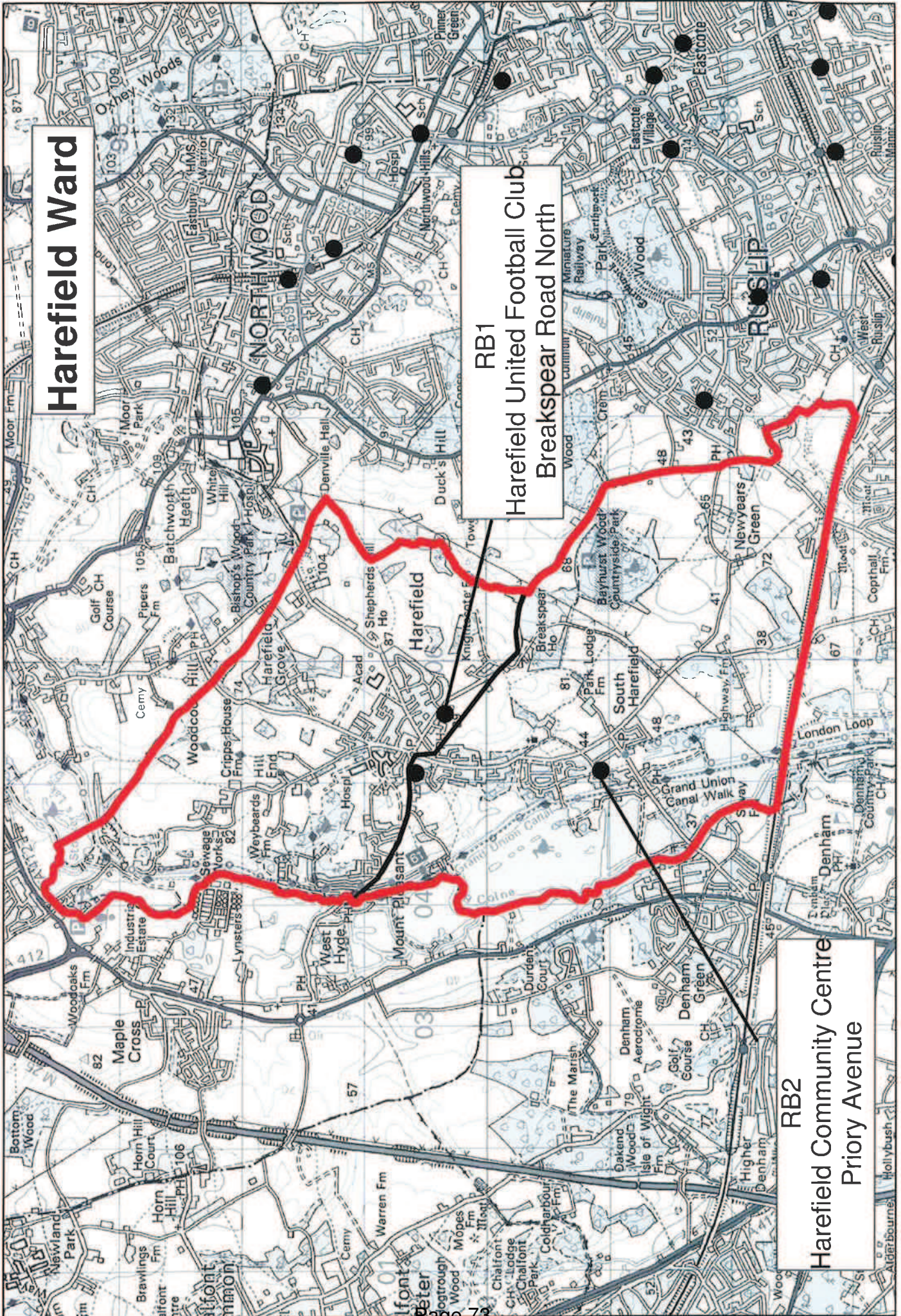
Eastcote Methodist Church Hall
Pamela Gardens

