

**REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES
AND POLLING STATIONS 2023**

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA

**CONSULTATION RESPONSES, AND COMMENTS, CONCLUSIONS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING THEREFROM**

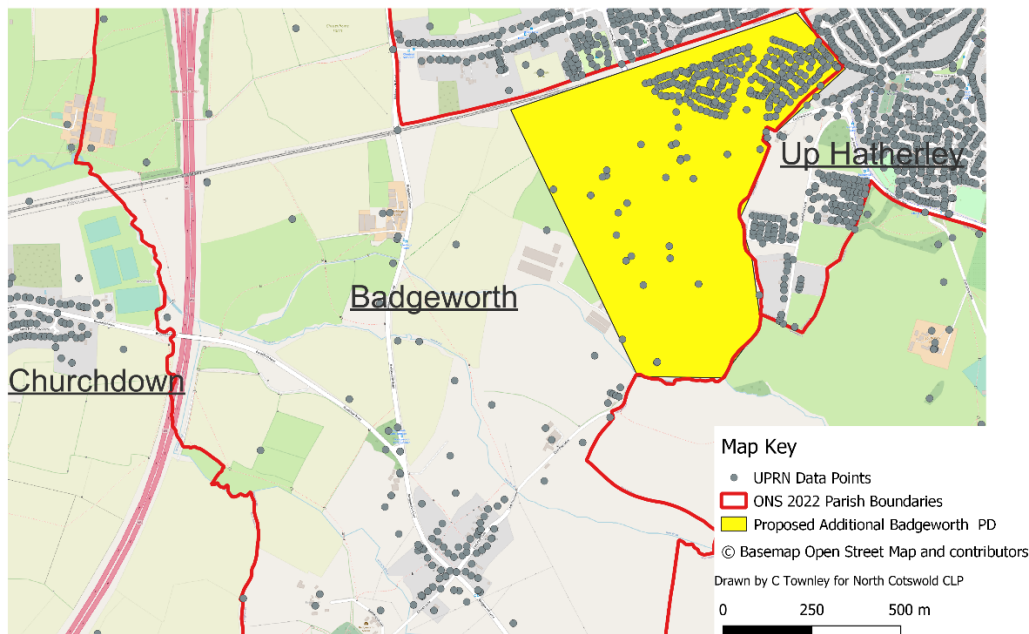
BADGEWORTH BOROUGH WARD

PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
Current Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency	Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station
<i>Badgeworth (Badgeworth Ward)</i>	<i>BBG</i>	<i>Tewkesbury - current North Cotswold - proposed</i>	<i>Badgeworth Village Hall Badgeworth Lane Badgeworth GL51 4UJ</i>
<i>Badgeworth (Bentham Ward)</i>	<i>BBN</i>	<i>Tewkesbury - current North Cotswold - proposed</i>	<i>Witcombe & Bentham Village Hall Pillcroft Road Witcombe GL3 4TB</i>
<i>Great Witcombe</i>	<i>GRW</i>	<i>Tewkesbury - current North Cotswold - proposed</i>	<i>Witcombe & Bentham Village Hall Pillcroft Road Witcombe GL3 4TB</i>
<i>Staverton</i>	<i>STV</i>	<i>Tewkesbury - current North Cotswold - proposed</i>	<i>Portacabin Staverton Court Farm Boddington Road Staverton GL51 0TW</i>

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW
A. Re Polling District BBG
<u>Representations</u>
(i) <u>Councillor Yates</u>
Polling Place is inaccessible to people living in Symphony Road except by car. There is no public transport, and Cold Pool Lane is dangerous for both pedestrians and cyclists.

(ii) North Cotswolds Constituency Labour Party

Badgeworth BBG - Proposed Additional Polling District



At a first glance this appears to be a centrally located polling station meeting most voters needs, however, on the North Eastern fringe of the area is a relatively recent development (based on UPRN data which suggests this is about 300 dwellings). This suggests that perhaps 500 electors are concentrated more than 1.3 miles away from the designated Polling Station. There are also geographical issues for voters allocated to this polling station on the northern fringe with Staverton Parish, although it may be impractical to come up with more effective alternatives for them. Consideration should be given to splitting the polling district and establishing a separate polling station adjacent to the development, the boundary shown in yellow on the map above is illustrative rather and the western boundary will need to be carefully considered. It is possible that the sports pavilion at FC Lakeside would be a suitable location. In default a mobile voting station would need to be considered for this location.

The geography of this polling district also appears poor for the voters east of Shurdington Road. In the longer term an opportunity to address this arises from the County Divisions review (currently the subject of consultation) but would require consideration to where the boundary line is drawn between the proposed Boundary Commission's Bentham and Badgeworth Wards.

Comments/Conclusions

The representations in respect of the more recent residential development are supported in principle. The residents of that development would most likely look to the adjacent Cheltenham Borough area in terms of services and, perhaps, community identity, despite being located within Badgeworth Parish and Tewkesbury Borough.

These types of situation are becoming more common-place given development pressures but, insofar as any polling district/place/station review is concerned, it is not always possible to address matters to the satisfaction of all (without creating additional polling districts/places with often smaller electorate figures and, in the absence of permanent buildings/facilities, leading to an increased use of portacabins/mobile polling stations which do not represent an ideal solution).

That said, in this instance, officers had been investigating the potential for a more localised polling place, and the pavilion used by FC Lakeside on Cold Pool Lane, Cheltenham is a suitable location,

and its operators would be happy to hire the facility to the Council at election times. Whilst the room that would be used is relatively small, it should be able to cope with an electorate of just over 400, especially as this will inevitably be reduced due to postal voter numbers. The pavilion venue has a level access and ramp, parking facilities, external lighting, toilets and a kitchen, together with accessible facilities for disabled persons.

In terms of a new polling district area, it is suggested that this be drawn largely on the new development and other properties which potentially would find the FC Lakeside pavilion more convenient in terms of access.

No action is proposed at this stage in respect of the electors east of Shurdington Road.

Maps of the existing and proposed arrangements are set out in **Annex A**.

Recommendation(s)

That the current Polling District of Badgeworth (Badgeworth Ward) - BBG - be divided into two polling districts, as follows (in line with the maps at Annex A):

- (i) the current polling district less the area identified above as Polling District BBG2 - with the new Polling District Reference of BBG1, the polling place as existing at Badgeworth Village Hall;**
- (ii) a new polling district identified above as Polling District BBG2 - with the new Polling District Reference of BBG2, the polling place at The Pavilion, FC Lakeside, Cold Pool Lane, Cheltenham, GL51 6LA.**

B. Re Polling District BBN

Representations

No specific representations re polling district - but several residents have confirmed the suitability of the Village Hall as a polling station (see comments in Section C below).

Comments/Conclusions

No changes are required.

Recommendation(s)

That no changes be made to the current arrangements.

C. Re Polling District GRW

Representations

- (i) North Cotswolds Constituency Labour Party**

This appears a satisfactory location ... at this time; however, the Council should set out the justification for why GRW polling place is not in the polling district.

- (ii) Residents**

My wife and I confirm that the Village Hall is convenient; easy to locate; adequate as a polling station; with good parking and with good access for all.

(iii) Residents

We are very happy with the current polling station - thank you!

Comments/Conclusions

Wherever possible, a polling place will be located within the polling district area. However, in cases where no accessible and suitable polling place is available, a polling place can be designated outside the polling district (or even Borough).

In this instance, no suitable polling place has been identified within the Great Witcombe Polling District (including potential locations to cater for a portacabin/mobile polling station).

It should be noted that this Village Hall is also used as polling place for Badgeworth (Bentham Ward).

Recommendation(s)

That the Witcombe & Bentham Village Hall continue to be used as the polling place for the Great Witcombe (GRW) Polling District within Badgeworth Ward.

D. RE Polling District STV

Representations

Councillor Yates

Polling place in Staverton Village is at an unacceptably great distance from any people who live in Barmfurlong Road. There is no access by public transport.

Comments/Conclusions

Given that the use of portacabins is not an ideal solution and in the light of the specific representation relating to Staverton, officers revisited the situation and identified the following two possible alternatives:

- The Butterfly Gardens at Dundry Nurseries (which is used for parish council meetings);
- The Ramada by Wyndham Cheltenham.

The Parish Council's views were sought on the existing arrangement and the two alternatives identified (or any other suggested polling place/station location that might be considered more suitable), and the response was as follows:

Ramada Hotel is currently housing refugees; we've heard that they may be vacating in December however we don't know for sure. It is however on a bus route and there would be adequate parking if available.

The Butterfly Gardens is a great location; however, access and parking may be challenging as it is located down a long bumpy single track to the rear of Dundry Nurseries and has little parking outside.

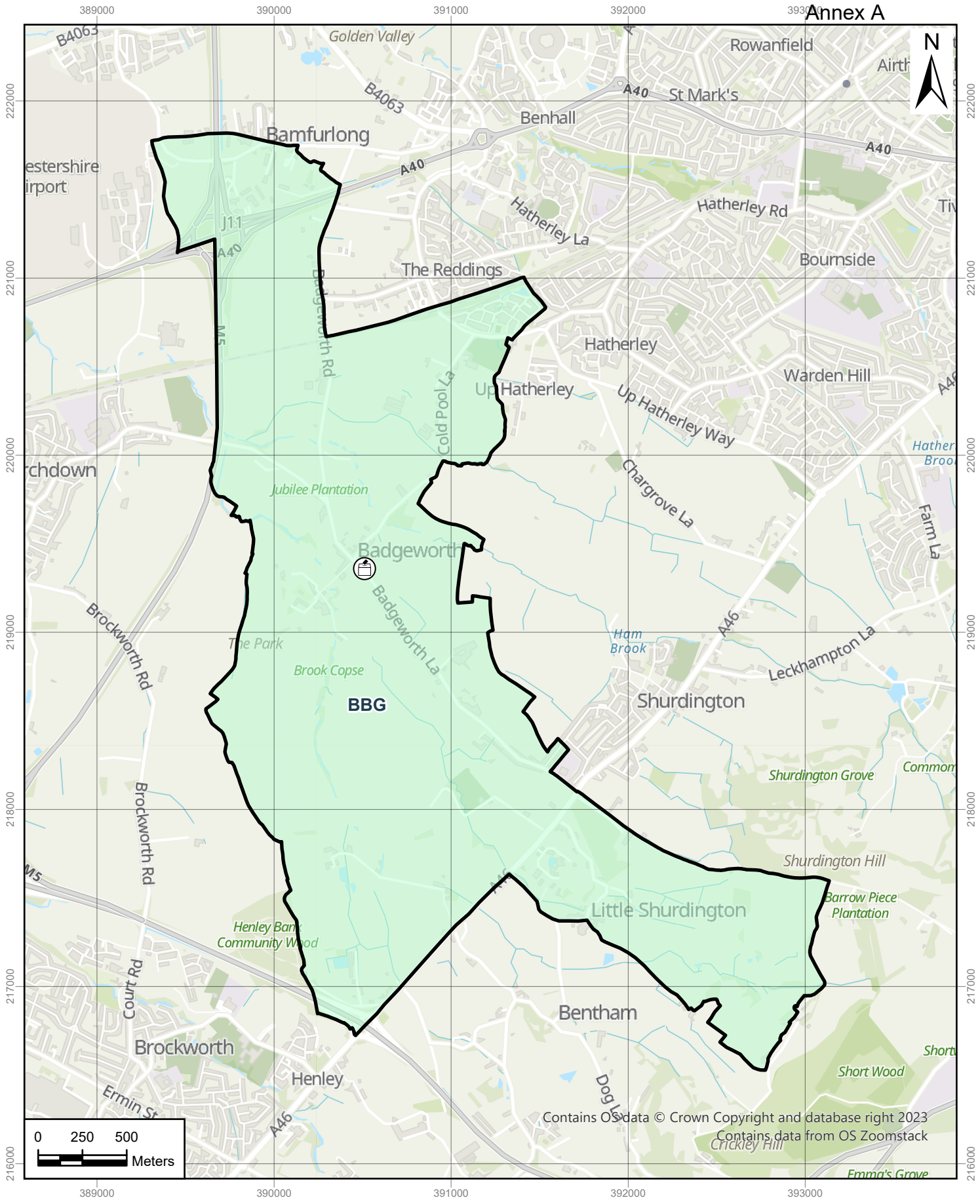
The council have suggested if there is anywhere near the airport which could be utilised. The Staverton bridge opened this week making access easier.

While a more central location would be preferable, no appropriate facility appears to be available at the present time. Given the numbers involved, the option of two polling stations (both of which would need to be portacabins) is not considered to be feasible.

The situation will continue to be monitored, especially if the Ramada Hotel reverts to its previous hotel and meeting facility use.

Recommendation(s)

That no changes be made to the current arrangements.



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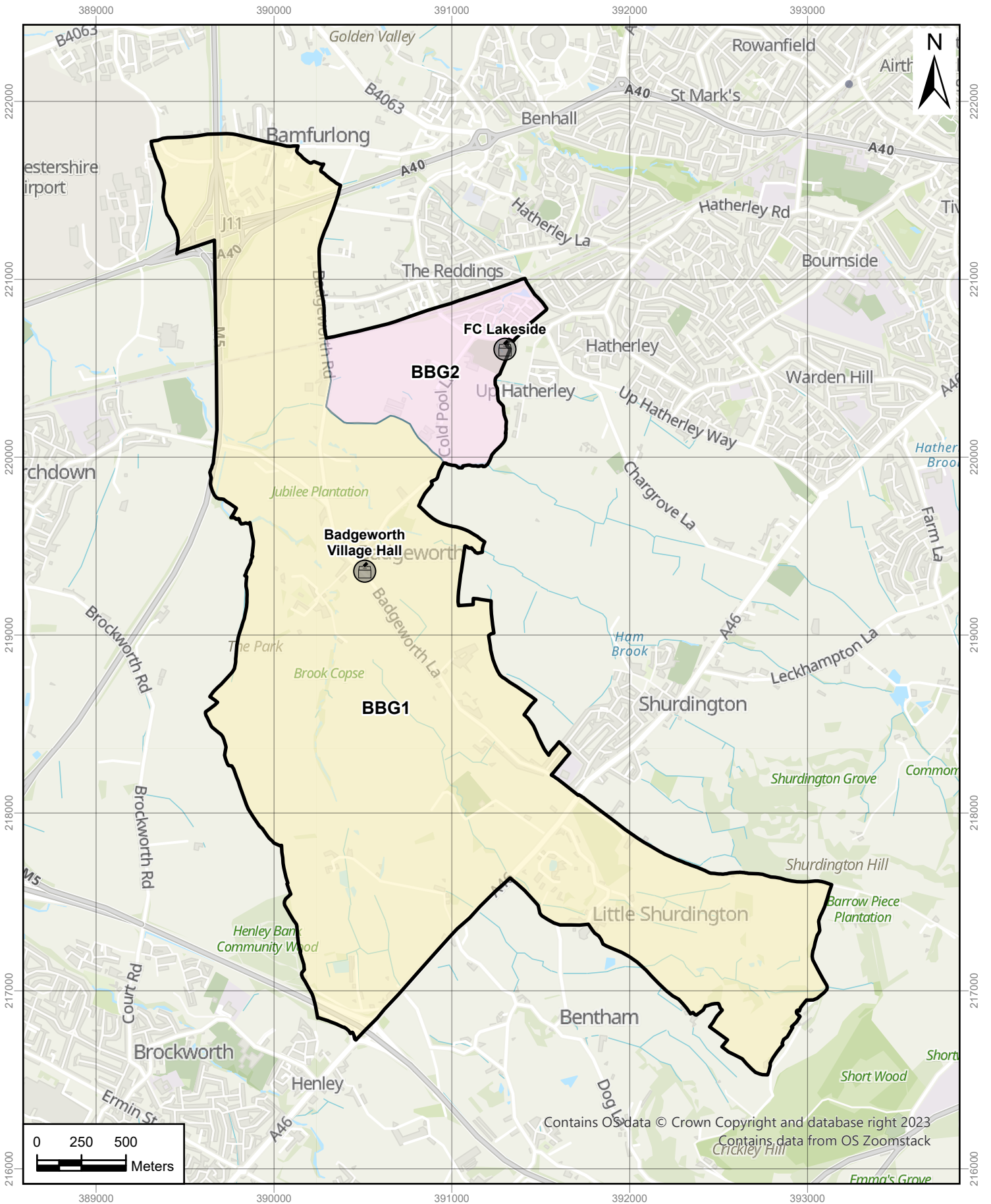
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	Ward Boundary
Current Polling District(s)	
	BBG
	Current Polling Place(s)

