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Prayers

To be said by Reverend Michael Miller

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(*attached*)
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Agenda Item 2



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Minutes

COUNCIL

13 September 2018

Meeting held at Council Chamber - Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge

Councillor John Morgan (Mayor)
Councillor David Yarrow (Deputy Mayor)

	<p>MEMBERS PRESENT:</p> <p>Councillors: Shehryar Ahmad-Wallana Duncan Flynn Peter Money Lynne Allen Neil Fyfe John Morse Simon Arnold Martin Goddard June Nelson Teji Barnes Raymond Graham Susan O'Brien Jonathan Bianco Becky Haggar John Oswell Mohinder Birah John Hensley Jane Palmer Wayne Bridges Henry Higgins Kerri Prince Nicola Brightman Vanessa Hurhangee Ray Puddifoot MBE Keith Burrows Patricia Jackson Devi Radia Roy Chamdal Allan Kauffman John Riley Farhad Choubedar Eddie Lavery Paula Rodrigues Judith Cooper Richard Lewis Robin Sansarpuri Philip Corthorne Heena Makwana David Simmonds CBE Peter Curling Michael Markham Jagjit Singh Nick Denys Stuart Mathers Brian Stead Jazz Dhillon Carol Melvin Jan Sweeting Ian Edwards Ali Milani Steve Tuckwell Tony Eginton Douglas Mills Scott Farley Richard Mills</p>
	<p>OFFICERS PRESENT: Jean Palmer, Paul Whaymand, Tony Zaman, Glen Egan, Lloyd White, Mark Braddock, Morgan Einon, Beth Rainey and Nikki O'Halloran</p>
	<p>The Mayor announced the recent death of past-Mayoress Mrs Rita Kilroy. Those present observed a one minute silence.</p>
1.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bliss, Chapman, Deville, Dhot, Duncan, Gardner, Lakhmana and Seaman-Digby.</p>
2.	<p>MINUTES (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2018 be agreed as a correct record.</p>
3.	<p>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>The Mayor announced that, after battling Neuroblastoma for many years, local resident Jess Shepherd had sadly passed away on Saturday 8 September 2018 at the age of 10.</p>

Over the summer period, the Mayor had attended a number of events which included celebrations for the centenary of the RAF, Polish Airforce and the end of World War I and had opened skate parks in South Ruislip and Uxbridge. The Mayor thanked those who had attended the quiz night on 12 September 2018 and advised that the next one would be held on 7 November 2018.

4. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** (*Agenda Item 5*)

5.1 QUESTION FROM MS ANITA MACDONALD OF JACKS LANE, HAREFIELD TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, PROPERTY AND BUSINESS SERVICES - COUNCILLOR BIANCO

“Could the Council tell us how much council tax payers’ money was wasted on car window replacements in the past year, and the average pay-outs for the last four years?”

Councillor Bianco advised that, as Ms MacDonald was not present, he would provide her with a written answer.

[The response sent to Ms MacDonald was as follows: The issue you raise must certainly be a very vexatious matter for those of our residents’ unfortunate enough to have it happen to them, but I am pleased to inform you that, despite the comments of one of our Green Spaces team, it is a relatively rare occurrence!

As you may know, Hillingdon is the second largest London Borough in area and as a result enjoys more green spaces and therefore more areas needing to be mown than most others and we are very proud of our green spaces not only for the amount of them but also for the diversity and range of them, available to all our residents. Our commitment to these green spaces goes much wider than just mowing and planting but includes extensive interaction with our residents who we know value these spaces very highly.

Our commitment to these green spaces may best be measured by the Gold Medal achieved at Britain in Bloom for our Borough and also the many Green Flags, but more of that later!

Now, turning back to the issue at hand and the question raised by you, with respect to the damage caused to your vehicle and others.

I can say that unfortunately, despite the fact that all our staff are properly trained in operating the machines they use and indeed we use the latest machines available, it is a fact that when mowing verges and the like, the mowers do, from time to time, hit on stones or other objects lying on the verges, causing them to fly up and sometimes, equally inevitably, those objects do hit cars parked or passing nearby. It is unfortunately an inevitable consequence of the mowing operation.

You may wonder if this occurs in other boroughs around us – I can assure you that it does but having recently seen many of our neighbours with their unkempt verges and open spaces, where mowing has been abandoned in an effort to save money, perhaps they are saving money in insurance too, but at what real cost??!

In Hillingdon, as you will have found, we pay out immediately on claims, absorbing the costs directly and thus saving our residents the hassle and effort of having to go through insurers. In the last year to date, we have paid out approximately £5,700 in

claims which whilst regrettable, is, I believe, a reasonable price to pay when compared to the alternative of not mowing! I am pleased also to report that this figure is a reduction from previous years and hopefully this trend will continue.]

5.2 QUESTION FROM MR MOHAMMED ISLAM OF LAVENDER RISE, WEST DRAYTON TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT

“Following the offensive remarks made by Boris Johnson concerning the wearing of the burka / hijab we ask Hillingdon Council to represent the deep concerns of the Muslim population in the borough. Will the Council, therefore, publicly condemn Boris Johnson for his ignorant, insulting and unacceptable language towards Muslim women in particular and the Muslim community in general?”

Councillor Puddifoot thanked Mr Islam for his question and noted that it related to an article written by Boris Johnson MP which had been published in the Daily Telegraph on 6 August 2018. Mr Johnson had made reference to comments made by a former Labour MP, Jack Straw, in 2006 where Mr Straw had said that, if a woman had attended his constituency surgery with her face fully obscured by a niqab, he would feel entitled to ask her to remove it. Hazel Blears, Chairman of the Labour Party at the time, had given Mr Straw her backing and Downing Street had commented that Mr Straw had been expressing a personal opinion.

The Leader explained that the niqab was a full veil that left the eyes clear, a hijab was a headscarf and a burka was a one piece garment covering the face and body which often had a mesh screen to see through. He noted that there had been no reference made to the hijab in Mr Johnson’s article.

Mr Johnson’s article had made reference to his surprise that Denmark had joined France, Austria, Belgium and Germany in imposing a ban on the niqab and burka on 1 August 2018. He was against a total ban as it would inevitably be construed as being intended to make some point about Islam and allowed individuals to politicise and dramatize a ‘so-called’ clash of civilisations. Mr Johnson had gone on to say that a total ban was not the answer and that he believed that the burka was oppressive. He agreed that it was weird and bullying to expect women to cover their faces and he could find no scriptural authority for this practice in the Koran. Mr Johnson had stated that he thought it ridiculous that people would choose to go around looking like letterboxes and disagreed with any government encouraging any such demonstrations of so-called modesty. Mr Johnson had gone on to say that such restrictions on clothing were not quite the same as telling a freeborn adult woman what she may or may not wear in a public place when she was minding her own business.

There had been numerous cases in the UK, Europe and the rest of the world where people, normally men, had dressed in burkas or niqabs to rob banks and jewellers. It was fortunate that the UK allowed freedom of speech as well as the freedom to agree or disagree with comments made by politicians.

John McDonnell MP had been embroiled in an anti-Semitism row since June 2018 and had, in the past, shown support for the IRA. His comments in relation to these two issues had caused upset. Mr McDonnell had admitted that he had sometimes gone too far in his criticism of opponents but that it was better to be honest about his views.

The Leader suggested that it would be disingenuous, given Mr McDonnell’s comments, to not allow Mr Johnson to have his own opinions. If residents were to

retain the freedom of speech, it had to be available to everyone even though views might differ. Individuals will not always agree with the views and opinions expressed by others, but the right to express these views must be defended.

5.3 QUESTION FROM MR CHRIS WATERS OF FERRERS AVENUE, WEST DRAYTON TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND RECYCLING - COUNCILLOR BURROWS

“Could the Council please clarify why it is advising that we have a lack of open/recreational space in Yiewsley and lack of open space in West Drayton then allowing numerous developments in these wards, more so, the plan to allow a development on current open space, which it is keeping confidential?”

Councillor Burrows advised that, as Mr Waters was not present, he would provide him with a written answer.

[The response sent to Mr Waters was as follows: I just want to start by saying that, in the past, the Labour Group of Hillingdon actually wanted to build on the recreation ground in Yiewsley. However, today with a Conservative Administration, I can assure you this Council is not proposing to build on recreational open space.

In fact, over the summer period, the Local Plan Part 2 Examination in Public hearing sessions occurred and, at the hearing sessions, the Council agreed a position with the Planning Inspector whereby all of Yiewsley Recreation Ground would be designated Metropolitan Open Land. As such the whole recreation ground, including the bowls green, will benefit from Metropolitan Open land protection.

I agree there has been a number of flatted developments in Yiewsley and West Drayton in recent years, but this has only involved the development of brownfield land. These developments have not involved the loss of any designated recreational open space.

I can also inform you that the Council is undertaking feasibility exercises regarding its land holdings in Yiewsley and West Drayton. Dependent on the results of these, the Council will invest in housing and community infrastructure of public benefit. I cannot clarify precisely future development proposals or the sites being considered until we have completed these studies.

That said, I can advise that the brief for such studies does not include building on Yiewsley Recreation Ground, or the bowls green.

With regard to the wider concern regarding levels of house building, it should be recognised that the levels of house building in Hillingdon are set by the Mayor of London, and the current Labour Mayor is proposing to raise the Council's annual housing target for Hillingdon from 559 to 1553 residential units a year through his new London Plan.

This huge increase in housing proposed in the London Plan is being fast-tracked by the Mayor through the relevant adoption processes and could, if he has his way, be adopted before the end of 2019. It is this plan which represents the true threat to Hillingdon's green spaces.]

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| 5. | REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES (Agenda Item 6)

i) Urgent Implementation of Decisions |
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Councillor Puddifoot moved, and Councillor Simmonds seconded, the recommendation as set out on the order of business and it was:

RESOLVED: That the recent urgent decisions taken be noted.

ii) Local Government Boundary Commission Review of Electoral Arrangements

Councillor Puddifoot moved, and Councillor Simmonds seconded, the recommendation as set out on the order of business.

Councillor Curling moved, and Councillor Eginton seconded, the following amendment: b) After *“in consultation with the Leader of the Council”*, to insert *“and the Leader of the Opposition”*.

The amended motion was put to the vote and lost.

The original motion was put to a recorded vote:

Those voting for: The Mayor (Councillor Morgan), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Yarrow), Councillors Ahmad-Wallana, Arnold, Barnes, Bianco, Bridges, Brightman, Burrows, Chamdal, Choubedar, Cooper, Corthorne, Denys, Edwards, Flynn, Fyfe, Goddard, Graham, Haggard, Hensley, Higgins, Hurhangee, Jackson, Kauffman, Lavery, Lewis, Makwana, Markham, Melvin, D Mills, R Mills, O'Brien, Palmer, Puddifoot, Radia, Riley, Rodrigues, Simmonds, Stead and Tuckwell.

Those voting against: Councillors Allen, Birah, Curling, Dhillon, Eginton, Farley, Mathers, Milani, Money, Morse, Nelson, Oswald, Prince, Sansarpuri, Singh and Sweeting.

Those abstaining: None.

The motion was carried and it was:

RESOLVED: That:

- a) **it be noted that the LGBCE has recommended that, w.e.f May 2022, the Council size will be 53 Members.**
- b) **the Head of Democratic Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to submit proposals for consideration to the LGBCE by 5 November 2018 for the composition, size and name of wards for the London Borough of Hillingdon from May 2022 onwards.**

6. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (Agenda Item 7)

Councillor Burrows moved the motion which was seconded by Councillor D Mills. Following debate (Councillor Curling), it was:

RESOLVED: That the revised Local Development Scheme be adopted with effect from 14 September 2018.

7. **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** (*Agenda Item 8*)

8.1 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR MAKWANA TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, HEALTH AND WELLBEING - COUNCILLOR CORTHORNE

“Would the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the proposals from the Healthy London Partnership to reduce the number of Health Based Places of Safety in North West London?”

Councillor Corthorne advised that this issue had caused some concern for health and social care partners in the Borough. The question concerned places of safety where individuals were detained and transported under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 and applied where a person was considered by the police to have a mental health disorder and could potentially cause harm to themselves or others. Hillingdon hosted a Section 136 suite at Riverside at Hillingdon Hospital. Changes brought about by the Police and Crime Act 2017 had reduced the maximum time that an individual could be detained from 72 hours to 24 hours.

It was thought that there was a case for change given the increasing number of incidents and the strain that it placed on police and health and social care services. This had been illustrated in a review of the issue undertaken by the Council’s External Services Scrutiny Committee in 2014/2015. Despite this, the Healthy London Partnership had proposed to reduce the number of Section 136 suites across North West London (NWL) from eight to three by 2020.

The Council and local health partners were monitoring the situation very closely as the proposals had not been properly consulted on or agreed across the NWL boroughs. Concern was expressed that Riverside would potentially have to provide additional mental health practitioners and the Council would have to pick up the additional after care social costs of individuals that were not usually resident in the Borough.

Whilst supportive of improving services for vulnerable people, the Council would not agree to any changes until the full implications of the proposals in Hillingdon were known and understood and any concerns had been properly addressed.

There was no supplementary question.

8.2 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR TUCKWELL TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, PROPERTY AND BUSINESS SERVICES - COUNCILLOR BIANCO

“Can the Cabinet Member please confirm to me how the Council has fared in respect of the recent national awards of Green Flags?”

Councillor Bianco advised that Hillingdon had a long history of being awarded Green Flags for its parks and open spaces. The Green Flag awards were run by the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign and complemented the Britain in Bloom awards as they recognised local and individual green spaces as well as the local residents that took part in the schemes themselves. The Council’s dedicated Green Spaces team had worked hard to ensure that these green spaces remained in good condition.

The Green Flag Awards were judged annually to determine whether or not a Green Flag location should retain its status. This year, the number of Green Flag sites within

the Borough had risen to 50 which was 10 more than Nottingham and 23 more than Hackney.

There was no doubt that residents valued the Borough's open spaces. This year, Green Flags had been awarded to Eastcote Memorial Gardens and Connaught Recreation Ground for the first time. Councillor Bianco could see no reason why the number of Green Flags in Hillingdon could not increase further. There were currently more Green Flags in the south of the Borough than in the north.

Councillor Bianco stated that Hillingdon's sound financial management allowed the Council to put its residents first and maintain a green and pleasant environment for all residents to enjoy.

There was no supplementary question.

8. **MOTIONS** (Agenda Item 9)

9.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR NELSON

Councillor Nelson moved, and Councillor Dhillon seconded, the following motion:

"That, as we approach Black History Month, with the scandal of the treatment of our Windrush generation fresh in our minds, this Council calls on the Cabinet to reconsider their position and reintroduce the celebration of black history in this borough.

"The treatment of the Windrush generation by this country has reminded us and highlighted how important it is for black history to not only be taught, but also celebrated by our communities. To recognise and celebrate black history is not to ignore other history, but rather pay tribute to black men and women who helped build our country.

"Hillingdon has in the past celebrated this important time in our calendar and, in our current climate, we believe it more pertinent than ever to revitalise the spirit of diversity.

"By re-introducing the annual Black History Month events, this authority will be increasing learning outcomes and demonstrating greater and current understanding of the harm racism is causing to our society."

Following debate (Councillors Allen, Lewis, Sansarpuri and Sweeting), the motion was put to the vote and lost.

9.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CURLING

Councillor Curling moved, and Councillor Prince seconded, the following motion:

"That this Council recognises that a significant number of women in Hillingdon, born on or after 6 April 1950, have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the state pension age with lack of appropriate notification.

"Many women born in the 1950's are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment. Women born in

this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60.

“It is also recognised that it is not the pension age itself that is in dispute - it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time. The issue is that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

“This Council therefore calls upon the Cabinet to receive a report into how this issue is affecting women in Hillingdon and how best to join other Councils (of all colours) in support of the WASPI campaign and to lobby Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6 April 1950, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.”

Following debate (Councillors Allen, D Mills, Nelson and Simmonds), Councillor Puddifoot moved Standing Order 14.11, that the question now be put. This was seconded by Councillor Simmonds and agreed by the Mayor. On being put to the vote, the motion that the question now be put was carried.

The original motion was put to the vote and was lost.

The meeting, which commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 8.48 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	Decision Type / Nature of Decision	Decision-Maker
14/09/2018	Housing Revenue Account Major Projects: Redevelopment Of Acol Crescent Site, South Ruislip for General Needs And Shared Ownership Housing: Appointment Of main contractor and associated Capital Release	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services
24/09/2018	Landscape Partnership agreement with the Colne Valley Partnership Board	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services
28/09/2018	Schedule of Penalty Charges in Relation to Criminal Activity by Landlords who Fail to Meet Required Housing Standards	Leader of the Council
04/10/2018	HRA Revenue Account - Major Adaptations to Property 2018/19 Release no 8, supporting our disabled residents.	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services
10/10/2018	Demolition works as part of new residential developments at Belmore Allotments, Maple & Poplar Day Centre, Willow Tree Depot and Woodside Day Centre: Appointment of demolition contractor and associated Capital Release	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services
31/10/2018	In-sourcing of Corporate Maintenance and Repair services, from the previous Mitie contract (later ratified by Cabinet)	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services.

Date of Decision	Decision Type / Nature of Decision	Decision-Maker
01/11/2018	Highways Programme 2018/19 - Release No 2. A major funding release for 76 road resurfacing projects across the Borough, totalling £5,347k from the highways budget, £200k from the Transport for London principal roads budget plus a re-allocation of £1,677k of previously released highways funds.	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services
02/11/2018	Swakeleys Roundabout: Proposed Partial Signalisation – approval of the Council’s response to Transport for London and HS2 Limited.	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation & Recycling
06/11/2018	Uxbridge Sports Club access improvements, including tender acceptance and capital release (Chrysalis Programme 2018/19 Release No.6)	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member, Cabinet Member for Community, Commerce & Regeneration and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services
13/11/2018	Secondary Schools Expansions Programme (SSEP) - contract award for the costs of construction and consultancy associated with the new extension and remodelling works at Ruislip High and Vyners Secondary Schools including capital release.	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services

BACKGROUND PAPERS: Decision Notices

(ii) LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. Introduction

1.1 Members will recall that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is undertaking a review of the London Borough of Hillingdon's local government electoral arrangements. The outcome of the review will be implemented for the May 2022 Council elections.

1.2 The purpose of an electoral review is to consider the:

- number of Councillors elected to the Council,
- number & names of wards,
- ward boundaries and
- number of Councillors per ward.

1.3 At the meeting of full Council in September 2018, Members noted that the LGBCE were minded to recommend that, w.e.f May 2022, the Council size will be 53 Members.

- 1.4 Council also authorised the Head of Democratic Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to submit proposals for consideration to the LGBCE by 5 November 2018 for the composition, size and name of wards for the London Borough of Hillingdon from May 2022 onwards.
- 1.5 The purpose of this report is to update Members with progress of the review and to outline the next stage.

RECOMMENDATION: That the contents of the Council submission to the LGBCE be noted.

2. Background

- 2.1 Periodically the LGBCE will conduct a review of all local authority electoral arrangements using the following statutory criteria:-
 - The need to secure electoral equality (a consistent number of electors per Councillor)
 - Community identity (strong ward boundaries that reflect communities); and
 - Securing effective and convenient local government (coherent wards)
- 2.2 The current LBH electoral arrangements were established after the previous review in 1999 and resulted in 22 wards and 65 Councillors.
- 2.3 The preliminary stage of the current review resulted in a recommended future Council size; i.e. the number of elected Councillors as being 53; a reduction of 12 from the current size.
- 2.4 The recommendation regarding the number of Councillors informed the next stage of the review which was a 10 week period of public consultation, concluding on 5 November 2018, during which the Commission invited submissions from all interested parties within the Borough for the structure of the LBH electoral wards i.e. the size and number of wards, ward names, ward boundaries and the number of councillors to represent each ward.
- 2.5 As a part of that consultation the Council, in accordance with the decision made at the September meeting, submitted proposals for the warding patterns and these are attached as an appendix for Members' information.
- 2.6 The submission has been designed to follow the criteria as set out in 2.1 (above) and produce wards with, as near as possible, an electoral equality of 4,295 electors per Councillor.

3. Next Steps

- 3.1 The Commission will now consider all the submissions it has received. These can be found on line at:
<http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/greater-london/greater-london/hillingdon>
- 3.2 On 8 January 2019, the Commission will produce a first set of draft recommendations. This will trigger a second period of consultation until 18

March 2019 and which, again, will be open to all interested parties within the Borough to respond.

- 3.3 A final decision will then be expected in June 2019 for implementation at the Council elections in May 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. The decision of the LGBCE to reduce the number of elected Members to 53 will result in financial implications in 2022. The scale of these implications will not be quantified fully until the completion of the review.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 sets out the duty placed on the LGBCE to undertake an electoral review of every principal local authority in England 'from time to time'. Decisions regarding electoral arrangements in the Borough are reserved to Full Council.

BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

iii) AMENDMENT TO THE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Health and Wellbeing Board Membership

1. At the meeting of Council on 9 May 2013, the new Health and Wellbeing Board was formally approved as a Committee of the Council. The Board's Standing Orders specify that changes to its Statutory Membership must be determined by full Council.
2. A replacement is required for the substitute for the Statutory Director of Adult Social Services, a statutory non-voting member of the Health and Wellbeing Board. It is recommended that Ms Sandra Taylor, be named as the substitute for the Statutory Director of Adult Social Services.

RECOMMENDATION: That Ms Sandra Taylor be named as the substitute for the Statutory Director of Adult Social Services on the Health and Wellbeing Board.