RA1

The Great Barn
Bury Street

RA4

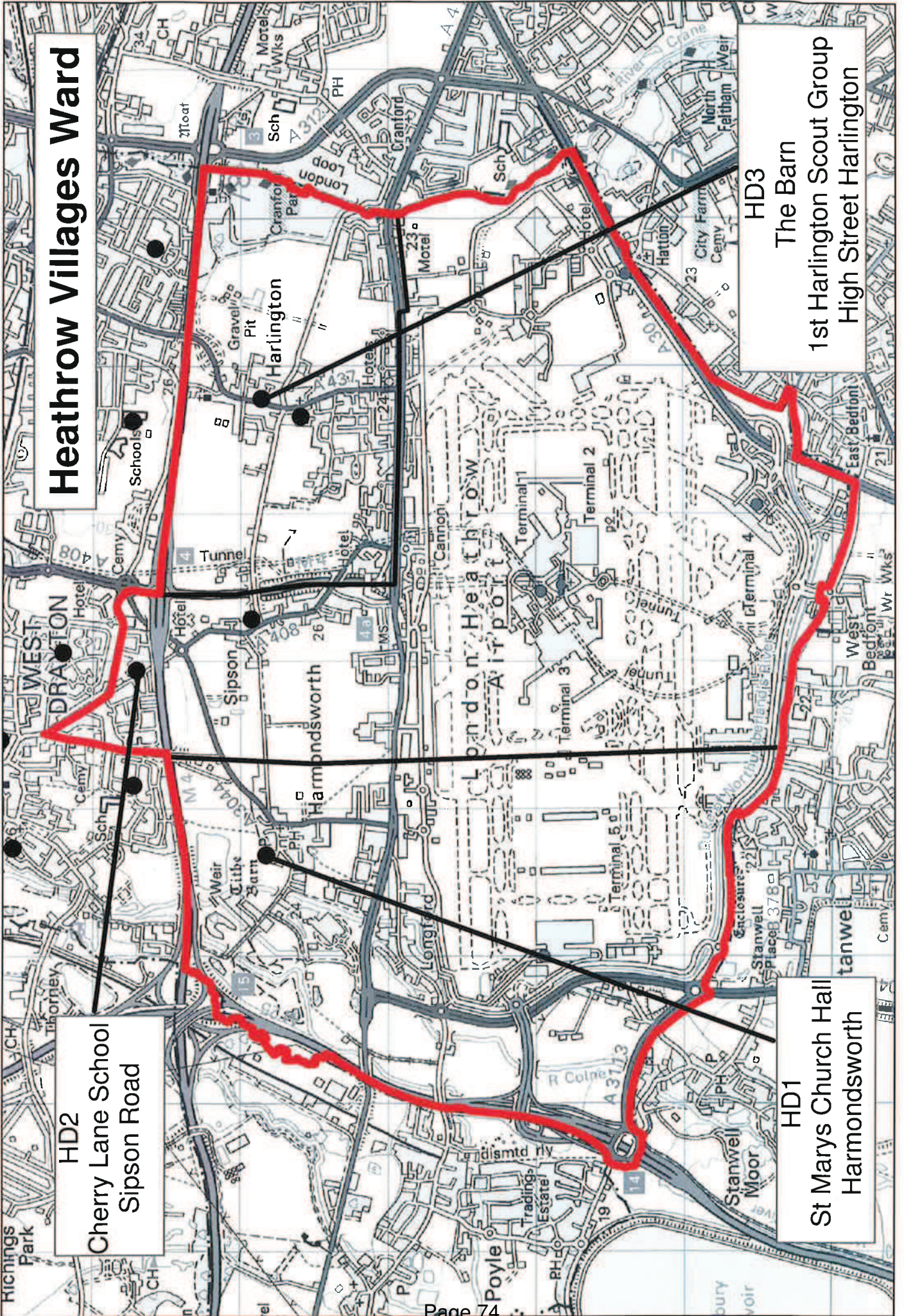
St Lawrence Church Hall
Bridle Road



Harefield Ward

RB1
Harefield United Football Club
Breakspear Road North

RB2
Harefield Community Centre
Priory Avenue

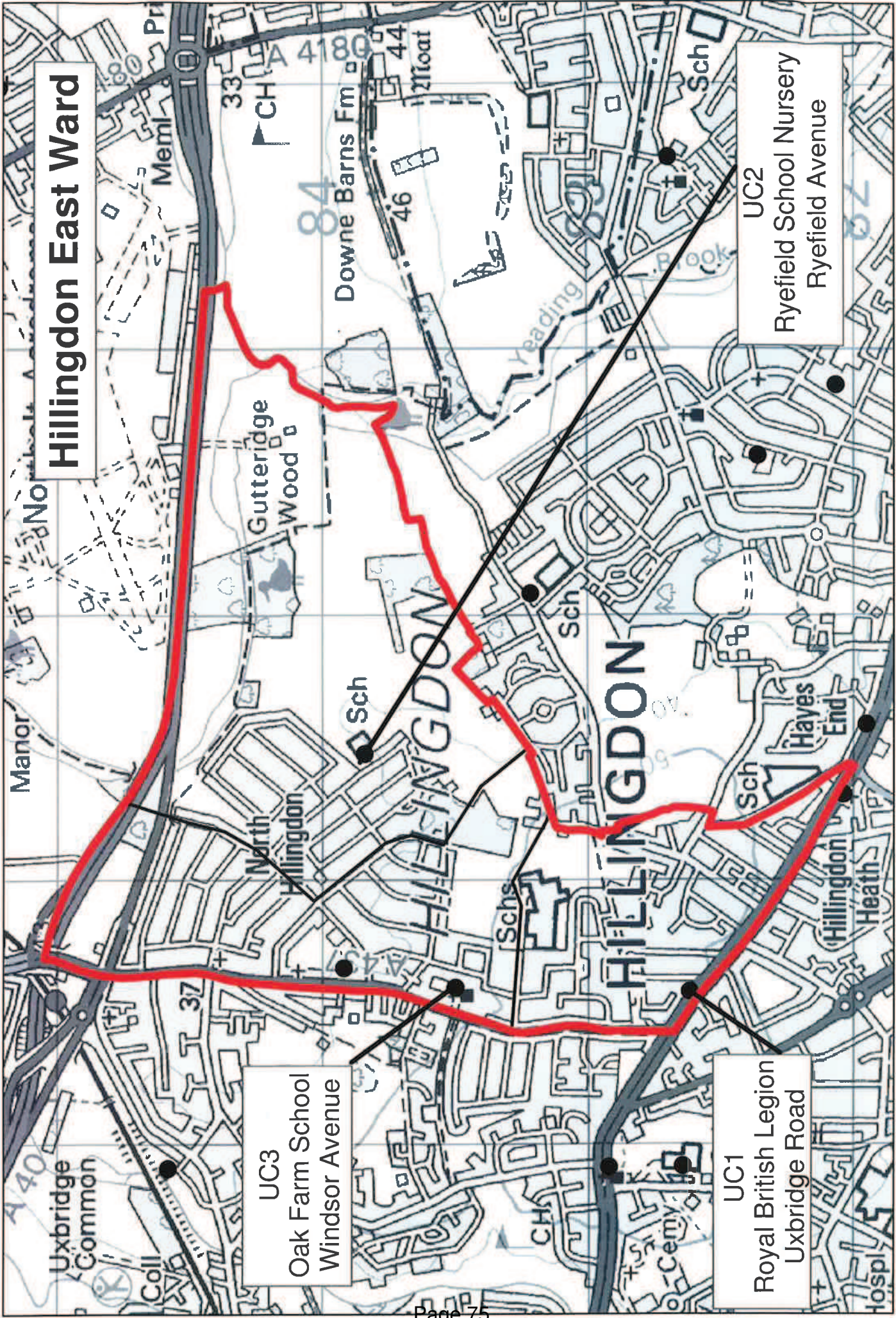


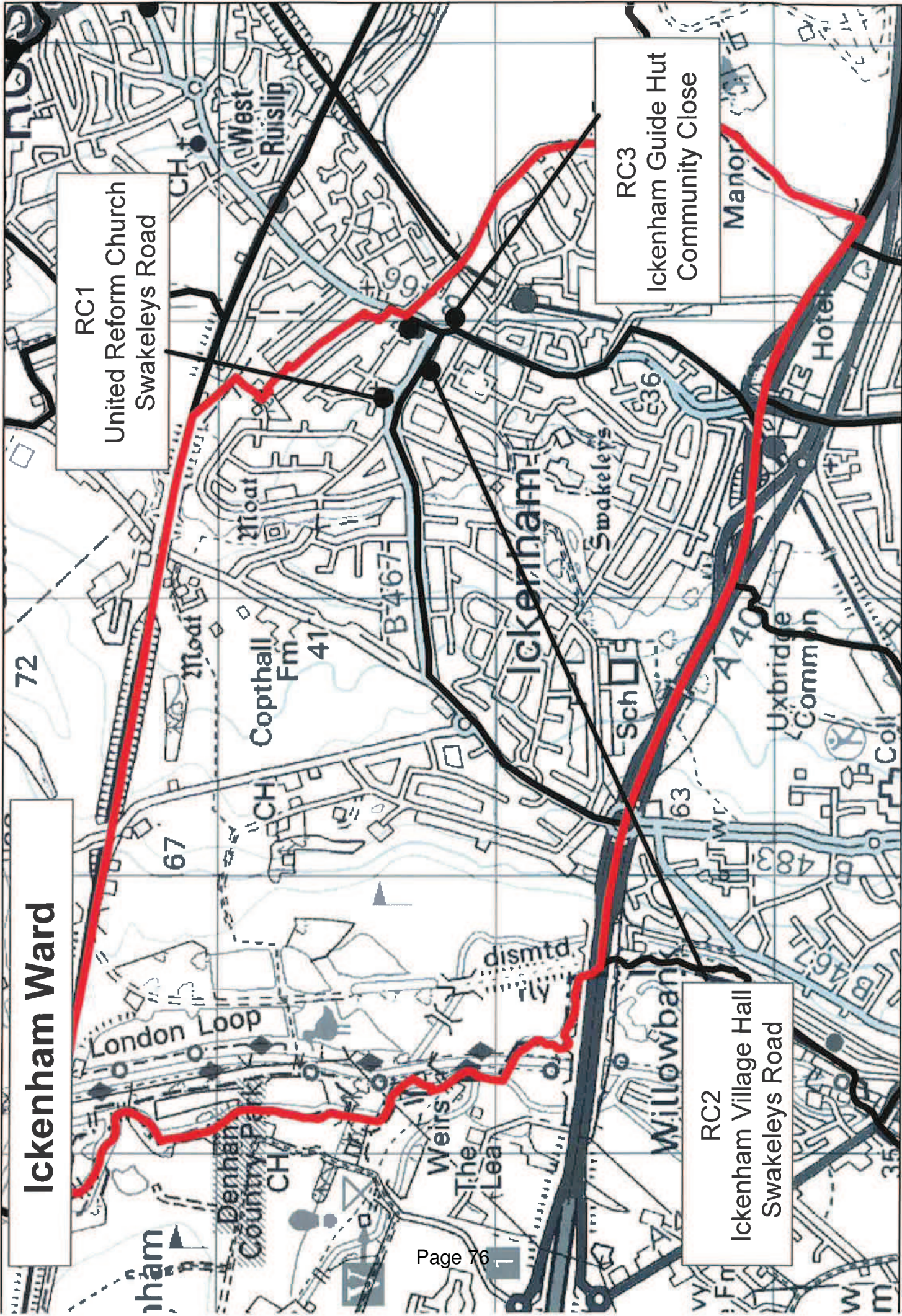
Heathrow Villages Ward

HD2
Cherry Lane School