Tewkesbury Borough Council
Existing arrangements
Badgeworth Borough Ward (Badgeworth)

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Legend	
	Ward Boundary
Proposed Polling District(s) boundaries	
	BBG1
	BBG2
	Proposed Polling Place(s)

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Proposed arrangements
Badgeworth Borough Ward (Badgeworth)

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BROCKWORTH EAST BOROUGH WARD

PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
<i>Current Polling District</i>	<i>Polling District Reference</i>	<i>Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency</i>	<i>Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station</i>
<i>Brockworth East 1</i>	<i>BRE1</i>	<i>Tewkesbury - current North Cotswold - proposed</i>	<i>Brockworth Community Centre Court Road Brockworth GL3 4ET</i>
<i>Brockworth East 2</i>	<i>BRE2</i>	<i>Tewkesbury - current North Cotswold - proposed</i>	<i>Brockworth Community Centre Court Road Brockworth GL3 4ET</i>
<i>Brockworth East 3</i>	<i>BRE3</i>	<i>Tewkesbury - current North Cotswold - proposed</i>	<i>Brockworth Community Centre Court Road Brockworth GL3 4ET</i>

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW
<p><u>Representations</u></p> <p><u>North Cotswolds Constituency Labour Party</u></p> <p>BRE 1 Polling Station: Brockworth Community Centre Court Road Brockworth Gloucester GL3 4ET</p> <p>Given the growth in electors within this area it is questioned whether it would be sensible to create a new polling district for both BRE1 and BRE2 for the voters north of the Horsebere Brook with the voters south of the Brook continuing to vote at the Community Centre. At this stage no proposals for a different Polling Place for this area are made, but in the long-term use of a building within Perrybrook should be an expressed aspiration for the Council. An acceptable alternative resolution at this stage might be to agree to an early review, if and when a suitable building becomes available and the main distributor roads through the development have been completed. Possible opportunities for polling places to consider, in addition to the primary and secondary schools within the vicinity of the development, could include Brockworth Sports Centre, the proposed extra care village to be developed by St Monica's Trust (referred to in the Section 106 agreement) as well as Brockworth Rugby Club and also as a last resort the Tithe Barn which is a wedding venue adjacent to Brockworth Court.</p> <p>BRE 2 Polling Station: Brockworth Community Centre Court Road Brockworth Gloucester GL3 4ET</p> <p>No change is suggested for this polling station, apart from the area north of Horsebere Brook discussed above.</p> <p>BRE3 Polling Station: Brockworth Community Centre Court Road Brockworth Gloucester GL3 4ET</p> <p>No change recommended to this Polling District at this time.</p>

Comments/Conclusions

The situation with the Brockworth East and Brockworth West wards is complex, and the current polling district arrangements do not best reflect the existing and planned development on the Perrybrook estate (encompassing BRE1, BRE2 and BRW2) or the Coopers Edge development (encompassing BRW3, HCC1 (Hucclecote) and an adjoining area in Stroud District).

At some stage in the future, a review of Borough Ward boundaries may be beneficial - however, this cannot be undertaken as part of this review.

In order to reflect the development that has already taken place, and to provide an element of future-proofing in relation to the next phase of the Perrybrook development, a revised polling district is put forward for parts of the existing BRE1 and BRE2 Polling Districts, using the Horsbere Brook as the boundary. This would form a new Polling District BRE1, to be served by a polling place at Brockworth Rugby Football Club, Mill Lane, Brockworth.

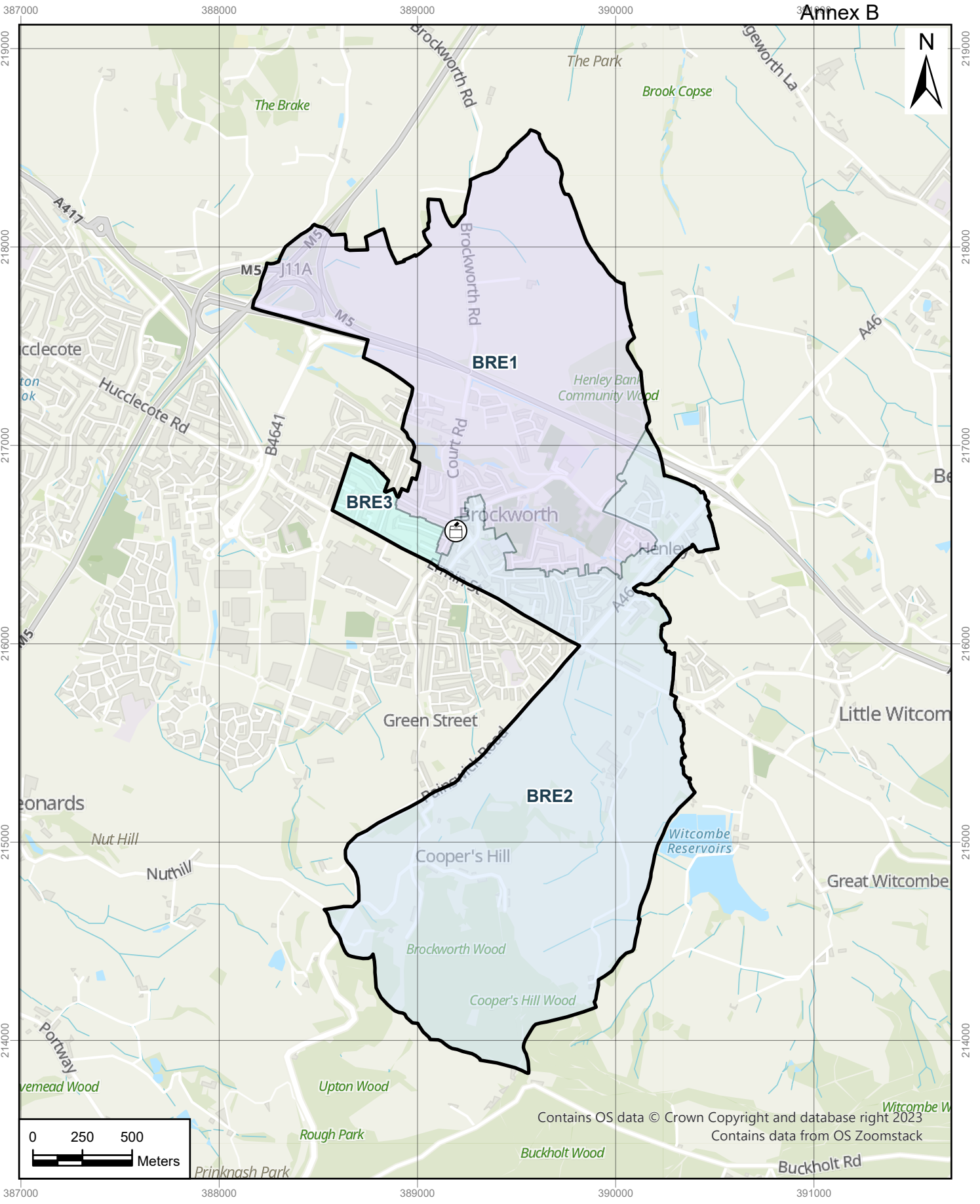
The remaining area from the existing BRE2 Polling District would then be combined with existing BRE3 Polling District - to form a new BRE2 Polling District with a polling place at Brockworth Community Centre. This combination would avoid the need to continue with what is an artificial split across existing Polling Districts BRE2 and BRE3, likely introduced to balance numbers across polling districts at the time.

Maps of the existing and proposed arrangements are set out in **Annex B**.

Recommendation(s)

That the current Polling District arrangements be amended in line with the maps shown at Annex B to create two new Polling Districts, as follows:

- (i) a new Polling District BRE1, with a polling place at Brockworth Rugby Football Club, Mill Lane, Brockworth;**
- (ii) a new Polling District BRE2, with a polling place at the Brockworth Community Centre, Court Road, Brockworth.**



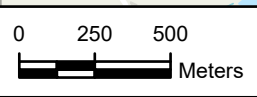
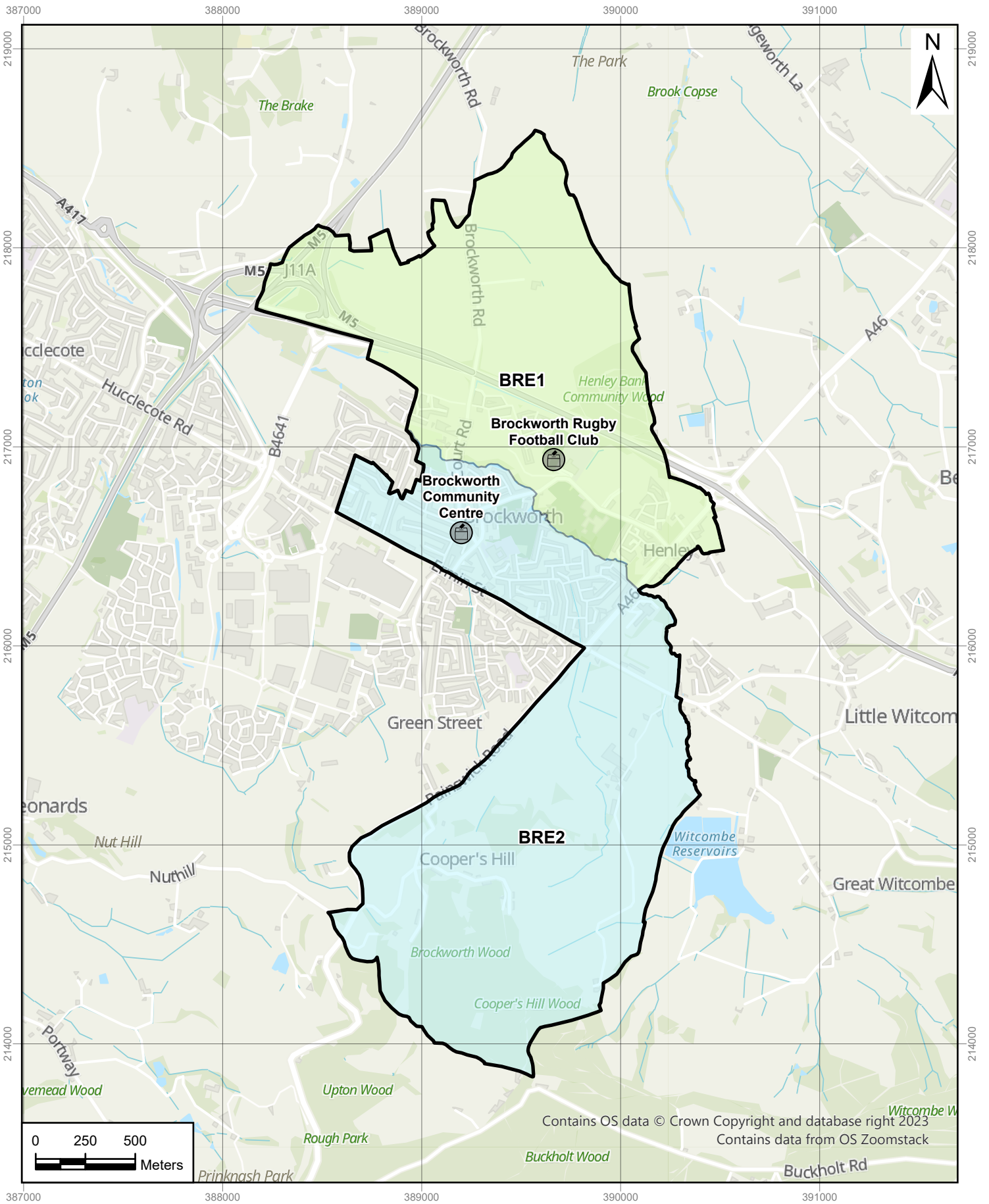
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	Ward Boundary
Current Polling District(s)	
	BRE1
	BRE2
	BRE3
	Current Polling Place(s)

Tewkesbury Borough Council
Existing arrangements
Brockworth East Borough Ward

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Legend	
	Ward Boundary
Proposed Polling District(s) boundaries	
	BRE1
	BRE2
	Proposed Polling Place(s)

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BROCKWORTH WEST BOROUGH WARD