BACKGROUND PAPERS: None



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London Borough of Hillingdon Electoral Review

Submission to The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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1. **SUMMARY**

- The London Borough of Hillingdon warmly welcomes the endorsement of the Commission to its proposals for reducing the size of the Council to 53 Members w.e.f 2022.
- The Council is proposing a warding scheme of **20 wards** with representation varying from one to three elected Members per ward and a total Council membership of 53.
- The Council has proceeded throughout the Review in accordance with the Guidance issued by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and has developed a scheme in line with that Guidance and the associated criteria.
- The Council’s proposed scheme gives an average electorate ratio of 1:4295 in 2024.
- The Council is confident that it has drawn up a warding scheme that the Commission will find to be acceptable in meeting all the criteria for a successful electoral review. The proposal is, therefore, respectfully submitted for the Commission’s consideration and we look forward to the Commission’s response.

2. **ABOUT THE BOROUGH**

Hillingdon is an outer-London borough with a character all of its own. Created in 1965 by an amalgamation of the Borough of Uxbridge and the Urban Districts of Hayes & Harlington, Ruislip-Northwood and Yiewsley & West Drayton, it is the second largest of London's 33 boroughs and takes its name from a Parish recorded in the eleventh century.



Running from Harefield Hospital in the north to Heathrow Airport in the south, it is home to around 309,000 people. Over half of Hillingdon's 42 square miles is a mosaic of countryside including canals, rivers, parks and woodland which sit comfortably alongside classic tree-lined suburban streets, shopping centres and urban communities.

Many multi-national companies are based in Hillingdon. Partnership working between the Council and the commercial sector is actively promoted and relationships with major stakeholders, such as Brunel London University, are strong.

Hillingdon contributes greatly to the economic success of the capital, yet it remains one of London's greenest boroughs. As the home of Heathrow Airport, it is also London's foremost gateway to the world. It shares its borders with Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hounslow, Ealing, and Harrow. In addition to Heathrow Airport, Hillingdon is also home to the RAF airport at RAF Northolt.

3. SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

The current Council size was determined by the previous electoral review in 1999 which set a Council size of 65 Councillors in 22 wards. In line with most London Boroughs, there is a uniform pattern of three-Member wards across the borough with the exception of Harefield Ward, which is represented by two Members.

The current (June 2018) electorate figures resulted in 6 wards being more than 10% out from the average ratio of electors to elected Members. This was detailed in the Council's submission at Stage 1 of the Review, which resulted in the Commission being minded to recommend an electorate size of 53 elected Members – a reduction of 12 on the current arrangements.

In response to Stage 2 of the Review, the Council is recommending to the Commission that the number of wards be reduced from the current 22 to 20 comprising:

- **14 x three Member wards**
- **5 x two Member wards**
- **1 x one Member ward**

The Council's main focus when considering a proposed warding pattern for the Borough, based on a Council size of 53 elected Members, has been to bear in mind the statutory criteria used by the Commission when making its recommendations:-

- The need to secure electoral equality (a consistent number of electors per Councillor),
- Community identity (strong ward boundaries that reflect communities) and
- Securing effective and convenient local government (coherent wards).

The aspiration to secure electoral equality has been a key factor in drawing up detailed boundary lines. Naturally, the aim is to be as close as possible to 100% of the average number of electors per elected Member (4295:1). It is however, acknowledged, that this is a near impossible aspiration and, therefore, the aim has been to be within 4% (plus or minus) of the average. This has been achieved save for one ward, Harefield Village, for the reasons set out in the narrative.

The Council recognises that in a Borough as large and as diverse as Hillingdon there are several historically identifiable communities that have built up over time and to which residents attach themselves. These can be based on a number of different factors such as local ethnic populations, traditional developments, historical place names or even significant local features and / or facilities.

The boundaries of such communities are both natural (rivers, parkland etc.) and also man-made (footpaths, roads, rail etc.). Whichever way the boundaries are formed, residents, over time, have come to identify with their particular communities whilst at the same time being proud that they are a part of a wider area known as Hillingdon.

Several of the communities within the London Borough of Hillingdon can be clearly described as being traditional 'town centres', acting as community hubs for all the major activities one would expect; shopping, social or sporting activities, community, libraries, public transport, nightlife, religious worship etc. Some are more rural in nature but no less significant having a well-established historical identity. Often, names of public transport stops, libraries, churches, residents' associations etc. contribute to identifying the extent of a community.

In drawing up a proposed warding pattern, the Council has sought to align with these clear communities and, wherever possible, create wards that reflect the aspirations of our residents to be represented in a community they would call home. The Council has sought to assign names to the new wards that are reflective of significant local features or historical place names. In some cases these proposed names are the same / similar to those already in existence. This is because we recognise that such names already resonate with the communities they seek to identify and there would, therefore, be little point in trying to invent new names that do not serve this purpose. Alternatively, the Council has in some cases, sought to return to familiar names that were in use in previous years, such as Hillingdon West, Colham & Cowley and Wood End.

At the same time, the Council has proceeded with the aim of designing wards that will meet the aspiration of securing effective and convenient local government, although this aspiration often goes hand-in-hand with the desire to create wards that reflect community identity.

The Council sought to adhere to five basic design principles:

- a) That primary high streets such as Uxbridge, Hayes, Ruislip & Eastcote plus immediate surrounding roads should be contained within one ward;
- b) That named local features should be contained within the same ward name where possible e.g. Ruislip Rugby club in Ruislip, Cowley Recreational Ground in Cowley, Yeading School in Yeading etc.
- c) That the average ratio of electors to elected Members should be within 96% to 104% for each ward.
- d) That active Residents' Associations should be recognised wherever possible and
- e) That polling districts be used as building blocks; cutting only to achieve Principle C.

The Council recognises that there are three major roadways that traverse the Borough from east to west, namely:

- i) the A40, Western Avenue,
- ii) the Uxbridge Road and
- iii) the M4.

Each of these forms a strong, natural boundary within the Borough. Whilst there are, of course, crossing points north to south for each of these, they do serve to form clear and distinct geographical and electoral areas around which the Council's proposals are based.

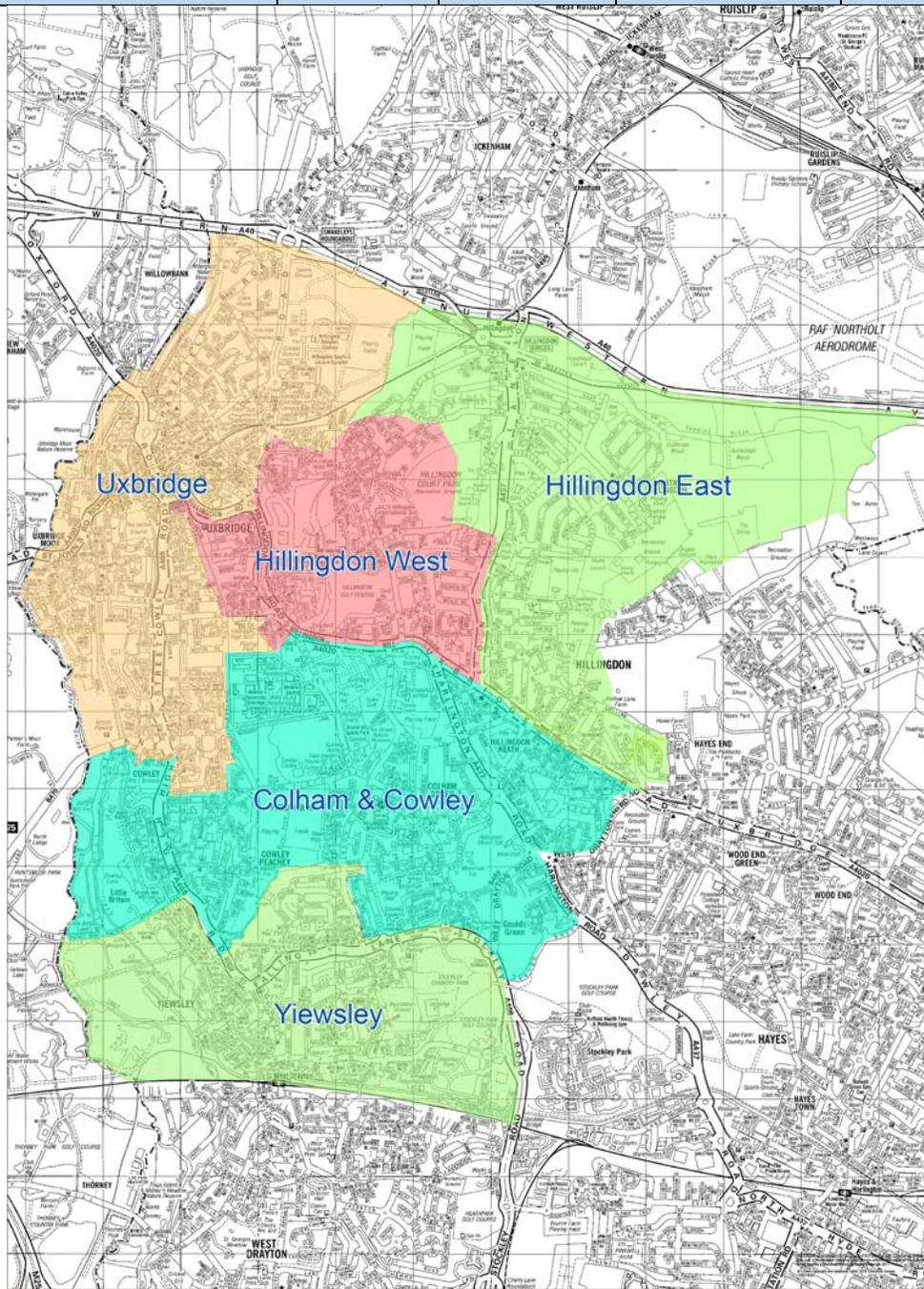
The Council is proposing a 2024 warding pattern, based on four distinct geographical areas of the Borough as shown in the table overleaf, with the percentage variances shown:-

Proposed Ward names	2024 electorate	Proposed Number of Cllrs	Ratio of electors to Cllrs:	% variance from average
UXBRIDGE	12,509	3	4,170	-3
HILLINGDON WEST	8,381	2	4,191	-2
HILLINGDON EAST	12,343	3	4,114	-4
COLHAM & COWLEY	12,781	3	4,260	-1
YIEWSLEY	8,533	2	4,267	-1
HAREFIELD VILLAGE	4,491	1	4,491	5
ICKENHAM & SOUTH HAREFIELD	13,076	3	4,359	1
NORTHWOOD	13,426	3	4,475	4
RUISLIP WOODS	13,396	3	4,465	4
RUISLIP	12,942	3	4,314	0
EASTCOTE	12,980	3	4,327	1
SOUTH RUISLIP	13,043	3	4,348	1
CHARVILLE	8,361	2	4,181	-3
BARNHILL	8,449	2	4,225	-2
YEADING	12,376	3	4,125	-4
HAYES TOWN	13,065	3	4,355	1
WOOD END	12,982	3	4,327	1
PINKWELL	12,876	3	4,292	0
WEST DRAYTON	8,654	2	4,327	1
HEATHROW VILLAGES	12,955	3	4,318	1
Average Ratio of Elected Members (53) to Electorate: 1:4295				

The four distinct geographical areas of the Borough, upon which the proposed warding pattern is based, are as follows:

a) 5 wards in an area broadly described as West of Hillingdon:

Proposed Ward names	2024 electorate	Proposed Number of Cllrs	Ratio of electors to Cllrs:	% variance from average
UXBRIDGE	12,509	3	4,170	-3
HILLINGDON WEST	8,381	2	4,191	-2
HILLINGDON EAST	12,343	3	4,114	-4
COLHAM & COWLEY	12,781	3	4,260	-1
YIEWSLEY	8,533	2	4,267	-1



This area will represent 54,547 electors and will comprise 3x three Member wards and 2x two Member wards.

The area is dominated, principally, by the nationally-known town of Uxbridge and its economic pull as the major town centre of the Borough. Uxbridge comprises office, industrial and retail employment together with public services administration (the Civic Centre) and significant further education investment with two universities and the leading London post-16 college.

The area is supported by the Transport for London terminus, which is the end of the line out of London for the Metropolitan and Piccadilly lines. Also within close reach of the major motorway network (M4, M40, M25), the town has and supports a large segment of existing electors.

In drawing up warding proposals, it becomes clear that there are 3 natural, three Member wards based around:

- i) Uxbridge town,
- ii) Hillingdon East, (Hillingdon Circus and east of Long Lane) and
- iii) the Colham & Cowley communities.

This then leaves 2, two Member wards for the remaining areas of Hillingdon West and Yiewsley town.

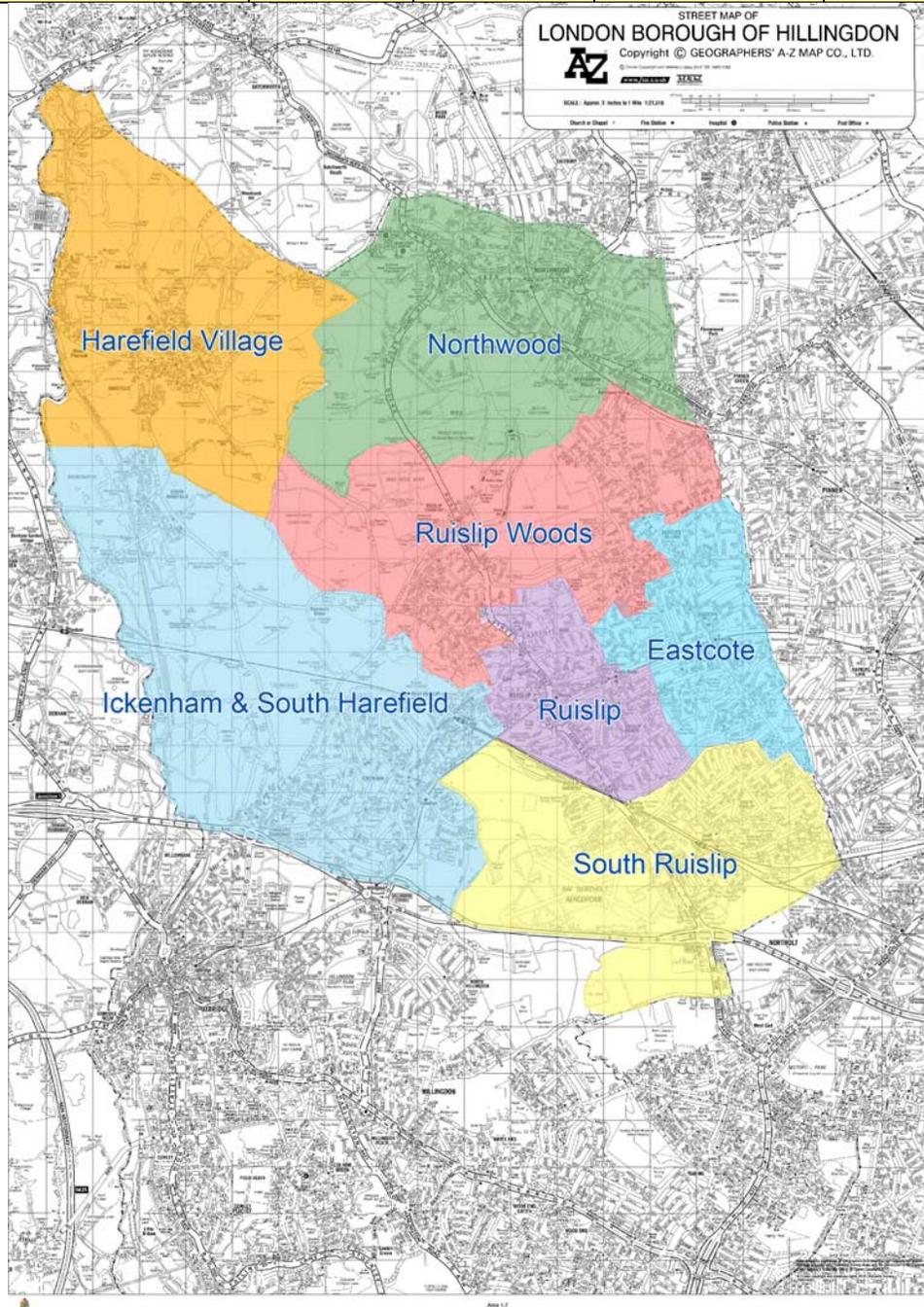
Broadly speaking the area is

- bounded by the A40, Western Avenue in the north,
- extends east to both Hayes End (north of the Uxbridge Road) and to Wood End (south of the Uxbridge Road),
- extends south to the West Drayton Bridge and south-east to Stockley Park,
- delineated in the north-east corner by a large area of open space which separates the communities of Ryefield and Charville Lane.

For more details, see pages 13 to 23.

b) 7 wards to the north of the A40.

Proposed Ward names	2024 electorate	Proposed Number of Cllrs	Ratio of electors to Cllrs:	% variance from average
HAREFIELD VILLAGE	4,491	1	4,491	5
ICKENHAM & SOUTH HAREFIELD	13,076	3	4,359	1
NORTHWOOD	13,426	3	4,475	4
RUISLIP WOODS	13,396	3	4,465	4
RUISLIP	12,942	3	4,314	0
EASTCOTE	12,980	3	4,327	1
SOUTH RUISLIP	13,043	3	4,348	1



This area will represent 83,354 electors and will comprise 6x three Member wards and 1x one Member ward.

Whilst much of this area divides quite naturally into recognised communities with well-defined boundaries, there is one major area of difficulty when constructing a ward design in keeping with the Commission's criteria. The narrative on pages 24 to 26 attempts to outline the principal difficulty with this area of determining a suitable ward size for **Harefield Village and the surrounding area**.

Unique within the Borough, **Harefield** has many aspects of a self-contained village found in the Shires. Connections to other parts of the Borough are difficult and public transport connections are sparse. We recognise that, on current boundaries, the population is too large for only one elected Member and too small for two, unless the Commission were minded to go beyond their normal thinking on % variance.

Therefore, the approach has been to ring fence the main Harefield Village as a ward with one elected Member and then look for the 'least-worse' link. As Harefield to Northwood involves movement out of Borough and the links to Ruislip are via minor roads not served by public transport, the answer is to link the South Harefield community, south of the Harefield Village parish church at St Marys, with Ickenham, which is served by Transport for London's U9 route.

This would allow for the creation of a **Harefield Village Ward** of 4,491 electors and a 5% variance from the Borough average.

The rest of the area would then comprise of 78,863 electors north of the A40 and the following communities, which all have heritage landmarks, active resident associations and local named features that determines their identity and enough electors for three Member wards:

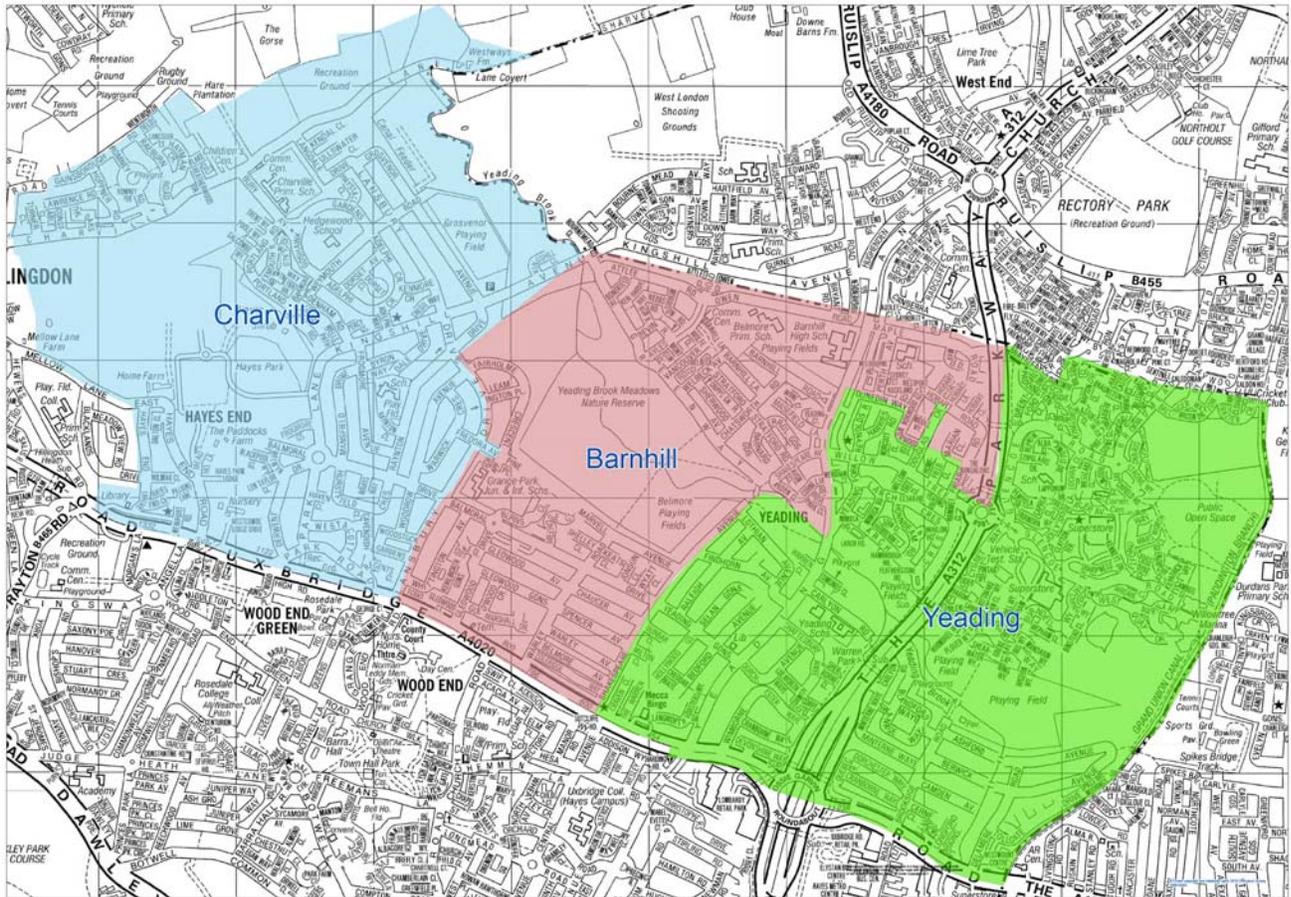
- Ickenham & South Harefield
- Northwood
- Eastcote
- Ruislip
- South Ruislip

Thus with five recognisable communities, the remaining three Members to be allocated are geographically north of Ruislip and Eastcote and through to Northwood Hills. From the map, it becomes clear that these particular areas have developed from being at the edge of the green belt, as identified by the natural Ruislip Woods that sits between these areas and the very north of the Borough. As we do not believe that any one of these areas warrants a case for a single Member ward, we propose a Ruislip Woods Ward sitting below the green space that separates the main Northwood community.