Sipson Road

HD1
St Marys Church Hall
Harmondsworth

HD3
The Barn
1st Harlington Scout Group
High Street Harlington



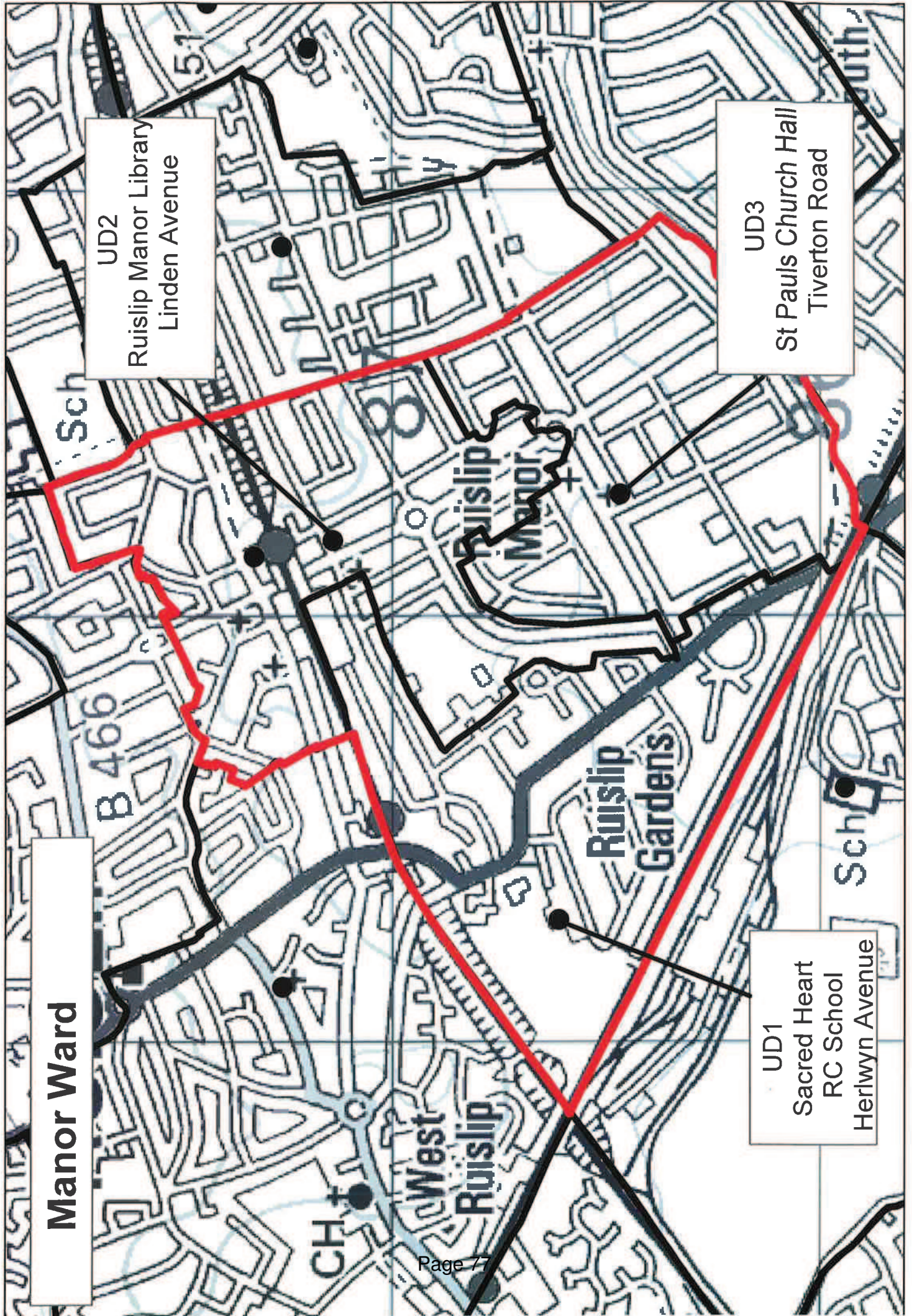


Ickenham Ward

RC1
United Reform Church
Swakeleys Road

RC3
Ickenham Guide Hut
Community Close

RC2
Ickenham Village Hall
Swakeleys Road



Manor Ward

UD2
Ruislip Manor Library
Linden Avenue

UD3