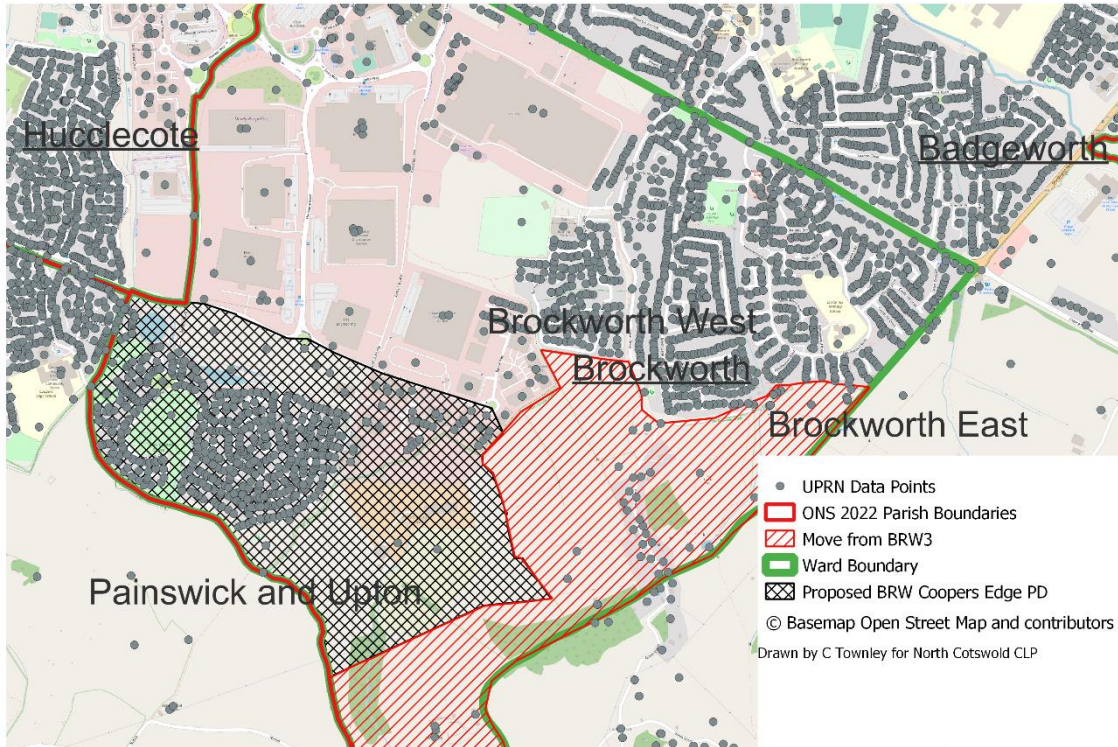
PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
Current Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency	Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station
<i>Brockworth West 1</i>	<i>BRW1</i>	<i>Tewkesbury - current North Cotswold - proposed</i>	<i>St Patrick's Church Hall St Patrick's Court Brockworth GL3 4HL</i>
<i>Brockworth West 2</i>	<i>BRW2</i>	<i>Tewkesbury - current North Cotswold - proposed</i>	<i>St Patrick's Church Hall St Patrick's Court Brockworth GL3 4HL</i>
<i>Brockworth West 3</i>	<i>BRW3</i>	<i>Tewkesbury - current North Cotswold - proposed</i>	<i>Midglos Indoor Bowls Club Spinners Road Off Green Street Brockworth GL3 4LS</i>

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW
<p><u>Representations</u></p> <p><u>North Cotswolds Constituency Labour Party</u></p> <p>BRW 1 Polling Station: St Patrick's Church Hall St Patrick's Court Brockworth GL3 4HL</p> <p>This appears to be well designed polling district and apart from the recommendation in respect of the southern end of Green Street and Castle Hill discussed in BRW3, no changes are suggested. An option to consider might be to move the remainder of BRW2 to BRW1 but this may result in a large polling station with a risk of long queues to vote as a result of the voter ID requirement.</p> <p>BRW 2 Polling Station: St Patrick's Church Hall St Patrick's Court Brockworth GL3 4HL</p> <p>This is a particularly poorly developed Polling District which has no appropriate Polling Station within the Polling District and does not relate well to the settlement pattern. However, this is not really the fault of the LGBCE as this somewhat inappropriate ward split was recommended to the Commission by the Borough Council during the consultation process leading to the boundary changes implemented in 2019.</p> <p>Given the "hard boundaries" that exist to the North, East and West of the Polling District and the area to the south is in unpopulated there is probably no practical alternative but to accept this Polling District "as is", until such time as a review of Borough wards takes place.</p> <p>Therefore, it is suggested that the Council consider making arrangements for a polling station in the vicinity of the District Centre within the Gloucester Business Park. This could for example be located in Tescos if appropriate space could be found or as an alternative mobile polling station in this general area. Another remote alternative might be to look at the availability of space within the Victoria Inn.</p>

If there are realistically no suitable alternatives, the Community Centre used for BRE1-3 might be considered to be more suitable than St Patricks Hall but it is proposed to continue using St Patrick's Hall the reasons for doing so should be recorded in the report.

BRW3 Polling Station: Midglos Indoor Bowls Club Spinners Road Off Green Street Brockworth Gloucester GL3 4LS

Brockworth West BRW3 - Proposed Additional Polling District



NB: the boundaries shown to the east of Coopers Edge are illustrative but are drawn to include one residential property to the South of the Business Park, details of which can be provided if required.

The current Polling Place is of good quality and is well located for the Spinners Drive development to the south-east of Invista and the existing housing in the Polling District along the northern half of Green Street. Using uncoded UPRN data there are 269 UPRNS in this area, this is likely to represent around 460 electors.

The southern half of Green Street (from Watermead to A46) and Watermeads itself is now isolated for vehicular traffic from the remainder of Green Street due to a Traffic Regulation Order which has now closed this road to motorised traffic. The Catholic Church used for BRW1 is actually nearer than BRW3 polling station and a pragmatic solution might be to move these voters and those along the southern edge of BRW3 into BRW1. There are approximately 50 dwellings in this likely to include approximately 80 electors. This is accepted as being borderline but should be taken into account in any future ward boundary review.

Much of the central area of BRW3 is unpopulated, being part of the Gloucester Business Park and therefore this has limited impact on where people from this area vote, apart from one residential property which has a vehicular access through the Business Park.

The most difficult issue is the western extremity of BRW3 consisting of the housing within the Brockworth Parish part of Coopers Edge. This is geographically distant from the current Polling Station. Measured from Napier Drive the road distance is 1.8 miles. Similarly, the shortest walking is 1.8 miles across the Business Park. There is no shorter route because Golf Course Lane has no access points between the Business Park and Spinners Drive development, meaning there is no sensible alternative walking route to the Polling Station except by Ermin Street. Brockworth Bridleway

60 does provide a potentially shorter route via Spinners Drive, however, this route is in very poor condition and is often very boggy during wet weather, which the County Councillor for the division is seeking to resolve.

Additionally, it should be noted that St Patrick's Hall is closer than the Indoor Bowls Centre, but a change of venue for the whole PD does not address the issues of poor access for people, who for the large part are in an urban area and living 1.8 miles travelling distance from the polling station. It should also be noted that the No 8 bus service from Coopers Edge terminates within Whittle Way adjacent to the Whittle Inn.

It is therefore recommended that the roads within the Coopers Edge development within Brockworth West should become a new Polling District and that a polling place within the vicinity of Coopers Edge should be used. There appear to be two options of creating a Polling Station: -

- a) To establish a Polling Station to serve the new Polling District located at either Coopers Edge School or the adjacent Community Centre. This may be difficult for Tewkesbury Borough to stomach as this is outside the Borough but is within the new constituency and both buildings are more or less adjacent to the District Boundary and are much more conveniently located to the voters in this proposed Polling District than the current polling station. It is also a relevant factor to take into account that the community centre and school was built to serve the whole development, which were both built as a result of Section 106 obligations entered into by the consortium of local authorities including Stroud, Tewkesbury and Gloucestershire to achieve a satisfactory development.
- b) If the community centre or school are rejected by TBC, for whatever reason, the council should then consider the provision of a mobile voting centre, possible locations might be on one of the access roads to this area of Gauntlet Way and Buccaneer Avenue.

Comments/Conclusions

BRW1 & BRW3

The situation with the Brockworth East and Brockworth West wards is complex, and the current polling district arrangements do not best reflect the existing and planned development on the Perrybrook estate (encompassing BRE1, BRE2 and BRW2) or the Coopers Edge development (encompassing BRW3, HCC1 (Hucclecote) and an adjoining area in Stroud District).

An alternative solution is also required as the Midglos Indoor Bowls Club is no longer available as a polling place/station venue.

Given the representations made, including related comments from a resident of Hucclecote Parish who lives on part of the Coopers Edge development, officers have investigated the possibility of creating a polling place at The Edge Community Centre (or Coopers Edge School) for use by residents of that part of the development within Tewkesbury Borough (in both Brockworth and Hucclecote Wards). Stroud District Council currently use a room in the community centre as a polling station for those residents of Coopers Edge whose properties are located within Stroud District. The Electoral Commission has confirmed that we could use a facility outside not only a polling district but also a Borough/District area if this was the most convenient and effective for voters.

Such an arrangement as suggested would appear the most beneficial and logical for electors.

From an initial discussion with officers from Stroud District Council, they have no objection in principle to our use of the community centre venue, subject to it being possible to introduce adequate measures to avoid any voter confusion between the polling stations across the two council areas. They did however question whether the introduction of a further polling station serving almost 1700 potential electors would give rise to possible parking/traffic issues - especially as there are already issues in the locality generally.

Following a site visit, the community centre could easily accommodate two polling stations and 'segregation' issues could be managed. However, parking could clearly be a problem. There is no dedicated parking for the community centre (other than three spaces for use by staff located on a blocked paved area). The adjacent school does have parking, but not enough to cater for staff parking on most days. There are 19/20 parking bays in front of the school and community centre, but these are on highway land and available for use by all, with no time restrictions. There is a circulatory route for school dropping off.

There is limited on-street parking on one side of the road adjacent to the parking bays; and other on-street parking available on many of the roads in the immediate area. However, more generally, parking in the area is difficult (often indiscriminate) to say the least - ambulance parking also appears prevalent (possibly because paramedics live in the area) and there is parking on various block paved areas.

It is understood that representatives from Upton St Leonards Parish Council have recently met with the local County Councillor and the Local Highways Manager, regarding this issue and that they are also working with the School and the Coopers Edge Trust. It is further understood that the Trustees will be considering potential options before seeking to meet with County Highways to find a suitable resolution - as the affected land has been adopted by the County Council as public highway land.

Whilst one of the reasons for seeking an additional polling station at the community centre is that it will enable many voters to walk to that station, there is a need to ensure that parking is available for users, including disabled people.

Against this background, the County Council has been approached to see whether there is any possibility of some form of temporary parking restriction being imposed on election day, so that the parking bays and adjacent on-street parking could effectively be reserved for voters (the whole of the community centre will be in use for election purposes from 6.30 am until 10.30 pm). If this was possible, then we would look to use the community centre for two polling stations but, if not, it may not be feasible. A response is still awaited from the County Council.

If the use of The Edge Community Centre is not feasible, then the fall-back option (given that the Midglos Indoor Bowls Club is no longer available) would be for electors to use the St Patrick's Church Hall, especially as it is proposed that it will no longer be used as a polling station for electors within Polling District BRW2.

BRW2

Officers have also investigated alternative locations for a polling place to serve the voters of the existing BRW2 Polling District. Whilst suitable facilities are not available at the District Centre within the Gloucester Business Park (including in Tesco's), a function room is available within the Victoria Inn, Hucclecote Road, Brockworth, which offers the required level of facilities. It also represents a much closer polling place location for voters in that Polling District.

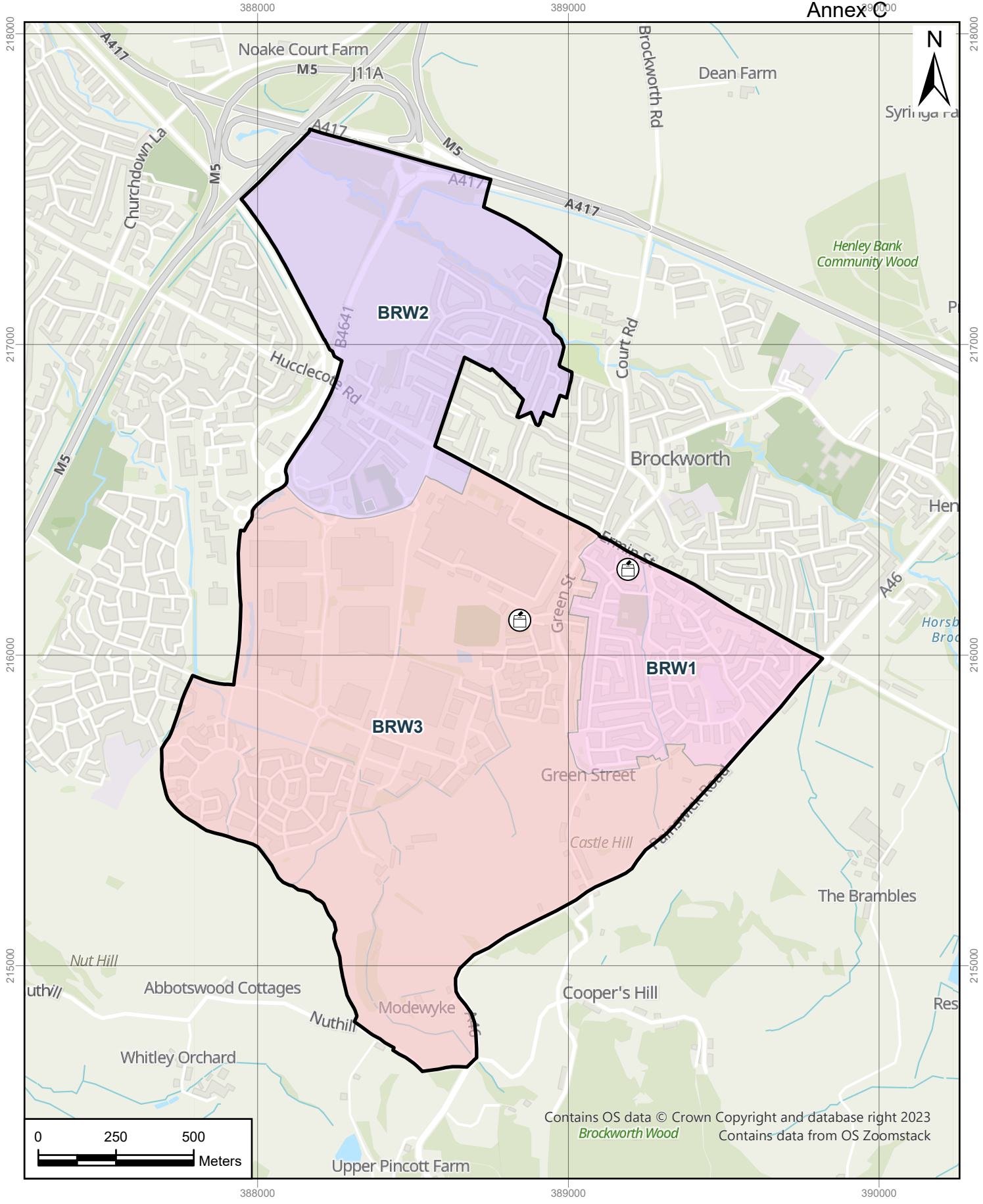
These proposals have been discussed with the Borough Ward Members, who are supportive.

Maps of the existing and proposed arrangements are set out in **Annex C**.