For more details, see pages 24 to 39.

c) 3 wards across the centre (east) of the Borough, north of the Uxbridge Road.

Proposed Ward names	2024 electorate	Proposed Number of Cllrs	Ratio of electors to Cllrs:	% variance from average
CHARVILLE	8,361	2	4,181	-3
BARNHILL	8,449	2	4,225	-2
YEADING	12,376	3	4,125	-4



This area will represent 29,186 electors and will comprise 1x three Member ward and 2x two Member wards.

The extent of the Uxbridge ‘pull’ fades as you move east and the start of Hayes End signals new communities that have developed and become less dependent upon having to rely upon Uxbridge or Hayes town for all its main services.

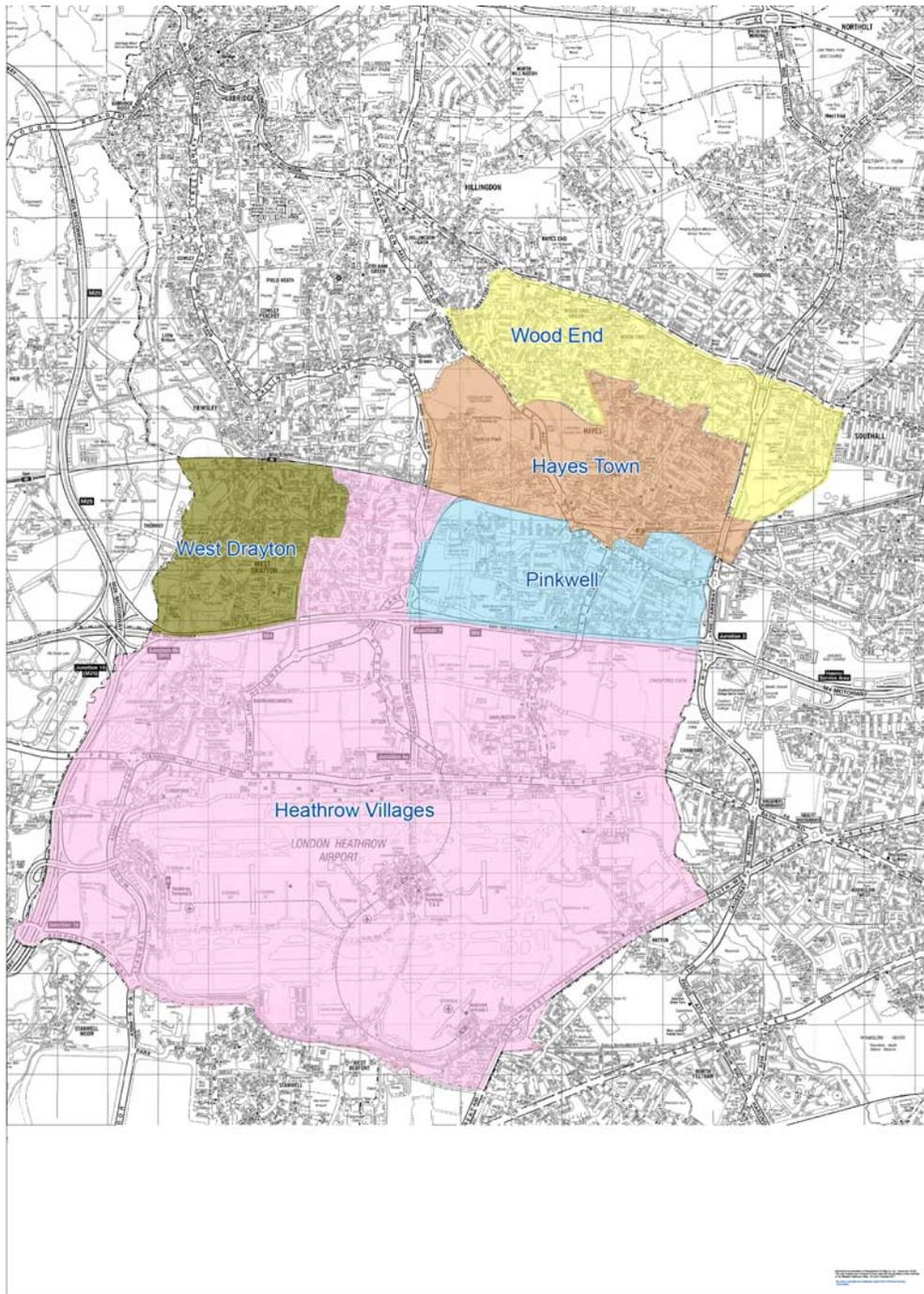
The Uxbridge Road forms a strong boundary and justifies having wards to match the electors who live north of this key artery transport link.

With an electorate producing the need for seven elected Members, we suggest that Yeading, as the furthest east point of the Borough, should have three Members and the two adjoining wards back towards Hayes End be two Member wards.

For more details, see pages 40 to 47.

d) 5 wards comprising the Hayes Gateway, Hayes Town Centre and south to Heathrow / West Drayton.

Proposed Ward names	2024 electorate	Proposed Number of Cllrs	Ratio of electors to Cllrs:	% variance from average
HAYES TOWN	13,065	3	4,355	1
WOOD END	12,982	3	4,327	1
PINKWELL	12,876	3	4,292	0
WEST DRAYTON	8,654	2	4,327	1
HEATHROW VILLAGES	12,955	3	4,318	1



This area will represent 60,532 electors and will comprise 4x three Member wards and 1x two Member wards.

The area is below a line roughly south of the West Drayton Bridge / Stockley Park and the Uxbridge Road / Long Lane.

This area marks the beginning of the Hayes community and has the main gateway roads south to Hayes Town Centre. The new Crossrail line runs through this area which is one of rapidly expanding development and population growth. It also includes the area of Heathrow Airport and further detail is given later regarding the potential impact of the airport authority's expansion proposals.

Entering the Borough from Ealing just past the Hayes by-pass is the beginning of the wider Hayes area, recognised by the Council with its identifying signage along the Uxbridge Rd. The Wood End community is drawn south through Coldharbour Lane to the main town centre, built around the railway station and its industrial heritage including the old EMI 'Vinyl Factory', (Blyth Rd) and the recently closed Nestle estate in Nestlé Avenue.

Both the Vinyl Factory and Nestle site are the main drivers of change, boosted by the imminent arrival of the first Crossrail trains in December 2019. These developments account for the rapid rise in electorate in this area. The Nestlé site itself is split into 3 and the largest, (site A) will, (using the calculations in our Stage 1 submission) have 1,870 new electors which can be added to the established community of Pinkwell that sits south of the railway line and north of the M4.

Nestlé sites B & C will be included in the proposed Hayes Town Ward.



The Wood End, Hayes Town and Pinkwell ward sizes will justify three Member wards, leaving five remaining Members to be allocated. The existing Heathrow Villages ward can naturally move north beyond the Cherry Lane triangle up to the railway, creating a three Member ward. As West Drayton, which as shown by the historic details portrayed under the bridge (see details on page 51) has grown together with its immediate neighbour, Yiewsley, it is fittingly appropriate for this to be a two Member ward, as is Yiewsley.

For more details, see pages 48 to 56.

5. WARD BY WARD PROPOSALS

a) West Side of Hillingdon

PROPOSED NAME: **UXBRIDGE**

MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 3

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 12,509

MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

UF1 (3,742),

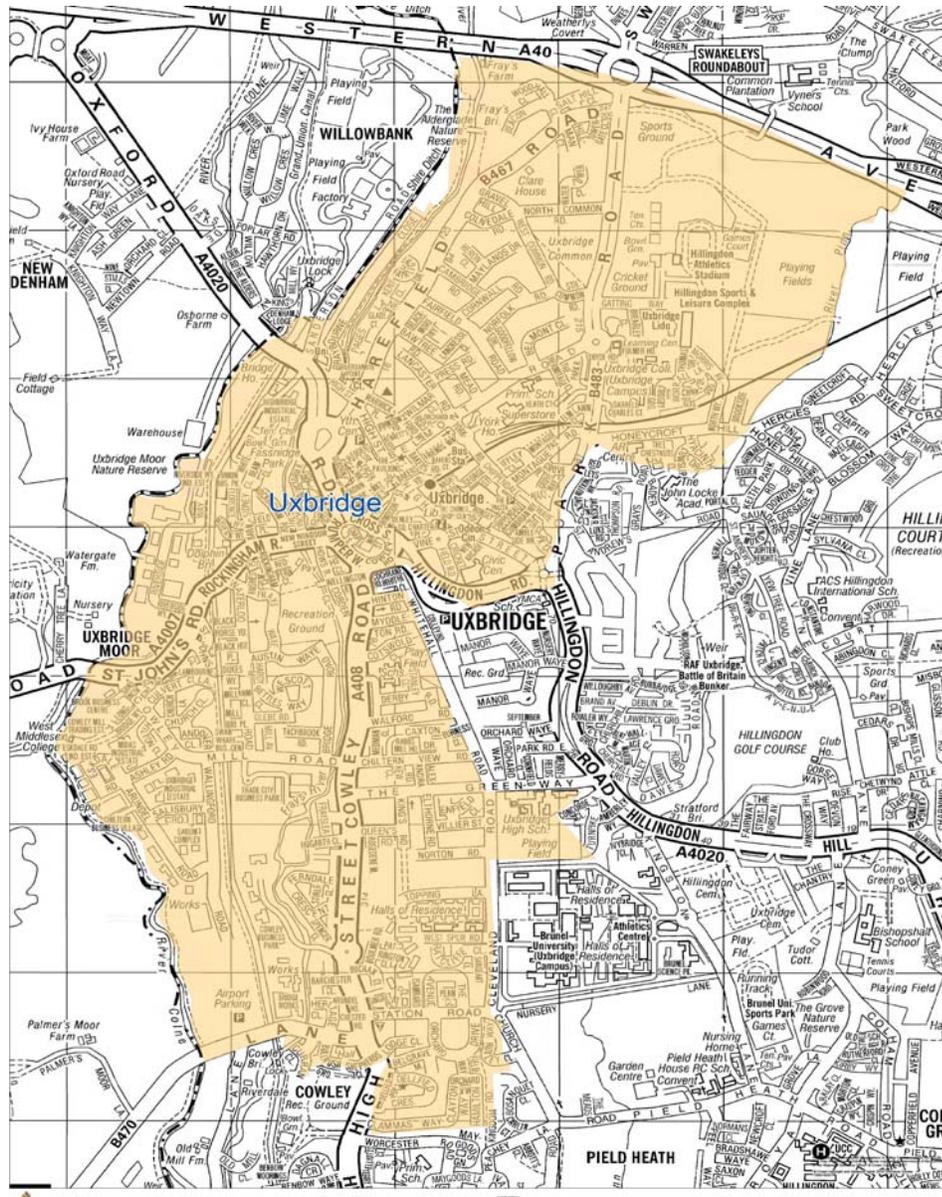
UG1 (part, 2,419),

UG2 (part, 3,362),

UG3 (2,830) &

UF2 (part, 152)

VARIATION: -3%



Description of Ward

The proposed ward of Uxbridge combines a significant amount of the existing Uxbridge South (84%) and Uxbridge North (30%) Wards. It is proposed that the new ward have three elected Members.

The ward would be bounded by the A40 in the north, by the wards of Hillingdon East and Hillingdon West to the east, by the ward of Colham and Cowley to the south and the Borough boundary to the west.

Proposal

One of the most well-known, historic and recognisable 'town centres' within the Borough is that of Uxbridge (the Market House, opposite the underground station dates back to 1785 and the adjoining Parish Church of St Margaret to 1447).

Uxbridge has Metropolitan planning status and this proposal emanates from the desire to create a ward that encapsulates the town centre and surrounding areas, which includes the Underground station of Uxbridge - the end of both the Metropolitan and Piccadilly lines out of London. The proposed name of the ward reflects the area it has been designed to represent.



The proposed ward will be approximately 2.5 miles in length. Consideration was given to creating a ward that runs more east to west. However, it was felt that the major development at St Andrews Park (see Hillingdon West) dictates the proposed north to south layout for the ward in keeping with the main spine roads coming from the A40 into Uxbridge and beyond (the B483, Hillingdon Road and the Cowley Road). These roads run through the heart of the ward, which also includes the Council's Civic Centre - instantly recognisable to all residents as the hub of the Borough's civic life and well known for being located in Uxbridge.

The Civic Centre sits at the southern end of the Ring Road, which is the start of the town centre from this direction. Park Road to Honeycroft Hill traffic lights, south of the railway, has a constant flow of traffic to and from the A40 making this difficult for pedestrians to access the shops/station. Therefore they mainly use Belmont Road.

Park Road and the St Andrew's roundabout represent significant barriers between the town centre and the new development. This is reflected in the fact that the office / commercial elements of the St Andrews development are closest to Park Road with the residential element further along parallel to Hillingdon Road. As such, Park Road is therefore a strong ward boundary.

Cleveland Road is a strong boundary as it covers the rear entrance to the Brunel University, London campus. Residents generally don't access here unless they have business at the university. Instead, they either travel via Cowley High Street or walk beyond Cleveland Road along Whitehall Road, which is why that has been chosen as a boundary.

The proposed ward encompasses in large part, the area represented by the Uxbridge Community Association and the North Uxbridge Residents' Association. In addition, the Council has a number of ongoing Town Centre Improvement Programmes in existence, one of which is focussed on the Uxbridge Town Centre.

There are several other features in this area, which help to define the ward including:

- Uxbridge Library,
- Uxbridge Police Station,
- Uxbridge High School, The Greenway,
- St Laurence Church Hall,
- Uxbridge Cricket Ground, Park Road,
- Uxbridge Common,
- Uxbridge Sports Club,
- Uxbridge Lido,
- Uxbridge College,
- Uxbridge war memorial,
- Uxbridge Station and
- Uxbridge High Street.



PROPOSED NAME: HILLINGDON WEST

MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 2

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 8,381

MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

UF2 (part, 4,580),

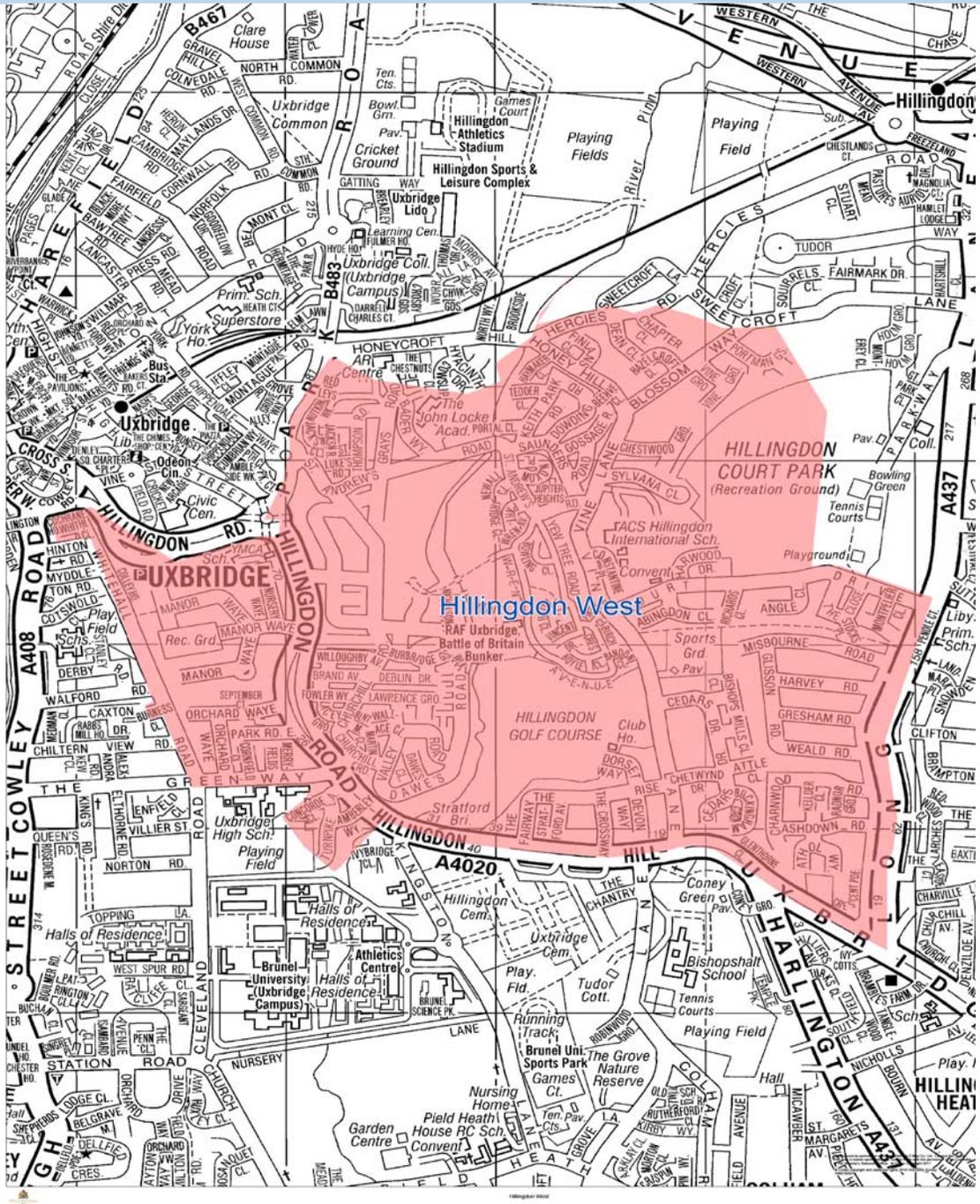
UF4 (1,732),

UA2 (part, 540),

UF3 (part, 1,141) &

UG2 (part, 388)

VARIATION: -2%



Description of Ward

The proposed Hillingdon West ward represents elements of the existing wards of Uxbridge North (58%), Uxbridge South (4%) and Brunel (6%). It is proposed that the new ward have two elected Members.

The proposal focusses on the part of the area of the Borough known, principally, as Hillingdon and should be viewed in conjunction with the proposed Hillingdon East Ward. The ward will sit between the wards of Uxbridge, Hillingdon East and Colham & Cowley.

Proposal

The proposed ward encapsulates the recently increased (and anticipated further increased) electorate generated by the major residential development on the former RAF site, known as St Andrews (houses, offices, park and new museum). This development should be completed by the time this review is implemented and the increased electorate has been taken account of when drawing up this proposal.



The ward will be largely urban in nature and is bounded in the south by the Hillingdon Road and Hillingdon Hill turning into Uxbridge Road – a well-established and strong boundary. The area between Kingston Lane to West Drayton Road is limited in attracting significant population movement across this corridor. Pedestrian crossing points along this section are limited as evidenced by the extent of central reservation barriers for this traffic heavy road.

All of Hillingdon Road, moving away from Uxbridge until the Brunel public footpath leading directly to the university, is part of the southern boundary. From Hillingdon Hill, south sits the university and all of its surrounding lands (key to the links between the proposed Colham & Cowley Ward). To the east, Long Lane forms a strong boundary until its junction with Court Drive. This proposal will return the roads south from Court Drive down to Hillingdon Road to the ward of the same name, prior to the 1999 review.

In the south-west the proposal ensures that the roads between Orchard Way and the footpath next to Amberley Way are aligned with their neighbours within Hillingdon West, rather than Colham & Cowley and the proposed ward will include significant features such as:

- Hillingdon golf course,
- Hillingdon Court Park public open space,
- Hillingdon House – the grade II listed, eighteenth century historic mansion and
- St Andrew's Park.

The Council is recommending that the name of this proposed ward be the same as it was prior to the 1999 review.