St Pauls Church Hall
Tiverton Road

UD1
Sacred Heart
RC School
Herlwyn Avenue

Northwood Ward

RD2
Methodist Church Hall
Oaklands Gate

RD1
Holy Trinity
Church Hall
Gateway Close

RD3
St Matthews RC
Church Hall
Hallowell Road

Harefield

Northwood Hills Ward

RE1

Hillside School
Northwood Way

RE3

Harlyn Primary School
Tolcarne Drive

RE2

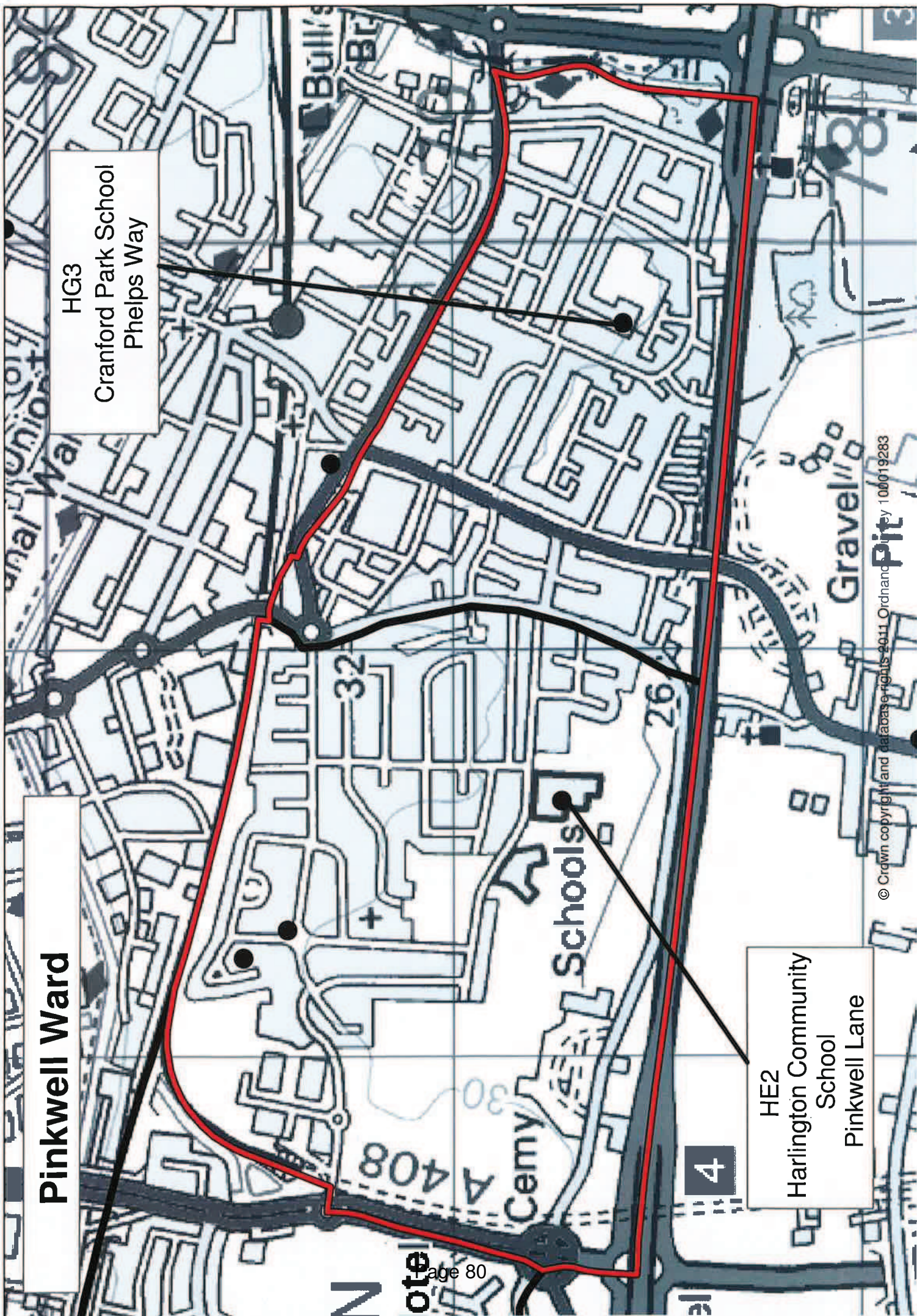
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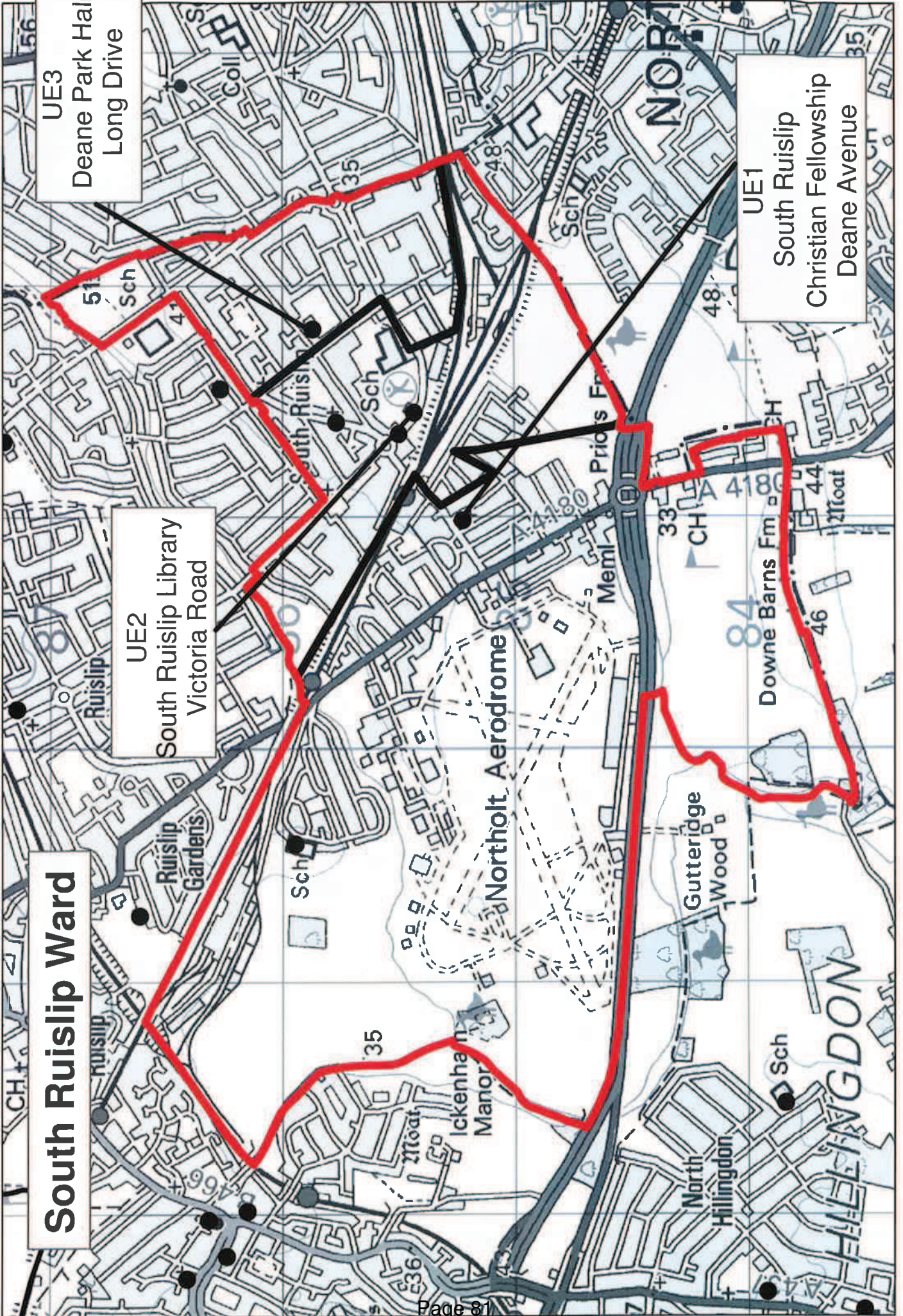
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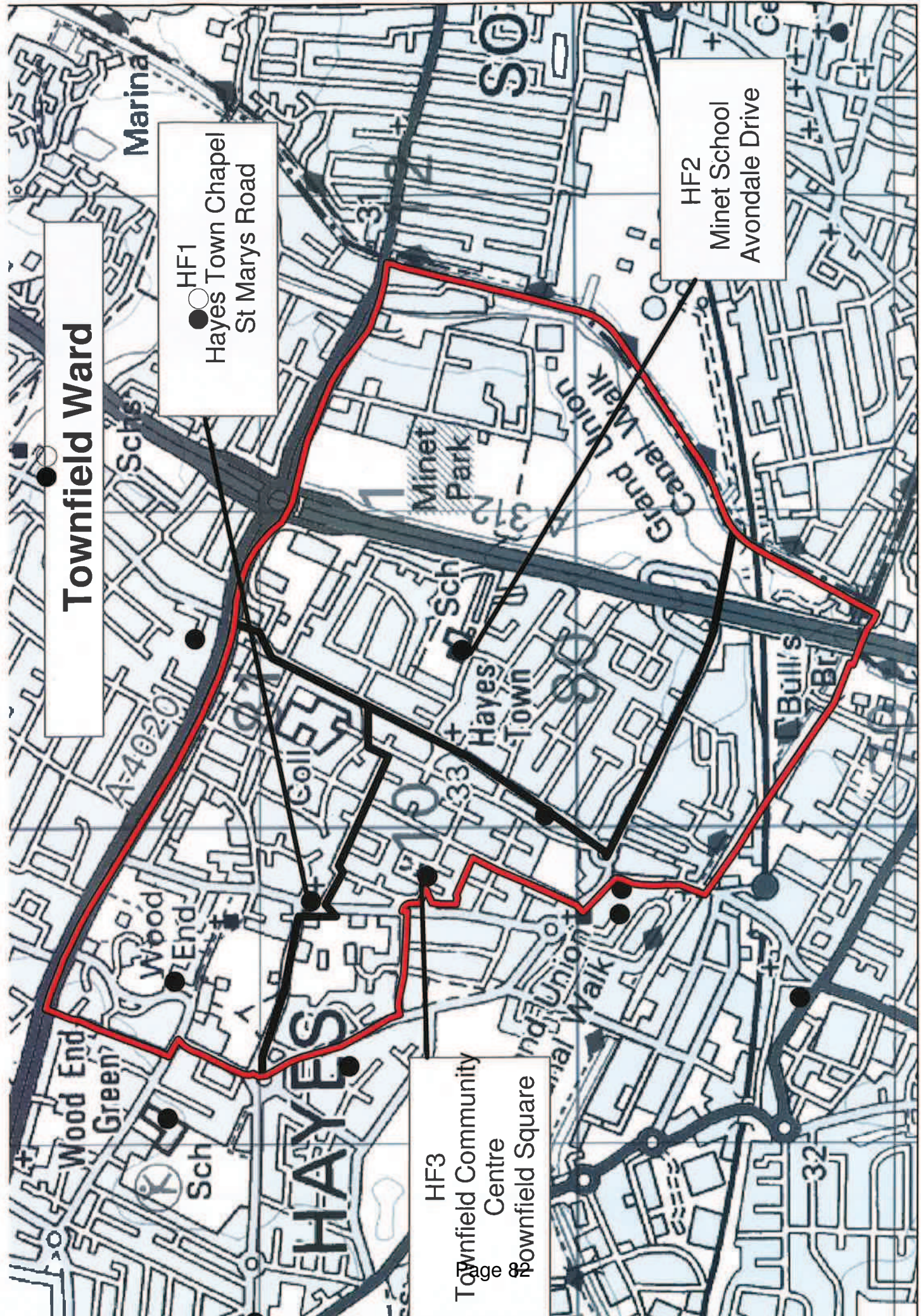
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Harlington Community
School
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South Ruislip Ward