Recommendation(s)

That the current Polling District arrangements be amended in line with the maps shown at Annex C to, as follows:

- (i) a new Polling District BRW1, with a polling place at St Patrick's Church Hall, St Patrick's Court, Brockworth;**
- (ii) the retention of the existing Polling District BRW2 but with a polling place at the Victoria Inn, Hucclecote Road, Brockworth;**
- (iii) a new Polling District BRW3, with a polling place at The Edge Community Centre, Coopers Edge (but with a fall-back polling place option of St Patrick's Church Hall, St Patrick's Court, Brockworth).**



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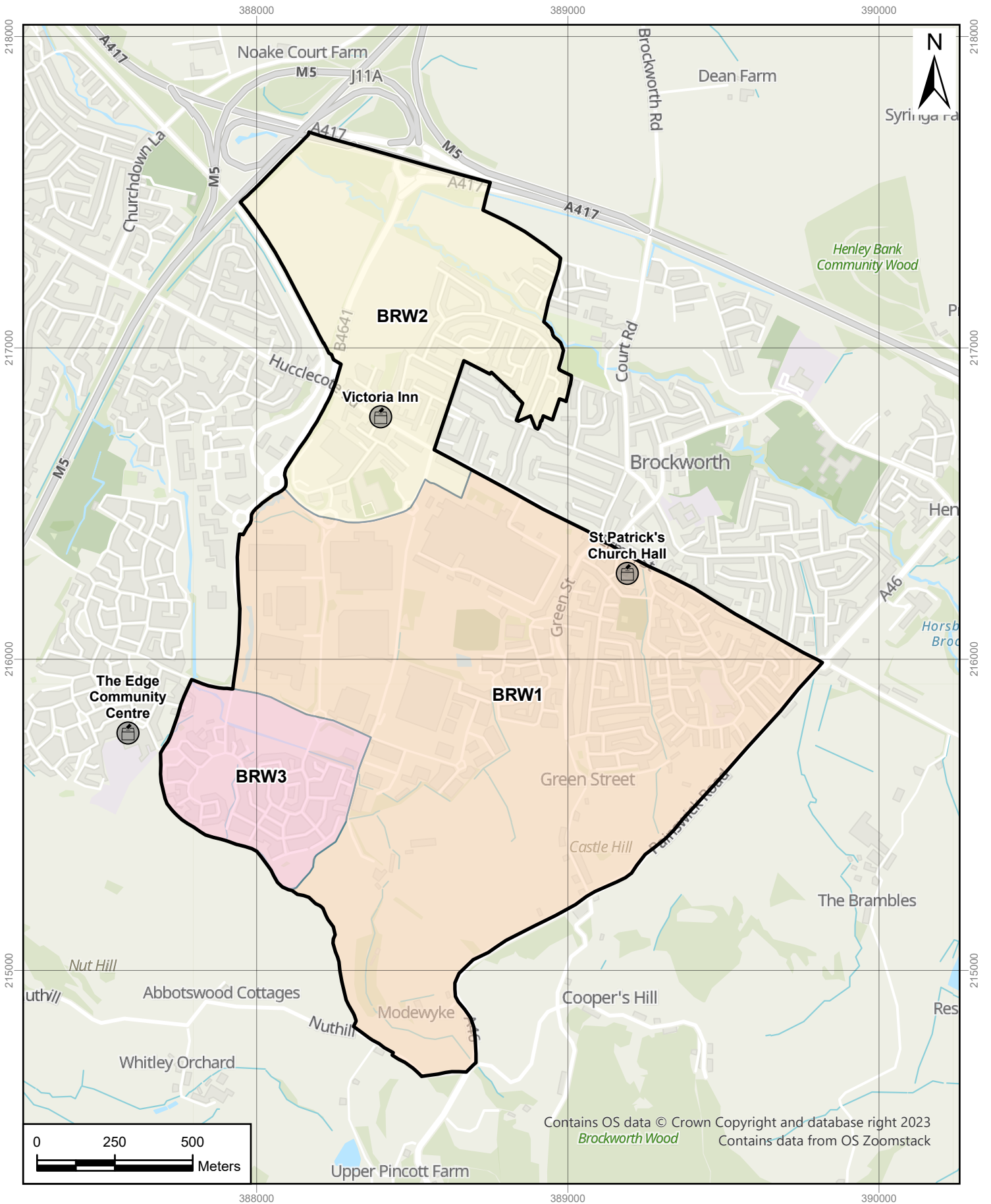
Legend	
	Ward Boundary
Current Polling District(s)	
	BRW1
	BRW2
	BRW3
	Current Polling Place(s)

Tewkesbury Borough Council
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Legend	
	Ward Boundary
Proposed Polling District(s) boundaries	
	BRW1
	BRW2
	BRW3
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CHURCHDOWN BROOKFIELD WITH HUCCLECOTE BOROUGH WARD

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Current Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency	Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station
<i>Churchdown (Brookfield)</i>	<i>CHB</i>	<i>Tewkesbury - current North Cotswold - proposed (part)</i>	<i>Methodist Church Hall Chapel Hay Lane Churchdown GL3 2ET</i>
<i>Hucclecote 1</i>	<i>HCC1</i>	<i>Tewkesbury - current North Cotswold - proposed</i>	<i>Pineholt Village Hall Bird Road Hucclecote GL3 3SN</i>
<i>Hucclecote 2</i>	<i>HCC2</i>	<i>Tewkesbury - current North Cotswold - proposed</i>	<i>Pineholt Village Hall Bird Road Hucclecote GL3 3SN</i>

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW
A. Re Polling District CHB
<p><u>Representations</u></p> <p><u>North Cotswolds Constituency Labour Party</u></p> <p>No changes are proposed at this time.</p>
<p><u>Comments/Conclusions</u></p> <p>When reviewing the new Parliamentary Constituency boundaries (effective from the next UK Parliamentary Election), it has come to light that there are two anomalies between the Ward boundaries approved by the Council under its Community Governance Review in 2022 (and endorsed by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England) and the revised/new Constituency boundaries of (i) Tewkesbury and (ii) North Cotswolds. These anomalies were also highlighted, after the consultation had closed, by the North Cotswolds Constituency Labour Party.</p> <p>Both anomalies relate to land transferred from Innsworth Parish to Churchdown Parish, part of which was transferred to the Churchdown Brookfield with Hucclecote Borough Ward and part to the Churchdown St Johns Borough Ward. These areas will remain within the new Tewkesbury Parliamentary Constituency area rather than be transferred to the new North Cotswolds Parliamentary Constituency.</p> <p>Whilst there are currently no electors in either area of land, it is suggested that for clarity across the two Parliamentary Constituencies, a separate polling district be created in both Borough Ward areas comprising the affected areas.</p> <p>Maps of the existing and proposed arrangements are set out in Annex D.</p>

Recommendation(s)

- (a) That the current Polling District CHB be sub-divided into two Polling Districts - CHB1 and CHB2 - to address the anomaly between the new Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries and the Borough Ward boundary (in line with the maps shown at Annex D);
- (b) that, in the event of there being any electors in the future within Polling District CHB2, the electors shall vote at Innsworth Community Hall for standalone Parliamentary elections but at the Methodist Church Hall, Churchdown, for all other elections.

B. Re Polling Districts HCC1 & HCC2

Representations

- (i) North Cotswolds Constituency Labour Party

No changes are proposed at this time.

- (ii) Resident

We currently have to travel to Pineholt Village Hall/Bowls Club to vote. This is a significant distance from Coopers Edge. It would be far more convenient for the residents of Coopers Edge to be able to vote at the Coopers Edge Community Centre.

Comments/Conclusions

The situation with the Brockworth West and Hucclecote Wards is complex given the impact of the Coopers Edge development (encompassing BRW3, HCC1 (Hucclecote) and an adjoining area in Stroud District) on the current polling district arrangements.

Given the representations made, including related comments from a resident of Hucclecote Parish who lives on part of the Coopers Edge development, officers have investigated the possibility of creating a polling place at The Edge Community Centre (or Coopers Edge School) for use by residents of that part of the development within Tewkesbury Borough (in both Brockworth and Hucclecote Wards). Stroud District Council currently use a room in the community centre as a polling station for those residents of Coopers Edge whose properties are located within Stroud District. The Electoral Commission has confirmed that we could use a facility outside not only a polling district but also a Borough/District area if this was the most convenient and effective for voters.

Such an arrangement as suggested would appear the most beneficial and logical for electors. It should also be borne in mind that there is no direct road link between this part of the Coopers Edge development and the current polling station at Pineholt Village Hall.

From an initial discussion with officers from Stroud District Council, they have no objection in principle to our use of the community centre venue, subject to it being possible to introduce adequate measures to avoid any voter confusion between the polling stations across the two council areas. They did however question whether the introduction of a further polling station serving almost 1700 potential electors would give rise to possible parking/traffic issues – especially as there are already issues in the locality generally.

Following a site visit, the community centre could easily accommodate two polling stations and 'segregation' issues could be managed. However, parking could clearly be a problem. There is no dedicated parking for the community centre (other than three spaces for use by staff located on a blocked paved area). The adjacent school does have parking, but not enough to cater for staff parking on most days. There are 19/20 parking bays in front of the school and community centre, but

these are on highway land and available for use by all, with no time restrictions. There is a circulatory route for school dropping off.

There is limited on-street parking on one side of the road adjacent to the parking bays; and other on-street parking available on many of the roads in the immediate area. However, more generally, parking in the area is difficult (often indiscriminate) to say the least - ambulance parking also appears prevalent (possibly because paramedics live in the area) and there is parking on various block paved areas.

It is understood that representatives from Upton St Leonards Parish Council have recently met with the local County Councillor and the Local Highways Manager, regarding this issue and that they are also working with the School and the Coopers Edge Trust. It is further understood that the Trustees will be considering potential options before seeking to meet with County Highways to find a suitable resolution - as the affected land has been adopted by the County Council as public highway land.

Whilst one of the reasons for seeking an additional polling station at the community centre is that it will enable many voters to walk to that station, there is a need to ensure that parking is available for users, including disabled people.

Against this background, the County Council has been approached to see whether there is any possibility of some form of temporary parking restriction being imposed on election day, so that the parking bays and adjacent on-street parking could effectively be reserved for voters (the whole of the community centre will be in use for election purposes from 6.30 am until 10.30 pm). If this was possible, then we would look to use the community centre for two polling stations but, if not, it may not be feasible. A response is still awaited from the County Council.

If the use of The Edge Community Centre is not feasible, then the fall-back option would be for electors to continue to use the Pineholt Village Hall.

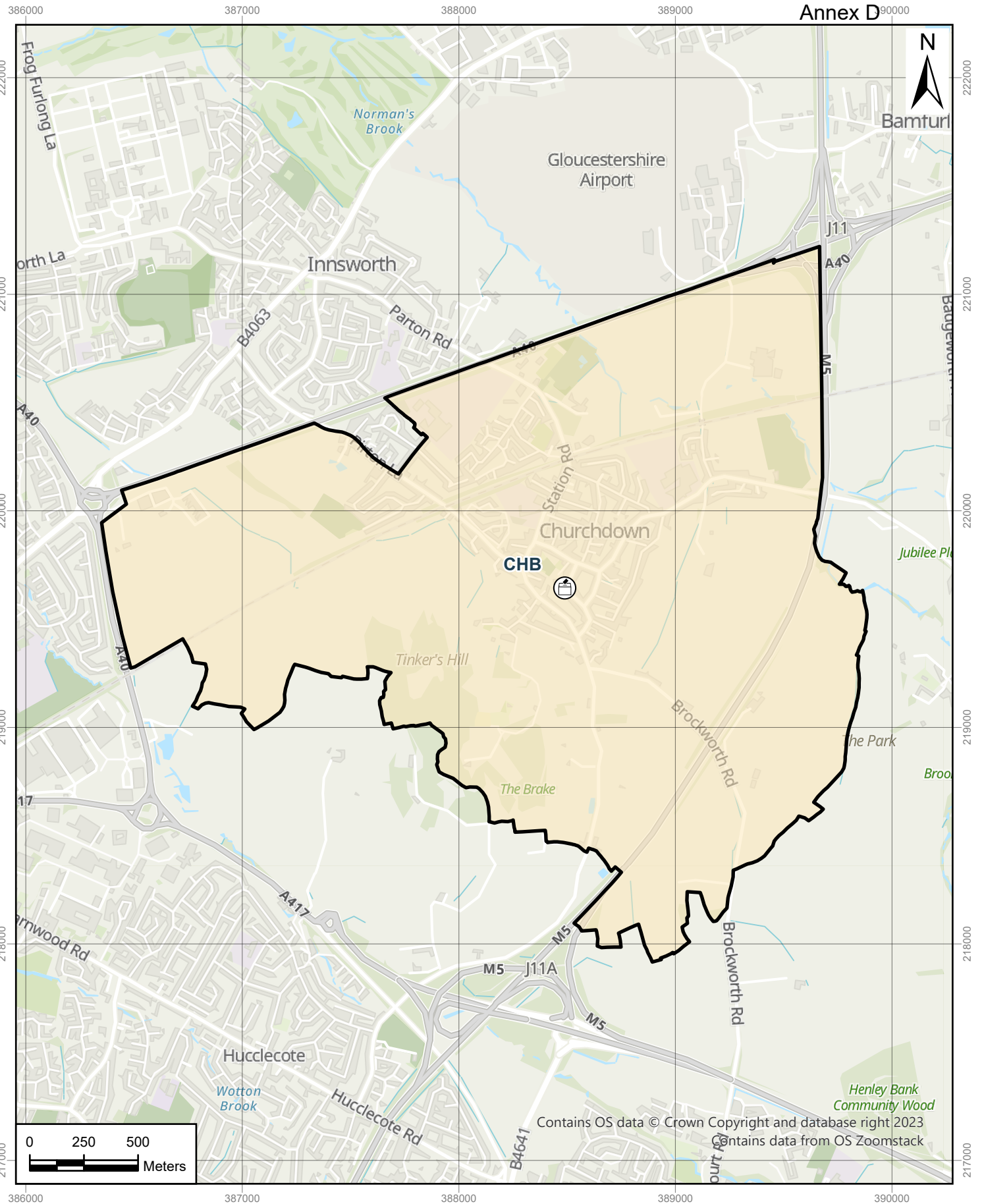
Maps of the existing and proposed arrangements are set out in **Annex E**.




Recommendation(s)

That the current Polling District arrangements be amended in line with the maps shown at Annex E to create two new Polling Districts, as follows:

(i) a new Polling District HCC1, with a polling place at The Edge Community Centre, Coopers Edge (but with a fall-back polling place option of Pineholt Village Hall, Bird Road, Hucclecote);

(ii) a new Polling District HCC2, with a polling place at Pineholt Village Hall, Bird Road, Hucclecote.