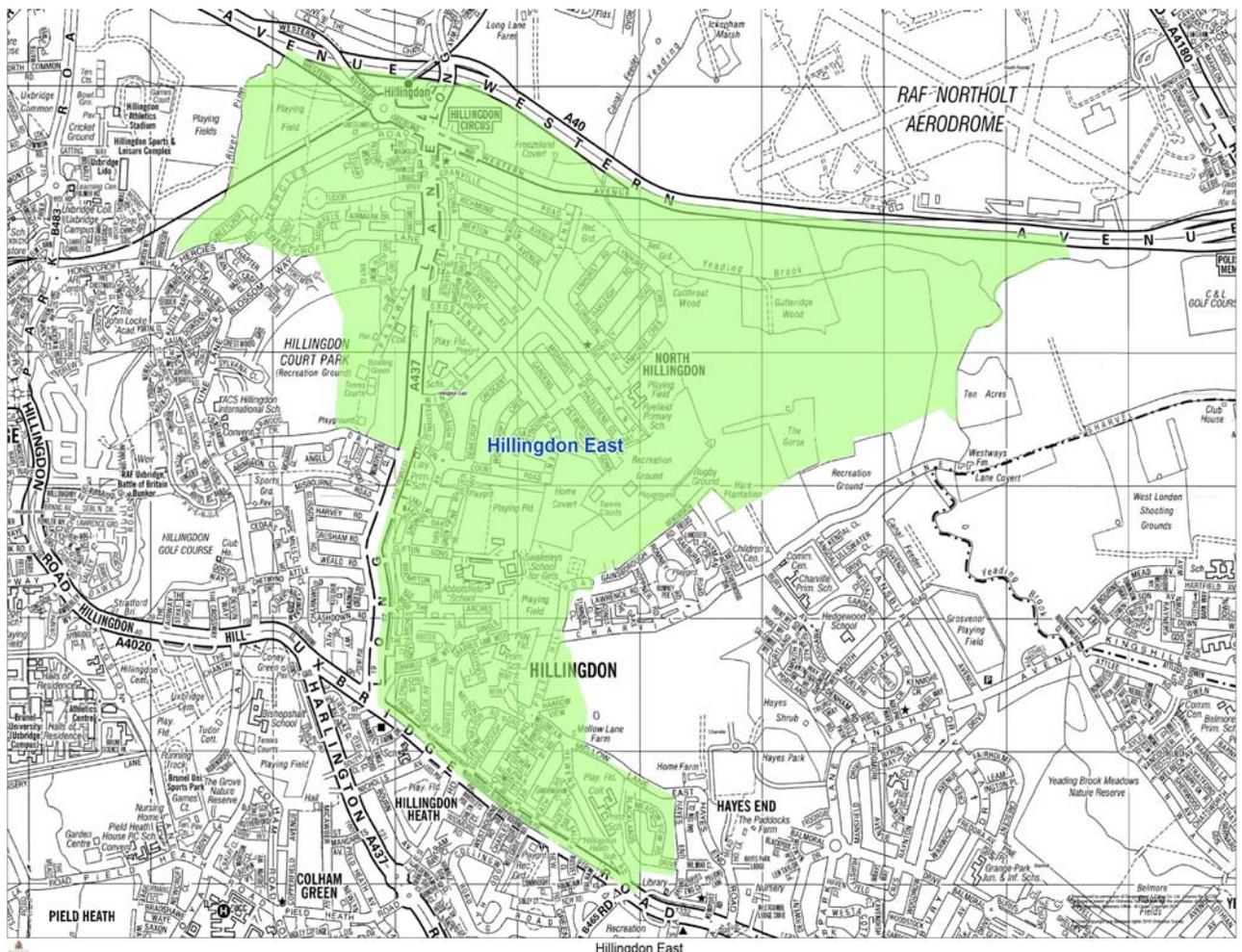
PROPOSED NAME: HILLINGDON EAST

MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 3

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 12,343
MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

- UC1 (3,156),
- UC2 (2,493),
- UC3 (4,451),
- UF3 (part 1,536),
- HC1 (part, 88) &
- HC2 (part, 619)

VARIATION: -4%



Description of Ward

The proposed Hillingdon East ward is comprised of all of the former Hillingdon East Ward along with small parts of the existing Charville (7%) and Uxbridge North (12%) Wards. It is proposed that the new ward have three elected Members.

Largely residential in nature, the ward maintains the strong geographical boundaries of the A40, Western Avenue in the north and the Uxbridge Road in the south and features the major road junction known as Hillingdon Circus. To the east will be the wards of

Charville and a small part of South Ruislip and to the west will be the wards of Hillingdon West (utilising the road boundary of Long Lane) and Uxbridge.

Proposal

The proposal focusses on the central part of the area of the Borough known, principally, as Hillingdon and should be viewed in conjunction with the proposed Hillingdon West Ward.

Built around the existing established ward of the same name, its northeast boundary extends to include the roads north of Sweetcroft Lane. Residents in this area, like those in the roads north of Ryefield Avenue, see their local shopping area as that straddling the top of Long Lane in the Hillingdon Circus area. The houses at this end of Long Lane are not set back as they are at the Uxbridge Rd end and are thus more connected. TFL's Hillingdon station also acts as a magnet for people movement in this top part of the proposed ward.

From below the A40 at Hillingdon station, south down Long Lane, the shopping area at Hillingdon Circus is the focal point for both sides of Long Lane to the Oak Farm and Court Drive junctions. The east side of Long Lane served by the U2 bus down to the end of Ryefield, joined by the remainder of the eastern development between Long Lane/ Pole Hill to the strong boundary of Uxbridge Rd.

The south-east corner extends to where Hayes End is defined by both the library of the same name and Hayes End Drive. Pole Hill Road as the furthest north running road from the Uxbridge Road, with Mellow Farm to its right, makes for a sensible boundary to join up with the fields that lie behind the main Ryefield/Oak Farm residential estate, which is only accessible from Long Lane.

Other significant features in the ward include:

- Hillingdon Station,
- All Saints Church, North Hillingdon,
- St Bernadette's School, Long Lane,
- North Hillingdon Methodist Church, Long Lane,
- Oak Farm Library (pictured),
- Oak Wood School, Clifton Gardens,
- Swakeleys Schools, Clifton Gardens and
- Royal British Legion, Uxbridge Road.



The name Hillingdon East, has been used for this area for many years, dating back to the time when the municipal authority was the Borough of Uxbridge.

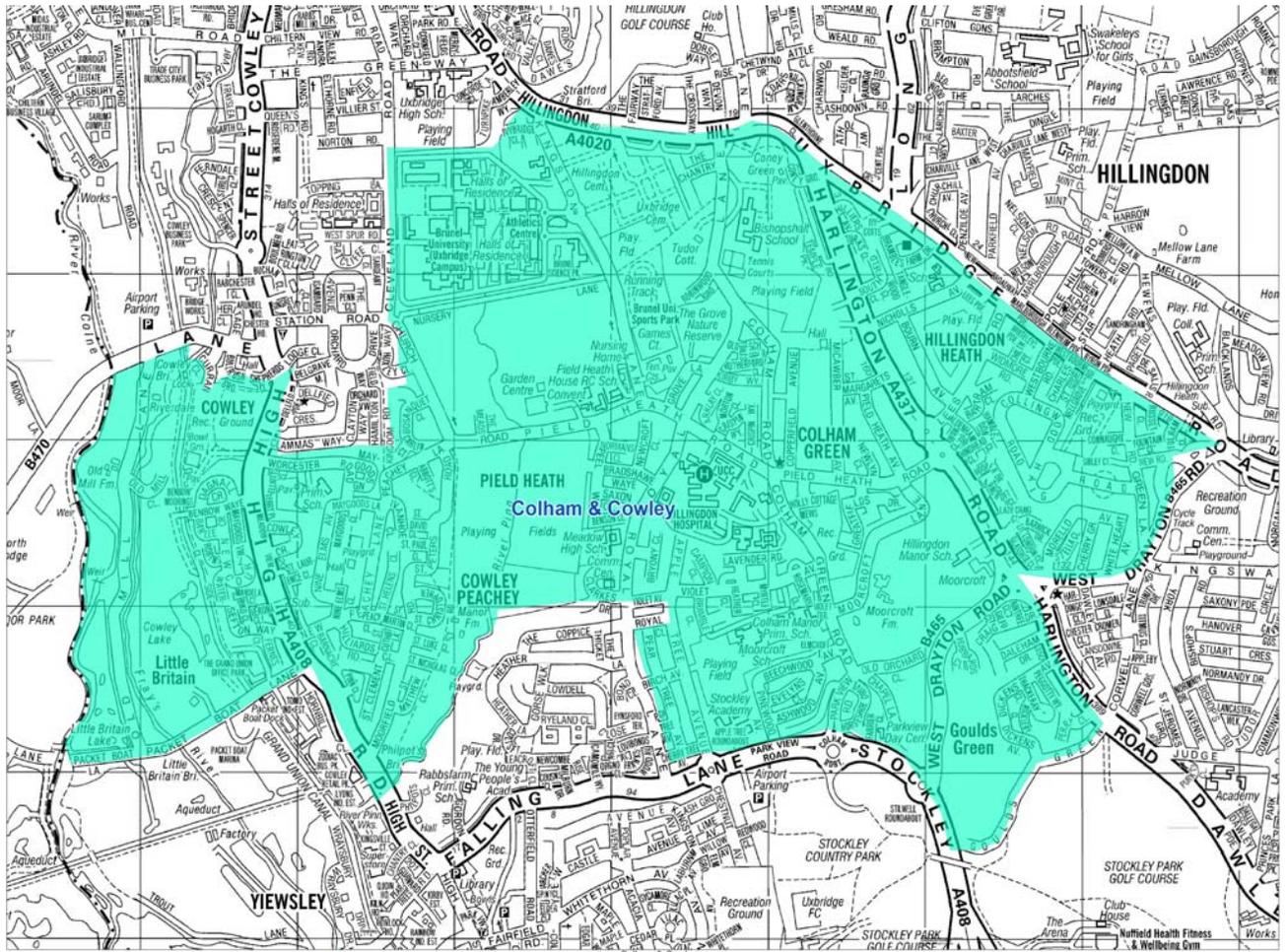
PROPOSED NAME: COLHAM & COWLEY

MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 3

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 12,781
MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

- UA1 (part, 2,224),
- UA2 (part, 3,321),
- UA3 (2,928),
- UG1 (part, 1,233),
- UH1 (1,063) &
- UH3 (part, 2,012)

VARIATION: -1%



Description of Ward

The proposed Colham & Cowley ward represents almost all of the current Brunel Ward (93%) and parts of the current Yiewsley (27%) and Uxbridge South (12%) Wards. It is proposed that the new ward have three elected Members.

Much of the northern boundary will be the Uxbridge Road as well as the wards of Uxbridge and Hillingdon West. To the south will be Yiewesley Ward and to the west is the

Borough Boundary. The eastern boundary is where the Hayes wards begin as a distinctly separate community.

Proposal

The proposal keeps a northern boundary of the Uxbridge Road and covers the areas broadly surrounding the Pield Heath Road of Cowley, Pield Heath, Colham Green, Hillingdon Heath and Goulds Green. The top of Cowley Recreation Ground, down to the Cowley Lake (also known as part of the Little Britain lake complex) provides bookend boundaries for this western element of the ward.

The Cowley residential estate joins with Colham via the Hillingdon Hospital where, immediately south, through Colham Road and Royal Lane, the main Colham estate is located. This is centred on the Colham Manor School, which links with the roads south of West Drayton Rd down to the edge of Stockley Park, an area previously in the same ward prior to the 1999 review.

In order to achieve electoral equality, the roads to the east of Royal Lane and north of Falling Avenue (including the Colham Manor Primary school) have been included, as this area is detached and isolated from the Yiewsley town centre to which it is currently aligned.

The Parliamentary boundary (along the West Drayton Road/Harlington Road) is recognised, understood and strong, also supporting the northern boundary along the Uxbridge Road back to Hillingdon Hill (see Hillingdon West above).

The area from Park View Road to Stockley Road is largely unpopulated providing a natural boundary that separates the Colham community positioned north of here, from the Stockley Country Park, accessed east from Yiewsley.

Also included in the ward will be the majority of the Brunel University, London main campus, which forms a strong boundary east of Cleveland Road. Other significant features within the ward include:

- Cowley Hall Recreation Ground,
- Colham Manor School,
- Colham Green Recreational ground,
- Cowley St Laurence Primary School, Worcester Road and
- St Laurence Church, Cowley (pictured).



The proposed name reflects the two main residential areas contained within the ward and the fact that several other features in the ward share the same name. The name, Cowley, is particularly historical being referenced in the Domesday Book.

PROPOSED NAME: **YIEWSLEY**

MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 2

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 8,533

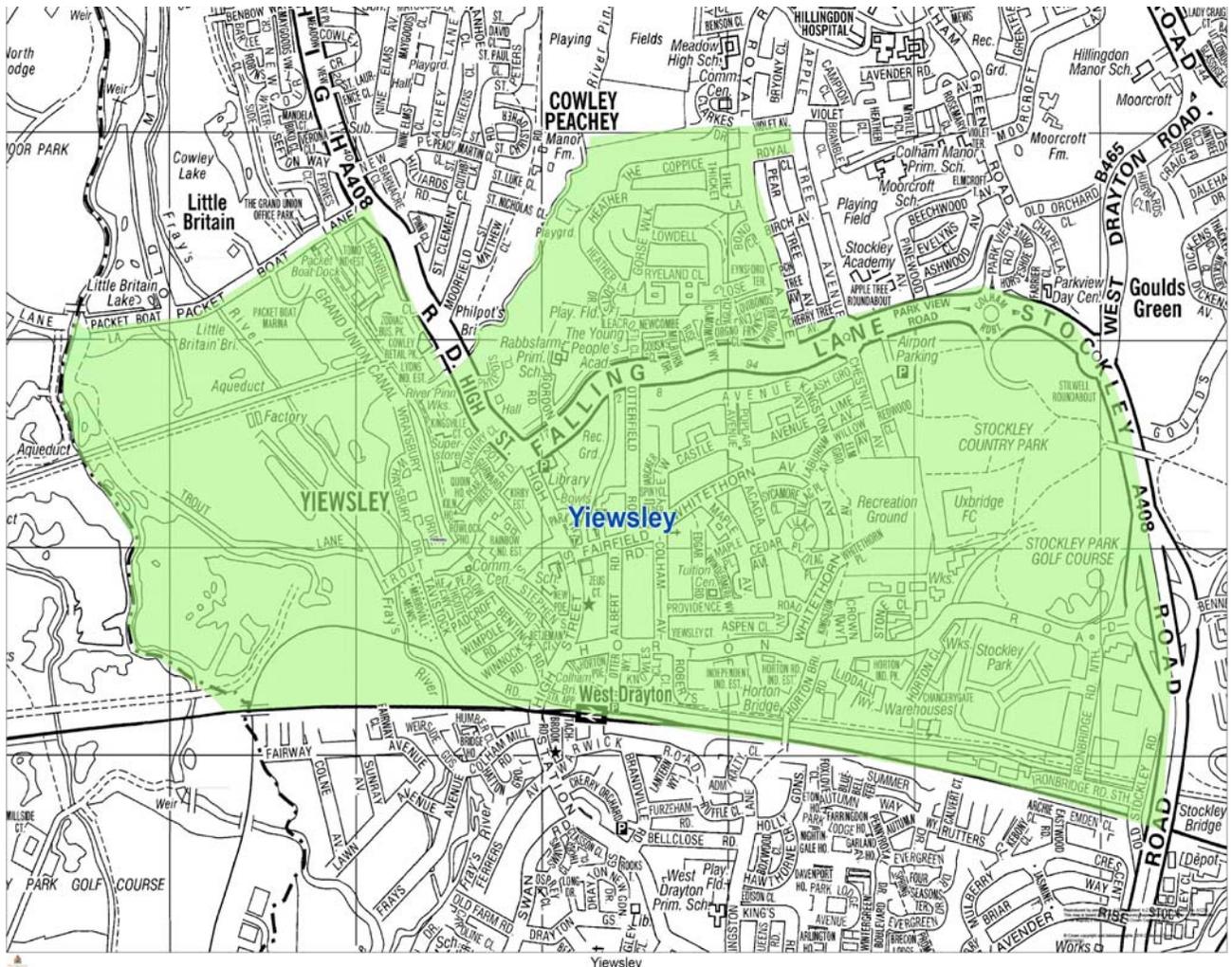
MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

UH2 (6,177),

UH3 (part, 2,349) &

UA1 (part, 67)

VARIATION: -1%



Description of Ward

The proposed Yiewsley ward is comprised of 73% of the existing Yiewsley Ward along with a very small part (1%) of Brunel Ward. It is proposed that the new ward have two elected Members.

To the west will be the Borough boundary and to the east, the proposed Hayes Town Ward separated by the man-made boundary of Stockley Road. In the north will be the proposed Colham & Cowley Ward and the south will be the strong man-made boundary that is the GWR main line.

Proposal

The proposal builds upon the preposition that the existing Yiewsley Ward is already a good representation of the area known as Yiewsley, meeting all three of the Commission's criteria.

From the end of the Cowley estate and south of Philpott's Bridge along to Royal Lane and then south to the railway line at both West Drayton and Horton bridges is centred on the Yiewsley town centre. This includes:

- Yiewsley Recreational Ground,
- Yiewsley Library in Falling Lane,
- Yiewsley Methodist Church in Fairfield Road,
- St Matthew's Church, High Street and
- Yiewsley Medical centre in the High St.

The ward will also take in a number of new developments around the new Crossrail station. West Drayton station will straddle the ward boundary with the proposed West Drayton Ward.

This is a mixed rural and urban area including, as it does, Stockley Country Park and a part of the Grand Union Canal. In addition, the Council has a number of ongoing Town Centre Improvement Programmes in existence, one of which is focussed on the Yiewsley and West Drayton Town Centres.

Consideration was given to creating a vertical Yiewsley/West Drayton Ward with a corresponding Horton Bridge/Stockley Road Ward, both straddling the railway line. However, this was rejected as Horton Bridge is only a small pedestrian crossing, isolated through an industrial area and most vehicles would have to travel around the ward's edge along the Stockley bypass.

So two horizontal wards have been designed which, because of the historic connections between Yiewsley & West Drayton, will match each other for size and importance.

For the purposes of electoral equality, the boundary to the north has been designed to fit in with the proposed new Colham & Cowley Ward. The Coppice in the north and the south part of Royal Lane below Violet Ave will be the boundary with Colham & Cowley. The roads between there and Falling Lane, including the Rabbs Farm Primary School, are all recognised as a part of the Yiewsley community in view of the connections with Yiewsley High Street and its facilities.

There is no proposal to change the name of the ward as this is a very well-known and recognised name that reflects the local community identity.



b) Wards to the North of the A40:

PROPOSED NAME: HAREFIELD VILLAGE

MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 1

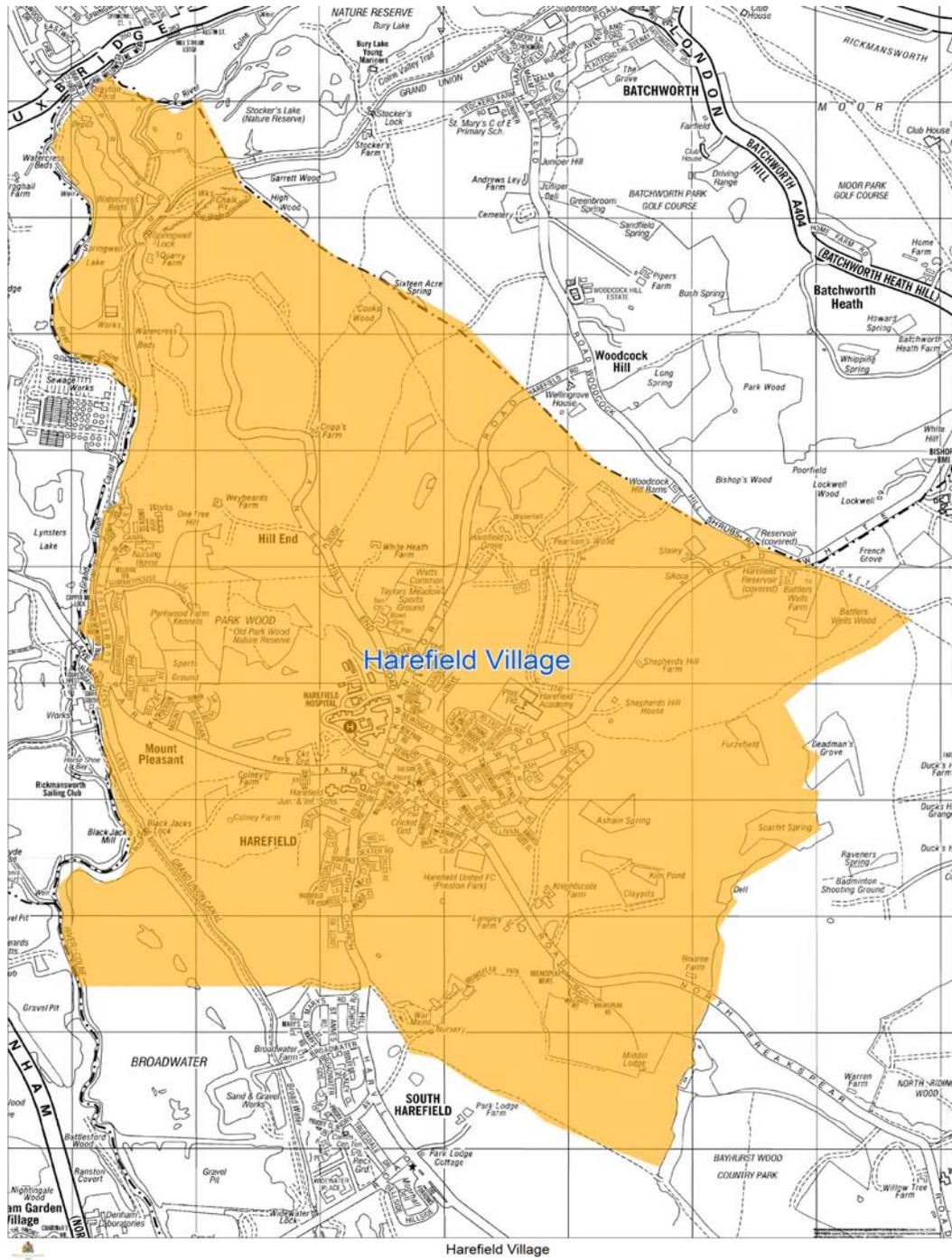
ELECTORATE AT 2024: 4,491

MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

RB1 (2,046) &

RB2 (2,445)

VARIATION: 5%



Description of Ward

The proposed Harefield Village ward represents the same boundaries to the north and west as the present Harefield Ward – being that of the Borough boundary. It is, however, significantly altered from the existing Harefield Ward in other respects for the purposes of electoral equality as explained below. It is proposed that the new ward have one elected Member. The proposed new ward represents approximately 73% of the current Harefield Ward.