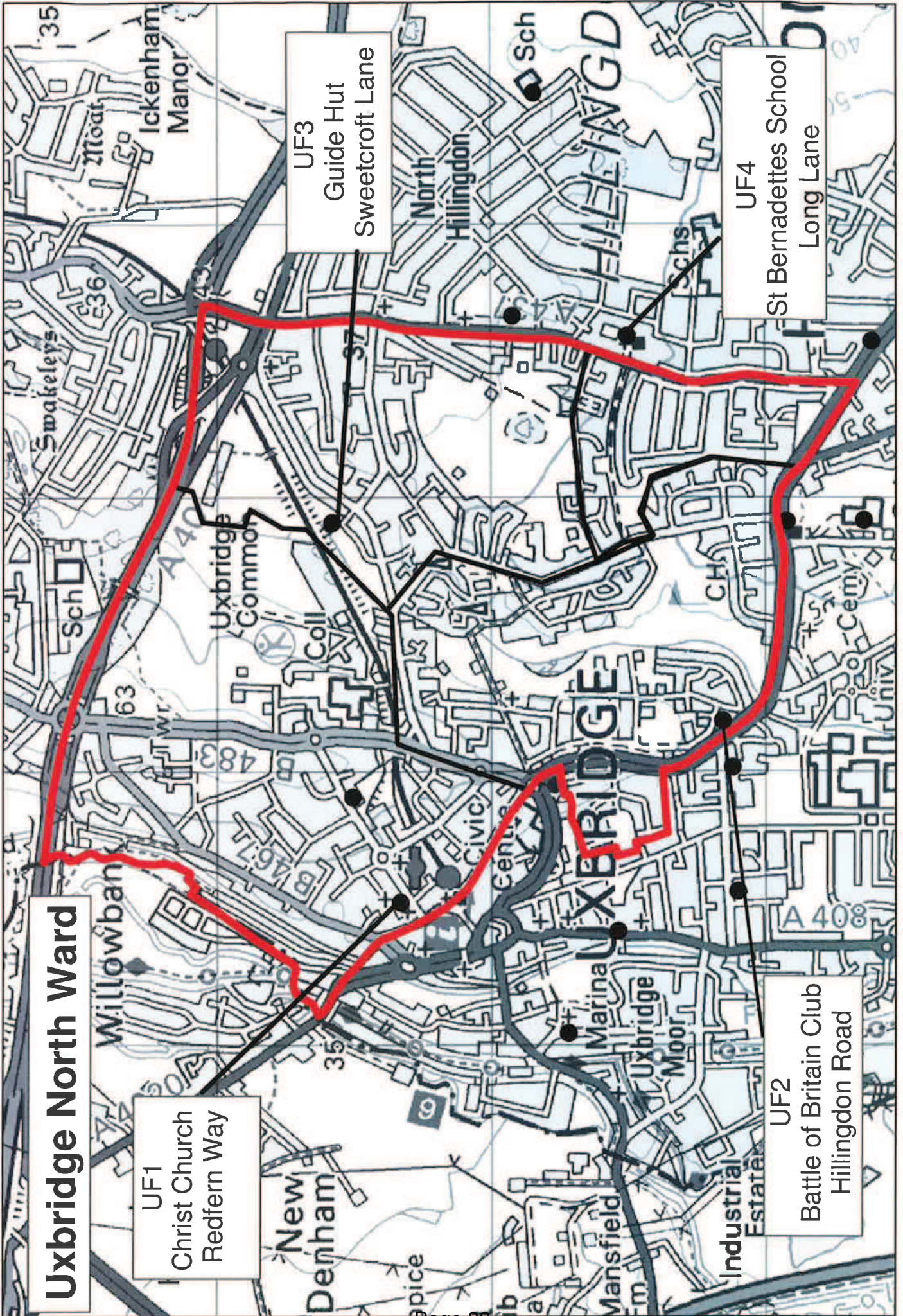


Townfield Ward

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○ St Marys Road

HF2
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Avondale Drive

HF3
Townfield Community
Centre
Townfield Square



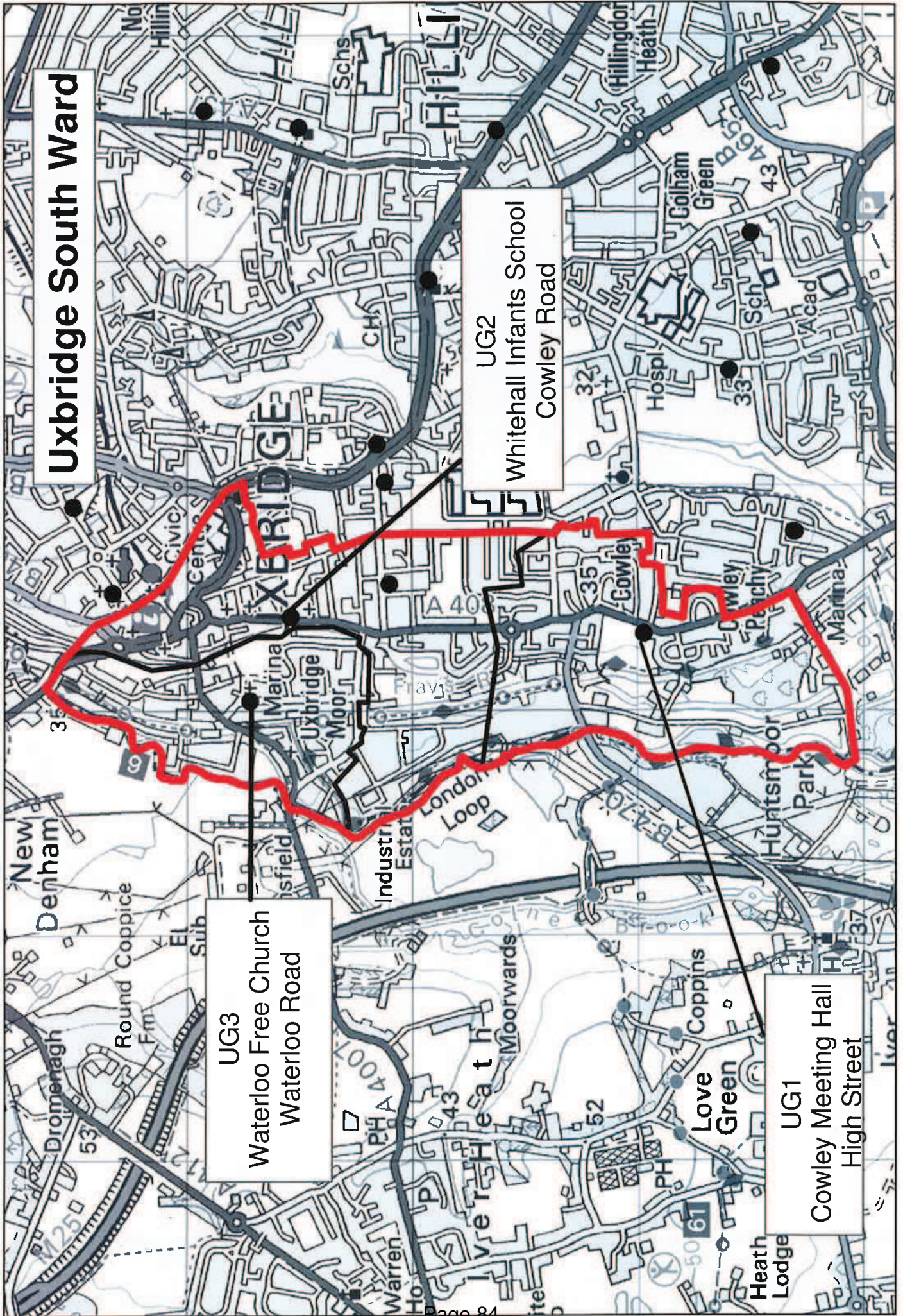
Uxbridge North Ward

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Christ Church
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UF3
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Sweetcroft Lane