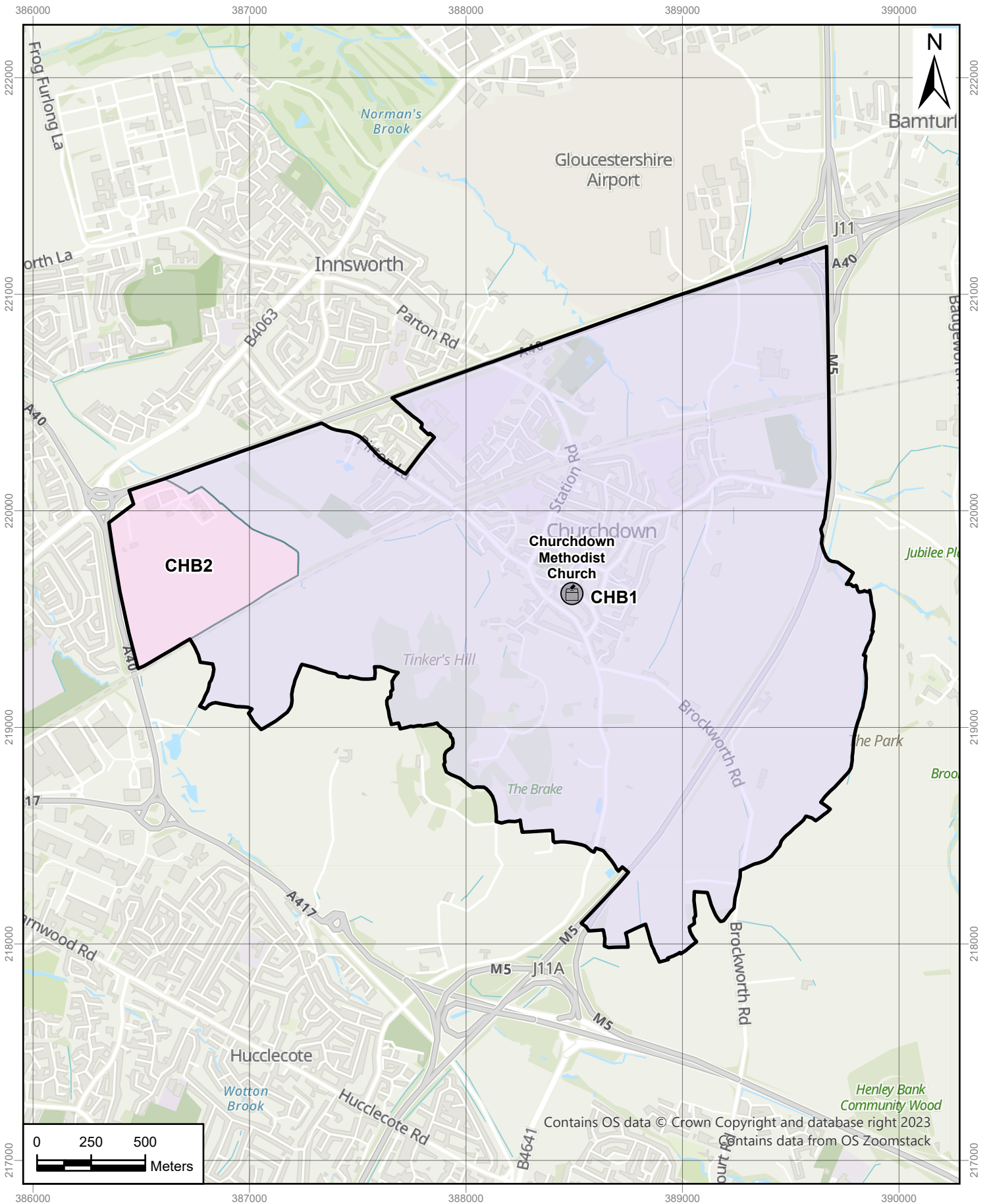
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	Current Polling Place(s)

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Ward (Churchdown Brookfield)

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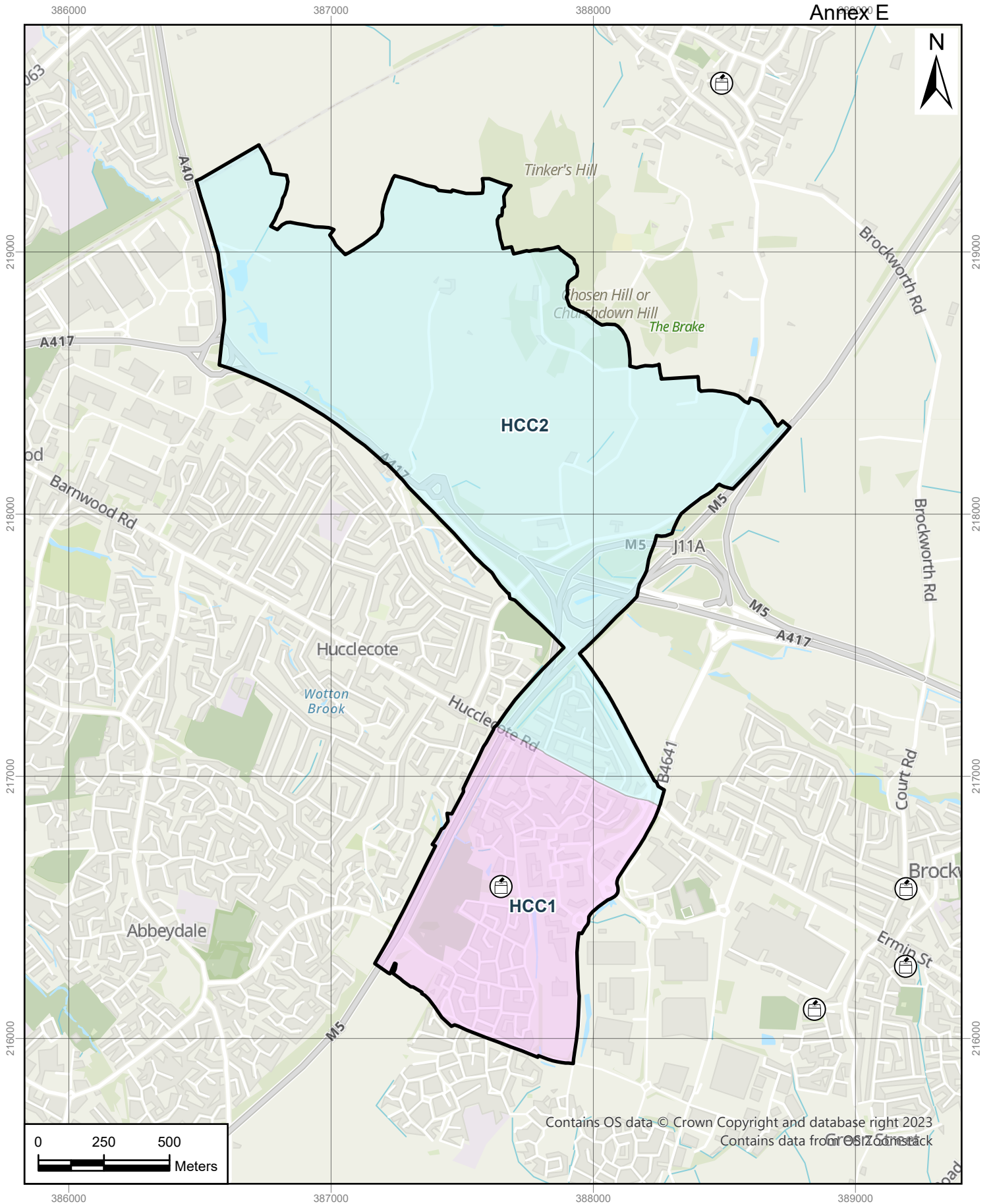
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	Proposed Polling Place(s)

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Ward (Churchdown Brookfield)

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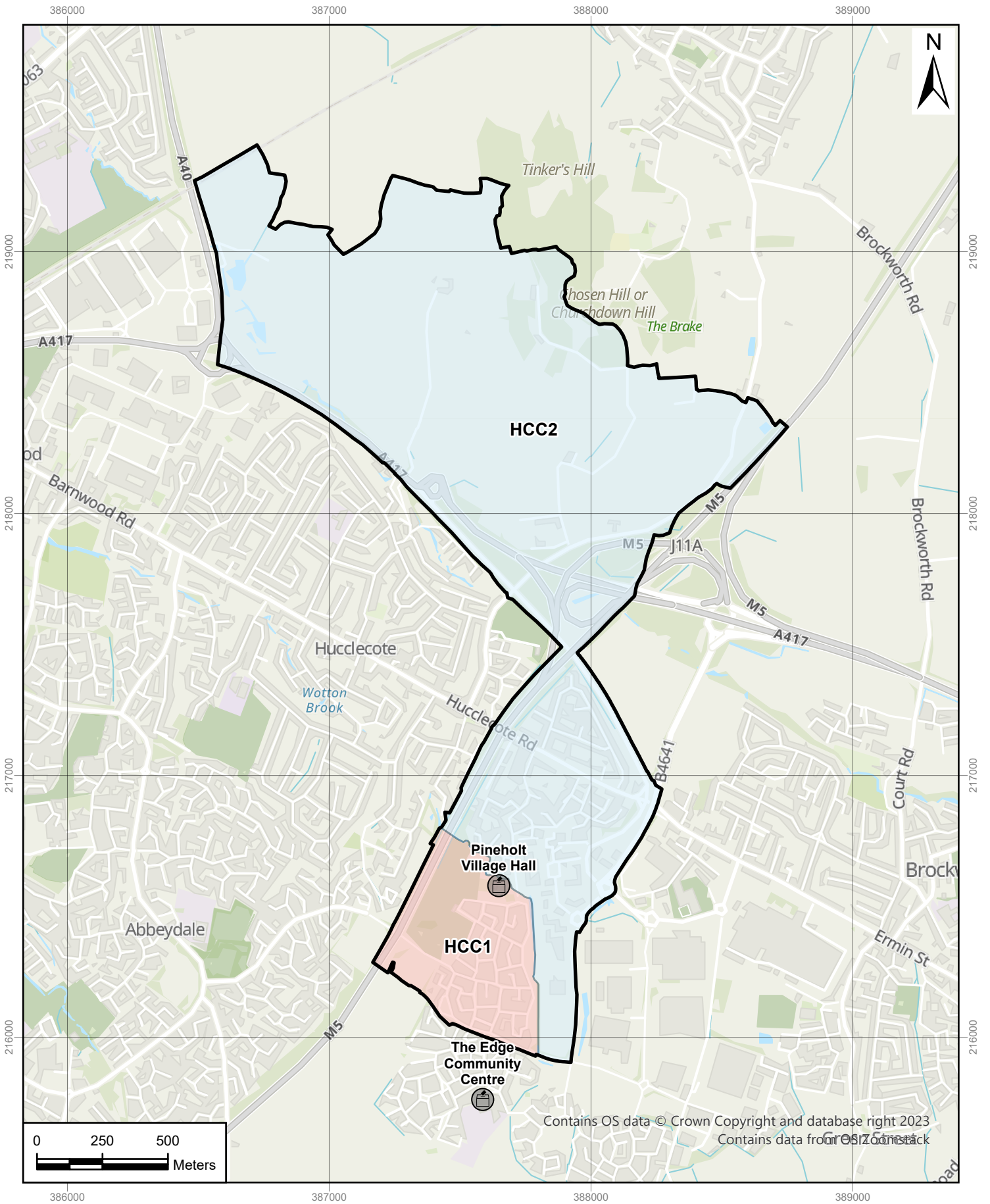
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


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Existing arrangements
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Borough Ward (Hucclecote)

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	Ward Boundary
Proposed Polling District(s) boundaries	
	HCC1
	HCC2
	Proposed Polling Place(s)

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Churchdown Brookfield with Hucclecote
Borough Ward (Hucclecote)

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CHURCHDOWN ST JOHNS BOROUGH WARD

PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
Current Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency	Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station
Churchdown (St Johns 1)	CHJ1	Tewkesbury - current North Cotswold - proposed	St John's Church Hall St John's Avenue Churchdown GL3 2DB
Churchdown (St Johns 2)	CHJ2	Tewkesbury - current North Cotswold - proposed	St John's Church Hall St John's Avenue Churchdown GL3 2DB
Churchdown (St Johns 3)	CHJ3	Tewkesbury - current North Cotswold – proposed (part)	St John's Church Hall St John's Avenue Churchdown GL3 2DB
Churchdown (St Johns 4)	CHJ4	Tewkesbury - current North Cotswold - proposed	St John's Church Hall St John's Avenue Churchdown GL3 2DB

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW
<p><u>Representations</u></p> <p><u>North Cotswolds Constituency Labour Party</u></p> <p>No changes are proposed, although given the population growth at the western end of the polling district CHJ3, an option might be to consider exploring the use of GL3 Community Centre or the Catholic Church situated on Cheltenham Road East as this lies within the area of that Polling District.</p>
<p><u>Comments/Conclusions</u></p> <p>(i) <u>Existing Polling District CHJ3</u></p> <p>The population growth at the western end of the current polling district CHJ3 is acknowledged but, upon review, it is not considered that the alternative polling place suggested will offer significant benefits to the current polling place. As such, no changes are recommended at the current time. It is, however, considered that, in advance of any future review, detailed work is undertaken to establish whether a more appropriate street split can be achieved across the Borough Ward, with the potential for additional polling places.</p> <p>(ii) <u>Existing Polling Districts CHJ3 and CHJ4</u></p> <p>Arising out of previous Community Governance/boundary reviews, a separate, small, polling district CHJ4 was required to be created as a temporary measure. However, this split is no longer necessary, and Polling Districts CHJ3 and CHJ4 can be combined.</p>

(iii) Parliamentary Constituency/Borough Ward Boundary Anomaly

When reviewing the new Parliamentary Constituency boundaries (effective from the next UK Parliamentary Election), it has come to light that there are two anomalies between the Ward boundaries approved by the Council under its Community Governance Review in 2022 (and endorsed by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England) and the revised/new Constituency boundaries of (i) Tewkesbury and (ii) North Cotswolds. These anomalies were also highlighted, after the consultation had closed, by the North Cotswolds Constituency Labour Party.

Both anomalies relate to land transferred from Innsworth Parish to Churchdown Parish, part of which was transferred to the Churchdown Brookfield with Hucclecote Borough Ward and part to the Churchdown St Johns Borough Ward. These areas will remain within the new Tewkesbury Parliamentary Constituency area rather than be transferred to the new North Cotswolds Parliamentary Constituency.

Whilst there are currently no electors in either area of land, it is suggested that for clarity across the two Parliamentary Constituencies, a separate polling district be created in both Borough Ward areas comprising the affected areas.

General

Maps of the existing and proposed arrangements are set out in **Annex F**.