Proposal

The area known as Harefield is one of the richest areas in terms of historical associations and ancient buildings. This area traditionally comprised the historic village of Harefield and the areas known as South Harefield, Mount Pleasant and Hill End. The current ward is bounded on the north and west by the Borough boundary. The majority of the rest of the area of the existing ward is rural in nature with some scattered residences, farms etc. The concentration of residential occupation is to the north and the nearest similar residential area is Northwood to the east. However, Northwood cannot be described as being a part of the same community and there are little or no community links between the two areas.

To the south is the community of Ickenham, which, again, has its own unique identity although there could be said to be some historical connection between the two areas through ancient parish and diocese boundaries.

There are no underground rail links from Northwood or Ickenham to Harefield and only limited bus services between the areas. To drive from Harefield to Northwood involves leaving the Borough completely in the north or diverting through two other areas to the south. We would respectfully recommend that, when considering this area, the Commission visit and spend some time in the location, to gain a full understanding of the unique nature of Harefield.

Harefield has its own residents' and community associations, as do both Northwood and Ickenham. All three of these areas have their own sports clubs, libraries etc. that all help to create a unique local identity and none of the residents in these three areas would normally relate to the others as a part of their communities or in electoral terms. This is why they were, in the last review, created as such distinct and separate wards.

On the existing boundaries the area, therefore, presents something of an issue when it comes to constructing a ward that meets the three criteria used by the Commission. A single Member ward on existing boundaries would produce an electoral variance of 42.45% in 2024 - at odds with the Commission's stated aim of producing electoral equality across the whole borough. Currently the ward has two Members. However, retaining this level of representation in 2024 would also produce a, presumably, unacceptable variance of somewhere in the region of (-)28% and might also require consideration being given to increasing the proposed size of the Council to 54 Members.

The Council has noted that in several recent reviews the Commission has been minded to accept electoral variances of up to 14% (Leicestershire, Kent County Council & Kings Lynn) and 16% (Cambridgeshire) where it can be shown that there is a unique issue and a very strong local identity with strong community support.

The Council has sought to produce a proposal that does not require that level of variance. The Council believes, however, that the community identity argument is extremely strong for the area of Harefield and we would urge the Commission to consider this most carefully when drawing up warding proposals for this area.

The question, therefore, arises as to how to construct a new ward that keeps the unique community identity of Harefield but also produces an acceptable variance in the electoral equality of the Borough.

The Council is recommending the construction of boundaries to include the area of South Harefield in a new Ickenham & South Harefield Ward. A new Harefield Village Ward would then be created, much smaller than the existing ward and requiring only single Member representation.

We accept that this compromises the aspiration of recognizing strong community identities in this area and produces a geographically large ward (Ickenham & South Harefield) to which the residents of South Harefield may not, initially, feel affiliated.

However, the new Harefield Village Ward would meet the electoral equality criteria by producing the following variances:

- Harefield Village – 4.57%
- Ickenham and South Harefield – 1.49%
- Northwood – 4.21%
- Ruislip Woods – 3.97%

In drawing up this proposal, the ward boundary in the south has been carefully and deliberately constructed, utilising the existing polling district boundary between RB2 & RB3, so that St Mary's Parish Church (pictured) will remain in Harefield. This is Harefield's oldest building (dating back to the Domesday survey of 1086) and a place of worship and prayer for a lively Christian family, as well as being an important focal point for the wider Harefield community.

Other notable features of the ward include:

- Harefield Library,
- Harefield Hospital,
- Harefield Village Green,
- Harefield war memorial,
- Harefield Academy,
- Harefield Almshouses (dating back to the early 1600's) and
- Harefield United Football and Cricket Clubs

As a result of the changes outlined above it is suggested that the proposed new ward be called Harefield Village.



PROPOSED NAME: ICKENHAM & SOUTH HAREFIELD

MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 3

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 13,076

MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

RC1 (3,029),

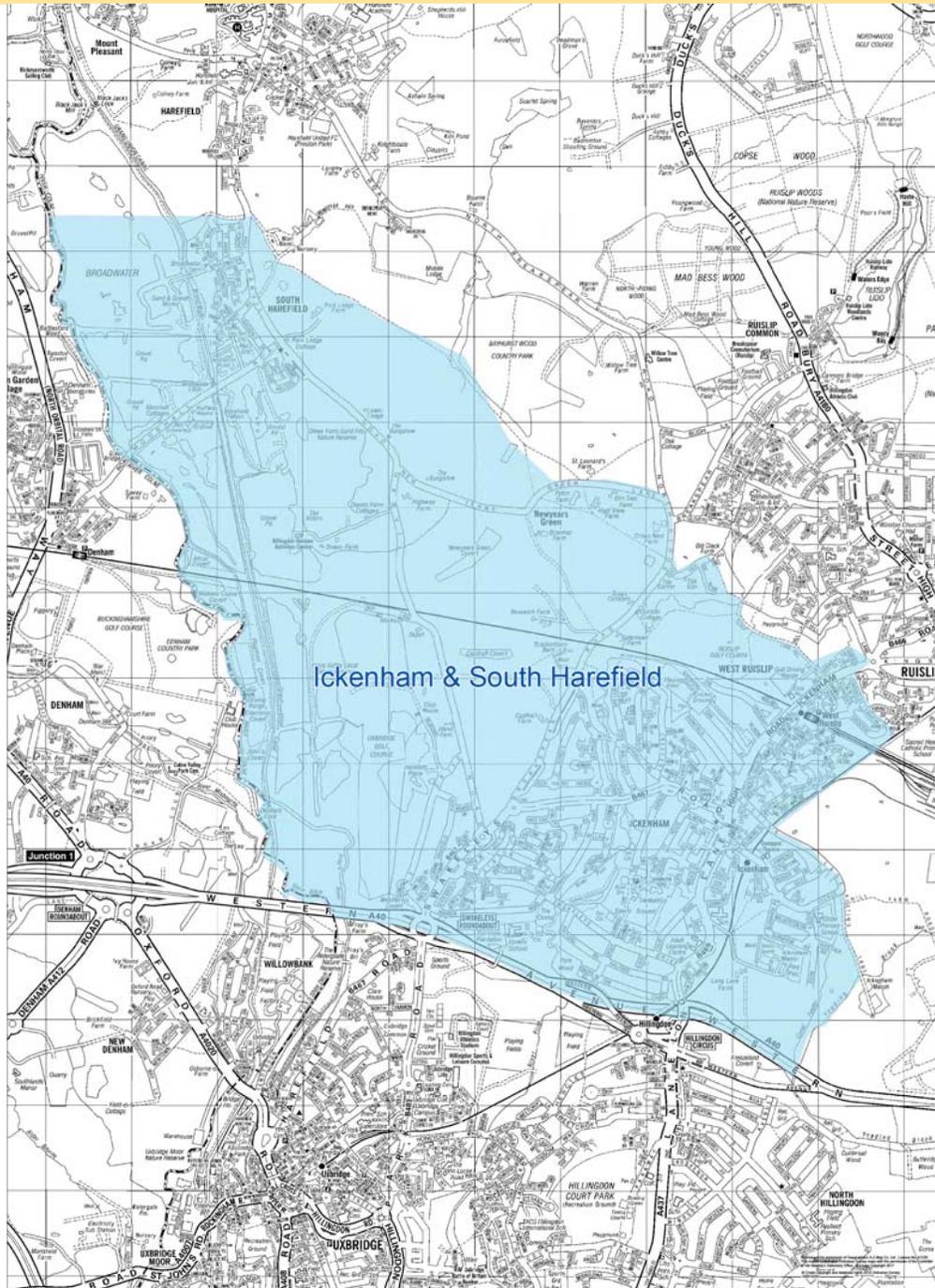
RC2 (3,985),

RC3 (1,817),

RF3 (2,619) &

RB3 (1,626)

VARIATION: 1%



Description of Ward

The proposed Ickenham & South Harefield ward represents all of the existing Ickenham Ward with parts of the existing Harefield (27%) and West Ruislip (27%) wards. It is proposed that the new ward have three elected Members.

The boundary to the north would be the new Harefield Village Ward and to the west is the existing Borough boundary. The A40 forms a strong, man-made boundary to the south and a number of proposed new wards abut to the east.

Proposal

The strong community identity of Ickenham has already been outlined in the Harefield Village proposal above. Based around the ancient village of Ickenham, this is another well-established local community. The proposal is designed principally around that existing ward's boundaries but re-designed in the north, for the purposes of achieving electoral equality, to encompass South Harefield. The proposed ward will encompass the Ickenham Community Planning zone, (as requested by the Ickenham Residents Association).

The Council accepts that, although that this creates a large ward geographically; much of the additional land is rural in nature and the need to strive for electoral equality dictates the change in boundary.

The ward extends north of West Ruislip station along Ickenham Road to the White Bear roundabout to include the housing built around Lysander Road. The population in this area make use of the Ickenham village shops and primary school south of the railway line.

There are several other features in this area, which help to define the ward including:

- Ickenham Village Hall,
- Ickenham underground station,
- Ickenham Guides and Scouts,
- Ickenham Library,
- 114 (Ruislip and Northwood) Squadron Air Training Corps, Ickenham Road,
- Harefield Community Centre,
- Ickenham United Reformed Church,
- St Giles' Church, Ickenham,
- Douay Martyrs Catholic Secondary School, Edinburgh Drive and
- West Ruislip Station



The proposed name of the ward reflects the two main residential communities encompassed within it.

PROPOSED NAME: NORTHWOOD

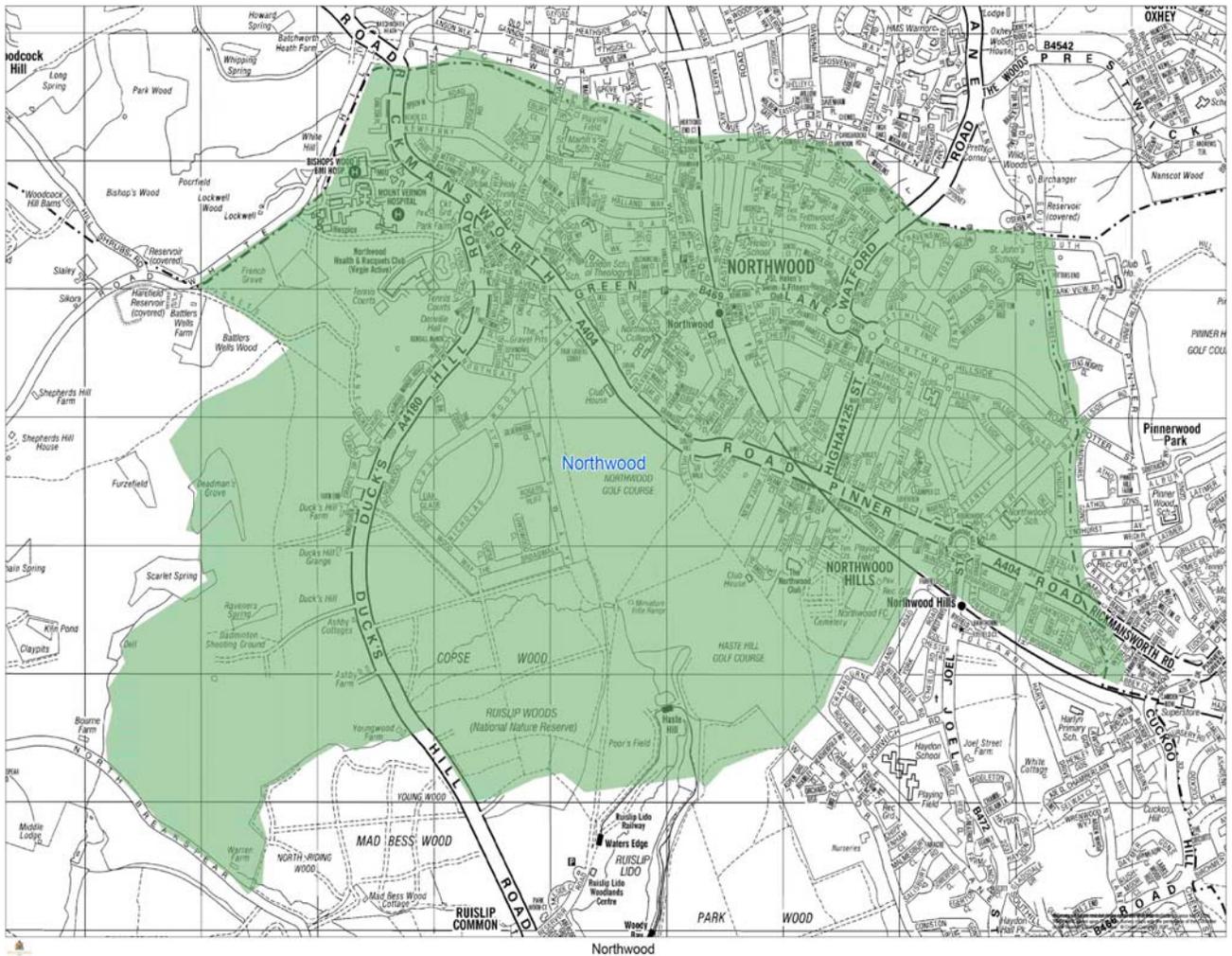
MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 3

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 13,426

MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

RD1 (3,446),
RD2 (2,028),
RD3 (3,516),
RE1 (3,817) &
RE3 (part, 619)

VARIATION: 4%



Description of Ward

The proposed Northwood Ward represents the existing Northwood Ward with approximately 47% of the existing Northwood Hills Ward to Joel Street. It is proposed that the new ward have three elected Members.

The Borough boundary is to the north and east. The new Harefield Village Ward will be to the west with the same boundary as at present and the new Ruislip Woods Ward to the

south, utilising a large element of the existing southern boundary including the section that runs along the Metropolitan underground line (over ground section).

Proposal

The proposed ward maintains the very well recognised and defined local community of Northwood and is similar in shape and size to the area covered by the Northwood Residents' Association, whose area extends east from the western Borough boundary, including the Gatehill community. The Council believes the Residents' Association will welcome the ward, which will also allow residents north of the railway who access Pinner Road to be in the same ward.



The proposed ward would also include:

- the underground rail stations of Northwood and Northwood Hills
- Northwood golf course,
- Northwood FC and Northwood Cricket Club,
- the Northwood Schools (pictured),
- Northwood Youth Centre,
- Northwood war memorial,
- Northwood Library (pictured),
- Northwood Health Centre,
- Northwood Hills Library,
- Northwood Sports Centre and
- Mount Vernon Hospital, Rickmansworth Road.

The proposed name is reflective of the community identity outlined above and it is not suggested that this change.



PROPOSED NAME: RUISLIP WOODS

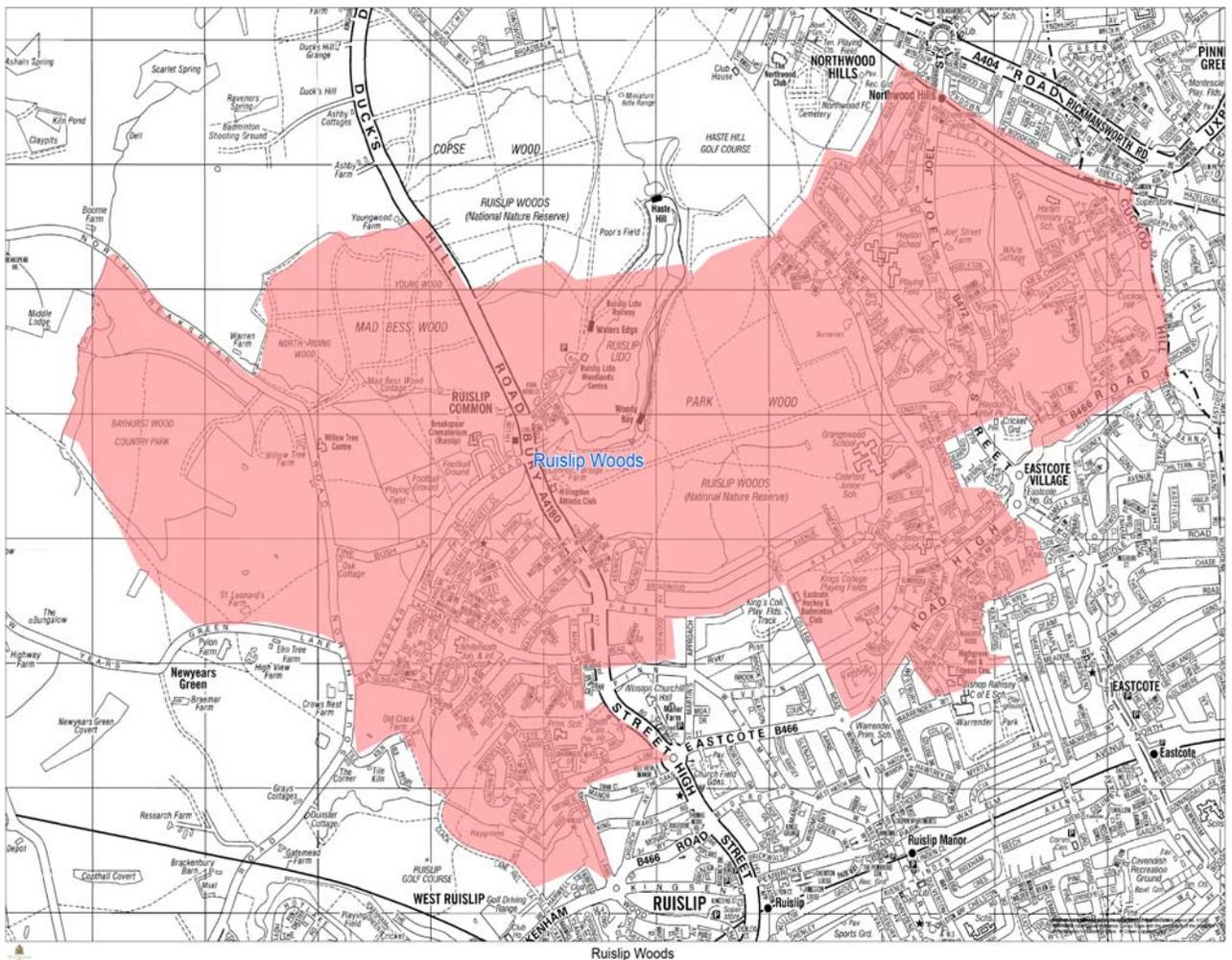
MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 3

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 13,396

MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

- RF1 (part, 3,519),
- RF2 (part, 1,092),
- RA2 (2,734),
- RA3 (part, 62),
- RA1 (part, 885),
- RE2 (3,111) &
- RE3 (part, 1,993).

VARIATION: 4%



Description of Ward

The proposed Ruislip Woods ward combines parts of the existing wards of Northwood Hills (53%), Eastcote & East Ruislip (35%) and West Ruislip (46%). It is proposed that the new ward have three elected Members.

The ward will sit between Northwood Ward in the north, Ickenham & South Harefield and Harefield Village Wards to the west, the Borough boundary to the east and Ruislip and Eastcote Wards to the south.

Proposal

The proposed ward would be a mixture of rural open space and urban development and has been designed with the aim of securing effective and convenient local government in an area that includes

- Ruislip Woods,
- Ruislip Lido (pictured) and
- Ruislip Common and a part of the area of Northwood Hills.

The Metropolitan line forms a boundary to the north and the proposed name reflects the most significant feature in the ward - **Ruislip Woods**, which dominate the area below Northwood, south to north Ruislip, (Park Avenue), the northern tip of Eastcote near Coteford school and east towards Haydon school within Northwood Hills.

The northern end of Ruislip from the Sharps Lane estate to Breakspear Road, via the footbridge in Grassmere Avenue, is the beginning of access to the Woods. At 305 hectares, this is the biggest single area of woodland in Greater London. This highlights its significance to the area and is the principal reason for the proposed ward name.

In addition to Ruislip Common, Ruislip Woods is a National Nature Reserve (the first to be designated as such in an urban area in England) made up of ancient semi-natural woodland. Some parts are believed to be a remnant of the Wildwood that covered England after the last ice age. The Woods are composed of a number of smaller woods which, from west to east, are known as:

- Bayhurst Wood,
- Mad Bess Wood,
- Park Wood and lido and
- Ruislip Wood.



Footpaths allow you to travel from Ruislip's Bury Street to Northwood Hills' Fore Street and Park Avenue is the vehicular route linking north Ruislip with the edge of Eastcote Village and onto Northwood Hills. In addition to the Woods, the populations of north Ruislip and Northwood Hills are aligned by Haydon Secondary School which has acted as a community focus for those unable to be in the catchment areas of Ruislip High and Northwood schools.

The railway line at Northwood Hills is a strong northern boundary as beyond this point, the immediate links with the Woods and the Haydon school catchment weakens and furthermore the equality of electors would be pushed to a high variance compared to all the other ward proposals.