UF4
St Bernadettes School
Long Lane

UF2
Battle of Britain Club
Hillingdon Road

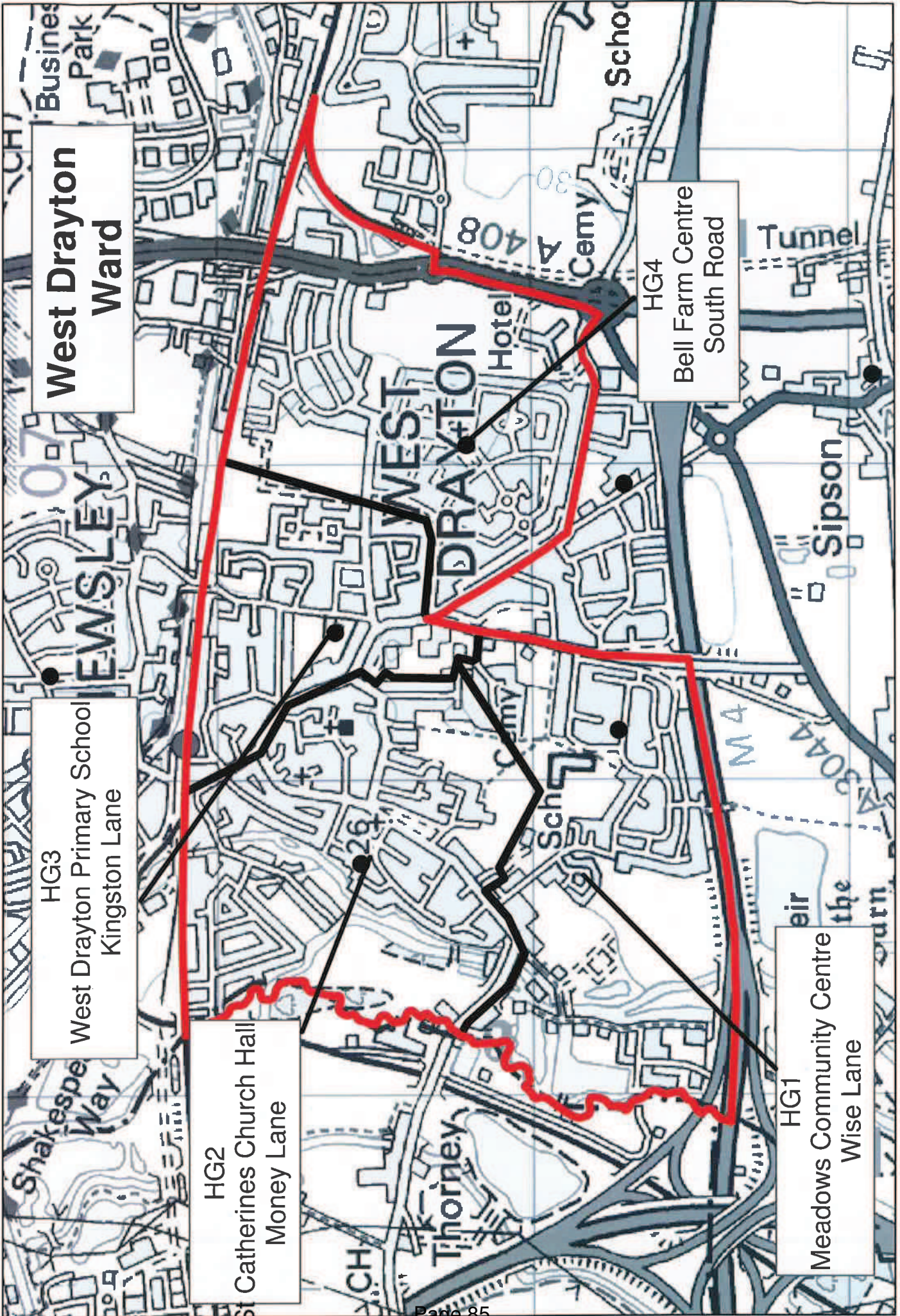


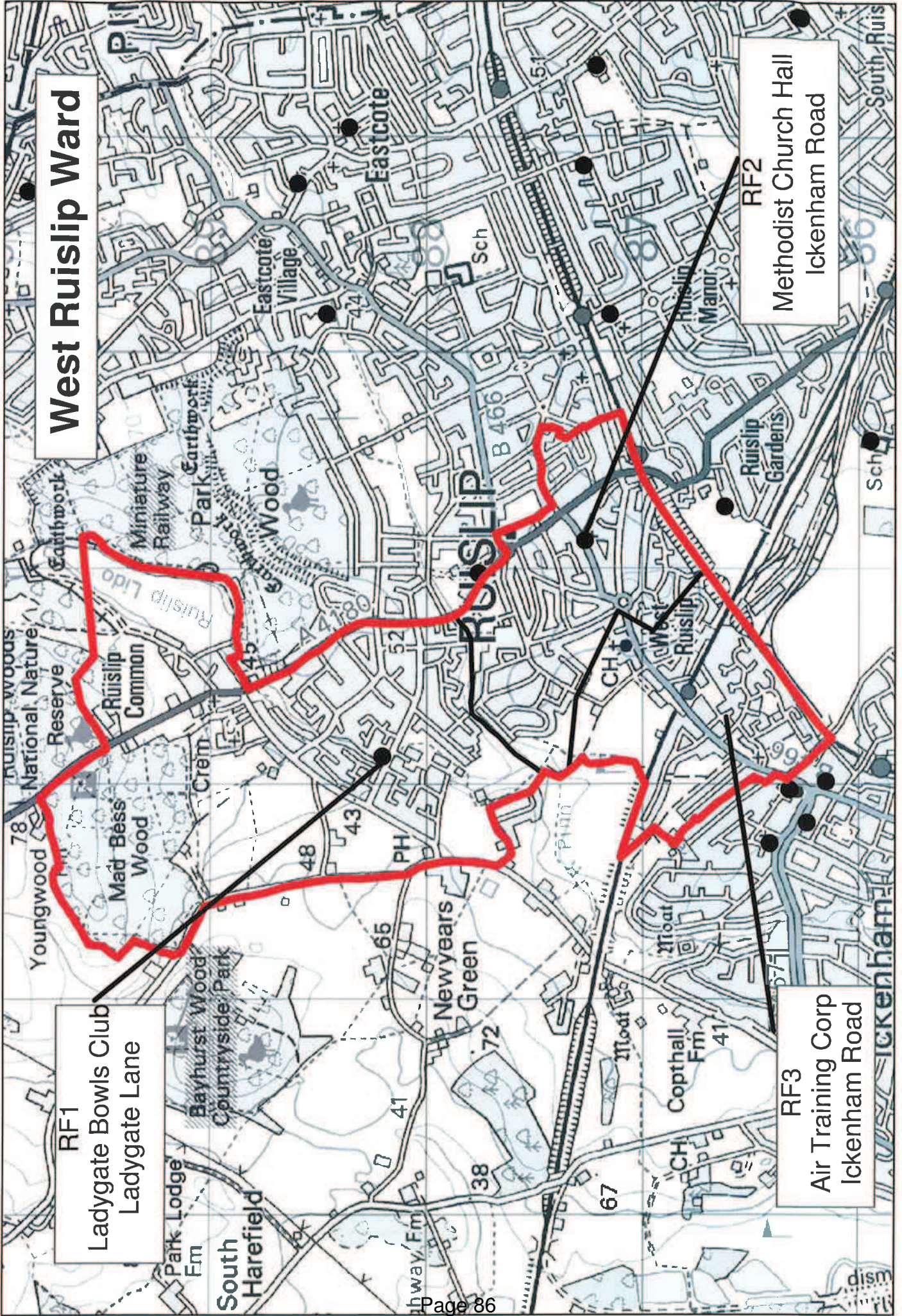
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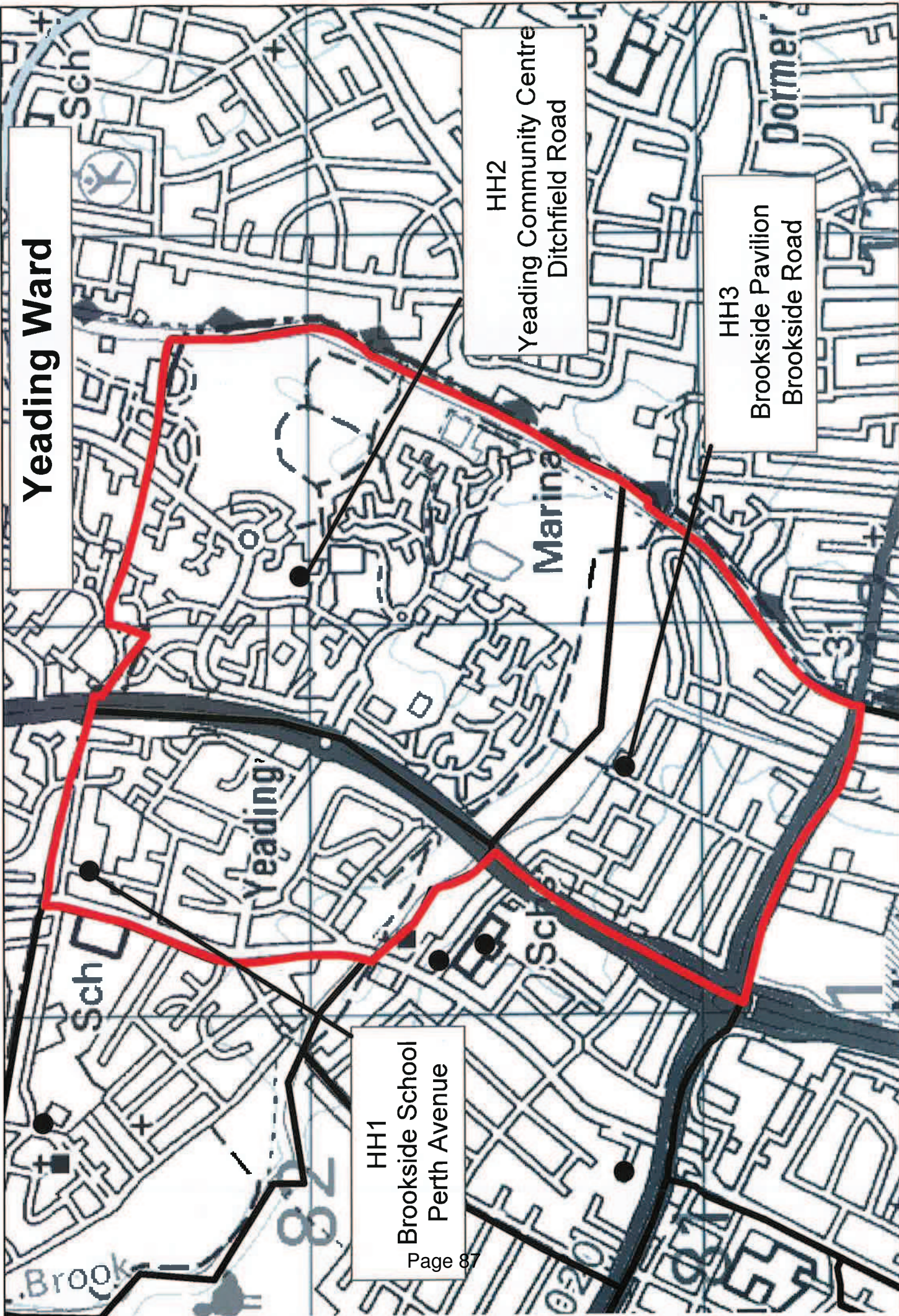
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Cowley Road