Recommendation(s)

That, in line with the maps at Annex F:

- (a) no changes be made to existing Polling Districts CHJ1 or CHJ2;**
- (b) subject to (c) below, existing Polling Districts CHJ3 and CHJ4 be combined to form a new Polling District CHJ3;**
- (c) the proposed Polling District CHJ3 be sub-divided into two Polling Districts - CHJ3 and CHJ4 - to address the anomaly between the new Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries and the Borough Ward boundary;**
- (d) in the event of there being any electors in the future within the proposed Polling District CHJ4, the electors shall vote at Innsworth Community Hall for a stand-alone Parliamentary elections but at St John's Church Hall, St John's Avenue, Churchdown, for all other elections;**
- (e) subject to the exception identified in (d) above, St John's Church Hall, St John's Avenue, Churchdown continue to be used as the polling place for all polling places within Churchdown St Johns Borough Ward.**

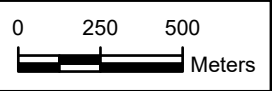
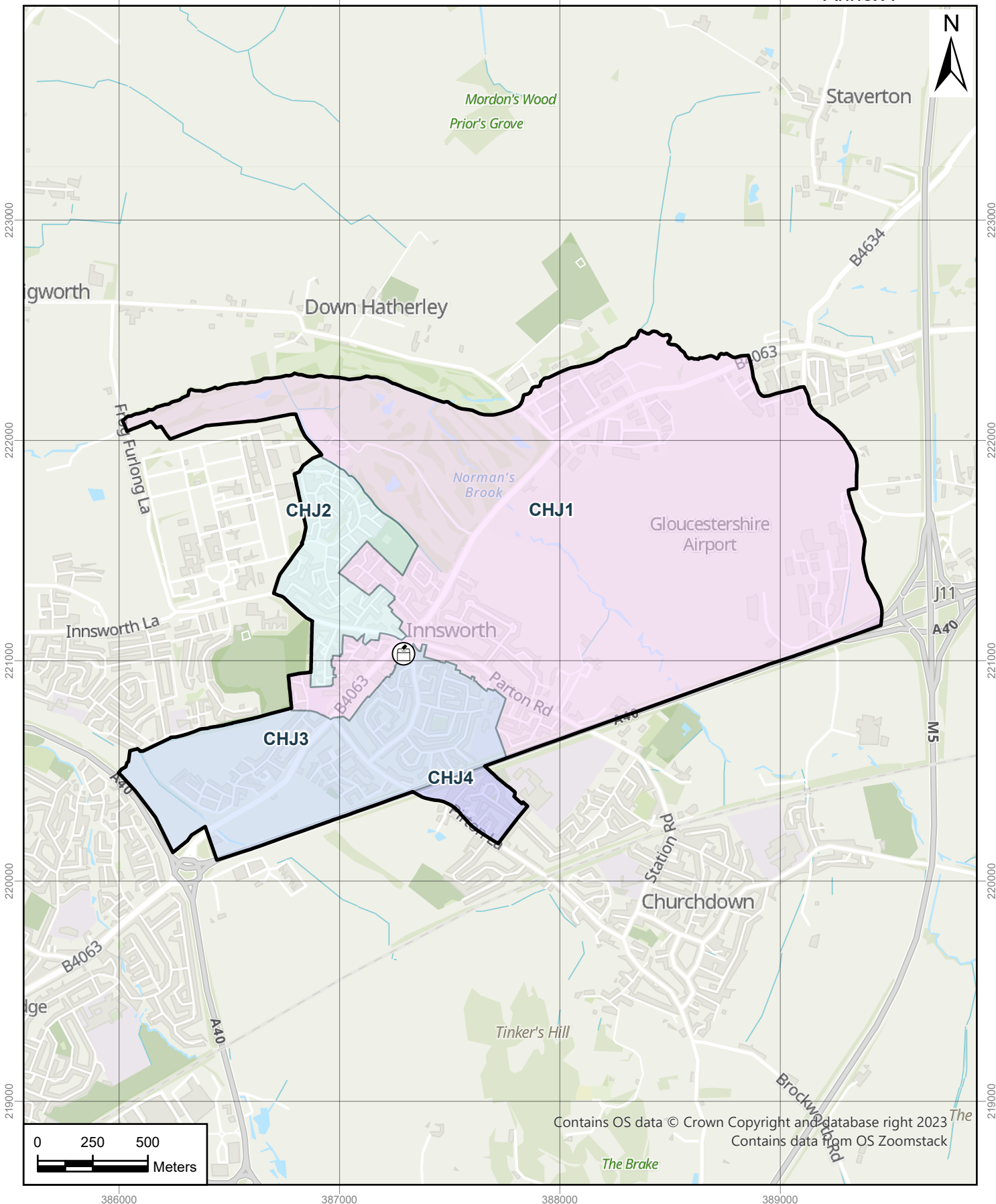
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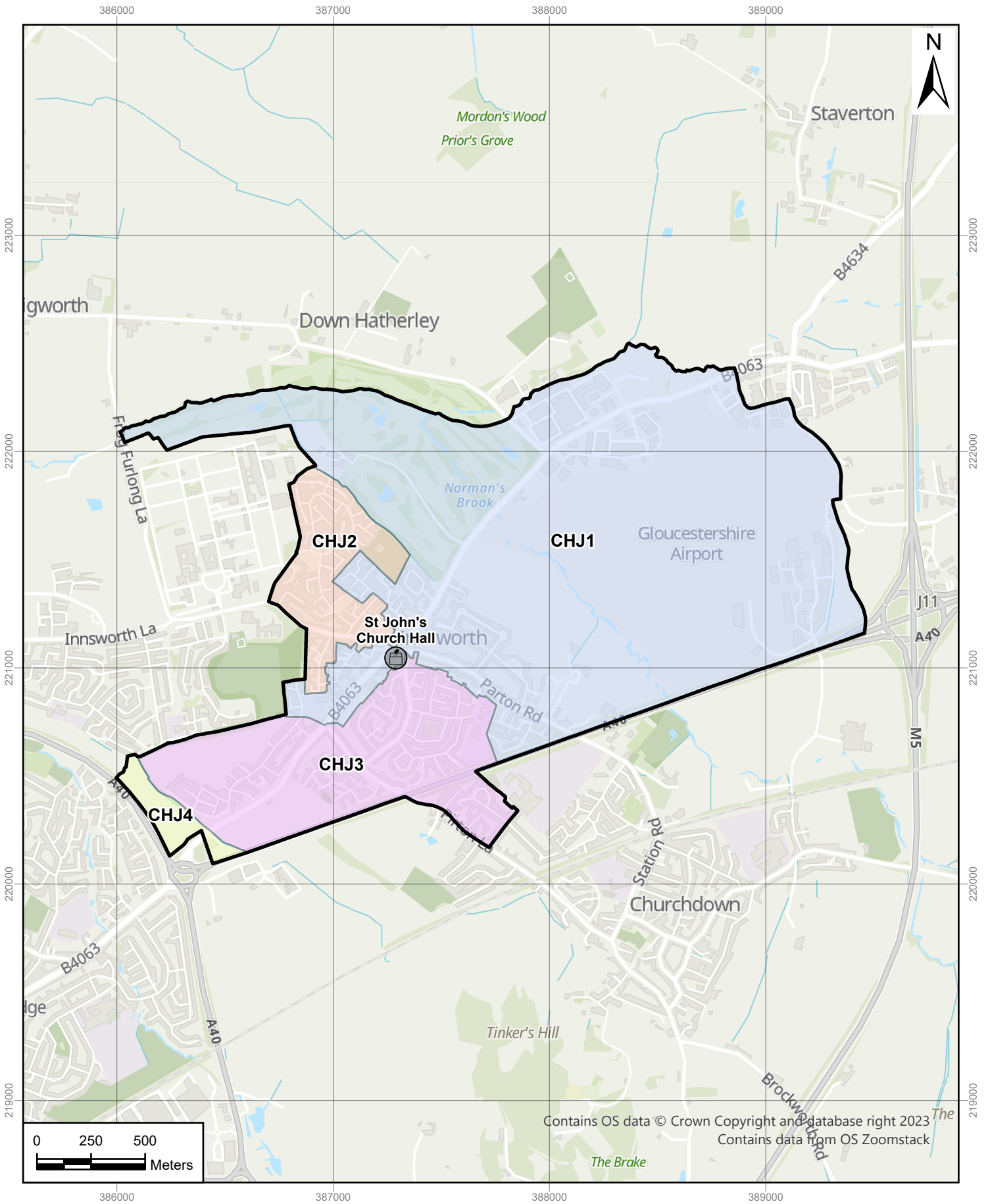
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Current Polling District(s)	
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	Current Polling Place(s)

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	Ward Boundary
Proposed Polling District(s) boundaries	
	CHJ1
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CLEEVE GRANGE BOROUGH WARD

PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
<i>Current Polling District</i>	<i>Polling District Reference</i>	<i>Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency</i>	<i>Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station</i>
<i>Bishops Cleeve (Cleeve Grange)</i>	<i>BCG</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Sixth Form Block Cleeve School Two Hedges Road Bishops Cleeve GL52 8AE</i>

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW
<u>Representations</u> None received.
<u>Comments/Conclusions</u> No changes are required.
<u>Recommendation(s)</u> That no changes be made to the current arrangements.

CLEEVE HILL BOROUGH WARD

PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
Current Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency	Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station
<i>Gotherington</i>	<i>GTH</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Gotherington Village Hall 54 Malleson Road Gotherington GL52 9EX</i>
<i>Southam</i>	<i>STH</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Southam Village Hall The Close School Road Southam GL52 3NS</i>
<i>Woodmancote</i>	<i>WDM</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Woodmancote New Village Hall Bushcombe Close Woodmancote GL52 9HX</i>

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW
A. Re Polling District WDM
<p><u>Representations</u></p> <p><u>Resident</u></p> <p>I do not think the village hall is a suitable venue as a polling station. In 2022, the Village Hall introduced a policy which led to some residents being banned from entering Woodmancote village hall and the grounds.</p> <p>I would suggest if TBC wish to continue to use the facility as a polling station by members of our community, they should first address this issue. Whilst the policy remains in place this venue is not open to all.</p>
<p><u>Comments/Conclusions</u></p> <p>The Chairman of the Village Hall has confirmed that if any such ban was in place at the time of an election, the restriction would not apply insofar as an elector's democratic right to vote was concerned.</p>
<p><u>Recommendation(s)</u></p> <p>That no changes be made to the current arrangements.</p>

B. Re Polling Districts GTH & STH

Representations

None received.

Comments/Conclusions

No changes are required.

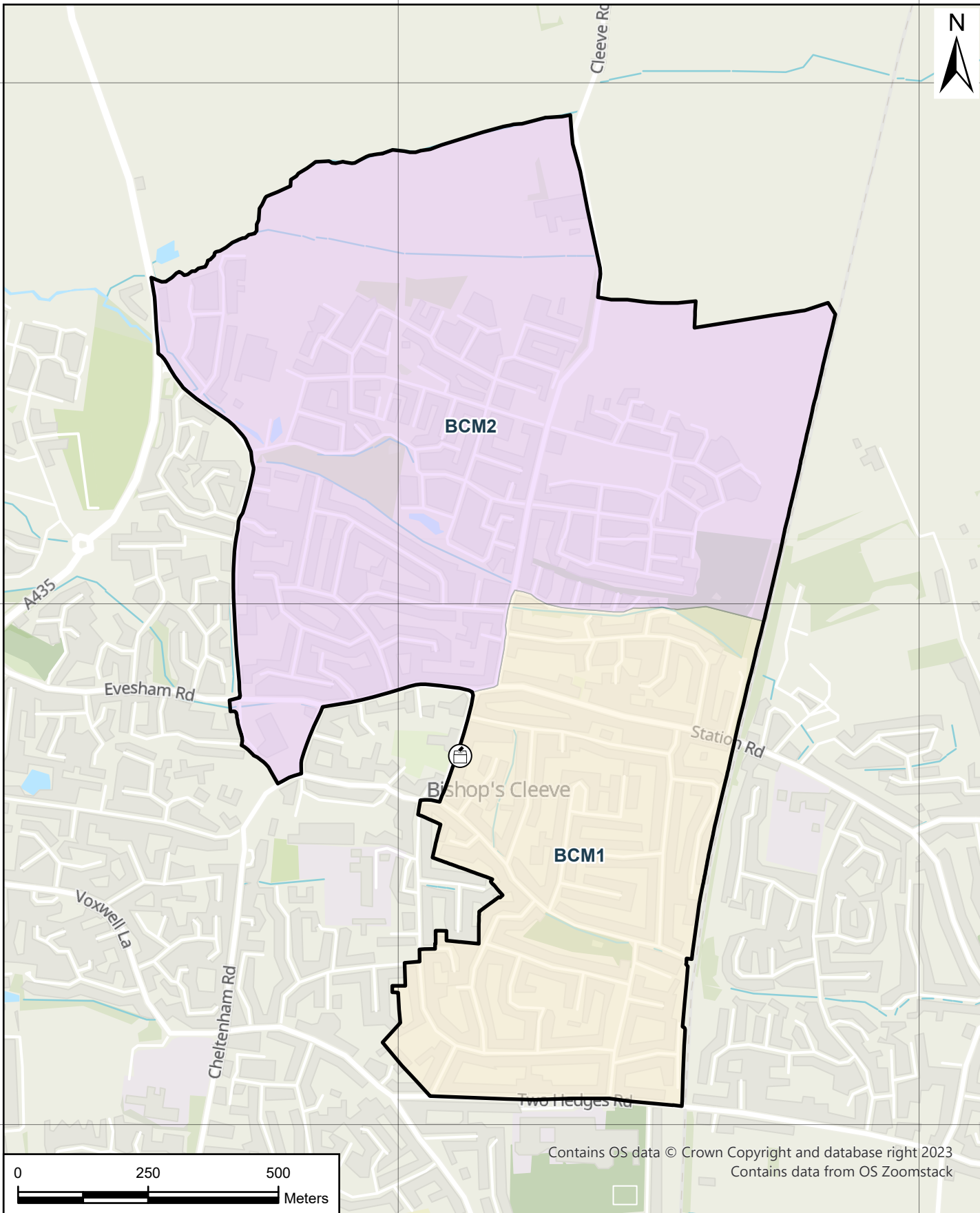
Recommendation(s)

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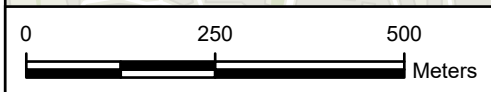
CLEEVE ST MICHAEL'S BOROUGH WARD

PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
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<i>Bishops Cleeve (Cleeve St Michaels 1)</i>	<i>BCM1</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>St Michael's Community Centre School Road Bishops Cleeve GL52 8BA</i>
<i>Bishops Cleeve (Cleeve St Michaels 2)</i>	<i>BCM2</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>St Michael's Community Centre School Road Bishops Cleeve GL52 8BA</i>

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW
<p><u>Representations</u></p> <p><u>Bishops Cleeve Parish Council</u></p> <p>The Parish Council is taking ownership of the new Homelands Community Building, situated in Gotherington Lane, early in 2024 as it is almost complete and ready for handover. This site may suit the many newer residents of the Cleeve St Michaels ward.</p>
<p><u>Comments/Conclusions</u></p> <p>The new Homelands Community Centre Building would be more convenient for the voters in Polling District BCM2. If the new Centre is not completed by the scheduled date, and in time for any scheduled election, the St Michael's Community Centre will be retained as the polling place for Polling District BCM2 in the intervening period.</p> <p>Maps of the existing and proposed arrangements are set out in Annex G.</p>
<p><u>Recommendation(s)</u></p> <p>(a) That the St Michael's Community Centre, School Road, Bishops Cleeve continue to be used as the polling place for Polling District BCM1;</p> <p>(b) that the new Homelands Community Building, situated in Gotherington Lane, Bishops Cleeve (as shown in Annex G), be designated as the polling place for Polling District BCM2 (but with a fall-back polling place option of St Michael's Community Centre, School Road, Bishops Cleeve).</p>



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	Ward Boundary
Current Polling District(s)	
	BCM1
	BCM2
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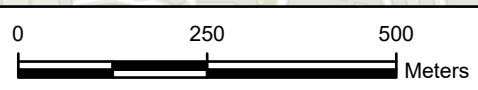
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Station Rd