PROPOSED NAME: **RUISLIP**

MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 3

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 12,942

MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

RF1 (part, 161),

RF2 (part, 2,460),

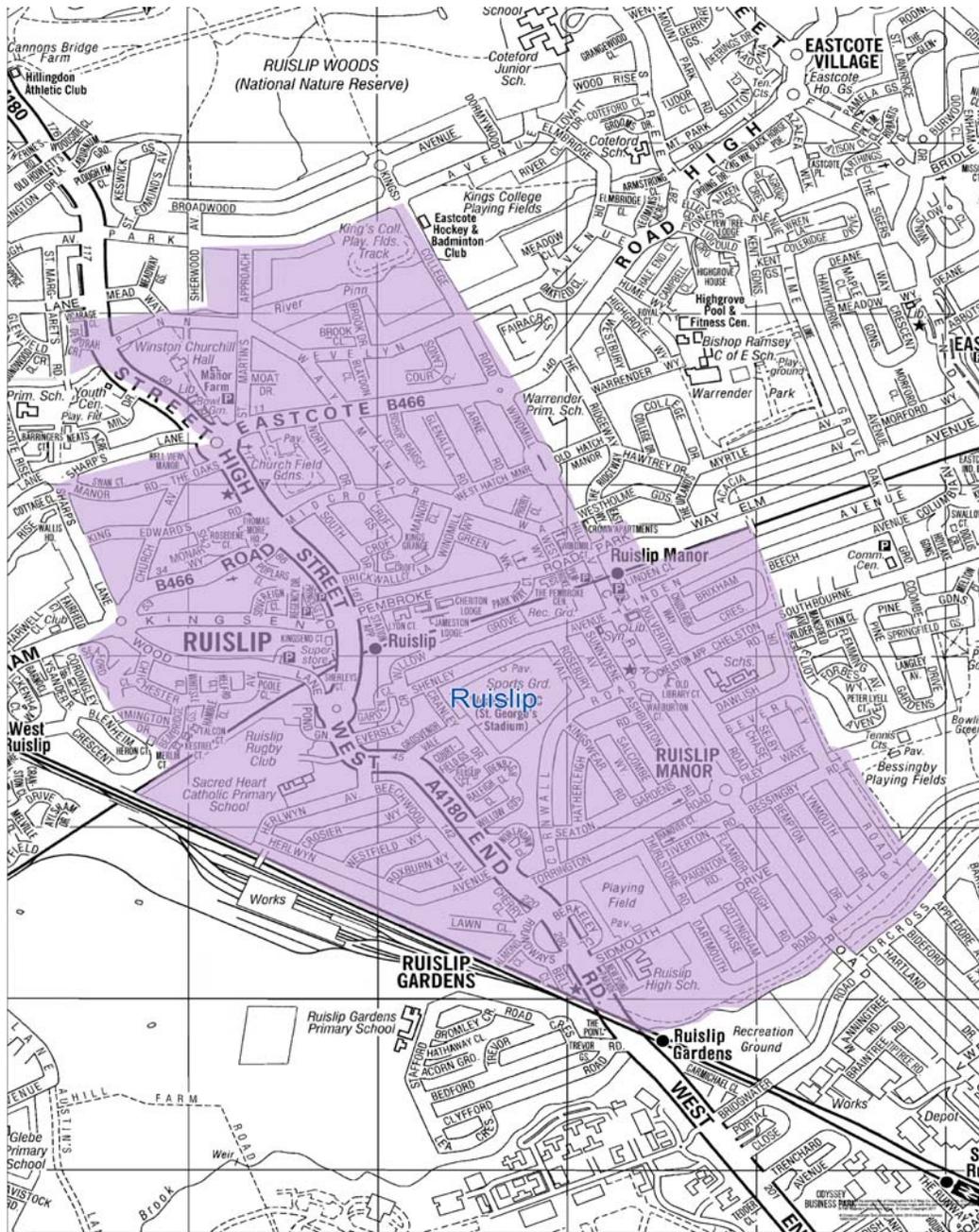
RA1 (part, 1,589),

UD1 (2,824),

UD2 (part, 2,742) &

UD3 (3,166)

VARIATION: 0%



Description of Ward

The proposed Ruislip ward represents parts of the existing wards of Manor (93%), Eastcote & East Ruislip (15%) and West Ruislip (27%). It is proposed that the new ward have three elected Members.

The ward will sit between the proposed new wards of Ruislip Woods, South Ruislip, Eastcote and Ickenham & South Harefield. More detail of these boundaries is given below.

Proposal

Seeking to bring together residents who identify with the area known as Ruislip, the proposal features key roads such as Bury Street, High Street and West End Road to Ruislip Gardens Bridge, which are the key spine roads used to access Ruislip. Those residents in the Ruislip part of the current Eastcote & East Ruislip Ward (polling district RA1) will be included in this ward.

The local residents' association covers the area, including from Sharps Lane to the beginning of Bessingby Park. Residents recognise themselves as Ruislip, whether in the High Street or in the Manor.

Ruislip's King's College playing fields and the Pinn Meadows next to the river Pinn, just below Park Avenue, form the north east corner of the new ward. The eastern boundary follows King's College Road, Windmill Hill turning left at the Park Way junction with Victoria Road, to take in the Ruislip Royal Mail sorting office and the Elm Park Dining Club opposite. This is a clear and strong boundary improving on the boundary of the footpaths along Acacia Ave and The Uplands.

South of Ruislip Manor station we propose the same eastern boundaries as at present down to Whitby Road and the Yeading Brook. This ensures that Lady Bankes Infant and Nursery School in Dawlish Drive, the original Ruislip primary school from the 1930's, remains in the Ruislip ward.



The ward's northern point is in Bury Street just past the Ruislip Youth Centre and Pinn Way and its southern points are at Ruislip Gardens bridge, located just past the Ruislip community school, where the railway line and the Yeading Brook have traditionally provided certainty of a strong boundary. To ensure that Ruislip High Street and its immediate surrounding roads which bear the impact from the High Street parking, are all in the ward, the boundary is brought together at the White Bear roundabout where the key roads of Ickenham, Wood Lane and Kingsend meet, with the roads east of Sharps Lane to the High Street are included as is the Wood Lane estate up to Lysander Road.

The ward seeks to draw together the key features of the community known as Ruislip. This would include

- the underground rail stations of Ruislip and Ruislip Manor,
- many named Ruislip churches, (St Martins, Sacred Heart, Baptist, Methodist and the local Synagogue),
- Ruislip High Street,

- Ruislip Police Station,
- Ruislip Manor Library,
- Ruislip Nursing Home,
- Ruislip war memorial,
- Ruislip Manor Sports Club,
- Ruislip Rugby Club,
- Ruislip High community school, (Sidmouth Drive) and
- Ruislip Youth Centre, Bury Street.



The proposed name is reflective of the community identity outlined above.

PROPOSED NAME: **EASTCOTE**

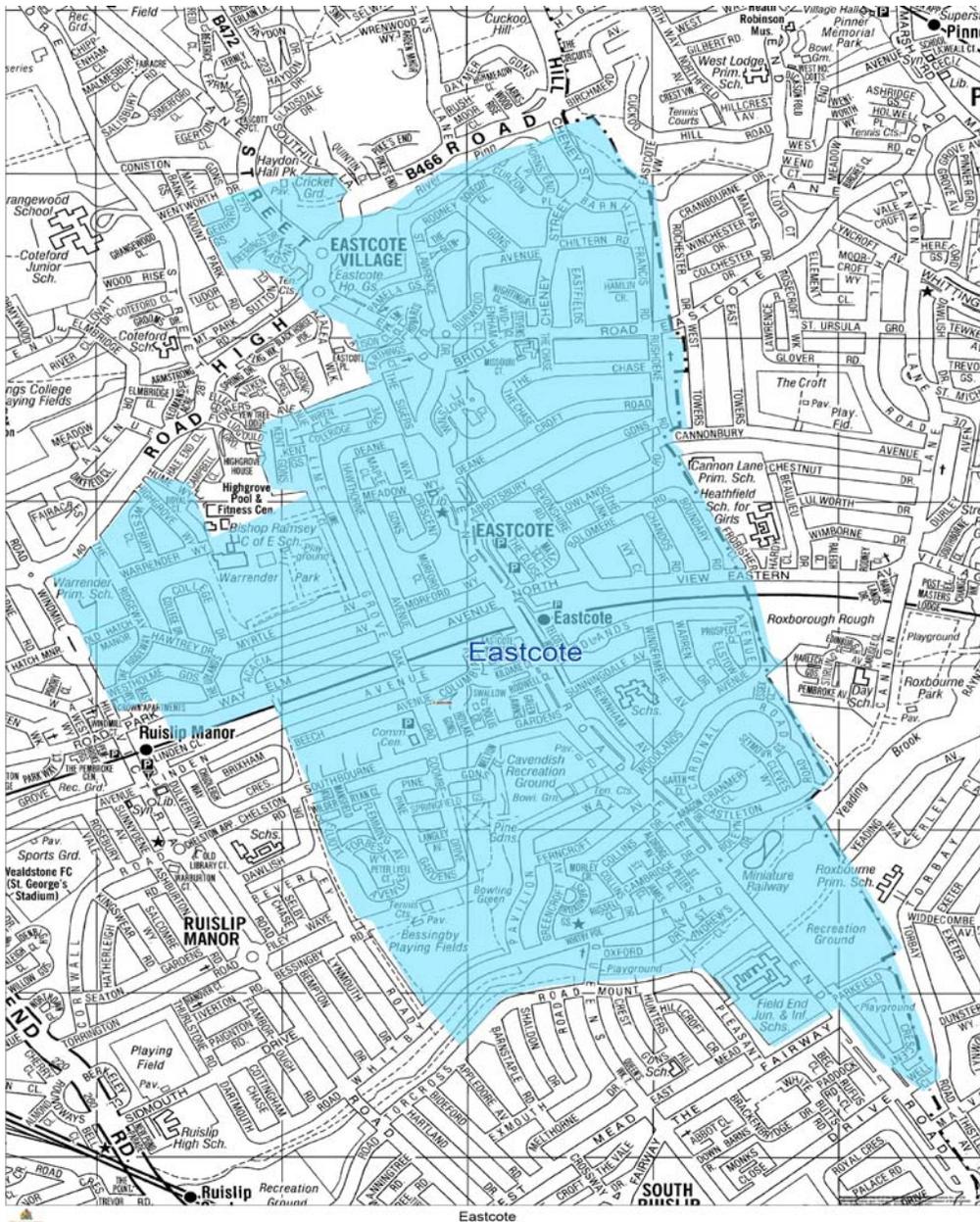
MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 3

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 12,980

MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

- RA1 (part, 413),
- RA3 (part, 1,551),
- RA4 (3,413),
- UB1 (2,924),
- UB2 (3,220),
- UB3 (part, 591),
- UD2 (part, 628) &
- UE3 (part, 240)

VARIATION: 1%



Description of Ward

The proposed Eastcote ward represents approximately 50% of the current Eastcote and East Ruislip ward and parts of the existing wards of Cavendish (70%), Manor (7%) and South Ruislip (2%). It is proposed that the new ward have three elected Members.

The ward will maintain the Borough boundary to the east. To the north will be the new Ruislip Woods Ward, to the south the new South Ruislip Ward and to the west, Ruislip Ward.

Proposal

The proposal creates a largely residential ward focussing on the area known as Eastcote, including Eastcote Village. Those residents in the Eastcote part of the current Eastcote & East Ruislip Ward (polling districts RA2, 3 and 4) will be included in this ward.



The proposed ward runs north/south from Eastcote cricket club through Eastcote Village, including Eastcote House, down Field End Rd as its spine to Yeading Brook (west side) and Parkfield Crescent by Field End school, (east side).

The proposal brings all of the Eastcote shopping centre together including Eastcote tube station. The proposed ward will be closely coterminous with the boundary of the Eastcote Residents' Association who would appreciate much of Eastcote and its named features being in the same ward.

There are several other features in this area, which help to define the ward including:

- Eastcote underground station,
- Eastcote Library,
- Eastcote Village,
- Eastcote Cricket Club (pictured),
- Eastcote war memorial and garden,
- Eastcote House (pictured),
- Eastcote Royal British Legion and
- St Lawrence Church, Eastcote



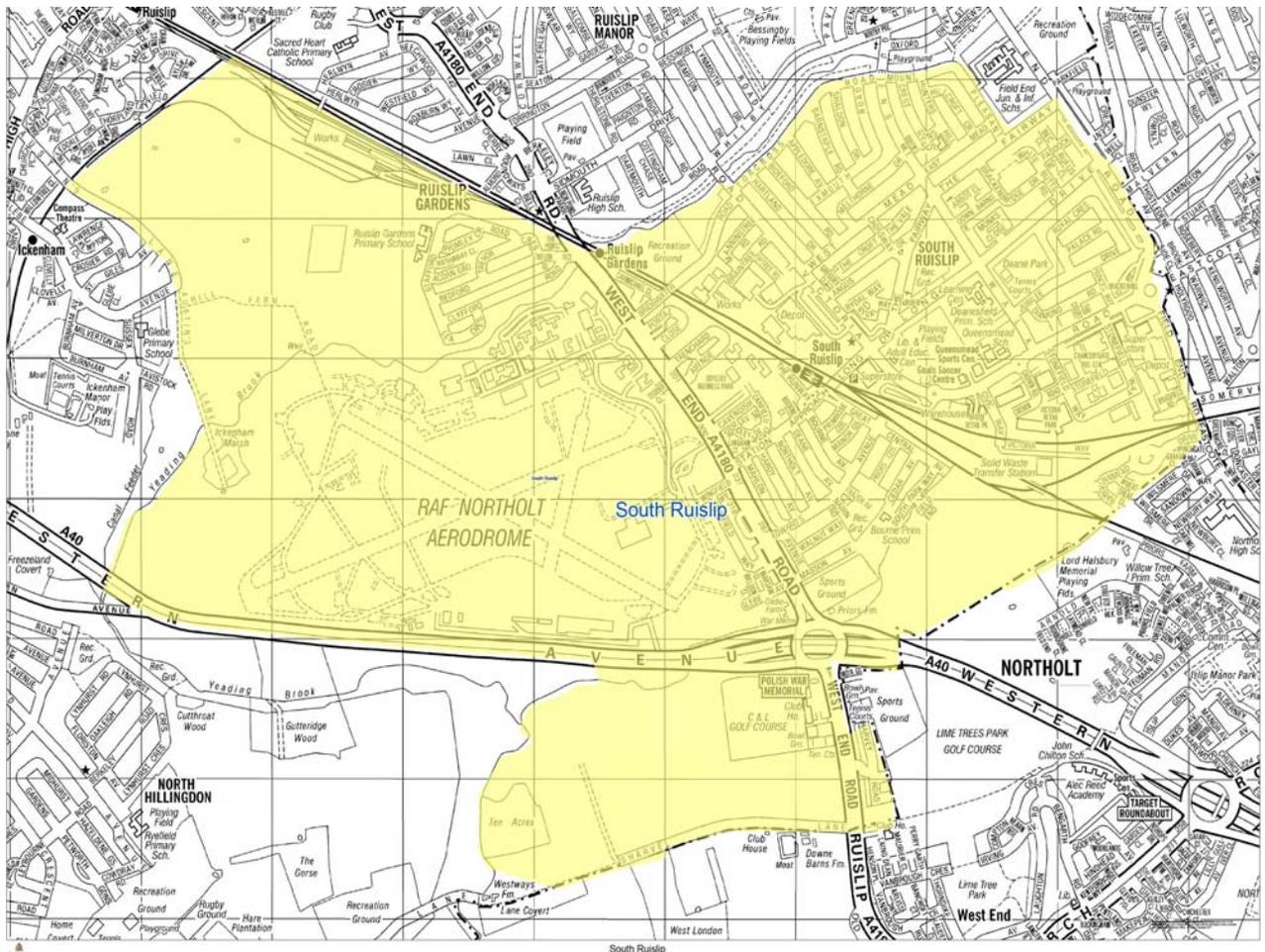
In addition, the Council has a number of ongoing Town Centre Improvement Programmes in existence, one of which is focussed on the Eastcote Town Centre, including Eastcote High Street. Given all of the above, the most appropriate name for the ward remains Eastcote.

PROPOSED NAME: SOUTH RUISLIP

MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 3

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 13,043
MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:
UE1 (4378),
UE2 (3,242),
UE3 (part, 2,535) &
UB3 (part 2,888)

VARIATION: 1%



Description of Ward

The proposed South Ruislip ward represents 98% of the existing South Ruislip Ward boundary plus a small additional part (30%) of the existing Cavendish Ward. It is proposed that the new ward have three elected Members.

The proposed ward will have the new wards of both Ruislip and Eastcote to the north, partly utilising the strong boundary formed by the rail line. In the west is the new Ickenham & South Harefield Ward. To the east is the Borough boundary and to the south is both the Borough boundary and the proposed ward of Hillingdon East, utilising the strong, man-made A40 boundary.

Proposal

The proposal recognises the area of the Borough known as South Ruislip, whose content is a mixture of urban development and rural open space with the most significant feature being the RAF Northolt base.

The proposal is for a ward that is broadly similar to the existing ward with the same name but which, for purposes of electoral equality, will include a small part of the existing Cavendish Ward. The northern boundary will extend beyond the current West Mead to include roads up to the Yeading Brook and then come down the back of Eastcote's Field End School.

The Central Line and Chiltern Rail Line runs through the ward and the A40, Western Avenue forms the boundary to the south with the exception of an additional area of largely uninhabited land below the A40, included due to the unique shape of the Borough at this point.

Other notable features in the area include:

- South Ruislip and Ruislip Gardens stations (pictured),
- The Polish War Memorial, South Ruislip (pictured, above),
- South Ruislip Library and
- St Gregory's RC Church, Victoria Road.

There is no proposal to change the name of the ward, which already serves to identify the community in this area.



c) Central East Wards:

PROPOSED NAME: CHARVILLE

MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 2

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 8,361

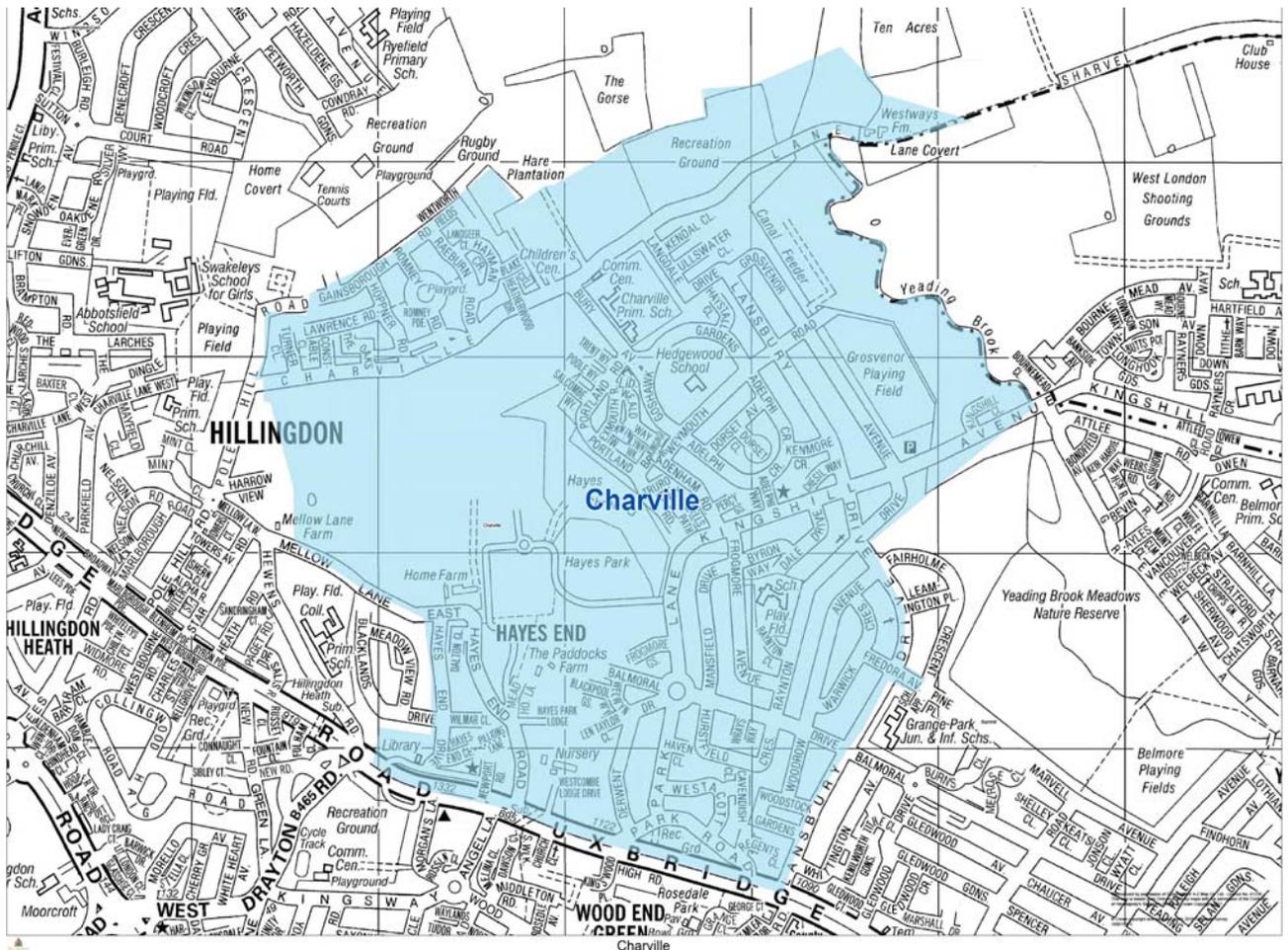
MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

HC1 (part, 3,909),

HC2 (part, 642) &

HC3 (part, 3,810)

VARIATION: -3%



Description of Ward

The proposed Charville ward is similar (87%) to the existing Charville Ward with a small part of that ward moving into the new Hillingdon East Ward. It is proposed that the new ward have two elected Members.

The ward will be bounded by the new Hillingdon East Ward to the north and west. To the south will be Wood End Ward utilising the strong Uxbridge Road boundary with limited opportunities for crossing. In the east will be partly the Borough boundary and partly the new Barnhill Ward.