UG3
Waterloo Free Church
Waterloo Road

UG1
Cowley Meeting Hall
High Street





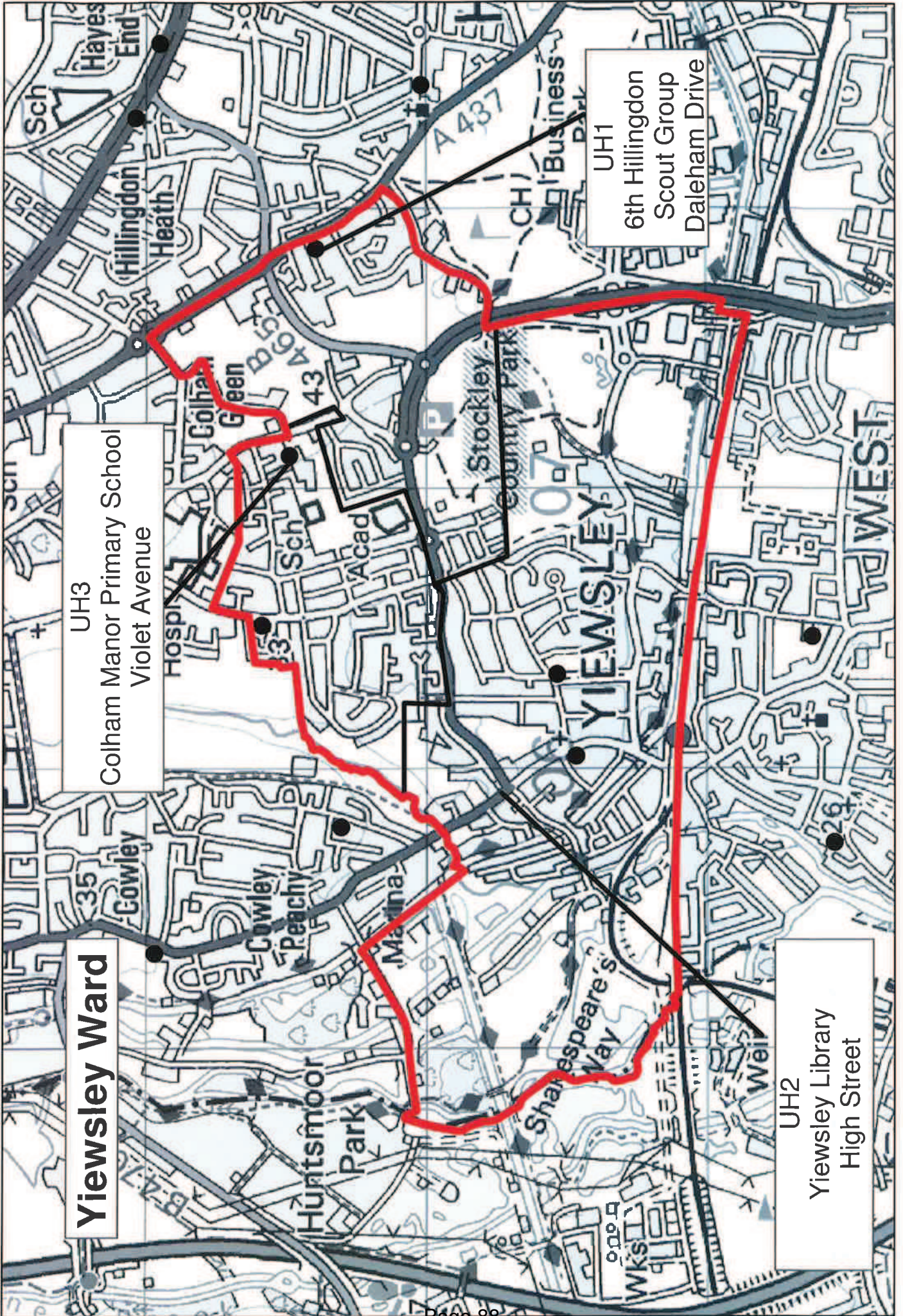


Yeading Ward

HH1
Brookside School
Perth Avenue

HH2
Yeading Community Centre
Ditchfield Road

HH3
Brookside Pavilion
Brookside Road



UH3
Colham Manor Primary School
Violet Avenue

UH1
6th Hillingdon
Scout Group
Daleham Drive

UH2
Yiewsley Library
High Street

Yiewsley Ward

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

7.1 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR MELVIN TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HOUSING - COUNCILLOR CORTHORNE

Would the Cabinet Member please inform us of the work being done to assist tenants affected by the spare room subsidy changes to move into alternative accommodation and, where applicable, into employment?

7.2 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR J.COOPER TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT

Earlier this year a small number of Council employees went on strike for a day. Would the Leader of the Council please confirm that these employees were not paid by the Council whilst on strike?

7.3 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR PALMER TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HOUSING - COUNCILLOR CORTHORNE

Would the Cabinet Member please update us on progress with housing void turnaround times?

7.4 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR CHAPMAN TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, PROPERTY AND BUSINESS SERVICES – COUNCILLOR BIANCO

Can the Cabinet Member tell me how many Green Flags the Borough now holds?

7.5 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR GILHAM TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HOUSING - COUNCILLOR CORTHORNE

Would the Cabinet Member please provide details of the work of the fraud team to tackle illegal sub letting of council house stock, success to date in retrieving such dwellings and on their general housing fraud activity?

7.6 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR ALLEN TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HOUSING - COUNCILLOR CORTHORNE

Could the Cabinet Member please inform Members how many disabled residents, both adult and child, are awaiting major/minor adaptations to their homes which will ultimately improve the quality of their lives?

7.7 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR SANSARPURI TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HOUSING - COUNCILLOR CORTHORNE

How many Hillingdon families are currently being housed in budget hotel accommodation such as Travelodge, in this Borough or elsewhere?

7.8 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR EGINTON TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT

As the Leader chairs the Health and Well Being Board which is responsible for working with Hillingdon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), can he tell me whether he considers that the CCG is sufficiently aware of the needs of Hillingdon communities to enable it to plan and provide services in the future?

7.9 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR MORSE TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND RECYCLING - COUNCILLOR BURROWS

How much has the cost of cleaning up fly-tipping risen since the closure of the Rigby Lane civic amenity site in Botwell Ward in November 2008 and the subsequent closure of the South Ruislip civic site also?

7.10 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR DHEER TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND RECYCLING - COUNCILLOR BURROWS

What steps are being taken to improve disability access for wheelchair users crossing the public highway to gain access to local facilities in West Drayton?

7.11 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR SWEETING TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILDRENS' SERVICES - COUNCILLOR SIMMONDS

In February 2013 a Cabinet report stated, 'Cabinet is asked to agree to receive in Autumn 2013 a report setting out the forecast demand for secondary school places over the next 10 years and to consider how need could be met.' In the Cabinet report of 19 December 2013 no options were outlined and it would appear that since then there have been no details as to how the additional secondary places could be delivered although the first places are required by September 2016. In view of the need for an additional 27 forms of entry of secondary places to be provided in Hillingdon over the next 8 years, when will the Council be publicising the options for increased secondary school capacity for September 2016 and up until 2022?

MOTIONS

8.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT

That this Council:

- a) Notes the continued threat of the privately owned Heathrow Airport Holdings Ltd, and its public relations organization “Back Heathrow”, that they will close Heathrow and create unemployment if they are not allowed to build a third runway at Heathrow.
- b) Notes that, for the avoidance of doubt, neither the Council or the Mayor of London can determine if the airport remains open or closes and that the only body with the legal authority to make that decision is Heathrow Airport Holdings Ltd.

Reflecting on the results of the 2013 borough-wide referendum in which our residents voted overwhelmingly against expansion plans at Heathrow and the 2014 local election results which returned an administration totally committed to fighting expansion at Heathrow, Council resolves to:

- a) Continue to oppose the expansion at Heathrow and its devastating effect on the lives and wellbeing of our residents and to ensure that the Davies Commission and other interested parties give full consideration to the negative impact of Heathrow expansion, including the health implications for Hillingdon residents and others and the negative economic impact arising from the massive disruption that a third and more runways would cause to other vital infrastructure in West London.
- b) To deal appropriately with the spurious threats and claims made by Heathrow Airport Holdings Ltd or any of its public relations organisations, including the threat to jobs that they have funded in the Back Heathrow campaign.

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