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Cheltenham Rd

Two Hedges Rd







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Legend

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CLEEVE WEST BOROUGH WARD

PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
Current Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency	Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station
<i>Bishops Cleeve (Cleeve West 1)</i>	<i>BCW1</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Bishops Cleeve Tithe Barn Cheltenham Road Bishops Cleeve GL52 8LU</i>
<i>Bishops Cleeve (Cleeve West 2)</i>	<i>BCW2</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Bishops Cleeve Tithe Barn Cheltenham Road Bishops Cleeve GL52 8LU</i>

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW
<p><u>Representations</u></p> <p><u>Resident</u></p> <p>I think having a polling station on the new Cleevelands site would be a good idea especially for those who can't travel etc.</p>
<p><u>Comments/Conclusions</u></p> <p>The representation is supported in principle, given the location of this and other development on the west side of the A435. However, there is no community hall/building facility within the Cleevelands development site itself at the present time, although one is planned through the related planning agreement for the site.</p> <p>Enquiries have been made regarding a room/space that is for hire within the Medical Centre, but the practice has confirmed that this would not be a suitable or practicable venue for polling place/station use but did suggest St Michaels Village Hall/Community Centre. However, this facility is located further away than the Tithe Barn and is used as a polling place for Cleeve St Michaels Ward which could give rise to voter confusion. Another possibility was the Cheltenham North Rugby Club but, while this is located within the polling district, it is no more convenient than the Tithe Barn (which has the added benefit of being known by electors).</p> <p>Most recently, attention has also been drawn to a potential community facility within the Bishops Cleeve Nursing Home which might have the potential to host a polling station for Cleeve West electors. Contact has been made with the Nursing Home, and any response received will be reported orally at the meeting.</p> <p>In any event, any new community facility on the Cleevelands site is likely to prove a viable alternative location, as and when constructed.</p>
<p><u>Recommendation(s)</u></p> <p>That no changes be made to the current arrangements.</p>

HIGHNAM WITH HAW BRIDGE BOROUGH WARD

PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
Current Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency	Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station
<i>Ashleworth</i>	<i>ALW</i>	<i>Forest of Dean</i>	<i>Ashleworth Memorial Hall Nup End Ashleworth GL19 4JJ</i>
<i>Chaceley</i>	<i>CHY</i>	<i>Forest of Dean</i>	<i>Chaceley Village Hall Chaceley GL19 4EH</i>
<i>Forthampton</i>	<i>FTH</i>	<i>Forest of Dean</i>	<i>Forthampton Village Hall School Lane Forthampton GL19 4QB</i>
<i>Hasfield</i>	<i>HSF</i>	<i>Forest of Dean</i>	<i>Tirley Village Hall Ledbury Road Tirley GL19 4EW</i>
<i>Highnam</i>	<i>HGM</i>	<i>Forest of Dean</i>	<i>The Gambier Parry Hall Highnam Community Centre Newent Road Highnam GL2 8DG</i>
<i>Maisemore</i>	<i>MSM</i>	<i>Forest of Dean</i>	<i>Maisemore Village Hall Church Road Maisemore GL2 8JE</i>
<i>Minsterworth</i>	<i>MST</i>	<i>Forest of Dean</i>	<i>Minsterworth Village Hall Main Road Minsterworth GL2 8JH</i>
<i>Tirley</i>	<i>TRL</i>	<i>Forest of Dean</i>	<i>Tirley Village Hall Ledbury Road Tirley GL19 4EW</i>

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW

Representations

Minsterworth Parish Council (re Polling District MST)

Minsterworth Parish Council strongly supports the use of Minsterworth Village Hall as a polling station for the following reasons:

1. The Minsterworth Village Hall is on the main A48, very clearly visible and a well-known black and white building. There is a bus stop nearby with a frequent bus service.
2. There is a large car park (60 + spaces) with overhead floodlighting and dedicated disabled parking spaces.
3. Disabled access is good.
4. In addition to the car park lights, the hall has PIR floodlighting at the front and the side (disabled access), all of which is monitored by CCTV.
5. Internally the building is well lit, there is a good heating system, there is ample space, toilet and kitchen facilities, and ample chairs and tables are available.
6. Wifi is available, and there is a good mobile phone signal.

Comments/Conclusions

No changes are required.

Recommendation(s)

That no changes be made to the current arrangements.

INNSWORTH BOROUGH WARD

PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
Current Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency	Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station
<i>Innsworth</i>	<i>INS</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Innsworth Community Hall Rookery Road Innsworth GL3 1AU</i>
<i>Longford</i>	<i>LNG</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Longford Village Hall Longford Lane Longford GL2 9EL</i>
<i>Longford 1</i>	<i>LNG1</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Longford Village Hall Longford Lane Longford GL2 9EL</i>
<i>Twigworth</i>	<i>TWG</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Twigworth Green Sales Centre (Bovis/Linden) Tewkesbury Road Twigworth GL2 9PQ</i>

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW
<p><u>Representations</u></p> <p>None received.</p>
<p><u>Comments/Conclusions</u></p> <p>As a result of previous electoral boundary changes, the parish of Longford comprised two polling districts. This sub-division is no longer necessary.</p> <p>No other changes are required.</p>
<p><u>Recommendation(s)</u></p> <p>(a) That existing Polling Districts LNG and LNG1 be combined into one Polling District, with the Polling District Reference LNG;</p> <p>(b) that no other changes be made to the current arrangements.</p>

ISBOURNE BOROUGH WARD

PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
Current Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency	Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station
<i>Ashchurch Rural 1</i>	<i>ARL1</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Ashchurch Village Hall Ashchurch Road Ashchurch GL20 8LA</i>
<i>Walton Cardiff</i>	<i>ARL2</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Ashchurch Village Hall Ashchurch Road Ashchurch GL20 8LA</i>
<i>Buckland</i>	<i>BCD</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Laverton Village Hall Laverton WR12 7NA</i>
<i>Dumbleton</i>	<i>DMB</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Dumbleton Village Hall Dairy Lane Dumbleton WR11 7TP</i>
<i>Oxenton</i>	<i>OXT</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Teddington Village Hall Alstone Road Teddington GL20 8JA</i>
<i>Snowhill</i>	<i>SNH</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Snowhill Village Hall Snowhill WR12 7JU</i>
<i>Stanton</i>	<i>STN</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>The Burland Parish Hall Church Lane Stanton WR12 7NE</i>
<i>Stanway</i>	<i>STW</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Isbourne Valley School Didbrook GL54 5PF</i>
<i>Teddington</i>	<i>TED</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Teddington Village Hall Alstone Road Teddington GL20 8JA</i>

<i>Toddington</i>	<i>TOD</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Toddington Village Hall Stow Road Toddington GL54 5DU</i>
<i>Toddington 1</i>	<i>TOD1</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Toddington Village Hall Stow Road Toddington GL54 5DU</i>
<i>Wormington</i>	<i>WRM</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Dumbleton Village Hall Dairy Lane Dumbleton WR11 7TP</i>

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW

Representations

(i) Resident (re Polling District TED)

Village Hall perfectly adequate in all aspects.

(ii) Resident (re Polling District TED)

The village hall is a very convenient polling location for the residents of the two villages of Toddington & Alstone. It allows many to walk to vote rather than drive which is an important requirement - ease of voting is an essential encouragement in the democratic process and I hope this can be retained as the polling station in future elections.

Comments/Conclusions

As a result of previous electoral boundary changes, the parish of Toddington comprised two polling districts. This sub-division is no longer necessary.

No other changes are required.

Recommendation(s)

(a) That existing Polling Districts TOD and TOD1 be combined into one Polling District, with the Polling District Reference TOD;

(b) that no other changes be made to the current arrangements.

NORTHWAY BOROUGH WARD

PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
<i>Current Polling District</i>	<i>Polling District Reference</i>	<i>Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency</i>	<i>Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station</i>
<i>Northway 1</i>	<i>NOR1</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Northway Community Hub and Parish Offices Lee Walk Northway GL20 8QG</i>
<i>Northway 2</i>	<i>NOR2</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Carrant Brook School Hardwick Bank Road Northway GL20 8RP</i>

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW
<u>Representations</u> None received.
<u>Comments/Conclusions</u> No changes are required.
<u>Recommendation(s)</u> That no changes be made to the current arrangements.

SEVERN VALE NORTH BOROUGH WARD

PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
Current Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency	Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station
<i>Deerhurst</i>	<i>DRH</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Apperley Village Hall Sawpit Lane Apperley GL19 4DP</i>
<i>Elmstone Hardwicke</i>	<i>ELH</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Uckington & Elmstone Hardwicke Village Hall Elmstone Hardwicke Lane Uckington GL51 9SR</i>
<i>Leigh</i>	<i>LGH</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Portacabin Holborn Farm Blacksmiths Lane The Leigh GL19 4AG</i>
<i>Stoke Orchard & Tredington</i>	<i>STO</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Stoke Orchard Community Centre Armstrong Road Stoke Orchard GL52 7SB</i>

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW
<p><u>Representations</u></p> <p>None received as part of the formal consultation.</p> <p>However, following on from the May 2023 elections, the Clerk to Leigh Parish Council suggested that the Farm Shop on the A38 near Coombe Hill might offer a better polling place for residents of the Leigh.</p>
<p><u>Comments/Conclusions</u></p> <p>The portacabin arrangement at the Leigh is not an ideal solution, but no suitable alternative has been identified to date. It has been used for several elections, is known by electors, and has not given rise to any specific objections.</p> <p>Having evaluated the A38 Coombe Hill Farm Shop option, it is considered that the potential site is quite cramped, has limited parking, would be in commercial use on an election day, and gives rise to highway safety concerns given that the access is directly onto a main highway where traffic often travels at relatively high speeds.</p> <p>No changes are required.</p>

Recommendation(s)

That no changes be made to the current arrangements.

SEVERN VALE SOUTH BOROUGH WARD

PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
Current Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency	Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station
<i>Boddington</i>	<i>BDD</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Uckington & Elmstone Hardwicke Village Hall Elmstone Hardwicke Lane Uckington GL51 9SR</i>
<i>Down Hatherley</i>	<i>DHY</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Down Hatherley Village Hall Down Hatherley Lane Down Hatherley GL2 9QB</i>
<i>Norton</i>	<i>NRT</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Norton Village Hall Old Tewkesbury Road Norton GL2 9LJ</i>
<i>Sandhurst</i>	<i>SND</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Sandhurst Village Hall Sandhurst GL2 9NP</i>
<i>Uckington</i>	<i>UCK</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Uckington & Elmstone Hardwicke Village Hall Elmstone Hardwicke Lane Uckington GL51 9SR</i>

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW
<p><u>Representations</u></p> <p>None received.</p>
<p><u>Comments/Conclusions</u></p> <p>No changes are required.</p>
<p><u>Recommendation(s)</u></p> <p>That no changes be made to the current arrangements.</p>

SHURDINGTON BOROUGH WARD

PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
Current Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency	Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station
Shurdington	SHD	Tewkesbury - current North Cotswold - proposed	Shurdington Community Centre Bishop Road Shurdington GL51 4TB

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW
<p><u>Representations</u></p> <p>(i) <u>Resident</u></p> <p>Satisfactory.</p> <p>(ii) <u>North Cotswolds Constituency Labour Party</u></p> <p>There is now a large housing development on the boundary with Cheltenham which has 396 UPRN which perhaps suggests an electorate of about 700. This is located approximately 1.5 miles away from the Polling Station and therefore consideration should be given to a separate polling district for voters on the east of Shurdington Road with a new polling station – most likely a mobile station. Careful consideration to the boundary to be used east of the road so that people who are close to Shurdington continue to be allocated to the Village will also need to be made. It should also be noted that allocating voters along Leckhampton Road to this polling district, who do not have any direct vehicular access to the village is also likely to give them a shorter distance to travel.</p>
<p><u>Comments/Conclusions</u></p> <p>The Parish Council's views were sought on the existing arrangement and the comments made by the North Cotswolds Constituency Labour Party (or any other suggested polling place/station location that might be considered more suitable), and the Clerk's response was as follows:</p> <p><i>I have had no views from Councillors and to the best of my knowledge, the Parish Council have never received any complaints.</i></p> <p>It is appropriate to consider the impact of development on polling district/polling place arrangements. However, the Council has received no other representations relating to Shurdington and we have not had any previous issues with, or comments about, the current polling station arrangements, including from the most recent elections in May.</p> <p>The person making the representation has acknowledged that any additional polling station would likely need to be a portacabin/mobile facility given the lack of a suitable permanent building/hall nearby. Given the numbers involved, the option of two polling stations (one of which would need to be portacabins) is not considered to be feasible.</p> <p>The situation will continue to be monitored, especially at the time of any future boundary review.</p>

Recommendation(s)

That no changes be made to the current arrangements.

TEWKESBURY EAST BOROUGH WARD

PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
Current Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency	Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station
<i>Tewkesbury Newtown</i>	<i>TTN</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Boys Brigade Community Centre Canterbury Leys Newtown GL20 8BP</i>
<i>Wheatpieces</i>	<i>WTC</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Wheatpieces Community Centre Columbine Road Walton Cardiff GL20 7SP</i>
<i>Wheatpieces 1</i>	<i>WTC1</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Wheatpieces Community Centre Columbine Road Walton Cardiff GL20 7SP</i>

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW
A. Re Polling District TTN
<p><u>Representations</u></p> <p><u>Councillor Bowman</u></p> <p>There is limited parking on site. It is within walking distance for most residents. A pedestrian crossing over the Ashchurch Road would be helpful as the road can be very busy. There is disabled access to the building via a ramp a little way along from the main entrance. At the last election my fellow councillor reported that the access was fine for all the voters that came along when she was there.</p>
<p><u>Comments/Conclusions</u></p> <p>On balance, and in the absence of other negative comments, it is suggested that this polling place be retained.</p>
<p><u>Recommendation(s)</u></p> <p>That no changes be made to the current arrangements.</p>

B. Re Polling Districts WTC & WTC1

Representations

Councillor Bowman

This is a modern community building with adequate parking and disabled access. I do not know of any issues with this building being used as a polling station.

Comments/Conclusions

As a result of previous electoral boundary changes, the parish of Wheatpieces comprised two polling districts. This sub-division is no longer necessary.

No other changes are required.

Recommendation(s)

(a) That existing Polling Districts WTC and WTC1 be combined into one Polling District, with the Polling District Reference WTC (to be served by two polling stations within the one identified polling place);

(b) that no other changes be made to the current arrangements.