Proposal

The proposal is to largely maintain the existing ward boundaries moving east from Hayes End and up to Charville Lane with the southern boundary along the main arterial route of the Uxbridge Road. In the north, there is a separation from any other community by green fields.

The west side of Lansbury Drive extends west to where the majority of Hayes End is situated as denoted by Hayes End Road, Hayes End Drive together with the Hayes End shops and library. As this ward is a part of the wider Hayes area, the Hayes End location provides a strong boundary for this ward with its Hillingdon East neighbour.

Hayes Park to the north, off Park Lane, links with the main shopping area for the location at Kingshill and then on to the Charville estate. The roads off Charville Lane form the northern boundary to the fields on the edge of Hillingdon East.

For the purposes of maintaining electoral equality there has been a slight re-designation of the boundary between Charville and the new Hillingdon East Ward in what is a largely residential area of the Borough with similar characteristics.

There are several other features in this area, which help to define the ward including:

- Charville Library (pictured),
- Charville Young People's Centre, Kingshill Avenue,
- Charville Academy,
- Charville Community Centre,
- Hayes Business Park,
- Hayes Park Primary School, Raynton Drive and.
- Hayes End Library, Uxbridge Road.



The proposed name for the ward is reflective of the well-established community identity.

PROPOSED NAME: **BARNHILL**

MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 2

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 8,449

MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

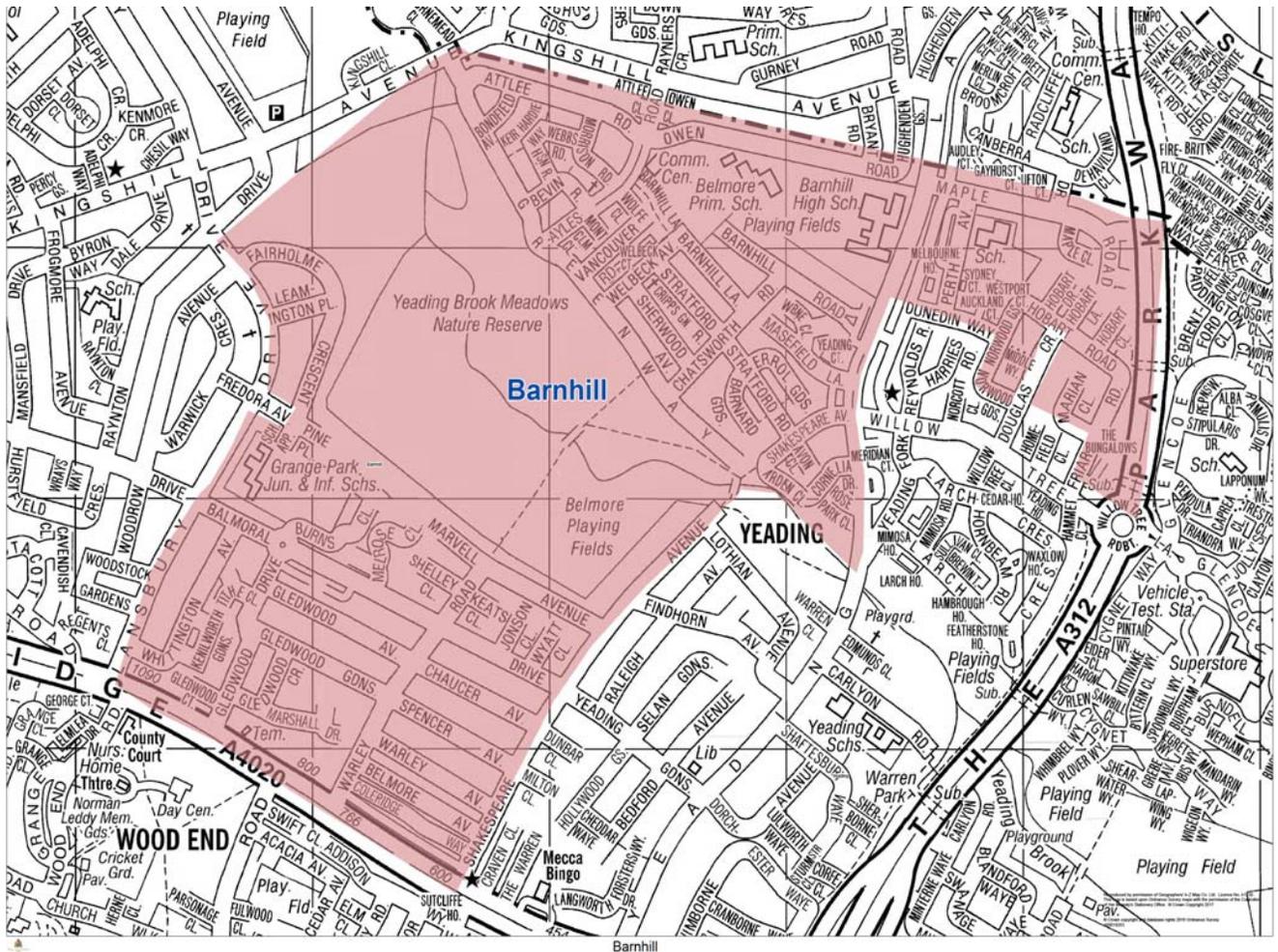
HH1 (part, 1,668),

HA1 (2,517),

HA2 (3,664) &

HC3 (part, 600)

VARIATION: -2%



Description of Ward

The proposed Barnhill ward represents a similar boundary to the existing Barnhill Ward (62%) with a part of the ward moving into a new Yeadon Ward. It is also comprised of parts of Yeadon (16%) and Charville (6%) wards. It is proposed that the new ward have two elected Members.

With the Borough boundary to the north and the strong Uxbridge Road boundary to the south, the ward sits between the new wards of Yeadon (utilising Shakespeare Avenue and Yeadon Lane as the boundary) and Charville.

Proposal

The proposal is to largely maintain the existing ward boundaries with the southern boundary along the main arterial route of the Uxbridge Road, where a refurbishment to the set-back Belmore Parade of shops which, stretch along this southern boundary, has just been completed (pictured).

The northern end above the Yeading Brook Meadows is centred on the community centre at the junction of Ayles Road and Owen roads, Belmore Primary School and Barnhill Community school. The north east corner of the ward is also closely related to and reliant on these facilities.



Shakespeare Avenue links through the Belmore Playing fields down to the Belmore Parade of shops on the Uxbridge Rd which extend to Lansbury Drive, where we use the eastern side as the ward's western boundary to Raynton Drive.

For the purposes of maintaining electoral equality there has been a slight re-designation of the boundary between Barnhill and Yeading in what is a largely residential area of the Borough with similar characteristics.

The ward already has a very strong community identity with the highest representation of Sri Lankan and Indian residents in the Borough and is recognised as having excellent transport links to other parts of the Borough and to Ealing.

There are several other features in this area, which help to define the ward including:

- Barnhill Community Centre,
- Barnhill Road,
- Barnhill Lane,
- Barnhill Community High School and
- Belmore Primary Academy.

Barnhill and Belmore are strong recognisable names in the area. However, for continuity the Council is recommending that the ward remains as Barnhill.

PROPOSED NAME: YEADING

MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 3

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 12,376

MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

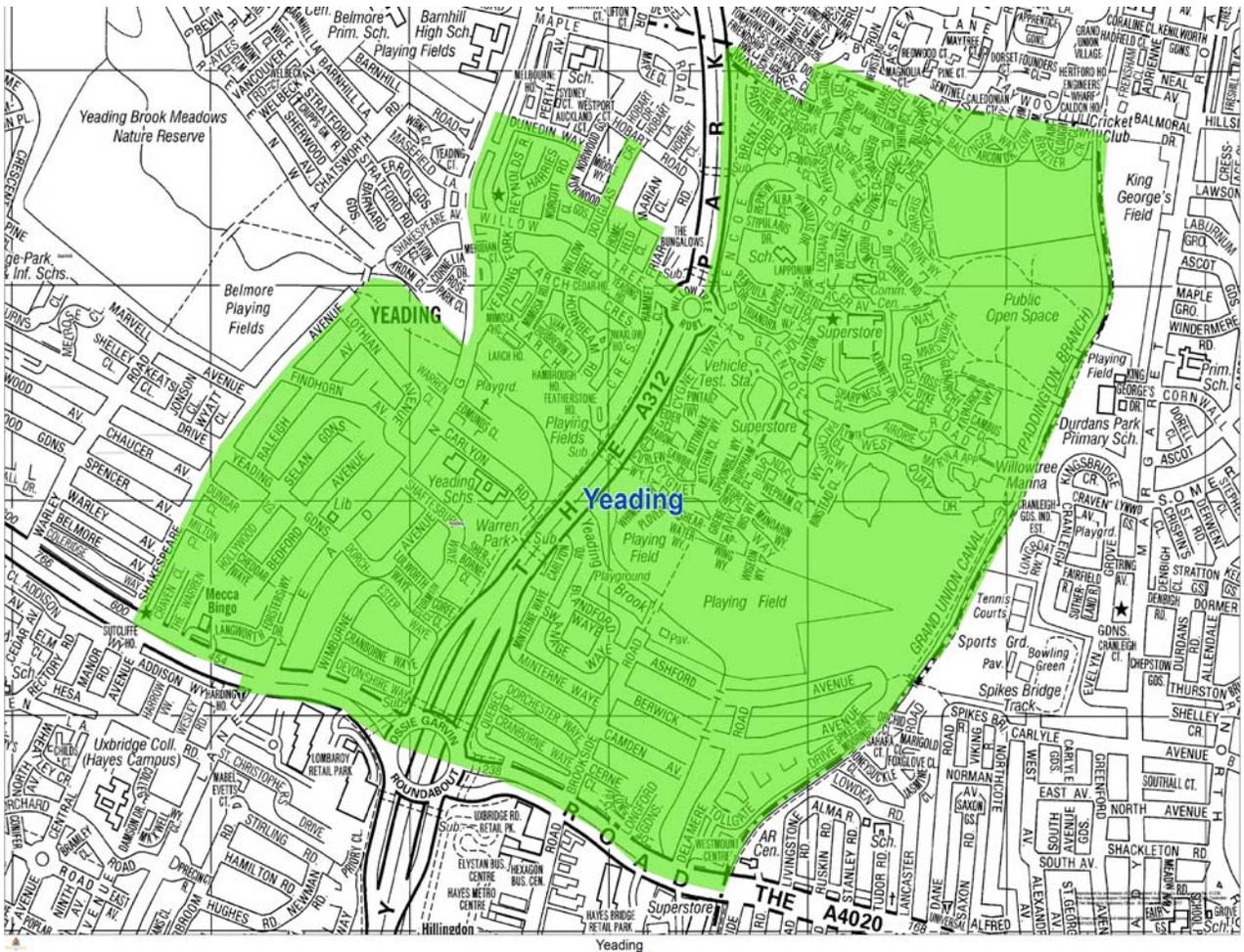
HA3 (3,855)

HH1 (part, 1,379),

HH2 (3,748) &

HH3 (3,394)

VARIATION: -4%



Description of Ward

The proposed Yeading Ward is largely based on the existing Yeading Ward (84%) and a part of the existing Barnhill Ward (38%). It is proposed that the new ward have three elected Members.

The Borough boundary is to the north and east and the strong boundary of the Uxbridge Road to the South. To the west is Barnhill Ward, utilising the boundary created by Shakespeare Avenue and Yeading Lane.

Proposal

The proposal is to largely maintain the existing ward boundaries with the southern boundary along the Uxbridge Road. The community is already well defined despite being split by the Hayes by-pass. However, with access from the Willow Tree roundabout or direct from the Uxbridge Road, the area maintains a focus as a community around its principle facilities and features including the Yeading Marina.

The proposed size, spread and location at the edge of the Borough justifies a three Member ward and thus, for equality of electors, a small number of roads north of Willow Tree, (west of Willow Tree roundabout) have been included.

There is no proposal to change the name of the ward, which reflects the community identity of the area. The ward also includes local features such as

- Yeading Library (pictured),
- Yeading Infant and Nursery School,
- Yeading Junior School and
- Yeading Community Centre.



d) Wards South of the Uxbridge Road and GWR Rail Line:

PROPOSED NAME: HAYES TOWN

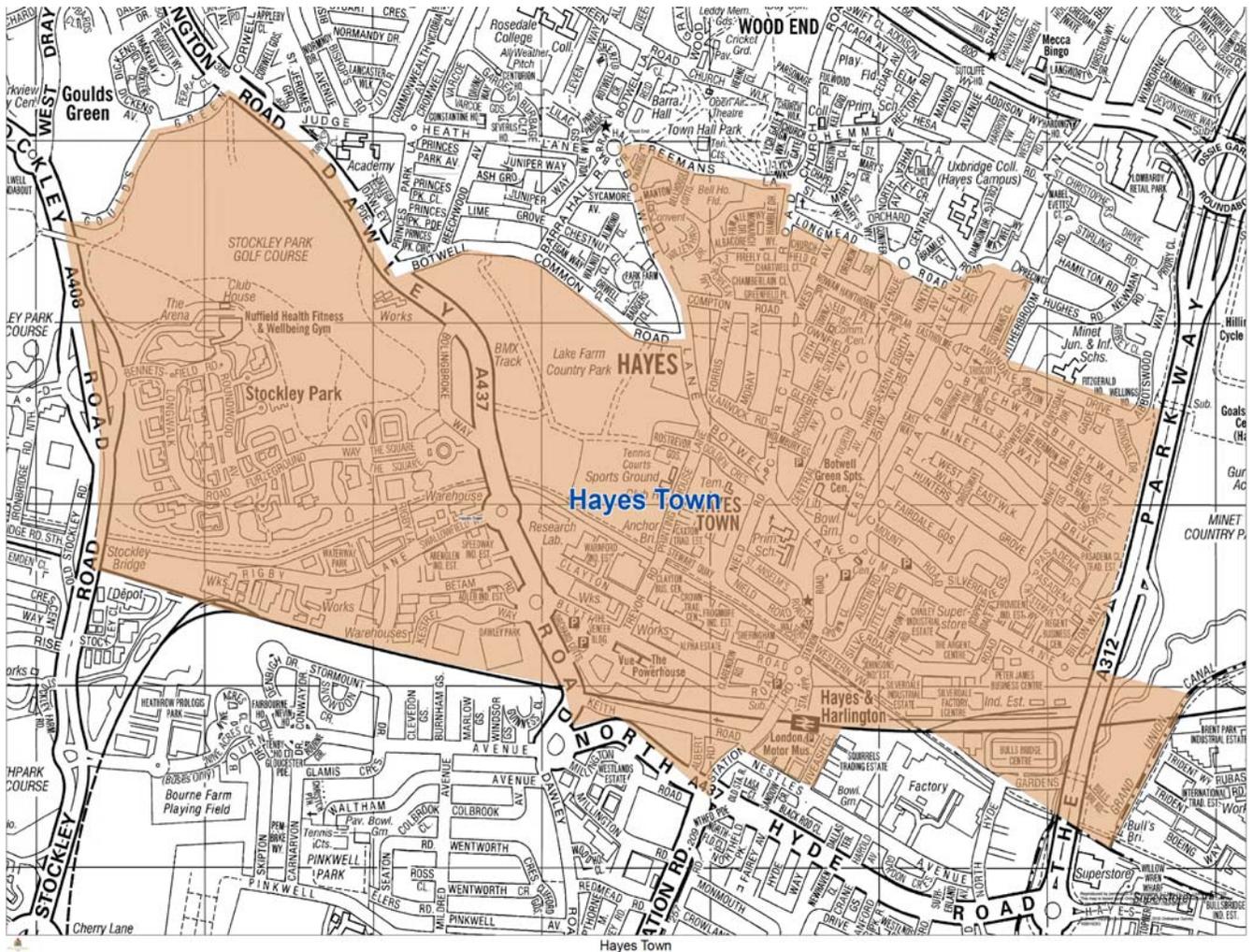
MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 3

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 13,065

MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

HB1 (5,193),
HB2 (part, 1,084),
HF2 (part, 2,701) &
HF3 (4,087)

VARIATION: 1%



Description of Ward

The proposed Hayes Town ward is comprised of parts of the existing Townfield (58%) and Botwell (38%) Wards. It is recommended that the new ward have three elected Members.

The proposed ward will meet the new Wood End Ward to the north, Pinkwell Ward to the south (utilising the strong boundary of the GWR rail line), the Borough boundary to the

east and both Yiewsley and Colham & Cowley Wards to the west along the man-made boundary of Stockley Road and Goulds Green.

Proposal

The proposal meets a long held desire of residents in the area to have a ward that reflects the community of Hayes Town Centre. This is a very well established community with its own residents' associations etc. and is an area that the Council has long recognised in terms of investment and development.



Until now, the size of the electorate has precluded against a ward of this nature. However, the rapidly expanding population and developments in this area has dictated that such a ward, designed to meet the aspirations of the community, can now be constructed.

In line with the Council's design principle to incorporate the principle shopping areas within the same ward, this ward has deliberately been drawn horizontally, to reflect the main shopping area running down Coldharbour Lane into Station Road and the Pump Lane retail outlets.

There is a very strong and active Hayes Business Partnership, which supports the warding proposal. The Council is confident that the proposal will further strengthen the strong community identity in an area of the Borough that is rapidly expanding and developing.



Other key features of the proposed ward will include:

- Hayes and Harlington main line rail station (and the new Crossrail station, pictured, above),
- Hayes Driving Test Centre,
- Hayes & Harlington Community Centre, Albert Road,
- Hayes Methodist Church Hall, Station Road,
- Hayes Central Mosque, Pump Lane (pictured, above),
- Botwell Green Library and Sports Centre and
- Stockley Park industrial area,

The proposed name of the ward is reflective of the area it is designed to encompass given that the proposed ward is centred on Hayes Town Centre.

PROPOSED NAME: **WOOD END**

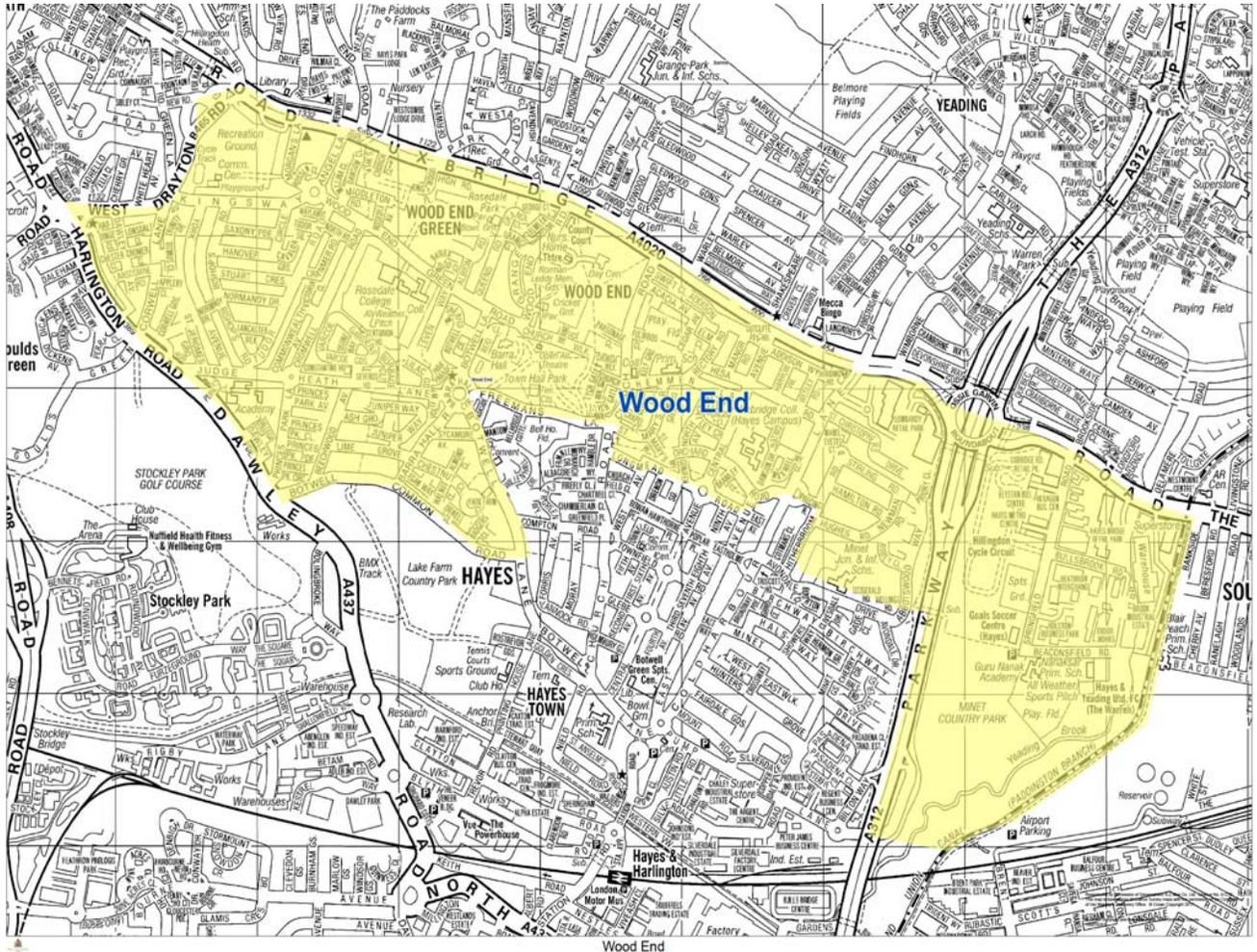
MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 3

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 12,982

MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

HF1 (3,205),
HF2 (part, 1,642),
HB3 (4,166) &
HB4 (3,969)

VARIATION: 1%



Description of Ward

The proposed Wood End ward is comprised of parts of the existing Townfield (42%) and Botwell (50%) Wards. The Council is recommending that the new ward have three elected Members.