TEWKESBURY NORTH & TWYNING BOROUGH WARD

PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
Current Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency	Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station
<i>Tewkesbury North & Twyning 1</i>	<i>TNT1</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Mitton Manor Primary School Carrant Road Mitton GL20 8AR</i>
<i>Tewkesbury North & Twyning 2</i>	<i>TNT2</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Holy Trinity Church 10 Oldbury Road Tewkesbury GL20 5NA</i>
<i>Tewkesbury North & Twyning 3</i>	<i>TNT3</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Holy Trinity Church 10 Oldbury Road Tewkesbury GL20 5NA</i>
<i>Twyning</i>	<i>TWY</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Twyning Village Hall Fleet Road Twyning GL20 6DG</i>

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW
A. Re Polling District TNT1
<p><u>Representations</u></p> <p><u>Resident (re Polling District TNT1)</u></p> <p>The polling station at Mitton Primary School is ideally placed, has good access and parking. There is no reason why this polling station should be changed.</p>
<p><u>Comments/Conclusions</u></p> <p>No changes are required.</p>
<p><u>Recommendation(s)</u></p> <p>That no changes be made to the current arrangements.</p>
B. Re Polling Districts TNT2 & TNT3
<p><u>Representations</u></p> <p>None received.</p>

Comments/Conclusions

As a result of previous electoral boundary changes, two polling districts were created for this area. This sub-division is no longer necessary.

No other changes are required.

Recommendation(s)

(a) That existing Polling Districts TNT2 and TNT3 be combined into one Polling District, with the Polling District Reference TNT2;

(b) that no other changes be made to the current arrangements.

C. Re Polling District TWY

Representations

Resident

Happy that the village hall is a suitable venue as a polling station - facilities include toilets, a kitchen, tables and chairs and 2 accessible entrances.

Resident

Twyning Village Hall is an ideal location for the polling station. It has all the facilities required by electors, including disabled access. It is large and has been used satisfactorily for many years. There is limited on-site parking, but a large majority of electors walk to the hall. Facilities for polling staff are excellent.

Resident

Polling in Twyning uses the village hall. This always appears to work well. The hall is fairly central to the village, has good access, plenty of space in the hall, well-lit, a small car parking area available, toilets available.

Resident

The village hall provides all the facilities needed to act as our polling station.

Comments/Conclusions

No changes are required.

Recommendation(s)

That no changes be made to the current arrangements.

TEWKESBURY SOUTH BOROUGH WARD

PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
Current Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency	Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station
<i>Tewkesbury South 1</i>	<i>TSH1</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>St Joseph's Church Chance Street Tewkesbury GL20 5RF</i>
<i>Tewkesbury South 2</i>	<i>TSH2</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Tewkesbury Youth Centre Link Road Tewkesbury GL20 5JQ</i>
<i>Tewkesbury South 3</i>	<i>TSH3</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Tewkesbury Youth Centre Link Road Tewkesbury GL20 5JQ</i>

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW
<p><u>Representations</u></p> <p><u>Resident of Polling District TSH3</u></p> <p>The Link Road building (Tewkesbury Youth Centre) is too far for many of the Priors Park residents and could be seen as not inclusive, perhaps it would be better to include the Priors Park Chapel in Queens Road.</p>
<p><u>Comments/Conclusions</u></p> <p>At present, electors within Polling District TSH1 vote at St Joseph's Church; and those within Polling Districts TSH2 and TSH3 vote at Tewkesbury Youth Centre. As part of the consultation process on the review of polling districts and polling places/stations, the formal representation set out above was received in respect of the continued use of the Youth Centre.</p> <p>Other concerns had been raised about the location of the polling station for TSH2 and TSH3 voters, given that it is located at one extremity of the area concerned, leaving many electors with significant distances to travel. Officers contacted representatives of both the Neighbourhood Project Building and Priors Park Community Church building. Following a site visit, the Community Church facility premises appear suitable as a polling station. That said, it is acknowledged that it is in a 'tight' residential area with a complex road network. In addition, consideration would need to be given as to whether, if the Community Church building was to be used, would the use of the Youth Centre be discontinued altogether (and, if so, what would be the impact for electors in that part of TSH3) or whether it would be beneficial/practicable for there to be one polling station in each location (albeit with potentially differing elector numbers).</p> <p>Officers are mindful of the mixed urban/rural nature of TSH2 and TSH3 and, if possible, would like to improve the polling station arrangements. Road safety (in terms of suitable crossing places on busy roads), and the availability of public transport (particularly for those on the edges of the area, e.g.</p>

people from the Odessa Park site) are other valid considerations. Other options discussed include the potential for hosting a polling station at the Borough Council Offices; whether The Gupshill site was a viable alternative; or whether further alternatives existed.

Having taken all considerations into account, it is considered that:

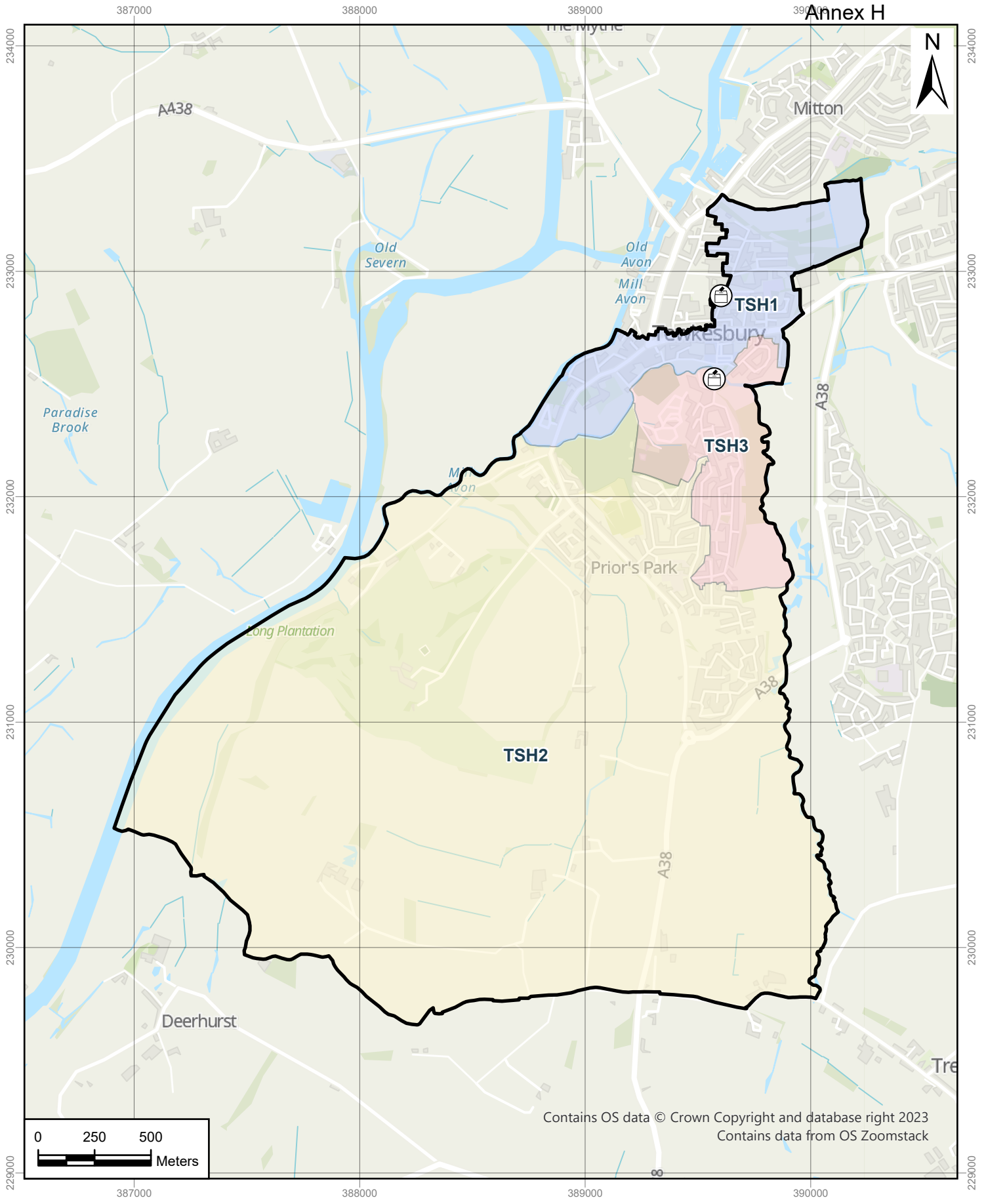
- (i) the current arrangements in respect of Polling District TSH1 remain appropriate;
- (ii) a re-drawing of the boundary between Polling Districts TSH2 and TSH3 would be beneficial, to better reflect communities, particularly within Priors Park and along the Gloucester Road;
- (iii) while the Link Road building (Tewkesbury Youth Centre) could be seen as less suitable for many of the Priors Park residents and those in neighbouring areas, and while the Community Church building would provide a suitable polling place venue, it has not been possible to achieve an appropriate division of 'whole' streets to make a sub-division of the polling district feasible - and there are concerns that change in this tight residential area may prove confusing and have a negative impact on voter turnout;
- (iv) the creation of a polling place at the Borough Council Offices (ideally with the polling station being within the Members' Room/Lounge area, given its separate external access (including ramp) and ability to offer a stand-alone dedicated polling station area) would be beneficial for residents of the Gloucester Road and the Lincoln Green/Tewkesbury Park development, together with those living in the more rural parts of the Ward, especially given the public transport routes.

Maps of the existing and proposed arrangements are set out in **Annex H**.

Recommendation(s)

That, in line with the maps at Annex H:

- (a) no changes be made to existing Polling District TSH1, and the polling place continue to be St Joseph's Church, Chance Street, Tewkesbury;**
- (b) a new Polling District TSH2, with a polling place at the Borough Council Offices, Gloucester Road, Tewkesbury;**
- (c) a new Polling District TSH3, with a polling place at Tewkesbury Youth Centre, Link Road, Tewkesbury.**



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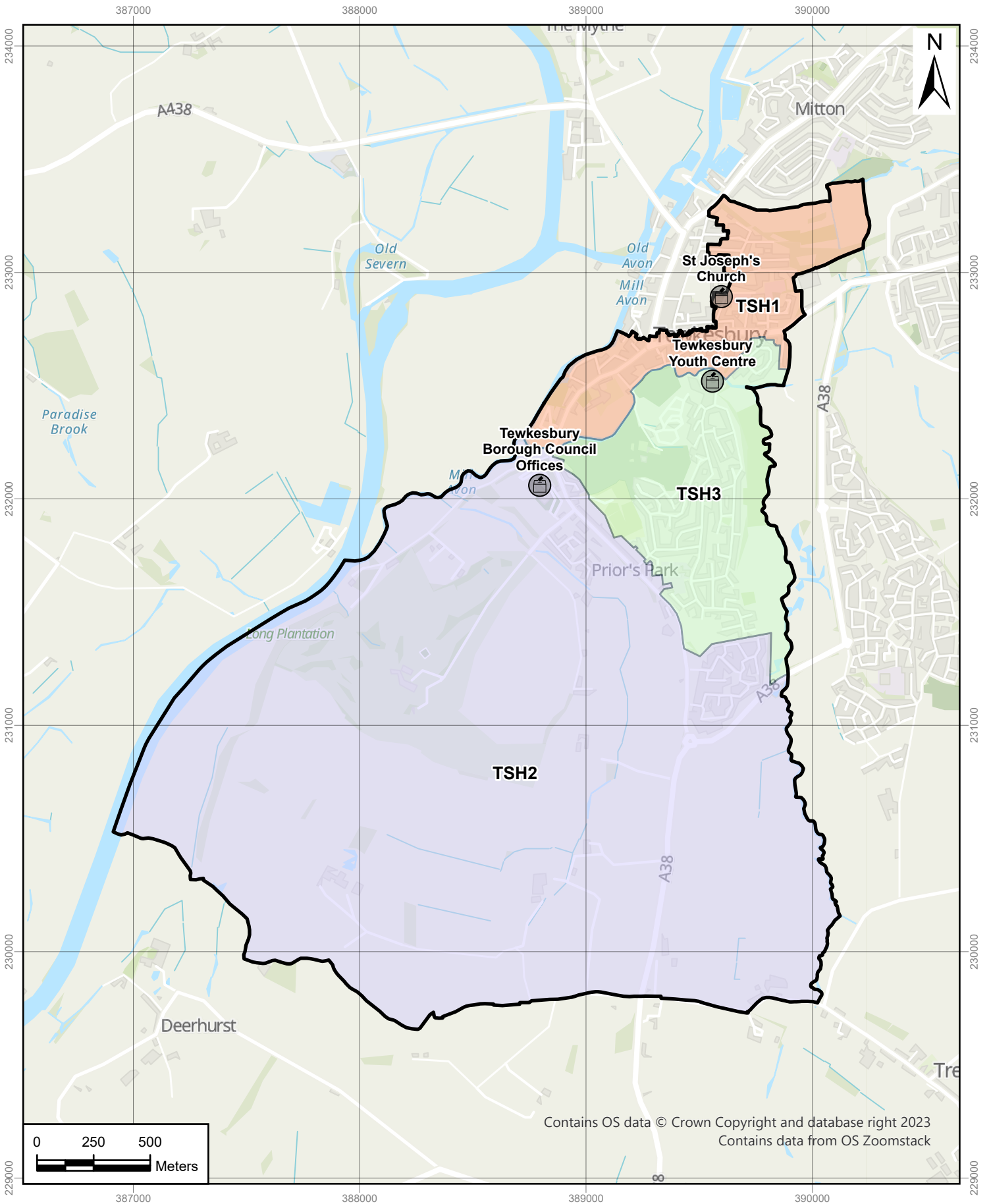
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Current Polling District(s)	
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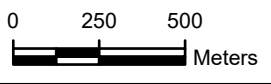
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







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Legend

-  Ward Boundary
- Proposed Polling District(s) boundaries
-  TSH1
-  TSH2
-  TSH3
-  Proposed Polling Place(s)

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WINCHCOMBE BOROUGH WARD

PRE-REVIEW POSITION			
Current Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current/proposed Parliamentary Constituency	Current Polling Place and/or Polling Station
<i>Alderton</i>	<i>ALD</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Alderton Village Hall Dibden Lane Alderton GL20 8NT</i>
<i>Gretton</i>	<i>GRT</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Gretton Village Hall Gretton GL54 5EP</i>
<i>Hawling</i>	<i>HWG</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Hawling Methodist Church Hawling GL54 5SZ</i>
<i>Prescott</i>	<i>PRS</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Gretton Village Hall Gretton GL54 5EP</i>
<i>Sudeley</i>	<i>SDY</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Abbey Fields Community Centre Back Lane Winchcombe GL54 5QH</i>
<i>Winchcombe 1</i>	<i>WNC1</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Abbey Fields Community Centre Back Lane Winchcombe GL54 5QH</i>
<i>Winchcombe 2</i>	<i>WNC2</i>	<i>Tewkesbury</i>	<i>Abbey Fields Community Centre Back Lane Winchcombe GL54 5QH</i>

ARISING FROM THE REVIEW

Representations

Gretton Parish Council, following consultation with the Village Hall management team (re Polling District GRT)

Village Hall is centrally located and has all the necessary facilities. Easy to locate and known locally. Building has all necessary facilities for use as a polling place/station. Parking for only a few cars on-site, but more on the road - it is never a problem. Disabled access/facilities available. There are no more suitable premises within the same polling district.

Comments/Conclusions

No changes are required.

Recommendation(s)

That no changes be made to the current arrangements.

(END)