The Borough boundary will lie to the east and the strong boundary of the Uxbridge Road will run along the north separating it from the wards of Charville, Barnhill and Yeadon. The new ward of Hayes Town will be in the south and Colham & Cowley to the west utilising the West Drayton and Harlington Roads as boundaries.

Proposal

The proposal is for a ward largely urban and residential in nature featuring the two communities known as Wood End and Wood End Green.

The western edge of the ward, immediately next to the recreational ground sees the location of Hayes Police station in Morgan Lane. This reinforces the fact that this area south of the Uxbridge Road is linked to the wider Hayes family.



There are several other features in this area, which help to define the ward including:

- Wood End Park Academy, Judge Heath Lane (pictured),
- Wood End Centre,
- St Jerome's Parish Centre, Wood End,
- St Mary's Church and war memorial,
- Rosedale College and
- Hayes Police Station,

The area has previously been known as Wood End – the name was changed as a part of the last review in 1999 and the Council is recommending that it revert back to this name to reflect the communities that are the main feature of the proposed ward.

PROPOSED NAME: PINKWELL

MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 3

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 12,876

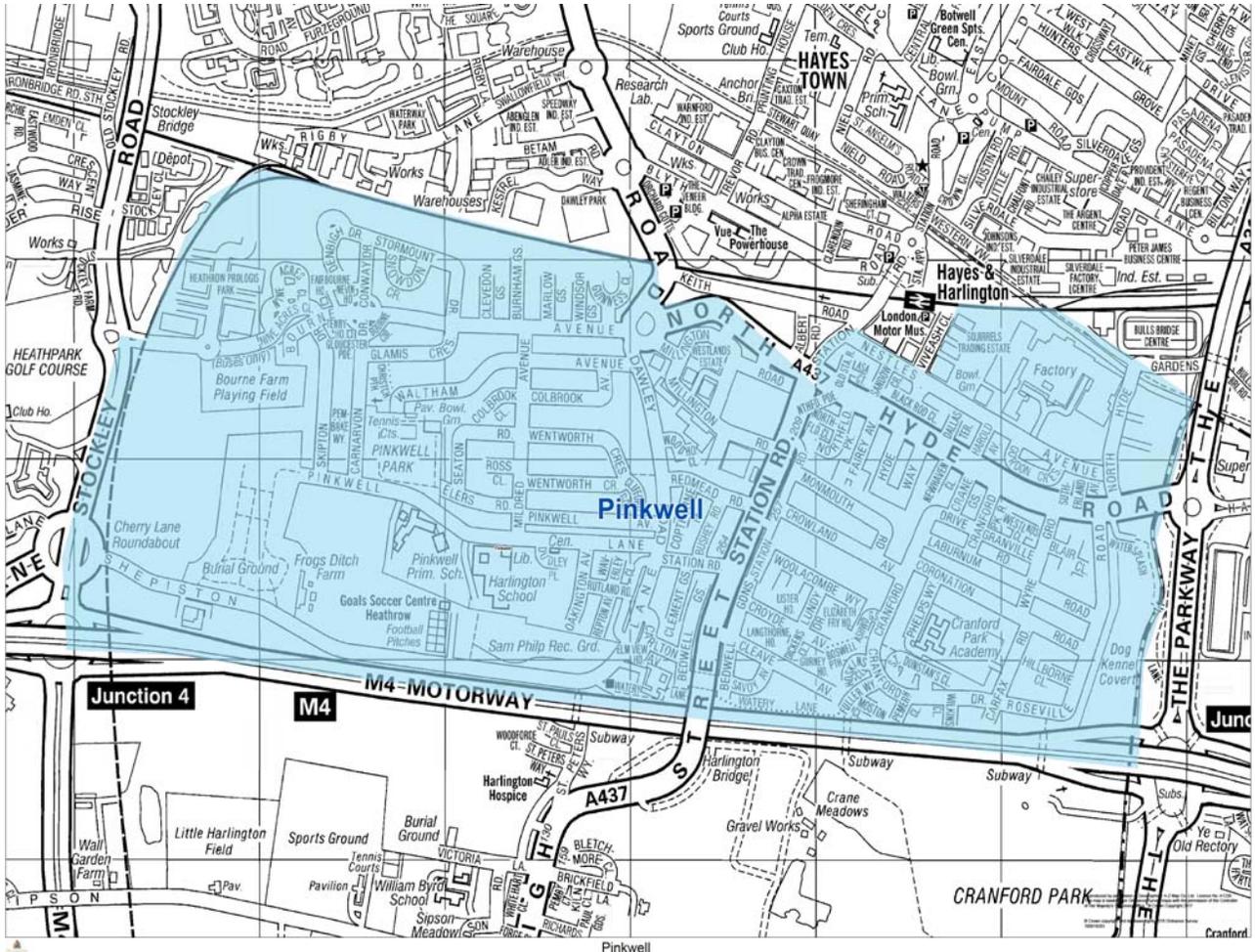
MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

HE1 (5,886),

HE2 (5,114) &

HB2 (part, 1,876)

VARIATION: 0%



Description of Ward

The proposed Pinkwell ward is comprised of all of the existing Pinkwell Ward along with a small section of the existing Botwell Ward (12%). It is proposed that the new ward have three elected Members.

To the north will be the new ward of Hayes Town. The boundary will principally use the GWR rail line. The Borough boundary is to the east and the new Heathrow Villages ward to the west (using the Stockley Road) and south (using the strong boundary created by the M4 motorway).

Proposal

The proposal is for a primarily residential ward based mainly on the existing Pinkwell Ward, maintaining the same southern boundary along the M4 motorway. Pinkwell Lane passes through the ward.

This ward also contains one of the most significant residential developments occurring in the Borough - the major new residential development known locally as the Nestlé site (development on the former Nestlé factory site). This is a reflection of the growing popularity of this area of the Borough with major development associated with the new Crossrail line running through the area. This development should be completed by the time this review is implemented and the increased electorate has been taken account of when drawing up this proposal. The boundary line between this ward and the proposed Hayes Town Ward has been specifically designed so that electoral equality can be achieved even with this increase in population. Hence Nestlé sites B & C will be included in the proposed Hayes Town Ward.



The proposed name reflects the traditional name by which this area has been known, examples of which can be found in:

- Pinkwell Park (pictured),
- Pinkwell Primary School,
- Pinkwell Lane,
- Pinkwell Pavilion and
- Pinkwell Children's Centre.



PROPOSED NAME: WEST DRAYTON

MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 2

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 8,654

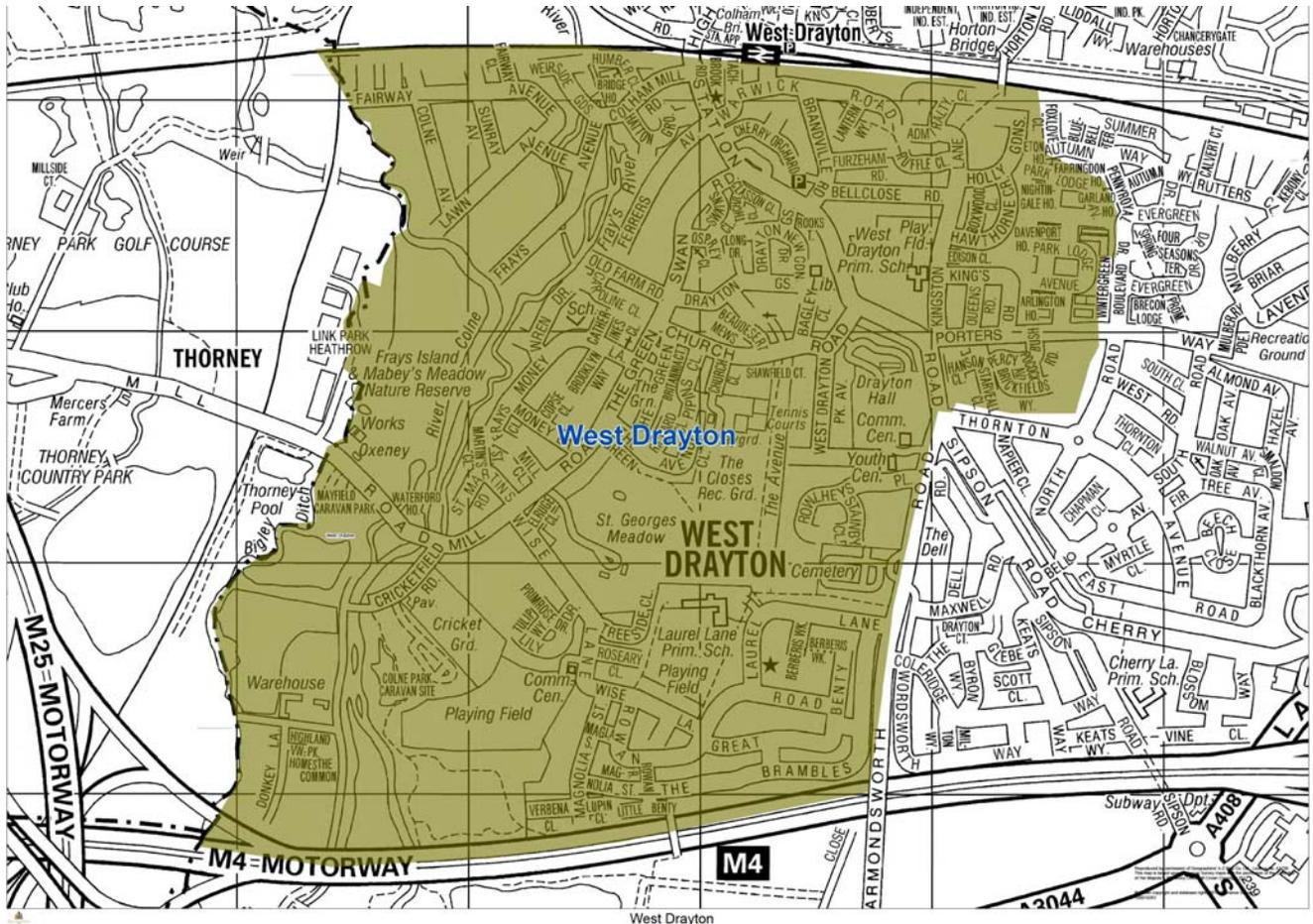
MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

HG1 (1,896),

HG2 (3,582) &

HG3 (part, 3,176)

VARIATION: 1%



Description of Ward



The proposed West Drayton ward represents a large proportion (68%) of the existing West Drayton Ward with a part of that ward moved into the proposed new Heathrow Villages Ward. It is proposed that the new ward have two elected Members.

To the north will be Yiewsley Ward and the boundary will utilise the GWR rail line. Heathrow Villages Ward will lie to the south and east and the southern boundary will be the M4 motorway. The western boundary will be the Borough boundary.

Proposal

The proposal recognises that the existing West Drayton ward already meets the three criteria of the Commission in serving a well-recognised local community – that of West Drayton. The main rail line provides the northern boundary and includes West Drayton station. In addition, the Council has a number of ongoing Town Centre Improvement Programmes in existence, one of which is focussed on the Yiewsley and West Drayton Town Centres.

As detailed earlier in the Yiewsley Ward submission, consideration was given to creating a combined West Drayton and Yiewsley Ward. However, it was recognised that this did not work geographically or achieve the aim of securing effective and convenient local government as it would require a four Member ward to be created.

For the purposes of electoral equality, the Council is proposing that a section of the western edge of the existing ward be located in the proposed Heathrow Villages Ward and that the new ward be represented by two Members.

Should plans for the expansion of Heathrow Airport come to fruition then this area would need to be subject to a further review and the Council would contend that this proposal will greatly facilitate and simplify any further review.

There are several other features in this area, which help to define the ward including:

- West Drayton Library,
- West Drayton and Yiewsley Community Centre,
- West Drayton Social Club & Young People's Centre,
- West Drayton Primary School,
- West Drayton Cemetery,
- West Drayton war memorial,
- The Old Police Station development,
- Laurel Lane Primary School,
- St Martin's Primary School, Rowan Road,
- St Catherine Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Money Lane,
- Wise Lane Community Centre and
- St Catherine's Church Hall, The Green.



There is no proposal to change the name of the ward as this is a name by which the area has historically been known and one which reflects the community identity.



PROPOSED NAME: HEATHROW VILLAGES

MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED: 3

ELECTORATE AT 2024: 12,955

MADE UP OF EXISTING POLLING DISTRICTS:

HD1 (1,572),

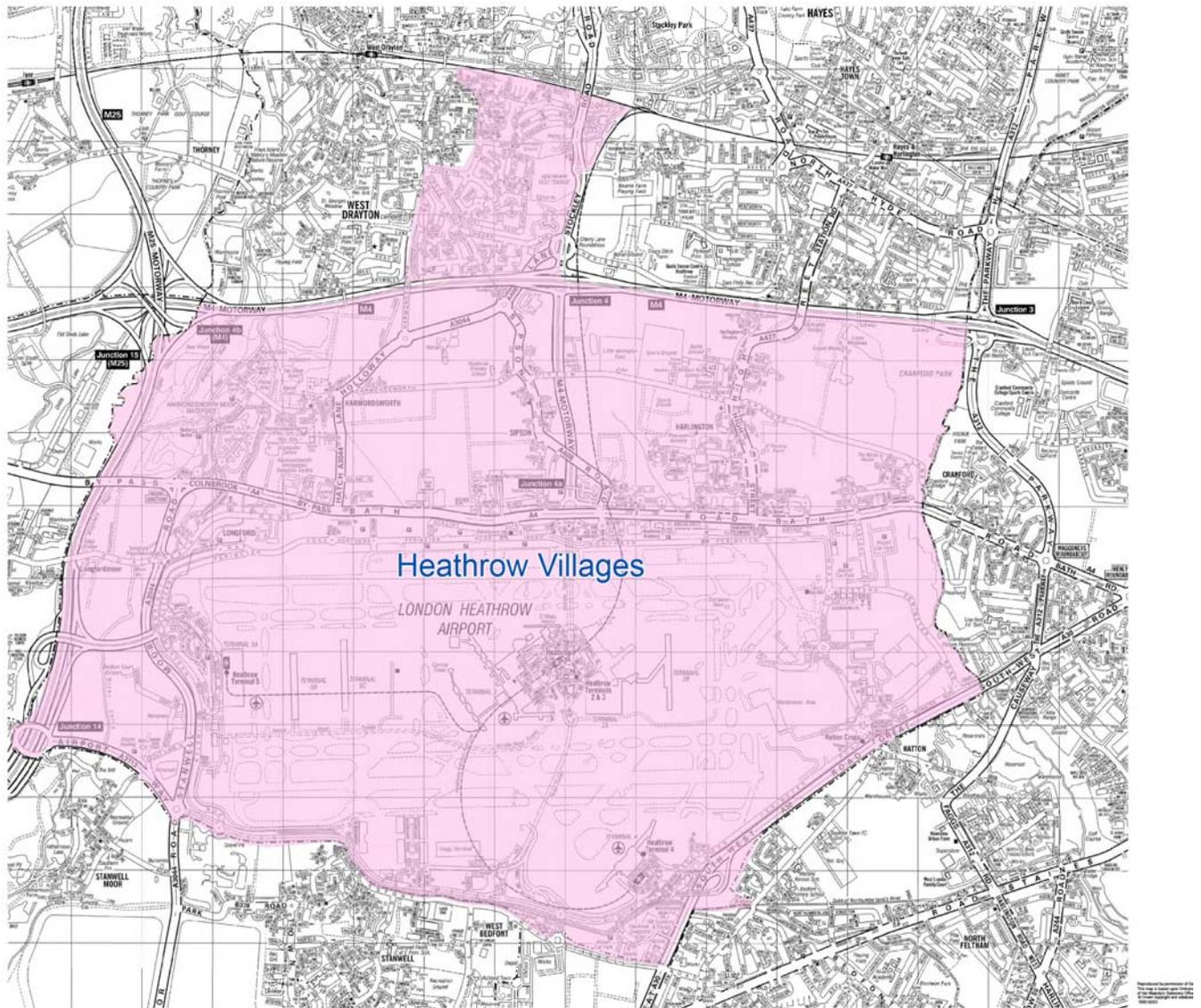
HD2 (2,825),

HD3 (4,463),

HG4 (2,960) &

HG3 (part, 1,135)

VARIATION: 1%



Heathrow Villages

Description of Ward

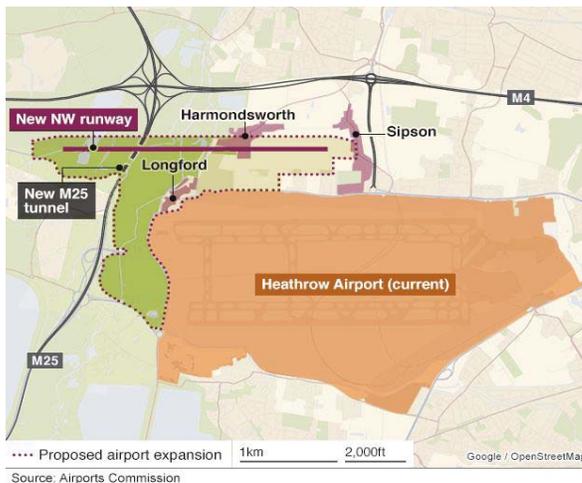
The proposed Heathrow Villages ward is comprised of all of the existing Heathrow Villages Ward, created in the last review in 1999 along with a part (32%) of the existing West Drayton Ward. It is proposed that the new ward have three elected Members.

The Borough boundary will surround this ward on three sides and the other boundaries will be with West Drayton and Pinkwell Wards, principally utilising the strong M4 corridor as a boundary and also the GWR rail line to the north.

Proposal

The existing wards of Pinkwell, West Drayton and Heathrow Villages are situated in the south of the borough. The wards are traversed by the M4 motorway, and the London to Bristol railway line forms the northern boundary with much of Pinkwell and West Drayton Wards. The suggested expansion of the existing Heathrow Villages Ward to encompass part of the existing West Drayton Ward by going north beyond Cherry Lane to include Bell Farm estate, will provide for better electoral equality amongst the proposed new wards in this part of the Borough.

Whilst large in size, the majority of the electors are located in the northern part of the ward, above the airport with the Harmondsworth and Sipson roads being the key corridors flowing onto Cherry Lane and into the Bell Farm estate.



The overriding feature of this ward is, of course, Heathrow airport. The Commission will be aware from the Council's submission at Stage One, that on 25 June, the House of Commons approved the Government's National Policy statement, in effect, granting outline planning permission for the construction of a third runway at Heathrow Airport

Although there are several stages to go through before actual construction can begin (the Council will continue its cross-party, united approach to put its residents first and provide robust opposition to this

proposal), the owners of the airport have said that they anticipate the new runway as being operational between 2026 and 2030. This would mean that any change in the Borough's population caused by the development (destruction of homes etc.) would take effect within the six-year period stipulated for this review.

This may lead to a further need to re-assess the electoral arrangements in this area. We would contend that this proposed layout would facilitate a smooth outcome for such a review requiring only minimal further boundary changes as the ward, as proposed, would still be within the 10% tolerance, dependent on the number of properties to be lost (currently estimated at 700 homes).

Although there are several prominent local features to the ward such as:

- Heathrow Medical Centre,
- Little Harlington Playing Fields,
- Sipson Christian Fellowship,
- Harlington war memorial,
- Cherry Lane Primary School/ Children's Centre and
- St Mary's Church, Harmondsworth (pictured)



The Council recommends that the name of the ward should reflect the most obvious and overriding feature of this community – that of the airport and the numerous communities that surround it.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

6.1 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR RODRIGUES TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES - COUNCILLOR SIMMONDS:

Can the Cabinet Member please update us about the school places position in Hillingdon?

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

Would the Cabinet Member please update the Council on the situation regarding the proposal to assist local policing by purchasing Uxbridge Police Station and therefore contributing towards the running costs for a five year period?

6.3 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR RADIA TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT:

Could the Leader of the Council, in his role as Older People's Champion, please provide an update on recent developments in services for older residents in Hillingdon?

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MOTIONS

7.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR DUNCAN

That this Council requests the Cabinet to examine the issue of acquiring properties for housing where this will evict tenants who are then made homeless, but meet the Council's criteria for housing support. This means the evicted families are put in costly bed and breakfast accommodation which is disruptive to education and employment for the families concerned. It would be beneficial for cost, common sense and compassionate reasons to maintain qualifying families within their existing homes and allow them to continue their lives undamaged by Council actions.

7.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR BURROWS

That this Council notes that during our May local elections, residents were keen to see further improvements in the quality of roads and footpaths in the borough. Council further notes that as a result of the sound financial management of this administration, resources to resurface a further 36 carriageways and 33 footpaths have been released since May.

Council agrees that this is a record to be proud of, especially in straightened financial times for local government, and resolves to continue to put residents first by ensuring resources are efficiently allocated to local priorities.

7.3 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR SIMMONDS

That this Council expresses alarm at the rise in antisemitism in recent years across the UK. This includes incidents when criticism of Israel has been expressed using anti-Semitic tropes. Criticism of Israel can be legitimate, but not if it employs the tropes and imagery of antisemitism.

We therefore welcome the UK Government's announcement on 11 December 2016 that it will sign up to the internationally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) guidelines on antisemitism which define antisemitism thus:

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

This Council resolves to fully adopt the IHRA definition and is of the opinion that, whilst defending the principle of freedom of speech, those who have expressed such anti-Semitic tropes when criticising Israel or the Jewish community have no place in public life in this borough.

7.4 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MATHERS

That this Council calls on the Cabinet to introduce live streaming on YouTube for Executive Scrutiny and Policy Overview Committees in line the current arrangements for Full Council, planning and licencing committees.